



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 13 May 2020**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA SKYPE
ON WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2020 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Ahmad Karanouh (Mayor), Cr Paul Wheelhouse (Deputy Mayor), Cr Karen Churchill, Cr Pat Cullen, Cr Barbara Deans, Cr Bill Fisher, Cr Robert Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Hein Basson (General Manager), Bruce Quarmby (Director of Corporate and Urban Services), Robyn Ryan (Director of Community Services), Kookie Atkins (Director of Engineering Services)

Introduction of New Staff Members

Prior to the commencement of the Ordinary Meeting, three (3) new staff members were introduced to Council via Skype. They were Mrs Annie Rindfleish (HR/Payroll – temporary position); Mr Garry Kimbell (Water & Sewer Operator – temporary position) and Ms Kate Storck (Customer Service – Service NSW – permanent full-time position). Councillors welcomed the three staff members and wished them well during their employment with Council. The General Manager drew attention to the appropriate manner of communication between Councillors and staff (and vices versa) in accordance with Council’s “Councillor Access to Staff and Premises Policy”.

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.10 a.m.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet today, the Wailwan people and the Gamilaroi people and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

5 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2020/32

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 8 April 2020 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Deans advised that she has a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 12.8 relating to the Inland Rail section of the Economic Development Progress Report. Cr Deans informed the meeting that her business is grain-growing and she is also a potentially affected property owner through which the current Inland Rail route is proposed. Cr Deans said she will remain as part of the meeting and discuss and vote on the item, noting that it is for Council's information only.

8 RESOLUTION BOOK

Nil.

The General Manager explained that important items, e.g. progress with the Mineral Spa (Bore Baths) will in future be reported on as part of the relevant monthly progress reports.

9 MAYORAL MINUTE

MAYORAL MINUTE - FINANCIAL SUPPORT COVID-19

RESOLUTION 2020/33

Moved: Cr Robert Thomas

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

- 1. That Coonamble Shire Council calls on the Federal Government and NSW Government to urgently deliver comprehensive and multifaceted financial support and stimulus packages to local government to enable them to continue to operate effectively and provide essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- 2. That Council calls for the above-mentioned financial support and stimulus packages to include the following measures:**
 - (a) Increasing Financial Assistance Grants payments to 1% of the Federal Government's revenues to help Councils maintain essential functions and services, acknowledging the increased costs and**

- mounting revenue losses arising from COVID-19 (and drought) as well as giving Councils capacity to provide hardship assistance to businesses and residents.
- (b) Immediate financial assistance to support Council employees, especially in early education and care.
 - (c) Providing stimulus funding to Councils for projects that will help sustain Council operations and boost local economies. This could be achieved through increasing or bringing forward funding under existing funding programs or introducing new programs.
 - (d) Increased access to TAFE, VET and other apprenticeship opportunities that Council staff can undertake to address skill shortages, especially for staff in non-essential services who are unable to be redeployed.
3. That Council commends the NSW and Federal Governments on their stewardship during this crisis and commits to working in partnership to protect community health and sustain local economies through this crisis.
 4. That Council writes to the local Federal and State Members, Mark Coulton and Roy Butler (respectively); Prime Minister the Hon Scott Morrison MP, NSW Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Federal Treasurer the Hon Josh Frydenburg MP, NSW Treasurer the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, NSW Local Government Minister the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Federal Minister for Local Government the Hon Mark Coulton, Federal Opposition Leader the Hon Anthony Albanese, NSW Opposition Leader Jodi McKay MP, Federal Shadow Minister for Local Government Jason Clare MP and NSW Shadow Minister for Local Government Greg Warren MP to confirm their support for increased financial assistance and stimulus funding for local government to help Councils maintain essential services and employment during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 5. That Council endorses Local Government NSW's sector-wide campaign to obtain financial assistance, employment support and stimulus funding for the local government sector.
 6. That Council advises Local Government NSW's President Cr Linda Scott of the passage of this Mayoral Minute.

CARRIED

The Mayor informed the meeting that he had received an unexpected telephone call from the Governor of NSW, Margaret Beazley, AC, QC. She was checking on how Coonamble was dealing with the current situation of COVID-19. Governor Beazley is obviously interested in how our rural and regional communities are coping and I thanked her for her concerns. I also took the opportunity to invite the Governor to visit Coonamble should the opportunity arise.

The Mayor also raised the recent death of one of the Shire's long time residents, Mr Neville Owens. Cr Karanouh pointed out that Neville has been a valued member of our community for 70 plus years and his contribution, through his photography and generosity, has been immense. About 300,000 of Mr Owens' photographic film negatives have been left to Council as custodian and are housed in the Archives for future generations to share and enjoy. The Mayor suggested that Neville should be

honoured for his commitment and dedication and suggested that Council keep this in mind when considering future nominations for the Hall of Fame caricatures.

10 PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL

SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Nil.

11 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

12 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

12.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2020/34

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council notes Development Application Nos 005/2020, 007/2020, 008/2020 and 014/2019 have been approved under delegated authority since Council's April 2020 meeting.

CARRIED

12.2 STATUS REPORT REGARDING COUNCILLOR ENQUIRIES

RESOLUTION 2020/35

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

12.3 SHOWGROUNDS STIMULUS FUNDING PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2020/36

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council submits a funding application under the NSW Government Showgrounds Stimulus Program for the upgrade of power and water infrastructure incorporating the northern end (for camping/horses) and from the southern gate to the new stables on the riverbank.

CARRIED

The General Manager referred to advice he received from the President of Coonamble Show Society Inc. that the Society has been successful with its application for funding of \$500,000 for major works at Coonamble Showground. Mr Basson said that, in conjunction with the project proposed by Council, these funds will enhance the facility and will make it an attractive venue for a multitude of events. Councillors were advised of this outcome by email – a copy of which is annexed to these minutes.

12.4 REGULATORY CHANGES - MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION 2020/37

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council notes the information contained in the report, and continues to manage the current Covid-19 circumstances in accordance with the opinions expressed by the General Manager and Director of Corporate and Urban Services in the body of the report.

CARRIED

12.5 LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT – FINAL

RESOLUTION 2020/38

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

- 1. That Council formally adopts its Local Strategic Planning Statement, as attached to the report as an Annexure.**
- 2. That Council submits its adopted Local Strategic Planning Statement to the NSW Department of Planning.**

CARRIED

In discussing the adoption of the Local Strategic Planning Statement, Cr Churchill mentioned that the bore baths are not included within the document and she asked when it would be reviewed again. The General Manager said this document is not a 'blue-print' for economic development as it dove-tails into other plans, for example Council's Coonamble Shire Master Plan, which all link together and support each other. Mr Basson said he expects the LSPS would be revised each five years or so. Cr Churchill said she would like the bore baths included when the document is being revised.

12.6 RANGER'S REPORT - MARCH & APRIL 2020

RESOLUTION 2020/39

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

12.7 WORKPLACE INJURY MANAGEMENT REPORT APRIL 2020

RESOLUTION 2020/40

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council notes the contents of this Workplace Injury Management monthly report for its information.

CARRIED

12.8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2020/41

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

- 1. That Council notes the contents of this report.**
- 2. That Council authorises the General Manager to:**
 - (a) Provide Australia Post with approval to feature the Gulargambone water tower by Jenny McCracken in the planned stamp issue, and**
 - (b) Suggest the inclusion of the Coonamble water tower by John Murray and Sooty Welsh in the same stamp issue.**

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2020/42

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council writes a letter in response to Mr Michael Gregory's letter, expressing its disappointment and asking why Council's proposal for a business case study was rejected; also providing past figures of volumes of grain produced and transported from this area as well as the dollar values as proof that Council's proposal is worthy of further investigation.

CARRIED

Note: Regarding Item 12.9 below, the General Manager referred to the additional information provided to Councillors via email for consideration in conjunction with the following matter. A copy of the information is annexured to these minutes.

12.9 COONAMBLE CBD PUBLIC AMENITIES**RESOLUTION 2020/43**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

- 1. That Council authorises the General Manager to accept the Exceloo quotation for a JUPITER Triple Cubicle Toilet with additional features appropriate for servicing a rural community, conditional upon the overall cost being contained within the allocated budget for this project; FURTHER that the necessary information be provided for Exeloo to develop site-specific designs and plans in preparation for the installation of the public amenities at 79 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble.**
- 2. That a community-led public art project calls for creative contribution to the artwork on the amenities building film-wrap and wall behind it, and staff prepare a report to allow Council to review and consider this community contribution and suggestions before making a decision about the artwork to be used on the amenities building and wall behind it.**
- 3. That relevant Council staff oversee the project management of the installation of the amenities building and completion of development of the site, including the employment of local concreting, electrical, plumbing and landscaping contractors wherever possible.**

CARRIED

Councillor Churchill requested that her name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

12.10 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - APRIL 2020**RESOLUTION 2020/44**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher
Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the information provided in the report.

CARRIED

12.11 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - APRIL 2020**RESOLUTION 2020/45**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

That Council notes the list of investments as at 30 April 2020 and also that these investments comply with section 625(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Council's Investment Policy.

CARRIED

12.12 SALEYARDS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2020/46**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

- 1. That Council notes the information in the report.**
- 2. That once the costings for the two major maintenance items, as identified in the body of the report, have been obtained this information be reported back to Council for its consideration.**

CARRIED

The meeting noted that agents have had an 'on site' meeting with Council's officer regarding preparations for the sale on 12 June 2020. In response to a question from Cr Wheelhouse, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said that a lot of the work to be undertaken is operational and will be completed prior to the sale. Mr Quarmbly said that the kitchen upgrade would not be done as it is one of the major projects to be undertaken in the future. Cr Wheelhouse requested for staff to please ensure that the water throughs were fully operational.

The Director of Corporate and Urban Services informed Councillors that the amenities/showers would be re-opened and operational for the first sale in June.

At this juncture, 11.29 a.m. the Mayor adjourned the meeting for a short break and it resumed at 11.37 a.m.

Councillors had lengthy debate concerning the request for funding from the Coonamble Children's Services Inc. The General Manager informed the meeting that the Service had encountered problems which necessitated its closure, however, said that it provides an important service and that it would be in the best interest of the community to re-open. He said other communities within the region are experiencing similar problems in not being able to attract suitably qualified staff.

12.13 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – COONAMBLE CHILDREN'S SERVICES INC.

RESOLUTION 2020/47

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council does not proceed with the funding request received from the Coonamble Children's Services Inc.

CARRIED

In regards to the following item, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services provided Councillors with a brief overview, referring to movements on a number of items since the last quarter review and answering a few questions from Councillors.

12.14 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - MARCH 2020

RESOLUTION 2020/48

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

- 1. That Council approves the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents.**
- 2. That Council notes, in the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer based on the information as presented in the March Budget review, that Council will be in a satisfactory financial position as 30 June 2020.**
- 3. That Council notes the position of Council's estimated restricted (reserve) funds as at 30 March 2020.**

CARRIED

The General Manager made mention that the Operating Budget surplus will be increasing with an amount of \$35,000 since Council has resolved not to provide any financial assistance to the Coonamble Childcare Service Inc.

12.15 ADOPTION OF DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/21 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

RESOLUTION 2020/49

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

1. That Council authorises the draft Operational Plan 2020/21, and hereby makes, fixes and levies the expenditure amounts set out in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget, in annexure under separate cover to the Business Paper, for public exhibition in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the Local Government Act for 28 days from Thursday, 14 May 2020, with a submission closing date of Thursday, 11 June 2020.
2. That Council advertises the draft Operational Plan 2020/21 in the Coonamble Times, on its website and Facebook pages and displays the relevant documents on Council's Website, as well as making hard copies available to members of the public who request same.
3. That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), Council makes, fixes and levies the Rates and Charges for the 2020/21 financial year, and authorises same for public exhibition as part of the Council's Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget, in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 for 28 days from Thursday, 14 May 2020, with a submission closing date of Thursday, 11 June 2020:

Residential – Coonamble:

A Residential – Coonamble rate of 1.5405 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the town of Coonamble, with a minimum rate of \$485.00 per annum;

Residential – Gulargambone:

A Residential – Gulargambone rate of 1.2600 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the town of Coonamble, with a minimum rate of \$480.00 per annum;

Residential – Village:

A Residential – Village rate of 1.2600 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the village of Quambone, with a minimum rate of \$470.00 per annum;

Farmland:

A Farmland rate of 0.3913 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the Local Government Area being farmland, with a minimum rate of \$380.00 per annum;

Small Rural Holdings:

A Small Rural Holding rate of 0.8200 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the Local Government Area being small rural holdings, with a minimum rate of \$505.00 per annum;

Rural Residential:

A Rural Residential rate of 0.7200 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the Local Government Area being rural residential, with a minimum rate of \$470.00 per annum;

Business:

A Business rate of 2.3200 cents in the dollar on the current land values of all rateable land in the Local Government Area being Business, with a minimum rate of \$530.00 per annum;

4. That the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2020/21 financial year be made, fixed and charged by Council and authorised for public exhibition as part of the Council’s Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 for 28 days from Thursday, 14 May 2020, with a submission closing date of Thursday, 11 June 2020.
5. That Council makes, fixes and levies the amounts contained within the Water Supply Charge Schedule for the 2020/21 financial year, and that same be authorised by Council for public exhibition as part of its Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget, in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 for 28 days from Thursday, 14 May 2020, with a submission closing date of Thursday, 11 June 2020. FURTHER, that Council makes, fixes and levies the following charges in accordance with the provisions of Section 552 and Section 501(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 on such land which water is connected or able to be connected to for the year ending June 2021:

Town/Village	Access Charge (\$20mm)	Usage Charge – 1st Tier (c/kl)	2nd Tier Pricing Limit (kl)	Usage Charge 2nd Tier (c/kl)
Coonamble	330	105	450	170
Gulargambone	430	105	450	160
Quambone	430	115	430	190

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

Item	Coonamble (\$)	Gulargambone (\$)	Quambone (\$)
Access charge (20mm meter)	330	430	430
Access charge (25mm meter)	518	675	675
Access charge (40mm meter)	1,320	1,720	1,720
Access charge (50mm meter)	2,063	2,688	2,688
Access charge (75mm meter)	4,640	6,046	6,046

Access charge (100mm meter)	8,250	10,750	10,750
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6. That the Sewer Supply Charge Schedule for the 2020/21 financial year be approved by Council for public exhibition as part of the Council’s Operational Plan and Budget in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 for 28 days from Thursday, 14 May 2020, with a submission closing date of Thursday, 11 June 2020. FURTHER, that Council makes, fixes and levies the following charges in accordance with the provisions of Section 501(1) and Section 552 and of the *Local Government Act 1993* on such land which sewer is connected or able to be connected to for the year ending June 2021.

Residential Sewerage – Coonamble

Sewerage availability charge of \$560.00 per annum per assessment.

Residential Sewerage – Gulargambone

Sewerage availability charge of \$770.00 per annum per assessment.

Sewerage – Coonamble Flats

Sewerage availability charge of \$470.00 per annum per unit.

Sewerage – Gulargambone Flats

Sewerage availability charge of \$695.00 per annum per unit.

Non-residential Sewerage - Coonamble

Sewer charge for Non-residential Sewerage - Coonamble is not less than a minimum charge of \$560.00 per annum per assessment. Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. The treatment charge to be applied is 115 cents per kilolitre.

Non-residential Sewerage - Gulargambone

Sewer charge for Non-residential Sewerage - Gulargambone is not less than a minimum charge of \$770.00 per annum per assessment. Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. The treatment charge to be applied is 115 cents per kilolitre.

7. That the Waste Collection Service Schedule for the 2020/21 financial year be approved by Council for public exhibition as part of the Council’s Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 for 28 days from Thursday, 14 May 2020, with a submission closing date of Thursday, 11 June 2020. FURTHER, that Council makes, fixes and levies the following charges in accordance with the provisions of Section 496 and Section 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the Waste Collection Services (with the understanding that one (1) Waste Collection Service entitles a property owner to a 240 litre weekly garbage service per assessment – unless otherwise indicated):

Particulars	2020/2021 Charge per annum (\$)
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Domestic – Coonamble Occupied	280.00
Domestic Coonamble – additional Service (per additional service)	140.00
Commercial – Coonamble Occupied	280.00
Commercial Coonamble – additional Service (per additional service)	140.00
Domestic - Gulargambone Occupied	365.00
Domestic Gulargambone – additional Service (per additional service)	140.00
Commercial – Gulargambone Occupied	365.00
Commercial Coonamble – additional Service (per additional service)	140.00
Domestic – Quambone Occupied	315.00
Domestic Coonamble – additional Service (per additional service)	140.00
Commercial – Quambone Occupied	315.00
Commercial Quambone – additional Service (per additional service)	140.00
Coonamble/Vacant Land- within scavenging area	48.00
Gulargambone/ Vacant Land – within scavenging area	48.00
Quambone/Vacant Land – within scavenging area	48.00

8. That Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, determines that the extra interest charges on overdue rates and charges will be levied at the maximum rate allowable and as advised by the Office of Local Government on a daily simple interest basis for the financial year ending 30 June 2021. The rate for the 2020/21 financial year is 7.5% per annum (7.5% for 2019/20).
9. That Council requests the Director of Corporate and Urban Services to present a further report, together with all submissions received, to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Council's consideration and adoption of the final 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget at its Ordinary Meeting in June 2020.

10. That Council notes that, in order to fulfil the necessary statutory requirements of allowing for a public exhibition period of 28 days, it will not be possible for Council to consider the adoption of the final 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget on its scheduled second Wednesday of the month meeting in June 2020, as this period will only end on the day after the scheduled Council Meeting.
11. That Council authorises its June 2020 Ordinary Meeting to be held a week later than normally scheduled, i.e. on Wednesday 17 June, as this arrangement still provides for a situation where Council can finalise its 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget before the start of the new financial year on 1 July 2020; which is deemed to be an appropriate and advisable management practice – even within the Covid-19 period of time.
12. That Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 405(6) of the Local Government Act 1993, places a copy of its adopted Operational Plan on its website within 28 days of it being formally adopted at the June 2020 Ordinary Meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That the expenditure allocated for Maule Lane maintenance and renewal in the 2020/2021 budget be re-allocated for expenditure on rural roads.

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12.16 URBAN SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2020/50

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

12.17 ENGINEERING SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2020/51

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Robert Thomas

That Council notes the information in this report.

CARRIED

Cr Wheelhouse referred to some rural roads requiring urgent remedial work and suggested that a meeting of the Roads Committee be convened. The General Manager said he was concerned that a “virtual” meeting of this Committee would not serve any purpose, suggesting it be held over until restrictions are lifted and on-site inspections can be conducted in conjunction with the meeting as and where necessary.

12.18 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2020/52

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

CARRIED

In response to a question concerning the caravan park, the Director said quotes are being sought for a cabin with disabled access; providing for a total of five (5) cabins on site. The Director pointed out that the park has been closed in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines under the Public Health Order.

13 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

13.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

RESOLUTION 2020/53

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the responses to the individual questions with notice received from Councillors Karen Churchill and Robert Thomas be received and noted.

CARRIED

Note: At this juncture, 1.15 p.m. recording of the meeting ceased for Council to deal with matters in Closed Session.

14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2020/54

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

14.1 Drought Stimulus Package

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CARRIED

14.1 DROUGHT STIMULUS PACKAGE

RESOLUTION 2020/55

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

- 1. That Council notes the contents of this report.**
- 2. That Council authorises the General Manager to enter into a funding agreement with the NSW Government for a Drought Stimulus Package as is described in the approved Project Concepts and included with the report.**

CARRIED

Councillor Churchill requested that her name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

RESOLUTION 2020/56

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2020/57

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That the resolution adopted in Closed Session (Resolution 2020/55) be adopted in Open Council.

CARRIED

15 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 1.47 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 17 June 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON