

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY,13TH
DECEMBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 9.02 A.M.**

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PRESENT: Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. Karen Churchill, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr Warren, the Director of Community Services, Ms Ryan, the Director of Corporate & Urban Services, Mr Quarmby, the A/Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Atkins, the Manager of Environmental Services and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

At this juncture, the Mayor acknowledged the original owners of the land – past and present.

2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillors noted that the Gulargambone Community Enterprises Corporation would be represented by Mrs Annie Haling and Mrs Alison Dent. They are booked to attend the meeting at 9.30 a.m.

3.0 APOLOGIES

2849 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that leave for non-attendance be granted to Cr TB Cullen OAM and Cr John Walker.

4.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No deputations are booked to attend the meeting.

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

One declaration of interest, not pecuniary, was declared by Cr Paul Wheelhouse, being Item 11.3 – Report on showground users' meeting – his interest being as a member of the Rodeo Association.

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

2850 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 8 November 2017 be confirmed.

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

2851 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Wheelhouse that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

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i) Emergency Services Building Reserve

The Mayor advised that a meeting date was set to discuss this issue however was cancelled by the SES due to a commitment to attend storm damage which occurred in the south of the State. Council is waiting on the SES to advise another date.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

2852 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that his Mayoral activity report be received and dealt with.

2853 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the following matter be discussed.

9.1 Joint Organisations

2853 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that until all legislation and regulation have been gazetted Council make no commitment to any Joint Organisation proposal.

9.2 Activities Report

The following events were attended by the Mayor during the month:

- Attended Remembrance Day Service on behalf of Council
- Conn Family Appeal Committee
- Coonamble CWA – represented Council at International Day
- Function to unveil the photo of Cr T B Cullen OAM honouring his service to community through local government.
- Attended the OROC Annual General Meeting and the OROC Board meeting – Trangie
- Attended the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

2854 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that the information contained in the Mayor's report be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY MAYOR

2855 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the following items be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

9.3 Local Government NSW Annual Conference

The Mayor provided a brief overview of issues discussed during the course of the Conference, which included the result of the elections for the ensuing term and the guest speakers who addressed the conference. Cr Webb said overall it was a successful event and well worth the attendance of Council's representatives.

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2856 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that the information be noted.

9.4 Caravan Park Redevelopment – Election of Committee

2857 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Fisher that a Caravan Park Redevelopment Committee be formed and comprise :

Councillors Webb and Karanouh

General Manager, Director of Community Services, Director of Corporate & Urban Services and Council's Project Officer.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

2858 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 CSC OUTDOOR EMPLOYEES D7(50540)

2859 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council contribute \$500 towards the outdoor employees' break-up party to be held at the RSL Club on Thursday 21 December 2017 and note that outdoor staff be permitted to cease work at 12 noon for the purpose of attending the Christmas break up party.

10.2 CSC INDOOR EMPLOYEES D7(50711)

2860 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council contribute \$400 towards the indoor employees' Christmas Party which will be held at the Golf Club on Thursday 14 December 2017.

10.3 GUNGALMAN WATER SKI CLUB PR2916(50614)

2861 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that the Gungalman Water Ski Club be advised that Council cannot agree to the request to make a donation towards rates paid on land used by the Club.

10.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10

2862 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council adopt a 2.3% increase, as approved by IPART, for general rates for the 2018/2019 financial year.

10.5 COONAMBLE CHALLENGE & CAMPDRAFT D5-6(50778)

2863 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council advise the Coonamble Challenge & Campdraft Committee it will take up a \$2,000 sponsorship for the 2018 event, funds to be sourced from the Donations Vote.

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**10.6 GULARGAMBONE COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES CO-OPERATIVE LTD
C8(50789)**

At this juncture, Mrs Alison Dent was welcomed to the meeting to discuss the Gulargambone Community Enterprises Co-operative projects. Mrs Dent proceeded to inform Council of the wonderful response that the Co-operative has received for leadings artists to participate in the *Pave the Way to Gular Art Festival* planned for April 2018.

At this point, Mrs Haling arrived – she spoke about the amount of support, both cash and in kind that has been promised for the street art project.

At this juncture, 9.50 a.m., Mrs Dent and Mrs Haling thanked Council for its time and left the meeting.

2864 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Churchill that Council will support the Art project in principle and will offer in-kind assistance, however a determination as to the total of Council's commitment will not be made until further information is provided to the February 2018 meeting by the Co-operative.

10.7 COONAMBLE CHALLENGE & CAMPDRAFT INC S5(50796)

2865 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that Council agree to provide \$30,000 towards the construction of the permanent Campdraft arena at the showground.

NOTICE OF MOTION – CR WHEELHOUSE

Cr Wheelhouse requested:

“That Council consider the erection of stables along the rear fence of the showground on the northern end in the 2018/2019 estimates”.

Section B – For Council's Information:

10.8 THE HON DARREN CHESTER MP R8-8(50656)

Advising he has issued a Statement of Expectations for the Roads to Recovery (R2R) Program to bring it in line with other Government programs where funding is issued with a set of expectations. Requesting that the Statement of Expectations be considered when selecting and administering R2R projects within this Council area.

Councillors noted a copy of the Statement of Expectations was included with the business paper.

10.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10

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Forwarding its annual report for 2016/17 – saying the report highlights the benefits of membership and details work performed on councils' behalf. Advising LGNSW is dedicated to meeting the needs of members and has expanded the range and relevance of its services to continue to improve communication and information.

A copy of the report was made available at the meeting.

10.10 NSW OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE F5-4(50757)

Advising that it will provide the following financial assistance under the Floodplain Management Program:

- Floodplain risk management studies and management plans for three towns - \$192,888
- Coonamble levee upgrade – stage three - \$1,586,680.

Congratulating Council on its successful applications and wishing it well with the projects.

10.11 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY – CROWN LANDS C7(50790)

Responding on Minister Paul Toole's behalf to Council's letter regarding Council's interest in developing a water ski facility on the lower end of Warrena Creek. Stating Council has previously been advised that the Department of Industry – Crown Lands – supported the project in-principle and that a number of legislative requirements must be met in order to allow the project to proceed. Providing advice on what steps must be taken and offering to assist Council where appropriate.

2866 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Churchill that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.8 to 10.11 inclusive be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

2867 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that the following items be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

10.12 QUAMBONE RESOURCES COMMITTEE L3(50810)

Expressing the gratitude of the Quambone community for the final funding provided by Council to allow the Quambone fuel depot project to be finalised. Advising also that on another very positive note, the lining of the main area of Quambone Hall is underway and the transformation is exceptional. Requesting that the community's thanks be conveyed to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors for having the foresight to allocate the funding.

2868 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fosdjer that the information be noted.

10.13 WATERFORD RYAN PR1226-3(50801)

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2869 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that Council not exercise the option to re-purchase the subject land which was provided in the following clause of the contract:

“Vendor reserving right of pre-emption

(a) If at any time during the period of 5 years from the date of this Contract the purchaser decides to sell the land comprised in this contract or ceases to conduct on the land comprised in this contract agricultural business the vendor will have the option of re-purchasing the land (“Option”).”

10.14 LES COHEN A8

Advising members would appreciate a toilet block being constructed at the pistol club to enable the club to invite other clubs to compete locally. Saying this is not possible currently as the club has no amenities on site.

2870 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council advise the proponent of grant opportunities that may become available and consider the project in conjunction with next year’s estimates.

10.15 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10

Pointing out that amendments made to the *Local Government Act 1993* by the *Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Act 2016* in August 2016 saw the inclusion in the prescribed role of councillors under s232 a responsibility *“to make all reasonable efforts to acquire and maintain the skills necessary to perform the role of a councillor”*.

Inviting submissions from councils and other stakeholders on the consultation draft – copy available on OLG website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au Submissions close Friday 16 March 2018.

2871 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the information contained in the attachment to the supplementary precis and should any Councillor wish to make a submission it be raised at the next meeting on 14 February 2018.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

2872 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

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11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

2873 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Wheelhouse that Council note Development Application Nos 034/2017, 038/2017, 040/2017, 041/2017 and 043/2017 have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 STAFF HOUSING

2874 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the information relating to the need for staff accommodation to address future workforce requirements.

11.3 SHOWGROUND USERS' MEETING

2875 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that Council :

- i) determine costings for the replacement of the inner arena fence, including the fence in front of the pavilion and replacement of the ticket booth at the northern entrance to the showground and submit as a project under the Crown Reserve Trust funding which will become available in the New Year;
- ii) note the Coonamble Stockman's Challenge & Campdraft committee will continue to address drainage issues within the arena area.

11.4 NOTICE OF RESCISSION – SECURITY PATROL COSTING

Council noted that a notice of rescission, signed by Crs Churchill, Walker and Wheelhouse, had been received in connection with Minute No 2848/20.3 of 8 November 2017.

PROPOSED by Cr Wheelhouse **SECONDED** by Cr Churchill that Minute No 2848/20.3 of 8 November 2017, as follows, **be rescinded**:

*“Council resolves to note the report and not pursue a security patrol service at this time and the Director of Community Services provide a report detailing other options for leverage of funding in conjunction with a Community Safety Plan” **WAS LOST.***

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - GENERAL MANAGER

2875 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the following matters be classified “urgent” and dealt with.

11.5 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

2876 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Karanouh that Council note the consultation period is open for the draft Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW and should Councillors wish to make a submission they do so by the Council meeting of 14 February 2018 to enable any submission to be forwarded to the OLG by closing date 16 March 2018.

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A copy of the draft document was provided to all Councillors at the meeting.

11.6 GRANT FUNDING – STATUS

2877 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher:

a) that the following projects be submitted to the funding authorities for approval under the Drought Communities Funding:

- i) Golf Club – sealing car park
Aero Club – sealing of apron
Airport – sealing of entrance roads
- ii) Cricket net – Gulargambone
Fence around bore – Gulargambone
Rear fence – Gulargambone Cemetery
- iii) Roundabout – Castlereagh Street.

b) that the General Manager prepare project outline plans for the following projects under the Stronger Communities Fund:

- Gulargambone Mechanics Hall
- Gulargambone Youth Centre Hall
- Combara Hall
- Gulargambone Pool – splash pad & irrigation
- Coonamble Cemetery improvements
- Museum and surrounds
- Weir area – Warrena Creek
- Public toilets for CBD – Coonamble

c) AND FURTHER that these projects (SCF) be considered and prioritised at the February 2018 meeting of Council.

At this juncture, 10.40 a.m.,the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.06 a.m.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

2878 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that the report by the Community Services Director be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS UPDATE

2879 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the information contained in this item be noted.

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12.2 FUTURE DELIVERY OF VISITOR SERVICES

2880 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council investigate external funding opportunities, potential locations and design concepts for the construction of a purpose-built visitor information centre in Coonamble.

12.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2881 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Fisher that Council submit an application under the NSW Community Safety Fund to develop a Community Safety Plan and implement a six month security patrol trial, together with the installation of additional security cameras.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

2882 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

2883 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 November 2017 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

2884 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that the list of investments as 30 November 2017 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

13.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS & AUDIT REPORT – YEAR ENDED 30/7/2017

2885 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council note the tabling of its Audited Report and Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2017.

13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2886 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the information in this item of the Director's report.

14.0 REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

2887 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2888 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Churchill that Council note the A/Director's report on works in progress.

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The A/Director advised that repairs to the quarry have been completed, the plant is operational and stocks are being built up. She also advised that the tie down area at the aerodrome will be completed before Christmas. It was mentioned that repairs to the quarry were held up due to parts having to be sourced from overseas and one of the units supplied was the wrong voltage and had to be returned. Ms Atkins said that staff would work over the closedown time to build up stockpiles – but the facility would not be open to the public.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Quarry Management Committee be convened in January.

**14.2 TENDERS: (1) ROAD STABILISING SERVICES & SUPPLY &
(2) DELIVERY OF PASSENGER CAR TYRES**

2889 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that the tenderers Bridgestone Australia Ltd and Tyres4u Pty Limited as trustee for TWA Trust trading as TYRES4U, be awarded this contract as a Panel Source Contract for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019; and that a provision be allowed for a 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 31 December 2020.

2890 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that Council accept the panel of suppliers, as below, in no order of precedence, for period 1 January 2018 to 30 December 2020:

- i) Accurate Asphalt & Road Repairs;
- ii) Hiway Stabilizers Australia Pty Ltd;
- iii) Stabilised Pavements of Australia Pty Ltd;
- iv) The Mining Pty Ltd;
- v) Stabilco Pty Ltd

and that a provision be allowed for a 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 31 December 2021.

15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

2891 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017

2892 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Ranger's report for the month of November 2017 be noted.

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**15.2 DA 037/2017 – PROPOSED ERECTION OF CAMPDRAFT ARENA
STEEL FENCE – COONAMBLE SHOWGROUND – CASTLEREAGH
HIGHWAY**

2893 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council endorse Development Application No 037/2017 for the erection of a permanent campdraft arena at the northern end of Coonamble showground on Lot 238 in DP40043, subject to the following conditions:

1. The development being carried out in accordance with the development application and the stamped approved drawings, except where amended, by the following conditions.

2. A copy of all stamped approved plans, specifications and documents must be kept on site at all times so as to be readily available for perusal by any officer of Council or the Principal Certifying Authority.

3. All building work to be undertaken is to be a minimum of three (3) metres clear of any overhead power lines / electricity circuits, as set out in the approved plans. Should the proponent wish to make any further changes to the development that would see buildings erected within three (3) metres of an overhead line, a subsequent modification must be submitted to Council for consideration. Any building work within three (3) metres of a power line requires referral to the relevant energy authority. D11.

4. The person acting with this consent shall provide dust suppression, as appropriate, by continually dampening the site to ensure neighbouring properties are not inconvenienced by the effects of dust during construction activities.

5. Unless otherwise approved by Council, any person acting on this consent shall ensure that construction works involving electric or pneumatic tools or other noisy operations shall be restricted to the following hours:

Monday to Saturday (inclusive)	7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Sunday	Nil
Public Holidays	Nil

6. Should Aboriginal relics be discovered, work shall cease immediately and application be made for consent for Destroy and Care and Control Permits under the provisions of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. Any applications for permits shall be supported by written documentation from the Local Aboriginal Land Council demonstrating appropriate consultation.

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7. The applicant shall bear the cost of all restoration works to Council's property damaged by the applicant or his/her contractors during the course of this development.

8. The arena is not to be used or occupied until a final inspection has been carried out and an Occupation Certificate has been obtained from the Principle Certifying Authority.

9. Artificial lighting which projects beyond the boundary of the land on which the development is situated shall comply with the provision of Australian Standard 4282-1997 "Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting".

10. All external lighting is to be of a fully shielded design and directed in a downward position.

11. The applicant / persons acting with this consent shall ensure the development does not cause or permit the emission of any offensive odour as defined by the Protection of Environmental Operations Act 1997.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

2893 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the Showground User Groups' meeting held on 7 November 2017 be received.

16.1 Showground User Groups' Meeting

2894 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the meeting be noted and it also be noted that Councillor Wheelhouse was present at the meeting.

Cr Wheelhouse drew attention to the fact that the drain from the showground across the road to the dam on the opposite side of the highway is blocked – resulting in flooding of the showground following heavy rain. Councillors suggested that a letter be written to the lessee of the property adjacent requesting that the drain be cleared.

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017

2895 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that the saleyards report for November 2017 be dealt with.

17.2 Saleyards Account

2896 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that the Saleyards Account to 30 November 2017 showing a reserve balance deficit of \$295,141.51, be noted.

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The General Manager informed the meeting that another letter has been written to the Coonamble Associated Agents advising of Council's position regarding the future of the yards. Mr Warren said, contrary to what appeared in the local press, the agents were informed when Council dealt with the matter earlier in the year. He said that no response has been received by Council.

2897 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that Council note information conveyed by the Manager of Environmental Services that the yards are being used as a 'holding area', however proper procedures are continually being ignored by transport operators/owners.

18.0 CLOSED SESSION

2898 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council resolve into Closed Session, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Section 10A:

"section 2(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors);

Section 2(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:

(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;

(ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council ..."

2899 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

URGENT BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION

2900 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that the following matters be classified "urgent" and dealt with :

18.5 Water Access Allocation – Surat Basin

18.6 Consideration of Public Toilets in CBD

RESUME OPEN MEETING

2901 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

2902 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council adopt the recommendation from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1 to 18.6, as set out hereunder :

18.1 Conn Appeal Committee

Council resolves to adopt the recommendation of the Conn Appeal Committee:

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i) the appeal be wound up on 31 December 2017 and the funds be distributed three ways equally to Matthew, Samantha and Joey (or in the case of Matthew, the legal guardian);

ii) as Joey turns 17 in February 2018 the funds be placed with the NSW Trustee or permanent trustee for them to administer until he turns 18, at which stage the funds shall be given to him.

18.2 Drought Funding Update

Council notes the status of of the drought funding balance and resolved to apply to the Drought Communities Funding Program for funding towards the Quambone fuel outlet works.

18.3 Supply & Delivery of Passenger Tyres – T261718OROC

Council notes this matter was determined earlier in the meeting and noted the information provided in the Closed Session report.

18.4 Provision of Road Stabilising – REGPRO241718

Council notes this matter was determined earlier in the meeting and noted the information provided in the Closed Session report.

18.5 Water Access Allocation – Surat Basin

Council resolved to purchase 100ML of permanent groundwater allocation, with funds to be sourced from the Water Supply Reserve.

18.6 Public Toilets in Main Street

Council resolves to consider a report at the February 2018 meeting on options for public toilets in the CBD area.

19.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE Nil

20.0 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Wheelhouse:

- Agrigrain road – need for grading of section – the /Director of Engineering Services advised that the rail is being upgraded – the area will be improved when that is completed. It was noted that a condition of the development consent was that Agrigrain was responsible for sealing of the road to its gates.
- Include in budget items for more bitumen on local roads – the General Manager said work on the budget would be done in March/April 2018 and it would be appropriate for this matter to be considered in conjunction with the Roads Management Plan. The A/Director of Engineering Services said that reseals are programmed for March / April and a survey is being undertaken on local and regional roads as well as town streets to ascertain their condition and requirements for the next 3 to 5 years.

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- Trees in Railway and Wingadee Streets particularly need trimming to a safe height – this should be considered in conjunction with the budget.

Cr Karanouh:

- Reported that contractors working for Essentil Energy damaged the road in McCullough Street.

Cr Churchill:

- Requested that slashing be carried out in the gully (Pages Terrace area).

Cr Fisher:

- Trees overhanging roads – informed the meeting he has suggested to complainants that they write to Council detailing specific complaints / areas.
- Thanked Council for allowing him to attend the recent Local Government NSW Conference – he said it was informative and a good experience for a new councillor.

Cr Wheelhouse:

- Requested a report be tabled at the February meeting costing a pumping station for properties to be connected to sewer on the southern end of town towards the airport.

Mayor:

Prior to closing the meeting the Mayor wished Councillors and their partners a Merry Christmas and good wishes for the New Year. He invited Councillors and senior staff to accompany him to lunch.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 12.05 p.m.

These minutes Pages (1/6108 to 15/6122) were confirmed on the **14th** day of **FEBRUARY 2018** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **13TH December 2017**.

MAYOR

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