

7 March 2018

**The next meeting of Coonamble Shire Council  
will be held in the  
MEMORIAL HALL, GULARGAMBONE on  
WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018 commencing  
9.00 a.m.**

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Yours faithfully  
*Rick Warren*  
General Manager

**4. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

**9.30 a.m. Gulargambone Memorial Hall Representatives**

Address Council on issues relative to the hall.

**9.45 a.m. Gulargambone Community Enterprises Co-operative Representatives**

'Pave the Way to Gular' Art Festival Presentation.

**5. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST**  
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**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

**6.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018, COMMENCING AT 9.03 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. Karen Churchill, John Walker, 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, Mr Cock 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.

**PASSING OF CR TOM CULLEN OAM**

The Mayor referred to the recent death of Cr Cullen OAM and asked the meeting to stand in one minute's silence in his memory.

**2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Councillors noted that three bookings were made for public question time:

- i) Gulargambone Community Enterprises Corporation;
- ii) Coonamble Associated Agents;
- iii) Mrs Anne Kennedy.

**3.0 APOLOGIES**

**Nil**

**4.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

No deputations are booked to attend the meeting.

**5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations were noted:

- Cr Ahmad Karanouh Item 19.2 Closed Session – owner of one of the buildings offered for sale.
- Cr Paul Wheelhouse Item 10.3 Gulargambone Community Enterprises Co-operative Ltd – donation of concrete.
- Cr Paul Wheelhouse Item 11.3 Grant Funding – President of Coonamble Rodeo Association (showground works included in projects for consideration).

## **6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**2903 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 13 December 2017 be confirmed.

## **7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

### **Item 12.3 Funding Opportunities – Community Safety Plan**

Cr Churchill asked the position regarding application for funds to develop a Community Safety Plan. In response, the Director of Community Services said the application has been submitted – outcome may take some three to six months.

### **Unsatisfactory drainage from the Hospital Area across the Highway**

Cr Wheelhouse said there was a misunderstanding at last meeting regarding the drainage issues. He said that the area of concern is in front of the Ambulance Station (on hospital ground). It was agreed that the Mayor, Cr Wheelhouse, the A/Director of Engineering Services and the Manager of Environmental Services meet on site to clarify this matter.

## **8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**2904 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

### **i) SES – Building Reserve**

Cr Karanouh sought an update as to whether the SES has committed funding for the proposal. The General Manager said he has not had any contact from the SES since the meeting scheduled for November last year was cancelled.

## **9.0 MAYORAL REPORT**

**2905 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Webb that his Mayoral Report be received and dealt with.

### **9.1 Castlereagh Macquarie County Council**

**2906 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council agree to reduce the number of representatives on the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council from two per constituent council to one representative per council.

### **9.2 Joint Organisations**

The Mayor provided a report on the meeting held in Cobar recently regarding the potential Joint Organisation proposals. A document supplied to each Councillor, titled *Delivering Joint Organisations for Regional NSW* provided information which the Mayor encouraged Councillors to read. The Mayor said there are still concerns about the role of Joint Organisations and there is still no clear indication of how they may benefit councils. Cr Webb said he believes that more discussion is necessary before any decision is made by Council.

The Mayor said he would be meeting with the CEO of Regional Development Australia (RDA) on Friday to discuss the matter of the economic sub-region that includes Coonamble.

**2906 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the information in the Mayor's report and within the document supplied to Councillors.

### **9.3 Mayoral Activities**

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

- School Presentation Awards functions
- Australia Day Celebrations
- RFS Local Government Forum
- Inland Rail telephone conference

**2907 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Webb that his activities report be noted.

### **LETTER OF CONDOLENCE – CULLEN FAMILY**

**2908 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Fisher that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs Anne Cullen and Family and Council later consider a memorial formally recognising Cr Cullen's service to local government and community.

### **10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**2909 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

### ***Section A – For Council's Consideration:***

#### **10.1 WESTERN SLOPES PIPELINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**2910 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the minutes of the Western Slopes Pipeline Community Consultative Committee meeting – Northern Group – held on 6 December.

#### **10.2 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY – CROWN LANDS S5(50951)**

The General Manager informed the meeting that the extended licence will be for a period of five years – currently rental charged to the Greyhound Club is \$456/annum.

**2911 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council renew licence agreement for a further five years, expiring on 30 June 2023 and that a market rental be fixed at \$500 per year for the duration of the licence period.

**10.3 GULARGAMBONE COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED D7(50970)**

**2912 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council defer consideration of this matter until Mrs Haling and Mrs Dent address the meeting.

At this juncture, 9.26 a.m., the ladies arrived at the meeting and the Mayor invited them to address the meeting.

Mrs Haling thanked Council and before beginning her address, made reference to the death of Cr Tom Cullen OAM. She said that regarding the Pave the Way to Gulargambone event, no confirmation has been received regarding the two grant applications of \$20,000 each. She said she is confident that at least one will be successful. Regarding funding, Mrs Haling said the Co-operative has been promised a significant amount from a disbanded committee and that money will be transferred to the Co-operative's account if required.

Both Mrs Haling and Mrs Dent spoke about the artists who have expressed an interest in taking part in the event and a list of those confirmed. The organisation plans to hold the festival over four days – 5 to 8 April. Mrs Dent said what is required is permission to use Council property/footpaths and asked that locations be discussed – it was agreed that she meet with Council's Manager of Environmental Services in Gulargambone this week to clarify this.

The sites the Co-operative would like to use are the water tower (prior to the festival); the bus stops; two amenities buildings and the memorial courtyard. The General Manager said Council has a policy for Art on Public Buildings which states that approval of the proposed artwork must be obtained before permission is granted. In this regard, Mrs Dent said concept images of the artists' work would be supplied for Council's determination.

Council's Director of Community Services referred to uncommitted funding and asked whether the Co-operative has a contingency backup plan – Mrs Haling said no and the event would have to be cancelled, however she said she is confident that Destination NSW will approve.

After discussing this project, Mrs Haling referred to the bullock wagon installation which she hopes will be on 10 March. The Manager of Environmental Services said if it is to be placed in a highway location, RMS approval would need to be obtained and there would be no chance of that in such a short timeframe.

Mesdames Haling and Dent thanked Council and left the meeting at 9.50 a.m.

**COONAMBLE ASSOCIATED AGENTS**

At this juncture, Mr Peter O'Connor and Mr David Thompson were present to discuss the future of the Coonamble saleyards. The Mayor welcomed them to the meeting.

Mr O'Connor was the spokesman and prior to starting his address, acknowledged the late Councillor Cullen OAM as a great supporter of the saleyards and paid respects on behalf of the Associated Agents. Mr O'Connor gave reasons why throughput will never be at it was 15 – 20 years ago, saying that much of the land used for grazing then has since been cultivated; we have experienced severe dry periods; enterprises changed – more emphasis now on sheep and wool; competing against computer marketing which is popular with the younger generation.

He said the local agents acknowledge that Council must manage ratepayer funds and loss of income is a concern, pointing out that agents too are not in a good financial position with their first priority being clients. Mr O'Connor said before Council makes any decision regarding the future of the saleyards, it should take a cautious approach and acknowledge the benefit of the yards to the community. He said that when normal seasons return, so will regularity of sales and numbers.

The issue of user pays was also a topic and both Council and the agents agreed this must be considered. Mr O'Connor said that Council should also consider logistics of getting stock to other centres and how difficult it would be for the few local livestock carriers.

The General Manager drew attention to the fact that the saleyards is classed as contestable business and Council is measured and rated by the State Government and it must comply with the National Competition Policy. Mr Warren said Council is audited by the Auditor-General, who raised concerns about the loss on operations at the saleyards.

Mr. Warren said decisions must be made by all parties concerned with the operation of the facility and the forum for such is a meeting of the Saleyards Management Committee. The meeting noted the Mayor would facilitate a meeting in due course and a full review would be undertaken at the end of financial year.

At this juncture, Messrs O'Connor and Thompson left the meeting.

**MRS ANNE KENNEDY**

Mrs Kennedy and Mr David Chadwick were invited to address Council with an update on activities with coal seam gas operations and the gas pipeline construction. Mrs Kennedy said that employees of APA have illegally entered properties in the district and she has written a letter of complaint to the Minister. She referred to the overwhelming support at a recent meeting in Coonamble against the pipeline at which the enormous damage caused by these activities in Queensland was discussed.



Mr Chadwick referred to the pressure and coercion mining company representatives have been putting on landholders. He said that support to stop the pipeline has now reached a national level. Mrs Kennedy referred to the opportunity to inspect the damage in Queensland as a coach will be going from Coonamble shortly. She thanked Council for its support.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10.30 a.m. and invited Mr Chadwick and Mrs Kennedy to join Council for morning tea. The meeting resumed at 11.00 a.m.

**Gulargambone Community Enterprises Co-operative Limited  
(continued)**

**2913 PROPOSED** by Cr Karanouh **SECONDED** by Cr Fisher that Council:

- a) advise the Co-operative that should the group wish to place the bullock wagon display on Crown land it will need to complete the appropriate development application;
- b) will not be creating another park area at the location suggested by the Co-operative;
- c) suggest the Co-operative place the display in the park area towards the main street end;
- d) request the Co-operative to provide artwork proposed prior to work commencing;
- e) allocate \$25,000 towards artists' fees for the Pave the Way to Gular Festival, funds to be sourced from the Development Fund.

**AN AMENDMENT**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Churchill **SECONDED** by Cr Walker that the amount of Council's allocation towards artists' fees for the Pave the Way to Gular Festival be \$10,000 **WAS LOST**.

On being put to the vote, the **AMENDMENT WAS LOST** and the **MOTION WAS CARRIED**.

Council noted that the Director of Community Services will be meeting with members of the Gulargambone Community Enterprises Co-operative Limited next week to offer assistance with this project.

**10.4 ANGUS CHADWICK S5(50986)**

**2914 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council approve the request on behalf of Central West Helicopters to participate in the Coonamble Ag Field Day and use a designated area of the Coonamble showground to conduct helicopter flights during the event **AND FURTHER** that gravel be delivered to the Aerodrome and spread in front of the new hangar, noting three roadtrain loads are required (150 tonne) with cost to be offset against the Drought Communities funding.

**10.5 CASTLEREAGH LADIES TACKLE COORDINATOR D7(51006)****A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Fisher **SECONDED** by Cr Karanouh that Council provide financial assistance in an amount of \$200 to the Castlereagh Ladies' Tackle group to assist with the purchase of uniforms to compete in the inaugural Western Women's Rugby League Competition.

**AN AMENDMENT**

**2915 PROPOSED** by Cr Churchill **SECONDED** by Cr Wheelhouse that Council contribute \$300 to assist the Castlereagh Ladies' Tackle group in the purchase of uniforms to compete in the inaugural Western Women's Rugby League Competition.

On being put to the vote, the **AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED** and on becoming the motion was carried.

**10.6 NSW RURAL DOCTORS' NETWORK D7(51025)**

**2916 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Karanouh that Council decline to participate in the 2018 Bush Bursary / CWA Scholarship Program.

**10.7 NEIL & ANNE KENNEDY S1(51034)**

The Manager of Environmental Services explained the circumstances surrounding this incident.

**A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr. Karanouh **SECONDED** by Cr Walker that Council advise Mr Kennedy it will reduce the fine to \$600 to cover expenses – **the motion was WITHDRAWN.**

**2917 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Churchill and Karanouh that Council advise Mr Kennedy that the fine of \$1,513 for impounding of cattle will not be waived.

Cr Fisher requested that his name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

**10.8 BEVERLEY DAVIDSON T6(51039)**

**2918 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that Mrs Davidson be thanked for her suggestion and that a report be brought to the March 2018 meeting on costings, suggesting that work commence in McCullough Street and proceed in street blocks AND FURTHER that Council look for funding opportunities.

**Section B – For Council’s Information:****10.9 ST BRIGID’S SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS L3(50853)**

Thanking Council for its generous donation towards the ‘great fete’ – the P&F major annual fundraiser – saying the event raised over \$15,000 and the P&F is now in a position to finance important projects at the school.

**10.10 GULARGAMBONE CENTRAL SCHOOL L3(50876)**

Thanking Council once again for its sponsorship towards the annual presentation night – saying school staff, students and parents appreciate Council’s continued support.

**10.11 QUAMBONE PUBLIC SCHOOL L3(50894)**

Thanking Council for its kind donations towards the 2017 Presentation Night awards and saying it is only a small school but students work hard all year and look forward to the special night.

**10.12 GULARGAMBONE PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE L3(50895)**

Thanking Council for its generous donation – saying the event raised over \$4,000 to be put towards resourcing the new Preschool in 2018.

**10.13 GULARGAMBONE JOCKEY CLUB L3(51041)**

Thanking Council for its generous sponsorship of the 2017 Gulargambone Hotel Gold Cup Race Meeting. Referring to the \$500 which was held over from the 2016 abandoned meeting was recontributed back to the community by way of race day wages for gate attendants and barrier staff (all locals). Looking forward to continuing the partnership in 2018.

**10.14 NSW INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS GROUP NSW TREASURY H5(51042)**

Referring to Council’s application seeking approval for the declaration of Wednesday 16 May 2018 and Wednesday 29 May 2019 as public holidays within the Coonamble Shire Council area on the occasion of the 2018 and 2019 Coonamble show days. Advising the Minister has declared the requested public holidays and the necessary Order under the Public Holidays Act 2010 was published on 12 January 2018.

**2919 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Karanouh that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.9 to 10.14 inclusive be noted.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**2920 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Wheelhouse that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**2921 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Churchill that Council note Development Application Nos 001/2018 and 002/2018, together

with Complying Development Application No 001/2018, have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

## 11.2 ALTERNATE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES

Following consideration of a report regarding potential savings and positive financial advantage, Council agreed to allocate funds to provide solar panels on the Administration Building and Library.

**2922 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Churchill that Council include \$80,000 in the 2018/19 budget estimates to install solar energy panels on the Administration and Library buildings.

Cr Wheelhouse declared an interest in this matter, as President of the Coonamble Rodeo Association.

## 11.3 GRANT FUNDING

**2923 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council submit an application to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development – Drought Communities Program – for the following projects:

- |    |   |           |
|----|---|-----------|
| a) | refurbishment of Gulargambone youth hall    | \$ 75,000 |
| b) | refurbishment of Gulargambone Memorial Hall | \$103,000 |
| c) | erection 1.5km fencing at waste depot       | \$101,000 |

**AND FURTHER** that Council nominate the following projects for community consultation under the Regional Growth Fund – Stronger Country Communities:

- |    |   |           |
|----|---|-----------|
| a) | Gulargambone pool splash pad  | \$175,000 |
| b) | additional grandstands/concrete pad at showground   | \$200,000 |
| c) | toilets in Coonamble CBD  | \$400,000 |
| d) | should the rodeo committee indicate it does not require grandstands and concrete pad, the \$200,000 be directed to the VIC project. |           |

## 11.4 NOTICE OF MOTION

At the December 2017 meeting, Cr Wheelhouse gave notice that he would move the following motion at this meeting :

**2924 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Karanouh that Council consider the erection of stables along the rear fence of the showground on the northern end in the 2018/19 estimates.

## 12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

**2925 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Karanouh that the report by the Community Services Director be received and dealt with.

## 12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS UPDATE

**2926 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that the information contained in this item be noted.

**12.2 COONAMBLE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

**2927 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council submit an application for funding and commit up to \$250,000 as a co-contribution to the Visitor Information Centre project – funding to come from the Development Fund (\$150,000) and the Premises Refurbishment Fund (\$100,000).

**13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES**

**2928 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Fisher and Wheelhouse that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

**13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**2929 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Churchill that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 January 2018 be noted.

**13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**2930 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Walker that the list of investments as 31 January 2018 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 2018/19 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN**

**2931 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Fisher and Walker that Councillors who wish to have items included for consideration in conjunction with the 2018/19 estimates provide the information to the Director of Corporate and Urban Services no later than Wednesday 14 March 2018.

**13.4 RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**2932 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council approve the amendment to the Records Management Policy and place the draft document on public exhibition for 28 days before formally adopting it in conjunction with any submission received.

**13.5 COONAMBLE SHOWGROUND – SHARED USE OF FACILITY**

The Director informed the meeting that the Coonamble Greyhound Racing Club has booked portion of the showground from 25 September until 2 October 2018. The Coonamble Hack and Pony Club later lodged an application to book the whole area from 28 September until 6 October.

The Hack and Pony Club has been informed of the earlier booking by the Greyhound Club and advised that it may use the remainder of the ground during the time the area is being used by the Greyhound Club.

**2933 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Churchill that Council inform both organisations the facility is for shared use and allow both to use the ground, informing both Clubs that if they are unable to achieve this, Council will allow discrete use of the facility on a year-by-year basis for each organisation – i.e. pony club year one; greyhound club the following year.

**13.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**2934 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council note the information in this item of the Director's report.

**14.0 REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**2935 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**2936 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that Council note the A/Director's report on works in progress.

**14.2 PROPOSED SEWER EXTENSION**

**2937 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.Wheelhouse and Karanouh that Council not proceed with the extension of sewer lines to service properties located towards the airport due to the costs involved in the provision of mains and pump station.

**15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**2938 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Fisher and Wheelhouse that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**15.1 RANGER'S REPORT –DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018**

**2939 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Ranger's report for the months of December 2017 and January 2018 be noted.

**15.2 REVIEW OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN**

**2940 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Karanouh that Council :

- a) agree to support the planning proposal, detailed in an attachment with the report, that permits a dwelling with Council consent on Lot 183 DP753385 Muraiman Street, Gulargambone;
- b) finalise the planning proposal under delegation and then send it to the Department of Planning and Environment under delegation requesting it be gazetted.

**16.0 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW**

The Delivery Program for the six months ended 31 December 2017 and the Budget Review for the quarter ended 31 December 2017 were submitted to the meeting for Council's consideration.

**2941 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.Walker and Karanouh that Council:

- a) approve variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;
- b) note the Delivery Program Review as at 31 December 2017;
- c) note that in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer Council is in a satisfactory financial position;

- d) note the position of Council's estimated reserves to 31 December 2017.

**2942 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Churchill and Wheelhouse that the Emergency Works Reserve be re-named *Proposed Bore Baths Development Reserve*, noting it has a balance of \$500,000.

The General Manager provided a brief update on the status of the bore baths project regarding water, saying 100mgs is with the Office of Water awaiting transfer to Council and he is still negotiating the purchase of 50mgs. Mr Warren pointed out that although the Racecourse is the Trustee of the land, permission for any development must be obtained through Crown Lands.

## **17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**2943 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the Quarry Management Committee meeting held on 18 January 2018 be received.

### **17.1 Quarry Management Committee**

**2944 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Karanouh the minutes of the meeting be noted and the following recommendations be adopted:

- *that the transfer to quarry reserve be reviewed as part of the Quarry Management Plan, with a view to ensure the sustainability and financial viability of the assets*
- *that the purchase of a mobile screen unit satisfactory to producing road base be investigated and included in the 2018/2019 operational year budget*
- *that the remaining life of the quarry plant components be reviewed and detailed in the 2018/2019 Quarry Management Plan.*

## **18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – JANUARY 2018**

**2945 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Churchill and Fisher that the saleyards report for January 2018 be dealt with.

### **18.2 Saleyards Account**

**2946 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the Saleyards Account to 31 January 2018 showing a reserve balance deficit of \$295,228.84, be noted.

### **Saleyards Management Committee Delegate**

**2947 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that Cr Wheelhouse be the delegate on the Saleyards Management Committee.

**19.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**2948 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Fisher and Wheelhouse 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 ...”*

**2949 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Fisher and Wheelhouse that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**2950 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Fisher and Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION**

**2951 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Fisher and Walker that Council adopt the recommendation from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 19.1 to 19.3, as set out hereunder :

**19.1 Conn Appeal Committee**

**Council resolved** to continue to forward a monthly remittance to Mr Peter Conn – as guardian of Joseph Conn – until Joseph turns 18 years of age, at which stage the balance of the funds be made available to Joseph.

Cr Karanouh declared a pecuniary interest in the following matter and left the room while discussion and voting was in progress.

**19.2 CBD Toilet Project**

**Council resolves that :**

- a) the preferred location is in the main street;*
- b) preliminary negotiations with owners commence;*
- b) it commence consultation with the community regarding construction of a set of public toilets within the CBD precinct.*

**19.3 Caravan Park Redevelopment Committee Minutes**

**Council resolves** to adopt the recommendations from the Caravan Park Redevelopment Committee, as set out hereunder:

- 1. That Council call for expressions of interest to operate the park with the proposed redevelopment incorporated into the proposal. Such things as electronic booking, POS payment option and marketing.*



2. *That Council begin redevelopment from the front, with the erection of manager's residence and office at the front, incorporating fencing and front gate additions.*
3. *That Council relocate dump point to a location at the showground for RV Friendly users and develop a new dump point at the current location of the old amenities block which will be demolished*
4. *That Council create the camp kitchen within the facility.*
5. *That Council purchase additional cabins – the nature of and costing to be provided to the Committee.*
6. *That Council note the above works will be in the vicinity of \$500,000 to be funded from Council reserves.*

## **20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

## **21.0 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Forms were available at the meeting for Councillors to complete if they have any requests or complaints from residents. The Mayor said completed forms should then be handed to front office staff who will process them and direct each one to the appropriate department for attention.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 1.15 p.m.

These minutes Pages (1/6123 to 15/6137) were confirmed on the **14<sup>th</sup>** day of **MARCH 2018** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **14<sup>th</sup> February 2018**.

**MAYOR**

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

**8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2018**

**8.1 Resolutions in Progress**

**14.2 SPORTSGROUNDS - IRRIGATION**

**1935 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council approve construction of the automatic system for irrigation of the sportsgrounds, with a budget of \$70,000 to be sourced from the water fund.

**Status:**

**In progress – to be incorporated with mains replacement program. Contractor has commenced preliminary work. It is expected that some of the cost will be defrayed with a grant application to the Stronger Communities Fund.**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING RESERVE**

**2646(a) RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council allocate \$100,000 from the Development Reserve to the Emergency Services Building Reserve, making this reserve in total \$200,000 and that a new building be constructed on the current site subject to the SES contributing \$150,000 towards the cost of the structure.

**Status:**

**Funds placed in reserve – negotiations commenced - with current building plans submitted to SES and RFS senior management.**

**PLAYGROUND – LIONS PARK - GULARGAMBONE**

**2725 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that community consultation be undertaken regarding play equipment for the 0 – 5 years range in Lions Park at Gulargambone and a report detailing costing be provided to the next meeting.

**Status:**

**Quotations and designs have been received – It is expected that some of the cost will be defrayed with a grant application to the Stronger Communities Fund.**

**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.

**Status:**

**Application for grant funds submitted to Crown Reserves Trust Management Fund.**

**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.

**Status:**

**Application submitted – awaiting outcome.**

**8.2 Resolutions Completed****10.4 ANGUS CHADWICK S5(50986)**

**2914 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council approve the request on behalf of Central West Helicopters to participate in the Coonamble Ag Field Day and use a designated area of the Coonamble showground to conduct helicopter flights during the event **AND FURTHER** that gravel be delivered to the Aerodrome and spread in front of the new hangar, noting three roadtrain loads are required (150 tonne) with cost to be offset against the Drought Communities funding.

**Status:**

**At the time of the report, Council's officer has met with a representative of the Aero Club to determine requirements. COMPLETED.**

**9. MAYORAL REPORT**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018**

**9.1 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

**i) Country Mayors' Conference – 2 March:**

Discussed with Deputy Commissioner, Western Region Field Operations, Gary Worboys, policing issues within the Coonamble area. The deputy commissioner said when the new restructure and new positions are more settled, he will visit Coonamble.

Peter Primrose gave an address to the meeting outlining the policy of the Labour Party should it be elected in 2019. I also discussed Joint Organisation issues with our surrounding mayors.

**ii) Tour de OROC**

On 15 February I attended the Tour de OROC function to present cheque to the Dubbo Home Stay Committee.

**iii) Megan Dixon, CEO of RDA – ORANA**

Met with Megan Dixon on 16 February – drove Ms Dixon around town and explained to her the potential projects Council had in the pipeline and the importance of these to the community and economy of the Shire.

**iv) Bushfire Management Committee Meeting**

Attended this meeting on 5 March – I also discussed the co-location of the SES and RFS Control Centres.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the Mayor's activities since the February Meeting.**

**MICHAEL WEBB**

Mayor

7 March 2018

**10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

**Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:**

**10.1 COONAMBLE CLAY TARGET CLUB D7(51058)**

Thanking Council for its past support and advising the Annual Open Shoot will be held on 7 and 8 April. Seeking a sponsorship from Council and advising promotion will take place in a variety of publications and flyers.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council has sponsored this event over past years – last year providing \$100).

**Recommendation:**  
**For Council's determination,**

**10.2 COONAMBLE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE D7(51057)**

Asking Council for financial assistance to provide appropriate office space. Advising the Centre has a contract with Family and Community Services, however it does not allow funding for office space, causing it to struggle financially. Saying the Centre needs sufficient space to accommodate the Co-ordinator as well as services that visit (e.g. Lifeline, Western NSW Community Legal Centre and Legal Aid). Pointing out that Neighbourhood Centres in other areas are assisted financially by their councils.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – While this is considered a worthwhile service, it is the responsibility of the State Government to fund services appropriate and not shift the cost of its responsibility to councils

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council advise it is unable to provide accommodation, but will lobby the State Government to provide sufficient resources to allow the Service to continue.**

**10.3 GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN PROTECTION GROUP  
D7(51162)**

Seeking support towards an upcoming auction fundraiser – support in any capacity – cash donation, in-kind (eg family season pass to the Coonamble pool for the 2018/19 season) would be welcome. Advising funds raised will assist members to move forward in fighting the immediate critical situation threatening our district's water (Great Artesian Basin) from the proposed CSG project in the Pilliga State Forest and the associated proposed Western Pipeline.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to donate a 2018/19 Family Season Ticket to Coonamble pool for the fundraising auction to support the Great Artesian Basin Protection Group.**

**10.4 JJ ROBINSON – TEAM ORGANISER D7(51156)**

Advising this year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Walgett Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout – saying that entering the competition is expensive and asking Council for a contribution to get a team into the competition which is held during September.

**Recommendation:**

**For Council's determination.**

**10.5 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL L10-2(51070)**

Advising that NSW Government is pushing councils into making a decision on the establishment of Joint Organisations (JO) by the end of February 2018, however has not yet released regulations which could impact the decision taken by councils in forming a JO. Stating at present he is undecided as to the real benefits for the region, other than those identified by the Office of Local Government. Saying the unknown functions, which are optional but at the discretion of a JO, could be validated by the pending regulations and these would include service delivery functions on behalf of membership, strategic capacity building and other agreed functions. Pointing out the decision will have far reaching impacts upon our communities into the future as a decision taken to join a JO cannot be reversed without NSW Legislation.

Confirming that Dubbo Regional Council will continue to participate in the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) and hoping that this group continues to provide the regional collaboration and support of its member councils in advising the interest of the region and encouraging closer co-ordination between various levels of government.

Encouraging the continuation of the OROC group so that those councils who have decided to not participate in a JO have a body to support joint interest projects, regional co-ordination and the respect of operational autonomy of each of our LGAs.

**Recommendation**

**That Council note the information from Dubbo Regional Council and also that Councillors will be dealing with their own report later in the meeting.**



**10.6 COONAMBLE RODEO ASSOCIATION S5(51159)**

Thanking Council for its consideration of funding for rodeo seating at the showground and saying the Committee is still investigating the configuration of the arena to best suit competitors and spectators. Seeking further information about the funding and asking if there is another project that could be considered for the showground.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – A response has been forwarded to the Association, saying if the Committee is of the opinion it is not ready for this specific project to proceed, another one has already been identified).

**Recommendation:**

**That Council inform the Coonamble Rodeo Association that if it is of the opinion it is not ready for the grandstands and concrete slab at the showground, the application for funding be diverted to the Coonamble Visitor Information Centre project as resolved at the February 2018 meeting.**

**10.7 COONAMBLE EASTER COMMITTEE H5(51189)**

Requesting that Council staff assist the Committee in erecting figures depicting the Crucifixion and the Resurrection over the Easter period.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council has assisted this Committee over past years with hanging the figures over the main street – this assistance has been free of charge. However, it may be inappropriate in this day and age to continue with this practice).

**Recommendation**

**That the Coonamble Easter Committee be informed that Council believes this practice should no longer be continued.**

**Section B: Matters for Information Only:****10.8 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY RADIO L3+D7(51175)**

Thanking Council for its \$7,000 contribution to the radio station and saying that without that support the facility would struggle financially.

**10.9 GULARGAMBONE CENTRAL SCHOOL C8(51194)**

Expressing the School's absolute support for the *Pave the Way to Gular* initiative and thanking Council for its support of the event. Saying there are many benefits for students in being involved and it is wonderful for them to have exposure to high calibre artists to assist them in their visual art curriculum area. Pointing out that the students will gain ownership and pride in the community by being directly involved. Stating the students will be presenting personal pieces of art to display in the exhibition and will participate in the three days organised with the artists and will support the initiative in any other way possible. Saying that by supporting the *Pave the Way to Gular* initiative Council is also supporting the students of Gulargambone Central School.

**10.10 NSW ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES R8-5(51201)**

Advising that the 2017/18 REPAIR Program allocations have been approved and the following projects have been selected for funding:

- MR129 Rehabilitate and widen road. 27.415 – 28.415km from Coonamble (HW18) towards Baradine. Widen road to 8.5m and seal to 8.0m. In-situ stabilise 200mm sub-base and apply 100mm road base overlay with 14mm and 7mm scatter.  
*Council Priority No 1*      \$212,500
- RR7515 Rehabilitate and widen road. 19.62 – 21.12km from Coonamble (HW18) towards Warren. Widen to 8.5m pavement width & 8.0m seal width. In-situ stabilise 200mm sub-base with 100mm DGB20 road base overlay & 14mm primer seal & 7mm scatter.  
*Council Priority No 2*      \$144,000.

Saying that under the REPAIR Program Council is required to complete the approved works within the 2017/18 financial year.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – I wish to bring to Council's attention the inadequate time frame to properly complete these works, this will require rescheduling of other rostered works).

<b>10.11</b>	<b>WATERFIND AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>W1</b>
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Advising that the purchase of water 100ML documentation is still in progress with the Water Authority. Saying it is expected the review and approval will be completed within 12 days as at 28 February 2018 – anticipated completion end of April 2018.

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager  
7 March 2018

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED  
UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program  
L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent.*

**Background:**

Council was instructed in the Promoting Better Practice Review to report all development applications approved under Delegated Authority to each monthly meeting.

**Issues:**

The list covering period since last Council Meeting is as follows:

DA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
9/18	RB Richardson	Maged Hanna	Change of use Bank building to Chemist	5 Bourbah Street, Gulargambone (Lot 9 DP4536)	20/2/2018
4/18	Dominic Spora	W Redington	Change of use sawmill to wool storage	5045 Castlereagh H'way Gulargambone (Lot 12 DP523049)	21/2/2018
7/18	Weilwan LAL CI	Owner	Colorbond shed on existing slab	32 Yoolundry Street Gulargambone (Lot 6 DP58480)	22/2/2018
10/18	Coonamble Shire Council	Mrs Annie Haling	Install bullock wagon sculpture	Council park – Coonamble Street Gulargambone	22/2/2018
8/18	CL Goldsmith	NSW RFS (Terry Lyons)	Shed	Pilliga Road, Gilgooma (Lot 56 DP754271)	22/2/2018

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
Nil					

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Promoting Better Practice Review - Department of Local Government.

**Financial Considerations:** NIL

**Options:** NIL

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note Development Application Nos 004/2018 and 007/2018 to 10/2018 inclusive, have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting of Council.**

<b>11.2 INTEGRATED PLANNING &amp; REPORTING PROCESS</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:  
L1.4.5. Governance is open and transparent***

**Background:**

A time table is required to ensure the orderly progress of the 2018/2019 Operational Plan process. The requirements of the Integrated Planning and Reporting are applicable to this year's management plan.

**Issues:**

It is suggested that the following time table be adopted:

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Function</i></b>
09 May 2018	Draft Budget & Operational Plan to be considered on 09 May 2018 and placed on public exhibition.
Tuesday 15 May 2018 at 7.00 p.m.	Public meeting for Council to present its Operational Plan to the Community.
6 June 2018	Submissions from the public close.
Wednesday 13 June 2018	Budget & Operational Plan adopted (at normal monthly Council meeting).

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Council is required to place its Operational Plan for the coming year on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days and must consider any submissions made by the public.

**Financial Considerations:** Variable

**Options:** N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information pertaining to the time table for the 2018/19 Budget and Operational Plan process.**

<b>11.3 JOINT ORGANISATIONS – UPDATE</b>
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**Background:**

Council, at the December 2017 meeting, resolved "... that until all legislation and regulations are gazetted, Council make no commitment to any Joint Organisation proposal".

**Issues:**

On Friday 16 February, the Office of Local Government (OLG) released Circular 18-02 – Consultation on Regulation and Extension to Nomination Deadline.

The deadline for councils to resolve to form a J.O. has been extended from 28 February to 23 March 2018.

Councillors have been provided, by email, with a copy of the Joint Organisation Regulation Consultation Guide, which contains a feedback pro forma to allow councils to make a submission – online – by 16 March 2018. The Local Government (General) Amendment (Regional Joint Organisations) Regulation 2018 was attached and is included in Council's business paper – **APPENDIX A**. Should Council wish to make any submission it will be necessary to have it done at this meeting.

Council has been provided with all information supplied from the OLG throughout the *Fit for the Future* process and subsequent J.O. debate. At the time of writing this report there are a range of positions held by OROC Councils regarding the J.O. and the future of OROC as an organisation.

The Mayor has instigated discussion with the Western Councils as to the possibility of forming a joint organisation based on the western half of the OROC Region.

**Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:**

The OLG and NSW Government have amended legislation and regulation to allow for this type of organisation to exist.

**Financial Considerations:**

The financial contribution towards a joint organisation is unknown – previously this Council considered the cost to be in excess of \$100,000 and, depending upon other functions that may be undertaken by a J.O., this amount could be much greater. There is also no mechanism to exit a J.O. should Council decide on this path at a later date.

**Options:**

- i) Allow Council resolution to remain and re-consider J.O. membership when further information is available.
- ii) Not join a Joint Organisation.
- iii) Resolve to join a Joint Organisation.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information available to date regarding the proposed Joint Organisation Model – OLG Circular Number 18-02.**

<b>11.4 LOWER MACQUARIE WATER USERS ALLIANCE (LMWUA)</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
13.1.3. Ensure water assets are well maintained***

**Background:**

Council has been a member of the LMWUA since December 2013 when it resolved to accept the invitation of the group to take up membership.

**Issues:**

When Council joined the LMWUA the focus was to bring Council's water and sewer activity to 'best practice' – this included policies, guidelines and management of water and sewer assets. Since that time the Alliance has morphed into a different organisation that appears to have taken upon itself to delve into all asset classes and management practices of councils. I believe it appropriate that the LMWUA contain itself to the purpose of water and sewer issues and not be involved in the broader issues of asset management where each council may have its own way of adding issues and levels of service particular to the unique situation of each area. Council needs to be wary it does not get caught up in a pack by other organisations to go down a path that it cannot resource.

Concerns were raised at the recent GMAC meeting regarding the operations of the LMWUA, particularly on the objectives, scope and governance protocols of the Alliance. To this end, a review of the operation has been recommended by the General Managers' Group to the OROC Board. Council would be prudent to support the review.

Also, a concern has been raised regarding the place of the Alliance should a joint organisation be formed – possibly something that can be addressed if and when a J.O. is established. How will this function be undertaken in the proposed structure, what will Council have to commit to the organisation on a functional basis?

**Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:**

Local Government Act 1993

**Financial Considerations:**

The requested budget from Council to the Alliance for the 2018/19 financial year is \$80,965. While this is small in comparison to the \$550,000 contribution from Dubbo Regional Council and \$238,000 from Mid Western Council, it is still a significant amount for Coonamble Shire.

**Options:**

N/A



**Recommendation:**

**That Council support the review of the operations of the LMWUA and consider the budget contribution after the review has been completed.**

**11.5 MANAGEMENT PLANS – 2018/2019**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:***

***14.1 Ensure long term management and protection of our community assets.***

**Background:**

Each year as Council prepares its Operational Plan and Budget for the next financial year, Councillors are presented with asset management plans that provide information regarding the maintenance and upgrade of Council assets.

**Issues:**

The plans presented to Council, on an annual basis, are:

1. Sewer Asset Management Plan
2. Water Asset Management Plan
3. Roads Management Plan
4. Quarry Management Plan
5. Fleet Management Plan
6. Aerodrome Management Plan
7. Building Maintenance Plan
8. Recreational Facilities Plan
9. Showground Management Plan.

The information provided in these documents gives Councillors valuable insight into the ability of Council to maintain assets and of the financial capacity to renew or increase assets within the community.

These plans do form part of our annual planning framework and, as such, will be adopted in June as part of the management planning – at present they are **drafts** for Council information.

**Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:**

These documents form part of the base for Council's Operational Plan and Budget as required through the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework.

**Financial Considerations:** N/A

**Options:** N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the draft management plans provided for the 2018/2019 operational plan and budget.**

<b>11.6 GRANT FUNDING STATUS</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:***  
***13.4 Maintain all public facilities to ensure safety and promote use.***

**Background:**

Council has several projects underway at present and an opportunity to bid for grant funds for several others over the next four months.

**Issues:**

***i) Drought Communities Program:***

The following projects are waiting for DCP approval:

- Gulargambone hall project
- Coonamble aerodrome and Golf Club
- Fencing at the waste depot
- Fencing at Gulargambone bores and cemetery

***ii) Public Reserves Management Fund Program:***

*a) Works at Warrena Creek Weir* - An application has been submitted to bring power to the weir and do some clean-up work around the area, establishing a picnic area towards the water around the weir.

*b) Showground Fencing* – an application has been submitted to improve the fencing along the front of the pavilion and also along the eastern side of the arena allowing for increased visibility for participants of horse events.

It is suggested that a contribution of \$30,000 be split across these two projects funded from the current capital budget of \$30,000 for toilet upgrade at the showground as the upgrade works may be undertaken from grant funds identified later in this report – subject to Council approval.

***iii) Stronger Communities Fund:***

The NSW Government recently advised Council of the allocations for round two of the Stronger Country Communities Fund - Coonamble Shire Council has been allocated \$1,600,263. The applications open 12 March 2018 and close Friday 4 May 2018.

The Government has announced important changes to the eligibility criteria for this round.

1. The minimum grant amount has been lowered from \$100,000 to \$50,000.

2. Councils are required to submit sport-related projects that total at least 50% of their total Round Two allocation. This reflects the additional \$100 million for local sporting infrastructure.
3. For any sports projects requiring over \$1 million in SCCF funding, councils need to provide a letter of support from the relevant NSW state sporting organisation.
4. Councils can choose to provide either one quote (from a tradesperson or qualified contractor) or one estimate from a quantity surveyor or suitably qualified person for each key project activity. A detailed budget will still be required.
5. The scope of eligible projects has been expanded to include street beautification and place making. Projects such as town signage, murals and statues are now eligible.
6. Infrastructure related to community service delivery can be submitted where:
  - a) council is willing to submit the application; and
  - b) the project is shown to be a priority for the community.
7. If a project is brought forward to a council by a community group but council don't agree to submit it, an independent review process can be requested by the community group to ensure councils have given the project appropriate consideration.

Possible Projects:

As with most grant applications, a co-contribution is highly regarded during the assessment stage of the funding round. The guidelines state that projects over \$1,000,000 require a minimum 25% financial co-contribution. Should Council wish to maximise projects it would be prudent to make a co-contribution at this rate across the projects, based on priority.

The projects listed below total \$2.1m of which it is proposed to make a co-contribution of \$505,000.

The co-contribution is identified as:

• Development fund	\$250,000	(V.I.C.)
• Clean up river	\$ 20,000	(Budget)
• Administration salary	\$ 60,000	(Budget)
• Engineer's salary	\$ 60,000	(Budget)
• EDO salary	\$ 20,000	(Budget)
• Tourism salary	\$ 20,000	(Budget)
• Pool reserve	\$ 50,000	(Reserve)
• Pool reserve	\$ 15,000	(Reserve)
• Pool reserve	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	(Reserve)
	<b><u>\$505,000</u></b>	

The V.I.C. has been included as a project under this funding round – a contribution of \$1 for \$1 is not required and allows Council greater gearing. The other sources of funding are identified as savings from the current budget.

Project	Cost	Grant	Contribution
<b>Splash pad – Gulargambone</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
Toilet block – main street	400,000	280,000	120,000
V.I.C.	450,000	330,000	120,000
Refurbish toilets – Shire	250,000	180,000	70,000
<b>Skate bowl – west</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Irrigation extension – oval</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Shade structures – playgrounds</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Playground gym equipment – Lions Park Gulargambone</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>135,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Pool blanket &amp; change rooms Coonamble</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Basketball Court – Youth Centre – Gulargambone</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
Totals	\$2,100,000	\$1,595,000	\$505,000

Council is eligible for an allocation of \$1,600,000 subject to eligibility guidelines. It is important that Council maximise opportunity and identify project proposals for this funding round. Projects must be provided as soon as possible to engage with the community and develop budgets, quotes and documentation by 4 May 2018.

The projects identified in bold should meet the requirements of the sport component of the allocation i.e. 50% - for a grant request of sporting-related projects of \$805,000 (50.3%).

It is also stressed that these projects have been submitted to Council for review and / or approval. The figures supplied, at this stage, are 'ballpark' and will be subject to detailed costing before submission. Any project identified as being well outside the parameters of the estimate will be reported at the April meeting.

**Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:** N/A

**Financial Considerations:**

Council projects identified to date total \$2,100,000, grant funds \$1,595,000 and co-contributions of \$505,000.

**Options:** N/A

**Recommendation:**

a) That Council develop and submit the following projects to the Stronger Communities Fund on the basis identified:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
Splash pad – Gular	250,000	200,000	50,000
Toilet block – main street	400,000	280,000	120,000
V.I.C.	450,000	330,000	120,000
Refurbish toilets – Shire	250,000	180,000	70,000
Skate bowl – west	150,000	120,000	30,000
Irrigation extension – oval	100,000	80,000	20,000
Shade structures – playgrounds	100,000	80,000	20,000
Playground gym equipment (Lions Park, Gular)	150,000	135,000	15,000
Pool blanket/change rooms (Coonamble)	200,000	150,000	50,000
Basketball court (Youth Centre Gulargambone)	50,000	40,000	10,000
	<b><u>\$2,100,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,595,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$505,000</u></b>

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager  
7 March 2018

## **12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES** **COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018**

### **12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS UPDATE**

#### **Background:**

In line with Council's 2017/2018 Operational Plan, this report presents a summary of community services progress and activities for the period January 2018 to February 2018.

#### **Issues:**

### **1. LIBRARY SERVICES**

#### **1.1 Library Refurbishment**

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program -  
12.2.2 Provide high quality library services that are responsive to  
community need*

The upgrade of floorcoverings at the Coonamble Library was completed in February. These works were fully funded through a State Library grant received in 2017.

To minimise the inconvenience to residents the work was carried out from Friday through to Tuesday, with the closure advertised via social media, print media and in-house. The installation of vinyl flooring adjoining the kitchen area has now provided an increase in wet area space that can be used during holiday activities and during inclement weather.



*New floorcoverings give the library a modern look*

#### **1.2 Indigenous Literacy Foundation**

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program -  
12.2.2 Provide high quality library services that are responsive to  
community need*

In 2017, the Librarian registered Coonamble Shire Library with the Indigenous Literacy Foundation - Book Supply which gifts culturally relevant books to organisations that work in, or service remote communities. Council received the 2018 book packs in February which has supplied the library with over 100 books totalling approximately \$2000. These books will be added to the library collections including the Indigenous and picture book collections.

### 1.3 Waste2Art

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme - P4.1.1 Support Activities that Promote Cultural Awareness and Diversity in Ability and Age***

The Library has been working in collaboration with Outback Arts to co-ordinate the 2018 Waste2Art Exhibition and Competition. The advertising campaign was recently launched and the exhibition will be housed in the newly renovated exhibition space of Outback Arts in Castlereagh Street Coonamble.

### 1.4 Harmony Day

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme - P4.1.1 Support Activities that Promote Cultural Awareness and Diversity in Ability and Age***

Planning for the 2018 Harmony Day event is well underway. The event will be held at the Coonamble Library on 21 March, 2018 from 3.30 - 4.30pm. The celebrations will aim to engage the children with food and conversation in relation to belonging, and diversity in the community around them.

### 1.5 Summer Reading Club

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme - P4.2.1 Provide Strategic Early Intervention Community Development Programmes for Children and Young People***

The Summer Reading Club has concluded with two of the three winners announced and prizes collected. The Secondary winner received a Lenovo tablet and the Primary winner received a book voucher from a bookstore, as well as a number of age appropriate books. Both winners were announced via Facebook.

### 1.6 Storytime

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme - P4.2.1 Provide Strategic Early Intervention Community Development Programmes for Children and Young People***

With the return to school, the very successful story-time visits have commenced for 2018 with the Librarian visiting both local preschools on a rotating roster.

### 1.7 Movie Night

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme - P4.2.1 Provide Strategic Early Intervention Community Development Programmes for Children and Young People***

Big Screen movie nights are back in operation for 2018 with a first night attendance of approximately 12 young people. The activity is proving popular, with the next session planned for 2 March 2018. Light snacks and refreshments are served to movie-goers following the screening.

### 1.8 Library Statistics (January 2018 – February 2018)

Service	Issues	New M/ships	Wi-Fi	Internet	Children's Computers	Junior Visits	Adult Visits
Coonamble	860	4	1	228 (240.52)	93	363	325
Gulgambone	58	1					



**Manual Statistics** - Coonamble (numbers refer to people attending)

Library Visits	Reference Enquiries	Technology Enquiries	Local History	VIC Enquiries
688	8	56	10	8

**Activity Statistics** - Coonamble (numbers refer to people attending)

Senior Craft	Pre-School Visits	Housebound	Study/Tutor	Movie Night
25	14	9	12	11

**Usage Statistics** - External meetings

Breakthru	Interact
2	11

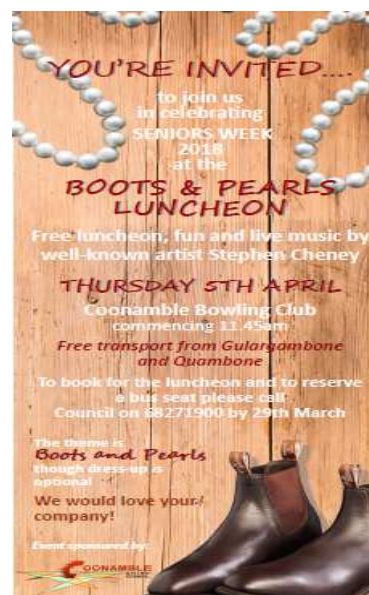
**1.9 Seniors Week 2018**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme -***

***4.1.1 Support activities that promote cultural awareness and diversity in ability and age***

On Thursday 5 April, Council will host a free Seniors Week luncheon at the Coonamble Bowling Club commencing at 11.45am with live entertainment and free transport from Gulargambone and Quambone.

Marketing of the event has commenced, with rsvps closing on 29 March. Council's Community Services staff will co-ordinate the event. An invitation is included with each Councillor's business paper.

**2. YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES****2.1 Tenant Support and Education Project**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program - P1.3.1 Support activities/projects that increase community participation and connection***

On Wednesday 7 March 2018, Council will participate in the 'Tenant Support & Education Project' Family Fun Day in Gulargambone. Origin Energy and the Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW will be working in partnership with other service providers to provide information in relation to utility accounts, rebate information and energy saving tips.

Council will be participating in the fun day by hosting a free tie dye workshop, where families can create their own styled shirts or pillowcases. Similar tie dying workshops during the school holiday program attracts a significant crowd with the youth wearing their products.

## **2.2 After School Programs**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program - P4.2.1 Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children and young people***

The After School Programs have commenced for 2018 with the Coonamble program operating 5 days per week, Gulargambone 3 days and Quambone 2 days.

## **2.3 Donation to Gulargambone Youth Centre**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – P1.3.3 Provide Community Development Workers to facilitate community building. P 4.1.3 Facilitate and support appropriate child and youth activities***

The Gulargambone Youth Centre has seen an increase in attendance following the very generous donation of a new pool table, sporting equipment, floor rugs, cushions, books and craft supplies from well-known couple Alan and Deidre Walker. Students from Gulargambone School and Council Community Services staff hosted a morning tea at the centre on Friday 9 February to thank the Walkers for their ongoing support of the Youth Centre.



*Gulargambone Youth Centre users and Community Development Worker Leah Hammond show off their new equipment with Alan and Deidre Walker*

## **2.4 Youth Week 2018**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – P4.2.1 Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children and young people and P 4.1.3 Facilitate and support appropriate child and youth activities***

National Youth Week will be held from 13 - 22 April, 2018 and planning at a local level is well underway.

Council's Youth Officer is currently surveying young people across the Shire to gain a better understanding of what activities and programs the local youth would like offered during the week of celebrations. Council will work in collaboration with other services and agencies to deliver a comprehensive program.

### 3. TOURISM

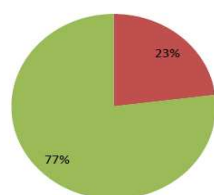
#### 3.1 Coonamble Visitor Information Centre Facebook page February statistics

## ENGAGEMENT

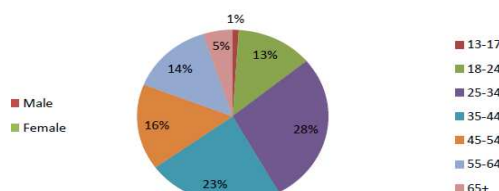


Our Facebook Posts reached **497** people in February 2018

Gender breakdown - posts reached



Age group breakdown - post reach



#### 3.2 Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period (February 2017)

Visitor Numbers	Visitor Type	Visitor Home State	Enquiry Type	Enquiry Details*
20	Retiree	5 NSW	11 Local	8 Directions
	Family	3 VIC	0 Regional	4 Attractions
	Worker	5 SA	0 Interstate	1 Toilets
	Backpacker	1 QLD	2 Overseas	1 Accommodation
		0 WA	0	0 Eateries
		1 Overseas	1	3 Souvenirs
				0 Family History

\*Some visitors had more than 1 enquiry

#### 3.3 Great Western Plains and Dubbo Visitor Guide

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – EC1.1.7/EC1.2.7 Participate in Inland Tourism and Great Inland Way initiatives**

To continue growing the visitor economy, Council has participated in the new edition of the Great Western Plains and Dubbo Visitor Guide which was released in late February. The Great Western Plains initiative was established several years ago and provides Council with a cost effective medium to showcase Coonamble Shire to potential visitors. The buy-in also includes web presence.

#### 3.4 Warrumbungle Pre-Aspiring UNESCO Geo Park Committee

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – EC1.1.6/EC1.2. Develop new visitor markets**

In November 2017 the Committee resolved to investigate funding opportunities for the development of a comprehensive Economic Study, and to liaise with other government agencies.

A Geo Park Steering Committee teleconference took place on 13 February 2018 and a planning meeting will now be held in Gilgandra on Tuesday 10 April. A further report will be provided to Council following the meeting.

### **3.5 Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program –***

***P4.4.2 Assist Coonamble Shire events with marketing and promotion***

Council is currently supporting the Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft Committee with updates to their sponsorship prospectus, website and marketing activities.

### **3.6 Under the Bridge Museum Update**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program –***

***EC1.1.5 Develop visitor markets in line with Regional Tourism Organisations***

Museum attendance for the month February - 35

An important relic connected to Coonamble's early commerce has been donated to the Under the Bridge Museum by the Smith Family. It is believed that this 1900s Perram and Firth Sulky originally belonged to Will and Jane Smith of "Old Woodside" (Carinda Road).

Perram and Firth commenced their Coach Building operations in 1901 and were well known along the Castlereagh for their quality gigs, sulkies, buggies and coaches.

Council thanks the Smith family for their generosity in allowing this piece of local history to be housed at the museum.



*Perram and Firth Sulky*

## **4. GRANTS AND EVENTS**

### **4.1 Broome Park Playground Sun Protection**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program –***

***12.1.3 Support development of diverse cultural and recreational opportunities for children and young people***

During the reporting period a shade sail has been constructed over the play area in Broome Park, Coonamble. A traditional style hip structure was installed which will create excellent sun protection. These structures are designed for Councils to minimise maintenance. The cloth is almost impervious to deliberate mechanical damage such as sticks and screwdrivers being forced through, and does not stretch or sag. It is an 'install-and-forget' shade not requiring any re-tensioning after installation. The project was undertaken using external grant funding.



*New shade shelter - Broome Park, Coonamble*

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Local Government Act 1993

**Financial Considerations:**

N/A

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information contained in the Community Services Progress Report.**

**12.2 ANNUAL BUY LOCAL STRATEGY****Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program:*****EC2.1.2 Support business initiatives that develop economic growth*****Background:**

At the October 2017 meeting, Council received a presentation from Coonamble Chamber of Commerce seeking support for the 2017 Buy Local Campaign with the following outcome:

*2774 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council contribute \$8,000 towards the 2017 Buy Local Campaign and Council develop an on-going program in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce to encourage local purchasing throughout the year.*

This report has been prepared to provide Council with an update on progress relating to the development of an on-going Buy Local program.

**Issues:**

In February, the Director of Community Services (DCS) accepted an invitation to attend a Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Coonamble Bowling Club. During the meeting it was decided that representatives of the Chamber would meet with the DCS on Monday February 26 to discuss various marketing initiatives to deliver a year round campaign.

The meeting on 26 March, 2018, was attended by Mr Rodney Vallett, Mr Tim O'Neill, Mrs Lee O'Connor, Mr Mark Vaughan and the DCS.

Discussion was held in relation to the activities already undertaken by the Chamber and how these could be developed into an action based Buy Local Strategy.

The current marketing activities undertaken by the Chamber attract strong "buy-in" from the local business community and contribute significantly to the local economy.

At the time of the meeting, the 2017 Buy Local campaign figures were yet to be finalised, however the 2016 figures show the success of the promotion with:

- 75 local businesses participating in the campaign
- 7,058 envelopes worth a minimum of \$150 each entered
- An estimated local spend of \$1.11m during the promotion
- \$14,000 in 'Chamber Cash' won or purchased

To assist in growing the Buy Local initiative the DCS provided the following suggestions that could assist in rolling-out a year round program:

- Confirm Buy Local branding
- Survey residents in relation to shopping habits and behaviours
- Develop a Buy-Local Strategy and Marketing Plan that includes the Business Awards, Shopping Bag Giveaway, promotion of Coonamble Cash, the street markets and other Streets Ahead projects, and Welcome to Coonamble Dinner
- Develop a Buy Local jingle and create a series of Buy Local marketing collateral (print and electronic media etc)
- Expand website and social media presence
- Deliver “skills-gap” training opportunities

The development of a Coonamble Buy Local Strategy and Marketing Plan will encourage partnerships between Council, the Business Chamber, Streets Ahead and other organisations to work collaboratively and provide the foundation to grow the local economy.

The Chamber will host the 2018 Business Awards in September, which publicly recognise the achievements and commitment of the local businesses and their employees. In past years Council has been a major sponsor of the awards.

With the planning of the awards commencing shortly it is timely that Council to give consideration to supporting the initiatives that will be contained within the proposed Buy Local Strategy and Marketing Plan.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Local Government Act 1993

**Financial Considerations:**

Inclusion of \$25,000 in the 2018-19 budget estimates

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council endorse the inclusion of \$25,000 in the 2018-2019 budget estimates to assist in delivering actions within the proposed Buy Local Strategy and Marketing Plan.**

<b>12.3 GULARGAMBONE COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE CO-OP LTD - PAVE THE WAY TO GULAR ARTS FESTIVAL</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program***

***P4.4.1 Assist Coonamble Shire events with marketing and promotion.***

***P4.4.2 Provide opportunities for access to arts related activities.***

**Background:**

As Council will recall, the Gulargambone Community Enterprise Co-Op Ltd are planning to host the Pave the Way to Gular Arts Festival from 5 - 8 April 2018 and are seeking approval to utilise various Council owned buildings and footpaths as canvases.

The event is being promoted on the Regional Arts NSW website as follows:

*Gulargambone is about to get the wildest of makeovers...artists from all over the country and overseas are about to head west and transform Gular using its walls and pavements as canvases! This massive exciting debut public art event will take place over four days: 5 – 8th April, 2018 and is the first of its kind in Far Western NSW.*

*As well as the impressive line-up of artists, the festival will also host a variety of hands-on and educational events over the four days including workshops, paint by numbers, visual art exhibition and more!*

The event has been successful in attracting a \$20,000 grant under the Destination NSW Incubator Fund.

**Issues:**

Planning for the Pave the Way to Gular Arts Festival is well underway with event organisers currently negotiating final contracts with the artists and property owners.

To progress the artwork approval process, the General Manager and Director of Community Services met with Mrs Dent and Mrs Hailing last week to discuss the concept designs submitted to Council.

The final designs for the artwork on Council owned buildings and footpaths will be presented at the March Council meeting for Council's consideration.

In line with Council's Public Art Policy the Co-Op is continuing its community consultation in relation to the proposed designs.

With only 4 weeks until the commencement of the event, the ramping up of marketing and the interest being generated on Facebook, Mrs Dent and Mrs Haling are anticipating a crowd of approximately 4,000 over the festival weekend.



**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**  
Local Government Act 1993

**Financial Considerations:**  
Council resolved at the February 2018 meeting to contribute \$25,000 towards the artist fees for Council owned buildings.

**Options:**  
N/A

**Recommendation:**  
**For Council's consideration.**

**ROBYN RYAN**  
Director of Community Services  
2 March 2018

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018**

**13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

Total Combined Rate Collections 28/02/2018 compared to 28/02/2017:

	<b>28/02/2018</b>	<b>28/02/2017</b>
Arrears 30 <sup>th</sup> June previous year	566,819.63	533,958.78
Plus 2017/2018 Combined Levy	6,380,197.03	6,199,382.65
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS LEVY</b>	<b>6,947,016.66</b>	<b>6,733,341.43</b>
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(59,779.47)	(67,024.08)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(48,910.48)	(54,837.89)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR</b>	<b>6,838,326.71</b>	<b>6,611,479.46</b>
Less Collections	(4,746,146.04)	(4,471,938.44)
Plus Refunds	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>2,092,180.67</b>	<b>2,139,541.02</b>
Plus Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>2,092,180.67</b>	<b>2,139,541.02</b>
Collection % of Total Receivable	69.41%	67.64%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	30.59%	32.36%

**Recommendation:**  
**Submitted for Council's information.**



**Recommendation:**

**That the list of investments as at 28 February 2018 be noted and it also be noted that Council's Investments comply with s625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.**

**DRAFT REVENUE POLICY 2018/2019*****Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:  
L1.4.11 Maintain long term financial viability*****Background:**

Each year Council reviews its revenue policy for the ensuing year. This process takes place in conjunction with the budgeting process.

**Issues:**

Council proposes to continue to levy ordinary rates using a structure comprising a minimum amount to which an ad valorem component is added. The full annual rate pegging increase 2.3%, as advised to Council, has been applied for the purpose of these calculations.

In summary, changes to the revenue policy are as follows:

- Domestic Waste Management charges have not been increased.
- As per Council resolution, additional services for Residential Domestic Waste will continue to be charged at a reduced rate of \$140.00 per service.
- Commercial Waste Management charges have also not been increased.
- Sewerage Access charges have been increased 2.3% for both Coonamble and Gulargambone.
- Water Access charges throughout the Shire have been increased by 9% on the Base Access Fee. This increase is in line with the assumption contained in Council's Long Term Financial Plan.
- Water Usage charges have been increased by 10% for both Coonamble and Quambone. The water usage charge for Gulargambone has been increased by 5%. These increases are due to the increased costs incurred in providing the service. The increase is also in line with the assumption contained in Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

A copy of the 2018/2019 Draft Revenue Policy is attached for Council's information.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Local Government Act 1993 – s496; s501, S502 and s506.

**Financial Considerations:**

Nil

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to place the Revenue Policy for 2018/2019, as presented, on public exhibition, calling for submissions for the prescribed 28 days, prior to formally adopting them at the June 2018 meeting, along with any submissions received.**

## REVENUE POLICY & STATEMENT OF CHARGES TO APPLY TO RATEABLE & NON-RATEABLE PROPERTIES

Council proposes to continue to levy ordinary rates using a structure comprising a minimum amount to which an ad valorem component is added. As per the provisions contained in the Local Government Act, Council is required to rate based on the land valuations provided by the NSW Land and Property information (LPI). Throughout the year Council is advised of changes to these valuations, should these changes effect the rateability of the land Council will amended the rates levied on a pro rata basis based on the information provided by the LPI.

It is proposed that the total amount collected for ordinary rates each year will take account of any approved increases advised by the Minister.

The level of charges to apply to domestic waste management are determined in accordance with the Reasonable Cost Guidelines issued by the Department of Local Government and are subject to independent audit by Council's auditors. It is proposed that this approach will continue for future years.

The attached table shows the proposed rates and charges for the 2018/2019 financial year

### 2018/2019 Rating Levels (2.3% Increase)

Rate Code	Ordinary Category	2017/18		2018/19		Estimated Yield (\$)
		Min.\$	Cents in \$	Min.\$	Cents in \$	
1	Ordinary - Coonamble	440	1.24	450	1.50	497,733
2	Ordinary – Gulargambone	430	1.24	450	1.26	81,900
3	Ordinary – Village	430	1.24	440	1.26	52,800
5	Farmland	350	0.376	360	0.381	3,701,272
7	Small Rural Holdings	465	0.701	475	0.80	124,802
10	Rural Residential	430	0.66	440	0.70	68,142
15	Business	490	2.16	500	2.30	183,695
	<b>Total Ordinary</b>					<b>4,710,344</b>

Increases In Minimums Ordinary						
	2017/18	2018/19	Changes (\$)	No of Assess on Min	Total Assess	% min
Ordinary	440	450	10	1063	1330	79%
Farmland	350	360	10	56	797	7%
Small Rural Holdings	465	475	10	21	91	23%
Rural Residential	430	440	10	66	122	54%
Business	490	500	10	94	210	45%
<b>Total</b>				<b>1300</b>	<b>2576</b>	

Based on Valuations Received to Feb 2018

## Statement of 2018/2019 Charges to be levied:

### Water & Sewer Pricing Structure:

#### (a) WATER SUPPLY:

Council has adopted a two part tariff with water, an access charge and a usage charge based on consumer usage of water. The water billing year operates on a financial year basis i.e. from 1 July to 30 June.

The State Government, in recent years, has required NSW water utilities to move to best practice pricing structures for the management of water supply and sewerage businesses.

Best practice water pricing involves a two part tariff, or inclining block tariff with NO water allowance, no land based charges and appropriate charges for non-residential customers.

Council has implemented best practice pricing, required by the Government, as a prerequisite to gain access to any future grant funding opportunities.

Essentially, for Council, the issues are:

- Selection of an appropriate pricing option; and
- Impact of the pricing policy on customers and consumption behaviour.

In determining its pricing structure and its pay for use model, Council considered the following circumstances:

- Distribution of costs equitably among consumers and the elimination of cross subsidies.
- Efficient water use by consumers.
- Environmental protection and sustainability of natural resources
- Compliance with Government regulation.

Council has adopted an inclining block tariff for 2018/2019 as shown in the following table:

#### 2018/2019 Water Charges:

Town/Village	Access Charge (\$) 20mm	Usage Charge – 1 <sup>st</sup> Tier (c/kl)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier Pricing Limit (kl)	Usage Charge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier (c/kl)	Est.Yield (\$) Access
Coonamble	275	90	450	140	369,325
Gulargambone	359	95	450	140	87,955
Quambone	356	100	430	160	22,428

The Access Charges as above are for 20mm services, the charges below allow for the size of the water meters as required by best practice pricing. The resulting charges are shown in the table below:

Item	Coonamble (\$)	Gulargambone (\$)	Quambone (\$)
Access charge (20mm meter)	275	359	356
Access charge (25mm meter)	432	564	559
Access charge (40mm meter)	1,100	1,436	1,424
Access charge (50mm meter)	1,719	2,244	2,225
Access charge (75mm meter)	3,867	5,048	5,005
Access charge (100mm meter)	6,875	8,975	8,900

#### (b) SEWER CHARGES:

Council has adopted a usage charge applicable to residential and commercial use – there is no land value based charge.



**Residential Sewer Charges**

Town/Village	Annual Domestic Charge (\$)	Estimated Yield (\$)
Coonamble Residential	523	507,833
Gulargambone Residential	716	123,152
Coonamble – Flats	438	38,544
Gulargambone – Flats	598	7,774

**Non-Residential Sewer Charges**

The sewer charge for non-residential customers is not less than that of residential customers – a minimum charge of \$523 for Coonamble and \$716 for Gulargambone. Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. Further information is contained in Council's Water and Sewer Management Plan.

The treatment charge per kilolitre is 93 cents for Coonamble and 113 cents for Gulargambone.

**(c) DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGE – (PER SERVICE):**

Particulars	Rate Code	2017/2018 Charge \$	2018/2019 Charge \$	Difference \$	Estimated Yield \$	No of Services
Coonamble	71	280.00	280.00	0	379,680	1,227
Coonamble – additional Service	73	140.00	140.00	0	4,760	34
Gulargambone	74	365.00	365.00	0	80,300	200
Gulargambone – additional Service	76	140.00	140.00	0	1,120	8
Quambone	78	315.00	315.00	0	14,805	47
Quambone – additional Service	81	140.00	140.00	0	280	2
Coonamble/Vacant Land	72	48.00	48.00	0	3,984	83
Gulargambone/ Vacant Land	75	48.00	48.00	0	1,248	26
Quambone/Vacant Land	80	48.00	48.00	0	1,632	34
<b>Total Garbage</b>					<b>487,809</b>	<b>1,661</b>

*The above charges are for a single weekly per annum service.*

**(d) COMMERCIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGE – (PER SERVICE):**

Coonamble	\$280 service
Gulargambone	\$365 service
Quambone	\$315 service

**(e) MAXIMUM RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON OVERDUE RATES & CHARGES:**

7.5% (pending Minister's Order)

**13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS****Urban Services:**

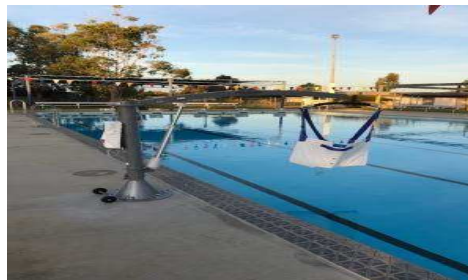
- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of the approaches to Coonamble and the CBD garden beds
- A dripper system has been installed at the Coonamble Sportsground to water the perimeter trees.
- The shade sail at Broome Park has been installed with other planned works at the park to be completed by the end of March, 2018.

**Vandalism Update:**

- Vandalism costs incurred by Council for the 2017/2018 financial year are \$8,986.76.
- Minor acts of vandalism in the Coonamble CBD and Smith Park

**Pools:**

- The disability access hoist has been installed at Gulargambone Pool
- 2017/2018 Pool Season finishes on Thursday 29/03/2018.

**Buildings:**

- Ongoing minor maintenance continues as planned.

**Recommendation:**

**That the information in this section of the report be noted.**

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Director of Corporate and Urban Services  
5 March 2018

**14. REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018****14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS****(a) Plant/Workshop:**

- Plant repairs completed on “as required” basis.
- Routine servicing completed on “as required” basis.
- Sale of surplus items – 17 items were auctioned on line including the McCloskey mobile screen and returned \$65,588 to Council’s plant fund.

**(b) Airport:**

- Routine maintenance completed.
- New self-serve fuel bowser installed

**(c) Depot:**

- Routine maintenance to depots and buildings as required.
- Preparation work for compounds underway.

**(d) Water Treatment Plant & Reticulation:**

- Repairs have been completed to water mains, meters and services as required in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.
- Gulargambone new water supply bore completed at the sportsgrounds - auxiliary works complete.
- Reservoir roof repairs (Coonamble & Gular) to be carried out.
- Coonamble WTP desludging of the second lagoon complete.
- Begin implementing Water AMPs
- Hydrant Audit continuing.
- Reid & Wilga Streets water main replacement commenced.

**(e) Sewerage:**

- Coonamble & Gular STP – routine maintenance.
- Routine maintenance and clearing of blockages have been undertaken at Coonamble and Gulargambone.
- Coonamble Floyd St and Yarran St and Gulargambone Munnell St sewer cleaning and videoing completed
- Begin implementing Sewer AMP’s

**(f) Quarry:**

- Repairs to processing plant complete.
- Housekeeping on going
- Accreditation audit complete

**(g) Roads Report:****i) State Highway:**

Item	Task	Comments
1	Routine Maintenance	Ongoing
2	Highway Slashing	Ongoing
3	Spraying	Ongoing
4	Jabiru culverts	Commenced
5	Jabiru Rehab	Scheduled for March 2018
6	Reseals	Complete

**ii) Urban, Local and Regional Roads:**

Item	Task	Comments
1	Pilliga Rd Shoulder work	Complete
2	Baradine Rd reconstruction	Scheduled
3	Munnell St, Gular rehab	Complete
4	Quambone Rd culvert replacement	Commenced
5	Road Survey (ARRB)	Complete waiting report
6	Gadsens Lane rail crossing	Complete

**Macquarie & Bimble Streets (Reseal)****Munnell & Armatree Streets (Rehab)****Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information in this section of the report.**

<b>14.2 COONAMBLE LEVEE EASEMENTS</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:  
11.2 Minimise the effects of flooding on our infrastructure***

**Background:**

As part of the Coonamble levee upgrade the creation of easements will be required along the length of the levee.

**Issues:**

Staff are currently working on the section of levee situated on Crown land and, as such, need formal Council resolutions to proceed with the acquisitions of Easements over Crown land by the Compulsory Process.

The acquisition will affect the following lots:

Deposited Plan 1236573 affecting	Lot 7020 DP 1061274, Lot 1 DP 547529, Lot 229 DP 754227
Deposited Plan 1238428 affecting	Lot 1 DP Section 7 DP 758282 Lot 701 DP 1054308

Attached are 2 maps showing these lots.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991  
Local Government Act 1993

**Financial Considerations:**

N/A

**Options:**

1. Acquire the easements required for the levee up grade
2. Do nothing

**Recommendation:**

- 1) That Council proceed to acquire easements by compulsory process under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 by authority contained in the Local Government Act 1993 for the purposes of Coonamble Flood Levees affecting the following lots:  
Lot 7020 DP 1061274  
Lot 1 DP 547529  
Lot 229 DP 754227  
Lot 1 DP Section 7 DP 758282  
Lot 701 DP 1054308
- 2) That minerals are to be excluded from this acquisition.
- 3) That these acquisitions are not for the purpose of resale.
- 4) That the necessary applications be made to the Minister for Local Government and the Governor.
- 5) That authority be given to affix the Common Seal to all documents relative to these acquisitions.

**KAYLENE ATKINS**

A/Director of Engineering Services

5 March 2018

**15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018**

**15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2018**

*Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:  
P2.2.5 Control straying animals*

<b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b>	<b><u>February 2018</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date 2017/2018 Total</u></b>
Official Correspondence	34	252
Infringements (Animals)	4	59
Infringements (Other)	0	0
Change of Details	1	25
Microchipped dogs	21	102
Registrations	8	67
Nuisance dog declaration	0	2
Dangerous dog declaration	0	2
Menace dog declaration	0	0
<b><u>IMPOUNDED ANIMALS</u></b>		
Dogs	14	145
Cats	18	77
Stock	22	22
Other	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>245</b>
<b><u>BREAKDOWN</u></b>		
Dogs Euthanased	5	46
Dogs surrendered by owner	6	76
Dogs re-housed	9	84
Dogs released	1	8
Cats Euthanased	18	63
Cats re-housed	0	3
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone dogs impounded	3	14
Quambone dogs impounded	0	0

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council note the information for the month of February 2018.**

**MATTHEW COCK**

Manager – Environmental Services  
2 March 2018

**16. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

Nil this month.



**17. SALEYARDS REPORT**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

**17.1 SALES**

**CATTLE:**

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)
	NO SALES WERE HELD						

<b>TOTALS:</b>	Agents Levy	1 head	\$ 64.80
	Casual Weigh	247 head	\$1,010.46
			<b>\$1,075.26</b>

**17.2 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT 01/07/2017 – 28/02/2018**

<b>Sale yards Operations:</b>	Income	\$ 1,075.26
	Expenditure	\$ 26,185.80
	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 25,110.54</b>
<b>Truck wash:</b>	Income	\$ 12,119.76
	Expenditure	\$ 4,107.72
	<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 8,012.04</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Income	\$ 13,195.02
	Expenditure	\$ 30,293.52
	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 17,098.50</b>
<b>Sale yard Reserves:</b>	Balance 01/07/17	\$330,575.47
	Operational result to date	\$ 17,098.50
	<b>Reserve Balance at 28/02/2018</b>	<b>\$347,673.97</b>

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Director of Corporate & Urban Services  
 2 March 2018

**18. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

**NIL**

**19. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**