

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH
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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 Corporate & Urban Services, Mr Quarmby, the Director of Community Services, Ms Ryan, the A/Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Atkins and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

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

2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There was no person present at public question time.

3.0 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No deputations are booked to attend the meeting.

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

i) Ordinary Meeting – 14 March 2018

2997 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 March 2018 be confirmed, subject to the following amendment:

Item 11 Grant Funding Status (Page 9/6146)

ADD

“Part b) that should community organisations wish to submit applications, the completed applications must be to Council by c.o.b. on 6 April for Council to consider at the April Meeting.”

ii) Extraordinary Meeting – 27 March 2018

2998 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 27 March 2018 be confirmed.

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7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

i) Ordinary Meeting – 14 March 2018

- **War Memorial Hall, Gulargambone** – Cr Churchill asked whether the Hall was the evacuation point, pointing out that there are no toilets facilities for disabled persons. The General Manager said the emergency evacuation point in Gulargambone is the sportsground.
- **Main Street – Proposed Toilets** – In response to Cr Karanouh's question, the General Manager said Council's solicitor is preparing transfer documents for the purchase of the main street building – the conveyancing is in progress.

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mr Mark Vaughan who was an observer at the meeting. Mr Vaughan is one of the candidates running for election at the By-Election on 5 May 2018.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

2999 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Karanouh that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

i) Community Safety Plan Funding Opportunities – Cr Churchill asked whether any indication has been given regarding the outcome of Council's application for funding – the Director of Community Services said not at this stage.

i) Formal Handover of Bullock Wagon Installation

3000 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Karanouh that Council note a report by the General Manager is included in the agenda later in the day.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

3001 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that his Mayor's Activity Report be received and dealt with.

The Mayor gave a very brief overview of his activities throughout the month. He commented that he attended the Seniors Luncheon *Boots and Pearls Theme* at the Bowling Club on 5 April – Cr Webb congratulated the Director of Community Services and her staff for the great organisation which resulted in such a hugely successful and enjoyable event.

3002 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that his activities report be noted.

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10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

3003 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council’s Consideration:

10.1 GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN PROTECTION GROUP D7(51238)

3004 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council inform the Great Artesian Basin Protection Group it is unable to accede to the request to waive or discount the fee for hire of the showground pavilion, noting the 2018/18 charge for a not-for-profit organisation is \$115.

10.2 COONAMBLE RODEO ASSOCIATION D7(51251)

3005 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council, in considering the financial accounts provided by the Coonamble Rodeo Association, considers the Association to be in a sufficiently sound financial position to meet this expense and noting toilet facilities at the showground have been substantially upgraded over the last few years.

10.3 COONAMBLE GREYHOUND RACING CLUB INC D7(51296)

3006 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Karanouh that Council again sponsor a race at the Coonamble Greyhound Racing Carnival in October 2018 and commit \$1,000 to the Club from the Donations Vote.

10.4 LEN SCOTT, ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE A8

Requesting Council to consider building a set of toilets at the Rest Stop located on the Castlereagh Highway just north of the Coonamble Golf Club. Saying the Club will contribute towards the cost of the facility.

In discussing this matter Council noted the number of public conveniences there are within the town area and for which it responsible for cleaning. Another point raised was that Council is trying to attract travellers to stop in the town – a toilet on the outskirts would not support that endeavour, however Council’s biggest concern is the additional ongoing maintenance of such a facility.

3007 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the information.

10.5 CAMPBELLTOWN ARTS CENTRE D7(51304)

3008 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Karanouh that Council agree to sponsor the “Sculpture Award” in conjunction with the Fisher’s Ghost Festival in Campbelltown and commit \$2,500 from the Donations Vote.

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10.6 COONAMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL D7(51320)

3009 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council advise Coonamble Public School that it does not agree to provide free use of the Showground or set up equipment free of charge for the school to conduct its Sky Story Night on 10 May 2018.

10.7 MERVYN CANHAM & DOUG WHITE P1(51319)

3010 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Walker that Council inform Messrs Canham and White that the horse trough will be returned to the Castlereagh Street roundabout upon completion of the garden.

Section B – Matters for Information Only

10.8 NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSION E2(51105)

Acknowledging receipt of Council's letter advising that it resolved to engage the NSW Electoral Commission to administer the forthcoming By-Election and noting that Mr Steve Robb has been in contact with Council in relation to election arrangements, which will be conducted on Saturday 5 May 2018.

10.9 CASTLEREAGH RUGBY LEAGUE D7(51104)

Thanking Council for its financial support of \$300 for the first Castlereagh Women's Rugby League – saying this will greatly help with costs. Saying Council's sponsorship will be recognised on all home game programs and social media releases, as well as announcements throughout the games.

10.10 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L10(51240)

Inviting Council to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra from 17 to 20 June.

10.11 KAREN FLAKELAR C8(51242)

Saying she represents a growing number of women who would benefit from the opening of a Women's Shed in Coonamble. Asking Council for a letter of support to accompany their grant application.

Council noted that a letter of support was provided as requested.

10.12 COONAMBLE & DISTRICT RSL CLUB LTD P1(51203)

Advising there have been three separate incidents recently with children throwing rocks/clods at the RSL bus while it was being driven – all incidents have been reported to the local Police.

3011 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council write to Essential Energy requesting that the light be replaced on the new transformer pole which has recently been installed.

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10.13 PRESIDENT, COONAMBLE AG FIELD DAY S5(51195)

Referring to the Showground User Group Representatives meeting in November 2017 and saying it was suggested that users would like the small fence to the north of the pavilion removed as it causes an inconvenience to the running of the field day. Urging Council to consider this matter and have the fence removed.

The General Manager said this matter was discussed by Council last year and it was agreed the fence provides a delineation from the maintained area around the pavilion to the less maintained area of the showground. The fence acts as a barrier to vehicular traffic using the lawn area, ensuring weddings and other functions have a manicured, well maintained area for photos.

3012 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.8 to 10.13 inclusive be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

3013 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

3014 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council note no Development Applications or Complying Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 HANDOVER – BULLOCK WAGON, GULARGAMBONE

3015 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council resolve to accept the bullock wagon art sculpture subject to Council's Public Arts Policy, as determined from time to time, and no other conditions attached to the acceptance.

3016 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that Council seek grant funding opportunities to provide a suitable cover over the bullock wagon installation, appropriate to the theme, together with suitable seating at the location.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

11.3 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND – PROJECTS

The General Manager informed the meeting that a project has been put forward by the Coonamble Children's Services for improvements to infrastructure at the Centre, totalling \$116,000 of which the Services will contribute \$12,000.

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3017 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that:

a) Council submit the following projects in order of priority to the Stronger Country Communities Fund:

Priority	Project	Project Cost	Grant Funds	Council Cont	Community Cont
1	Splash Pad – Gular	250,000	200,000	50,000	
2	Irrigation – Coonamble Oval	100,000	80,000	20,000	
3	Pool Blanket/Change Rooms Coonamble	200,000	150,000	50,000	
4	Basketball Court – Gular	50,000	40,000	10,000	
5	Playground/Gym Equipment – Lions Park, Gulargambone	150,000	135,000	15,000	
6	Skatebowl – Coonamble	150,000	120,000	30,000	
7	Playground Shade – Shire	100,000	80,000	20,000	
8	Toilet Block – Main Street	400,000	280,000	120,000	
9	Visitor Information Centre	450,000	330,000	120,000	
10	Coonamble Children’s Service Project	116,000	104,000	-	12,000
11	Refurbish Toilets – Shire	100,000	80,000	20,000	
	Totals (\$)	2,066,000	1,599,000	455,000	12,000

and

b) Council provide the Member for Barwon, Mr Kevin Humphries, with a brief of each project and seek a letter of support for the proposed projects and that a letter of support be provided to Coonamble Children’s Services by Council.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

3018 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Wheelhouse that the report by the Community Services Director be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS UPDATE

3019 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Churchill that the information contained in this item be noted.

12.2 SAFE COONAMBLE PROJECT

The Director provided a copy of *Safe Coonamble: Final Report* to Council.

3020 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Walker that Council note the information and that a copy of the report will be forwarded to both the Local and Federal State Members for their information.

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13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

3021 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the report by the Director of Corporate and Urban Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

3022 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 March 2018 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

3023 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Churchill that the list of investments as 31 March 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 RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

3024 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council now formally adopt the Records Management Policy which was placed on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 days, noting that no submissions were received.

13.4 COONAMBLE SES FACILITY UPDATE

3025 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Fisher that the information in the report be noted and that the SES is committing \$150,000 to the project.

13.5 CROWN LAND REFORM

The Director reported on the proposal by the NSW State Government to commence legislation in 2018 introducing significant changes under the new *Crown Land Management Act 2016* to the way Council manages Crown lands under its control.

This Council is currently Reserve Trust Manager for 21 Crown Land Reserves within the Shire.

3026 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that this information be noted.

13.6 WRITING OFF WATER USER CHARGES – ASSESSMENT NO 2723

3027 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that due to the circumstances of this case, Council resolve to write off the amount of \$528.08 from Assessment No 2723, leaving a balance which corresponds with usage for the same quarters over the past two years.

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13.7 WORKS IN PROGRESS

3028 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Walker that Council note the information in this item of the Director's report.

14.0 REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

3029 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Churchill that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

3030 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that Council note the A/Director's report on works in progress.

i) Provision of Product – Inland Rail Construction

Cr Karanouh suggested that staff investigate the possibility of providing quarry product to the contractors for the construction of the inland rail.

ii) Quabathoo Road – Alleged Problem with Rock

In response to a request from Cr Fisher, the General Manager said staff would inspect the product used on this road which some users allege is cutting tyres. He said this would be arranged and samples of rock examined to clarify the issue.

14.2 COONAMBLE AIRPORT

3031 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the work requested on behalf of the Coonamble Aero Club for its open day was carried out in accordance with the directions of the Club's representative.

15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

3032 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – MARCH 2018

3033 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the Ranger's report for the month of March 2018 be noted.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

3034 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Wheelhouse that Council note there are no reports and/or minutes from organisations for the month of March 2018.

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – MARCH 2018

3035 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the saleyards report for March 2018 be dealt with.

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17.2 Saleyards Account

3036 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Saleyards Account to 31 March 2018 showing a reserve balance deficit of \$351,254.74, be noted.

18.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

19.0 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

i) Back Combara Road

Cr Wheelhouse said that AgriGrain had not bitumen sealed its portion of Back Combara Road, subject of Council's DA approval. The General Manager said the Manager of Environmental Services has contacted AgriGrain advising that should the work not be well underway at the end of May 2018, Council will make arrangements to have it completed.'

ii) Streets – Coonamble and Gulargambone

Cr Wheelhouse asked the A/Director of Engineering Services about works being carried out on the streets in Coonamble and Gulargambone – the A/Director said that Gulargambone streets are completed, however those in Coonamble have not had work done because of the need to complete flood damage and Roads to Recovery works. She said those funds had to be expended within a timeframe and some of the street works may have to be carried over.

iii) Crown Lands – Bore

Cr Churchill referred to the new Crown Lands Management Act and asked whether it would impact on Council's intention to sink a bore at the racecourse – the General Manager said he is still waiting on advice from Crown Lands. However, Mr. Warren referred to the purchase of water and said that Council is in the process of settling with one purchaser and the other 100mgs will shortly be transferred into Council's name. He said that when water is available Council will be in a better position to pursue this matter.

iv) Sportsground

Cr Karanouh asked the Director of Corporate and Urban Services if the smashed glass at the sportsground has been cleaned up – the Director said he instructed staff to carry out the work and that in future he wanted the area cleaned twice/week.

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v) Seniors Week Luncheon

Cr Fisher referred to the very successful Seniors Week Luncheon held at the Bowling Club recently and conveyed his congratulations to the Director of Community Services and her staff for such a wonderful event.

vi) Caravan Park Redevelopment

Cr Fisher asked the Director of Community Services what progress had been made with this project – the Director said that quotes for the various components have been received and tender documents are being prepared.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 10.14 a.m.

These minutes Pages (1/6152 to 10/6161) were confirmed on the **9th** day of **MAY 2018** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **11th April 2018**.

MAYOR