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Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend an **ORDINARY MEETING** of **COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL** to be held in the **SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE** on **WEDNESDAY 14th APRIL, 2010** commencing at 9 am.

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Yours faithfully
JOHN J GRIFFITHS
General Manager

5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS
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9.30 a.m.

Mr & Mrs Larry Rindfleish

To further discuss their business proposal at “The Meglo”

6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST
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7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH 2010

**7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE TWOEIGHTTWOEIGHT HALL, GULARGAMBONE ON
WEDNESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 2010 COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

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.

I 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.

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.

I 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.

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

(f) 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.

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.

(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.

I 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

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

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.

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.

Suggesting that Council consider sale of a block on ~~the~~ 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

I 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 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.

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.

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, 12th 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.

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.

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, 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.

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 identified 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 BUSINESSCr. Canham:

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

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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MAYOR

8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2010

DECEMBER 2007 FLOOD (13/2/2008)

6676 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Jackson that Council:
 (6) Undertake repairs to damaged storm water pipes and valves.

Status:

(6) In progress – awaiting RTA works to be completed.

EXTENSION OF INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION (11/6/2008)

6951 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Cullen that Council:
 (2) Stage the development to allow for the creation of Lots 1 . 8 initially;
 (3) Borrow half the cost of the proposed first stage development (Lots 1 . 8), including the purchase of the land in its entirety and the strip of land for the road
 (6) Authorise staff to proceed with the project subject to clause (1) above.

Status:

Expressions of interest have been invited from prospective businesses. Funding applied for under the second round of the NSW Government's program. Additional information requested has been supplied, with approval or otherwise of funding imminent.

COONAMBLE RAILWAY STATION RESTORATION & REUSE 1/10/2008

7266 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council:
 (1) Reject the request to seek a lease on the site and recommend that ARTC continue to negotiate with ~~Back on Track~~
 (2) Agree to staff continuing to facilitate progress on the project and Council may consider contributing seed funding to the project;
 (3) Together with ~~Back on Track~~ make it clear to ARTC that funds are not immediately available for restoration works and that the ARTC contribution would be used to leverage other funding;
 (4) Contact the Heritage Office requesting that it takes strong action against ARTC to reinstate the platform at the Coonamble railway station and to fulfil its obligations under the Heritage Act;
 (5) Investigate the Issue of an Order on ARTC to secure the building as it is prejudicial to the safety of the area and its residents.

Status:

Lease from ARTC received by Coonamble RTC. Tender information distributed. Plan to have project completed and grant acquitted by end June 2010. MES has completed first stage of training.

**CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY PROJECT
11/2/2009**

7488 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Acknowledges the impasse involved with continuing with the wetland project to the west of Coonamble as specified in Resolution 7276.
- (2) Fully scope the overflow spillway and in-channel wetland at the Warrena Creek Weir and re-apply to the CMA for funding towards the project.
- (3) Lodge a Development Application for the project when funding is approved by Central Catchment Management Authority.

Status:

Grant application under a Federal Government Program not successful but funding may be available in conjunction with Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation to allow project to proceed. Application under Natural Disaster Program lodged.

INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE 11/3/2009

7529 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council instruct the Director of Corporate Services, through the General Manager, to ensure an internal audit committee is implemented in accordance with the guidelines through surrounding Councils and/or OROC.

Status:

Draft Charters for both OROC involvement and local councils are being developed.

**INDEPENDENT TRANSPORT SAFETY & RELIABILITY REGULATOR R2
(30002) 8/4/2009**

7602 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council instruct the Director of Engineering Services, through the General Manager, to ensure interface agreements in relation to managing risks to safety that may arise because of rail or road crossings on public roads in Coonamble Shire are completed by 31 December 2010.

Status:

Noted by the Director of Engineering Services and is in progress.

COONAMBLE LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB S5 (30420) (13/5/2009)

7693 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Instruct staff to source the necessary documents from Coonamble Little Athletics Club;
- (2) Compile cost estimates for the proposed erection of fencing structures associated with the discus activity;
- (3) Advise Coonamble Little Athletics that the matter will be further considered at the June meeting of Council, however no funding is available in this or next years management plan.

Status:

Funding approved.**SALE OF SHARES 8/7/2009**

7849 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council sell the GrainCorp shares it currently holds and that the amount received be deposited to the farming reserve.

Status:

Action being taken to accommodate the requirements of the pending sale.

10.37 ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE INC A8 (30989) 12/8/2009

7924 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the Director of Engineering Services, through the General Manager, be instructed to obtain comments from the RTA and prepare a thorough design of toilet facilities that could be installed at the Rotary Rest Area on Castlereagh Highway north of Coonamble township.

Status:

**Incomplete development application returned to the Rotary Club.
COMPLETE**

11.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT / MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ENGAGEMENT FORUM 12/8/2009

7938 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that Council:

- (2) Advise the Wungali Community Working Party of the small amount of funding received under the Financial Assistance Grant for working with Indigenous populations;
- (4) Invite representatives of the Community Working Parties to participate in Council's management planning workshop for the 2010-2013 period.

Status:

In progress – awaiting reformation of Wungali Community Working Party.

GAB Water Auction – Future of Proposed Sheep Feedlot 9/9/2009

7985 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and O'Brien that Council make representations for year-round application process for commercial type licences for sustainable business enterprises.

Status:

No action.

Item 3.6 – Council Grandstands 9/9/2009

8029 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and O'Brien that Council not adopt the recommendation and the grandstands continue to be used when required and instruction given to have them assessed by Council staff as a priority.

Status:

Necessary repairs yet to be carried out.

11.7 LAND USE STRATEGY**14/10/2009****8087 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council:

- (1) Formally adopt the Western Councils Land Use Strategy, with the following two amendments, noting that further review will be necessary prior to developing a new Local Environmental Plan under the standard template format:
 - (i) area from town boundary south to 8 Mile Park on the Castlereagh Highway be zoned rural residential and identified for subdivision
 - (ii) minimum rural subdivision reduce from 1000ha to 200ha. In respect of permitting a residence to be built.
- (2) Undertake annual monitoring of residential, rural residential, industrial and commercial land to provide accurate development data;
- (3) Instruct staff to commence the actions identified throughout the report with a view to finalization by December 2011;
- (4) Commence review of the Land Use Strategy in July 2011 to include results of the monitoring process on demand for residential, rural residential, industrial, commercial and smaller rural allotments;
- (5) Seek quotations immediately from planning consultants for a rezoning application of land situated at the Coonamble Aerodrome with a view to developing the potential Sky Park.

Status:

<p>Department of Planning advise that its letter will not be sent until approval is given by the Director General for the other four councils' strategies. DG approval for other councils has been given, but no letter received to date.</p>
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10.16 COONAMBLE COMMON CULTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE GROUP D7 + E5 (31534) (11/11/2009)

8124 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the Director of Engineering Services provide costings to the December meeting covering levelling of the area, retrieval of car bodies and towing out so they can be collected

Status:

<p>Car body removed – costing to level area being prepared.</p>
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20.2 MPREC – BUSINESS PLAN – HORTICULTURE ENTERPRISE (11/11/2009)**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council:

- (1) sell the land requested to MPREC for a price equivalent to that paid by GrainCorp;
- (2) place a covenant over the land to ensure it returns to Council should the project not continue past five years;

- (3) specify a timeframe in which to have the business operational;
- (4) investigate alternate sites from which the business could be conducted.

Status:
MPREC verbally advised the March Council meeting that the amount of land now required is 60 hectares and it is willing to pay the full price and agree with the covenant over the land as suggested.

13.3 WARRENA CREEK WEIR PROJECT 9/12/2009

8230 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council:

- (1) Allocate available \$90,000 for the above proposed work;
- (2) Endorse the Director of Engineering Services proposal to negotiate with the Department of Water & Energy for the funding of \$200,000 to renew the spillway;
- (3) Subject to the proposed work not lowering the maximum current level of the Warrena Weir.

Status:
Estimate for upgrade of weir sent to DECC.

10.5 NATIONAL RURAL AND REMOTE HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (NRRHIP) M5 (31870) 10/2/2010

8259 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that Council instruct the General Manager to have the refurbishment requirements of the residential housing provided to medical professionals identified, costed and application be made to the next round of funding under the NRRHIP.

- 8285 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council apply for funding to:
- relocate the Dental Surgery should the possible development occur
 - refurbish the three residential properties currently occupied by the doctors/dentist.

Status:
In progress

11.6 GINTY ESTATE 10/2/2010

8287 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Cullen that the Manager Environmental Services and relevant other staff look at ideas and costings and bring their proposals back to Council so that a decision can be made in relation to the future of the area.

Status:
No action

**11.9 LAW & ORDER MEETING – LOCAL MEMBER & LOCAL AREA
COMMANDER 10/2/2010**

8290 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council await the outcome of its Crime Prevention Plan Review by the Attorney-General's Department and, in the interim, authorise the General Manager to progress the high level meeting with the relevant State Government Departments and to contact Dawn Fardell, MP to obtain information that she may have that would be of assistance in addressing crime prevention issues.

Status:
In progress

PUMPS FOR LEVEE 10/2/2010

8305 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Canham that Council seek funding in flood damage claim to install a permanent pump station at the Levee at the end of Tooloon Street.

Status:
Will be included in weir funding (grant) application. COMPLETED.

SEATS IN MAIN STREET 10/2/2010

8318 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and O'Brien that two seats be installed . one near the garden bed at AFJ Brien's Office, the other near the garden bed at Global Village.

Status:
Included in this year's program

CHARLES / McCULLOUGH STREETS AREA 10/2/2010

8319 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and O'Brien that culverts be installed as part of the Urban Streets Program in the Charles/McCullough Street area and the work be carried out urgently as part of the 2010/2011 Roads Management Plan.

Status:
Noted for budget purposes

**(D) RIVER LEVEL GAUGES – CASTLEREAGH RIVER/WARRENA CREEK
(MIN 8251) 10/3/2010**

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.

Status:
SES has promised to reimburse 100% cost.

(e) COONAMBLE INTERAGENCY – WORKS PROPOSED – COONAMBLE POOL 10/3/2010

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

Status:
Proposed works incorporated in the Parks & Recreation draft Management Plan.

10.2 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & WATER F5 (32079) 10/3/2010

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

Status:
No action.

10.24 BATTERLINE EARTHMOVING PTY LTD G1-4 (32159) 10/3/2010

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

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.

Status:
In progress.

10.26 COONAMBLE AG SUPPLIES PR1420-08 (32189) 10/3/2010

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.

Status:
Negotiations underway.

11.6 VICTIMS OF CRIME 10/3/2010

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 fundsq 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.

Status:

Application made through NRMA Grant Program – awaiting outcome.

11.8 NOTES FROM MANAGEMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP – 10/3/2010

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).

Status:

In progress

13.1 COONAMBLE POOL 10/3/2010

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.

Status:

Refer DES report this meeting.

COMPLETED.

13.2 WATER TREATMENT PLANT 10/3/2010

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

Status:

Programmed for financial year 2010/2011

RISK ASSESSMENT – COUNCIL FOOTPATHS 10/3/2010

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.

Status:

No action.

LIGHTING – PEACE TREE 10/3/2010

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

Status:

No action.

MR BOB GREEN – ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY 10/3/2010

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.

Status:

Mr Green has entered upon leave and the request will be actioned prior to his termination of employment.

9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2010

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10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2010

Section A – For Consideration:

10.1 MOORAMBILLA FESTIVAL D5-6 (32216)

Saying that the Artistic Director of the Festival has outlined her ideas for the Street Parade which will be held before the Gala Concert at about 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 19 September 2010. Stating the theme for the Festival is *Coming Home* and suggesting that the main street be lit with white fairy lights to form a corridor of light around to St Brigid's Church. Pointing out those in the parade will carry safe flame candles in a variety of colours. Stating the business houses have been asked to be involved by decorating their windows - \$200 has been donated for best display.

Asking Council to investigate the possibility of placing ropes of light, or fairy lights in the trees in the shopping area, which could be used throughout the year to promote events or as a feature and tourist attraction. Stating that ideally the lights would be solar powered and perhaps Coonamble could become known as a 'lights to the Outback' town. Saying the Committee feels the lights are a good idea and probably cost effective feature that Council could support.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . The matter has been referred to the Overseer . Utilities for a cost estimate which is expected to run to around \$10,000. Should Council wish to proceed it will need to identify from where the funding is to be obtained.)

Recommendation:
For Council's determination.

10.2 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES S3

Advising that the 2010 Shires Association of NSW Annual Conference will be held from 31 May to 2 June, with the theme *Building A Brighter Future*. Saying a draft program is available . attached as **APPENDIX A** Stating that business papers will be distributed to councils from 27 April and can also be printed from the Association's website. Advising that early bird registration (prior to 27/4/10) is \$585 (ex GST) per person, with accommodation being additional.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . Council has an informal policy that allows attendance by the Mayor, General Manager and two Councillors. Variation to this informal policy is permissible and given the Department of Local Government now allows councils to contribute towards partners expenses, this may also be an option.)

**Recommendation:
For Council's determination.**

10.3 COONAMBLE VACATION CARE

C8-6 + A8 (32291)

Requesting Council to carry out maintenance of the amenities at the Coonamble Vacation Care building. Advising it shares toilet facilities with the Coonamble Community Radio Station (also a s355 Committee of Council). Pointing out that maintenance is required in order for the facilities to be presented as a clean and sanitary area. Saying another area of concern is the step down to the area which presents as a possible access issue to some volunteers at the Radio Station and would be a risk should a child with mobility or vision issues be enrolled at the Centre.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . The Coonamble Community Radio is not a section 355 Committee of Council, as stated, but Council allows that Committee to utilize the premises free of charge. The matters raised are of particular concern and have been referred to the Manager . Services for a full costing and report upon her return from extended leave. Given the potential for sale of the premises it may be unwise to spend significant funds at this time.)

**Recommendation:
That Coonamble Vacation Care be advised that a full costing of the anticipated works is being developed and will be further considered at the June meeting of Council AND FURTHER advise that the premises are under consideration for sale.**

10.4 COONAMBLE VACATION CARE

C8-6 (32290)

Advising it will be conducting an open garage sale on Saturday 1 May between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the rear court area of Coonamble Vacation Care for fundraising. Requesting use of Council's portable PA system at a fundraising event on a Saturday night later in the year.

Recommendation:**That Council:**

- (1) Approve of the use of the rear court area of the Vacation Care Centre for the holding of an 'open garage' sale on Saturday 1 May from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
- (2) Approve of the loan of Council's portable PA system, given it is a section 355 Committee, for a fundraising event later in the year.

10.5 COONAMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL D7 (32317)

Advising that this year the School will hold NAIDOC Day on Thursday, 1 July and seeking a donation of \$500 towards the barbecue. Acknowledging Council's previous support.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . A check of Council's records reveal that Council contributed \$400 towards NAIDOC Day in 2008 and it would appear that no contribution was forthcoming in 2009).

Recommendation:

That Council contribute \$400 towards NAIDOC Day to the Coonamble Public School.

10.6 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L10 (32283)

Inviting Council to participate in the 2010 National General Assembly of Local Government at the National Convention Centre, Canberra between 14 . 17 June. Advising it has identified three themes for the Assembly and under which motions should be submitted, which are:

- Population
- Productivity
- Participation.

Saying to be eligible for inclusion in the National General Assembly Business Papers motions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday 30 April 2010 and must:

- Fall under one of the themes (above)
- Be relevant to the work of local government nationally
- Complement or built on the policy objectives of state or territory association.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . This Assembly is not normally attended by Council, however it should be noted that the Australia Wide Rural Lobby Group is to meet during the Assembly and the Australian Council of Local Government will meet 17/18 June. The Mayor has indicated that it would be difficult to justify the cost of a full week in Canberra with the potential for little or no positive outcome.)

Recommendation:

That Council not attend the National General Assembly of Local Government, Australia Wide Rural Lobby Group and the Australian Council of Local Government in Canberra from 14 to 18 June 2010.

10.7 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING B11 (32249)

Writing to consult with Council on the review of State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 (the Infrastructure SEPP). Advising a Discussion Paper has been prepared which identifies the issues raised by state government authorities and local councils in submissions. Stating that the Discussion Paper covers a wide range of issues related to the Infrastructure SEPP and proposed changes to further strengthen the efficient delivery of infrastructure in NSW. Saying the Discussion Paper will be exhibited on the Department's website and the due date for comment is 12 April 2010.

Recommendation:

That Council not make a submission to the Department of Planning on the review of State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007.

10.8 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING E5 (32346)

Referring to the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plan template) which was introduced in 2006 to provide a common structure and language for LEPs across the State. Saying after initial consultation and adoption of the Standard Instrument (SI) the Department indicated that in response to feedback from stakeholders and the community future reviews would occur. Forwarding a *Potential Amendments to the Standard Instrument – Options Paper* (SI Options Paper) which details how the SI could be amended to address issues raised with the Department.

Recognizing there is a need for some new definitions to be included in the dictionary to ensure Aboriginal heritage does not need to be mapped and its location described in detail for cultural reasons and to make some changes to clauses which are causing confusion. Advising that the SI Options Paper will be exhibited for six weeks to allow submissions. The paper will be available on the Department's website and at all Departmental offices. Requesting that Council also make it available on its own website.

Pointing out that only changes considered critical to the smooth and efficient roll-out of comprehensive SI LEPs are proposed at this time and if they are of relevance to most or all councils in NSW. Stating that all comments will be reviewed and appropriate savings or transitional provisions may apply where proposed changes have impacts on the operation of existing LEPs.

Recommendation:

That Council not make a submission to the Department of Planning on the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plan template).

10.9 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE, COONAMBLE B13

Forwarding copies of the new Bushfire Prone Land Maps prepared for this Council's LGA and seeking Council's approval so that the maps can be signed off by the Commissioner.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . These maps will be on display in the Council Chamber on meeting day for Councillors' perusal. The bushfire prone land has been significantly reduced from that indicated on earlier maps, however Council is invited for its input prior to the final map being prepared).

Recommendation:

That Council approve the reviewed and amended bushfire prone land maps on display and advise the NSW Rural Fire Service accordingly.

10.10 LIFELINE CENTRAL WEST NSW D7 (32320)

Advising that Lifeline Central West provides three distinct services:

- 24/7 crisis telephone counselling
- Financial counselling
- Problem gambling counselling.

Stating that the statistics for all three services are alarming . focusing on suicide, there are over 2500 cases per year and for every one completed suicide there are 30 attempts. Saying that to maintain services and build counselling capacity to meet growing demand, Lifeline Central West needs Council's ongoing support through Section 356 contributions and any other mechanism available to Council. Pointing out it has to raise \$500,000/annum to exist.

Advising that in 2010 Lifeline Central West is holding its inaugural Book Fair, which it hopes will be a major ongoing source of funding in the future. Stating that if Council could donate used library books or act as a community based collection point, it would be very grateful. Saying the CEO would be willing to meet with Councillors and/or groups for discussion.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . Council made contributions from 2000 to 2008 in diminishing proportions from \$2,400 to \$300, but made no contribution in 2009. There is little doubt as to the value of this Service to the community, which is not funded through other spheres of Government. The question of library books is one for the North Western Library Service.)

Recommendation:**That Council contribute \$1,000 from its Donation Vote to Lifeline Central West NSW.****10.11 KEMBLA WATERTECH PTY LTD****TD10-1 (32296)**

Forwarding its Formal Instrument of Agreement to be executed by Council for Contract T10-1 Sewer Mains Rehabilitation.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . At its March meeting Council resolved to accept the tender from Kembla Watertech Pty Ltd for the relining of sewer mains, however no authority was given to affix the Common Seal to the Contract documents).

Recommendation:**That Council authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to any relevant documents in connection with this tender.****10.12 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE****B13 (32329)**

Advising that the RFS is currently undertaking information sessions across the State for Council staff to improve and assist their understanding of the development assessment process and application of bush fire protection measures. Saying the sessions will also cover planned changes that will come into effect with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2010 and AS3959 . 2009 in May 2010. Extending an invitation to staff to attend an interactive information session at Cobar on Thursday 17 June 2010 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Recommendation:**That Council authorise its Manager – Environmental Services to attend the Workshop in Cobar on Thursday, 17 June, 2010, if available.****10.13 ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE INC****D7 (32349)**

Advising that the annual clay target shoot in remembrance of Doug McKenzie is being held at %ouie+on Sunday 16 May. Asking Council to consider making a donation towards trophies for the day and inviting Councillors to attend the function.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . Last year Council contributed \$110 to the Rotary Club for the annual clay target shoot.)

Recommendation:**That Council agree to contribute \$120 from its Donations Vote towards the annual clay target shoot run by the Rotary Club of Coonamble**

10.14 COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL M3 (32354)

Advising that there are several girls in Year 11 who are very interested and committed to organizing the Mayor's Debutante Ball and the date selected is Saturday 24 July, with the venue being Coonamble Bowling Club. Asking for confirmation and support from Council.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . Council has not previously become involved in the organization of this event nor contributed any funding).

Recommendation:

That Council agree to the Coonamble High School Year 11 Girls organizing the Mayor's Debutante Ball for 24 July 2010 at the Coonamble Bowling Club.

10.15 MARGARET JOHNSTONE D7 (32356)

Referring to the book "*Reedbed Country – the Story of the Macquarie Marshes*" by Kay Masman and Margaret Johnston and saying it was first published in April 2000 by the then Macquarie Marshes Catchment Committee which has now been dissolved. Advising the book is now out of print and the University of NSW is interested in producing a second edition under its Publishing Partnership Program. Saying the partnership will be formed incorporating the University of NSW Press, government agencies, individuals, institutions and organizations who have an interest in the welfare of the nation's waterways. Stating that as the Program entails the University Press receiving financial assistance from the various sources Council is invited to join. Advising that UNSW Press has suggested the following business terms:

- A run of 1000 books
- Printing cost of each book approx \$30
- Amount from each investor will depend on how many books they choose to purchase
- Each investor is able to on-sell the books at whatever profit they choose (UNSW Press suggests a range of 30-45%)
- If support for this project is considered without the necessity of on-selling books, a grant to the Publishing Partnership Program would be acceptable.

Advising that as the Macquarie Marshes are becoming increasingly degraded Council may be willing to support this project so that *Reedbed Country* will continue to enlighten people and assist in preserving the wonderful wetland. Pointing out that at this stage an indication of Council's intention is necessary . financial assistance would need to be directed to UNSW Press at a later date.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . It is believed that Council declined participation in this project prior to its initial publication).

Recommendation:

That Council not participate in the Publishing Partnership Program for the reprinting of Reedbed Country – the Story of the Macquarie Marshes.

10.16 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

E5 (23257)

Writing regarding the second round of Model Local Clauses for Standard Instrument LEPs (SI LEP) the Department is providing in draft form for comment in order to assist Council in the preparation of Council's Standard Instrument Local Environment Plan. Stating that the draft clauses consist of:

- Minimum lot sizes for dual occupancy, multi dwelling housing and residential flat buildings (cl 4.1B)
- Exception to the minimum lot size for certain residential accommodation (cl 4.1C)
- Erection of dwelling houses on land in certain rural and environmental protection zones (cl 4.2A)
- Active street frontages (cl 7.1)
- Flood planning (cl 7.3)
- Airspace operations (cl 7.4)
- Development in areas subject to aircraft noise (cl 7.6).

Stating that in progressing the development of new LEPs, model clauses may be included in Comprehensive LEPs where relevant, however where a Comprehensive LEP has been exhibited and is being finalized for submission to the Department, the model clauses need only be included:

- Where the council supports the model clause, and
- Where the incorporation of the model clause does not trigger the need for a re-exhibition of the draft LEP.

Recommending that clauses be adopted as isqwherever possible. Saying that any comments on the draft second round model clauses should be forwarded by 30 April, 2010.

Recommendation:

That Council not make a submission to the Department of Planning on the Local Clauses for Standard Instrument LEPs (SI LEP).

10.17 MR PHILLIP MALONE

SR11 (32364)

Drawing attention to the poor standard of the road that services his area (Bullagreen Road), which is in urgent attention as it is not only unsafe but well below standard of a road maintained by the Shire to service ratepayers. Pointing out that many sections have vehicle tracks, potholes and shoulder wash

outs, with an extremely rough surface. Saying it is dangerous to drive on and causes unacceptable damage to vehicles using the road. Advising that some residents at the western end travel to Gulargambone via Armatree or %Avoca+ while others have no option but to put up with the damage the road is causing to vehicles. Pointing out that in two cases residents travel to Gilgandra via Armatree to do grocery shopping.

Referring to sections of the road that are virtually only one lane making a dangerous situation if two trucks pass or even if a car has to pass a truck. Pointing out that one of the concrete causeways is not signed and saying there has been at least one accident with the vehicle rolling. Referring to specific sections of the road which need inspection. Asking for a causeway to be installed at the eastern side of the entrance to %Terang+to allow high flows of water to cross the road in its natural direction. Suggesting that a gravel causeway be constructed between the culvert west of %Knuckledown+entrance and %Knuckledown+entrance. Pointing out he has good farming country that is not economical to crop due to the risk of water-logging because water is being held up by the road.

Saying work through the sandy forest section has been an improvement, stabilizing the surface through blending clay material with sand which has made the section safer and all-weather . other sections now need attention. Advising that he would be happy to meet representatives of Council to discuss these issues.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . Staff have not had the opportunity to inspect the perceived problems on Shire Road 11 and a response will be prepared based on that investigation and Council's Road Management Plan.)

Recommendation:

That Council concur with the action proposed in responding to Mr Malone in terms of the inspection and Council's Road Management Plan.

10.18 COONAMBLE BOWLING CLUB LIMITED

L11 (32334)

Requesting Council to consider permitting the Club to have sole access to the land between its premises and the Tennis Courts . saying the Club will enter into a lease agreement if required. Pointing out that the area would be fenced and locked and the Club would use it as a storage area by placing a portable and secure shipping container in the front section to allow access by vehicles such as Country Energy to enter and do maintenance to lights on the tennis courts. Stating the Club would be prepared to provide Country Energy with a key .

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . At the November 2001 meeting Council resolved to support an application to the Department of Lands from the Bowling Club to purchase the subject land. Council's records are silent on the results of that application, if it was ever made. At the July 2002 meeting Council resolved that the General Manager be authorised to commence negotiations with the Coonamble Bowling Club to establish a 15 year peppercorn lease over the subject land, on the conditions set out in the Manager of Works report. Those conditions are reprinted below:

- Preparation of lease document to be responsibility of the Bowling Club and at its cost
- Structures are not to be developed upon the land unless they are easily transportable.
- The Lease will terminate if Council or the Crown requires the land for any civic purpose.
- The Bowling Club is to fence off the western and eastern approaches with high profile security fence.
- No plant, equipment or obstacle shall be stored at any time in an area 1.5 metres south of the existing tennis court fence.
- The Bowling Club is to provide, at its cost, the installation of a single swing lockable gate in the north western corner of the tennis court to provide Club access to the fenced off area for the retrieval of balls, etc.

Again, Council's files are silent on any progress, if any, made by the Bowling Club. Whilst the proposal has merit, consultation should be held with the Wanderers Tennis Club and agreement reached prior to approval being given.)

Recommendation:

That Council convene a meeting between representatives of the Wanderers Tennis Club and the Bowling Club to reach common ground for the proposal to proceed.

10.19 OPEN LETTER TO NSW PARLIAMENT IN SUPPORT OF "NO NEW COAL POWER"

Writing to express serious concern about the proposal for new coal fired power stations in New South Wales and urging you to prohibit the construction of new coal-fired power stations in the State. Stating that the two proposed new power stations at Bayswater and Mt Piper, if powered by coal, would create over 22 Million tonnes of greenhouse pollution annually, and would increase the state's greenhouse gas emissions by almost 15%. Saying this is more than the emissions from the entire NSW transport sector and would lock NSW into a fossil fuel future of increasing power bills and would undermine the potential for clean energy jobs in NSW.

Further stating that NSW does not need new base-load power generation and saying a recent study by the Institute for Sustainable Futures shows that future energy demand can be more effectively met through a combination of energy efficiency improvements and distributed energy . with significantly lower greenhouse emissions and at significantly lower cost.

Urging Parliament to take action to prohibit new coal-fired power in NSW and to instead create a positive vision for the State's energy future through strong policy and investment in efficiency improvements and renewable energy.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . This letter arrived via email addressed to the Mayor from Greenpeace Australia Pacific requesting that Council join with others in calling for action in NSW Parliament to stop further approvals of new coal fired power stations.)

Recommendation:

That Council not sign the Open Letter to NSW Parliament in support of “No new coal power” as requested by Greenpeace Australia Pacific.

Section B – For information**10.20 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT D6 (32199)**

Advising that *The Guideline on the Exercise of Functions under the Companion Animals Act 1998* and *Companion Animals Frequently Asked Questions* document have been updated and are now available for download from the Division of Local Government's website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au

10.21 NSW GOVERNMENT BUILDING PROFESSIONALS BOARD B11 (32208)

Advising that on 1 March 2010 new legislation introducing a framework for the accreditation of council building surveyors began. Saying the new legislation establishes qualification and experience standards for all certifiers . whether they work for a council or in the private sector . and is a major step forward in achieving one system of accreditation throughout NSW. Further advising that from 1 September 2010 all building certification work done by councils in NSW must be undertaken by accredited certifiers. Pointing out Councils may use their own accredited staff or engage accredited certifiers from the private sector. Saying that a three year period is also proposed to allow time for all officers to be accredited and time for employees to graduate to more senior levels of accreditation if they wish. Stating that accreditation will be free in the first year from 1 March 2010 and the Board has reduced fees in the years following.

10.22 NETWASTE G1-5 (32232)

Confirming that SIMS Metal Management has revised its pricing for the collection of scrap metal for Councils in the NetWaste region. Stating that for the March/April/May 2010 quarter the rebate value will increase from \$115+GST per tonne to \$135 per tonne + GST.

10.23 ELIZABETH LAMBELL, GWAHS S13 (32254)

Thanking Council for approving the use of Gulargambone pool outside normal times for the Aqua Aerobics Sessions. Saying 12 . 14 people took part, with favourable outcomes. Especially thanking Peter Hurst for his cooperation and saying the immaculately kept grounds and change room are a credit to him. Saying the last day of the sessions will be 24 March.

10.24 CASTLEREAGH-MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL N7 (32300)

Advising that contributions to constituent councils will be increased by the rate pegging limit of 2.5%, thus increasing this Council's contribution for 2010/2011 to \$82,624 (plus GST). Also advising it has decided to continue with its Fruit Fly Control Program and the contribution will be \$3,078 (plus GST).

10.25 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING E5-2 + B11 (32261)

Stating that in July 2009 and February 2010 councils were advised of the Savings and transitional Provisions in relation to the preparation of Local Environmental Plans (LEPs). Reminding councils of the relevant dates when draft pending %amending+LEPs need to be finalized. Advising that for those LEPs where a section 65 Certificate was issued before 1 July 2009, these must be finalized by 1 July 2010 or they will cease to have any status as draft LEPs. Saying this date is extended to 1 January 2011 in cases where there was no section 65 Certificate issued. Pointing out these dates apply regardless of whether a section 65 Certificate was issued by the Department of Planning or a Council under delegation.

Stating that where council may not be able to finalise a draft LEP according to the timeframes mentioned above, it may wish to consider incorporating the draft plan into its Principal LEP. Further stating where Council believes it is important to the implementation of its strategic plans that a draft pending %amending+LEP be finalized separate to the Principal LEP and it is unlikely to be completed within the time constraints, relevant justification should be provided. Saying this information should be in the form of a Planning Proposal submitted to the Gateway seeking a review of the extent of work already undertaken and requesting that the draft plan be brought into the current Part 3 process.

Pointing out the information should be submitted no later than 30 April 2010 for those draft LEPs that need to be finalised by 1 July 2010 and no later than 30 September 2010 for those that need to be finalized by 1 January 2011.

10.26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW L9-3 (32272)

Advising that the Executive resolved to undertake a review of the Legal Assistance Policy and Guidelines. Stating the Policy/Guidelines allows a council to apply for support of the Associations in seeking contributions from all councils to assist with legal costs where that council is involved in litigation and the principle in question in the matter:

- Involves a major local government principle which may be eroded but for pursuing the matter;

- Is one which should not be eroded merely because the council involved is not itself, so seriously affected by the outcome of the case that the legal costs associated with pursuing the principle outweigh the consequences.

Seeking assistance of all councils in the review and saying that a report will be drafted when all responses from councils have been received, with the expectation that a final report will be presented to the Associations Joint Executive meeting in May 2010 for consideration.

10.27 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY'S STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS P10 (32352)

Advising that the Committee recently commenced an inquiry into the effects of graffiti on public infrastructure. Saying it recognizes the great burden graffiti vandalism creates and is interested in examining good practice regarding anti graffiti policies and practices, in particular, graffiti resistant finishes and building materials. Listing what the Committee is particularly keen to learn about and seeking submissions and views by 10 May 2010.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER . This correspondence has been referred to the Director of Engineering Services for preparation of a submission if thought necessary).

JOHN J GRIFFITHS
General Manager
7 April 2010

11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL, 2010

Recommendation:

That the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Background:

Council was instructed in the Promoting Better Practice Review to report all development applications approved under Delegated Authority to each monthly meeting.

Issues:

The list covering period since last Council Meeting is as follows:

DA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
8/10	NSW Police	Owner	Demolish existing dwelling/erect new dwelling	27 Aberford St Coonamble	15/3/2010

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
9/10	Kelly, Mr/Mrs	Marcus Kelly	Patio	1422 Quambone Road Coonamble	1/3/2010

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

As stated in the Promoting Better Practice Review from the Department of Local Government.

Financial Considerations: NIL

Options: NIL

Recommendation:

That Council note Development Application No 008/2010, together with Complying Development Application No 009/2010, have been approved under delegated authority since the last Council Meeting.

11.2 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF "C" DIVISION COUNCILS

Background:

On Thursday 18 March 2010, in company with Deputy Mayor Michael Webb, I attended the C+Division Annual Conference held at Warren.

Issues:

Guest speakers from the LGSA, Country Energy, Police, GWAHS and the RFS addressed the Conference, raising the following points:

Bruce Miller, President, Shires Association of NSW:

- Modernisation of Local Government . all councils need to be looking at how we do things, who does them, and the most suitable structure for local government, including boundary alterations, into the future. The push for reform is coming from the Federal level and whilst that tier wishes to engage directly with local government, there are concerns at the ability to deliver services with COAG believing there are too many local government bodies across Australia.
- Single Representative Body . a task force comprising six representatives of the Shires Association, six from LGA and an independent chair, has been set up to examine the amalgamation of the two Associations. A terms of reference has been developed for the task force and it is hoped that some progress will be made prior to the Shires Conference in June. A copy of the terms of reference and the option paper for one local government association in NSW is available for perusal should Councillors wish.
- Constitutional Recognition of Local Government . the Federal Government has committed to a referendum to have local government formally recognized in the Constitution. The recent High Court ruling that direct Federal funding to local government is illegal has cast severe doubt over funding programs such as Roads to Recovery and RLCIP.
- Water and Sewerage Alliances . discussions with the Minister in mid-2009 indicated that a Cabinet Note would be considered in October in respect of the implementation of the program. This has not occurred and the whole issue appears to be in a state of limbo.
- Emergency Services Levy . despite guarantees by the State Government, increases in local government's funding contribution have occurred and councils, the subject of such increases, are advised to contact the LGSA without delay.

Liz Gemes, Policy Officer for Rural Affairs & Emergency Services, LGSA:

- Property Based Levy . Emergency Services . it is believed that the State Government may implement property based funding for at least the State Emergency Services with an announcement expected late March.
- Catastrophic Conditions . following many concerns being raised, a review of this classification and its use is being carried out.

Lillian Tiddy, Director of Workplace Solutions, LGSA:

- Award Modernisation . this system will cover National Local Government Employers and their Employees, however the State Referral Legislation has excluded employees in this State. Corporations wholly owned or controlled by local government bodies are excluded. Local Government in NSW thus reverts to the Local Government (State) Award 2007 Instrument.
- Fair Work Act 2009 . some parts of local government operation will still be covered by this Act and councils will need to become conversant with the dual system.
- Local Government (State) Award 2010 . the unions have now lodged their Log of Claims however the Associations are yet to formally respond and issue counter-claims.
- Civil Liability Allowance, Industry Dispute Update . nine disputes have been filed over some councils alleged failure to pay the civil liability allowance (this council settled this issue almost three years ago).
- Federal Paid Parental Leave Scheme . the Federal Government has a draft scheme which will commence from 1 January 2011 with an eligible person receiving taxable payments at the level of the Federal minimum wage, \$543.78 per week for a maximum of 18 weeks. The provisions will apply in addition to existing entitlements which comprise nine weeks paid maternity leave and five days paid supporting parent leave.
- Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 . this Act replaces the Freedom of Information Act and Chapter 4, Part 2 (sections 12, 12A, 12B and 13) of the Local Government Act. Of the four pathways to accessing Government information, only one requires formal application. There is presumption in favour of disclosure unless there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Council will be required to publish a disclosure log and a contracts register.
- Recruitment and performance management . over 70 councils use the service.
- Councillor Professional Development Program . 20 modules including five new ones.

Steve Bradshaw, Assistant Police Commissioner:

- Senior Police not Living in Communities . industrial law makes it difficult to insist on this as a requirement of appointment.
- Forty-seven extraneous duties have been removed from policing duties since the 1970s. This has led to contact with officers only in crisis situations.
- Whilst precinct meetings are held there is no general mixing in the communities for police officers as part of their duties.
- I asked as to the status of the review of special remote stations and was advised that no progress had been made and the change was still with the Police Human Resources Division for consideration.

- Councils assessing crime levels are advised to not only utilize BOSCAR statistics, but also to examine the academic research undertaken by the University of New England which includes issues such as rural persons consuming about one-third more alcohol than their urban counterparts with a commensurate rise in domestic violence.
- It has become evident that criminal elements are prone to move to smaller communities where law enforcement is not at its optimum.
- In response to a question as to the effect on policing of lenient sentencing it was stated that the conviction is the important thing and to dwell on the sentence, affect may occur on the quality of the next job.
- The need to recruit western NSW dwellers to the Police Force is paramount to the ability to attracting staff to this area. Any assistance that can be provided by local government to this cause would be appreciated.

Derek Hinds, Country Energy:

- Country Energy committed to local government and local communities.
- Sale of Retail Arm . the June deadline for this proposal has been pushed back however even when it progresses, the service levels provided should remain unchanged, particularly relating to the electricity network. Protection by IPART on pricing will remain.
- In the current year 125 apprentices have been employed across the region, bringing the total figure to over 1,000.
- Efficiencies are being implemented to minimize increases expected.

Danny O'Connor, CEO, GWAHS:

- National Reform Agenda (NRA) for Health . the Federal takeover of 60% of the cost of hospitals is based on an efficiency formula, mainly comprising episode funding. Those hospitals who reach their targets will be the first to receive upgrade funding and in this respect metro hospitals will get the ~~100%~~ share+as country hospitals do not have the throughput to compete. The NRA is silent on issues of rural hospital funding and there are justifiable additional overheads for rural health services.
- To ensure effective delivery of health services there must be networking of hospitals (such as Wellington/Dubbo). This will ensure the most efficient service that can be made available.
- The shortage of doctors is partly caused by a reluctance to be on roster for after hours duty.
- There is a restriction for payment to locum doctors of \$2,000 per day, plus travelling and accommodation and GWAHS have lodged objection to the Department of Health in respect of two other AHS~~s~~ exceeding that cap. Such action allows doctors to trade one AHS off against others.
- The Conference passed a motion requesting the Shires Association to seek clarification from the Federal Government in respect of the NRA.

Paul Smith, Regional Manager, Region West NSW – RFS:

- Catastrophic Warning System . the new system will undergo significant reform to gain better information and thus allow better judgement.
- RFS has proactive policy in respect of the notification to owners of overgrown blocks.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Under the %6+Division Charter the next meeting will be held at Warrumbungle Shire Council.

Financial Considerations:

Cost of attendance was in the vicinity of \$300.

Options:

Nil

Recommendation:

Submitted for Council's information.

11.3 MEETING TO ESTABLISH AUSTRALIA-WIDE RURAL LOBBY GROUP

Background:

Council received an invitation extended jointly from Gwydir Shire Council and Moree Plains Shire Council to attend a forum in Canberra on Monday 15 March 2010 to form a cooperative of rural based councils. In company with Deputy Mayor Michael Webb, I attended the forum.

Eighteen councils from all States of Australia, except Tasmania, were represented at the meeting.

Issues:

Each council was required to give a presentation in respect of their unique aspects of road maintenance and construction and each council's approach to addressing the funding shortfall. Cr Webb and I developed a presentation which included the following:

Unique Aspects:

- Demographics of our area
- Change in the agricultural base from sheep to broad-acre cropping
- Length and makeup of roads
- No ridge gravel available
- Black clay soil predominant
- Road base must be manufactured
- Low traffic counts . heavy vehicles during harvest
- Heavy loads over roads constructed for light traffic
- Climatic conditions, including lack of water for road works

Funding Shortfall:

- Development of Roads Management Plan based on technical assessment of road condition.
- Careful planning and prioritizing carried out to replace all timber bridges
- Technical as opposed to political selection of projects
- Lack of recognition of produce manufacture and the effect on roads
- Commitment at the political level to improvements in the road network
- Poor condition of rail branch line and potential impact on road network.

The Conference was addressed by Cr John Coulton, Mayor, Gwydir Shire Council (GSC), Cr. Sue Price, Deputy Mayor, Moree Plains Shire Council (MPSC), Mr David Aber, General Manager, MPSC and Mr Max Eastcott, General Manager, GSC. Twelve other councils also presented to the gathering.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

A number of motions were passed, including the setting up of a temporary executive committee, initial membership fee of \$100/annum and setting the date of the next meeting to the National General Assembly to be held from 14 . 17 June 2010.

Financial Considerations:

The annual membership fee has been set at \$100.

Options:

Various

Recommendation:

That Council become an inaugural member of the Australia-wide Rural Roads Group and pay the annual membership fee of \$100.

11.4 COONAMBLE MEDICAL CENTRE

Background:

Premises are currently leased to Greater Western Area Health Service and house the Community Health Division. Separately leased is the Coonamble Dental Practice to Dr Mark Lo Schiavo at a rental of \$239.50/week, which includes the dental equipment.

Council has received a request from the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service to purchase the Centre, including the land and a copy of this offer is attached as **APPENDIX B**. It should be noted that the Mayor is also the Chief Executive Officer of the Service and has declared a conflict of interest at CAHS and will be doing likewise in Council.

Discussions have also been held with a prospective developer and the potential of acquiring the former Youth Centre, together with the land adjoining including the Coonamble Medical Centre.

Issues:

The development proposed for the Council premises and land in that vicinity is known to Councillors who should be cognizant of the potential loss of this development if these premises are sold.

Should that development not proceed it would be highly beneficial to Council and the community for the Coonamble Medical Centre to be sold given the necessity for extensive remediation works on the building. The sale through certified valuation in an ~~as is~~ condition with all transaction costs being met by CAHS is extremely attractive.

Discussions have been held with Dr Lo Schiavo and CAHS jointly to ensure that dental services would not only continue, but also be enhanced by any sale by Council. All parties could see the potential for improved dental services for the whole community, along with better utilization of the existing facility in addition to a dentist being available regularly for Indigenous persons.

Council updated and replaced the majority of dental equipment for the Practice in 2006, with some updated equipment and replacements being made ~~as~~ and when+required since that time. Council should note that the system has worked extremely well in that funding is provided from the rental paid by the practitioner with this modern facility a positive when trying to attract qualified dentists.

Councillors will note the third paragraph of CAHS letter, which states % as a result of the kind offer of assistance by Council ÷ which is the result of letters sent in October 2000, March 2001, May 2001 and March 2005. In those letters significant assistance was offered, including sale of a vacant allotment in Castlereagh Street adjoining the Medical Centre for \$1.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

The land is %operational+under the Local Government Act and may be sold subject to necessary notice being given to lessees. CAHS recognizes that the premises will not become available until the new calendar year due to the lease with GWAHS.

Financial Considerations:

Council currently receives \$239.50 weekly from the Coonamble Dental Practice, which is utilized to fund dental equipment and maintenance on that part of the building. Council also receives a small rental from GWAHS for the office accommodation, however this will cease with the occupation of the new Multi Purpose Service facility.

Options:

1. Decline the offer from CAHS in total.
2. Accept the offer from CAHS immediately.
3. Contact the prospective developer to gain a clear indication of intentions and subject to the response, accept the offer from CAHS when the lease with GWAHS is relinquished.

Recommendation:**That Council :**

- 1. Request the prospective developer to give a clear indication as to his intentions and should the Coonamble Medical Centre be required, proceed to develop a strategy for relocation of both the Coonamble Community Radio and the Coonamble Dental Practice.**
- 2. Should the prospective developer not require the Coonamble Medical Centre, proceed to formally accept the offer from CAHS, as follows, noting that transfer cannot be effected until GWAHS lease is relinquished:**
 - That Council sell CAHS the “old Coonamble Medical Centre” Castlereagh Street.**
 - The purchase price of the building would be that obtained through a certified valuation.**
 - The building would be purchased ‘as is’.**
 - All transaction costs for both parties would be met by CAHS.**
 - CAHS continue with the current arrangement with the dentist and the provision of services to all members of the community.**
 - CAHS purchase the dental equipment from Council, maintain and upgrade as required.**
- 3. Authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to any relevant documents.**

11.5 “THE MEGLO” – PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE LAND

Background:

At its March meeting Council considered a request from Mr and Mrs Larry Rindfleish to purchase 4 . 5 hectares of land at %the Meglo+to establish a truck depot and expand their current business. Following the meeting Council requested further details regarding the proposal and subsequent discussion was held with Mrs Rindfleish on Thursday, 25 March, 2010.

Issues:

During her discussions with me the following matters were addressed:

- *Electricity:*

The Rindfleishs were aware of the potential cost of power and will now seek cost of extension from Council's 200 kVa sub station to a proposed site from Country Energy.

- *Water:*

With the Murdi Paaki Intensive Farming proposal likely to proceed, the quantity of water that may be delivered from the existing water service may not be sufficient to service any more that a trickle flow to the proposed site, which will be some 900 metres from the service point. It has been recommended that alternate water needs to be sourced or significant storage made available on site that can be trickle-fed and serviced by a water pressure system.

- *Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station:*

The Rindfleishs have previously investigated this facility and found it to be uneconomical and, in any event, unlikely to be utilized by the RTA in accordance with previous advice from that body.

- *Size of Block:*

The maneuvering of road trains and B-doubles on a small 4000 square metre industrial subdivision block is not practical and whilst only two trucks are owned at this time, there is an intention to add to the fleet. Additionally, a full mechanical workshop is proposed with the shed already having been purchased. Sufficient size at the industrial subdivision would prove too expensive and lack flexible operating options.

- *Location of Proposed Block:*

As with all proponents, the land adjacent to the electricity transformer was the preferred option, however it was pointed out that Council had committed 60 hectares of that section to Murdi Paaki. It was suggested in the interests of uniformity that the area immediately to the south of the aforementioned block be utilized and this will be approximately 600 metres from the current boundary with

GrainCorp on the Quambone Road. Claim was made that inspection during periods of heavy rain revealed there should be no difficulty with excess ponding of water.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Council must resolve to sell any asset under the terms of the Local Government Act 1993.

Financial Considerations:

Part of the proposal involves the employment of an apprentice mechanic along with a further truck driver for each vehicle added to the fleet. It is thought that up to three additional staff will be employed but this will be a gradual increase over one to three years.

The sale price should be similar to that paid by GrainCorp and offered to Murdi Paaki, that being \$3,800/hectare, with the purchaser paying the full cost of survey, subdivision, plan registration, electricity extension, provision of water should the current supply not be adequate and a share of legal costs associated with the transaction.

Options:

1. Agree to sell 4 hectares of ~~the~~ Meglo+land to Mr and Mrs Rindfleish on the basis outlined in the report.
2. Decline to sell any of ~~the~~ Meglo+land to Mr and Mrs Rindfleish.

Recommendation:
For Council's determination.

11.6 MEETING WITH GILGANDRA SHIRE – PULVEY MIXER & SPREADER

Background:

Concerns have been held for some time in respect of the charges associated with the hire of equipment suitable for mixing damaged pavements, spreading lime/cement material and relaying roads. Additionally, availability of equipment has caused delays on a number of occasions.

The Director of Engineering Services and I met with our counterparts from Gilgandra Shire to discuss this issue, along with a potential joint project on Tooraweenah Road.

Issues:

Approximately eighteen months ago Gilgandra Shire purchased a Pulvey Mixer and has carried out works for this Council, along with others in the area, as well as the RTA. They have found a need to also have a spreader available and the coordination with private contractors has proved both costly and difficult for customers.

A proposal has been developed in principle whereby this Council purchase a spreader to be used in tandem with Gilgandra Council's mixer and both items will be contracted out to surrounding councils and/or the RTA when not required by either Council. The coordination and marketing will be carried out by Gilgandra for a small fee.

Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Gilgandra and Coonamble Councils would pay only internal hire rates for the use of both items of equipment, allowing significant amounts to be released for further road works.

Each Council would employ the operators of their equipment and set the plant hire rates . both contract and internal . in consultation with each other, allowing room for negotiation in the contract rates to ensure competitiveness with private contractors.

Purchase of material would either be under State Government Contract or through joint purchasing arrangements with OROC and/or Hunter Councils.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Most councils are experiencing difficulties obtaining roadmaking material of suitable quality and are moving towards additives as traffic weights and volumes increase.

There are a number of formal arrangements that are permissible under the Local Government Act, however in these early stages a MoU is the simplistic way of commencing a joint venture.

Financial Considerations:

In the 2009/10 year to date Council has spent some \$630,000 for mixer and spreader machinery of which operator wages and material costs total about \$270,000. This means that some \$360,000 has been expended hiring machinery for this purpose.

The cost of purchasing a new spreader (second hand equipment is simply not available) and suitable truck is \$400,000. It must be realized that accommodation, travelling and other miscellaneous costs will accrue, along with the wages and overheads associated with the operation of such an item of equipment in other shires.

In the foreseeable future it may be prudent to consider installation of bulk storage facilities for material, but at this time should not be necessary.

Options:

1. Agree in principle, with the purchase of a spreader and suitable truck to enter into a joint venture with Gilgandra Shire Council to contract out mixer and spreader services to other councils and the RTA.
2. Advise Gilgandra Council that there is no interest in entering into such an agreement, but there would be interest in hiring both pieces of equipment at contract rates should they subsequently purchase the truck and spreader.

Recommendation:

That Council agree in principle to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Gilgandra Shire Council to form a joint venture whereby its Pulvey mixer and this Council's truck and spreader are offered to contract to other councils when not required by either Shire and make provision in the Fleet Management Plan for the purchase of the necessary equipment.

11.7 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Background:

Council, at the March meeting, requested a review in regard to the formation of committees to deal with specific issues. This included the formation of a Crime Prevention Committee and Parks and Gardens Committee.

Issues:

Council previously had a Roads Committee which was superseded by the Roads Management Plan whereby technical assessment of roads on a needs basis replaced the political favouritism method previously used.

A Plant Committee proved to be undesirable, as Council as a whole overturned recommended decisions. This synopsis is basically the crux of the weak point associated with the committee system.

For many years it was compulsory for Council to have a Finance Committee however the functions associated with finance are now carried out by Council as a whole.

From a staff perspective servicing of a large number of committees presents difficulties particularly in relation to finding available times and dates for meetings, production of agendas and minutes and generally taking them away from their core function.

A Crime Prevention Committee could not only address issues as they arise, but also assist with the implementation of the Crime Prevention Plan once approved. I have developed a basic Terms of Reference for that Committee and it is attached as **APPENDIX C**.

A Parks & Gardens Committee should oversee the development and/or enhancement of the facilities across the Shire in accordance with the Recreational Facilities Management Plan without becoming involved in the operational issues associated therewith. Again, the Terms of Reference is attached as **APPENDIX D**.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Council may have as many sub-committees as it wishes, however as with all committees, any recommendations need to be adopted by Council prior to implementation. Code of Meeting Practice and all other policies relating to the operation of Council as a corporate body also must be observed by committees.

Financial Considerations:

Pressure will be placed on the administrative resources of Council and the managers servicing an elaborate committee structure. Whilst this may appear to be invisible Council should be cognizant that other duties may receive less attention.

Options:

1. Continue to develop an elaborate committee structure recognizing the difficulties this may create for staff servicing those committees.
2. Adopt the two Terms of Reference for the Crime Prevention Committee and the Parks & Gardens Committee without adding to the list.
3. Not form any further committees.

**Recommendation:
For Council's determination.**

JOHN J GRIFFITHS

General Manager

8 April 2010

**12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2010**

Recommendation:

That the Director of Corporate Services' report be received and dealt with.

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections to 31/03/2010 compared to 31/03/2009:

	31/03/2010	31/03/2009
Arrears 30 th June previous year	614,828.79	631,019.32
Plus 2009/2010 Combined Levy	4,837,719.41	4,676,400.17
Add Transfer from Postponed	5,179.83	4,950.76
GROSS LEVY	5,457,728.03	5,312,370.25
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(61,040.47)	(59,188.96)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(49,944.73)	(48,429.53)
Transfer to Postponed	(590.20)	(906.04)
Abandoned	(112,788.41)	(5,482.39)
20% Farmland Rebate	(2,900.92)	-
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	5,230,463.30	5,198,363.33
Less Collections	(3,721,815.00)	(3,621,932.31)
Plus Refunds	17,393.88	7,099.22
NET TOTAL BALANCE	1,526,042.18	1,583,530.24
Plus Postponed	5,343.41	9,559.20
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	1,531,473.75	1,593,089.44
Collection % of Total Receivable	70.82%	69.54%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	29.18%	30.46%

Recommendation:

Submitted for Council's information.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

I, Rick Warren, Responsible Accounting Officer, certify that in accordance with Financial Management Regulation 19(1) details of all money invested under Section 625 of the Local Government Act, the Ministerial Order and Councils Investment Policy for the Period Ending 31 March 2010.

Date Mature	Deposit Type	S&P Rating	Institution	Ref No	Terms (days)	Interest (%)	Amount (\$)
15/04/2010	Fixed	A1+	CBA	21	30	4.28	2,000,000
22/04/2010	Fixed	A2	IMB	15	90	5.50	1,000,000
20/04/2010	Fixed	A1+	St George	17	60	5.00	1,000,000
23/05/2010	Fixed	A1+	NAB	22	90	5.18	2,000,000
4/09/2010	Fixed	Unrated	Reliance C/U	19	184	5.70	500,000
9/4/2010	Fixed	A1	Suncorp	20	61	5.32	1,500,000
25/05/2010	Fixed	A1+	Westpac	23	92	5.00	1,000,000
30/08/2010	Fixed	A1+	NAB	8	337	5.00	2,000,000
	At Call	Fixed	A1+	CBA		3.00	1,850,000
Total							12,850,000

Financial Institution	S&P Rating	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount
CBA	A1+	24%	50%	3,850,000
NAB	A1+	34%	50%	4,000,000
Westpac	A1+	8%	50%	1,000,000
St George	A1+	8%	50%	1,000,000
Suncorp	A1	13%	40%	1,500,000
IMB	A2	8%	35%	1,000,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	4%	10%	500,000
				\$ 12,850,000

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	75%	100%	9,850,000
A1	13%	80%	1,500,000
A2	8%	60%	1,000,000
Unrated	4%	30%	500,000
			\$ 12,850,000

I, Rick Warren Responsible Accounting Officer, certify that in accordance with Financial Management Regulation 19(3)(b) the investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Ministerial Order and the Council Investment Policy

Recommendation:

That the list of investments as at 31 March 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.

RICK WARREN

Director of Corporate Services

7 April 2010

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2010**

Recommendation:

That the Director of Engineering Services' report be received and dealt with.

THIS REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED AS A LATE ITEM.

DON GAMAGE

Director of Engineering Services

April 2010

14. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2010

**14.1 MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM
AT THE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 9 MARCH,
2010 COMMENCING AT 6.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mr. John Griffiths, General Manager, in the Chair, together with Pat Firth, Lorna Pickup, Peter Butler, Beryl Butler, Geoff Fulmer, Ron Crocker, Bede Johnson, A. Butler, Ainslie Schieb, Jerry Williams (Miss), Val Kuhner, Liz Markey, Gordon Ditchfield, Ken Moody, Athol Browne, A. O'Malley, Ian Browne, Julie Browne, Thelma Johnson, Sue Hargans, Shane Swansborough, Rose McMahon and Erich Riesinger.

APOLOGIES: Gulargambone Central School
Barry and Peggy Murray
Stefan Turner
Gena Walder

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

In accordance with the advertisement placed in the local media the purpose of this public meeting is to consider the voluntary winding up the Coonamble Shire Concert Band Inc & Distribution of Funds Held.

PROCEEDINGS:

Mrs. Sue Hargans addressed the meeting, giving a summation of the inactive status of the organization and advising of numerous attempts that have been made to reinvigorate interest, particularly through local schools.

A MOTION OF APPRECIATION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED expressing appreciation to Sue Hargans and Rose McMahon for their untiring efforts in both administration and attempts to revive the Coonamble Shire Concert Band to an active status.

INPUT FROM FORMER MEMBERS

The meeting was advised of an informal meeting of ex-Band members who have been instrumental in raising funds in the past for the ongoing operation of the Band and the advancement of band music in Coonamble. The desires of those former members in the distribution of monies held were conveyed. ***The total to be disbursed amounted to \$42,321.84.***

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GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Those present raised the following issues:

- The organization and funds should be retained and additional efforts made to revitalize the Band.
- Money was raised locally and should not be sent out of town.
- Funds should only be distributed for the development of music based activities within the community.
- Moorambilla Festival involves very few young people and they appeared to not be locals.
- Former Band members advised the decision had not been taken lightly.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION FOR VOLUNTARY WINDING UP & DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

MOTION MOVED by Peter Butler **SECONDED** by Bede Johnson that the Coonamble Shire Concert Band Inc. be voluntarily wound up and the monies held be distributed to the following Schools and Bands to be utilized for the promotion of music:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| • Coonamble High School | \$3,000 |
| • Coonamble Public School | \$3,000 |
| • St Brigid's Primary School | \$3,000 |
| • Narrabri Brass Band | \$3,000 |
| • Gunnedah Brass Band | \$3,000 |
| • Gilgandra Brass Band | \$3,000 |
| • Coonabarabran Brass Band | \$3,000 |
| • St John's College . Dubbo | \$4,000 |

AND FURTHER that the Community Organisations listed hereunder receive the following amounts:

- | | |
|---|---------|
| • Coonamble Branch Red Cross Society | \$2,000 |
| • Coonamble Archives Committee | \$2,000 |
| • Coonamble Historical Museum | \$2,000 |
| • Coonamble Community Shed | \$2,000 |
| • Coonamble Cottage Industries | \$2,000 |
| • Fr Chris Riley Appeal | \$2,000 |
| • Coonamble Quota Cancer Survivors Fund | \$2,000 |

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED – VOTING 21 - 3

MOTION MOVED by Shane Swansborough **SECONDED** by Ian Browne that the residual monies held after winding up expenses are paid, be distributed to the Coonamble Branch of the Royal Far West Children's Health Scheme.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MOTION MOVED by Ainslie Schieb **SECONDED** by Shane Swansborough that the instruments stored be inspected by former Band members and disposed of in the most appropriate manner, being donated to existing organizations or otherwise disposed of **AND FURTHER** that the records of the Coonamble Shire Concert Band Incorporated be lodged with the Coonamble Archives Committee for posterity.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VOTE OF THANKS TO FORMER BAND MEMBERS

A MOTION WAS MOVED AND SECONDED that a Vote of Thanks be extended to former Band Members for their dedication to the promotion of music and provision of entertainment for the whole community.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ACCLAMATION.

The meeting concluded at 7.00 p.m.

14.2 MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF COONAMBLE AFTER SCHOOL CARE (Vacation Care) HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2010 IN PREMISES CNR TOOLOON & CASTLEREAGH STREETS COMMENCING 6 P.M.

Present: Diane Pawley, Lisa Murray, Jo Day, Anne Wiatkowski & Bev Ewers

Apologies: Aimee Wilson

1. **Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held 3rd Feb 2010.**
Recommendation . Accept minutes as correct.
2. **Business arising from previous minutes.**
 1. **Signage (advertising) for south facing wall** - ongoing. Paint recessed window section with blackboard paint and cover with Perspex to allow for advertising next meeting etc.
 2. **Friends of the Flicks at the Picture Theatre.** We are still on the waiting list for use of the facility.
 3. **Quality Assurance** . all staff have printed copy of %Keeping them Safe+ TAFE education.
 4. **Logo** – completed design, to be incorporated into enrolment form and other stationary.
 5. **April Activity Form** – to be emailed to Jo to be photocopied and distributed prior to term end. Roster sent out with activity plan and proposed policy review for staff comment. To be completed at AGM and be on display and sent out with the accounts for April period.
 6. **Purchase of equipment** – to be in general business
 7. **Letter to Greyhound Club re: meeting** -to be done
 8. **Letter to Council for car boot sale on Vacation Care premises** – to be done
 9. **Letter to Rodeo Committee to express interest in manning cabaret door** – to be done
 10. **Review of swimming permission notes** – Kristian is reviewing relevant regulations for compliance for Vacation Care .

3. Correspondence.

- **TAFE NSW Conference – Sat 29th May 2010 Orange 8:15am-4:30pm Early bird \$140 or \$165**
- **Network certificate of membership – to be displayed**
- **“Putting Children First” issue #33.**
- **Account for Kindie manager system – to be paid**

4. Training Opportunities

- a) Belonging, Being and Becoming – Putting the Early Years Framework into Practise – Mon. 3rd May 2010 Coonamble 9-12 \$33**
- b) As above for TAFE NSW Conference**

Recommendations . for staff and committee information

5. Attendance at Vacation care

Holiday Week Ending	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	Daily Av.
11 th July 2008	15	13	13	20	16	15
18 th July 2008	22	13	16	14	17	16
3 rd October 2008	12	8	10	11	9	10
10 th October 2008	PH	12	15	14	9	12
2 nd January 2009	7	9	11	PH	11	9
9 th January 2009	11	11	14	14	16	13
16 th January 2009	12	19	21	13	15	16
23 rd January 2009	13	20	14	18	16	16
30 th January 2009	PH	12	10	11	11	11
10 th April 2009	PH	10	12	9	9	10
24 th April 2009	14	9	6	9	7	9
17 th July 2009	12	9	9	11	12	10
24 th July 2009	7	14	12	10	11	10
9 th October 2009	PH	11	12	12	15	12
16 th October 2009	12	16	17	14	15	15

10 th Jan 2010	PH	7	13	17	17	13
17 th Jan 2010		19	17	20	20	20
24 th Jan 2010		22	17	22	26	22
31 st Jan 2010		27	PH	21	26	25
7 th Feb 2010		26	23	21	----	23

6. Financial Viability of the Service – No up to date figures received.

7. Fundraising:

- Saturday 1st May car boot sale \$10/table . need letter to council to advise of same; to incorporate Mothers Day raffle
 1. need to put in flyer attached to enrolment forms
 2. email Steven Baldwin to put on activity calendar
 3. open 8am . 1pm
 4. Turn up on day and pay \$10
 5. Pre-book sites with Lisa Murray on 0427 682224.
- Greyhound night . another letter to Greyhound Club Sept or Nov evening meeting . letter to Council to loan their portable PA system;
- letter to Rodeo Committee for expression of interest to man cabaret door;
- Bowls night

8. General Business

- Swimming notes to include activities that will be run during swimming time . to be redesigned after input from Kristian.
- Staff training of CCMS . Jo to attend both Fridays of April holidays to train staff
- Need to return Vacation Care shirts
- Meeting with Council Health & Building Inspector for r/v bathroom, need to put in maintenance request for bathroom and removal of air conditioner unit in corner
- Lisa has put in request to trim trees and need removal of tree with spikes
- Aimee Wilson has put in resignation letter
- Need to locate Vacation Care shirts Bev -2; Deena 2; Nioka 2; Jo 1; Lisa Murray 2;
- AGM notice in paper
- Fundraising money purchase . recommendations:
 - 60cm width broom cupboard from Cants ~ \$150
 - Popcorn machine
 - Digital TV 66cm . ask prices for TV and popcorn maker
 - Slazenger twin soccer goal set pg 485
 - Slide locks for sports equipment store
 - Portable basketball stands x 2

- 30 x 46cm chairs with 15% discount voucher
- Hand mixer
- Cobweb broom
- Mens shed to make dress up stand with safety mirror
- Pg 594 child kindergarten block set #213314 112 blocks
\$329.89
- Mens shed for off cuts and lacquer for extending.

9. Date of Next Meeting.

Meeting dates to be set on Wednesday - last week of holidays
Next meeting will be the **AGM** on Wed 14th April 2010 - 5:30pm

Meeting closed: 7:30pm

14.3 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OH&S COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2010 COMMENCING AT 9.20 A.M.

PRESENT: Don Gamage (Mgt Rep), Rick Warren (Mgt Rep), John Smith (Emp Rep), Phillippa Ballard (SO), Raquel Pickering (Emp Rep) and Russell Smith (Emp Rep-Chair), Steven Rutledge (Emp Rep).

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

APOLOGIES: Nil

2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING.

The minutes are accepted as read from last meeting.

Moved: John Smith Second: Raquel Pickering

3. REPORT ON ACTION ITEMS.**3.1 Drug and Alcohol Update**

Action required for **Steven** to obtain more Drug & Alcohol handbooks from Union and **SO** to send out to employees that couldn't make it on the day of workshop.

3.2 Council's Grandstands – DOE to report

DOE commented that the stands are structurally sound and suggested that council engage local to modify . report to go to next council from DOE.

Committee advised to wait to see report from council meeting to decide of further action.

3.3 High Vis clothing-Serviceability issue

SO reported the memo has been completed and signed ready to go out with next pay.

No further action required.

3.4 Coonamble Treatment works-safety rails

DOE commented that the rails are not needed. Committee reflected that this item has already been approved and financed by council and raised concern regarding the lack of action with what's deemed to be a high priority item.

Recommendation: That a meeting is to be arranged with all relevant parties ie: DOE, Jon Palmer & employees, OHS Rep's, Russell Smith. A date is to be arranged with Jon Palmer when back from holidays for meeting to re-inspect site with regards to reviewing/modifying proposed site plan in an attempt to reduce size/costs of project required along with current priorities'.

3.5 Employee's OHS Responsibilities

Action required . Memo to be completed by SO.

The Committee also recommend that a separate memo should go to the supervisor's on their responsibilities and be back up with a meeting arranged by DOE & SO.

3.6 Working in the Heat

The committee discussed at length this Safety Issue

Recommendation: that a risk assessment, policy & procedure be developed for council by the Safety Officer by utilizing the information already obtained and with assistance from the Chair-Russell and consultation from supervisors and committee members.

3.7 Archives/Records Room (old soil lab) – council records storage issue

DCS advised the room has now been repaired with shelving fixed and structurally sound **Action required now for Raquel** is to sort & organize room for departmental records and when ready to organize with Kookie use of available employees for helping with lifting of boxes.

4 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 New WorkCover Rules – Formwork (FF) & Explosive-Power Tools (EPT) 1st February 2010

Chair advised the Committee that a Certificate of Competency (License) is no longer required by an OHS regulatory agency due to & in preparation for the harmonization of OHS laws throughout Australia. Concern was raised by committee that using this equipment should not be left open to anyone as viewed as dangerous high risk equipment especially in inexperienced hands.

The committee recommends that council operational managers should only allow those employee's who already have the license, although now not required, to operate this equipment until such time that a risk assessment and in-house competency based training program be developed. So that anyone not previously licensed who desire to use this equipment in their department (e.g. trades) will have to be trained and inducted into this item of plant before access is granted.

5 REVIEW OF INCIDENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

Nil to report . however SO raised concern still with regards to Investigation Reports still not getting through to her in the desired timeframe.

Committee again Recommends DOE to discuss in Management meetings.

6 WORKPLACE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

6.1 Results last committee Inspections

Crusher, Gular Pool/Depot & T/Works. Reports attached .

Committee Recommend SO with Assistance from Chair-Russell to develop Safety Notices for safety notice boards which are lacking at most sites.

6.2 Feedback to Workgroups

Copy of reports with minutes on notice boards.

6.3 Next Inspections-09/10 Schedule

Cble Parks & Gardens & Quambone Depot to be inspected after lunch.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

None to report

8 NEXT MEETING TIME AND DATE

6th April 2010 at 9am. This was discussed and found to be Easter long weekend committee agreed to set date as week later being **Tuesday 13th April 2010 at 9am.**

9 CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed 10.10am.

Acronyms:

DOE	Director of Engineering	Don Gamage
SO	Safety Officer	Phillippa Ballard
GM	General Manager	John Griffiths
EOA	Manager-Highway/Plant Fleet	Mark Harland
DCS	Director of Corporate Services	Rick Warren
SEM	Manager-Services	Kookie Atkins

**15. REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2010**

Recommendation:

That the report by the Economic Development Managers be received and dealt with.

1. Diversify Industry Base

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Market Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussed with GCS and MPREC reps to scope project. 	Working towards funding submission in May 2010.
Local Power Generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussions with CEO of RDA re proposal for bulk purchasing of solar/PV systems for farms, households and businesses in Orana Region. 	Agenda Item for regional EDO meeting 1 st April.
GAB Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparing approach to NSW Minister and senior staff re year-round access to licences for new enterprises. 	

2. Business and Employment Growth

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Information for Prospective Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Responded to inquiries received via website and email. 	1 information pack distributed . Nathalia Victoria
Keep Coonamble Kicking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-commenced advertising. Updated Facebook page. Printed more loyalty cards and distributed to business. 	Progressing. 269 fans on Facebook.
Support new and existing business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support Business Start-Ups: met with 3 start-up businesses; dressmaker/clothing retail, photography and music business. Received and processed BAF application by Smart Kids Child Care. 2. Support Business Expansion: 3. Auto Electrician . following 1 possible lead. 4. Main street Supermarket . 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referred 2 start-ups to Small business Advisor for meetings 27/4. application to Business Assistance Fund forwarded to GM for comment and recommendation. 2. none this month 3. TBA 4. No progress this month.

Saleyards Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DII application ▪ Initial Steering committee meeting held 23/3 ▪ Regional Livestock Exchange western site. 	Funding Approved. Project budget \$16,000. Consultant agreed upon. Awaiting date for first visit. Separate report attached
Employment Circle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attended Employment Circle meeting held. 2. Skills Attraction Strategy 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next meeting Tues 20 April, 11am, Council. 2. Re-scoped project to match available budget. Agenda item for Orana EDO meeting 1st April
Dare to Lead . Primary Industries	Attended initial meeting with key stakeholders at High school 11 th March	Feasibility study to be undertaken.
Attracting and retaining graduates	Met with 4 dentistry students to discuss ways of orientating visiting students, locums, agency staff to Coonamble.	Coonamble passport concept discussed involving local businesses and clubs.

3. Infrastructure and Service Development

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Industrial Estate expansion	1. Followed up on geotech & surveying work with Brian Burge. Distributed estate layout to 4 interested businesses.	1. Geotech work completed mid March. 2. Surveying to be completed by Mark Castelletti by mid April.
Rail Line Upgrade	Discussed with NSW Farmers Branch reps, Phil Malone (Gular) & Tim Johnston (Coonamble). Contacted the Rail, Bus & Tram Union for the correct contact for correspondence.	Organising local producer meeting to be held week commencing 19 th April co-hosted by NSW Farmers Coonamble & Gulargambone Branches.
Community Infrastructure Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provided information or assisted applicant groups to supply additional information to Community Building Partnerships Fund. 	Quambone Hall extra info has been sent 3 times but appears to have yet to reach the funding body. Completed projects include Gulargambone Memorial Hall roof, purchase of soccer fields requirements.

4. Tourism & Physical Amenity

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Eco-Spa (Bore Baths)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steering committee meeting held 23rd March. Finalised Consultant Brief and contacted potential Consultants re technical/environmental and business/marketing assessments. ▪ Received approach by new private proponent interested in investing in bore baths on own land. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steering committee decided to send the project brief to various consultants as well as hydro experts. ▪ See recommendation at end of report. ▪ That site to be included in analysis of technical and business components.
Indoor Rodeo Arena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Second round of Jobs Fund - ▪ CEO of RDA contacted UNSW Engineering Dept as well as private sector industry parties to discuss forming a partnership for the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application was unsuccessful. • UNSW School of Civil & Environmental Engineering, plus Multiplex have confirmed an initial interest in a design/build project.
Nickname Hall of Fame	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Billboards arrived ▪ Portrait of Voya BrickyqBrkic completed by artist Brian Campbell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 Installed ▪ Committee meeting to be held to endorse picture and story.
Local Heritage Fund & Heritage Adviser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adviser visited Coonamble and Gular on 24-26th March. Application form sent to owners Mt Tenandra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 application received and approved . Woodlands . arborist. • 2 applications approved . Gular War Memorial lettering; Gular Memorial Hall awning façade.
Railway Station Restoration and Repairs	<p>Co-ordinated phone meeting with RTC and ARTC to finalise lease details. Provided additional info to ARTC. Tender information distributed to tradesmen by M Cock as Project Manager.</p>	<p>Progressing . Lease signed, progress report complete, M Cock completing Rail safe training. Completion date remains at end June 2010.</p>
Riverwalk Artwork	<p>Sent email seeking advice on overdue notice of outcome of application to Australian Barley Board Community Grants Fund results due October 2009.</p>	<p>Funding application unsuccessful. See recommendation re seeking authorisation for funding to be reallocated.</p>

5. Community Economic Development

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Rent a Farmhouse	Contacted Christine Weston, Cumnock, re visit to combined public meeting (Coonamble, Gular, Quambone).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of public meeting to be advised.
Gulargambone	Organised Roundtable meeting 8 th March @ Gular Golf Club.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting on TDM input prior to finalising and distributing meeting notes. • Next meeting to focus on tourism brochure, signage. Date to be advised.
Quambone	Referred MPREC to Sportsground Committee representatives for Job Services project to upgrade facilities.	
Community funding	Provided guidelines and forms to Coonamble CWA, Anglican Church, Heritage Committee. Negotiated MOU and implementation plan with Community Health Team for Coonamble Health Kickproject under LGSA Healthy Communities Project.	MOU due for signing from 5 th April. Funds due to be expended by September 2011.

6. Networking, Advocacy and Lobbying

ISSUE	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Orana EDO Network Meeting	Amanda attended meeting with Orana EDO\$, OROC, RDA, Premier & Cabinet Dept. Discussion of regional issues/ projects.	Meeting at the Narromine 1 st April @ 11am

APPENDICES TO EDO REPORT:

- Report on Saleyards . for Closed Session due to Commercial in Confidence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Economic Development Manager's Report be adopted.
2. That Council authorise that the \$5000 set aside for Riverwalk Stage II (artwork) be re-directed from Job no. 1060-850 (Riverwalk) to Job no. 1060-200 (Bore Baths Business Plan) to complete Feasibility Assessment & Business Case.

AMANDA GLASSON / LEE O'CONNOR
Economic Development Manager (Joint)

1 April 2010

**16. REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2010**

Recommendation:

That the report by the Tourism Development Manager be received and dealt with.

Tourism Development

PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
TQUAL Grants (Bore Baths Feasibility)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared consultants brief with EDM • Attended project group meeting • Distributed Funding brief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking consultants 	In progress
Gulargambone Brochure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed new drafts for feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Public consultation on 14-15 April
Aboriginal Community Facilitator (ACF)Projects	No action this month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	In progress
Quambone-Primitive campground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action this month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Detailed costing to be prepared
Transportable Toilet/Shower Blocks at Showground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodged funding application with NSW Sport and Recreation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Awaiting funding decision

Visitor Services

PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
Visitor Information Centre-Coonamble (CVIC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 Visitors for march • 40 Phone & email enquiries 	Ongoing
Visitor Information Centre (GVIC) . Gulargambone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 960 visitors for March (509 Locals) 	Ongoing

Information Packs (via web site form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent out 11 packs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Complete
Marketing, Promotion & Events			
PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
Warrumbungle Events Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalised distribution of calendar & invoiced Gilgandra and Warrumbungle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed to all residents in three shires by Australia post from 6 April 	Complete
Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated web site Prepared 2010 poster Prepared advertising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landmark confirmed as 2010 Naming rights sponsor 	Event held 12-14 June
Co-opera performance of La Bohemeq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared final media release Prepared advertising/tickets Prepared event plan Assisted with bump-inq 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 150 attendees Showground pavilion praised for good acoustics 	Complete
Moorambilla Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared Accommodation summary for Festival Artistic Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Event held September 17-19
Web Site Promotion/Other events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loaded over 28 events to the council event calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Complete
2010 CASP Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared five funding applications for Country Arts Support Program (including poetry, art exhibition, concerts and digital photography workshop) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Funding decision 12 th April
Heritage Festival 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared media release Prepared advertising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Event held 10 th April

Tourism Signage

PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
Info Bay Signage-Quambone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New information bay signs ordered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Awaiting delivery
Information Sign-Gulargambone-Castlereagh Highway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed new draft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Public consultation on 14-15 April
Information Sign- Castlereagh Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted Business Action group to lodge Development Application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft prepared 	Draft Sign in April
Visitor Information Sign-Gulargambone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed new draft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Public Consultation 14-15 April
Retractable Banners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed new draft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Public Consultation 14-15 April

Industry and Regional Partnerships

PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
Coonamble Streets Ahead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended Coonamble Streets Ahead meeting at Showground on 17 March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational planning for opera 	Next meeting 15 th April
Warrumbungle Cluster (Gilgandra, Coonamble and Warrumbungle Shires)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action this month 		
LGSA Tourism Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended from 10-12 March in Cowra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefed on rest area camping issues and latest developments with State Government funding for Tourism 	Complete

STEVEN BALDWIN

Tourism Development Manager

7 April 2010

**17. REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2010**

Recommendation:

That the report by the Saleyard Manager be received and dealt with.

17.1 SALES**CATTLE:**

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)	No. of Yards
05.03.10	Fat	915	4373.70	33	116.49	948	4490.19	-
19.03.10	Fat	1389	6639.42	55	194.15	1444	6833.57	-

Totals:	Scale	2302 head			\$11,003.56		
	VA	88 head			\$ 310.64		
	Store	NIL head			\$ NIL		
	Yards	NIL each			\$ NIL		
	NLIS Scanning	2399 head			\$ 1,631.32	\$12,945.52	

17.2 CASUAL WEIGHING & CASUAL USE

Elders Pty Ltd	\$231.00	
C T Hulm (Wagga Wagga)	\$264.00	\$ 495.00

17.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT

Period to 31 March 2010	Income	\$155,159.31
	Expenditure	<u>\$ 96,595.11</u>
	Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 58,564.20
Balance General Fund 1/7/09		(\$59,550.19)
Current Balance		(\$ 985.99)

GREG ROBINSON

Saleyards Manager

1 April 2010

18. REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2010

Recommendation:

That the report by the Contract Ranger be received and dealt with.

18.1 ILLEGAL PARKING IN SCHOOL ZONE

Verbal cautions were issued late this month to construction workers who were parking in the Coonamble Public School Bus Zone. The area will be monitored when school resumes in mid April.

18.2 INCREASE IN PARKING PENALTIES**School Zones**

Disobey No Stopping Sign	\$253 + 2 demerit points
Disobey No Parking Sign (Stop and Drop Zone)	\$141 + 2 demerit points
Stop in Bus Zone	\$253 + 2 demerit points
Stop on/near childrens crossing	\$338 + 2 demerit points

General Parking

Park continuously for longer than permitted (2 hour zone)	\$ 84
Stop in parking area for disabled without current disability permit displayed	\$422

Recommendation:

That the information in the above two items be noted.

18.3 STATISTICS:

	<u>March 2010</u>	<u>2009/2010 Total</u>	<u>March 2009</u>
Official Cautions	4	74	12
Infringements (Animals)	1	24	0
Infringements (Other)	0	4	1
Microchipped dogs	3	26	2
Registrations	8	39	1
Nuisance dog declaration	0	4	2
Restricted dog declaration	0	0	0
Dangerous dog declaration	0	0	1
Total Animals Impounded	24	243	49
Motor Vehicle	0	0	0

	<u>March 2010</u>				<u>Year to Date 2009/2010</u>			
	<u>Cble</u>	<u>Gular</u>	<u>Qbone</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cble</u>	<u>Gular</u>	<u>Qbone</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dogs seized	12			12	87	5		92
Dogs surrendered	5	4		9	80	23		103
Dogs destroyed	14	4		18	136	26		162
Dogs rehoused					3			3
Dogs released	4			4	23	2		25
Dogs died								
Dogs escaped								
In pound				5				
Cats seized					17			17
Cats surrendered	3			3	16	10		26
Cats destroyed	3			3	33	10		43
Cats rehoused								
Cats escaped								
Cattle								
Goat								
Horse					5			5

CASSANDRA BOYCE

Contract Ranger

7 April 2010