

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
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**PRESENT:** Cr Tim Horan, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. J. Canham, T. Cullen, B. O'Brien, M. Webb, D. Schieb and A. Karanouh.  
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. John Griffiths, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr. Gamage and Mrs Moorhouse.

**2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

Prior to beginning the meeting, the Mayor acknowledged the original owners of the land, both past and present.

**4.0 APOLOGY**

**8320 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that an apology be accepted from the Director of Corporate Services, Mr. Rick Warren.

**5.0 DELEGATIONS**

- (a) Representatives from Gulargambone Interagency Presentation . Emergency Card.
- (b) Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Update . Gulargambone CDEP.
- (c) Coonamble High School Primary Industries Indigenous Employment Project  
Mr. Ian Nebauer and Mr. Rod Little.

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest declared.

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**8321 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held 10 February 2010 be confirmed.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**(a) Racecourse Fence:**

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the General Manager advised that the work has been completed, however it was more expensive than originally thought. Mr. Griffiths said Council initially agreed to contribute \$3,000 but because the work was being funded from reserve, he agreed to an extra \$1,000 . making Council's final contribution \$4,000. It was noted that the Golf Club has agreed to carry out work from its entrance back to the entrance to the racecourse at its cost.

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**8322 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that Council endorse the General Manager's action in making available an additional \$1,000 towards this work.

**(b) Rail Line:**

Cr. Schieb asked whether any further information is yet to hand. Cr. Cullen stated that an email was sent to Kevin Lloyd about two weeks ago, but no response to date. The General Manager said that in the case of Cowra, producers are putting money forward. It was agreed to pursue the matter with Mr. Lloyd and the General Manager agreed to phone him.

**8323 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Schieb that Council write to the Train and Bus Transport Union, putting forward its case to have the rail line between Armatree and Coonamble upgraded and seeking its support.

**(c) Letter No. 10.17 – Warrumbungle Shire Council**

Cr Webb referred to this matter and Council's decision at the February meeting to not participate by contributing \$20,000, but provided a letter of support. The General Manager said that this referred to the Mendooran/Tooraweenah/Coonamble road and he indicated that it would be an opportunity for Council to go forward with its plans for the Tooraweenah Road, noting that 27 kilometres of the subject road is in this Shire area.

**8324 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council advise Warrumbungle Shire Council that its previous decision has been reviewed due to additional information and Council agrees to spend up to \$20,000 to have a report prepared on the Mendooran/ Tooraweenah/Coonamble Road and the amount be funded from Roads Vote.

**(d) River Level Gauges – Castlereagh River/Warrena Creek (Min 8251)**

In response to a question from Cr Schieb on this matter, the General Manager informed the meeting that notification of grant funds being available for this type of project has just been received. The General Manager undertook to follow this up and apply for a grant.

**(e) Coonamble Interagency – Works Proposed – Coonamble Pool**

The General Manager said he was not aware whether the meeting between the Director of Corporate Services and members of the Coonamble Interagency has taken place, as agreed at last meeting. Mr. Griffiths said that a letter had been written inviting representatives to arrange a suitable date and time with Mr. Warren.

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Cr Canham requested that a report be provided to the next meeting on works proposed at the Coonamble Pool, together with costings.

**(e) Law & Order Meeting (Min No 8290)**

The General Manager informed the meeting that he has contacted Dawn Fardell's office requesting the information sought at last meeting, however he is still awaiting on a response. Mr. Griffiths said he will continue to pursue this matter with Mrs Fardell's office, as well as with the Local Member, Kevin Humphries, who has set up a program in Moree.

**PRESENTATION – GULARGAMBONE INTERAGENCY**

Mrs Jan Graham from the Department of Community Services, together with Ms Wendy Tym and Liz Bolam, Women's Health Nurse employed by GWAHS, were welcomed to the meeting.

Mrs. Graham referred to a contribution received from the Murdi Paaki Partnership project which provided funds for the printing and distribution of an emergency card which contains phone numbers and contacts for women in domestic violence situations. Copies of the card were distributed to Council. She thanked the Mayor and Council and said the project was a very worthy one and there had been very positive feedback.

Council was informed that domestic violence is prevalent in this Shire and besides the needs of women, the needs of children in affected families is something that must also be addressed.

The General Manager informed the deputation that Council has prepared and submitted to the Attorney General a Crime Prevention Plan which has not been approved and it is uncertain if or when it will be approved. He said two issues addressed in the Plan are Break & Enter and Domestic Violence, however Mr. Griffiths said Council has been advised that domestic violence is not caused by alcohol, but that it may be a factor.

Mrs Graham agreed to gather information from the Department of Women, along with other sources, for Council to submit to the Attorney General in its efforts to have the Crime Prevention Plan approved.

Cr. O'Brien thanked the Interagency for its work on this project and the deputation left the meeting.

**ADDRESS BY MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ENTERPRISE CORPORATION LTD**

At this time, Ms Janelle Whitehead, CEO of MPREC and Ms Taryne Albert, Contract Coordinator with MPREC were present to address Council on various issues, including the CDEP and funds recently approved for works throughout the MPREC region.

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Ms Albert informed Council of the following works proposed for Gulargambone:

- River walk
- Tidy the Mission . Record family history of those who lived there.
- Seats and shade at Cemetery for Elders/families attending funerals.

She said the following works are proposed for Coonamble:

- Orchard
- Market Garden
- Multi Purpose Centre.

Ms Whitehead informed Council that she has met with Ellimatta, however it is obvious that an agreement will not be reached with development of the former Orchard. She said that MPREC would be forwarding a letter accepting Council's offer of portion of the Meglo+ for the Intensive Farming/Horticulture Project. Ms Whitehead pointed out that everything at the Orchard is either dead or wrecked and a green site which could be purchased by MPREC would, in fact, be the best option. She said that it would not be a feasible proposition to lease the orchard, get it up and running, then not have the opportunity to extend the lease.

In response to a question, Ms Whitehead said that work could start on the Meglo+ site in four to six weeks. She said the school would be in partnership with MPREC and the enterprise would provide an opportunity for training of students and young people interested in this type of project. Council was advised that the site at the Meglo+ (60 ha) would provide for two projects, the intensive farming/horticulture and the bush tucker. Ms Whitehead said that a meeting would be held in Gulargambone on 19 March, 2010 at 11.30 a.m. and she invited the Mayor and members of the Community to attend.

Ms Albert provided Council with an update on the Community Assistance Patrols which operate in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Walgett.

This concluded the address . Ms Whitehead and Ms Albert left the meeting at 10.15 a.m.

## **8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**8325 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

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**(a) Railway Station Restoration (Min No 7266)**

Cr Cullen advised that the lease has been received and will be signed by the RTC shortly. He said that quotes are being received for the works to be undertaken and pointed out that the project manager has to complete a three day course to enable him to work on site.

**(b) Rotary Club – Proposed Toilets at Rest Area (Min No 7924)**

The General Manager informed Council that no progress has been made in this matter, as the Club has failed to provide the additional information sought by Council.

**(c) Ginty Estate (Min No 8287)**

In response to a question from Cr Schieb the General Manager stated that the Project Engineer has been busy with other projects and has not been able to progress this matter. The General Manager informed Council he is not in favour of the Manager . Environmental Services being involved in the planning of this project, as he will be required to act as the regulatory officer. It was agreed that Mr. Cock will not be involved in planning and/or costing of proposals for the Ginty Estate.

**9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Mayor submitted his report to Council, which included a motion concerning the \$10,000 donation made by Manly Sea Eagles and Noel Cleal.

**8326 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Canham that a donation of \$2,000 each be given to the senior and junior Rugby League Clubs and the Coonamble Hospital towards the establishment of a garden quiet area+ and the remaining \$4,000 be put towards the Victims of Crime proposal outlined in the General Manager's report.

The Mayor informed the meeting that the donors of the \$10,000 contribution were happy with this proposal when he discussed his intentions with them.

Another matter raised by the Mayor was the re-formation of various Committees to deal with specific issues. Cr. Schieb suggested a Police/Council Committee (e.g. like the former PACT Committee). The Mayor suggested that either the Local Area Commander or the Duty Inspector be invited to attend meetings to provide updates of law and order to Council. The meeting also decided to form a Parks and Gardens Committee

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**8327 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that Council write to the Local Area Commander advising that a Crime Prevention Committee has been formed and requesting that either the LAC or Duty Inspector attend monthly meetings of Council to provide updates and to provide input so that the public can be made aware of these issues.

**8328 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Karanouh that a report be provided to Council by the General Manager to enable a review to be undertaken in regard to the formation of Committees to deal with specific issues.

The Mayor gave an overview of his activities throughout the month, which included the following:

- Quarry Management Committee Meeting
- Mates Helping Mates Presentation
- Waste to Art Competition
- Council's Budget Planning Workshop

The Mayor requested that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr. John Harper for the presentation *Mates Helping Mates* which was held at the Coonamble Golf Club on 2 March, 2010.

**8330 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council write to the Manly Newspaper and the Coonamble Times expressing appreciation for the visit by Mr Noel Cleal and members of the Manly Sea Eagles and the very generous donation of \$10,000 made to the Coonamble Community.

**8331 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Canham that the Mayor's Report be adopted.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**8332 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

**Section A – For Consideration by Council:**

**10.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW S6  
(32093)**

Advising the National Careers and Employment Expo will be held on 30 April/1 May 2010 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Encouraging the presence of Councils & ROCs at the Expo to demonstrate that the industry offers diverse and challenging work, as well as benefits such as flexible working

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conditions, professional advancement, equal opportunity, work/life balance and competitive salaries.

**8333 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council not participate in the National Careers and Employment Expo in Sydney on 30 April/1 May 2010.

**10.2 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & WATER  
F5 (32079)**

Referring to the survey of flood marks in Coonamble and advising that the January 2010 flood raised concerns about the levee and its safety at some specific locations. Saying the SES advises it is willing to consider financial assistance, subject to Council providing information.

**8334 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that Council apply for funding and record the known flood marks utilizing in-house knowledge on flood marks, consulting with community members and recording the information.

**10.3 MOORAMBILLA R8-10 (32064)**

Advising that preparations are underway for Moorambilla 2010 which will be held over the 17 . 19 September. Seeking permission to close Castlereagh Street car parking spaces only between Plaza Theatre and Sons of the Soil Hotel on Saturday 18 September from 7.30 a.m. to approximately 5.30 p.m.

**8335 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council accede to the request to close Castlereagh Street car parking spaces only between Plaza Theatre and the lane on the southern boundary of Sons of the Soil Hotel on Saturday, 18 September from 7.30 a.m. to approx. 5.30 p.m.

**10.4 NRMA INSURANCE G5 (32063)**

Inviting community groups within this LGA to participate in the 2010 NRMA Insurance Community Grants Program which offers grants of between \$500 and \$5,000 to groups undertaking projects in areas of crime prevention, road safety, emergency readiness and the environment. Advising that applications are open from 1 . 31 March 2010.

**8336 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council apply for funding to affix security measures to residences of the elderly and disadvantaged within the area.

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**10.5 CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY E5-3  
(32106)**

Referring to Council's membership of the Central West Councils Salinity & Water Quality Alliance. Stating that towards the end of 2009 the Alliance finalized its next Five Year Plan and will again be supporting the Alliance, committing \$80,000 in funding over the next two years. Requesting the Alliance Councils to commit to the process by also allocating \$3000 per annum for the next two years. Asking Council to confirm acceptance to this financial commitment in writing prior to the end of May and Gilgandra Shire Council will invoice it for the 2010/11 financial year contribution.

**8337 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council make provision in its 2010/11 and 2011/12 management plans for funding of \$3,000/annum as its contribution towards the Council's Salinity and Water Quality Alliance.

**10.6 COUNTRY ENERGY S5 (32092)**

Thanking Council for the opportunity to provide a quotation for replacement of overhead Low Voltage electricity supply with underground supply at Coonamble Showground. Pointing out the offer does not include civil works. Council will be responsible for supply of all trenching requirements, including supply and placement of bedding sand and re-instatement work, also connection from pillars to individual distribution board. Providing a final amount of \$78,470.15.

The General Manager informed the meeting that during replacement of the showground pavilion Council was requested to defer electricity upgrading works until the requirements of the new multi purpose service were ascertained. Mr. Griffiths said Council was advised that Country Energy would then contribute approximately 50% of the required upgrade and, with this in mind, \$40,000 was allowed for Council's contribution. Mr. Griffiths informed the meeting that after negotiation, the quotation from Country Energy has been reduced to \$62,000, with Council to complete the trenching.

**8338 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council accept the amended quotation of \$62,000 from Country Energy and work proceed immediately, with Council to be responsible for trenching for the installation, noting that \$40,000 will be provided from the Property Refurbishment Reserve and \$22,000 from Farming Reserve.

**10.7 LE & AR RINDFLEISH PR1225.212 (32158)**

Advising they own and operate a trucking company based in Coonamble and saying they employ two people full time and utilize many local businesses and services.



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Suggesting that Council consider sale of a block on ~~the~~ Meglo+, preferring Quambone Road access towards the eastern end. Pointing out they plan to expand and provide parking for trucks staying overnight in Coonamble. Advising they have purchased a substantial size custom built shed which has facilities for a mechanical workshop and the capacity to provide for an auto electrician/mechanic.

The General Manager advised that this letter was received too late to allow time to research the request. Mr. Griffiths said it is probable that the cost of power extension will be significant and it should be a requirement that the purchaser pays all costs associated with this and the survey and subdivision expenses.

Cr Schieb asked whether Council received an enquiry from another interested party. The General Manager replied that no other request has been received.

**8339 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Canham that more detail be provided to Council, along with information from Cr. Schieb, for further consideration at next meeting and in the interim Council write to Mr & Mrs Rindfleish advising that there is no water or power provided at the proposed site and advise that costs to have these services provided will be high.

Councillor O'Brien suggested that Council should suggest to Mr. and Mrs Rindfleish the need for a Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station, which they may wish to consider incorporating in their plans.

**10.8 GULARGAMBONE WAR MEMORIAL MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL  
COMMITTEE D7 (32149)**

Advising the Committee would like to celebrate Senior Citizens Week by holding a morning tea and seeking sponsorship from Council which would be acknowledged on invitations.

**8340 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Canham that Council agree to contribute \$100 towards the morning tea for senior citizens in Gulargambone from the Donations Vote.

**10.9 NSW INDUSTRY & INVESTMENT N7 (32152)**

Advising that the *NSW Weeds Action Program* is a NSW Government initiative to reduce the impact of weeds under the NSW Invasive Species Plan and replaces a range of noxious weed grant programs provided by the Government. Stating that completed submissions will be processed up until 5 p.m. Friday 7 May 2010.

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**8341 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council refer this matter to the General Manager, Castlereagh Macquarie County Council, for a submission under the NSW Weeds Action Program.

**10.10 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING  
T4-2 (32153)**

Referring to the Western Councils Steering Committee request for partial endorsement of the Western Councils Comprehensive Land Use Strategy and commending Council for work undertaken to date in conjunction with the community and State Government. Advising the sections relating to Coonamble Shire have been deferred at this time, as Council wishes to reconsider some recommendations of the Strategy in relation to minimum lot size for a dwelling in the rural zone and the provision of additional rural lifestyle zoned land. Pointing out that Council will need to undertake additional work and justification in relation to these issues. Saying the Regional Office will provide separate correspondence to advise on these matters and work through the finer detail in order to finalise the Strategy.

Council noted the letter from the Regional Office has not yet been received.

**8342 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note the information contained in the letter from the Director General of Planning.

**10.11 CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY E5-3  
(32154)**

Seeking confirmation of Councillor representation on the Local Government Reference Group Forum, the objective of which is to establish formal and constructive relationships between the Councils and the Central West CMA to enhance and promote strategic and sustainable natural resource management across the Central West Catchment. Pointing out what commitment to the Reference Group involves.

Copies of the Terms of Reference which were omitted from this correspondence were forwarded BY CMA and copies have been made and handed to Councillors at the meeting.

**8343 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council's delegates be Crs Webb, Schieb and O'Brien.

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**10.12 COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE D5 + T3 (32142)**

Pointing out that lack of accommodation is a problem facing all major events in town and, in some cases, limiting expansion. Saying the possibility of establishing a *Home Stay Project* has been researched, but advising the RTC does not have staff nor the financial means to advance the project.

Envisaging the project would operate as follows:

*“Cost of home stay would be approximately \$66 per night per person with \$50 for the host and \$16 for Council (this is based on the scheme in place at Gunnedah Shire Council for Agquip). The registered homes would require regular inspection and must reach the standards of a two and a half star motel accommodation”.*

Requesting Council's assistance to compile the register and data base and administer the project once established. Saying whilst this is seen as at least a revenue neutral venture for Council, business houses and district would benefit, as would all events held in the town.

The General Manager reported that Council does not have staffing resource to conduct this activity. He said that discussions with the Tourism Development Manager reveal some 15 . 20 hours per week on an ad-hoc basis would be required to set up, carry out inspections and administer the program. Mr. Griffiths said he understands Gunnedah Council has an Events Officer who carries out this function. He suggested that given the proposition is claimed to be self-funding, that the Moorambilla Committee may be better placed to carry it out.

Mr. Griffiths said he understands that all accommodation was not filled during last year's event and whilst it is claimed additional participants will be attending this year, actual numbers have not been provided. The General Manager informed the meeting that Council currently provides \$11,000 in funding for the event which is greater than the amount provided to any other organization.

**8344 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council decline the suggestion that it set up and administer a Home Stay Project for the Moorambilla Festival.

**8345 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council suggest that the Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre take charge of this Home Stay project.

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**Section B – For information.**

**10.13 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY – TRANSPORT & ROADS R2  
(32072)**

Thanking Council for its correspondence to the Minister for Transport & Roads regarding the Coonamble branch line. Advising the Coonamble line is around 160km long and primarily used for grain haulage. Stating that in 2004/05 the section of line from Gilgandra to Armatree was upgraded. Saying to date the remainder of the line has not been upgraded, however the Rail Infrastructure Corporation advises that the line is currently fit for the purpose of meeting the needs of the grain harvest.

Pointing out the Corporation is currently developing a ten year asset management plan for the Country Regional Network which will include further consideration of re-railing of branch lines, including the Coonamble line. Advising that prior to any investment commitment being made, the NSW Government would need to be certain that the upgraded line would be used by industry to a level that justifies the upgrade.

**10.14 ANTHONY SMITH PR1388 + R8-10 (32052)**

Advising he accepts the conditions and timeframe associated with the purchase and closure of portion of lane running from Bimble Street to Dubbo Street which is adjacent to his property. Stating he will forward the nominated deposit and thanking Council for the opportunity.

**10.15 COONAMBLE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION C6-12-1**

Forwarding copy of minutes of meeting held on 15 February, 2010, together with Bank Reconciliation Report.

Cr. Webb informed the meeting that due to ill health of some members, a new executive has been elected.

**10.16 MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ENTERPRISE CORPORATION C8 (32036)**

Forwarding reports and statistics for the Coonamble and Gulargambone Community Assistance Patrols.

**10.17 GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL D5 (32107)**

Inviting Council to be represented at a forum to be held in Canberra on Monday 15 March 2010 to form a cooperative of rural based, likeminded, Councils. Outlining issues collectively faced in meeting mutual obligations to agricultural sectors, ensuring a reliable local road network, requires a concerted attempt to lobby for additional local road funding. Saying the ability to achieve a satisfactory outcome will be greatly enhanced if Councils work cooperatively in this endeavour as a united team. Encouraging Council to be represented.

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The General Manager referred to this letter which was the subject of his email to Councillors last week. Mr Griffiths said that in accordance with the responses received, arrangements have been made for the Mayor and/or the Deputy Mayor and the General Manager to attend.

**10.18 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS**

Thanking Council for its application under the Water Saving Initiatives (WSI) Component of the Strengthening Basin Communities (SBC) Program for the Coonamble Water Treatment Plant. Saying the application was not successful as elements were considered to be for ongoing operation and maintenance costs. Inviting Council to apply under future SBC rounds.

**10.19 DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER & CABINET L10-1 (32138)**

Advising that *The Promoting Diversity* webpage is now available on the Division's website. Pointing out the webpage includes a Register of Events which have been organized by councils to celebrate the Year of women in Local Government.

**10.20 ABBEY RANGIAWHA L5-1 (32129)**

Advising that Global Village Restaurant and Café has been granted a liquor license which extends to the al fresco dining area. Requesting that the area be gazetted so there will be no conflict with the alcohol free zone. Forwarding a copy of the approved licensed area plan and license certificate.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council staff will be identifying the footpath area available in accordance with legislative requirements.

**8346 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.13 to 10.20 inclusive be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**8347 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Canham that the following items be classified urgent business and dealt with.

**10.21 COONAMBLE RODEO & CAMPDRAFT S5 + T3-8 (32162)**

Referring to the Showground Management Plan which was adopted at the February meeting of Council and supplying what the Committee considers its priority for the proposed projects, together with a costing schedule for its No. 1 Priority.

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A copy of this letter, together with the attachment, was provided for Councillors information.

The General Manager said that it has been stated continually that the cost of relocating the campdraft facilities would be covered by the Rodeo/Campdraft Committee. He said it appears that no consultation has been conducted with the Show Society or other stakeholders. Two plans were tabled at the meeting showing the Rodeo Committee's requirements, the other showing the preferred option of the Show Society. Mr. Griffiths said it is apparent that relocation of the yards will entail an amended road route and stated that the length of the road would be 642 metres and would cost \$23,500 (with lime stabilisation).

Cr Cullen said it is disappointing that no consultation has taken place with other users, particularly the Show Society and it seems that there is no clear direction by the Rodeo Campdraft Committee.

**8348 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council convey to the Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft Committee that assistance will be provided as follows:

- Provision of \$4,400 towards the cost of Septic Sam in one location only
- Council will obtain quotations for the development of toilet/shower facilities within the pavilion
- Provision of \$10,000 for the base of the new yards at the northern end of the Showground facility.
- Works will be undertaken to underground the power at Council's cost.
- Sealed access roads will not be provided for the upcoming rodeo due to the necessity to construct a deviation in the road at the northern entrance.
- Alterations to the Showground Management Plan will need formal recognition by other stakeholders/users of the ground.

**10.22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL (LOCAL GOVERNMENT)  
DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET L10 (32165)**

Extending a personal invitation to the Mayor and General Manager to attend a Leaders of Local Government cross agency briefing seminar on current issues in local government for mayors and general managers. Advising the briefing is being hosted by the Division of Local Government and is scheduled for a full day on Tuesday, 4 May 2010 at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

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Pointing out the invitation is not transferable . the briefing session is open to mayors and general managers only. Asking that attendance be confirmed by Thursday 25 March.

**8349 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the Mayor and General Manager attend the Leaders of Local Government briefing seminar at Parliament House on Tuesday, 4 May 2010.

**10.23 GULARGAMBONE COMMUNITY GROUPS/BUSINESSES D7  
(32167)**

Advising that on behalf of several community groups and businesses in Gulargambone (including Gulargambone Flying Ahead & Gulargambone Caravan Park), requesting that Council consider a small amount of funding for Christmas street decorations in Gulargambone for 2010 and beyond.

**A MOTION**

**8350 PROPOSED** by Cr. Karanouh **SECONDED** by Cr O'Brien that Council provide a contribution of \$300 towards the cost of Christmas Street Decorations for Gulargambone.

**AN AMENDMENT**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Canham **SECONDED** by Cr Schieb that Council provide a contribution of \$100 towards the cost of Christmas Street Decorations for Gulargambone.

On being put to the vote, **THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.**

**10.24 BATTERLINE EARTHMOVING PTY LTD G1-4 (32159)**

Expressing concern regarding the recycling shed located at the Transfer Station at Gulargambone. Saying the amount of domestic rubbish being dumped in the recycling bags is increasing and the Company is unable to recycle contents as intended. Requesting that Council consider moving it away from the transfer station.

Cr. O'Brien suggested that the recycling service in Gulargambone cease, as she is of the opinion that it is not serving any purpose.

**8351 RESOLVED** on motion of Crs.O'Brien and Schieb that Council agree to remove the recycling shed from the Transfer Station at Gulargambone and publicise such removal for the following reasons:

- Domestic waste is being dumped in the recycling bags, making recyclables unusable
- Significant reduction in the amount of recyclables being left at the shed

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**AND FURTHER** that community consultation be engaged regarding ceasing of the recycling program in Gulargambone and that a report be presented for determination at the April meeting.

**10.25 CHIEF VETERINARIAN, RSPCA NSW D6 (32175)**

Inviting participation in the Community Animal Welfare Scheme (CAWS) 2010, to provide a humane solution to the high level of unwanted companion animals in rural and regional NSW through a subsidised desexing scheme of dogs and cats belonging to pensioners and low income earners. Advising that the number of animals desexed will be determined by the amount of funding from local councils and saying that councils should contribute a minimum of \$800 - \$1,000/100 head of population.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council assisted with a subsidised desexing scheme in 2009, independent of the RSPCA but in association with the Coonamble Veterinary Surgery (CVS), who offered a discount on its normal price. He said an allowance of \$2,000 was made in the management plan for the program and in a letter to Council in October 2009 the CVS suggested that the program be held bi-annually.

**8352 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council thank the RSPCA for the opportunity to participate in the CAWS but advise that it conducted a program in 2009 and another is not envisaged until 2011.

**10.26 COONAMBLE AG SUPPLIES PR1420-08 (32189)**

Expressing an interest in purchasing the vacant block of land on the corner of Buckley Drive/Walgett Road (adjacent to their premises). Requesting advice of its status and availability for purchase.

Council noted that the area in question is a public reserve and, as such, is classified as community land under the Local Government Act. The General Manager said it is unknown why the reserve was established. He said the area contains an area of 1356 square metres, but its shape does not lend itself to separate occupation. Mr. Griffiths said in order to sell the allotment a separate LEP would be required to change the classification to operational land, obtain a formal valuation and advertise the area for sale by tender.

The General Manager stated that the applicant should be required to pay all costs associated with making the area available for sale, purchase price in accordance with the valuation and legal costs associated therewith should Council wish to accede to the request.



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**8353 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that the General Manager be authorised to commence negotiations to sell the land and authority be given to affix the Common Seal to any relevant documents associated with the transaction.

**10.27 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE NSW F5-4  
(32180)**

Advising that the Coonamble Levee Investigation & Design project ranked highly and has been placed on the 2010/2011 priority list for funding under the Program. Asking Council to review conditions outlined in the sample Funding Agreement so it can be in a position to sign the Funding Agreement within the required 45 days if an offer is made.

The General Manager stated that funding of \$60,000 is available under this Program.

**8354 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council formally accept the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement and authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to any relevant documents.

**10.28 MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ENTERPRISE CORPORATION LTD. C8-11  
(30497)**

In a media release advising projects that have been approved under Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs funding for CDEPs.

**8355 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that this information be noted.

**10.29 BELINDA MORRISON E115 (32191)**

Tendering resignation from Council's service effective c.o.b. 2 April 2010. Thanking management and Council for their support during her period of employment.

**8356 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the information be noted.

**10.30 SMART KIDS CHILDCARE CENTRE PR2269 (32164)**

Requesting that Council extend the sewer line to the boundary of his property to enable connection of his premises. Advising the closest boundary is the middle of Barton Street and he has been informed that it is too difficult and costly to connect from that distance.

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The General Manager informed Council this matter was dealt with under Clause 16 of the Development Approval and the applicant will be directed to that Clause, with an offer for the plumber carrying out the work to deal directly with Council's Overseer . Hydraulics. Cr O'Brien suggested that the General Manager advise of the availability of assistance under the Business Assistance Funding and the requirement that an application be submitted for consideration.

**8357 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the information be noted.

**PRESENTATION – COONAMBLE COMMUNITY EDUCATION PLAN**

At this juncture the Mayor welcomed Mr. Ian Nebauer and Mr. Rod Little to the meeting to discuss this Coonamble High School Primary Industries Indigenous Employment Project . Dare to Lead.

Mr. Nebauer thanked Council, acknowledged past and present owners of the land and addressed Council on the proposed project. He said it was hoped to increase real employment opportunities for Aboriginal youth in primary industry, as well as increase retention and attendance of Aboriginal students at Coonamble High School. Mr. Nebauer said that presently a significant proportion of Aboriginal students are disengaged with school, with likely outcomes for these persons of unemployment and often involvement with the justice system. He said it was necessary to identify farms/farmers who would be willing to participate in the project, take on an Aboriginal youth and provide % on the job+mentoring and work placement Mr. Nebauer said the ~~role~~ would be paid to participating farmers, who would pay the minimum wage to the person working as part of the project.

Mr. Little, who is the National Development Coordinator of Employment Projects in Canberra, advised that scholarships in primary industries are available locally. He said that parents of students and associated local Aboriginal community groups will be included in the consultation and support process. Mr. Little stated that the project would be further assisted with skills development training through TAFE and the MPREC to provide wider job opportunities.

Cr. O'Brien asked whether a similar type project could be conducted in Gulargambone. Mr. Nebauer said although this was a ~~pilot~~ project, it has the potential to be replicated across any community where factors are similar. He said it is vital to have the support of the farming community and the Aboriginal community. Cr O'Brien referred to the Aboriginal apprentice working with the Twoeighttwoeight Committee, saying he has won awards and is doing extremely well.

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**8358 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council support the project.

At this juncture, 12.35 p.m., Messrs. Nebauer & Little left the meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS – CR SCHIEB**

As Cr. Schieb was unable to return to the meeting after lunch, the Mayor invited him to present any matters of general business.

**(a) Fire Hazard – Overgrown Blocks**

Cr. Schieb referred to this matter and said it was now the responsibility of the Rural Fire Service to monitor. He suggested that the Service should be requested to take action to have overgrown blocks cleared. The General Manager said that it has been difficult in the past to get the Rural Fire Service to take action, however he requested that he be advised of specific blocks he would contact the RFS. The General Manager referred to Ginty Estate which is overgrown and unsightly.

**(b) Police Activity**

Cr Schieb referred to ways to prevent crime, saying it would be beneficial if trained police officers could provide tips to the public, especially for rural crime. He said he has been told there are officers available to assist in this way. Cr Schieb said that one of the properties that has experienced theft is now trialling cameras. The Mayor indicated that police have cameras that can be borrowed for this purpose. Cr Horan suggested that when the Crime Prevention Committee is set up this should be made a priority.

**(c) Mowing – Highway Shoulders**

Cr. Schieb said he had observed only one slasher working on the Castlereagh Highway with an escort vehicle. He pointed out that Council had instructed two slashers were to be utilized to carry out this work.

**15.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS**

Amanda Glasson was at the meeting to present her report.

**8359 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Economic Development Managers be received and dealt with.

The EDM brought a ~~w~~welcome pack+ for new residents so Councillors could see what is included. She referred to a business directory that has been produced within the economic development office and said that other people have requested a copy. Ms Glasson suggested that additional copies be made available for sale.

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**8360 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that additional copies be made available for sale at \$5 each and that their availability be included with the next rate notices.

**Bore Baths – Project Steering Committee – Representatives**

**8361 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Webb that Councillors Karanouh and O'Brien be nominated as Council representatives on the Project Steering Committee for the Bore Baths Project.

**Ginty Estate**

The EDM pointed out that the river blocks in Ginty Estate would be in higher demand if they provided room for the keeping of horses. The General Manager said that Council should carefully consider the question of keeping of livestock in the residential area. He said when the blocks are sold it may be a good idea to put a timeframe of . say . two years on the building of a residence.

**Business Plan - Saleyards**

In response to a question from Cr. Cullen, the EDM said that grant funds have been allocated for the preparation of a Business Plan for the Coonamble Saleyards.

Cr. O'Brien informed the meeting that five houses in Gulargambone have sold recently. She said that inspections of the Council residence do not seem to have been included. The General Manager said Council's listing is with Tower and General, however it appears that Town and Country Real Estate, Dubbo are most proactive in the town.

Cr. O'Brien informed the meeting that the Gulargambone Caravan Park now has five on-site vans available at \$30/night, with linen supplied.

**Central West Livestock Health & Pest Authority (Item 11.4)**

Cr. Schieb referred to the \$½ million income returned from this Shire, however only \$32,000 is allocated for the control of noxious weeds. He said that Council should ask the Authority its intentions with regard to this matter.

**15.1 MINUTES OF COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE MEETING**

**8362 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the minutes of the Coonamble Employment Circle Meeting held on 16 February, 2010 be noted.

**15.2 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD PROJECT PLAN 2010**

**8363 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the Coonamble Streets Ahead Project Plan 2010 and minutes of Planning Meeting held on 15 December, 2009 be noted.

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Councillor O'Brien asked that a quick drive around inspection of Gulargambone be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

At this juncture, 1.06 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 1.57 p.m. Cr Schieb was not present after the luncheon adjournment.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**8365 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the report submitted by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**8366 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note Development Application Nos. 060/2009, 005/2010, along with Complying Development Application Nos. 003/2010, 006/2010 & 007/2010, have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

**11.2 COUNCIL'S MAY MEETING**

The General Manager pointed out that Council's meeting for the month of May, 2010 is scheduled for Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> which is the second day of the Coonamble Show and a gazetted public holiday for the Shire. He pointed out that Council is required to hold at least ten (1) meetings per year.

**8367 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Cullen that Council not hold an ordinary meeting during May 2010 unless urgent business arises, then a suitable date be arranged.

**11.3 TRANSFER – PORTION OF EASON'S LANE – ROHR HOLDINGS PTY LTD**

The General Manager informed the meeting that in 2004 when Council sold the former Hotel Coonamble site to Rohr Holdings Pty Ltd it was intended to close the laneway at the rear of the premises, transfer title and consolidate that piece of land into the entire site, although this was not a condition of sale.

Council noted that in order to provide ongoing access to the appropriate authorities for the maintenance of electricity, water and sewer, an easement was created at that time. Prior to any transfer being effected, it was necessary that the lane closure had been gazetted. This has now been done, the Certificate of Title issued in the name of Coonamble Shire Council and the transfer can proceed.

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**8368 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council inform Rohr Holdings Pty Ltd that transfer of the part of laneway can now be effected for a nominal amount, subject to Rohr Holdings Pty Ltd agreeing to pay all legal costs and, if the transfer proceeds, authority be given to affix the Common Seal to the relevant documents.

**11.4 CENTRAL WEST LIVESTOCK HEALTH & PEST AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING**

The General Manager reported on his attendance at a Board Meeting of the Central West Livestock Health & Pest Authority in Coonamble on 26 February, 2010 as a result of Council's letter to the Authority in December 2009 regarding closure of the Coonamble Office.

Mr. Griffiths informed Council that a decision by the Board on the sale of the Tooloon Street Office is still pending but, if the property is to be sold, this will not occur until the Industrial Estate facility is upgraded to accommodate existing staff. He said that an undertaking was given by the Board that there would be no less jobs in Coonamble and certainly no decrease in field staff.

The General Manager reported that the following issues were discussed:

- Service levels
- Noxious weeds
- Difficulty in attracting a veterinarian
- Programs, such as fox bait program
- Council will be invited to present information to the rural sector on issues of its choosing.
- Lack of communication . Council to receive updates from Board and/or staff
- Board invite Mayor to locally held meetings.

**8369 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council note the contents of the report and bring to the Authority's attention the allocation towards noxious weeds control, seeking an update on the strategy intended to deal with this issue, pointing out they are again rampant on Authority land.

**11.5 PROPOSED LAYOUT – INDUSTRIAL ESTATE EXTENSION**

The General Manager informed the meeting that the original intention for the industrial estate extension was to have a curved road and join the old and the new estates by the acquisition of additional land near the sewage pump station. However, he said practicalities in respect of water and sewerage installations have been discussed and the decision made that an amended plan be applicable as the cost savings could be in the order of \$70,000.

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Mr Griffiths further reported that concern has been expressed at the escalating cost of the subdivision proposal and a further decision made not to connect the old and new estates.

Council noted that the minimum lot size now will be 4700 square metres with only eleven blocks being made available for sale.

**8370 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that Council approve the amended layout plan for the extension of the industrial subdivision to provide eleven blocks of 4700 square metres in accordance with the amended layout plan submitted to the meeting.

**Grazing of Horses – New Industrial Estate Land**

The Mayor said he has received a request to graze horses on the land acquired for the new Industrial Estate until Council is ready to commence work.

**8371 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Cullen that if Council is requested, permission be granted to graze horses on the land on a weekly basis, at the same agistment fee for the Coonamble Common.

**11.6 VICTIMS OF CRIME**

The General Manager reported that the Mayor and Local Area Commander (LAC) have been involved in discussions in respect of concerns they both hold regarding the trend to break into homes while people are there, especially elderly citizens. He said it has been suggested that Council seek grant funding from an Insurance Group and enter into partnership with the police and a community service group (Rotary or Lions) with a view to having security screen doors and windows fitted to victims' homes.

**8372 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and O'Brien that Council proceed to seek grant funding, noting that it has \$4,000 matching funds, and invite suggestions from community service organisations as to their ability to undertake such work and forward a letter to the Local Area Commander to become involved and assist Council with the project.

**11.7 RELAY FOR LIFE**

The General Manager advised that the Relay for Life will be held on 10/11th April 2010 at the Coonamble Sportsground. He pointed out that when approval was granted, Council placed a restriction to 10.00 p.m. on the time entertainment could be provided and highlighted the restriction of consumption of alcohol in public places due to the Alcohol Free Zone.

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Mr. Griffiths said the Mayor has received a request for the lifting of the Alcohol Free Zone within the confines of the Sportsground for the period of the event which is 3.45 p.m. 10 April, 2010 to 10 a.m. 11 April, 2010. He pointed out that he has been requested to extend the entertainment curfew to 12 midnight, as the noise levels will be minimal. Mr. Griffiths said the organising committee has given an undertaking to inform surrounding residents and should a complaint be received on the night, immediate cessation would occur.

**8373 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council approve the lifting of the Alcohol Free Zone within the confines of the Coonamble Sportsground for the period 3.45 p.m. 10 April 2010 to 10.00 a.m. 11 April 2010 and agree to an extension of the entertainment curfew to 12 midnight on 10 April 2010.

**11.8 NOTES FROM MANAGEMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP - 3/3/2010**

The General Manager referred to the Workshop held on 3 March at which Councillors were advised of income and expense issues relating to rates, financial assistance grant, interest on investments, wages and salaries, superannuation and sources of road funding.

A list of Councillors and Staff suggestions were recorded in the General Manager's report.

**8374 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Canham and Horan that Hickey Street (from Limerick Street to Yuma Street) be sealed, using profits from the Crusher and that a costing be prepared for sealing Effie Durham Drive (from Wilga Street to the Coonamble Veterinary Surgery).

**8375 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the two street lighting sites indentified in Gulargambone and quoted by Country Energy be completed under this year's funding.

Councillor Horan requested that the Director of Engineering Services provide a comprehensive report to Council on the costs/expenses involved in purchasing a mixer and spreader, how it is intended to pay for the plant and ascertain whether there is any interest between neighbouring councils in hiring the equipment.

**8376 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the information contained in the report be noted.



**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**8377 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the following matters be classified urgent business and dealt with.

**11.9 GULARGAMBONE CRICKET PITCH**

The General Manager reported that in October 2009 Council staff damaged the cricket pitch at Gulargambone sportsground. However, upon inspection it was found that deterioration from age and wear was a factor in the damage. He said Council staff sourced quotes and gathered information as to the most appropriate grade of artificial surfacing for this situation.

Mr. Griffiths said the surface chosen is the most popular synthetic cricket pitch used Australia, and the most commonly used surface for Council pitches. He said the Gulargambone Cricket Club was informed of the replacement and the quality chosen for the surface. The General Manager said that after some deliberation with various members, the Club asked if it could pay the difference to get the better quality. The members were informed that it could be arranged and the Club appeared to be happy with this arrangement.

Council noted that the Gulargambone Cricket Club paid the supplier \$1,586 for the tournament quality pitch and is now requesting reimbursement of this amount.

**8378 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council decline the Gulargambone Cricket Club's request for reimbursement of \$1,586.

Cr. O'Brien requested that her name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

**11.10 FARMING FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The General Manager reported that following a successful season, sale of grain to date has been progressing and it is apparent that some funds will be available. He said an amount of \$171,818 has been received to date from the sale of wheat and \$10,116 from barley sales, making a total of \$180,934 and expenses of harvesting/spraying undertaken for the coming season amounts to \$119,157 leaving a surplus of \$61,777.

The General Manager pointed out that grain still available for sale at current prices is expected to yield \$267,177 . making total funds available of \$328,954. The Farming Reserve owes \$58,004 at 30 June 2009, making available funds \$267,177.

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Council should be mindful that sowing in this financial year needs to be undertaken. It is suggested that at least \$120,000 be retained for this purpose.

**8379 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council utilise the \$150,000 as discussed at the Management Planning Workshop for works at the Showground as follows and retain some \$117,000 for sowing expenses for the coming harvest:

- Relocation of calf yards
- Ablutions in pavilion
- Upgrade of electricity

**12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**8380 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

**12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**8381 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 28 February 2010 be noted.

**12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**8382 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that that the Investments held at 28 February 2010 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.

**12.3 TENDER – CORPORATE SOFTWARE SOLUTION**

The Director of Corporate Services reported that Council has, for many years, used the package provided by Fujitsu as its software platform. He said that this section of Fujitsu's operation has been sold to Civica and the life of the product is limited.

The report pointed out that Council needs a comprehensive local government solution to provide services and comply with its legislative responsibilities. He said Council currently has \$102,996.04 in an office equipment reserve from where these purchases are funded and \$150,000 in the current year's budget for this purpose. The Director's report indicated that this amount would cover the first year, which includes implementation and data conversion, however he said there will be ongoing license costs of up to \$60,000 per annum.

**8383 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council note the information and a request for tenders be called to replace the current Local Government Solution software.

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**13.0 REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**8384 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**13.1 COONAMBLE POOL**

The Director of Engineering Services referred to Council's decisions to extend opening hours of the pool during school holidays, and the most recent one to waive the entry fee for the remainder of the current season.

Mr. Gamage said the extended hours proved very disappointing with no noticeable increase in patronage numbers or longer use of the pool. He pointed out that waiving admission fees will potentially cost Council \$30,000 p/a, while extending pool hours will increase the running costs of the pool. The Director said that each hour the pool opens in addition to normal hours costs Council approximately \$65 per man hour on average, which represents a potential increase of \$50,000 if the opening hours are extended for the entire season.

**8385 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that a report on maintenance works required at both the Coonamble and Gulargambone pools be presented to the April meeting and that the review of operating hours / admission charges be deferred until statistics are available.

**13.2 WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The Director referred to Council's intention to work with Infinity Environmental Pty Ltd for the installation of a water treatment plant for Coonamble. He pointed out that installation is subject to the Section 60 of the Water Act approval from the Office of Water NSW and said the Office of Water NSW will not give this approval.

Mr. Gamage said that Infinity Environmental's proposal was a solution for only iron content of Coonamble drinking water. It did not deal with the other issues like calcium carbonate, turbidity and occasional magnesium. The Director informed Council that it has come to light that a technically sound treatment plant can be installed for around \$2.5 million. This includes the complete installation including civil works. Council noted there is currently \$3,216,508 in the Coonamble Water Reserve Fund.

**8386 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council allocate \$2.5 million in its 2010/2011 budget and call fresh tenders for the installation of a water treatment plant that will treat all the issues associated with the water supply

### **13.3 PROGRESS REPORT**

The Director provided Council with a progress report which included updates on the following works:

- State Highway
- Flood Damage
- Weir and Levee
- Quarry production figures for February.

**8387 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the update be noted.

### **URGENT BUSINESS – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**

**8388 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the following items be classified urgent business and dealt with.

### **13.4 AFTER HOURS TELEPHONE NUMBER**

The Director of Engineering Services was requested at the February 2010 meeting to provide a report on Council's new emergency/after hours telephone number arrangement. Mr. Gamage said the after hours telephone number was arranged as a result of many complaints from the field staff. He said that staff is reasonably satisfied with the new arrangement.

The Director advised that the service is provided by All Tel, a private Telephone Company and includes call charges, service charges, SMS costs. The monthly cost to Council is around \$100. He said in addition, there are mobile call costs for returning the calls; say \$1/per call. On average, Mr. Gamage reported, Council receives around 10 calls per month which equates to a cost of approximately \$110 monthly or \$1,300 annually.

**8389 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the information be noted.

### **13.5 DISCREPANCY IN MATERIAL QUANTITY - DIESEL**

Following the stock-take for period ending 31 December 2009 a discrepancy of 1196 litres of diesel unaccounted for was identified and Council directed the Director of Engineering Services to investigate and report on the discrepancy.

Mr. Gamage said that Council has an overhead tank of 55,000 litres capacity for storage of diesel. He said the tank is cylindrical in shape, is installed horizontally and a dipstick gauge is used to monitor and read the level of diesel in the tank and obviously the readings can vary according to the volume left in the tank.

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The Director said he has investigated the matter and reported his conclusions to the meeting.

**8390 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the information contained in the report be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – DEBRIEF MEETING**

**8391 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the following matter be classified urgent business and dealt with.

**MINUTES OF DEBRIEF – FLOOD OPERATION – MEETING**

**8392 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the minutes of the debrief meeting held on 17 February, 2010 be noted.

**14.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**8393 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the reports from various committees be received and dealt with.

**14.1 MINUTES OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**8394 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee held on 17 February 2010 be noted.

**14.2 MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF AFTER SCHOOL CARE (VACATION CARE) MEETING**

**8395 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Canham and Webb that the minutes of the meeting of After School Care (Vacation Care) held on 3 February, 2010 be noted.

**14.3 MINUTES OF QUARRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**8396 RESOLVED** on motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that the minutes of the meeting of the Quarry Management Committee held on 25 February, 2010 be noted.

**16.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

Mr. Baldwin was not present at the meeting . he is attending a Tourism Conference in Cowra.

Councillors perused the report, but had no questions from the General Manager.

**8397 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be adopted.

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**17.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER**

**8398 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of February, 2010 be adopted.

**18.0 REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER**

**8399 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Contact Ranger for the month of February, 2010 be adopted.

**19.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**8400 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council resolve to Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993, section 2(a) "*personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)*"; section 2(c) "*information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business*".

**8401 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN COUNCIL**

**8402 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION**

**8403 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council adopt the recommendations of Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos.19.1 and 20.1 as set out below:

**19.1 PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL – MANAGER – SERVICES**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that the information contained in the report be noted.

**20.1 SEWER MAIN REHABILITATION – TENDER NO T10-1**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council accept the tender submitted by Kembla Watertech for the relining of Coonamble sewer mains, and in the event that agreement cannot be reached for any reason, authority be given to the Director of Engineering Services to offer the contract to Interflow Pty Ltd or Relining Solutions.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr. Canham:

- Reported that a resident fell on the footpath adjacent to the Youth Centre recently . he reported the incident to Council staff.

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**8404 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanouh that a risk assessment of all footpaths in the urban areas be carried out by Council.

Cr O'Brien:

- Lions Park Gulargambone . asked who is responsible for putting the logs back in position . the Director of Engineering Services said the work is listed.
- Referred to traffic travelling east on SR19 cutting the corner leading onto the Gular Bridge . requested that double lines be installed as a priority, also mowing to be carried out.
- Gulargambone Cemetery . need for regular maintenance
- Gulargambone Memorial Hall . the electrician has not yet carried out the work. The roof still leaks.
- Toilets in Gulargambone Hall . need to be refurbished.
- Park toilets . when is work to be carried out. The Director of Engineering Services said within the next few days.
- Street cleaning . leaves should be removed from tree guards.

Cr. Karanouh:

- Two garden beds in main street . need to have dead plants removed and fresh plants put in.
- Peace Tree . need for lights to be installed so that the tree can be illuminated.

**8405 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that costings be obtained for lights in the Peace Tree.

Cr Horan:

**8406 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the General Manager be authorised to approach Mr Bob Green requesting that, in times of emergency, he agree to be called on to act as an adviser.

Cr. Horan reminded Councillors of the Community Projects Official Opening tomorrow.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 3.15 p.m.

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