

5 September 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of an **ORDINARY MEETING** of **COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL** to be held in the **SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE** on **WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2018** commencing at 9.00 a.m.

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Yours faithfully
Rick Warren
General Manager

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10.00 a.m. Ms Fiona Ozols *Branch Official Orana Mid Western North*
Police Association of NSW
ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER
Inspector David Marr
or
Superintendent Peter McKenna

5. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST
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6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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6.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST 2018, COMMENCING AT 9.04 A.M.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 :

- i) 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;
- 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 :

- a) 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

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 for 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.

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.

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:

- i) 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 No	Description	Qty	Amount
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 - Aerogard/Bushmans/Mortein	4	28.10
S00302	Grease tubes	31	222.03
Stores No	Description	Qty	Amount
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.

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.

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 be 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

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 Warrena 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.

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.

These minutes Pages (1/6201 to 15/6215) were confirmed on the **12th** day of **SEPTEMBER 2018** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **8th August 2018**.

MAYOR

6.2 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON THURSDAY 30 AUGUST 2018 COMMENCING AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Karen Churchill, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse.
Also present were the General Manager, Mr Warren, the Director of Community Services, Ms Ryan and the Director of Corporate and Urban Services, Mr Quarmby.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4030 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Walker that leave of absence be approved for Crs Fisher and Thomas.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

Consideration of a request received on 27 August 2018 from Yesterday's Heroes Committee for Council assistance towards the Coonamble Raindance Drought Relief Ball.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the amount of sponsorship to be provided by Council for the event. Initially \$100,000 was mentioned, however the Committee provided an updated balance sheet which indicated that a lesser amount would suffice.

4031 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that Council approve a \$25,000 donation from the Development Fund to the Yesterday's Heroes Committee towards staging the Coonamble Raindance Drought Relief Ball.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 6.40 p.m.

These minutes (Page 1/6216) were confirmed on the **12th** day of **SEPTEMBER 2018** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **30th August 2018**.

MAYOR

<p><u>7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u> <u>COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2018</u></p>
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8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 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:

Application submitted 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:

Contact from SES regarding provision of grant funds. Negotiating clarification of conditions of funding.

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:

Application submitted 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 – awaiting outcome.

11.2 BULLOCK WAGON, GULARGAMBONE

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.

Status:
Submitted as part of Shade Structure Installation Project to Stronger Communities Fund.

14.2 McCULLOUGH STREET – INSTALLATION OF MEDIAN ISLANDS

3934 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Karanouh that the information on costings to construct median islands in McCullough Street, be noted and that work be carried out in stages, noting that this matter will be tabled again following the September budget review.

Status:
Report will be presented to the November meeting of Council for consideration.

11.3 RESOURCES FOR REGIONS – FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

3964 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council submit an application under the Resources for Regions Program 2018/19 for \$1,000,000 for reconstruction on the sealed section of the Tooraweenah Road, citing social disadvantage and making a co-contribution to the proposal of \$100,000 to be sourced from the Sealed Roads Reserve.

Status:
Application submitted – awaiting outcome.

8.2 Resolutions Completed**13.4 FOOTPATH REPLACEMENT – REQUEST FOR WORKS**

3976 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Thomas and Churchill that this matter be deferred until next meeting and that the scope of works be extended to include the footpath from the corner of Castlereagh Street adjacent to the former youth centre.

Status:

Work scheduled – to be undertaken by Council staff. COMPLETED.

11.5 SHOWGROUND – ADDITIONAL ABOLUTION FACILITIES

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.

Status:

The two ablution blocks have been delivered and installed at the Coonamble showground. COMPLETED.

11.5 RETURNS DISCLOSING PECUNIARY INTEREST

3966 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Karanouh that Councillors provide the completed Pecuniary Interest Declarations by the September 2018 meeting.

Status:

Completed returns to be provided at the September 2018 meeting. COMPLETED.

i) Funding for Maintenance Works at Saleyards

3944 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that a report be brought to Council regarding maintenance at the saleyards to a total cost of \$100,000 for Council to consider for submission to the Drought Communities Fund for approval.

Status:

See report by General Manager this meeting. COMPLETED

9. MAYORAL REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018

9.1 MAYORAL ACTIVITIES

i) Meeting re Inland Rail:

On 21 August I attended a meeting with representatives of the ARTC regarding information sessions being held around the district in respect of the Narromine to Narrabri section of the project.

This was a staff level meeting and I attended at the invitation of the General Manager. There was no additional information available to what is already known by the community.

ii) NSW Police Force – Medals and Awards Presentation Ceremony:

On Thursday 23 August I attended the Orana Mid Western Police District Presentation Ceremony at the Dubbo RSL Club. The function was hosted by Superintendent Peter McKenna, Commander, with Assistant Commissioner Geoff McKechnie APM as a Guest of Honour.

Presentations were made to recipients of the National Police Service Medal, the National Medal, National Medal Clasps, NSW Police Medal & Clasp, Long Service Awards, Warrants of Appointment, Region Commanders' Awards and Police District Commanders' Awards.

iii) Weetaliba Rural Fire Brigade Station Opening:

On 28 August 2018 I attended the opening of the Weetaliba Rural Fire Brigade Fire Station. The function was organised by the North West Zone Staff and Bogan District and attended by RFS personnel including Mr Paul Metcalfe. Afternoon tea was held after the official opening.

iv) Bush Fire Management Committee Meeting

Attended this meeting which was held on Monday 3 September. Discussions included the Service Level Standards between Councils and the RFS

v) OROC AGM & Board Meetings:

Coonamble hosted the OROC meetings which were held at the Bowling Club on Friday 7 September. A dinner was held at the Club on the Thursday evening for representatives who arrived the day before.

Recommendation:

That the Mayor's activity report since the August meeting be noted.

MICHAEL WEBB

Mayor

September 2018

10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2018

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 COONAMBLE LANDCARE COORDINATOR D7(52127)

Advising she is in the process of applying for funding to run a series of workshops called “Accidental Counsellor” – one of the workshops would be held in Coonamble. Seeking financial assistance of \$700 to cover cost of trainer travel/accommodation.

Recommendation

That Council advise the writer it declines to provide any financial assistance, noting that funding is provided by the State Government for these activities.

10.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10-1

Inviting Councillors and senior management to the Local Government NSW Orana Summit being held in Narromine on Thursday 27 September 2018, noting that the date of this summit has changed. Advising that members have continued to express a desire for engagement on a regional basis and the Board decided to explore the issue as part of the member research completed in 2017.

Saying LGNSW is now coordinating a series of 12 Council Summits in 2018 to be held in various centres across NSW. Pointing out these summits will provide members with the opportunity to raise matters important to them and their local communities and also give them the opportunity to discuss and share initiatives and experiences with neighbouring councils and their regions.

Recommendation

That Council nominate participants to attend the Local Government NSW Orana Summit in Narromine on 27 September 2018.

10.3 NSW PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT R2(52238)

Advising the Department (DP&E) recently held Planning Focus Meetings in both Narrabri and Narromine to inform the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) Narromine to Narrabri Inland Rail project. Saying that through the process ARTC has identified the requirement for a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) specifically for this section of the project. Saying the CCC is an established method for state significant projects to provide a forum for discussion between the proponent and community representatives, stakeholder groups and local council on project related issues.

Saying that due to the scale of the project, it is proposed to operate three separate CCCs throughout the alignment, based in each of Narromine, Gilgandra and Narrabri. Pointing out that, at this stage, it is proposed that the Gilgandra CCC consist of eight community representatives, plus two Council representatives from each of Gilgandra, Warrumbungle and Coonamble.

Asking Council to nominate two representatives to the CCC who can commit long term and that at least one of the nominees has technical experience in the areas of environment, planning and/or design. Saying the Department has appointed Mr Michael Silver to the role of Independent Chair of all three CCCs and he will contact Council shortly to discuss the process and structure of the CCC and to request advice on Council's representation.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Discussions with representatives of Inland Rail indicate they are looking at a new model for the Consultative Committee. Decisions have not been made yet regarding selection of members for the community nominations. It may be appropriate to nominate Cr Fisher and the Director of Engineering Services).

Recommendation:

That Council nominate, as its representatives to the Inland Rail Community Consultative Committee – Narromine to Narrabri, Cr Fisher and the Director of Engineering Services.

10.4

COONAMBLE ARTS ALIVE

D7(52268)

Stating the Coonamble Ceramics Collective began in 2011 and is a group of Coonamble Arts Alive. Saying it is involved in community excursions, workshops, local show exhibits and community festivals and markets. Pointing out the Talent Scouts Arts Studio is a community space primarily used for ceramics, however other community groups have access to the hall. Advising that recently the kiln broke down and will require \$4,500 to repair – saying so far no grant opportunity is available and asking Council to contribute \$1,500 towards the cost. Pointing out a “crowd funding page” has raised \$1,500 and Coonamble Arts Alive has funds of \$1,500. Asking Council to assist to ensure the community continue to reap the benefits of the facility.

Recommendation:

For Council's determination.

Section B – Matters for Information Only:

10.5	COONAMBLE LADY GOLFERS	L3(52132)
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Conveying thanks for Council's support of the Rose Bowl Tournament and Open Day held on 14 & 15 July. Advising the event was successful and all trophies and good required were purchased locally.

10.6	NSW TREASURY	R8-25(52133)
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Advising the Restart NSW Funding Deed has been executed and in accordance with clause 3.2 of the Deed, the nomination of Infrastructure NSW (INSW) as the Treasurer's representative under the Deed. Saying that the \$262,500 in Restart funding is designed to fund the upgrade of MR383 Pilliga Road floodway (Fixing Country Roads Program).

10.7	NSW DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY – LANDS & WATER DIVISION A2
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Confirming that Kookie Atkins has completed the approved training – *Introductory Native Title Training delivered by the NSW Crown Solicitor's Office, Dubbo – 21 November 2017* – and is qualified to act as a Native Title Manager for the purposes of Part 8 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* which commenced on 1 July 2018.

10.8	THE HON MARK COULTON MP	D9-1
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Media release advising local councils in the Parkes Electorate are to receive drought funding, having access to initial grants of up to \$19 million to all 18 local councils. Advising funding will address local needs and target communities most affected by drought. Saying the funding will allow local councils to choose projects that will have the biggest impact in their local government area. Pointing out councils will be invited to submit appropriate projects which address local conditions and needs. Saying also that the program will prioritise projects that use local businesses to the greatest degree possible.

Pointing out projects could include employing local contractors to undertake repairs and maintenance; upgrading or building new community facilities; holding events and undertaking drought-relief activities; or carting potable water into communities for drinking and bathing.

Saying that the additional funding for the Drought Communities Program will initially offer \$1 million in grants funding to 60 eligible drought affected councils to provide immediate and short-term support for their communities. Pointing out that through the Drought Communities Program the Coalition Government has funded 135 projects in 23 local government areas since 2015-16.

**10.9 GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN PROTECTION GROUP INC
G2-1(52208)**

In recognition of generous support and donations to protect the Great Artesian Basin, inviting Councillors and staff to *An Arvo on the Green* – Coonamble Golf Club on Saturday 22 September 2018 – 3.00 p.m.

**10.10 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST
CORRUPTION I2(52239)**

Advising it has recently released a corruption prevention publication addressing the risks associated with direct negotiations. Saying the report updates and replaces an earlier version of the Commission's guidance in this area. Saying that direct negotiations are not, by themselves, corrupt – however the closed nature of direct negotiations can create opportunities for dishonest and partial conduct. Pointing out the Commission has made numerous corrupt conduct findings associated with directly negotiated transactions. Advising a copy of the report is available on the Commission's website at www.icac.nsw.gov.au

**10.11 FIONA OZOLS, BRANCH OFFICIAL ORANA MID
WESTERN NORTH – POLICE ASSOCIATION OF NSW
P5+C8(52255)**

Requesting permission to address Council at its September meeting regarding police staffing and community concerns regarding law and order. Saying she would like to discuss possible opportunities where Council might be able to support the Branch and, in turn, the NSW Police Force. Pointing out potential collaboration between all parties will unite us as a community in an endeavour to attract more police to the area and increase the retention rates.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Ms Ozols and another representative of the NSW Police Force will attend the meeting at 10.00 a.m.)

10.12 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP – MEDIA RELEASE D9-2

Advising that farming communities facing pressure in the drought conditions will have access to 20 new "farm gate" counsellors and frontline mental health workers as part of a \$6.3 million commitment from the NSW Government. Announcing that more people in drought-affected areas will have access to additional mental health support thanks to an injection of funding by the State Government.

Pointing out that the funding will also provide vital education for existing frontline support staff and 10 local wellbeing events to be held in towns across the State, including Dubbo, Yeoval, Narromine, Nyngan, Bourke, Coonamble, Walgett, Coonabarabran, Mudgee and Gilgandra. Saying that the NSW

Liberals and Nationals Government's total commitment to drought is more than \$1 billion.

10.13	THE HON MARK COULTON MP	D9-1(52265)
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Responding to Council's letter regarding the need for a Rural Financial Counsellor and saying the Service assists around 4500 clients each year. Saying he has appealed to the Office of the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources in August to consider the need for a Counsellor in Coonamble. Pointing out that the Coalition Government recently announced a further \$5 million for the RFCS to meet increased demand and it is possible that this funding may cater for new positions in areas that need it most, however this information is still forthcoming. Saying when a response is received he will again contact Council.

10.14	COONAMBLE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE P5
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Advising it has written to The Hon Gladys Berejiklian, Premier of NSW, advising the dire straits Coonamble residents are in with law and order being completely out of control. Saying the Committee has pointed out that police have neither the staff nor the means to bring it under control. Saying in the letter that Coonamble has been stifled by lack of police and suggesting the only way to bring some sort of normality back is to immediately reclassify Coonamble Police Station to Special Remote status.

RICK WARREN

General Manager

5 September 2018

11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 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
23/18	Koonambil Aged Care Facility	Paynter Dixon Constructions	Commercial laundry	Lot 236 DP40042 Lot 216 DP754227 Lot 253 DP820715	01/08/2018

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 No 023/2018 was approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

**11.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE – 21 – 23
OCTOBER 2018****Background:**

Council resolved at the May 2018 meeting to allow three Councillors and the General Manager to attend the Local Government NSW annual conference at Albury from 21 to 23 October. No delegates were identified at that time.

Issues:

The program for the conference has been released (**attached**). Accommodation is booked at the Seaton Arms Motor Inn – I hope councillors will be satisfied with this booking, as it is only a short walk to the conference centre. Early bird registration closes on 17 September 2018 – this being \$100 less than the standard registration which is \$940.

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

Anticipated total cost around \$7,000 which includes travel, accommodation and four registrations.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council nominate three Council representatives to attend the NSW Local Government annual conference at Albury from 21 to 23 October 2018.

11.3 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES FUNDING – EXTENSION

Background:

Council will be aware that the drought communities funding has been extended with additional money being made available for eligible projects which can be completed by June 2019.

Issues:

Advice from the former Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government indicated the package had been increased and there was up to \$1 million available for eligible councils, which includes Coonamble Shire. No new guidelines have been provided and, while there is much discussion about what projects are eligible, the guidelines provided at this stage are the relevant authority.

The timeframe is tight for Council to avail itself of additional funds for infrastructure projects. It makes good sense to continue with projects identified previously by Council or projects that can be quickly developed, costed, approved and achievable by June 2019.

Given the short timeframe for completion of projects, the following are proposed for Council's consideration as they complement the economic development and enhancement of infrastructure inroads already made by Council.

(1) Wire horse & coach sculpture at proposed Visitor Information Centre

Council has, for some time, discussed the idea of utilizing the stage coach at the museum together with sculptured wire netting horses as a feature at the new centre. Discussions with the artist have been fruitful and it is believed that, at this point in time, the sculpture and a suitable shelter in Smith Park can be constructed for around \$200,000 – this will also include some interactive interpretation.

(2) Caravan Park

Council has commenced the project with its own money and has been invited to submit an application for further funding under the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund, however the certainty of obtaining funds and the timing of release are very uncertain, necessitating that Council has some contingent options. Proposal includes demolition of the old amenities block, camp kitchen, two ensuite units and parking slabs, as well as the front driveway construction – approximate expenditure (ballpark) \$200,000

(3) Town Entry Signs

Another idea mentioned by Council recently. The opportunity is available to develop a significant statement on the highway approaches to Coonamble township – incorporate this into the electronic signage in Smith Park for tourism and other events in the Shire for an anticipated cost of \$200,000

(4) Rural Counsellor – Assistance

At present the guidelines do not allow the use of these funds for this purpose. Discussion with the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development indicates there may be opportunity when the new guidelines are developed, however it is a 'wait and see' situation. No clear guidance has been determined. At the time of writing, Council is waiting for information from the Rural Financial Counselling Service, Rural Aid, who has a presence in Dubbo and is expanding the service.

On Monday 3 September Kevin Humphries MP, Member for Barwon, announced a new \$6.3 million commitment from the NSW government for front line mental health workers and counsellors. Given the expertise required to operate this service it would be prudent to wait and see the effectiveness of the other proposals – anticipated contribution from Council would be \$150,000 and may be best addressed at a later date.

(5) Smith Park – Toilets & Kiosk

Council resolved to develop an Information Centre at Smith Park. The additional drought funding may offer an opportunity to replace or substantially renovate the toilet block and, perhaps, move the canteen which is attached to the toilet block in Smith Park. The rotunda could also be replaced to keep in the same type as the development already proposed at that precinct – approximate cost \$250,000.

(6) Combination of Smaller Projects

A combination of smaller projects could also be funded as the opportunities arise – bearing in mind that the guidelines prevented Council from claiming staff wages or plant expenses: e.g.

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| a) Showground - concrete around new toilets and associated works | \$30,000 |
| b) Quambone sportsground – concrete apron – shed | \$15,000 |
| c) Quambone – pool fence, playground fence & fence at front of hall | \$60,000 |

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:

Projects to comply with Drought Communities Program guidelines, be approved by the Department of Cabinet and Premier and completed by 30 June 2019.

Financial Considerations:

The proposed projects above total \$1,060,000 and the success depends upon an ability to have the proper scope and costings undertaken, given approval and completions by due date.

Options:

Council has many options available and can propose or approve any project, combination of projects or resolve to undertake any other project.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the following projects for detailed scoping and submission to the Drought Communities Program for approval:

1) Wire sculpture & shelter – Smith Park	\$200,000
2) Caravan park – improvements	\$200,000
3) Town entry signs	\$200,000
4) Rural counsellor assistance (subject to further discussion with service providers)	\$150,000
5) Smith Park – toilet and canteen	\$250,000
6) Additional fencing & concrete works – Coonamble and Quambone	\$ 60,000

11.4 SALEYARDS – MAINTENANCE – DROUGHT FUNDING

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
EC2.1.2 Support business initiatives that develop economic growth.

Background:

Council resolved, at the June 2018 meeting, to have a report prepared with a view to submitting a proposal to the Drought Communities Program (DCP) for repairs to the Coonamble Saleyards to \$100,000.

Issues:

The proposal does meet the DCP guidelines and, as such, would provide assistance to local business within the drought affected area.

The following issues were identified and costed for the submission:

- (1) Build laneway at the railway side of the yards to make movement of cattle from the northern end of the yards to the southern end, without running cattle through pens. Remove and replace rusted out sections of the posts within the yards - \$39,800.
- (2) Remove failed lights and replace with energy efficient fittings to bring Council to Dark Sky's standard, included in price is crane hire and cherry picker hire - \$24,825.
- (3) Purchase and install new cattle crush - \$15,300.
- (4) Purchase and install 20kp air compressor to operate gates at the scale Area - \$12,815.
- (5) Undertake repairs to kitchen, provide benches to Food Safety standards – approximately \$10,000.

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

The project totals \$102,740 which is 100% grant funded.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council submit an application to the DCP for funding of \$102,740 to effect repairs to the Coonamble Saleyards.

11.5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Karen Churchill has given notice that she intends to move the following two motions at the September 2018 meeting of Council:

“That Council support a security patrol service for a six month period on a random basis up to three nights a week at a total cost of up to \$100,000”.

Signed: Karen Churchill
30 August 2018

“That Council make a donation of \$10,000 to the Drought Busters Appeal being managed by the local charities at Coonamble”.

Signed: Karen Churchill
31 August 2018

RICK WARREN
General Manager
5 September 2018

12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES **COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018**

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS UPDATE

Background:

In line with Council's 2018/2019 Operational Plan, this report presents a summary of community development progress and activities for the period August 2018 to September 2018.

Issues:

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Monthly Activity Report

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Programme – I2.2.1 Provide high quality, multi-purpose library services that are responsive to community need

Library Stock Rotation – Coonamble Shire is a member of the North West Regional Library which includes Bogan, Gilgandra and Warren. One of the many benefits of Council's membership is the sharing of stock between branches. This stock rotation ensures that items that have not been borrowed within the last 180 days are rotated to one of the other libraries within our region. The stock rotation and annual stocktake has now been completed.

Renew Our Libraries - Renew Our Libraries is an advocacy initiative which brings together councils, public libraries and their supporters into a grassroots effort to demand action and funding commitments from all political parties in the lead up to the 2019 NSW State Election.

Libraries are about more than books – they are valuable centres of information for the entire community and a vital part of our social infrastructure. The Coonamble Library is much more a community living space and hub for all ages and is accessible to everyone.

To increase awareness, the Coonamble Shire Library launched a campaign during Local Government Week asking followers to sign the petition at the following address

<http://www.renewourlibraries.com.au/?refer=CoonambleShireCouncil>



Increase in Library Funding - An increase in library funding was announced by the Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian on 24 August 2018 which will assist in expansion of collections, extending services and delivery of infrastructure grants. The per capita funding will increase from \$1.85 to \$2.85 – this represents the first increase in twenty years.

1.2 Library Statistics (August 2018 – September 2018)

Please note: the library was closed from 6 – 11 August for stocktake/rotation

Service	Issues	New M/ships	Wi-Fi	Internet	Children's Computers	Junior Visits	Adult Visits
Coonamble	1159	8	66	260 (265.41hrs)	74	323	432
Gulargambone	50	0					

Manual Statistics - Coonamble (numbers refer to people attending)

Library Visits	Reference Enquiries	Technology Enquiries	Local History	VIC Enquiries
755	11	69	10	22

Activity Statistics - Coonamble (numbers refer to people attending)

Senior Craft	Pre-School Visits	Housebound	Study/Tutor
22	65	12	25

Usage Statistics - External meetings

Breakthru	Distance Education	Meetings
4	6	14

2. YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program - P1.3.1. Support activities/projects that increase community participation and connection. P4.1.3 Facilitate and support appropriate child and youth activities. P4.2.1. Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children, young people and vulnerable community members. P4.2.3. Work in collaboration with agencies and community groups to address existing and emerging issues specific to the Aboriginal community. L1.3.2. Take measures to publicize the positive contribution young people make to the Shire.

Council's Youth Officer has been proactive in attending meetings to help bring activities and events to the community that support local youth – these include Warriggul, Interagency meetings, Youth Interagency meetings and overseeing the Gulargambone After School program to interact.

October School Holiday Program - Planning is well underway for the October school holidays with several agencies and organisations working collaboratively with Council, to deliver a comprehensive and diverse program.

The community services department has committed resources to ensure local community members have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities, not normally on offer to the local community.

Council has been successful in securing the 'Walkabout Barber' to be a part of the school holiday program – providing 150 lucky individuals with a fresh cut and owner and founder Brian Dowd (The People Mechanic) will deliver trauma and recovery workshops. The 'Walkabout Barber' will visit Coonamble and Gulargambone.

Youth Council - Council will be hosting a Youth Council meeting on the 6 September with students from Coonamble High School. The Youth Council gives our young people a chance to voice their opinion on local issues and have input into future holiday and after school programs.

PCYC NSW Visit – PCYC will visit Coonamble on Monday 8 October 2018 from 3.00pm – 8.00pm as part of the Fun for Kids Tour. The aim of the tour is to support youth in drought affected areas by running free activities and hosting a BBQ.

The visit will be included in the Coonamble School holiday program and will be supported by Council staff.

Proposed Program:

3.00pm – 5.00pm McDonald Park Coonamble – Activities.

5.00pm – 6.00pm BBQ Dinner

6.00pm – 8.00pm Coonamble Bowling Club – Disco.

3. TOURISM

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program - EC1.1.5/EC1.2.5 Develop visitor markets

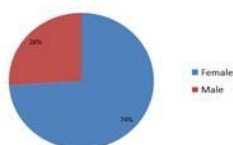
3.1 Coonamble Visitor Information Centre Facebook page August statistics

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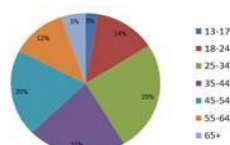


Our Facebook Posts reached 599 people in August 2018...

Gender breakdown - post reach



Age Group breakdown - post reach

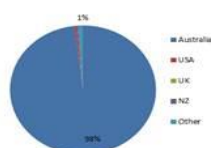


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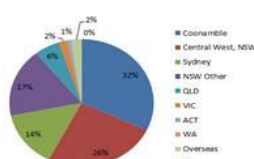


89% of our Facebook Posts were read by people in NSW in August 2018...

Countries Reach



Australia Postcode Reach



3.2 Visit Coonamble Website – Monthly Statistics

Visit Coonamble Website – Monthly Statistics:

Number of Visitors	979
Number of Visits	1,136
Number of Page Views	5,825

Sessions by Device:

Desktop Computer	42.8%
Mobile Phone	40.7%
Tablet/iPad	16.5%

Top 3 Page Views:

1. About Coonamble
2. Coonamble Riverside Caravan Park
3. About Gulargambone.

3.3 Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period (August 2018)

Visitor Numbers	Visitor Type	Visitor Home State	Enquiry Type	Enquiry Details*
105	Retiree	53 NSW	38 Local	24 Directions
	Family	1 VIC	13 Regional	23 Attractions
	Worker	13 SA	5 Interstate	17 Toilets
	Backpackers	3 QLD	9	Accommodation 6
		Overseas	1	Eateries 3
				Souvenirs 4

*Some visitors had more than 1 enquiry

3.4 Museum Under the Bridge Statistics

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – EC1.1.5 Develop visitor markets in line with Regional Tourism Organisations. I2.3.1 Continue to upgrade and maintain infrastructure that supports cultural recreational and leisure activities.

During the reporting period 21 people visited the Museum Under the Bridge.

3.4.1 Museum Improvements

Construction of the new rear verandah at the Museum has now been completed and new guttering and down-piping has been installed.



4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – P4.1: Increase the opportunities for our community to celebrate together. P1.2 Develop and grow the community understanding of shared responsibility. P2. 1: Encourage and inclusive, active community where people look out for each other. P3.3 Improve opportunities for disengaged members of our community to access appropriate services. P3.6 Improve access to rehabilitation for people with drug and alcohol addictions. P3.1 Support and promote healthy lifestyles.

Seniors Week 2019 - Following the success of the 2018 Senior Week event, Council has submitted an application under the NSW Government's Seniors Festival Grant program to assist in hosting an event in 2019. The grant program provides seed funding to organisations and councils to run local festival events and activities that provide opportunities for people over 60 to remain active, healthy, engaged and contributing to their local communities.

The 2019 Valentine's Day themed event will be held on Thursday 14 February 2019 at the Coonamble Bowling Club Auditorium.

Council has undertaken a telephone survey of guests who attended the 2018 event to gain feedback on how Council could improve the function. There was extremely positive comment and the only area of concern was that the community would like the entertainment to commence earlier. Planning is now underway.

White Balloon Day - The Community Development Officer is working in partnership with MacKillop Family Services and other non-government organisations and services to host an event for 'White Balloon Day' during Child Protection Week. The event will be held at the REDI Youth Centre from 9.00am – 3.00pm on Friday 7 September 2018.

The 'Play Your Part' event objective is to provide the community with a special event to highlight child safety within Coonamble. The day will include a movie on the big screen, canvas painting and various craft activities. A free lunch will be provided by participating services and organisations.

CADI - With several key stakeholders of CADI moving on over the past twelve months, Council's Community Development Officer is currently working with the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service and the Salvation Army (Dubbo) to re-visit the CADI (Coonamble Alcohol & Drug Initiative) project. A meeting will be held on Thursday 6 September 2018 to discuss the future directions of the initiative.

Warriggul Event - A meeting was held at the Coonamble High School on Tuesday 27 August 2018 to discuss planning for the forthcoming Warriggul Well-Being Day.

Coonamble Drought Busters – Council's Director of Community Services has been working with several organisations and charities to facilitate the co-ordination of drought funds coming into the community.

Council will be the central point for cash donations and will provide assistance to the Coonamble Drought Busters Committee through management of the Coonamble Drought Busters Cash.

5. COONAMBLE RIVERSIDE CARAVAN PARK UPDATE

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- EC1.2.3 Identify opportunities for new tourism product

Tenders for Stage 1 of the Riverside Caravan Park redevelopment closed on 31 August 2018 with four submissions received by Regional Procurement. The final tender report will be presented to Council at the October meeting for Council's consideration.

6. COONAMBLE BORE BATH PROJECT

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- EC1.2.3 Identify opportunities for new tourism product

A Councillor Workshop was held on 23 August 2018 to progress planning for a proposed bore bath in Coonamble.

Council has contracted the services of Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana, Regional Director Megan Dixon to:

- Prepare case studies on bore bath facilities in various locations, and;
- to undertake a site assessment

7. CMCA NATIONAL MOTORHOME RALLY - GUNNEDAH

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – EC1.1.5 Develop visitor markets.

As reported earlier this year, Council will showcase the Shire at the 33rd National CMCA Rally in Gunnedah from 6-13 October 2018.

With membership of over 70,000 the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) is the largest recreational vehicle (RV) club in the southern hemisphere.



The Gunnedah rally is expected to attract in excess of 1500 campervan and motorhome enthusiasts from across Australia and this is an opportunity for Coonamble Shire to leverage visitation in the lead up to/ and following the rally.

A series of promotional collateral highlighting the Shire is currently being developed.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Local Government Act 1993

Financial Considerations:

Not applicable

Options:

Not applicable

Recommendation:

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

ROBYN RYAN

Director of Community Services

3 September 2018

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN
SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018**

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections 31/08/2018 compared to 31/08/2017:

	31/08/2018	31/08/2017
Arrears 30 th June previous year	540,282.85	533,958.78
Plus 2018/19 Combined Levy	6,474,345.72	6,300,104.25
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
GROSS LEVY	7,014,628.57	6,834,063.03
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(59,356.63)	(56,731.27)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(48,564.52)	(46,416.50)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	6,906,707.42	6,730,915.26
Less Collections	(1,935,546.88)	(1,831,381.75)
Plus Refunds	-	-
NET TOTAL BALANCE	4,971,160.54	4,899,533.51
Plus Postponed	-	-
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	4,971,160.54	4,899,533.51
Collection % of Total Receivable	28.02%	27.21%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	71.98%	72.79%

Recommendation:
Submitted for Council's information.

13.2 INVESTMENTS – AUGUST 2018

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	Investment Type/Maturity Date	Current Rate	Term	Amount (\$)
AMP	A1	Notice Account	2.30%	N/A	1,000,000.00
Bank of Queensland	A2	Term Deposit - 11/02/2019	2.75%	182 Days	1,000,000.00
Bankwest	A1+	Term Deposit - 17/09/2018	2.70%	152 Days	500,000.00
Bankwest	A1+	Term Deposit - 08/10/2018	2.55%	61 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 17/09/2018	2.50%	92 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 24/11/2018	2.55%	184 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 30/01/2019	2.45%	150 Days	1,500,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 27/09/2018	2.55%	120 Days	1,500,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 12/10/2018	2.56%	135 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 27/10/2018	2.57%	160 Days	1,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	@ Call Account	1.50%	N/A	250,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 13/09/2018	2.50%	184 Days	500,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 16/10/2018	2.72%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 01/11/2018	2.71%	90 Days	500,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 27/11/2018	2.70%	182 Days	1,500,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 22/11/2018	2.60%	184 Days	500,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 25/10/2018	2.72%	90 Days	500,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 27/10/2018	2.50%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 10/10/2018	2.00%	90 Days	500,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 24/11/2018	2.50%	90 Days	500,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 07/01/2019	2.74%	182 Days	2,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 27/11/2018	2.64%	120 Days	500,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 20/09/2018	2.76%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 03/12/2018	2.74%	151 Days	2,000,000.00
Reliance C/U	Unrated	Term Deposit - 22/02/2019	2.40%	180 Days	500,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 18/02/2019	2.55%	180 Days	500,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 31/10/2018	2.71%	120 Days	500,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit -09/11/2018	2.79%	120 Days	2,000,000.00
TOTAL					\$ 27,250,000

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount (\$)
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	17%	50%	4,500,000
National Australia Bank	A1+	11%	50%	3,000,000
St George	A1+	18%	50%	5,000,000
Bankwest	A1+	9%	50%	2,500,000
Bendigo Bank	A2	13%	35%	3,500,000
IMB	A2	18%	35%	5,000,000
ME Bank	A2	9%	35%	2,500,000
Bank of Queensland	A2	2%	35%	500,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	1%	10%	250,000
AMP	A1	2%	40%	500,000
				\$ 27,250,000

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	55%	100%	15,000,000
A1	2%	80%	500,000
A2	42%	60%	11,500,000
Unrated	1%	30%	250,000
			\$ 27,250,000
General Fund Investments			20,147,208
Sewerage Investment Fund			2,614,958
Water Investment Fund			4,487,834
			\$ 27,250,000

Interest earned on Investments for 2018-2019 as at 31st August, 2018

\$ 93,278

Recommendation:

That the list of investments as at 31 August 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.

13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS**Urban Services:**

- Works program over the past month has focused on maintaining and improving the presentation of open spaces within Coonamble, in particular the Coonamble Sportsground.
- Previously reported issues with the irrigation system at the Coonamble Sportsground have been corrected and the Sportsground surface has been fertilised.
- Works continue with the preparation of the main street garden beds for replanting of seasonal flowers.
- As part of a planned upgrade to the Coonamble cemetery, Council staff is currently in the process of remodelling the garden beds at the entrance. These garden beds will be rebuilt in a similar style to those of the garden beds in the Coonamble CBD utilising Keystone blocks.

Vandalism Update:

- Vandalism to Council property has been of a minor nature with vandalism cost for the 2018/2019 financial year amounting to \$383.37.

Pools:

- Repairs to the Quambone Pool are currently being carried out by local contractors and are planned to be completed by the 14/09/2018
- Expressions of interest for the operation of the Coonamble Pool Kiosk for the 2018/2019 swimming season have closed and an operator has been appointed.
- Preparations are currently on track for the three Council facilities to open for the upcoming swimming season

Buildings:

- Contractor has been appointed to carry out the recladding of the Gulargambone Pool building.
- Ongoing maintenance as required

Recommendation:

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

BRUCE QUARMBY

Director of Corporate and Urban Services

3 September 2018

14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018**14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS****(a) Plant / Fleet:**

- Systems review has commenced to identify opportunities to improve work scheduling capacity and maintenance reporting.
- Heavy Vehicle National Law Chain of Responsibility requirements currently under investigation for future action to ensure compliance.
- Revised plant replacement evaluation targeting optimised utilisation and improved productivity. The revised plant replacement programme will be tabled at the October meeting.
- Onsite Caravan refurbishment underway due for completion by October 2018 ensuring access to adequate facilities for our crews working in remote locations.
- Annual registration process underway and on track.

(b) Airport:

- Routine inspection and maintenance on going.
- Approved request for use of Aerodrome in September 2018 for tandem skydive operations under the Skydive Oz 2018 Outback tour.

(c) Depot Facilities:

- Work Health Safety and Environment Inspection scheduled for September 2018.
- Development underway of Inspection and Maintenance Management System for all Depot Facilities. This will enable electronic capture, prioritisation and reporting on works required/completed.
- Construction of work on compounds progressing.

(d) Water Treatment Plant & Reticulation:

- General maintenance on water mains and services completed on an as needs basis
- Repairs to Council's reservoirs to be carried out.
- Currently collecting water quality data for the Gulargambone water system, so Council can identify and fix water quality concerns.
- Continuing the audit on Council's fire hydrants and stop valves.
- The replacement of water mains on Castlereagh Street in Coonamble, and Munnell Street in Gulargambone, to go out to tender.
- The inspection and cleaning of Council's reservoirs was completed on the week of the 6th August

(e) Sewerage:

- General maintenance on sewer mains and services completed on an as needs basis.
- Sewer relining in Coonamble and Gulargambone has been completed.
- pH testing has commenced at the Coonamble STP, with the view to identify potential issues in the sewer treatment process.

(f) Quarry:

- Tender specification under development for Mobile Screen purchase.
- Repairs to processing plant complete.
- Blast completed (see photo)

**(g) Levee:**

Tender for stage 3 works will commence in September. Work to be carried out includes installation of flood gates across Baradine and Tooraweenah Roads and the stabilisation of the river bank behind the library.

(h) Flood Risk Management Studies for Coonamble, Gular & Quambone

Project commenced

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

Routine activities including pothole and edge-break repairs, rest area maintenance, litter collection and removal of detritus, routine inspections and a night inspection have been completed. Preparation of work proposals for the upcoming heavy patching and resealing programs are well underway with heavy patching works programmed for October/November 2018 and resealing for later in the calendar year.

b) Urban, Local and Regional Roads:

Item	Task	Comments
1	SR1 Billeroy – Maintenance Grade	Complete
2	SR10 Gilgooma – Maintenance Grade	Complete
3	SR13 Sandy Camp – Maintenance Grade	In Progress
4	SR54 Floddenfield – Maintenance Grade	Complete
5	SR55 Gibson Rd – Culvert Replacement	Complete
6	SR73 Weenya – Maintenance Grade	Complete
7	SR74 Mena – Maintenance Grade	Complete
8	SR86 Carinda - Reform	Complete
9	SR93 Walla Walla – Maintenance Grade	Complete
10	SR126 Barnagratty – Maintenance Grade	Complete
11	SR11 Bullagreen - Maintenance Grade	Programmed
12	SR13 Sandy Camp – Maintenance Grade	Programmed

Routine activities including pothole and edge-break repairs on sealed roads, maintenance grading, litter collection and removal of detritus and routine inspections have been completed. Preparation and review of this financial year's project work is underway with revised quotations expected in coming weeks for some projects. The upgrade of a number of town streets in Coonamble has commenced and is expected to be completed by end of September 2018. Once this work is complete, construction works on the Carinda Road rehabilitation will commence, gravel haulage for this project has already commenced.

c) 2018/19 Project Works:**i) Repair Program (subject to grant approval)**

MR383 Pilliga Road Rehabilitation Ch 5.893km – 7.000km	\$466,250.00
MR129B – Baradine Road Rehab Ch 7.455km – 8.101km	\$288,000.00

ii) Fixing Country Roads (Block Grant co-funding)

MR383 Pilliga Road Floodway Upgrade	\$350,000.00
MR129Q Quambone/SR12 Back Gular Road Upgrade	\$462,990.00

iii) Fixing Country Roads (Local Road co-funding)

SR86 Carinda Road Rehabilitation Ch 21.000km – 22.800km	\$535,000.00
MR129Q Quambone/SR12 Back Gular Road Upgrade	\$462,990.00

Roads to Recovery

SR2 Tooraweenah Road Shoulders and Reseals Ch 3.0km – 4.5km	\$240,000.00
SR87 Box Ridge Road Rehabilitation Ch 11.47km – 13.10km	\$378,000.00
SR6 Bramble Road Resheeting Ch 11.35km – 17.25km	\$240,000.00
SR15 Beanbah Road Resheeting Ch 2.85km – 4.28km	\$ 60,000.00

d) Urban Streets

Reid Street (Yarran St to end and Wilga St to Railway St)	\$110,000.00
Quomoona Street (Wilga St – River St)	\$ 55,000.00
Nebea Street (Yuma St to end)	\$ 56,000.00
Conimbria Street Shoulder Restoration (Hwy to RMS HV Inspection)	\$ 48,000.00
Hermann Street (near Ross St to end)	\$ 45,000.00
Buckley Drive (end of seal for 200m)	\$ 55,000.00
Effie Durham Drive (Wilga St to Back Combara Rd)	\$ 70,000.00

Recommendation:

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

14.2 COONAMBLE LEVEE EASEMENTS CROWN LAND

***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, Section 7, DP 758282 Lot 701 DP 1054308

Attached are 3 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 upgrade.
2. Do nothing.

Recommendations:

1. That Council acquire the 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, 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 of Council to all necessary documents with the acquisitions.**

14.3 REVISED PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

/ 1.1.1 Continue to implement rolling plant replacement program

/ 1.1.3 Plant achieving operating goals

Background:

Council adopted the plant replacement program for 2018/19 at the June meeting. In recent months several key positions have been filled and, as a result, a review of the plant program has been carried out. The review looked at the condition and utilisation of key items as well as the relationship between certain items of plant.

Issues:

The utilisation of the loader and excavator allocated to quarry operations is accruing, on average, at twice the normal rate with the replacement period remaining at the standard eight (8) year mark. Maintaining this replacement period would see machine hours and associated wear & tear increase excessively which will - and has - resulted in increasing maintenance costs and operational down time. It was also identified that the hammer attachment used by the excavator will not require replacement at this time which is currently listed for replacement value of \$55,000.

Council has budgeted for a new mobile screen at the quarry but, in order to achieve the desired product consistencies, a loader with an increased capacity will be required. Bringing forward the replacement of excavator and a loader with increased capacity will contribute to the continual achievement of these improved productivity outcomes, once mobile screen is purchased.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

All procurement activities will be in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and associated legislation.

Financial Considerations:

The replacement of the plant is in accordance with Council's rolling plant replacement program. Adjustments have been made across the program for the next four years to facilitate the replacement of the excavator and loader in the 2018/19 year without the need to increase the budget. Attached is a table illustrating the program as adopted in June and the changes proposed.

Options:

1. Council endorse the revised Plant Replacement Program.
2. Council not endorse the revised Plant Replacement Program.

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the revised Plant Replacement Program.

	Description	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Comment
P0102	Backhoe	\$ 150,000.00					outstanding from last year
P0129	Eel on sewer trailer		\$ 40,000.00				replaced
new	Watercart 6x4		\$ 270,000.00				no change
P0132	Sewer Camera		\$ 25,000.00				no change
P0192	Multi-Purpose Compactor		\$ 50,000.00				push back 19/20
P0184	Pro-Line Borer		\$ 50,000.00				push back 19/20
P0092	Tractor - Quambone		\$ 70,000.00				push back 19/20
P0131	Sewer water jetter & trailer (including camera)		\$ 75,000.00				no change
P0109	Skid Steer Loader		\$ 90,000.00				push back 19/20
P30182	Low loader		\$ 150,000.00				push back 19/20
P0200	Tray mounted Boom Spray			\$ 20,000.00			push back 20/21
P0198	Trailing Boom Spray			\$ 25,000.00			push back 20/21
P1111	Hydraulic Hammer			\$ 55,000.00			push out 5 years
P20260	Tractor 4WD			\$ 90,000.00			no change
P20100	Backhoe			\$ 100,000.00			no change
P20300	Scarab / Mistral Street Sweeper			\$ 350,000.00			push back 20/21
P20265	Slasher 10ft - attach P20260				\$ 25,000.00		no change
P30062	Grader				\$ 300,000.00		no change
P30063	Grader				\$ 300,000.00		no change
P30064	Grader				\$ 300,000.00		no change
P0146	Watercart 17000L					\$ 100,000.00	no change
P50267	Flail Deck Mower					\$ 20,000.00	no change
P20101	Loader					\$ 305,000.00	price increase by \$55,000 bring forward 18/19
P20102	Excavator					\$ 250,000.00	bring forward 18/19
P60160	Soil Stabiliser mixer					\$ 400,000.00	no change
	Total As adopted by council		\$ 820,000.00	\$ 640,000.00	\$ 925,000.00	\$ 1,020,000.00	\$ 3,405,000.00
	Proposed yearly totals		\$ 965,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 1,320,000.00	\$ 520,000.00	\$ 3,405,000.00

KOOKIE ATKINS

Director of Engineering Services
4 September 2018

15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018**

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2018

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

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	<u>August 2018</u>	<u>Year to Date 2018/2019 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	40	68
Infringements (Animals)	0	1
Infringements (Other)	0	0
Change of Details	5	14
Microchipped dogs	23	31
Registrations	12	20
Nuisance dog declaration	0	2
Dangerous dog declaration	0	0
Menace dog declaration	0	0
<u>IMPOUNDED ANIMALS</u>		
Dogs	34	57
Cats	2	18
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	36	75
<u>BREAKDOWN</u>		
Dogs Euthanased	4	17
Dogs surrendered by owner	16	31
Dogs re-housed	23	30
Dogs released	4	7
Cats Euthanased	2	18
Cats re-housed	0	0
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone dogs impounded	0	8
Quambone dogs impounded	0	0

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

MATTHEW COCK

Manager – Environmental Services
31 August 2018

16. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW TO 30 JUNE 2018
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2018**Background:**

In accordance with Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the General Manager must report to Council within two months of the end of each quarter.

Issues:*(i) BUDGET REVIEW:*

Refer to attached quarterly budget review report which has been presented in the new format in accordance with the Local Government Accounting Standards.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- (i) Quarterly Review of Budget*
Local Government (General) Regulation Section 203

Financial Considerations:

Consideration of the Budget Review and list of budget variations.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:**That Council:**

- (1) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;**
- (2) note that in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;**
- (3) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 30 June 2018.**

BRUCE QUARMBY

Responsible Accounting Officer.
3 September 2018

<p><u>17. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES</u> <u>COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2018</u></p>

NIL THIS MONTH

18.1 SALES - CATTLE

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)
NIL SALES							

18.2 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT 01/07/2018 – 31/08/2018

Saleyard Reserves:	Balance 01/07/18	\$348,591.55
	Operational result to date	\$ 18,088.30
	Reserve Balance at 31/08/2018	\$366,679.85

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<p><u>19. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE</u> <u>COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2018</u></p>

NIL

<p><u>20. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS</u> <u>COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2018</u></p>
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