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PRESENT: Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Karen Churchill, Robert Thomas, 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 and Urban Services, Mr Quarmby, the 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.

2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr James Nalder, on behalf of Yesterday's Heroes Ball Committee, will be addressing Council at 9.30 a.m.

3.0 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No deputations are booked to attend the meeting.

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

At this juncture, 9.06 a.m., Cr Wheelhouse arrived at the meeting.

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3990 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 11 July 2018 be confirmed.

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

i) Joint Organisation

Cr Karanouh asked whether Council has heard whether or not its application to join the Far West (North) Joint Organisation. The Mayor said there has been no official response to date, although he has had some feedback that Mr Kevin Humphries will support the move.

The Mayor said the Chair of the Far West (North) JO is Cobar Mayor, Lillian Brady OAM.

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ii) Coal Seam Gas Health Forum

Cr Fisher raised this matter – Council noted that the forum will be held in Narrabri on Wednesday 15 August. Arrangements will be made for this Council to be represented by either four or five Councillors. The Mayor and General Manager will discuss transport arrangements later and advise those Councillors who intend to attend.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

3991 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Churchill that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

i) Emergency Services Building Reserve

This matter was raised – the General Manager said following Council's July meeting he advised both Service organisations that Council had decided to renovate the current SES building. Mr Warren said he has been speaking to an officer from the SES and informed him of Council's decision, saying that the SES has not, formally, committed to its promised \$150,000.

ii) Sportsground Irrigation

Cr Wheelhouse referred to issues being experienced at the sportsground with an inadequate watering system. The Director of Corporate and Urban Services said the problem has been rectified and referred to a grant application which has been submitted under the Stronger Country Communities Program to redo the whole area. It is expected an announcement will be made in September.

3992 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Thomas that it be recorded that Council is not satisfied with the level of service provided at the sportsground.

iii) Footpath Replacement – Request for Works

Councillors noted that quotes are still being sought for this work – therefore a report could not be submitted to today's meeting.

3993 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council's workforce carry out repairs to the footpath in various sections along Tooloon Street, from the corner of Namoi Street (in front of the new medical centre) to the corner of Castlereagh Street (the former youth centre).

AN AMENDMENT

PROPOSED by Cr Churchill **SECONDED** by Cr Walker that the above work be extended along Tooloon Street (corner of RSL Club) to include the second medical centre operated by the Aboriginal Health Service.

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

3994 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the above information be noted.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

3995 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that his Mayor's Activity Report be received and dealt with.

Cr Webb detailed his activities for the last month on behalf of Council. They included:

- Tour of Narrabri gas project site
- Planning Focus Meeting regarding the process that will be undertaken in regard to the inland rail project section between Narromine and Narrabri.
- 20 Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW held in Bathurst. Noting a big announcement was that Parkes has been identified as a Special Activation Precinct and Inland Port.
- Flood Plain Management Committee discussing flood studies and the effect of flooding on the western side of Coonamble township, Gulargambone and Quambone.

Local Emergency Management Committee

Cr Webb said he attended a meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee on Tuesday 7 August 2018. He reported that John Holland still has the line from Dubbo to Coonamble and shortly there will be three trains per week travelling the line.

3995 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Thomas that Council make written representations to ARTC advising of the dangers perceived at both crossings (Gulargambone and Combara) and request the installation of more visible warning signs at appropriate locations approaching the crossings.

Gas Site Tour – Queensland

In response to a question, the General Manager said he has been requested by the Mayor to make arrangements regarding a tour of areas in Queensland which reportedly have been devastated by mining. The General Manager said he would make appropriate arrangements and Councillors will be given sufficient notice of the intended trip. Mr Warren said travel arrangements would be dependent on numbers participating.

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3996 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that his activities report be noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

3997 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Karanouh that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 COONAMBLE & DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION D7(52104)

3998 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Karanouh that Council advise the Coonamble and District Education Foundation that it will provide \$9,000 consisting of three years' contributions, towards its 2019 fundraising event, but will not waive the hire fee for use of the showground pavilion.

JAMES NALDER - DROUGHT RELIEF BALL GOLD CUP WEEKEND - OCTOBER 2018

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mr James Nalder to the meeting and invited him to address Council. Mr Nalder thanked Council for the opportunity to put his proposal forward and spoke of a concerted effort by many individuals and organisations to get another annual event happening in Coonamble. He said it is hoped the proposed event will coincide with this year's Gold Cup Races in the form of a Drought Relief Ball and, if successful, can become part of the Gold Cup weekend.

Council was advised that a sponsorship package is being prepared and the organizing group has a couple of big names on board!! Mr Nalder said that people will come from the city to experience life in the country, albeit brief! During the weekend it is hoped to have farm tours – that way city people will see first-hand country living in this terrible drought. There are talks of having a "tent city" at the showground to house the expected visitors.

The Mayor asked Mr Nalder to keep Council informed of progress and Council will assist in any way it can. At this juncture, 9.52 a.m., Mr Nalder left the meeting.

Section B – Matters for Information Only:

10.2 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE A5(52026)

Noting Council's recent decision to seek inclusion in the Far West (North) Joint Organisation. Saying it understands that this JO has been offered assistance from the NSW Government to reinstate passenger air services. Fully supporting any efforts by Council to ensure that Coonamble is included in this initiative.

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10.3 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE R2 (52024)

Referring to the Inland Rail project and the need for more communication and information. Asking that Council direct some resources to actively working with local businesses and stakeholders to identify and secure opportunities that may be available to the district's residents from both the construction of the Inland Rail and the future access to new rail freight corridors that it will provide.

The General Manager advised the meeting that a response has been provided to the Chamber of Commerce regarding issues raised.

10.4 DEPUTY MAYOR, WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL E5(52014)

Forwarding letter informing Council that it has requested the Premier conduct an Inquiry into the construction and maintenance of the Western Slopes Pipeline.

A copy of the letter from Warren Shire Council was forwarded electronically to Councillors and a hard copy handed out at the meeting.

10.5 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY F5-4(52040)

Advising the public exhibition of the draft Floodplain Management Plan for the Macquarie Valley Floodplain 2018 (Macquarie Valley FMP). Inviting comment on the draft document during the exhibition period from 16 July 2018 to 13 September 2018. Saying to read the Macquarie Valley FMP draft, visit www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water

10.6 AUSINDUSTRY – BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND C2-1

Referring to Council's application to the Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure Projects Stream for the Riverside Caravan Park redevelopment project. Advising the application was not successful – stating that 557 applications were received for Round 2 of the program.

10.7 CSC EMPLOYEES' SOCIAL COMMITTEE S6-10(

Making application for permission to hold the annual picnic holiday on Friday 21 September 2018. Saying that when final arrangements regarding venue, activities etc are finalised, Councillors will be advised and may attend if they so wish.

The General Manager stated that, as this is an operational matter, approval has been granted for the annual picnic holiday to take place on Friday 21 September 2018 under the same terms and conditions as previous years.

10.8 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Referring to the "good news story" featured in the Coonamble Times on 25 July regarding the July school holidays and NAIDOC activities. Saying that through the Coonamble Together Partnership Group (TPG), services worked extensively

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to develop an engaging and varied suite of activities for Coonamble youth during the July school holiday period and NAIDOC week celebrations. Pointing out the youth and community were the "big winners" – saying this combined NAIDOC / holiday program reported a significant increase in the level of community engagement.

The meeting noted that the letter was from the Project Officer with the Department in Dubbo, who extended congratulations to the team for their monumental collective efforts. The General Manager said Council's involvement was overseen by its Director of Community Services.

3999 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.2 to 10.8 inclusive be noted.

Cr Churchill mentioned the success of Youth Week and congratulated the Director of Community Services for her efforts. Ms Ryan said it was a team effort and she commended all the organisations who worked together to put a wonderful variety of activities together over the July school holiday period.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

4000 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

4001 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council note Development Application No 022/2018 was approved under delegated authority since the July meeting.

11.2 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS - DETERMINATION OF CLAIM

4002 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council note advice from the Minister for Lands and Forestry that ownership of Lot 7301 DP1163315, being land on the edge of Quambone Village, has been granted to the NSW Aboriginal Lands Council under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

11.3 LAND OPTIONS - COONAMBLE CLAY TARGET CLUB

4003 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Thomas :

- that Council note the north-western corner of "The Meglo" fronting Quambone Road may be suitable for the activity of the Coonamble Clay Target Club – a map showing the area was handed out at the meeting;
- ii) that it is the responsibility of the Club to determine the suitability of land to comply with legislative requirements for its activity;

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iii) That should the Club indicate it wishes to pursue the location, Council negotiate with the current lessee in regard to use of the land.

The General Manager said a couple of other sites were inspected, however proved to be unsuitable due to issues with contaminated land at the old tip location and the possibility of flooding at the site at the far corner of the Common. Cr Thomas said the Clay Target Club is also looking into a Crown land site adjacent to the Pistol Club.

11.4 INLAND RAIL MEETING - NARROMINE

4004 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Walker that Council:

- note the proposed inland rail line will not be coming to Coonamble, but in the general direction from Curban to Mt Tenandra to Baradine as it traverses Coonamble Local Government Area;
- b) note the project will be State Significant Infrastructure (SSI);
- c) at the appropriate time Council promote benefits and opportunities available to the project from the Coonamble LGA;
- d) note the process to be used to determine the final rail corridor on the Narromine to Narrabri section of the inland rail project.

11.5 SHOWGROUND - ADDITIONAL ABOLUTION FACILITIES

The General Manager informed Council that a meeting of representatives of the Showground user groups was held on 31 July 2018 – minutes of which appear in a later section of the business paper. Mr. Warren said this matter was discussed at the meeting.

4005 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council purchase two ablution blocks at a quoted price of \$86,620 delivered to Coonamble, to be funded from the 2017/18 operational result through identified savings and that installation costs of the units be also funded from the same source.

11.6 NOTICE OF MOTION - STORAGE OF SCOREBOARD AT SPORTSGROUND

Councillor Wheelhouse gave notice that he intends to move the following motion.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Wheelhouse **SECONDED** by Cr Churchill that expenditure of up to \$10,000 be allocated to enlarge the storage shed at the sportsground to allow for the electronic scoreboard to be housed **WAS WITHDRAWN**

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Following discussions regarding ownership of the scoreboard and its use by other organisations, it was agreed that a report providing details of costs and the exact nature of the extensions be brought back to Council for consideration.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

4006 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Thomas that the report by the Community Services Director be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS UPDATE

4007 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the information contained in this item be noted.

The Director reported briefly on several topics included in her report, namely:

- *i)* Walkabout Barber the Director said that if sufficient funds can be raised it is planned to have the Walkabout Barber in Coonamble for three days during the September school holidays. Ms Ryan said that Mr Dowd not only cuts hair, but is a qualified Trauma and Recovery Specialist who will engage with the community through workshops.
- *ii)* Coonamble Caravan Park Ms Ryan informed Council that a report will be presented to the October meeting regarding tenders for Stage 1 of the redevelopment noting that the tender process fort design and construction of a manager's residence / office and two x two bedroom family cabins will be managed by Regional Procurement.
- *iii)* Central West Lifestyle Magazine the Director informed the meeting that Council has been offered an opportunity to secure a 50 page promotional feature in the Summer 2019 edition of this magazine. It was noted that Council has been endeavouring to secure space in the magazine since the initial offer in 2016, however due to earlier commitments, the publishers were unable to carry the feature.
- **4008 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.Karanouh and Fisher that Council commit \$9,000 from the 2019/2020 Development Fund (in accordance with Resolution No 2163 of 10 August 2016) to participate in the Summer 2019 edition of the Central West Lifestyle Magazine.
- **4009 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council note information contained in the Community Services progress report.

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DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FUNDING

The General Manager referred to the \$1.5 million allocated to Council under the above program and provided a report on how the money has been and will be expended. Mr Warren detailed what works have been completed and the associated costs, those approved and in progress and others waiting for approval. He said that although Council has until 30 June 2019 to have projects approved, maybe Councillors would consider allocating the remaining \$30,000 to fencing of the Caravan Park to coincide with the Stage 1 of the redevelopment.

Investigations have been carried out regarding suitable fencing and quotations reveal that it will cost in the vicinity of \$36,000. The Director of Community Services said would provide Councillors with information and images of the proposal during morning tea adjournment.

4010 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that the balance of funds in the Drought Communities Program funding, being approximately \$30,000 be identified for the fencing at Coonamble Caravan Park and that an application to this effect be submitted.

At this juncture, 10.35 a.m. the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.30 a.m.

12.2 2017 – 2020 DELIVERY PROGRAM – BI-ANNUAL REVIEW – 30 JUNE 2018

The Director Community Services informed the meeting the purpose of the report is for Council to endorse and publish it to the community. Ms Ryan said the Local Government Act requires each LGA has a Community Strategic Plan containing visions and aspirations of the community and Council for at least a 10 year period.

The report provides action statements and progress indicators for the strategies contained in the 2017 – 2020 Delivery Program – the Director reported briefly on the highlights of the June 2018 reporting period.

- **4011 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council endorse the 2017 2020 Delivery Program Bi-annual Review as at 30 June 2018 as presented and publish the report to the community.
- 13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES
- **4012 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that the report by the Director of Corporate and Urban Services be received and dealt with.

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13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

4013 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 July 2018 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

4014 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that the list of investments as 31 July 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 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30/06/2018

The Director reported that Council is required to provide General Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules containing a statement in the approved form by Council as to its opinion on the reports.

4015 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill:

- that the necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the Statement by Council on the Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2018:
- ii) that Council's financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2018 be referred for audit.

13.4 STORES AND MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR & STORES AND MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE 2018

4016 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council authorise the writing in of stores and materials in the sum of \$3,195.52 and the writing off of stores and materials in the sum of \$2,669.95, as shown below, for period ending 30 June 2018:

Items in Excess:

Stores	Description	Qty	Amount
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No			
S00171	Earmuffs	2	38.26
S00182	Fire extinguisher	1	36.80
S00400	7mm precoated aggregate	43.48	2,212.48
S00401	10mm precoated aggregate	17.94	907.98
			\$3,195.52

Items Unaccounted For:

Stores No	Description	Qty	Amount
S00001	Abrasive disc	9	26.65
S00057	Boots	3	208.64
S00143	Diesel	1085	1,416.34
S00270	Fly spray -	4	28.10
	Aerogard/Bushmans/Mortein		
S00302	Grease tubes	31	222.03

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Stores	Description	Qty	Amount
No			
S00326	Handle shovel long	3	38.54
S00466	Paint spray cans	9	38.16
S00472	Petrol	432	557.25
SA00535	Safety glasses	1	13.08
S00635	Tape measure	1	10.63
S00702	Water cooler	1	21.40
S50025	Elbow maincock 1"	1	85.80
S50144	St Connector No2 1x3¾	1	3.33
			\$2,669.95

Summary: Items in Excess \$3,195.52

Items Unaccounted For \$2,669.95

Total S&M Written On \$ 525.57

13.5 WORKS IN PROGRESS

4017 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that Council note the information in this item of the Director's report.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

4018 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Fisher that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

4019 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

The Director reported briefly on the following matters:

- River bank stabilisation in conjunction with Stage 3 of the levee upgrade will commence next month.
- Risk Management Plans are being developed for the flood studies carried out on west Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.
- In response to a comment from Cr Fisher, concerning a huge hole in the highway adjacent to "Misery Farm" south of Gulargambone, the Director said that the onus is on the RMS, however a Surveillance Officer travelled the highway recently and should have noted the conditions. Ms Atkins said she would inspect the area.
- Work on town streets expected to commence next week staff was unavailable due to training this week – materials have been stockpiled.
- Following the rain maintenance grading is being carried out where possible – the Director said that this is an ongoing activity with water being an issue. She said that where there is a safety issue or the road is impassable remedial works are a priority.
- Urawilkie Road Cr Fisher referred to its bad condition the Director said inspections have been carried out and work identified.

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Cr Thomas referred to a request for railings to be installed on the Urawilkie Bridge – the Director said that Council's Manager Roads & Bridges has spoken with the complainant. Council noted that it is only a narrow bridge and installing rails would make it impassable to heavy machinery – i.e. headers – when they are unable to use the side track. A suggestion put forward was that with Drought Communities Funding Council widen the bridge.

Cr Wheelhouse referred to the Carinda Road and asked when works funded under the Fixing Country Roads program would commence – the Director advised works will be undertaken shortly. The Director said that the next round of funding under Fixing Country Roads will shortly be opening and sought guidance from Council whether or not to make a further application.

4020 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council make application for funding under the next round of Fixing Country Roads for rehabilitation of sections of the Carinda, Baradine and Pilliga Road, noting that the co-contribution can be offset by the Block Grant.

Cr Wheelhouse suggested Council undertake a roads inspection tour of the road network within the Shire.

15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

4021 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Churchill that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – JULY 2018

4022 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Churchill that the Ranger's report for the month of July 2018 be noted.

CCTV Camera – Coonamble Saleyards

It was suggested that Council investigate having a camera installed at the saleyards – the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said the cost would be approximately \$18,000 to install a camera on a pole.

15.2 STREET TRADING POLICY

4023 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council formally adopt the Footpath Trading Policy, with the inclusion that advertising structures, including A-Frames, flags, balloons and the like, on public roads, footpaths and road related areas may be permitted with consent and note the public exhibition closed on 20 July 2018, with no submissions being received.

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In answer to a question regarding footpath cleaning, the Manager said Council would expect business owners, particularly those serving food, be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the section of footpath in front of their premises. It was also mentioned that the bins located within the CBD precinct are for general waste, not trade waste.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

4024 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Churchill and Thomas that the following report from the meeting of representatives of Coonamble Showground user groups be received and dealt with.

16.1 Representatives of Showground User Groups Meeting – 31 July 2018:

i) Location of Proposed Stables

4025 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council adopt the recommendation from the meeting that the proposed stables for the northern end of the ground be situated along the river fence north of the river toilet block.

ii) Siting of additional ablution facilities

4026 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council adopt the recommendation from the meeting that the additional toilet / shower facilities be located at the southern end of the ground adjacent to the block at the greyhound track.

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – JULY 2018

4027 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the saleyards report for July 2018 is dealt with.

17.2 Saleyards Account

4028 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that the Saleyards Account to 30 July 2018 showing a reserve balance deficit of \$353,748.50 be noted.

In answer to a question from Cr Fisher regarding expenditure at the Saleyards, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said that Council is responsible for the payment of rates and insurance and these charges are paid in the first part of the new financial year.

18.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

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19.0 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Cr Wheelhouse:

- Dredging of weir Manager of Environmental Services advised that the EPA requires another EIS – prior to any work being undertaken – the cost will be \$55,000. Mr Cock also informed the meeting that the regulations around dredging are very stringent and would not increase the capacity of the weir.
- **4029 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Karanouh that Council Write to Mr Kevin Humphries, MP asking for his assistance and support of Council's endeavours to dredge the waterway of Warren Creek Weir.
 - New sign for Showground the Director of Community Services stated that a coordinated approach is planned for a tourism strategy and this will include signage throughout the area.

Cr Karanouh:

 Referred to previous discussions regarding a solid structure similar to other areas, relevant to our Shire, being built/erected on the approach to town. The General Manager said he was aware of discussions and would check Council records.

Cr Fisher:

 Rugby League Training Camp – said he was contacted by Artie Beetson on behalf of Rugby League regarding a training camp here in Coonamble on Thursday 6 September – Brad Fittler would also be attending – the event will be shown on the Footy Show. Wanting a suitable venue where they would have a barbeque and an evening event. The General Manager said he would follow up.

Cr Thomas:

 Rural Counsellor – referred to the need to have an officer based in Coonamble – requested that Council contact Mr Kevin Humphries, the local member, for assistance in having a counsellor based in Coonamble.

Cr Karanouh:

 Requested that Council also contact the Local Federal Member, Mark Coulton regarding a rural counsellor being based in Coonamble and ask if rent for office space will be subsidised.

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Cr Thomas:

 Referred to the need for more visible signage in the main street and additional signs directing caravans where parking is available. The Director of Community Services again referred to the Tourism Strategy which will include a signs audit. Ms Ryan reiterated that this must be a coordinated approach – not carried out in an ad hoc fashion.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 11.47 a.m.

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MAYOR