

3 October 2018

The next meeting of **COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL** will be held
in the **QUAMBONE MEMORIAL HALL** at **QUAMBONE** on
WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 2018 commencing at 9.00 a.m.

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Yours faithfully
Rick Warren
General Manager

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>4. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS</u> <u>COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018</u></p>

- 09.30 a.m.** **Neil & Anne Kennedy**
Address Council regarding saleyards charge.
- 10.00 a.m.** **Megan Dixon**
Presentation to Council regarding proposed bore
baths

5. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST
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6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018**

6.1 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 9.01 A.M.

PRESENT: Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Cr John Walker, Cr Karen Churchill, Cr Robert Thomas, Cr Bill Fisher, Cr Ahmad Kananouh and Cr 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, Ms Atkins, the Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Cock and Mrs Moorhouse.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE Nil

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

At this juncture, the Mayor vacated the Chair and handed over to the General Manager to act in the role of Returning Officer for the election of Mayor (2 year term) and Deputy Mayor (1 year term).

1. Method of Voting

Mr. Warren informed the meeting that it must decide what method of voting is to be adopted for the election of Mayor – saying it can be open ballot or secret ballot.

4030 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the election of Mayor be by secret ballot.

2. Election of Mayor

As Returning Officer, Mr Warren informed the meeting he had received the following nominations, which were valid :

- i) Cr Churchill
- ii) Cr Karanouh
- iii) Cr Webb

The Returning Officer called for further nominations – none was forthcoming. A ballot paper, initialled by the Returning Officer, was handed to each of the seven Councillors, with the instruction that “X” be placed in the box adjacent to the preferred candidate. Mr Warren asked that ballot papers be folded – they were collected and counted by the Returning Officer. The result of the ballot was :

Cr Ahmad Karanouh	4 votes
Cr Michael Webb	2 votes
Cr Karen Churchill	1 vote.

The Returning Officer declared Cr Karanouh duly elected as Mayor for the ensuing two years.

3. Election of Deputy Mayor

The Returning Officer informed the meeting that three valid nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor had been received – being :

- i) Cr Churchill
- ii) Cr Walker
- iii) Cr Wheelhouse

4031 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Thomas and Karanouh that the term for the position of Deputy Mayor be 12 months and that the election be by open ballot.

Following a show of hands, the result of the ballot was Cr Churchill (1 vote), Cr Walker (3 votes) and Cr Wheelhouse (4 votes). The Returning Officer declared Cr Wheelhouse duly elected to the position of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing one year term.

At this juncture, Mr Warren resumed his role as General Manager and handed the meeting to the Mayor.

Cr Karanouh thanked Councillors for their confidence and he congratulated both Cr Webb and Cr Walker for their commitment to office during their respective terms.

4. Election of Various Council Committees (One Year Term)

The meeting noted that the Mayor, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of every Committee consisting of Councillors. Chapter 12 of the Local Government Act 1993 prohibits Council delegating any function to a staff member other than the General Manager.

The Committees listed below show the nominated representatives to each:

(a) Saleyards Management Committee:
Councillors Wheelhouse & Thomas

(b) Code of Conduct Review Panel:
The meeting noted that Council is a member of the OROC Code of Conduct Review Panel – there is no specific delegate. Cr Webb pointed out that OROC had been disbanded. The General Manager explained that while OROC conducted the recruitments on behalf of OROC Councils – Council did adopt the panel in its own right.

(c) Quarry Management Committee:
Councillors Karanouh, Wheelhouse and Fisher.

(d) Floodplain Risk Management Committee:
Councillors Webb and Walker.

- (e) Caravan Park Redevelopment Committee:**
Councillors Webb and Karanouh

- (f) Roads Committee:**

4032 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Thomas that Council elect a Roads Committee, with Crs Wheelhouse, Fisher and Thomas, together with the Director of Engineering Services.

4033 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Thomas that delegates, as shown, serve as representatives on the Council Committees (above) for the ensuing one year term.

4. Election of Delegates – Various Outside Committees (One Year Term)

- (a) Traffic Facilities Committee:**
Councillors Webb, Wheelhouse and Walker.
- (b) Bush Fire Management Committee:**
Councillors Webb and Karanouh.
- (c) Outback Arts:**
Councillor Walker Alternate Cr Wheelhouse
- (d) Local Emergency Management Committee:**
Councillor Webb Alternate Cr Wheelhouse
- (e) Closed Circuit Television Committee:**
Councillors Webb & Karanouh.
- (f) Coonamble Alcohol & Drug Initiative (CADl)**
Councillors Webb & Walker

4034 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Churchill that delegates, as shown above, be appointed to the various Outside Committees for the ensuing one year term.

5. Election of Committees of Council – Section 355:

The delegates until the end of this Council term are :

Coonamble Shire Youth Council

Cr Karanouh

Alternate: Cr Wheelhouse

6. Regular Meeting Day:

The General Manager informed the meeting that Section 365 states that Council is required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month.

Council agreed to hold its Ordinary Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 9.00 a.m. **AND FURTHER** that the March meeting be held at Gulargambone and the October meeting at Quambone, noting that no meeting is held during the month of January

7. Notice of Meetings:

Councillors noted information contained in Section 367 concerning notice of meetings be noted.

8. Meeting Quorum:

The meeting noted a 'meeting quorum' is the majority of the Councillors of the Council who hold Office for the time being and are not suspended from Office.

9. Pecuniary Interest Forms:

The meeting noted that Pecuniary Interest forms must be completed and handed to the Director of Corporate and Urban Services no later than 30 September 2018.

4035 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Thomas that the information contained in Item Nos. 5 to 9 inclusive be noted.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.18 a.m.

These minutes (Pages 1/6217 to 4/6220) were confirmed on the **TENTH** day of **OCTOBER 2018** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the extraordinary meeting of Council held on 12 September 2017.

MAYOR

6.2 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2018, COMMENCING AT 9.18 A.M.

PRESENT: Cr Ahmad Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Karen Churchill, Robert Thomas, Bill Fisher, Michael Webb 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

Ms Fiona Ozols, an official of the Orana Mid Western North Branch of the Police Association of NSW, is booked to address the meeting at 10.00 a.m. Ms Ozols will be accompanied by either Inspector David Marr or Superintendent Peter McKenna.

3.0 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No deputations are booked to attend the meeting.

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

One declaration of interest was declared being Councillor Paul Wheelhouse in relation to Closed Session Item No. 19.3 – as President of the Coonamble Rodeo Association.

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

i) Ordinary Meeting of Council on 8 August 2018

4036 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Churchill that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 8 August 2018 be confirmed, with an alteration in *Questions from Council (Page 14/6214) – Rugby League Training Camp – contact was made by Artie Beetson's son.*

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) Amenities – Coonamble Showground:

Cr Fisher said he had inspected the two new amenities at the showground and congratulated staff for their installation in such a short time.

b) Joint Organisation

The General Manager informed Council that he has spoken with the Engagement Officer regarding Council's request to join the Far West (North) Joint Organisation – he was advised that there is no new information available at this time.

The Mayor enquired of Councillors that if Council is not permitted to join its preferred Joint Organisation, what were their feelings – the consensus was that Council "stand alone".

c) Inland Rail:

Cr Wheelhouse asked if arrangements could be made with ARTC to convene another meeting regarding the route of inland rail in Coonamble. The General Manager referred to a meeting in Gilgandra on Thursday 13 September from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. saying he had forwarded the information to Councillors, however there was no response.

Cr Fisher referred to a recent meeting held in Baradine, when ARTC indicated it would have a presence in Coonamble – however no further clarification was forthcoming.

d) Storage at Sportsground for Storage of Scoreboard

In response to a question, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said that a report on this matter will be presented at the October meeting.

Cr. Wheelhouse congratulated Council staff on the presentation of the sportsground for the grand final last weekend. He said it looked in great condition and there were many comments from the big crowd in attendance.

ii) Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 30 August 2018

4037 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Thomas that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 30 August 2018 be confirmed.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

4038 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Thomas and Wheelhouse that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

4039 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Wheelhouse that the information be noted.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

4040 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Churchill that the former Mayor's Activity Report be received and dealt with.

Former Mayor Webb detailed his activities on behalf of Council since the August meeting, which included the following:

- Meeting with ARTC regarding inland rail and the information sessions being organised throughout the district.
- Medals and Awards Ceremony – NSW Police Force – at Dubbo.
- Opening of Weetaliba Rural Fire Brigade Station on 28 August
- OROC AGM and Board meeting on Friday 7 September.

4041 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the former Mayor's Activity Report be noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4042 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Thomas that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 COONAMBLE LANDCARE COORDINATOR D7(52127)

4043 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Churchill that Council decline to provide any financial assistance towards a series of workshops called "Accidental Counsellor", advising the writer that funding should be met by the State Government.

10.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10-1

4044 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Webb that Councillors Karanouh and Thomas be nominated to attend the Local Government NSW Orana Summit being held in Narromine on Thursday 27 September 2018.

10.3 NSW PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT R2(52238)

4045 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill 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)

4046 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that Council make a contribution of \$1,500 from its Donations Vote towards the cost of repairing the kiln that is used by the Coonamble Ceramics Collective, which is part of Coonamble Arts Alive, noting the total cost of repair is \$4,500.

Section B – Matters for Information Only:

10.5 COONAMBLE LADY GOLFERS L3(52132)

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)

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

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.

Councillor Webb congratulated Mrs Atkins on completion of the approved training which qualifies her to act as a Native Title Manager for the purposes of Part 8 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

10.8 THE HON MARK COULTON MP D9-1

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. Pointing out that the program will prioritise projects that use local businesses to the greatest degree possible, including employing local contractors to undertake repairs and maintenance; upgrading or building new community facilities; holding events and undertaking drought-relief activities.

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. 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.

The meeting noted that Ms Ozols will be addressing Council 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.

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)

Responding to Council's letter regarding the need for a Rural Financial Counsellor and 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. Saying when a response is received he will again contact Council.

PROPOSED by Cr Thomas **SECONDED** by Cr Wheelhouse that Council advertise a three month employment position for a rural counsellor for this area to deal with local issues of financial / mental stress, assist in completion of forms for assistance and fund the position from its own resources.

Councillor Webb said this is a matter not on the agenda and should not be dealt with at this meeting. Cr. Webb said he will vote against it. **THE MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN.**

10.14 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE P5

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. Pointing out the Committee suggested to the Premier that the only way to bring some sort of normality back is to immediately reclassify Coonamble Police Station to Special Remote status.

4047 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.5 to 10.14 inclusive be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

4048 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Webb that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

4049 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that Council note Development Application No 023/2018 was approved under delegated authority since the August meeting.

11.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE – 21–23 OCTOBER 2018

4050 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Fisher that Councillors Karanouh, Walker, Webb and the General Manager be Council's representatives to Local Government NSW annual conference to be held at Albury from 21 to 23 October 2018.

11.3 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES FUNDING – EXTENSION

4051 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Webb that this matter be received and dealt with.

The General Manager referred to this funding opportunity which has been extended with additional money being made available for eligible projects which can be completed by June 2019. Mr Warren said that no new guidelines have yet been provided and at this stage, Council must work with the guidelines currently available.

Councillors were provided with a list of projects for consideration which complement the economic development and enhancement of infrastructure inroads already made by Council.

4052 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Thomas and Wheelhouse that Council advertise, in two issues of the local press, its intention to apply for funding from the additional money under Drought Communities Program and seek guidance and comment from the public as to projects they would like Council to undertake, noting the information would be presented to the October meeting of Council for a determination.

Cr Webb referred to some of the items listed and said that preliminary work has already been carried out and those items should proceed.

11.3a SALEYARDS – MAINTENANCE – DROUGHT FUNDING

4053 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council submit an application to the Drought Communities Program for funding of \$102,740 for repairs, as listed in the report, to the Coonamble saleyards.

4054 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Churchill that Council add the provision and installation of CCTV cameras at the saleyards into the application for funding, at a cost of \$18,000.

ADDRESS BY NSW POLICE

At this juncture, Council welcomed Ms Fiona Ozols, branch official of the Orana Mid Western North - Police Association of NSW. Ms Ozols was accompanied by other Police Officers, including Superintendent Peter McKenna, Area Commander of Orana Mid Western Regional Command. Ms Ozols informed the meeting that, as a member of the Police Association, she is endeavouring to have more police stationed in Coonamble.

She indicated a shortage of officers in most places where incentives are not great to recruit and retain officers and, unfortunately, Coonamble is included in that category. Ms Ozols suggested that Council may be able to assist in attracting and retaining officers – saying housing is an issue that needs addressing. She said suitable housing in appropriate areas in Coonamble is not available and Council may consider implementing an

arrangement offering 50% of housing subsidy or building suitable accommodation and having it available for senior police officers willing to come to the area.

Supt McKenna then spoke and referred to statistics on crime within the area – it was stated that the incidence of crime has, in fact, dropped although the activities are now of a more serious nature. Supt. McKenna encouraged the community to report all incidents of criminal activity – saying this is the way we can argue for more police. He said he is proud of the job the local police are doing – there are just not sufficient numbers, however Supt McKenna assured the meeting that our community would always be adequately policed by officers from Orana Mid Western Regional Command or other neighbouring areas.

He said he supports the “special remote” classification and the incentives it provides. Supt McKenna introduced Sergeant Jack Russell, who will be taking up a sergeant’s position in Coonamble for a period, saying that two sergeant vacancies would be advertised shortly.

Several members of the public, accompanied the President of the Coonamble Community Crime Committee, Don Schieb, to the meeting and took the opportunity to put their individual cases to Supt. McKenna. The Superintendent said he appreciated the openness of members of the forum and would definitely be discussing ways of improving the policing image within the community, especially regarding communication.

The Mayor thanked representatives of the NSW Police Force and members of the community for their attendance and invited them to join Councillors for morning tea – the meeting adjourned at 11.10 a.m. and resumed at 11.35 a.m.

11.5 NOTICES OF MOTION

The General Manager advised that Councillor Churchill has given notice of her intention to move the following two motions at this meeting of Council.

a) *Security Patrol Service*

PROPOSED by Cr. Churchill 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, **LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER.**

b) *Donation to Drought Busters Appeal*

PROPOSED by Cr. Churchill **SECONDED** by Cr Wheelhouse that Council make a donation of \$10,000 to the Drought Busters Appeal being managed by the local charities at Coonamble, **WAS LOST.**

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

4054 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Webb that the report by the Community Services Director be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS UPDATE

4055 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Fisher that the information contained in this item be noted.

4056 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Thomas and Wheelhouse that Council write to the Premier of NSW stating that no services are available to support youth after 5.00 p.m., pointing out that multiple services operate in the area, are funded by the NSW Government and close at 5.00 p.m.

4057 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Fisher that the information contained in the Community Services progress report be noted.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

4058 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Thomas and Webb that the report by the Director of Corporate and Urban Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

4059 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Fisher that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 August 2018 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

4060 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Churchill that the list of investments as 31 August 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 WORKS IN PROGRESS

4061 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council note the information in this item of the Director's report.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

4062 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Wheelhouse that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

4063 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Webb that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

14.2 COONAMBLE LEVEE EASEMENTS – CROWN LAND

The Director referred to the upgrade of Coonamble levee and said that easements need to be created along its length. Attached to the report were details of the areas of land in question and a formal resolution is required to proceed with the acquisitions of easements over Crown Land by the Compulsory Process.

4064 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Fisher :

- 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 DP1061274
 - Lot 1 DP547529
 - Lot 229 DP754227
 - Lot 1 Section 7 DP758282
 - Lot 701 DP1054308;
- 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 documents relevant to the acquisitions.

14.3 REVISED PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Director provided a revised plant replacement program for Council's consideration. Council noted that adjustments made to the adopted plant replacement program will not require an increase in the budget. The report outlines the need for a new mobile screen at the quarry, however to achieve the desired product consistencies an increased capacity loader is necessary. The Director said it is planned to bring forward the replacement of the excavator and loader following the purchase of a mobile screen at the quarry.

4065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Thomas that Council endorse the amended Plant Replacement Program submitted to the meeting.

15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

4066 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2018

4067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Fisher that the Ranger's report for the month of August 2018 be noted.

16.0 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – 30 JUNE 2018

At this juncture, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services presented the quarterly budget review to 30 June 2018. Mr Quarmby invited Councillors to ask questions as he proceeded through the budget documents.

4068 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Fisher 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 reserve at 30 June 2018.

17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES Nil

18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – JULY 2018

- 4069 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Fisher that the saleyards report for August 2018 be dealt with.

17.2 Saleyards Account

- 4070 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Fisher that the Saleyards Account to 31 August 2018 showing a reserve balance deficit of \$366,679.85 be noted.

19.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 4071 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Fisher that Council resolve into Closed Session, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Section 10A: "section 2 :

(a) *personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors);*

(c) *information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business".*

- 4072 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Fisher that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

- 4073 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Thomas that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

- 4074 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Thomas that Council adopt the recommendation from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 19.1 to 19.3, as set out hereunder:

19.1 Coonamble Levee Easements – Private Land

Council resolves :

- 1) *to acquire an easement affecting the lots listed below, by authority contained in the Local Government Act 1993 for the purpose of a flood levee:*

a) *Lot 2 Section 7 in Deposited Plan 758282 shown as "Y – Proposed Easement for flood levee variable width" on Deposited Plan 1238428 owned by the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Bathurst for the sum of \$1,600 excluding GST;*

b) *Lot 134 Section 7 in Deposited Plan 758282 shown as "Y – Proposed Easement for flood levee variable width" on Deposited Plan 1238428 owned by Brian William Whitbread and Cherie Ann Crafar for the sum of \$18,640 excluding GST;*

- c) *Lots 1652 – 165 in Deposited Plan 754227 shown as “Y – Proposed Easement for flood levee variable width” on Deposited Plan 1228144 and “Z – Proposed Easement for flood levee 25 wide, 28 wide and variable” on Deposited Plan 1236573 owned by Kevin John Buckley & Cheryl Anne Buckley for the sum of \$805 excluding GST;*
2. *that the terms of the easements shall be as shown on Schedule “A” attached to the report;*
- 3) *give authority to affix the Common Seal of Council to any documentation and the Mayor and General Manager be delegated to sign any related documents to give effect to this resolution;*

19.2 Bore Baths – Land Purchase

Council resolves to:

- a) *authority the General Manager and Mayor to negotiate with the Racecourse and Recreation Trust Land Manager to gain tenure of the subject Crown Land (Dedication 520089) and take the necessary steps to convert the land to freehold in Council’s name;*
- b) *classify any acquisition of land as “operational land”;*
- c) *authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to any relevant documents;*

After earlier declaring an interest in the following matter, Councillor Wheelhouse left the room.

19.3 Rodeo Association – ClubGrant

Council resolves to :

- a) *approve in principle the application by Coonamble Rodeo Association to submit a project for a shelter structure on the southern side of the rodeo arena to ClubGrants for a total of \$330,000;*
- b) *that the structure design be brought to the October meeting of Council for determination of its suitability.*

At this juncture, Councillor Wheelhouse returned to the meeting.

20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

21.0 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Cr Webb:

- Informed Council that he ordered three flags and stands to be displayed in the Chamber, noting the flags fixed to the wall should be removed. Cr Webb left the flags / poles in the Council Chamber – the General Manager will arrange for display.

Cr Fisher:

- Reported he has had a complaint regarding the condition of the Bourbah Road towards Quambone – the Director said the road is in much the same state as other unsealed roads in the Shire, however she will continue to monitor the situation. Recently work has been carried out to abutments to the bridge on this road.
- Thanked the Director for work done on the Highway near “Misery Farm” south of Gulargambone.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

4075 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Fisher that the Mayor be Council’s voting delegate at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held in Albury in October.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 12.24 p.m.

These minutes Pages (1/6222 to 13/6234) were confirmed on the **10th** day of **OCTOBER 2018** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **12th September 2018**.

MAYOR

<p><u>7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u> <u>COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018</u></p>
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8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018**

8.1 Resolutions in Progress

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.

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.

19.2 Bore Baths – Land Purchase

Council resolves to:

- a) *authority the General Manager and Mayor to negotiate with the Racecourse and Recreation Trust Land Manager to gain tenure of the subject Crown Land (Dedication 520089) and take the necessary steps to convert the land to freehold in Council's name;*
- b) *classify any acquisition of land as "operational land";*
- c) *authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to any relevant documents*

Status:

Response received from Racecourse Trust – Council's request will be taken to the next Board Meeting.

11.3a SALEYARDS – MAINTENANCE – DROUGHT FUNDING

4053 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council submit an application to the Drought Communities Program for funding of \$120,740 for repairs, as listed in the report, to the Coonamble saleyards.

Status:

Application submitted – awaiting outcome.

Storage at Sportsground for Storage of Scoreboard

In response to a question, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said that a report on this matter will be presented at the October meeting.

Status:

Still awaiting quotes.

8.2 Resolutions Completed**11.3 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES FUNDING – EXTENSION**

4052 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Thomas and Wheelhouse that Council advertise, in two issues of the local press, its intention to apply for funding from the additional money under Drought Communities Program and seek guidance and comment from the public as to projects they would like Council to undertake, noting the information would be presented to the October meeting of Council for a determination.

Status:

Advertisements placed and publicity given in the Community Connect Newsletter, as well as other media outlets, engaging the community and asking for suggestions for projects. See Report this meeting.

COMPLETED**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:**Notification of successful application for funding.****COMPLETED.****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:**Notification of successful application for funding.****COMPLETED.****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:

Notification received from Crown Reserves Trust Management Fund – Council successful in obtaining \$9,600 for electrical upgrade.

COMPLETED.

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:**Notification of successful application for funding.****COMPLETED.****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 for funding was unsuccessful.****COMPLETED.**

9. MAYORAL REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2018

9.1 MAYORAL ACTIVITIES

- i) **PCYC Proposal** – On Thursday 4 October – met with Mr Lester Stump, the General Manager, Strategic Development – Facilities and Assets, to discuss the options of having a PCYC built in Coonamble.
- ii) **Gulargambone Rural Transaction Centre** – Was invited to the annual general meeting of the Gulargambone Rural Transaction Centre on 17 September 2018 – I was unable to attend but Cr. Thomas represented Council.
- iii) **Kevin Humphries Visit** – On 2 October 2018 I met Kevin Humphries at the airport and the General Manager and I met with him prior to his public announcement and presentation of cheques for the successful projects under the Stronger Communities funding. All ten of Council's proposals were successful, along with the one included by Council from the Coonamble Children's Services.

Mr Humphries also discussed various funding opportunities that would be available to Council in the near future and stated he would strongly support Council's application for funding under Fixing Country Roads Program to seal the Tooraweenah Road.

Also in attendance was the National Party endorsed candidate for Barwon, Mr Andrew Schier. On the basis of discussions we had, I am confident that a strong relationship will be developed should he be successful at the forthcoming election. I thanked Mr Humphries for his support over past years.

- iv) **Opening of the Warrumbungle Visitor Information Centre** – In company with Cr Fisher I attended the official opening of the new Centre on 21 September 2018. The Minister for the Environment, Hon Gabrielle Upton, MP performed the opening. Following the formal event on Friday, a family fun day was held on Saturday 22 September. This is a beautiful building and one that will service the National Park for years to come.

Mr Kevin Humphries was also in attendance and I took the opportunity to speak with him about the Coonamble Clay Target Club and what benefits the government may provide should the Club decide to take up Council's offer of the "Meglo" site for its future site. He said it may be possible to get assistance with the connection of power and earthworks and that he would make enquiries on Council's behalf.

- v) **NSW State Opposition Leader** – Visited Coonamble on Monday 1 October – along with about 20 local business owners/partners and the deputy mayor, I met with Mr. Foley. Questions ranged from coal seam gas to government taxes, particularly payroll tax. The issue of police numbers in Coonamble was also raised. It was suggested to Mr Foley that the State Government should adopt the exact model the Department of Education has for accommodation of teachers for the NSW Police – it's a great model and working extremely well for teachers.
- vi) **Coonamble Greyhound Club Races** - Attended the greyhound races on Sunday afternoon, 31 September. The track looks in wonderful condition and is a credit to the Committee and members. A big crowd was in attendance at the carnival – it always brings big numbers to Coonamble and over the time they were here they spent big, so it was a great boost to local economy.
- vii) **Deputy Premier's Visit** – The Deputy Premier, John Barilaro, will be visiting Coonamble on 9 October between 2.30 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. Further details will be sent to Council later.

Recommendation:
That the Mayor's activity report since the September meeting be noted.

AHMAD KARANOUH

Mayor

2 October 2018

10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018**

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1	LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW	D7(52322)
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Requesting financial assistance towards legal costs associated with the appeal of Land and Environment Court rating categorisation decision – City of Sydney Council, North Sydney Council and Bayside City Council.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – There is no obligation on Council to provide financial assistance).

Recommendation:

That Council decline to provide financial assistance towards legal costs associated with this appeal.

10.2	COONAMBLE PRE SCHOOL	D7(52337)
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Requesting financial support for the Pre School verandah renovation project which was not successful in its grant funding application. Saying the Pre School is a community-based not for profit early education service, playing a significant role in preparing local children for school through the delivery of a school-readiness program. Advising it has sought the expertise of a local builder to complete the project in the near future and any amount of financial support that Council may be able to provide will be appreciated.

Recommendation:

For Council's determination.

10.3	COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB	D7(52342)
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Requesting support towards the 2018/2019 swimming season because of the current drought which has affected the community, particularly its financial capacity to provide 'non essentials'. Saying it would be beneficial if Council would waive the 2018/19 entry fees and lane hire charges. Providing a list of benefits provided by the Coonamble swimming pool and saying removal of lane hire and entry fees for the season would assist in removing some of the day-to-day stressors. Stating that some families have already purchased season tickets and requesting this money be either refunded or credited to next season.

Recommendation:

For Council's determination

10.4 COONAMBLE BRANCH CWA PR1508(52313)

Advising the Association's rate account has been paid and seeking a refund of the general rate portion of the Assessment - \$500 - for the 2018/19 financial year in accordance with past practice.

Recommendation:

That Council refund the general rates portion of rates in the amount of \$500 to the Coonamble Branch of the Country Women's Association in accordance with past practice.

**10.5 CASTLEREAGH WOMEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE
COORDINATOR D7(52357)**

Advising that the 2019 competition will be the second year for Women's Rugby League Teams 18s and Opens and competition will commence with a round-robin day, then follow on with 5 week home and away featuring Group 10, Group 11, Woodbridge Cup and Castlereagh League teams. Pointing out the competition is region-wide – Castlereagh's selection area will include Barwon Darling, which will give exposure from Broken Hill to Blackheath and Burrangong to Bourke. Support is being sought for registration and uniform costs for the 2019 competition – a range of sponsorship options is available should Council wish to be informed.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – For the 2018 Competition Council provided \$300 sponsorship).

Recommendation:

For Council's determination

**10.6 JOHN HOLLAND RAIL – COUNTRY REGIONAL
NETWORK R2(52381)**

Referring to Council's concern regarding lack of warning signs at some railway crossings and saying it is supportive of any additional signage that may reduce the risk at level crossings. Stating that in accordance with the Road Rail Interface Agreement signed in 2014 Council is responsible for any Secondary Traffic Control Devices (signage and other warning devices).

Pointing out that with respect to the Quambone – Gulargambone Road crossing at Gulargambone – this crossing was upgraded to provide active warning of trains approaching (flashing lights and booms) in May 2017. Stating that John Holland Rail has risk ranked all public level crossings across the Country Regional Network and currently there is no plan to upgrade Warren Road (may also be known as Coonamble Road) Combara level crossing to include flashing lights in the foreseeable future (20 year plan), as it has identified other crossing of a higher priority. Saying if Council is willing to fund any upgrading work, then it is happy to facilitate the upgrade.

Pointing out that the Combara crossing sighting distance has been assessed as compliant to Australian Standard for a B double vehicle. Saying, further, that currently some trains (depending on the type of locomotive, direction of travel and tonnage of wagons) can travel up to 80km/h along this line already.

Recommendation:
For Council's determination.

**10.7 CASTLEREAGH TRACKERS ABORIGINAL NETBALL
TEAMS D7**

Requesting Council's support in sponsorship towards costs associated with competing in the Newcastle Aboriginal Netball Tournament in an endeavour to reduce players' levy costs. Saying they managed to pay coach hire from last year only two weeks ago. Pointing out that costs associated with participating in the tournament (uniforms, coach hire, accommodation over three days and team registrations) are extremely high and any contribution would be appreciated.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council was unable to contribute last year, however in 2016 it provided a \$500 sponsorship).

Recommendation:
For Council's determination.

Section B – Matters for Information Only:**10.8 LET'S DANCE CARINDA TRIBUTE COMMITTEE
D7(52346)**

Inviting Council to become a sponsor for its upcoming Festival to be held during the October long weekend. Saying an international singer and his band will be part of the event which has created a strong following by providing a cultural event with a unique outback experience. Pointing out that to make it happen the Committee needs support either financially or "in kind" and encouraging Council to favourably consider the request from the community.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The event has already been held).

10.9 NSW DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY P1-13 (52286)

Referring to the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve Trust application to the 2018/19 Public Reserves Management Fund Program and advising that, from 1 July 2018, this program is now known as the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program (CRIFP). Advising the funding process has been very competitive and Council's application was unsuccessful, although its merit was acknowledged.

**10.10 DON HARWIN MLC - MINISTER FOR THE ARTS
G5-6(52341)**

Advising the NSW Government has announced additional funding over four years to transform NSW public libraries – saying every one of NSW's public libraries will benefit for the new investment. Pointing out that all councils will receive an increase in annual library funding between 40 & 50 percent by 2022-23. Saying public libraries in regional NSW can apply for capital grants to build new or improve existing infrastructure under the RCF fund which was introduced in 2017-18.

**10.11 THE HON DAVID ELLIOTT MP, MINISTER FOR
VETERANS AFFAIRS A9(52351)**

Saying that on 11 November 2018 NSW will join communities across Australia and the world to commemorate the Centenary of Armistice that marks the end of The Great War. Asking for Council's support to encourage its community to stop and pause for reflection at 11 a.m. on Sunday 11 November for one minute to remember veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice and express gratitude for the peace and prosperity that we enjoy today. Hoping there will be many local commemorations and events taking place.

**10.12 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST
CORRUPTION NSW I2(52369)**

Forwarding copy of report on *Investigation into the conduct of a principal officer of two non-government organisations and others* (Operation Tarlo), which was furnished to the Presiding Officers on 19 September 2018. Saying the Commission finds that Eman Sharobeem, while service manager or CEO of the Immigrant Women's Health Service (IWHS) and person in day-to-day charge of the Non-English Speaking Women's Housing Scheme Inc (NESH) engaged in serious corrupt conduct by misapplying up to \$773,000 in public funds to benefit herself and members of her family. Pointing out a copy of the Commission's findings and recommendations are available at www.icac.nsw.gov.au

**10.13 THE HON KAREN ANDREWS MP – MINISTER FOR
INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
E5(52370)**

Advising that the government has entered into a \$129 million 10 year Strategic Partnership with the world's leading optical infrared observing facility which will enable ongoing high quality domestic astronomical research, aid in the development of world-class optical instrumentation, foster new research-industry collaboration and commercialisation and help to train a new generation of Australian astronomers and technology experts.

Stating the Warrumbungle Dark Sky Park will continue to be supported and the new consortium participants will collaborate constructively with the Coonabarabran community, local councils, Chamber of Commerce, stage government environmental authorities, developers and owners of major projects in the wider region to help maintain the pristine dark sky observing condition at the Siding Springs Observatory.

**10.14 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND CITIES**

Advising that following assessment of all applications, Council's project to upgrade Warren Road was unsuccessful for funding. Offering feedback on Council's HVSP6 application should Council wish.

10.15 NSW PREMIER & CABINET R8-7

Thanking Council for its application under Round 6 of the Restart NSW Resources for Regions Fund to upgrade Tooraweenah Road. Advising the application was not shortlisted as it did not fully meet the Restart NSW Funding criteria outlined in the Guidelines. Pointing out the assessment was very competitive with a large number of high calibre expressions of interest, requesting \$157 million from the \$50 million round.

10.16 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP – MEDIA RELEASE

Saying he is thrilled that students in the Barwon electorate will experience the Invictus Games Sydney 2018, highlighting the ability of wounded, injured and ill defence personnel and veterans. Pointing out students will attend the Games next month, enjoying the benefits of workshops on adaptive sports and inspirational insights from competitors.

Stating the excursion will complement school curriculum materials created for public school students exploring the central themes of inclusion, resilience, service and the healing power of sport. Pointing out that this is the educational opportunity of a lifetime for Bourke High School, Gulargambone Central School and Narrabri High School students. Saying that Invictus Games Sydney 2018 CEO Patrick Kidd OBE is looking forward to welcoming the students from across the State to the Games.

10.17 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10-2(52391)

Referring to Council's resolution to join a joint organisation and responding on behalf of the Minister. Noting that Council has resolved to join a joint organisation that includes Coonamble and any one or more of the following council areas – Brewarrina, Cobar, Bourke and Walgett. Advising current government policy is to form joint organisations within the state planning boundaries of which Coonamble Shire Council is the Central West and Orana region. Pointing out that the NSW Government has not proclaimed Coonamble into the Far North West Joint Organisation.

Strongly encouraging Council to consider joining one of the joint organisations established in its planning region. Saying it is the intent of the Government that all regional councils become a member of a joint organisation so that their communities can benefit from a strong regional approach to strategic planning, collaboration and advocacy. Saying Council may also consider approaching the member councils of the Far North West JO to discuss the benefits of joining as a non-voting member.

Saying that following the first 12 months of JO operating, the government will be evaluating their success and identifying any improvements that can be made, which may include a review of the state planning boundaries.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council previously resolved that if it could not become a member of the Far North West Joint Organisation it would remain a 'stand alone' council).

10.18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10

Presenting its annual report for 2017/18 ahead of the annual conference on October 21 – 23. Saying the report is a record of the efforts and achievements of LGNSW over the past year, as well as outlining its value to members.

Pointing out the annual report shows LGNSW continuing commitment to providing effective advocacy and tailored service that deliver value to all its members.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – A copy of the report will be tabled at the meeting for perusal by interested Councillors).

10.19	NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT
R2	

Notification of the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the Narramine to Narrabri section of the Inland Rail.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Attached as **APPENDIX A** for Council's information. The process that follows is that the proponent prepares a DA and EIS – the application is placed on exhibition, submissions are received and response provided – the project is

10.20	THE HON JOHN BARILARO MP	G5
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Thanking Council for supporting the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) and confirming the following projects submitted by Council have been successful:

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Grant Value</i>
Refurbish Shire public amenities	\$ 80,000
Playground/gym space – Lions Park, Gulargambone	\$135,000
Splash pad & starting blocks – Gulargambone pool	\$200,000
Shire shades and shelters	\$100,000
Basketball court/outdoor seating – Gular Youth Centre	\$ 50,000
New public amenities – main street Coonamble	\$250,000
Pool blanket & change room upgrade – Coonamble swimming complex	\$150,000
Coonamble Children's Services outdoor learning and activity space	\$103,454
Irrigation upgrade – Coonamble sports precinct	\$ 80,000
Skate bowl precinct – Coonamble	\$120,000
New Visitors Information Centre	\$330,000

RICK WARREN
General Manager
3 October 2018

11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 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
28/18	Quigley, RC & LI	Khan Partners	Transfer liquor licence/open liquor store	Lot 9 DP658958 51-55 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble	05/09/2018
21/18	Luppino, PM & Bird, KJ	Bird, Kimberley	Inground pool	Lot 2 DP627070 8655 Castlereagh Highway	10/09/2018
31/18	Imrie, RG & Kerry, E	Imrie & Kerry	Inground pool	Lot 3 DP504368 6 Goorianawa Road	11/09/2018
30/18	Glover, SK & WL	Glover, Wanitta	Colorbond garage	Lot 7 DP758282 2-6 Gordon Street Coonamble	13/09/2018
24/18	Foodey, Fiona	Foodey, Fiona	Extend shed	Lot 136 DP754227 20-24 Charles Street Coonamble	20/09/2018

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
27/18	Morrissey, Wayne & Sharon	Morrissey, Wayne	Dwelling & garage	Lot 1 DP547910 70 Wilga Street Coonamble	03/09/2018

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Promoting Better Practice Review - Department of Local Government.

Financial Considerations:

NIL

Options:

NIL

Recommendation:

That Council note Development Application Nos 021/2018, 024/2018, 028/2018, 030/2018 & 031/2018, together with Complying Development Application No 027/2018, have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES FUNDING – EXTENSION

Background:

My report to the September 2018 meeting provided a list of projects for Council's consideration, which met guidelines and would be eligible for funding under the program. Council resolved to engage with the community over a 14 day timeframe prior to making a determination.

Issues:

Advertisement was placed in the Coonamble Times newspaper on two occasions as well as Council's website and other social media, inviting written submissions / suggestions from the community, closing at 5 p.m. on Friday 5 October.

At the time of writing this report, the following suggestions have been put forward and proposals / suggestions received will be available at the meeting:

- (1) Dianne Fester *No costing provided*
- *Adequate accommodation at each of the three motels for a disabled person.*
 - *Another Q-Fever clinic to be conducted in Coonamble for farmers and school children associated with cattle.*
- (2) Coonamble Arts Alive Inc *Project Cost \$90,000*
Upgrade of community art studio, including improvements to toilet, wash area and kitchen. Installation of ceiling and flooring in main studio area. Cladding to exterior.
- (3) Coonamble Greyhound Racing Club *Project Cost \$52,000*
Substantial improvements to canteen area – saying they have a great undercover area but lacking a modern kitchen facility - one which could be utilised much more by hiring out to community when not in use by the Club.
- (4) Rotary Club of Coonamble *Project Cost \$180,000*
Referring to the covered rest stop on the western side of Coonamble on the Highway – suggesting a toilet block for truckies and travellers. The rest stop is well used and provides plenty of space for wheelchair access.
- (5) Coonamble Jockey Club *Project Cost \$99,000 (total)*
- *Changes to running rail (\$40,000) – Racing NSW has provided the new inside running rail but it has to be erected/installed at the Club's expense. Changes have to be made to accommodate proposed new watering system and for improved safety for jockeys and track riders.*
 - *Loam on track (\$50,000) – Course proper need complete new coverage of loam to even existing surface – currently a very uneven surface over the grass track – needs to be done to improve watering efficiency and safety for jockeys, horses, track riders.*

- *Committee Room Kitchen Upgrade (\$9,000) – Club has upgraded the external appearance of the Committee Room by installing slick promotional signage on the windows, gardens have been revamped and upgraded. Inside kitchen needs attention with new cupboards and benchtops.*

(6) Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service

Project cost \$25,000

Construction of a Memorial Wall at the Coonamble Cemetery for use by both funeral services in Coonamble. The project would be constructed using brick, granite and stone type construction.

(7) Coonamble Pistol Club

Project Cost \$240,000

Major upgrade, consisting of :

- Removal of fence
- Placing of 8 piers
- Installation of new club house 8 x 5, with kitchen and toilets
- Replacement of fence
- Plumbing, electrical
- Construction of 10 new targets – 50 metre range
- 10 new shooting bays, extend roof to cover shooting bays
- Installation of six security cameras.

(8) Quambone Resources Committee

Total Project Cost \$463,500

- a) Memorial Hall Upgrade – sheet ceiling and install insulation; childproof fence across front; externally sheet exterior of hall with Colorbond; upgrade kitchen cupboards; install sliding doors between supper room & main hall; climate control (heating and cooling)
- b) Quambone Village Upgrade – fence Quambone tip/provide recycling bins; provide user signage regulations; install unisex/disabled toilet in park; issue house numbering system for all residents; provide additional primitive campground locational signage.
- c) Quambone Sportsground Upgrade – line interior of Secretary's office (2 rooms); fix roof beam in old bar storage area; install roller door and enclose front to provide secure storage area; install water to sink; renew existing and install additional shelving.
Cement under skillion community shed; access road at sportsground; upgrade all power points in power boxes to 15 amp; completely renew sportsground / racecourse boundary fence; upgrade electricity transformer from 25kva to 63kva at sportsground / racecourse.

(9) Shane & Gemma Pettiford & Others

No costing provided.

Connection of town water to residents on the southern entrance to Coonamble (Castlereagh Highway and River Road). Pointing out residents are usually self-sufficient, supplying their domestic water from river and/or rain water, however they are now paying to have water carted at very expensive prices. This project would provide local employment and have other positive outcomes.

(Note by General Manager – In June 2016 a report was submitted to Council to extend town water to the 90km/hr zone on the Castlereagh Highway – three options were considered, with the following estimates:

Option 1 Capital Cost	\$550,000)	Chlorination Buster
Option 2 Capital Cost	\$690,000)	System
Option 3 Capital Cost	\$180,000)	additional to each \$60,000

(10) Coonamble Women's Shed

Project Cost \$50,000

Wanting to enhance their facilities in the community by setting up a local pottery outlet. Referring to their targeted market and saying products would be sold at wholesale prices – they would buy supplies from local businesses and profits would go back into the shed to maintain sustainability. Infrastructure for the project would include security, wheelchair access to front area, disabled toilet access; landscaping and revamping of front area, signage, fire extinguishers. Equipment sought includes kiln/slip bench, outdoor setting, first aid kit, white goods.

(11) David Taylor

No costing provided

Suggesting the following projects be considered for funding:

- i) Completion of caravan park upgrade
- ii) Completion of new kiosk/rest room at Smith Park
- iii) Beautification of Smith Park tourism area
- iv) Signage for town entry
- v) Planting of new trees to enhance appearance of the town
- vi) New side walks (not core business)
- vii) Employment of rural financial councillor – assistance to those struggling with drought.

Further suggestion that then these pre-budgeted projects are completed, the available funds be used on the following projects without the pressure of time restraints:

- i) Purchase Crown land – gold club / racecourse trust – develop an operational tourist stop, bore baths, shower/toilet amenities. Water used by bath facility could assist both the Jockey Club and Golf Club.
- ii) Purchase all fire damaged buildings in CBD – build a park / green site – a reason for travellers to stop
- iii) Community Radio Station requires funding support to build an antenna so it can compete with 2WEB – a listening area of up to 100kms will lead to many of those in rural areas having the opportunity to hear the station – larger listening audience equals more sponsors then comes a secure and locally progressive business

(12) Barbara Deans

No costing provided.

The idea is to have a body of permanent water all year around for recreation skiing, sailing and water sports. Suggesting the Warrena Creek Weir / ski hole enlarged and deepened and reinforce the weir wall – also build a wetland at the end after the weir wall – this to be fed by a new artesian bore. Saying Coonamble is positioned centrally to draw people in from a big area – people

love water – it's got to be permanent and reliable. Saying to make a future we have to build on our resources.

(13) Stan Leonard

No costing provided.

Suggesting that our local artist be commissioned to create a thoroughbred horse with jockey in the roundabout at the Castlereagh Street / Tooloon Street intersection. Saying Coonamble is a racing town – locals and visitors would love this project when they stop over to enjoy the bore baths which are in the pipeline.

(14) Coonamble Women's Shed (CWS)

Project cost \$80,000

Consider purchasing the building located at 38ABC Castlereagh Street for the purpose of leasing to the CWS to assist in the ongoing delivery of much needed programs, support and assistance to the community – cost of combined three shopfronts is \$80,000. Saying CWS currently cohabitates with Breakthru – sharing rent and cost of amenities. Ongoing aim is to provide women in the community with a safe and secure environment while providing the opportunity to enhance skills and creativity. Supporting government and support groups – Breakthru (partnering); Juvenile Justice, Well Ways, Local Schools and Lands Council.

(15) Coonamble Clay Target Club

Project cost \$355,000

To improve facilities and grounds to encourage travelling shooters to participate in annual open shoot, monthly club shoots and Christmas shoot. Saying the number of shooters increases each year and members have worked hard to develop the grounds and become known in clay target shooting circles. Pointing out the club holds events to increase gun safety and held sponsor days to say thanks for support received. Listing what is required is clubhouse building including kitchen, fencing, water and amenities, sewerage, 5 layouts & trap houses; connection of power, earthworks to avoid flooding. Saying the Club has \$50,000 – therefore funding required is \$300,000.

(16) Curator – Museum Under the Bridge

Project cost \$27,000

Making the museum more complete and viable for the local community as well as tourists. Painting around 19 window frames, 12 doors and door frames, as well as guttering maintenance. Kitchen, laundry and 2 lavatories also require painting. Room 4 has a damp area and render peels off – re-render the room. Requires clothes line set up as an exhibit as it was back in 1890 on the police station grounds. Signage is a MUST either in the main street or at all entrances to town. A new reverse cycle air conditioner in the office space.

(17) Alanna McHugh

No costing provided

Putting forward that soft fall be provided for all playgrounds in the Shire – if not realistic for all grounds, have soft fall laid in the main playgrounds in each town. Playgrounds should be a safe and welcoming environment for families – chip bark or the like is a deterrent – it makes the visibility of foreign material a challenge. Concerns regarding syringes, glass and rubbish could be unnoticed is an issue – also children put chip bark in their mouths so soft fall would prevent this from happening.

(18) Smart Kids Childcare Centre

Project total \$50,000

Due to ever increasing numbers they would like to extend the playground to further accommodate those children – they endeavour to raise funds throughout the year at community events, as they are not eligible for government funding. Fundraising efforts currently are trying to raise money towards a smart board. Saying the funds would go towards fencing, establishing a new and inviting play area. Estimating fencing would cost \$10,000; upgrade playground \$6,000; equipment for play area \$10,000; smart board \$8,000 and establishment of playground at rear of Centre \$16,000.

Copies of all submissions received are included in the business paper envelope for Councillors to fully familiarise themselves with each request. Closing date for submissions is Friday 5 October – any further submissions received will be available at the meeting.

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. A copy of the new guidelines is attached as **APPENDIX B**.

Financial Considerations:

The projects submitted will need to be properly costed and submitted to the Drought Communities Program – Extended prior to commencement.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation: For Council's determination.

**11.3 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL – NARROMINE TO
NARRABRI INLAND RAIL – GEOTECHNICAL
INVESTIGATIONS – COONAMBLE SHIRE ROAD RESERVES****Background:**

Council has received a request from Jacobs GHD joint venture requesting permission to perform geotechnical investigations (test pits and bore holes) within Coonamble Shire road reserves.

Issues:

The company has provided nine sites where it wishes to commence investigations – which are **attached** to this report. Also provided is the following documentation:

- Traffic Control Plan for the proposed works.
- Public Liability Insurance Cover to the value of \$20m.
- Workers' Compensation to cover all workers who will carry out works on the road reserves.
- Safety Management Plans, Risk Assessments and Safe Work Method Statements for the activities.

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions: N/A

Financial Considerations: N/A

Options: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council give permission to Jacobs GHD joint venture to conduct geotechnical investigations on the following investigation locations:

BH-2-059	BH-2-060	BH-2-061	TP-2-072	TP-2-073	EP-2-011
BH-2-024	TP-2-074	BH-2-030			

RICK WARREN

General Manager

3 October 2018

12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES **COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 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 September 2018 to October 2018.

Issues:

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

The Librarian travelled to Mudgee to attend the NSW Public Library Association - Central West Zone meeting, of which Coonamble is a member.

A number of items were discussed including the resource sharing programme Basecamp – Coonamble Library is participating in the program at no charge for the next 12 months. Libraries enter activities and programmes into the model and everyone who is linked in can view the schedule, encouraging other libraries to make use of items that may be close to their library.

The Renew Our Libraries campaign is ongoing and it was noted that Local Government contributes 92.8% of library funding.

The latest on the \$60M library funding is as follows: the Regional Cultural Fund is open 2018 for a one time grant opportunity. It is believed the Public Library Infrastructure Fund will commence again in 2019/2020 for four years – this is the grant the Coonamble Library has been successful with in the past for upgrades and updates of our library. The per capita amount for subsidy will rise from the current \$1.85 per head and reach \$2.85 per head by 2022/2023.

Coonamble will host the 2019 NWRL Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 7 November 2018 with Bogan, Warren and Gilgandra Libraries attending.

1.2 Library Statistics (September 2018 – October 2018)

Service	Issues	New M/ships	Wi-Fi	Internet	Children's Computers	Junior Visits	Adult Visits
Coonamble	936	11	93	286 (286.42 hr)	57	317	436
Gulargambone	41	0					

Manual Statistics - Coonamble (numbers refer to people attending)

Library Visits	Reference Enquiries	Technology Enquiries	Local History	VIC Enquiries
753	10	42	10	13

Activity Statistics - Coonamble (numbers refer to people attending)

Senior Craft	Pre-School Visits	Housebound	Study/Tutor
25	42	10	19

Usage Statistics - External meetings

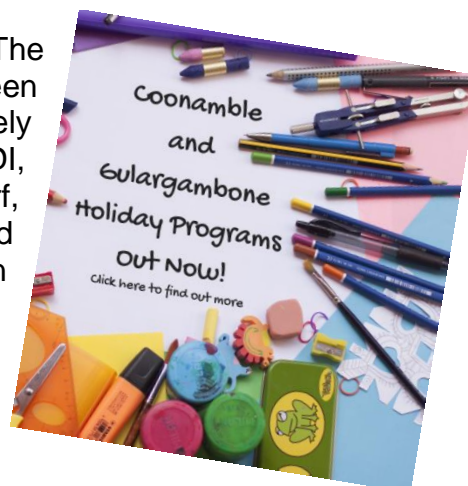
Interact	Distance Education	Meetings	School Computer Class
2	4	16	6

2. YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Program - 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.

October School Holiday Program - The October school holiday program has been finalised with Council working collaboratively with Mission Australia, Clontarf, REDI, Coonamble Local Aboriginal Clontarf, REDI, Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council and Banardos. Some activities in the October holiday program include:

- Sports games with Clontarf
- Lawn bowls
- Movie sessions
- Ten Pin Bowling in Dubbo

**Movie Nights**

Movie nights are hosted at the library every second Friday night. Families are encouraged to attend, enjoy healthy snacks and unwind after the week.

Youth Council

Council is working to establish an alternate model for the Coonamble Youth Council. Over the past six months it has been difficult to coordinate meetings with several proposed dates cancelled due to school commitments.

3. TOURISM

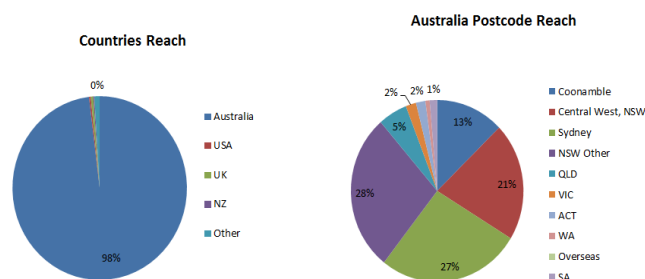
Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program - EC1.1.5/EC1.2.5
Develop visitor markets

3.1 Coonamble Visitor Information Centre Facebook page September statistics

ENGAGEMENT



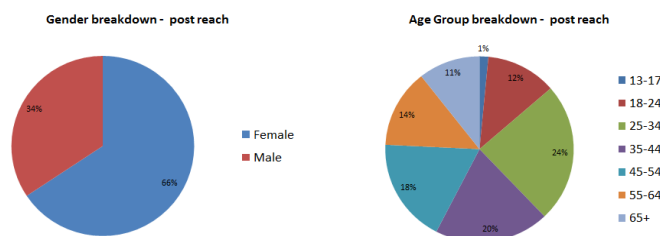
88% of our Facebook Posts were read by people in NSW in September 2018...



ENGAGEMENT



Our Facebook Posts reached 8748 people in September 2018...



3.2 Visit Coonamble Website – Monthly Statistics

Visit Coonamble Website – Monthly Statistics:

Number of Visitors	1,421
Number of Visits	1,634
Number of Page Views	7,868

Sessions by Device:

Desktop Computer	48.6%
Mobile Phone	37.9%
Tablet/iPad	13.5%

Top 3 Page Views:

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

3.3 Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period (September 2018)

Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period (September 2016)									
	Visitor Numbers	Visitor Type	Visitor Home State		Enquiry Type		Enquiry Details*		
107		Retiree	89	NSW	50	Local	52	Directions	27
		Family	12	VIC	31	Regional	32	Attractions	49
		Worker	6	SA	3	Interstate	28	Toilets	5
		Backpackers	0	QLD	16			Accommodation	17
				TAS	7			Eateries	6
				Overseas	1			Souvenirs	13
								Family History	6

*Some visitors had more than 1 enquiry

3.4 Museum Under the Bridge Update

Attendance for the month of September - 22

The museum was closed from Monday 24 September to Friday 28 September 2018. Visitors were able to arrange a tour of the museum through the visitor information centre during this time.

It is great to see the Museum Under the Bridge being utilised as a wedding venue and a popular location for wedding photography.

New storeroom shelving units have been installed at the museum through funds raised by the Coonamble Combined Clubs.

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Program – P1.2 Develop and grow the community understanding of shared responsibility. P2.1: Encourage an 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 lifestyle. P3.1.1 Advocate, support and raise awareness of programs that promote the physical and mental health and well-being of community members.

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, Mission Australia and the Salvation Army (Dubbo) to re-visit the CADI (Coonamble Alcohol and Drug Initiative) project. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4 October 2018. The CADI minutes will be included in the community services report regularly.

Warrigal Well-being Event – Several meetings have been held recently to discuss planning for the Warrigal Wellbeing Day. It was decided to hold Warrigal Wellbeing Day bi-annually as it is a large event and there is insufficient time or resources to organise it for 2018.

The Coonamble High School, who previously took a leading role in this event, would now like other agencies to take the lead. The school is prepared to provide assistance with a meeting space and fund a coordinator is required.

The next Warrigal Wellbeing Day meeting will be held on 1 March 2019 at the High School commencing at 11.30am.

The Domestic Violence Collective (DV Collective) - The DV Collective will host a 'White Ribbon Day' event, for the awareness and prevention of domestic violence within our community on Saturday 24 November 2018. The day will commence with the 'Walk A Mile Coonamble Style' starting from the Peace Tree and will conclude at McDonald Park where the 'White Ribbon Day' festivities begin.

5. GRANTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Program - P3.1.1. Advocate, support and raise awareness of programs that promote the physical and mental health and well-being of community members. P3.3.1. Support appropriate community development activities undertaken by a range of organisations and provide assistance with project development, government, grant writing, community building and group facilitation. P1.3.1. Support activities/projects that increase community participation and connection. L1.1.2 Promote genuine opportunities for people to participate in decisions that affect them.

Drought and Well-Being Support Page - Council has developed a Drought and Well-Being Support page on the Council website with a list of contact details for the community to utilise should they need them. These include direct links to crisis support information and contact numbers, local support, government and non-government support, and support information for youths. This section will also include information on the Coonamble Drought Buster Dollar campaign.

Grant and Communications Page - Council has redeveloped a Grant and Communications page on Council website with current and clear information and tips on how to write a grant application. This will be further developed over the next month.

Council has begun emailing out a monthly grant opportunities list to an evolving contact list including schools, community groups and sporting groups in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone. The email directs them to the Council website- Grants and Communications page, they are prompted to click an image which opens a PDF with all the grant opportunities for that month.



Grant Opportunities September 2018

Jetstar's Flying Start Program CLOSING SOON!	Agency: Jetstar
	Opening Date: OPEN
	Closing Date: 30 September 2018 31 March 2019
	Amount: \$15,000 Cash and \$15,000 worth of Jetstar travel
	Link: About the Program Apply here or Download Application Form here

Open to Not-for-profit community groups and organisations of any size, who are seeking funding to help enhance the lives of people in their local community; and can be classified into one of the following groups:

- Charity
- Educational and Health Organisations
- Arts Group or Organisation
- Sporting Group or Organisation

Applicants may send in a photo or video to accompany their application. Apply online or send to: Jetstar at PO Box 4713, Melbourne, VIC, 3001

Volunteer Museum Grant Program CLOSING SOON!	Agency: Museums & Galleries of NSW
	Opening Date: 6 August 2018
	Closing Date: 30 September 2018 at Midnight
	Amount: \$2500 - \$7500
	Link: About the Grant Guidelines

The Volunteer Museum Grant Program provides assistance to volunteer-initiated community museums and Aboriginal Cultural Centres (with artefact collections and displays) in NSW, with up to two full time paid staff members (no more than 70 hours of paid staffing per week) as well as museum networks such as Museums Australia Chapters.

Project Development Grants allow community museums and cultural centres to carry out projects relating to museum management, collections or community/visitor engagement that have mid to long term outcomes. These grants can also provide museums/cultural centres with the chance to work productively with an appropriate museum consultant as a skill development opportunity.

The PDF is complete with information about each grant and direct links to the online information and application pages. The grant opportunities email for September was well received and Council was informed that the process was easy to follow.

Grant Writing Assistance and Support - Council has been providing grant writing assistance and support to the Coonamble Pistol Club for its application under the Club Grant (Sport and Rec – Infrastructure) to develop their club facilities.

Community Events - There has been an increase in Council social media posts over the past month and use of the website to promote information and events. Council is working towards making each post clear and concise to increase our presence on the social media platforms.

Small Business Month - October is Small Business Month and to build capacity within our business community Council will be hosting a free Tender Writing Workshop for local business operators and tradespeople. Council has secured a professional procurement service to deliver the workshop at the end of October. Invitations will be sent and a marketing campaign developed to ensure awareness of the workshop.

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.

12.2 COONAMBLE BORE BATH PROJECT

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

Background:

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

Council contracted the services of Regional Development Australia – Orana (RDA Orana) to prepare case studies on bore bath facilities in various locations and to undertake a preliminary site assessment.

Issues:

Since the September meeting of Council, RDA Orana Regional Director Megan Dixon has undertaken an investigation into bore bath facilities and has made a preliminary assessment of Council's preferred location at the Coonamble Golf/Racecourse complex.

A copy of the Preliminary Assessment is attached as **APPENDIX C** for Council's information. Ms Dixon will be in attendance at the October Council Meeting to present her findings.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Nil

Financial Considerations:

Funds are available in the 2018/2019 budget to undertake preliminary studies.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:
For Council's determination.

ROBYN RYAN

Director of Community Services

3 October 2018

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN
SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2018**

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections 27/09/2018 compared to 30/09/2017:

	27/09/2018	30/09/2017
Arrears 30 th June previous year	540,282.85	533,958.78
Plus 2018/19 Combined Levy	6,482,927.04	6,313,419.00
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
GROSS LEVY	7,023,209.89	6,847,377.78
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(59,686.63)	(58,535.30)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(48,834.52)	(47,892.51)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	6,914,688.74	6,740,949.97
Less Collections	(2,256,178.80)	(2,148,556.70)
Plus Refunds	-	-
NET TOTAL BALANCE	4,658,509.94	4,592,393.27
Plus Postponed	-	-
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	4,658,509.94	4,592,393.27
Collection % of Total Receivable	32.63%	31.97%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	67.37%	68.13%

Recommendation:
Submitted for Council's information.

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 - 15/01/2019	2.65%	120 Days	500,000.00
Bankwest	A1+	Term Deposit - 08/10/2018	2.55%	61 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 17/02/2019	2.45%	150 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 - 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 - 18/02/2019	2.68%	151 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					\$ 26,750,000

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+	19%	50%	5,000,000
Bankwest	A1+	9%	50%	2,500,000
Bendigo Bank	A2	11%	35%	3,000,000
IMB	A2	19%	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
				\$ 26,750,000

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	56%	100%	15,000,000
A1	2%	80%	500,000
A2	42%	60%	11,000,000
Unrated	1%	30%	250,000
			\$ 26,750,000
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 27th September, 2018

\$	116,589
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Recommendation:

That the list of investments as at 30 September 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 improving and maintaining presentation of Coonamble Sportsground and Showground with both venues hosting major events recently.
- Installation of lighting to showcase the mural on the water reservoir at the sportsground has been completed
- Replanting of the main street garden beds has commenced and will be completed shortly.

Vandalism Update:

- A picnic table in Macdonald Park was damaged by vandals and replacement furniture has been ordered.
- Vandalism associated cost for the 2018/2019 financial year amount to \$6,132.75 as at the time of the writing of this report.

Pools:

- Repairs to the Quambone Pool have been completed - pool open to the public on 02/10/2018
- Both Coonamble and Gulargambone Pools were opened to the public on the 29/09/2018.
- As per previous years, arrangements were put in place to allow the Coonamble swimming club access to the facility for training, prior to its opening to the general public.

Buildings:

- Recladding of the Gulargambone Pool building has been completed.
- Ongoing maintenance as required



Recommendation:

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

BRUCE QUARMBY

Director of Corporate and Urban Services
2 October 2018

14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2018**

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

(a) Plant / Fleet:

- Tender specification under development for Loader, Excavator, Backhoe and Watercart purchases.
- Annual crane safety inspections completed.
- Annual registration process 85% complete.
- Small plant transport processes currently under review.
- Investigation of plant safety system underway.
- Quotations underway for minor fleet replacements.
- Review of Plant Induction process with improvements identified and agreed for implementation once documented.

(b) Airport:

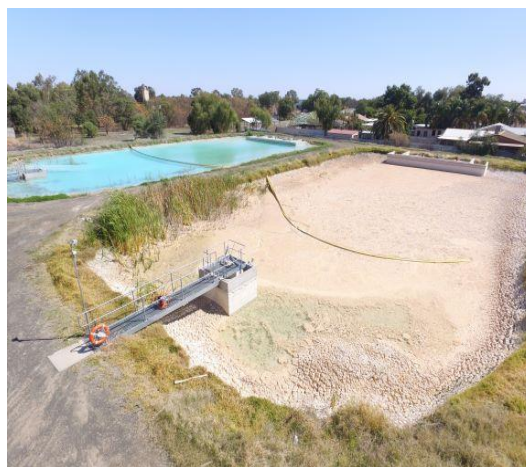
- Routine inspection and maintenance on going.

(c) Depot Facilities:

- Commenced initial investigations for depot improvement plan including building maintenance/improvements, traffic management plan, fuelling and other chemical management.
- Work Health Safety and Environment Inspection rescheduled for October 2018.
- Construction of work on compounds progressing.
- Initial use of mobile Inspection and Maintenance Management System for depot facility well received by staff and successful in capturing and reporting on required information.

(d) Water & Sewer:

- General maintenance services completed on an as needs basis. As the weather warms up water main and service breaks become more frequent
- Several projects in the pipeline for the near future. The second sedimentation lagoon will be emptied and dried to allow repairs to be carried out.



- Tenders for the water main replacements on Castlereagh Street in Coonamble and Munnell Street in Gulargambone have also been readvertised - report will be tabled at the November meeting.
- Council is working with the EPA to empty and clean the second tertiary pond at the sewer treatment plant, which should improve the effluent quality that the treatment plant produces.
- Council is continuing working on funding applications for the Safe and Secure Water Program, with projects such as new bores in Coonamble and Quambone, and a new reservoir in Coonamble, hopefully being funded through the program.
- Council recently installed a pump at the Coonamble Sewer Treatment Plant that will allow staff to top up the storage dam used to irrigate the race course and golf course. This will ensure that the race course and golf course have ample water available for irrigation over the summer months.
- Staff have embraced drone technology to carry out inspections on the reservoirs, reducing the need to climb the structures. The drone is also being used to record assets, works in progress, improve site plans and record accomplishments.

(e) Quarry:

- Tender specification under development for Mobile Screen purchase.
- Repairs to processing plant complete.

(f) Levee:

- Stage 3 works commenced. Work to be carried out includes the installation of flood gates across Baradine and Tooraweenah Roads and the stabilisation of the river bank behind the library.



(g) Flood Risk Management studies for Coonamble, Gular & Quambone

- Newsletter including community survey have been sent out to house holds.

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

Routine activities including pothole and edge-break repairs, rest area maintenance, litter collection and removal of detritus and routine inspections have been completed. Work proposal for heavy patching has been approved with resealing proposals being developed. Heavy patching works programmed for October/November 2018 with some resealing programmed for late October and the remaining for later in the calendar year.

ii) RMS Additional Works:

RMS have approached Council to undertake surface correction of bridge approaches at two locations in the Walgett Shire as they are unable to progress works due to an incident where an investigation is underway. RMS have advised Walgett Shire Council of this arrangement. We will prepare work proposals for RMS consideration and take the opportunity for them to also consider one of our own bridge approaches for similar works.

iii) Urban, Local and Regional Roads:

Item	Task	Comments
1	SR13 Sandy Camp Rd – Maintenance Grade	Complete
2	SR11 Bullagreen Rd - Maintenance Grade	Complete
3	SR13 Sandy Camp Rd – Maintenance Grade	Complete
4	SR7 Wingadee Road – Maintenance Grade	Complete
5	SR15 Beanbah Rd – Maintenance Grade	Complete
6	SR19 Gulargambone Rd – Maintenance Grade	Complete
7	SR14 Quabathoo Rd – Maintenance Grade	Complete
8	SR102 Quambone/Thurn Rd – intersection directional signage replacement	Complete
9	SR54 Floodenfield Rd - Maintenance Grade	In Progress
	Coonamble Urban Streets – upgrade of Reid, Quomoon, Nebea, Conimbia and Hermann Streets	Complete
10	SR86 Carinda Rd - Rehabilitation	In Progress
11	SR15 Beanbah Rd – Resheeting	In Progress
12	SR87 Bix Ridge Road - Construction	In Progress
13	LR and RR - Spray invasive grasses in preparation for reseal program	In Progress
14	LR and RR – Jetpatching repairs in preparation for reseal program	In Progress

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. The upgrade of a number of town streets in Coonamble has now been completed. Construction works on the Carinda Road rehabilitation has commenced.

i) Funding Applications:**a) Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program Round 6 – Warren Road**

Council submitted a joint application on behalf of Warren Shire Council for funding under the Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program Round 6 for the upgrade to Warren Road. We received advice that our project had not been selected for funding on this occasion and have registered our interest in receiving feedback on our application. We will continue to pursue funding under the HVSP in Round 7 to match the funding commitment of \$1.9M that was secured under the Fixing Country Road Program. The opening of Round 7 is yet to be determined.

b) Restart NSW Resources for Regions Fund Round 6 - Tooraweenah Road Upgrade

Council submitted an Expression of Interest for funding under the Restart NSW Resources for Regions Fund Round 6 for the upgrade to Tooraweenah Road. We received advice that our project had not been shortlisted to progress to the Detailed Application stage as it did not fully meet the criteria outlined in the Guidelines including Strategic Assessment, Economic Assessment, Affordability, and Deliverability.

Projects were assessed by Infrastructure NSW with the assistance of the Regional Independent Assessment Panel and overseen by a probity advisor to ensure that a fair process was undertaken.

All Expressions of Interest were subject to an independent economic appraisal from the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The projects shortlisted were considered likely to generate sufficient public benefits to mining-related communities and NSW in relation to the amount of funding requested.

Recommendation:**That Council note the information contained in this section of the report.****KOOKIE ATKINS**

Director of Engineering Services

27 September 2018

15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2018**

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2018

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

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	<u>September 2018</u>	<u>Year to Date 2018/2019 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	40	108
Infringements (Animals)	19	20
Infringements (Other)	0	0
Change of Details	3	17
Microchipped dogs	10	41
Registrations	8	28
Nuisance dog declaration	0	2
Dangerous dog declaration	0	0
Menace dog declaration	0	0
<u>IMPOUNDED ANIMALS</u>		
Dogs	8	65
Cats	1	19
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	9	84
<u>BREAKDOWN</u>		
Dogs Euthanased	2	19
Dogs surrendered by owner	1	32
Dogs re-housed	3	33
Dogs released	3	10
Cats Euthanased	1	19
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 September 2018.

MATTHEW COCK

Manager – Environmental Services

28 September 2018

<p><u>16. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES</u> <u>COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018</u></p>

NIL THIS MONTH

17. SALEYARDS REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018

17.1 SALES - CATTLE

No sales during the month.

TOTAL:	Casual Weigh	97 head	\$ 397.70
			\$ 397.70

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

Sale yards Operations:	Income	\$ 717.02
	Expenditure	\$ 18,886.36
	Deficit	\$ 18,169.34

Truck wash:	Income	\$ 3,638.01
	Expenditure	\$ 3,556.97
	Surplus	\$ 81.04

Summary:	Income	\$ 4,355.03
	Expenditure	\$ 22,443.33
	Deficit	\$ 18,088.30

Sale yard Reserves:	Balance 01/07/18	\$348,591.55
	Operational result to date	\$ 18,088.30
	Reserve Balance at 27/09/2018	\$366,679.85

BRUCE QUARMBY

Director of Corporate & Urban Services

27 September 2018

<p><u>18. REPORT TO CLOSED SESSION</u> <u>COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2018</u></p>

N/A

<p><u>19. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE</u> <u>COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018</u></p>

NIL

20. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018