

7 July 2010

Dear Madam

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

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Yours faithfully
JOHN J GRIFFITHS

General Manager

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**7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH
JUNE, 2010 COMMENCING AT 9.16 A.M.**

PRESENT: Cr Tim Horan, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. J. Canham, T. Cullen, B. O'Brien, D. Schieb, M. Webb and A. Karanouh.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. John Griffiths, the Director of Corporate Services, Mr. Warren, the A/Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Atkins 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.

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No member of the public was in attendance during public question time.

4.0 APOLOGY

Nil

5.0 DELEGATIONS

Council noted that Mr. Richard Bourne, AGM of Telstra Country Wide – North West Region, would be addressing the meeting at 10.15 a.m.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Mr Robert Khan would be in Coonamble today and he invited him to come to the meeting to brief Council on his proposed venture. Council noted Mr Khan would attend between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. The General Manager suggested that the discussion with Mr. Khan be in Closed Session because of its 'commercial-in-confidence' nature.

Councillors mentioned other sites which may be of interest to Mr. Khan. The Mayor advised that Mr. Heiken (Festival) had approached him and said he may be interested in establishing a supermarket in the Bag-a-Bargain building. Councillors noted that there are a range of issues which would have to be addressed, as regulations have changed significantly since the supermarket was located in that building.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made at the meeting.

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING 14/4/2010
8410 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held 14 April 2010 be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Mr Don Gamage – former Director of Engineering Services

Cr Canham asked for an updated on this matter. The General Manager said he attended the ICAC Public Inquiry on Monday & Tuesday, 31 May and 1 June and appeared before the Inquiry. Mr. Griffiths said that Mr Gamage may be charged for offering a bribe to a recruitment officer to obtain a position, however Mr Gamage made a counter-claim that he was asked to provide \$15,000 if he got the job! The General Manager said that statements were given by a number of persons, none of which supported Mr. Gamage. Mr. Griffiths said it was obvious that the falsification of documents by Mr Gamage was evident in all his applications for positions.

Mr Griffiths said he was questioned on the process used for recruitment of senior staff. The General Manager stated that the referee given by Mr Gamage was not the person he stated to be. He was a qualified chemical engineer who had not worked with Mr Gamage at the company specified – which did not even exist.

Council noted that the Defence has until this Friday to address the findings of the Prosecution, however the general feeling is that the matter of the bribe may be referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

(b) NSW Department of Planning (Min No 8438)

Cr Karanouh was advised by the General Manager that submissions were made as per Council's instructions, however no response has been received. The General Manager said he does not expect that Council's submission will have any bearing on the Department.

The Director of Corporate Services informed the meeting that during the recent Shires Association Conference, Minister Kelly said he would look at LEPs where Councils were not happy and would become more involved in the process.

(c) Showground

Cr. Schieb made mention of the removal of the inside fence at the Showground and said it has made a big difference for the better.

The General Manager said that Council was ready to put the pads down for the new yards at the Showground, but was asked to 'hold off' for this year.

The Rodeo Association is addressing internal issues and it hoped that works will be undertaken following this year's event.

(d) "The Meglo" Proposal – Rindfleish

In response to a question from Cr. Karanouh the General Manager said that the purchasers were aware that a septic system would be required and this would be addressed as part of the development application approval process. The General Manager said he understood that in the initial stages the purchasers would be using a generator to provide power.

(e) Joint Venture – Gilgandra Shire Council

The General Manager informed Councillors that a meeting had taken place between representatives of the two Council and that Gilgandra Council is making a similar allowance in its budget to provide equipment to be used in conjunction with the truck and spreader being purchased by this Council.

(f) Ginty Estate

The General Manager advised that work on this project has not progressed, as Council was working on the Industrial Estate and "The Meglo" subdivisions. The Director of Corporate Services stated that, in connection with the river subdivision proposal, the Project Engineer has drawn up a new plan accommodating Council's suggestions.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES – EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 21/5/2010

8411 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 21 May, 2010 be adopted, subject to the deletion of the last sentence in the final paragraph on Page 1/4473, as follows:

Delete: "He also referred to the Darnley Chase Road which has not had significant recent work carried out, but remains in a good condition".

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(a) Discussion Paper – Modernising Local Government

The General Manager referred to this matter and said he thought it was prudent for Council to consider it sooner rather than later. He made comment that a lot of councils represented at the recent Shires Conference have not even downloaded the discussion paper.

(b) Local Roads Maintenance

Cr Webb referred to comments he has received regarding local roads and the way complaints are being handled. The General Manager said it is difficult to return phone calls, especially when staff are in the process of handing over duties to newly appointed members. The General Manager said complaints could be lodged by phone as a 'service request' and followed up in a short time.

Cr. Schieb referred to the bad condition of the Wingadee Road – he said it is nothing short of dangerous. Plant is working on the road, however grass is being pushed up with black soil and a padfoot roller is being used – he said the road is rough, necessitating a travelling speed of 35km/hr – 40km/hr and something needs to be done to have better methods of road maintenance put in place. The General Manager said processes have not changed, however the Team Leader of this work is on leave and follow up inspection will be carried out shortly.

Cr. Karanouh referred to reports that the Tooraweenah Road is in a bad condition and very dangerous to travel – he said this comment has been made by travellers who have recently traversed the road.

The General Manager informed Council that three applications had been received for the position of Director of Engineering Services – applications closed on Friday 4 June.

Cr. O'Brien suggested that when the new Director of Engineering Services commences the local roads be a priority. She said it may be a good idea for the DES, the General Manager and others to carry out an inspection of the roads network.

ADDRESS BY MR RICHARD BOURNE – TELSTRA COUNTRY WIDE

At this juncture, 10.03 a.m, Mr. Bourne was welcomed to the meeting. He spoke about the work Telstra is doing in the area to provide high speed broadband services, better customer service and generally to provide consumers with a better service overall. Mr Bourne said customer service is an area in which Telstra is not regarded highly and they are working to correct this, resolve complaints and generally provide a solution to problems in a more acceptable timeframe. He referred to video conferencing which is becoming more and more popular in lieu of travelling expansive distances.

Mr. Bourne asked whether Council had any questions, particularly about 'black spots' as Telstra is wanting to address this as much as possible. Cr. Canham referred to spots from Coonamble to Quambone where there is no service. Cr. Schieb also referred to problems he experiences at his property 8 kms from Coonamble. Mr. Bourne undertook to take the concerns on board and have the matters addressed.

The General Manager asked would landlines be discontinued over time and was advised that Telstra was obliged to provide the service so he did not envisage this becoming reality.

The Mayor thanked Mr Bourne for his address and invited him to join Council for morning tea. The meeting adjourned at 10.25 a.m. and resumed at 10.45 a.m.

8.00 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

8412 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

(a) Minute Nos. 6676 & 6951- December 2007 Flood & Extension of Industrial Subdivision

In response to a question from Cr Canham, the General Manager said Council is still waiting on works to be carried out by the RTA in relation to repairs to damaged storm water pipes and valves. In connection with the extension of the Industrial Estate, all except the Telstra estimate was completed so it could be removed from the outstanding resolutions.

(b) Coonamble Railway Station Restoration (Min No 7266)

Cr Cullen referred to the rules and regulations that have been imposed on the RTC in connection with this project. He said it was nearly impossible to make any progress and referred to the training required by the Manager – Environmental Services – 2 lots of 3 days – to enable him to work at the site. The General Manager said anything which involved a community project was difficult to manage. Councillors questioned what the site will be used for when the restoration is complete – a suggestion was made that the Radio Station be located there.

(c) Warrena Weir

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the General Manager said the Aquatic Club was not a Council Committee under S355 but is charged with the management of the Warrena Creek Weir.

(d) Seats in Main Street - Min No 8318

8413 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the placement of two seats in the main street (as per Council's minute 8318) be deferred for the time being until a plan of beautification of the whole CBD area has been presented and discussed.

(e) River Level Gauges – (Min No 8251)

Cr Schieb was advised that these gauges have been ordered, but not yet installed. Investigations are still being carried out.

(f) Risk Assessment – Council Footpaths (Min No 8404)

Cr Karanouh referred to this matter and asked whether any progress had been made. The General Manager stated that three streets have been done and the work would continue.

(g) Water Treatment Plant – Min No 8386

When asked whether this work will proceed, the Director of Corporate Services advised that the water fund would not sustain the expenditure of \$2.5m – however staged work commencing in 18 months – 2 years could be achieved. He pointed out that Council has carried out significant mains replacements and this type of expenditure is ongoing.

(h) Lighting – Peace Tree – Min No 8405

8414 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and Webb that Council not proceed with lighting of the Peace Tree which was estimated to cost \$3,500.

(i) Police Attendance at Council Meetings (Min No 8423)

The General Manager stated that Inspector Taylor advised that due to lack of staff, no Police representative would be at the meeting, however Insp. Taylor would be in Coonamble tomorrow and was meeting with the General Manager. Mr. Griffiths said the purpose of the meeting was to set time frames for the Crime Prevention Committee.

Cr. O'Brien said it is very encouraging to see recent patrols of Gulargambone by police serving the community.

9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor said he had not prepared a report because he had been away for a month, however he would comment on the recent Shires Association Conference which he attended in company with Crs. Schieb and Karanouh and the Director of Corporate Services.

Cr. Horan said it was made clear that no forced amalgamations would take place. He referred to an address regarding the huge threat to water levels in the Surat Basin and the Great Artesian Basin by expansive mining operations. Cr. Horan said that while mining is very good for the economy, it also has a detrimental effect on the environment and, in this case, future water supply.

8415 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the Mayor's Report be adopted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8416 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Schieb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Consideration by Council:**10.1 NRC BUSES PTY LTD R8-10 (32054)**

Referring to wet conditions earlier in the year which necessitated some of the school bus routes (unsealed roads) to be closed for some time. Asking Council to consider an alternative arrangement for school buses to reduce the number of days the bus routes are closed, both for the convenience of the school children and the maintenance of roads. Proposing that Council increase the level of rainfall necessary to close school bus routes from 5 millimeters to 12½ millimeters.

The General Manager provided the following comments in support of Council's actions in closing unsealed roads following rain:

- *Protection from serious damage by vehicles as a result of wet weather;*
- *Protection of members of the public from any hazards on the road;*
- *Protection of vehicles and other property from damage on the public road.*

Mr. Griffiths pointed out that if Council neglects these responsibilities it is open to litigation. He said that in instances where a school bus is involved Council needs to be especially mindful of its duty of care – it is not logical or practical to have a situation of a road being closed to the general public but deemed safe enough for a bus load of children to travel on.

Cr. Schieb asked that when roads are cut by water and have to be closed could the sign be more precise, e.g. "*Road Closed – Water Over Road at ????*" Cr O'Brien referred to the situation at Gulargambone during the flood when all services were stopped because Gilgandra Shire Council put a road closed sign, when there was no water over the road between Gilgandra and Gulargambone.

Cr Cullen said he disagrees with closing roads after 5mm rain – he suggests around 12mm. Both the General Manager and the Director of Corporate Services said that Council has to make decisions, taking into account its duty of care, condition of the roads and what suits this Shire. It was pointed out that it is the nature of the Insurance company to negate any liability.

Cr. Schieb referred to the Pilliga Road being closed and said it was trafficable to the Hollywood turnoff. The A/Director of Engineering Services said Walgett Shire requested that the road be closed.

8417 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that the new Director be requested to submit a detailed report on closing of unsealed roads during wet weather conditions and this be a priority when he commences duties and that this information be conveyed to NRC Buses.

10.2 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING T4-2 (32447)

Concerning the Draft Western Councils (Coonamble) Land Use Strategy and apologizing for the delay in responding. Stating the Department understands the main issues Council wishes to further consider are:

- The provision of rural lifestyle development opportunities in and around the Coonamble township.
- The reduction in the minimum lot size for a dwelling in the Rural Zone from 1000ha to 200ha.

Saying the Department is willing to assist Council to work through the process and Departmental staff are available to meet with Council staff to conduct a workshop if this may facilitate the process moving forward.

The General Manager pointed out that a copy of this letter was attached to each Councillors business paper for their information. Mr. Griffiths referred to the email he forwarded to councillors with a view to calling expressions of interest from consultants to produce an amended land use strategy and develop a new LEP. He said as the LEP is to be developed late in the 2011 calendar year, Council now needs to make a decision on how it wishes to progress the issue.

8418 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that the General Manager be authorised to commence the process and call expressions of interest to engage a consultant to produce an amended Land Use Strategy and develop a new LEP.

10.3 UNITED GROUP SERVICES PTY LTD C6-13 + ST17-2 (32476)

Advising they manage the premises situated at 16 Tooloon Street, Coonamble occupied by the Department of Community Services. Saying it has come to their attention that Skillmans Lane is narrow with restricted vision and there are a number of safety issues from speeding traffic, in particular speeding cars coming out of the car park at the end of Skillmans Lane. Pointing out that this practice causes severe safety issues to DoCS clients and staff and requesting that Council install speed humps along the Laneway.

8419 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canaham and O'Brien that this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee for inspection and appropriate action.

10.4 NSW DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE P5 + B7 (32509)

Advising that Juvenile Justice provides three main areas of service, namely community services, custodial services and youth justice conferencing to young people who have committed criminal offences to maximize their capacity and opportunity to choose positive alternatives to offending behaviour. Seeking a partnership with Council to provide an avenue for young people to complete their Community Service Order (CSO) hours in a Graffiti / Beautification Program.

The General Manager informed the meeting he understands Council participated in a program similar to this in the past however the minimal work associated with graffiti removal and the inconsistent work rate proved to be counterproductive. The Mayor said he thinks it is a good opportunity and Council should consider participating.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr. O'Brien **SECONDED** by Cr Webb that Council decline to participate in this scheme, **WAS LOST.**

8420 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council agree to participate in the Graffiti / Beautification Program as part of the Community Service Order Project.

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

10.5 COUNTRY ENERGY E3 (32470)

Saying recently it received a request from Cobar Shire to donate a Power-mate energy meter to keep in the library and lend to the public. Extending this offer to all councils in the north western region, saying the Power-mate is a simple device that plugs into appliances and gives full power and greenhouse gas measuring capabilities, which allows customers to consider various options. Asking Council if it wishes to participate in the offer.

The General Manager commented that once again Council is being asked to carry out the function of another government agency. Cr O'Brien said she disagrees and would like Council to accept Country Energy's offer.

8421 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council accept the offer from Country Energy to administer the Power-mate energy meter.

10.6 NSW GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF WATER S4 + W1 (32466)

Referring to the need for council to achieve full cost recovery for its sewerage business in accordance with the requirements of *National Competition Policy* and the *NSW Best-Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines 2007*. Pointing out that Coonamble is now the only NSW utility with over 1000 connected properties not achieving full cost recovery for sewerage and saying to overcome its 2008/09 negative operating result, a residential sewerage charge of about \$375 will be required for Coonamble in 2010/11. Asking Council to advise its proposed 2010/11 sewerage tariff.

Council noted that the proposed sewerage charge for Coonamble for 2010/11 is \$346 and for Gulargambone \$492. The General Manager advised that the average sewerage charge would amount to \$359 whereas the Department is saying a charge of \$375 is required. He said it should be noted that interest on investments is not considered income by the Department and this is expected to equate to \$163,800 for the 2010/11 year which equates to about \$139 per connection.

The Director of Corporate Services informed Council that the real issue was Gulargambone, saying there is a \$100,000 deficit every year with the provision of the service. The General Manager stated that there is a 10% increase in charges for Gulargambone each year. He pointed out that capital works reduce maintenance costs and Council should consider putting in place a strategic plan to address concerns.

8422 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council acknowledge the concerns of the NSW Office of Water and advise that it is confident the charges set for the 2010/11 year are sufficient to meet the operating needs of the Coonamble and Gulargambone sewerage services, with every effort being made to curtail expenditure during that year.

10.7 J&P GOLDSMITH, D&D BURTENSHAW, D WRIGHT & J CAMPBELL & J&C HISCOCK SR65 (32517)

Advising the last time Gadsens Lane was graded the culvert near the Oaks Bore was destroyed, causing water to run down the southern side of the road which cuts access to Goldsmiths' and Wright's/Campbell's properties. Stating this is the only access road to properties owned by Hiscock, Goldsmith, Wright/Campbell and Burtenshaw, plus employees of the feedlot access the road on a daily basis. Requesting that a council representative meet with the concerned ratepayers to discuss the problem.

The General Manager informed the meeting investigations reveal that Council did not remove the steel culvert near the Oaks Bore. He said a new design for that section of road has been developed by the former Roads Manager and will be implemented after details are conveyed to the landowners.

8423 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council implement the amended design of the roadway in question following consultation with landowners in the vicinity.

10.8 GREG KILBY R8-6-2 + SR20 (32530)

Advising that the northern end of Killara Lane is in a serious state of disrepair following recent continuous heavy rain and flooding. Saying he would like to buy a large quantity of rock fill to put on the northern end of Killara Lane and would like some of the flood grant money allocated as a subsidy to purchase and transport the rock fill from the crusher. Stating he would like the Shire to grade it in like previously with other roads.

The General Manager pointed out that this issue was covered at the recent Extraordinary Meeting of Council with the advice from Roads Staff to decline the request.

At this juncture, 11.48 a.m, Cr Webb left the meeting – Mr. Robert Khan arrived.

8424 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Cullen that Mr. Kilby's requests be declined.

MR. ROBERT KHAN – DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILLORS

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Khan to the meeting and thanked him for taking the time to come to the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

8425 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993, section 2(c) *"information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposing to conduct) business"*.

8426 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Schieb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

Mr. Khan informed the meeting what projects his company is involved in at the present time and their intentions for the future.

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Khan left the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

8427 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

10.9 PHILLIP MALONE SR 11

Thanking Council for its response to his previous letter and acknowledging the Shire plant has done work on SR11 but pointing out the inadequate result of such work. Suggesting the state of the road is not directly related to flood damage but due to poor maintenance and the wet period has caused the problem to become greater. Referring to issues with water-logging caused by the road retarding the flow of water and saying Council did not comment on this issue. Referring to other issues in relation to the maintenance of this road. Stating that he cannot afford to risk the potential loss of recently sown crops as a result of water being retarded against its natural flow.

The General Manager reported that the section of road in question has been inspected and no fault can be found with the work carried out, with the exception of a "small tail" left on the actual causeway which has been listed for attention when equipment is available. Mr Griffiths informed the meeting that Mr Malone has also written to the Office of Water complaining of Council's actions.

8428 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Horan that Council advise Mr Malone that a small tail in the causeway will be removed, but no further works will be carried out at this time.

10.10 JB & A TANCREED, THE MAZE GROUP SR11 (32582)

Advising they are landowners on the Bullagreen Road and advising of the "dreadful state" of the road. Pointing out that at present the Bullagreen Road is not safe and requires attention. Asking that the road be top dressed and graded and, although "a big ask", this will ensure that the road does not cause any accidents or injury.

Council noted that this road has already been attended to in terms of the above.

8429 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that JB & A Tancred be advised that the road has received attention recently, with no further works being envisaged at this time and drawing attention to Council's policy to close all unsealed roads after 5mm of rain at which time roads should not be traversed.

10.11 SPENCER STEER A12 (32547)

Advising they attended Council's Offices to conduct the interim audit in respect to the year ending 30 June 2010 and are pleased to report that Council's books and records are being well maintained and up to date. Listing matters which came to their notice during the conduct of the audit procedures and providing recommendations on how to address them.

A copy of the Audit Management Letter from Spencer Steer was attached to each Councillors business paper.

The Mayor congratulated staff on this result – the Director of Corporate Services went through each item listed by the Auditors, pointing out that they are all minor issues and will be addressed.

8430 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Canham that Council note the information contained in the Audit Management Letter as a result of the interim audit to 30 June 2010.

10.12 COONAMBLE HACK & PONY CLUB INC S5 (23580)

Seeking permission to erect a fence around the Clubhouse at the Showground. Stating the Club undertakes responsibility for maintenance of the ground within the fenced area. Saying if permission is forthcoming, the Club would like to have the fence erected prior to the June long weekend.

The General Manager advised that he carried out an inspection of the site and found that a fence in that location would be a hindrance to traffic manoeuvring and would restrict usage of the Rodeo storage container. Mr. Griffiths said he suggested to the Pony Club the placing of bollards in front of the posts or a “hitching rail” as alternatives and instructed that temporary barricades be placed in front of the building for this year’s rodeo as protection.

It is understood that now the Hack and Pony Club would be happy to have the fence 2 metres out from the building.

8431 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council endorse the action of the General Manager and he further negotiate with the Coonamble Hack and Pony Club noting that if only 2 metres out from the Clubhouse is now required, he be given authority to approve the request.

10.13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW E2 (32601)

Seeking help in improving access to polling places for people with a disability and encouraging improved physical access to community and privately owned publicly accessible facilities to enable those people to fully participate in their communities. Asking Council to nominate an accessible building in its LGA which would be suitable for use as a polling place.

The General Manager said he understood that the venues utilized in this Shire, viz: Coonamble High School Multi Purpose Centre, Gulargambone Central School and Quambone School, all comply with disabled access provisions.

8432 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council nominate the three venues as complying with NSW Electoral Commission requirements for disabled access.

10.14 DONNA SWANSBOROUGH S6 + D5 (32636)

Suggesting Council commence a program of training on the job, recognising the initial cost would be substantial but the benefits would be worthwhile. Suggesting Council commence 'in house' training for grader drivers, engineers, payroll and accountant staff, as well as plant operators. Pointing out that some time ago a former General Manager suggested cadetships and this may be something for this Council to again debate.

The General Manager reported that Council has extensively employed trainees in the water and sewer, carpentry/trades, mechanics, cadet engineer, electrician and other areas. He said presently there are vacancies in the water and sewer area which will be filled in due course with trainees. Mr Griffiths said the training of plant operators and the like is an ongoing process to allow employees to progress to the next skill level under Council's salary system. The General Manager said, however, despite these training efforts staff, for various reasons, elect to move on as occurred recently.

He pointed out that an alteration to Council's organizational structure creating new positions would be required should Council look favourably on this suggestion.

Cr Karanouh suggested that Council look at ways to get young people into jobs so they will remain in town. Cr. Cullen suggested that Council get trainees from the High School and endeavour to provide training in various sections of the workforce. It was suggested that Council get information from the Employment Circle on who to contact and where to apply for funding and look at options that may be available, noting that if it can proceed Council will commit an additional one or two positions on its organization structure.

8433 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council make enquiries concerning funding available for trainees and discuss options available following receipt of information from the Employment Circle as to where enquiries should be directed, noting that should the need arise Council will commit an additional one or two positions and make provision for them on the organization structure.

10.15 GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES BOARD OF NSW N1 + P1 (32651)

Advising that the following four naming proposals have been finalised:

- Coonamble Lions Park
- Bill Delaney Park
- Coonamble Sportsground
- Broome Park

Stating Gulargambone Sportsground has already been gazetted (name assigned on 4/9/1987) Advising as follows with regard to the other four applications:

- Janet Cant Memorial Apex Park – proposed name too long.
- Smith Park – origin of name unknown, suggests Council may wish to take advantage of this and use the opportunity to propose a new name.
- McDonald Park – Board suggests that as origin is unknown Council take advantage of this and use the opportunity to propose a new name
- Warrena Creek Weir Recreation Area – name too long.

Awaiting on Council's instructions regarding the four reserve names to commence public consultation stage by placing a notice in the Coonamble Times and the NSW Government Gazette.

At this juncture, 12.45 p.m., Cr Webb returned to the meeting.

The General Manager advised that this matter was previously agreed to by Council and placed before the Geographical Names Board who have returned four of the suggestions for reconsideration.

8434 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Canham that Council agree to the following names and take action to have them gazetted:

- Janet Cant Park
- Smith Park
- Macdonald Park
- Warrena Weir Reserve

At this juncture, Council's Economic Development Manager was at the meeting to present the report.

16.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

8435 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the report by the Economic Development Manager be received and dealt with.

- Abattoirs – progress looking positive; also another enquiry which has been passed on to the owners.
- Packaging facility – following the rail upgrade meeting an enquiry was received regarding a packaging facility being established.

At this juncture, 12.40 p.m., Cr Karanouh left the meeting.

- Business Awards – nominations open 1 July/close 30 August – Dinner 11 September.
- Two enquiries for new residents packs – Orange and Tasmania
- Meeting to be held 17 June @ Golf Club – neighbouring Chamber of Commerce representatives will speak.

- Industrial Estate progressing – GANT chart attached to business paper.
- Eco-Spa – J Rand & Associates selected as consultants – first visit around 15 June – must select appropriate site and address water issue.
- University of NSW representatives will visit on 24 June – morning site inspection and meeting in the afternoon.

8436 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the report by the Economic Development Manager be adopted.

LOCAL HERITAGE FUND ANNUAL REPORT

8437 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that Coonamble Local Heritage Fund Annual Report be noted.

16.1 MINUTES OF COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE MEETING

8437 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Cullen that the minutes of the Coonamble Employment Circle meeting held on 20 April 2010 be noted.

16.2 MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE MEETING

8438 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that the minutes of the special meeting of Coonamble Employment Circle held on 11 May 2010 be noted.

16.3 COONAMBLE INDOOR ARENA – PROJECT SUMMARY

8439 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that the report be received and noted.

16.4 COONAMBLE MUSEUM ADVISORY SERVICE REPORT – 2009/2010

The EDM gave a brief overview of progress of works at the Museum and details of what is planned in the future.

8440 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Work actively with the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Museum Advisor on developing strategies for recruitment of museum volunteers.
- (2) Develop policies and procedures to ensure continuity of practice in all aspects of museum operations.
- (3) Provide a venue for the Advisor to develop and deliver a series of evening community workshops on specific areas of museum thinking and work
- (4) Authorise the Curator and Museum Advisor to meet school teachers to plan and develop education resources.

- (5) Support the concept of re-branding the Museum with a more specific marketing focus.
- (6) Defer publication of the new brochure until a decision has been made on re-branding the Museum .
- (7) Meet the design and production costs for the new brochure from the Tourism Development Manager's budget
- (8) Provide better signage to direct cars up Skillman's Lane to the car park behind the Museum in the next financial year.
- (9) Undertake to provide funding of up to \$200/year for minor expenditure (e.g. archival materials, displays etc)
- (10) In conjunction with the Heritage Advisory Committee carefully consider the plan and assist in identifying funding opportunities to meet the cost, when the Advisor has completed a detailed outline and costing for the proposed new permanent exhibition in the stables.
- (11) Agree that if external funding cannot be secured to meet 50% of the cost of the new exhibition, consider providing up to \$15,000 in the 2011/12 budget.
- (12) Support the Museum and Heritage Advisor in planning and securing funding to ensure that the stables are vermin-proofed.

Councillor Cullen thanked the Economic Development Managers for arranging the rail upgrade meeting which he said was very well attended and ended with a positive note.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

10.16 CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY E5-3 (32665)

Advising that Council is a participant in the Central West Regional State of the Environment Report and has committed to participating in the next two Supplementary and one Comprehensive Reports for the 2010, 2011 and 2012 reporting periods.

Stating that based on the quote of \$161,349.96 (GST exclusive) for the three reports, the annual contribution for each council will be \$2,750 and requesting council to sign off on this commitment so that Bathurst Regional Council can invoice councils for the first year at the commencement of the 2010/11 financial year.

8441 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council participate in the Central West Catchment Management Authority's Central West Regional State of the Environment Report and commit \$2,750 as its contribution for 2010/11.

10.17 HON TONY KELLY MLC, MINISTER FOR PLANNING D5-22 (32696)

Proposing that the Regional Panel Chairs delegate Regional Panel applications in three circumstances (i.e. Straightforward Applications, Designated Development and Areas and Precincts) where Council has agreed that these applications will be determined by appropriate senior staff and not by the full Council or Council committee, consistent with the theme of depoliticizing the planning system. Saying a written commitment to confer the delegations to an appropriate level of officer and other information outlined in the letter, must be with the Department within 21 days of the letter. Stating it is envisaged that the proposed delegations will be in operation for a 12 month trial period prior to a review being carried out.

The General Manager said this “about face” by the Minister for Planning is in recognition of the difficulties associated with planning approvals. Mr Griffiths said that as Council has no professional planning staff, the delegation should be made to the General Manager.

8442 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council accept the proposed delegation and nominate the General Manager as the appropriate officer of Council to determine these classes of development applications.

10.18 CATHERINE MCKENZIE L4 (32690)

Advising that she has donated a copy of the book she has written *We Only Had Hoes* to the ‘Coonamble Shire Library’. Stating the book is about her father, Rod McKenzie’s World War II experiences in the Malaya Campaign and as a PoW in Changi and on the Thailand-Burma Railway.

8443 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O’Brien and Cullen that Council commend Catherine McKenzie for preserving her late father’s experiences during World War II and thank her for the donation of the book *We Only Had Hoes* to the Coonamble library.

10.19 GULARGAMBONE JOCKEY CLUB D7 (32712)

Asking Council to consider a sponsorship role for the 2010 Gulargambone Gold Cup Races on Saturday 21 August. Pointing out what a race day sponsor will receive and hoping that Council will again participate.

The General Manager informed the meeting that last year Council agreed to a contribution of \$500 towards marketing/advertising of the races.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Webb **SECONDED** by Cr Cullen that Council decline to make a donation to the Gulargambone Jockey Club for the 2010 Gulargambone Gold Cup Races, **WAS LOST.**

8444 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council agree to make a donation of \$200 to the Gulargambone Jockey Club for the 2010 Gulargambone Gold Cup Races.

10.20 QUAMBONE POLOCROSSE CLUB INC D7 (32711)

Thanking Council for its support in 2009 and asking for a continuation of that commitment in 2010. Saying last year Council provided a cash donation of \$200 which was used to buy prizes. Advising what is offered in return for a sponsorship.

8445 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council agree to contribute \$200 to the Quambone Polocrosse Club for this year's event.

10.21 NSW OMBUDSMAN O4 (32725)

Advising that the Ombudsman's jurisdiction includes local councils, councillors and council staff and saying that since the initiation of council Internal Ombudsman in 1999 he has observed the office and manner in which it functions within councils with interest. Advising an issues paper was developed in order to highlight and illustrate some relevant issues about Internal Ombudsman and this paper was initially forwarded to councils that have Internal Ombudsman, the LGSA, LGMA (NSW), Division of Local Government and ICAC, seeking comment. Forwarding copy of issues paper to council and seeking responses by 22 June 2010.

The General Manager said that the position of Internal Ombudsman is confined to larger Councils and this Council has never participated.

8446 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council not make comment on the Issues Paper forwarded by the NSW Ombudsman.

10.22 LIFE EDUCATION NSW A19 (32726)

Writing to the Mayor seeking his support in motivating Australia to once again abstain from drinking alcohol for one month during October 2010 and to raise money to support drug and health education. Suggesting he sign up to take part at www.ocsober.com.au – contact local media about Council's participation in the scheme, remind people that the pledge for October is "cut it out" for 30 days. Saying if Council's Mayor signs up, a kit will be sent to fully support the Campaign.

8447 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Mayor, together with Crs O'Brien and Cullen, participate in the Ocober 2010 campaign.

10.23 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS W1 (32724)

Inviting Council to a public community information session on Australian Government water related policies and programs at Dubbo RSL on Friday 18 June 2010 from 2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Saying that to identify issues of most interest to Council and to tailor the program to suit your needs, asking Council to contact them in advance – this will also help with catering of light refreshments.

8448 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council not participate in the public community information session on Australian Government water related policies and programs conducted by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

10.24 LGSA CIRCULAR – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL C13

Advising that pursuant to s.241 of the Local Government Act 1993, the annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to councillors, mayors, members and chairpersons of county councils, effective on and from 1 July 2010 have been determined.

	Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
<i>Category</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Rural	\$7,250	\$9,570	\$7,700	\$20,890

The General Manager informed the meeting that Coonamble Shire Council's Category is "Rural" and the above table indicates minimum/maximum amounts for councillors and the additional amount for mayors. Mr Griffiths said that in 2008 Council increased fees by 2.5%, however in 2009 no increase was made.

8449 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council increase the current fees by 2½%, effective from 1 July 2010.

10.25 COMMUNITY SERVICES – DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Forwarding two copies of the Service Agreement for funding for the financial year 2010/2011 and requesting that they be executed by Council.

8450 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to the Service Agreements for funding for the 2010/2011 financial year.

10.26 COONAMBLE BOWLING CLUB LTD T6-2

Seeking permission to remove the large fig tree on the eastern side of the Club boundary and providing reasons for the request. Pointing out that if permission is granted to remove the tree, three new ones will be planted.

The General Manager pointed out that Council has been given a copy of the letter from A1 Tree Service (NSW) Pty Ltd to the Bowling Club which states, amongst other things, that the tree has previously been indiscriminately lopped causing a much thicker and denser canopy which is also regarded as more weakly attached re-growth. Mr. Griffiths said the Arborist also referred to very large exposed lateral roots associated with this species of tree which also can be very damaging to foundations and building structures alike. The General Manager reported that, in the opinion of the Arborist, the removal of the tree is inevitable for the maintenance and longevity of the bowling green area.

8451 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council agree to the removal of the large fig tree from Bowling Club premises, in accordance with advice given by A1 Tree Service (NSW) Pty Ltd., noting the Club will plant other trees in the vicinity.

Section B – Information Items Only.

10.27 KEVIN HUMPHRIES, MP P5 (32437)

Referring to representations on behalf of Council to the Minister for Police regarding police numbers in Coonamble. Advising he has received a response from Minister Daley's Office and saying Council will note advice that the authorised strength of the Command for the Coonamble area as at 31/12/2009 was 68. Referring to further advice from the Minister that police officers are made aware that their employment with the NSW Police Force and their duties as police officers must take precedence over any other employment.

A copy of this letter was attached to Councillors' business papers.

10.28 NETWASTE G1-5 (32436)

Advising that Sims Metal Management has revised its pricing for collection of scrap metal for Councils in the NetWaste region and for April 2010 the rebate value will increase from \$135/tonne + GST to \$175/tonn + GST.

10.29 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS 05 (32433)

Forwarding the Adopted Strategic Plan which reflects changes agreed upon at a recent meeting.

The General Manager provided a copy of the adopted OROC Strategic Plan for 2010 – 2015 to each Councillor.

10.30 DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER & CABINET T7 (32449)

Advising that the Local Government (General) Amendment (Tendering) Regulation 2010 commenced on 9 April 2010 and saying the Regulation is published on the NSW legislation website www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

**10.31 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW L9
(32479)**

Reminding Council that NSW Local Government Week 2010 is being held from 2nd to 8th August, with the theme *Building a Brighter Future*. Stating it is an opportunity to focus the community on council's achievements and plans for the future. Saying that participation in LG Week can be as simple as using the LG Week logo on Council's website.

10.32 WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL R8-4 (32514)

Advising that Warrumbungle Shire Council has agreed to support ongoing dialogue between Coonamble and Gilgandra Shires on developing a strategy to upgrade the Coonamble to Mendooran Road. Saying Council is also pleased to note that this Council has offered to contribute to the project. Pointing out that at this stage Gilgandra has not indicated its formal support of the project, however Warrumbungle Council will continue to facilitate a meeting between the three Councils, possibly at the Shires Conference, to gain a united understanding and approach.

10.33 RAIL TRAM AND BUS UNION, NSW BRANCH R2 (32507)

Referring to Council's correspondence in relation to the proposal to upgrade branch rail line between Armatree and Coonamble and advising the Union would support Council to have the section of branch line upgraded to a Level 3 Classification. Saying this would significantly improve safety and reliability for the transport of grain by rail from Coonamble for its members.

10.34 BOB GREEN E710 (32496)

Giving formal advice of his intended retirement from c.o.b. Friday 2 July 2010. Saying he would be more than happy to assist with any emergency or, in fact, at any time Council feels his services would be of assistance. Thanking Councils, both past and present, also work colleagues for their support and assistance over 36 years.

Cr Cullen asked if a farewell function has been arranged for Mr Green – the General Manager said that a dinner will be held on Friday, 30 July at the Tong Fong Restaurant. He asked Councillors to note the date.

10.35 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10-1 (32529)

Advising councils that the Swimming Pools Amendment (Penalty Notice Offences) Regulation 2010 commenced on 9 April and is published on the website at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

The General Manager indicated that Councillors should pay particular attention to this amendment as staff are now obliged to prosecute non-compliant owners of swimming pools. It is expected that complaint to councillors will occur when staff carry out regulatory obligations.

10.36 LIFELINE CENTRAL WEST L3 (32566)

Thanking Council for its generous donation, appreciating difficulties faced by all councils during these economic times and valuing Council's support of the service. Also thanking Council for arranging a 'drop off' point at the library for book donations for the Lifeline Central West Book Fair.

10.37 MATERIAL GIRLS L4 (32571)

Requesting permission to use the Coonamble Library on Saturday & Sunday, 12 & 13 June for the Annual Quilt Exhibition. Stating a Council employee will be in attendance at all times during the Exhibition which will be from 9.30am to 4.00pm daily. Thanking Council for its past support, saying that last year \$1,750 was raised for local charities/organizations.

Councillors were advised that permission has been granted for use of the Coonamble Library for the Exhibition on 12 & 13 June under the same conditions as in previous years. The General Manager said a notice has been published in Council's column of the Coonamble Times advising of this annual event.

10.38 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC) F2 (32578)

Advising that the ICAC's recently released *Development Assessment Internal Audit Tool* can be downloaded from the ICAC website at www.icac.nsw.gov.au Advising the document was developed to assist in the audit of local councils' development assessment and determination processes.

10.39 NSW GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER & CABINET N4 (32608)

Writing in response to Council's letter to the Premier concerning the "Health Waiver Scheme" in NSW and saying the matter has been forwarded to the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Health for attention.

10.40 NSW DEPARTMENT INDUSTRY & INVESTMENT I6 (32611)

Informing Council that on 18 December 2009 the NSW Land Based Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy (NSWLBSAS) along with an amendment to *State Environmental Planning Policy No 62 – Sustainable Aquaculture* (SEWPP62) were gazetted. Pointing out important amendments to SEPP62. Pointing out the documents are available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/aquaculture/publications/general/nsw-ibsas.

10.41 THE A R BLUETT MEMORIAL TRUST A17 (32615)

Inviting Council to submit an entry for the AR Bluett Memorial Award this year. Saying entries close on 31 July 2010.

10.42 WATERFORD RYAN LD7/2009 + E230 (32650)

Advising they have written to Mr Gamage in response to his unfair dismissal claim and attaching a copy of the letter. Saying it is their understanding that termination of Mr Gamage's employment was justified as it was based on legitimate grounds. Further stating that should the matter proceed to Court, considering that Council is in a strong position to defend any claims that may be brought.

10.43 THE HON LINDA BURNEY MP – MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES C8 (32649)

Writing to all councils asking for support in a foster care recruitment campaign in partnership with non-government agencies. Pointing out that while the Government is committed to reducing numbers of children in care, there will always be those who must be removed from families for their own safety. Encouraging residents to learn about foster care so they can decide whether to become involved.

The General Manager informed the meeting the information has been posted on Council's website and included in the Coonamble Times.

10.44 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION D2 (32647)

Notifying of a new ICAC research report from the *Profiling the NSW Public Sector II Series entitled Report 3: Differences between Local & State Government*. Saying the report can be accessed on the ICAC's website www.icac.nsw.gov.au

10.45 MAYOR, DUBBO CITY COUNCIL P-4 (32646)

Inviting Council to attend a High Performance Vehicle (HPV) Trial / Demonstration being held in Dubbo on 21 June 2010. Stating Dubbo Council is looking at how it and other regional local government partners can assist with granting access to all 'suitable routes' to 'suitable HPVs' within their respective LGAs. Proposing to meet at 11 a.m. for a pre-trial briefing and inspection of HPVs; 12 noon lunch; 12.30 p.m. trial start and 2.30 p.m. trial finishes, with a debriefing session and question time (allocated 1 hr) – coaches will be provided to transport guests around the trial circuit.

10.46 NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK M5-1 (32634)

Enclosing a copy of a pamphlet "*We want a Doctor – then start with a Student*" which outlines ways to showcase the community and lifestyle aspects of rural life. Encouraging Council to sponsor a medical student for a training placement.

10.47 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION I2 (32657)

Advising that ICAC will again be offering scholarships in 2010 for public sector employees to attend the Corruption and Anti-corruption Executive Program to be held at the Australian National University (ANU) campus in Canberra. Saying the scholarships are intended for employees who are responsible for the

development and implementation of corruption prevention strategies within their council, who are in a position to influence the direction of their council in dealing with corruption risks. Inviting applications from local government employees and detailing the requirements.

10.48 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP N4 (32655)

Writing in relation to Council's letter regarding the introduction of the Health Waiver Scheme in NSW and saying the issue has become widespread throughout the State. Pointing out that he has made representations to the Minister for Health, the Hon Carmel Tebbutt and will be in touch with Council when a response is received which outlines the Government's intentions.

10.49 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING D5-22 (32697)

Advising that the Department has recently completed the Interim Review of Operation for the Joint Regional Planning Panels and saying the finds are encouraging. Thanking council and staff for its cooperation.

10.50 GULARGAMBONE WAR MEMORIAL MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL COMMITTEE D7 (32719)

Thanking Council for rewiring the Hall and saying it will enable the Committee to progress with future improvements.

10.51 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT F2 + L10-1 (32710)

Advising that changes have recently been made to the Investment Policy Guidelines as a result of feedback. Pointing out that the Investment Policy Guidelines are available from the Publications page of the Division's website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au

The General Manager informed the meeting that staff will review Council's Investment Policy and make the necessary changes to ensure compliance in due course.

10.52 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10-1 (32703)

Advising that the Division of Local Government, Department of the Premier and Cabinet issued the revised and updated *Practice Note 16 – Meetings Practice* on 31 August 2009. Stating this was developed to assist councillors and staff conduct council and committee meetings in accordance with best practice standards.

A copy of this information was provided with the business paper.

10.53 INFINITY ENVIRONMENTAL W1-13 (32609)

Advising Infinity has met with Bill Ho from the NSW Office of Water and saying the outcome was extremely positive, believing Mr. Ho's issues and concerns have been addressed. Saying Infinity Environmental would still like to work with council to provide a cost effective solution for its drinking water requirements.

Understanding the project will go back to tender shortly with a full design and construct scope of works. Asking that Council advise when the tenders are called.

The General Manager pointed out that the issues raised by the NSW Office of Water have been only partially conveyed to Council staff with the major consideration being explained as a dissatisfaction with the introduction of new technology.

10.54 NRMA INSURANCE – COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM G5

Thanking Council for submitting an application and advising that the project titled “*Security for Victims of Crime*” has not been successful. Saying the equipment requested is unable to be supported.

10.55 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, RLCIP TEAM

Thanking Council for submitting its 30/4/2010 progress report for RLCIP Project *Upgrade of Solar Facilities at the Coonamble Museum* and advising no further action is required in relation to the report unless Council is contacted by the Department.

8452 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.27 – 10.55 inclusive, be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

8453 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the following information be classified ‘urgent business’ and dealt with.

10.56 CENTRAL WEST LIVESTOCK HEALTH & PEST AUTHORITY N7 (32749)

Responding to Council’s letter regarding noxious weeds and advising the Authority is currently in the process of developing operating plans for 2010/2011 and would be happy to make a presentation to Council on the TSR component or on all its functional areas in July/August. Saying rain in late December 2009/January 2010 generated an extraordinary weed problem and while the Authority has made every effort to control growth, it is limited by available resources.

8454 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Schieb that Council apologise to LHPA for the use of unconfirmed information and invite it to make a presentation at the July 14th meeting.

**10.57 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW C17
(32746)**

Asking for Council's assistance in better quantifying the extent of cost shifting to NSW Local Government by completing the Associations cost shifting survey for 2008/2009. Saying the survey indicated that the total burden of cost shifting may amount to approximately \$430 million/annum (financial year 2004/2005). Pointing out that the inquiry recommended the Associations build on its work and undertake an annual survey of all councils to establish the total amount of cost shifting onto NSW local government and the Associations adopted that recommendation. Saying completion of the survey is due on 2 July 2010.

8455 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note the survey will be completed by staff and returned to LGSA by the due date.

**10.58 CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY E5-3
(32743)**

Announcing the next seminar in the luncheon seminar series especially designed for councillors and council managers will be held on Friday 23 July 2010 at the Dubbo Golf Club at 10 a.m. (luncheon 12.30 p.m.). Asking that council respond by 8 July 2010.

8456 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Canham that Council note that the Director of Engineering Services or nominee will attend the session at Dubbo on Friday 23 July 2010.

10.59 GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL R8-6-1 (32741)

Advising of the outcome of the first meeting of the Australia Wide Rural Road Group (AWRRG) held in Canberra on 15 March 2010. Pointing out that a number of councils who could not be represented at the initial meeting indicated their desire to formally join the group, as did Coonamble Shire Council.

Stating the next meeting will be held in Canberra on 14 June 2010 to coincide with the National General Assembly and would be a great opportunity for Council to be represented at the meeting. Enclosing an Appointment of Proxy form for consideration should Council not be able to attend.

8457 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Cr. O'Brien attend the meeting if she is available, noting that she will be in Canberra at that time.

10.60 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING B11 (32740)

Advising the Department has extended the transition period to continue to allow complying development of occur under either the Codes SEPP or the local councils existing development control plan or an environmental planning instrument until 31 December 2010. Saying if council's uptake of complying development is likely to be adversely affected by the expiry of the transition period because its local complying development controls contain more generous standards, include more development types or have a narrower range of exclusions than the Codes SEPP, Council is invited to provide the Department with information on the variance.

The General Manager reported that Council already has a policy for exempt and complying development and, at this point in time, does not need to expand this area further.

8458 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council not participate in the review of exempt and complying development SEPP.

10.61 SALEYARDS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC S1 (32774)

Giving notice of a special general meeting to be held on 7 July 2010 at Wagga Wagga RSL Club commencing 8.30 a.m. Stating the purpose of the meeting is for members to consider proposed changes to the Saleyard Operators Association of NSW Inc Constitution.

Saying the special general meeting has been timed to coincide with the Saleyard Operators Association of NSW Annual Conference and the annual general meeting in Wagga Wagga in July 2010 to ensure the matter can be considered by the full membership. Asking Council to ensure it has representation at this important meeting.

The General Manager pointed out it is usual practice for the Saleyards Manager and one Councillor (normally Cr Cullen) to attend the Saleyard Operators Association of NSW Inc. annual conference and as this meeting will coincide with the Conference, the attendance of two representatives from Council would suffice.

8459 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Canham that Council authorise the attendance of Cr. Cullen and the Saleyards Manager at the special general meeting to be held in Wagga Wagga on 7 July, 2010 and they represent Council at the Saleyard Operators Association Conference at the same time.

10.62 PAM & GRAHAM CARROLL, GULARGAMBONE CARAVAN PARK H2-2 (32772)

Drawing attention to the easy availability of “party packs” at the Gulargambone hospital. Pointing out that many syringes have been found along the road on nature strips and in front yards of premises close to the hospital. Saying they are aware of the law to supply injections, but asking if something can be done to make them less accessible and the disposal of old needles more enforceable.

The General Manager reported that in April 2008 this matter was raised with GWAHS who made a number of suggestions in respect to Council cleaning up the mess, but did not actually do anything themselves. Mr Griffiths said Council staff have reported no increase in the number of syringes in public places with the last event being the recovery of two about four weeks ago and, prior to that, it was some months previous that syringes were recovered.

8460 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council forward the letter of complaint to GWAHS with a request for better supervision in respect of the distribution of 'party packs'.

10.63 COONAMBLE BOWLING CLUB LTD L11 (32767)

Responding to the reply from the Wanderers Tennis Club and pointing out the request by the Bowling Club was for lease and closure of the laneway for the purpose of utilising the area for storage (i.e. placement of a shipping container). Hoping Council will deal favourably with their request and pointing out the area will be kept tidy and, if permitted, the Club will look at planting a hedge or shrubs along the Tennis Club fence.

The General Manager referred to the copy of the letter from Coonamble Bowling Club which was attached for Councillors' information. He said Council instructed him to negotiate with the Wanderers Tennis Club and the Bowling Club to reach consensus and it appears that, given the latter is willing to fund screening of the rear of the premises, agreement has been reached.

8461 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that this matter be deferred for consideration in conjunction with Item 11.4 of the General Manager's report.

10.64 COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL M3-1 (32756)

Advising in a letter signed by the Student Representative and the Year Advisor that the Coonamble High School Girls will not be participating in the Mayor's Debutante Ball to be held on 24 July. Saying extenuating circumstances caused confusion within the group and offering sincere apologies on behalf of the School.

8462 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information be noted.

10.65 HELEN RACKHAM SR1

Writing regarding Council's policy of closing all unsealed roads, particularly the Billeroy Road and saying it is understood the current procedure is for Council to assess (either physically or ringing a list of people) and if there is 5mm or more of rain a blanket closure is made of all unsealed roads. Pointing out they are totally in favour of safety and minimum damage to roads, however the current policy on road closures is unworkable and needs to be amended.

Council noted that this matter will be the subject of a detailed report from the new Director of Engineering Services as a priority upon his commencement of duties.

8463 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Cullen that the writer be informed that Council will be considering a detailed report on road conditions during wet weather and a decision made at the first available opportunity, however in the interim Council advise its current policy on the closing of unsealed roads due to wet conditions and inform all school bus operators that they should desist from requesting parents to convey students on closed roads.

10.66 NSW ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY R8-12 (32787)

Responding to Council's request for assistance and confirming that grant, as follows, are available to assist with restoration:

- \$ 257,335 for Regional Roads
- \$1,811,653 for Local Roads.

Saying the work should be completed before May 2011. Pointing out that due to the extent of damage of the flood event, RTA payments will be spread over two financial years, viz 2009/10 and 2010/11.

8462 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that this information be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

8463 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and Webb that the report submitted by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

8464 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council note no Development Applications were approved for the month of May 2010 and also note that Complying Development Application No. 014/2010 was approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 LEADERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRIEFING

The General Manager informed Council that he attended the above Briefing, hosted by the Division of Local Government -Department of Premier and Cabinet, at Parliament House, Sydney on Tuesday, 4 May 2010. Mr Griffiths said the meeting was held under the guise of State and Local Governments in NSW working together.

A detailed overview of issues raised by various speakers was provided for Council's information. Mr. Griffiths advised that the briefing session then split into five workshops which discussed the salient points relating to structural reform. He said there was general recognition of a need to devise a better system for LG with each council having a wide and varied range of ideas to address the present shortcomings.

In his report on this matter, the General Manager suggested various options Council may consider in relation to proposed structural reform.

8465 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council note this matter was dealt with at the Extraordinary Meeting held on 21 May 2010 and Council act according to the resolution passed at that meeting.

11.3 SHEDS FOR HOUSING OF FLUORIDE PLANT

The General Manager referred to this matter which was considered at the April meeting when Council instructed (Minute No 8459) that quotes be sourced from external builders for the construction of sheds to house fluoride equipment.

However, the General Manager explained that, in an effort to expedite the project, the former Director of Engineering Services had written Council's Official Order to a local firm for the erection of the sheds and that contractor had already ordered materials. Mr Griffiths informed the meeting that he authorised cancellation of the external quotes and instructed that the local firm continue with the construction to ensure that the project was not unduly delayed and Council liable for breach of contract.

Councillors noted that the local contractor will be constructing two sheds suitable to house the fluoride equipment at No. 3 and No. 4 Bores – with the project cost being in the vicinity of \$110,000. Councillors expressed the view that this incident occurred because of a communication breakdown and suggested that staff be reminded of Council's purchasing policy and the need for approval from Council prior to the commitment of significant funds.

8466 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council endorse the actions of the General Manager in approving the completion of the two sheds to avoid litigation and that staff be reminded of Council's purchasing policy and the need for prior approval from Council before expenditure of significant funds.

11.4 LANEWAY BETWEEN COONAMBLE BOWLING CLUB AND COONAMBLE WANDERERS TENNIS CLUB

In his report, the General Manager referred to Council's decision at the April meeting that concurrence be sought from the Wanderers Tennis Club with a proposal from the Bowling Club to close the laneway and place a shipping container for safe keeping of equipment on the site. Mr. Griffiths advised that the meeting was held on 30 April, 2010 and was attended by Mrs Natalie Thurston (Bowling Club), Mrs Lisa Wheeler & Mr. James Hegarty (Wanderers Tennis Club) and Council representatives.

Points raised and discussed at the meeting were listed in the report and the General Manager pointed out that these conditions would be included in any agreement between the three parties.

Council noted that responses from both Clubs have now been received and are included elsewhere in this business paper. Council noted that as the land in question is Crown land approval from the Department of Lands will be required.

Mr. Griffiths informed the meeting that he was of the opinion that the matter could now proceed as it appeared that issues have been resolved.

8467 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanouh that the General Manager be authorised to progress this matter, subject to agreement between the Bowling Club and the Tennis Club.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

8468 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the following matter be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

11.5 REVIEW OF PLANT RESERVE & REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The General Manager reported that in August 2009 Council instructed the former Director of Engineering Services to review the Plant Replacement Program due to the non-sustainable projection of the current schedule. He pointed out he has now undertaken that review in accordance with Council's instruction when formulating the draft management plan and considering the purchase of a truck and spreader to be utilized in conjunction with Gilgandra Council's pulvey mixer.

Mr Griffiths attached an amended replacement program for Council's approval, pointing out that it still requires an immediate 'top up' to account for the current cycle to continue and will remain in a critical state for the next five years.

The General Manager emphasized that continuous review is necessary to ensure the program is affordable and he envisaged that annual adjustments will be made to avoid further 'top ups' being required. He said no attempt has been made to verify the changeover values however, it must be stated that the fleet vehicles' replacement needs review within the next twelve months, as the continual increase is unacceptable.

Cr Schieb asked the A/Director of Engineering Services whether the Pavement Cleaner has been purchased, pointing out that this was agreed some time ago. The A/Director said she is waiting to get results from other councils who have recently purchased similar units.

In the report, the General Manager referred to the type of vehicle that is suitable for the Director of Engineering Services and others within that department and pointed out that a minor alteration to the Fleet Management Plan is needed under Section 2 Fleet Standard sub-sections 2.2.3 and 2.2.4. Mr. Griffiths suggested that to enhance flexibility when attracting and retaining staff the option of a Holden Captiva CX be included for these replacement categories.

Council noted that no additional allowance has been made to move towards environmentally advantageous vehicles, nor have the effects of bio-fuels been included. The General Manager referred to the occupational health and safety needs of Council's plant fleet and the necessity for continuous upgrading as legislative requirements are upgraded.

In his report the General Manager informed the meeting that the \$190,000 "top up" for the 2010/2011 year has been provided in the draft management plan and pointed out that the majority of the 2009/2010 program has not been achieved and moved to the 2010/2011 replacement schedule. In referring to plant rates not having been altered, the General Manager said such action would reduce the amount of actual road works, etc. achievable under the management plan. He said there is no scope for additional plant items and it is hoped that the new regime within the Engineering Section will bring fresh ideas to mitigate the need for some equipment whilst introducing new technological advancements.

8469 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council adopt the amended plant replacement program for 2010/2011 into both its Fleet Management Plan and the adopted Management Plan of Council for the ensuing three years and include the option of a diesel Holden Captiva CX, which is an additional \$800, under sub-sections 2.2.3 and 2.2.4 of the Fleet Management Plan.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

8470 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

8471 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb & Canham that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 May 2010 be noted.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

8472 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Schieb that that the Investments held at 31 May 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 ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY OF NSW – COUNCIL AGENCY AGREEMENT

The Director of Corporate Services reported that the Agreement between Council and the RTA for the provision of agency services terminates on 30 June 2010. Mr Warren said the RTA has forwarded an Agreement for a further three years for Council to consider.

The Director pointed out that provision of RTA agency services at location remote from the Administration Centre is resource intensive referring, in particular, to provision of relief staff to cover RDOs, sick leave and annual leave which proves difficult. He said another area of concern is the refusal of the RTA to conduct driver licensing on a different day other than the relief Friday, therefore putting an additional burden on the relief staff who are often not fully conversant with RTA policy and procedural changes.

Mr Warren said the provision of a complete year salary to this operation equates to 65 weeks wages over a 52 week period. He said the following are results of the past three years agency operations:

Year	Income	Expenditure	Surplus/ (Deficit)
2007/08	71,023.07	73,474.65	(2,451.58)
2008/09	57,235.49	58,058.52	(823.03)
2009/10 (20/5/10)	54,009.48	51,628.84	2,880.74

The Director referred to the location of the Agency at the Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre and said that if, in the future, the need arose for the Agency to be relocated, Council should make the RTA aware that it would be at the Authority's expense.

- 8473 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council:
- (a) enter into the agreement to provide agency services to the RTA for the period 1/7/2010 to 30/6/2013;
 - (b) authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to the Agreement;
 - (c) formally request the RTA to change the driver licensing days to when Council's RTA Officer is not on a RDO;
 - (d) advise the RTA that if the Agency has to be relocated within the Contract period, or any time in the future, the relocation would be at the Authority's expense.

13.0 REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

- 8474 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 COONAMBLE POOL

The A/Director of Engineering Services referred to Council's decision in December 2009 to extend the opening hours during the school holidays and in February 2010 to waive entry fees for the remainder of the 2009/2010 season. She said both these decisions will impact on staffing and income and Council should now decide how it wishes to proceed for next swimming season.

The A/Director reported that Council has a duty of care to the public to ensure that the pools are adequately manned and that staff are not worked excessively long hours. She said waiving admissions to the pools 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, it costs Council approximately \$65 per man hour on average and pointed out this represents a potential increase of \$50,000 if the opening hours are extended for the entire season.

Ms Atkins also referred to the need for Council to negotiate the remuneration offered for the operation of the kiosk or consider ceasing the kiosk service at the Pool.

The A/Director said it had been reported that free admission did allow some families who would not otherwise be able to attend the pool access and suggested that Council offers 12 season tickets to underprivileged families – at a "fees & charges" value of \$2,340.

- 8475 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanouh that Council retain admission charges for the next swimming season.

Cr. Cullen requested that his name be recorded as voting against this Resolution.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr. Canham **SECONDED** by Cr O'Brien that Council retain the opening hours of the Swimming Pools, i.e. 6.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. seven days/week.

AN AMENDMENT

8476 PROPOSED by Cr. Horan **SECONDED** by Cr Cullen that the opening hours of the Swimming Pools for the 2010/2011 Swimming Season be: 6.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

On being put to the vote, the **AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED** and on becoming the motion was carried.

Cr. Canham requested that his name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

At this juncture, 3.03 p.m., Cr Canham left the meeting and did not return.

Cr. Schieb suggested that this may be an area where Council would place a trainee. The Mayor suggested that when a review of the organization structure is being undertaken this suggestion be examined.

13.2 COONAMBLE WASTE COLLECTION

The A/Director of Engineering Services informed the meeting that the current contract for the kerbside collection of waste in Coonamble & Gulargambone expires at the end of June 2010. She said staff were requested to investigate the viability of Council undertaking this service in-house.

Ms Atkins reported that in order for Council to provide a waste collection service in-house it would need to purchase a collection truck. She pointed out that waste removal is one of councils' core functions and must be provided to residences within the collection zone and paid by a levy on each assessment. The A/Director informed the meeting that staff could not find any other LGA that provides the service in-house.

She said Council would have an initial outlay of approximately \$200,000 for the purchase of a fully fitted collection truck and revise the organisation structure to include an additional driver as the current staffing levels would not meet Councils needs. Ms Atkins said a cost comparison was carried out on contracted services verses in-house services, with the current contract costing \$103,000 pa compared with approximately \$166,000 if it was attempted in-house. The A/Director said there would be an added strain on administration staff to manage the collection process.

8477 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council call tenders for the Waste Collection Service at the expiration of the current contract.

13.3 SWIMMING POOLS MAINTENANCE

The A/Director of Engineering Services referred to the request at Council's March 2010 meeting for a report on maintenance required on the Council pools and she provided a list of works that have been identified for the three swimming centres in the Shire.

Council noted that the following funds have been voted in the 2010/11 budget.

Disabled facilities - Coonamble	\$33,000
Coonamble Pool	\$50,000
Gulargambone Pool	\$30,000
Quambone Pool	\$20,000

However, it is estimated that the list of works identified will be in excess of \$315,000. The A/Director said applications have been made for grant funding to provide a chair lift, however they have been unsuccessful

8478 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Webb that the information be noted.

13.4 PROGRESS REPORT

The A/Director of Engineering Services provided a progress report on work that is being carried out, including works on the State Highway, Regional Roads and Local Roads. Council noted that when the NSW Office of Water has inspected the fluoride injectors at Gulargambone and No 5 Bore Shed a claim can be made for subsidy.

Cr. Schieb referred to the sportsground lights being left on following training and said there should be some method in place that when training is over the lights can be switched off. He suggested that significant expenditure is being incurred unnecessarily when this happens.

8479 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that a report be prepared on the use of lights at the Sportsground and alternate methods be investigated in an endeavour to ensure that lights are not left on when training is finished.

8480 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that the progress report on works being undertaken be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

8481 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the following matter be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

UNAUTHORISED LAND USE

The General Manager referred to complaints from residents living in the vicinity of this unauthorized business and informed the meeting that Council has been endeavouring for some time to have the business relocated to an appropriate area. Mr. Griffiths said it is alleged that fencing has been removed to allow trucks to manoeuvre around and traverse the area and he has instructed that Council's land be fenced off so that trucks and other items of plant cannot traverse the area in future. He said this may help to reduce dust and noise levels in the neighbourhood.

Council noted that the property in question is located at the corner of Barton and Forgione Streets, Coonamble (Lots 80 & 81 in DP 3693) and is currently being used as a truck depot for which no approval has been given.

The owner of the property previously owned a part of "The Meglo" which would have provided the ideal location to establish his business, however he has since disposed of that land. The problems being experienced by residents in the area are of a serious nature and were listed in the Manager's report to Council.

Council noted that there are also traffic issues which pose a safety risk and the proximity to the Primary School is also seen as a high risk with heavy trucks moving in the area. The Manager referred to another safety issue with children playing around the trucks and said this could have dire consequences. Mr. Cock said odour was being caused because of dumping of grain which has caused windblown pollutants to give off an unhealthy smell.

The meeting noted that the site in question consists of a residential dwelling, carport and storage shed. The Manager stated that Council approved the use of the shed as "storage shed" when the former owner made application for such use. Mr. Cock said Council has not received any application by the now owner for the current use of the site.

The General Manager said the current truck depot constitutes an illegal land use and can be discontinued by Council under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act but, in this instance, may incur the cost of legal action.

Various options were put forward for Council's consideration as a means of resolving this issue to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Cr. Schieb and Cr Karanouh both said the owner of the business was endeavouring to find suitable land to relocate and suggested that Council not take any action at this time.

8481 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb & O'Brien that Council approach the owner of the site to determine his intentions for the long term use of the area.

TREE SERVICE COMPANIES

Cr Schieb asked the A/Director of Engineering Services why Council always uses A1 Tree Services, when there are others in the area providing the same service. Ms Atkins said A1 Tree Services provide all the regulatory documentation and until recently she was not aware of the other provider. Cr. Schieb said on at least two occasions he is aware that the prices given by Active Tree Services have been lower than A1 Tree Services. The A/Director was requested to get quotes from both companies for future works.

14.0 ADOPTION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN

8482 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that the Management Plan for 2010 – 2013 be adopted.

The General Manager referred to the Addendum to his report and suggested that this matter be dealt with prior to proceeding with the general matters of the report.

14.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – BUDGET ALLOCATION

The General Manager reported that the information supplied by the Economic Development Office for its budget allocation for 2010/11 was incorrectly interpreted and he tabled a budget summary for Council's information. Mr. Griffiths said an additional \$30,000 is required in the economic development area.

8483 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council provide the economic development area with the additional \$30,000 required and the amount be funded from the \$50,000 budget surplus.

Councillors also suggested that Council residences be upgraded as they are in an untidy and dilapidated state and urgently in need of maintenance work.

14.1 MANAGEMENT PLAN

The General Manager informed the meeting that one submission was received from the public in response to the exhibition of Council's draft management plan for 2010 – 2013.

Submission from Kylie Parry:

Saying she has approached Council several times in the past about the possibility of sealing Effie Durham Drive. Advising she has read the following paragraph from the Draft Management Plan:

“7.3 Strategic Road Upgrades:

It is recommended that Council:

- 6. undertake no further extension of sealed local roads using existing funding sources until after 2009/2010”**

Asking “is it possible change Council’s mind on one little (very important!!)street in Coonamble??”

8484 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that in accordance with S406 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the management plan and revenue policy, noting that one submission was received and considered and that in compliance with S405 the management plan was advertised and exhibited for the prescribed period of 28 days, with advertisements being placed in the Coonamble Times on 14 April, 2010, 21 April, 2010 and 05 May, 2010.

8485 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council agree to include sealing of Effie Durham Drive east from its intersection with Wilga Street towards the Castlereagh River.

14.2 ADOPTION OF LEVY OF RATES

8486 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh & Webb that Council adopt the levy of rates and charges as follows:

(a) Ordinary Rates

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2010 to 30/6/2011 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 14 April, 21 April and 05 May 2010 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Ordinary Rates and that in accordance with S492, S493 and S529 of the Local Government Act 1993 the following ordinary rates be levied on all rateable land within the Shire for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011:

Type of Rate	Cents in \$	Minimum (S548)
Ordinary	1.65	325.00
Farmland	0.503	294.00
Small Rural Holdings	0.74	371.00
Rural Residential	0.652	325.00
Business	2.61	407.00

(b) User Charges - Water and Sewerage

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2010 to 30/6/2011 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 14 April, 21 April and 05 May, 2010 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the User Charges and that in accordance with S501 and S502 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy on such land on which water and sewerage is connected or able to be connected in accordance with S552 as follows:

(a) Water:

Town/Village	Access Charge (\$)	Usage Charge 1 st Tier (c/kl)	2 nd Tier Pricing Limit (kl)	Usage Charge 2 nd Tier (c/kl)
Coonamble	82.00	44	370	67
Gulargambone	133.00	60	430	89
Quambone	137.00	62	430	92

Item	Cble (\$)	Gular (\$)	Q'bone (\$)
Access charge (20mm meter)	82	133	137
Access charge (25mm meter)	130	208	215
Access charge (40mm meter)	330	532	550
Access charge (50mm meter)	516	832	860
Access charge (75mm meter)	1,160	1,865	1,925

(b) Sewer:

Council has adopted a user charge applicable to residential and commercial use – there is no land value based charge.

(i) Residential:

Town/Village	Annual Domestic Charge
Coonamble	\$346.00
Gulargambone	\$492.00
Coonamble - Flats	\$286.00
Gulargambone – Flats	\$408.00

(ii) Non-Residential:

The sewer charge for non-residential services is at minimum charge of:

Coonamble	\$347.00 and
Gulargambone	\$492.00

Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. Further information is contained in Council's Water and Sewer Management Plan.

(c) Domestic Waste Management Service (Garbage)

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2010 to 30/6/2011 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 14 April, 21 April and 05 May 2010 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Domestic Waste Management (Garbage) Rates and that in accordance with s496 and s501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy a charge for the year 1 July, 2010 to 30 June, 2011 as follows:

Coonamble	\$270.00
Gulargambone	\$353.00
Quambone	\$305.00
Vacant	\$ 45.00

(i) Commercial Waste Management Charge:

Coonamble	\$270/service
Gulargambone	\$353/service
Quambone	\$305/service

(d) Interest on Outstanding Rates and Charges

In accordance with section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, interest on outstanding rates and charges is set at 9% per annum for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June, 2011.

(e) Fees and Charges:

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2010 to 30/6/2011 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times Coonamble Times on 14 April, 21 April and 05 May 2010 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the fees and charges and in accordance with S501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the fees and charges for period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 **AND FURTHER** that Council, in setting these charges, examined the criteria detailed in S539.

14.3. ADOPTION OF 2010/2011 ESTIMATES

8487 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb & Schieb that Council hereby votes for expenditure for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 the sums set out in the draft estimates considered by Council on 14 April 2010 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 14 April, 21 April and 05 May 2010, details of which are as follows:

Details	Expenditure	Income
Administration	6,706,232	9,129,782
Public Order & Safety	535,854	257,333
Health	253,182	14,900
Community Services & Education	140,732	105,200
Housing & Community Amenities	1,107,691	630,000
Water Supplies	766,321	3,611,700
Sewerage Services	829,878	748,430
Recreation & Culture	1,076,894	68,900
Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	1,343,596	1,453,900
Transport & Communication	7,149,279	5,570,100
Economic Services	856,932	523,900
Capital - General	2,921,564	1,607,000
Capital – Water	3,110,000	-
Capital – Sewerage	281,730	195,200
TOTAL	27,079,885	23,916,345

15.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

8488 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the reports from various committees be received and dealt with.

15.1 MINUTES OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

8489 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. that the minutes of the meeting of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee held on 13 April, 2010 be received and dealt with.

3.1 Council Grandstands

Council noted this matter has been addressed and work is being carried out to address issues of safety,.

3.2 Coonamble Treatment Works – Safety Rails

The meeting noted that the rails have been ordered and will be erected upon receipt.

8490 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the minutes of the OH&S Committee meeting be noted.

15.2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE QUARRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

8491 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the minutes of the meeting of the Quarry Management Committee held on 4 May 2010 be received and dealt with.

4(b) Slab – Storage of Oil

The General Manager informed Council that the concrete slab required at the Quarry to comply with requirements for the storage of oil will cost approximately \$6,000 (\$1,000 more than quoted in the minutes). The work has been approved and will be completed shortly.

3. Relocation of Elevator

The recommendation by the Committee that alterations be undertaken following quotations being in accordance with Council policy was noted. The General Manager stated that the work will be in excess of \$50,000 and the proper process will need to be followed. A specification of work required needs to be prepared so that each quotation is given on the same scope of works.

The General Manager referred to an incident when Council was required to source 7mm product from Dubbo because all Council's aggregate had been sold to Walgett. He asked what was Council's priority – its own works or providing product for sale. Mr. Griffiths said Council must plan ahead to enable sufficient product for its own works to always be available and suggested this is something that should be taken up with the new Director.

8492 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council's works are first priority for quarry product and that staff be instructed to forward plan so that the Production Manager is aware of what is required and have it available at the quarry.

8493 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the Minutes of the Quarry Management Committee be noted.

15.3 MINUTES OF AFTER SCHOOL CARE (Vacation Care) AGM MEETING

8494 RESOLVED on motion of Crs. Webb & O'Brien that the minutes of the meeting of the After School Care (Vacation Care) AGM held on 24 March 2010 be noted.

15.4 MINUTES OF AFTER SCHOOL CARE (Vacation Care) MEETING

8495 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the minutes of the After School Care (Vacation Care) meeting held on 26 May 2010 be noted.

18.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER

8496 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Webb that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of May, 2010 be adopted, noting the following:

Saleyards A/c to 31/5/2010:

Income	\$176,938.60
Expenditure	<u>(111,585.46)</u>
Surplus	\$ 65,353.14
Balance General Fund 1/7/2009 (\$59,550.19)	
Current Balance	\$ 5,802.95

19.0 REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER

8497 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Contact Ranger for the months of April & May, 2010 be adopted.

Dogs in Main Street Area:

Cr. Karanouh said there is still a problem with dogs roaming in the main street area. He said there are two dogs which are continually in the street and requested that the Ranger be advised so that action can be taken.

17.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Baldwin was at the meeting to present his report and asked whether Councillors had any specific questions. Prior to going through the report, Mr. Baldwin introduced Chris Forbes, a High School Student, who is interested in Information Technology and is doing work experience with Council.

The following issues were raised:

- Gulargambone brochure will be ready next week.
- Coonamble Rodeo/Campdraft – individual invitations would be provided to Councillors.
- Representatives from Campbelltown will be in Coonamble for the weekend and to attend the rodeo and other events.
- New banners have been received – they are retractable so can be moved to any location – there is a Corporate banner, and one for each of Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.
- Cr O'Brien congratulated TDM on increased numbers at 2828 – gained a lot of publicity from the media article published recently.

8498 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be adopted.

17.1 MINUTES OF COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE MEETING

8499 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Cullen that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2010 be received and noted.

17.2 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE – TREASURER’S REPORT

8500 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O’Brien that the Treasurer’s report be received and noted.

Tables / Chairs – Showground Pavilion

Cr. Cullen referred to a previous decision to purchase appropriate tables (round) and chairs for use at the Showground pavilion and requested that the matter be expedited as the pavilion was booked for at least one wedding later in the year.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

8501 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O’Brien that the following matter be classified ‘urgent business’ and dealt with.

17.3 2010 LANDMARK COONAMBLE RODEO & CAMPDRAFT

The TDM reported that during planning discussions for the development of the covered arena at the Showground, the CEO of Regional Development Australia (RDA) indicated there was some interest from the ABC in filming the 2010 Rodeo/Campdraft. He pointed out the footage would also be useful in the ongoing negotiations with the University of NSW and other potential partners.

Council noted the ‘shoot’ would cost between \$3,500 and \$5,000, however there has been no indication where funding could be sourced, noting that neither TDM or EDM have budgeted for the expenditure. Mr. Baldwin pointed out that the Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft Committee has not been formally approached at this time.

The Director of Corporate Services, Mr. Warren, said this is an example of unfunded expenditure that crops up through the year when Council has adopted its management plan and set the budget.

8502 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and O’Brien that Council agree to fund the project up to \$5,000 and the money be sourced from the unspent balance in the Business Assistance Vote.

Use of Smith Park – Additional Camping – Rodeo Weekend

8503 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that if required, the portion of Smith Park used last year for camping, be made available again.

20.0 CLOSED SESSION

8504 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:

- sub section 2(a) *“personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)”*;
- sub 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”*;

8505 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O’Brien that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN COUNCIL

8506 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O’Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

8507 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O’Brien and that Council adopt the recommendations of Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 20.1, 20.2, 21.1 and 21.2 as set out below:

20.1 BETH CORNWELL

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council not write off the costs of \$464.00 associated with the recovery action taken on this debt.

20.2 DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP (FAMILY & HEALTH POLICY BRANCH)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the information contained in the report be noted and that Council write to the NSW Industry and Investment Agency.

21.1 TENDER FOR PROCESSING OF GARDEN ORGANICS & WOOD & TIMBER (NETWASTE TENDER 145/534/987/1)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

- (1) Award the contract to Haulaway Recyclers;
- (2) Confirm its involvement in the contract through NetWaste;
- (3) Staff discuss options for use of waste locally;
- (4) Authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to contract documents.

21.2 SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF BULK FUEL, LUBRICANTS & ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANKS (TENDER T11011OROC)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that:

(1) For the Bulk Fuel Supply, Council:

- i) Accept the tender offered by Caltex Energy as the single source supplier for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012, and
- ii) Allow provision for a 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance which may take this tender through to June 2013.

(2) For Above-Ground Storage Tanks, Council:

- i) accept all submissions for Above Ground Storage Tanks by Council for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012, and
- ii) Allow provision for a 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance which may take June 2013

22.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

(a) Department of Community Services – Cr O'Brien said the Roundtable held recently in Gulargambone indicated there is no DoCS service available in Gulargambone.

8508 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council write to the Department of Community Services asking how many hours are allocated to Gulargambone on a weekly / monthly basis.

(b) Syringes – Party Packs – Council resolved earlier in the meeting to take this matter up with GWAHS.

23.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Karanouh:

- Tabled a letter from the Health Services Manager regarding an evacuation plan for the Hospital in times of flood emergencies. Cr. Horan also had a copy of this letter and indicated it was also forwarded to the General Manager. The meeting agreed that the letter be noted and clarification be sought from Ms Burnheim of her intentions and reported to next meeting.
- Asked why an access from the front of premises situated at 11A Aberford Street could not be provided. The General Manager said that a front access would be provided at the owner's cost, noting that the property is currently accessed from the rear.
- Regarding enquiry Conimbia Street was advised the area is a TSR and also provides a route for agricultural equipment.
- Beautification plan for main street – advised plan is in motion – Mayor suggested we apply for grants for a consultant.

8509 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council call for expressions of interest to further beautify the main street area, consider ideas put forward and source funding for the project.

At this juncture, 4.20 p.m., Cr. Karanouh left the meeting and did not return.

Cr Schieb:

- In response to a question Cr Schieb was advised that the powerpoint was installed at Quambone some six weeks ago.
- Regarding burn-offs in Pilliga Forest, the Director Corporate Services said he has spoken to the Zone Manager and the matter would be raised at the meeting on 16 June.
- Culvert No 40 on Castlereagh Highway approx. 8kms south of Coonamble – problem being caused by water. Requested that staff inspect and forward a letter to the RTA to remedy the problem, noting that culvert numbers 38 & 39 are dry culverts.

Cr O'Brien:

- Stated that a 'disabled parking' space has been approved in front of the Twoeighttwoeight Hall, but it has not been installed. Manager – Services advised that staff were on site to install and were requested to not install it at that time. Cr O'Brien said she would raise the matter at the next 2828 meeting.

General Manager:

- Referred to a meeting arranged by Kevin Humphries on 24 June with the Minister for Transport regarding the Coonamble – Armatree rail line upgrade.

8510 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and O'Brien that Council provide a full brief to Christine Robertson, Duty Senator for Barwon, to bring her up to date on this issue.

A/Director of Engineering Services:

- In response to a question from the Mayor the A/Director advised that the levee is still being designed by the Department of Commerce.

8511 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that Council write to the Department of Commerce, pointing out that this project has been on the drawing board for a lengthy period and requesting that it be expedited.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 4.28 p.m.

These Pages (Pages 1/4504 to 50/4554) were confirmed on the day of2010 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 9 June 2010.

MAYOR

8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 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.****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:**Floor Plan being prepared for submission to State Heritage - hoping to commence work in early August pending approval to proceed.****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:**Application under Natural Disaster Program lodged – awaiting outcome.**

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:

Draft documents and risk assessment currently under review.

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. No action at this time – appears as though requirements have changed, refer to Precis of Correspondence.

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.

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. Recommended that this item be removed due to inaction of the WCWP.

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:

Department of Planning letter to be considered at today's meeting – timeframe for completion is now 31 December 2010.

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. Awaiting response.

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:

- refurbish the three residential properties currently occupied by the doctors/dentist.

Status:

Will progress now that decision is final on sale of the former Coonamble Medical Centre.

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:

Design and plan in progress.

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:

Crime Prevention Plan approval still awaited and meeting with regional department heads to be convened with assistance from Walgett LAC.

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 – but installation deferred following a \ resolution at the June meeting.

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:
To be included in 2010/2011 program.

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. In progress.

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 recording the information.

Status:
No action.

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:
Shed removed. Community consultation yet to be undertaken.

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:

No response from proponent – recommend removal.

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:

Estimate for sealing part of Effie Durham Drive \$75,000

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:

Assessment of footpaths underway as time permits.

10.33 MR COLIN RYAN G1-4 (32422) 14/4/2010

8448 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council note the letter from Mr. Ryan and the delay by staff in furnishing a report for consideration.

Status:

Will be addressed during community consultation – see Min No 8351 10/3/2010

11.4 COONAMBLE MEDICAL CENTRE 14/4/2010

8453 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Cullen that Council:

- (1) Contact the prospective developer (supermarket) to get a clear indication in writing of 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) Place a caveat on the land that allows Council to repurchase the area in five years if the project stalls.
- (4) Advise Coonamble Vacation Care that a full costing of anticipated works (as per Item 10.3 of Precis of Correspondence) is being developed and will be considered and also advise that at the current time the premises are under consideration for sale.
- (5) Authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to any relevant documents.

Status:

Centre not required by supermarket developer, offer formally accepted from CAHS, awaiting valuation and consultation with existing dentist has been positive. COMPLETED.

PURCHASE OF REFRIGERATORS/FREEZER – SHOWGROUND PAVILION**14/4/2010**

8470 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that two (2) commercial type Australian made refrigerators and one (1) 700 litre chest type freezer be purchased for use at the Coonamble Showground Pavilion and funds be sourced from savings to be identified at the next budget review.

Status:

Refrigerators arrived – Freezer to now be ordered.

POLICE AT MEETINGS**14/4/2010**

8482 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and O'Brien that Council again write to the Police requesting that a representative attend each meeting so that Council can be informed of matters of concern regarding law and order.

Status:

Negative response received from LAC – however willing to work with Crime Prevention Committee. COMPLETED.

**16.4 COONAMBLE MUSEUM ADVISORY SERVICE REPORT – 2009/2010
9/6/2010****8440 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Work actively with the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Museum Advisor on developing strategies for recruitment of museum volunteers.
- (2) Develop policies and procedures to ensure continuity of practice in all aspects of museum operations.
- (3) Provide a venue for the Advisor to develop and deliver a series of evening community workshops on specific areas of museum thinking and work
- (4) Authorise the Curator and Museum Advisor to meet school teachers to plan and develop education resources.
- (5) Support the concept of re-branding the Museum with a more specific marketing focus.
- (6) Defer publication of the new brochure until a decision has been made on re-branding the Museum .
- (7) Meet the design and production costs for the new brochure from the Tourism Development Manager's budget
- (8) Provide better signage to direct cars up Skillman's Lane to the car park behind the Museum in the next financial year.
- (9) Undertake to provide funding of up to \$200/year for minor expenditure (e.g. archival materials, displays etc)
- (10) In conjunction with the Heritage Advisory Committee carefully consider the plan and assist in identifying funding opportunities to meet the cost, when the Advisor has completed a detailed outline and costing for the proposed new permanent exhibition in the stables.
- (11) Agree that if external funding cannot be secured to meet 50% of the cost of the new exhibition, consider providing up to \$15,000 in the 2011/12 budget.
- (12) Support the Museum and Heritage Advisor in planning and securing funding to ensure that the stables are vermin-proofed.

Status:**Items being progressed by Coonamble Heritage & Historical Museum Committee. Ongoing.**

**11.4 LANEWAY BETWEEN COONAMBLE BOWLING CLUB AND
COONAMBLE WANDERERS TENNIS CLUB 9/6/2010**

8467 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanouh that the General Manager be authorised to progress this matter, subject to agreement between the Bowling Club and the Tennis Club.

Status:
Both parties have agreed to the terms discussed and the Bowling Club has been requested to arrange preparation of the Lease document. Letter has been forwarded to Department of Lands for Ministerial approval to progress – awaiting response.

SPORTSGROUND LIGHTING 9/6/2010

8479 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that a report be prepared on the use of lights at the Sportsground and alternate methods be investigated in an endeavour to ensure that lights are not left on when training is finished.

Status:
New system being investigated.

COONAMBLE LEVEE 9/6/2010

8511 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that Council write to the Department of Commerce, pointing out that this project has been on the drawing board for a lengthy period and requesting that it be expedited.

Status:
Alignment drawing confirmed and returned – Department of Commerce staff out of office until mid July

9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT
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10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 2010

Section A –For Consideration:

10.1 WALK THE LOOP S10-1 (32750)

On behalf of the Coonamble Quota Survival Fund advising the annual 'walk the loop' fundraiser will be held on 5 September, 2010 and asking for the same support from Council as previously. Advising the walk will follow the same route as past years, starting at the Golf Club at 10 a.m. Asking that Council provide witches hats or orange webbing to be placed at the starting area and along the western side of the highway for a short distance.

Recommendation:

That Council agree to the walk being conducted on Sunday 5 September, 2010, subject to approval from local police and agree to provide witches hats/orange webbing for use on the day.

10.2 HEALTH SERVICE MANAGER - GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE M5-3 (32808)

Advising that during the risk assessment identification for the new Multi Purpose Health Service the possible evacuation in floods was identified. Believing that in the case of the hospital, the risk of flooding is not considered high, but there is no factual data to support this belief. Recommending that a Flood Management sub-group be formed within Council to drive a plan for the future and asking if a councillor could be nominated for the committee. Saying the sub-group could then use best practice accurate evidence to guide emergency services in decisions.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The management of flooding is covered under the Coonamble Disaster Management Plan, a copy of which is held by GWAHS and the review process has been underway by the District Emergency Management Officer (DEMO). The sub-group suggested is a duplication of the Local Emergency Management Committee, of which the Health Services Manager is a member. The SES commissioned a flood study in 2004 and this was released for use by the Department of Commerce in designing the necessary amendments to the Coonamble Levee in October last year.)

Recommendation:

That Council advise the Health Services Manager that the sub group suggested is a duplication of the Local Emergency Management Committee of which GWAHS is a member.

10.3 AUSTRALIAN FAMILY MATTERS DEVELOPMENT TEAM C8 (32814)

Inviting Council to join the Australian Family Matters “Family Friendly” page. Saying it is a not for profit organisation offering a broad range of resources for Orange, Forbes and Parkes. Envisaging that other centres within the region will be encompassed in the future. Saying they offer businesses, organisations, local councils and government bodies the opportunity to promote their assets, services and attractions on the website when taking advantage of the service the site provides. Advising that the costs are as follows:

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| ▪ Cost to display on website | \$1,050 (+ GST) |
| ▪ Ongoing annual listing | \$ 250 (+ GST) |
| ▪ Total cost for initial page setup | \$1,430 (GST incl.) |
| ▪ Current updates/quarter | \$ 120 (+ GST). |

Also inviting Council to become a sponsor of the site – an information pack is available upon request.

Recommendation:

That Council advise the Australian Family Matters Development Team that it is not interested in participating at this time.

10.4 NSW ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY R8-13 (32827)

Inviting council to identify and nominate new conforming projects for the 2011/2012 program and forward submissions to the NSW Black Spot Consultative Panel by Friday 20 August, 2010. Saying councils are restricted to a maximum of five approved projects per year so, as a guideline, it is suggested that each council does not submit more than 10 nominations and provide a priority list for those nominated. Saying the Panel will only consider projects with construction costs greater than \$10,000 for rural councils.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Councillors are aware that the ‘black spot’ program relies on high instance of motor vehicle accidents, concentrating on deaths or serious injury. No such statistical information at that level exists within this Shire).

Recommendation:

That Council note within Coonamble Shire there is no statistical information available to support an application for funding under the Black Spot Program.

10.5 CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL T3-11 (32869)

Seeking confirmation that Coonamble Shire Council will continue to sponsor the Sculpture Award of the 2010 Festival of Fishers Ghost Art Award, which provides encouragement to both professional and amateur artists entering the award.

Recommendation:

That Council advise Campbelltown City Council that it will continue to sponsor the Sculpture Award at the 2010 Festival of Fishers Ghost Art Competition and that the \$1,000 contribution be sourced from the Donations Vote.

10.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW L9 (32865)

Advising that LGSA have undertaken to progress the formation of One Association to represent and provide a strong and uniform voice for all NSW councils. Stating that Conferences of both Associations have called for the formation of One Association, recognising that a change is required to better serve the sector into the future. Saying the Taskforce will be presenting recommendations at a special convention to be held at Star City on 16 & 17 August. Inviting Mayors, Councillors and General Managers to attend the Convention to participate to progress this important goal. Advising that voting at the Convention will be one vote per full member council and a majority vote will be represented by 66% of delegates present. Pointing out that further information is available from www.lgsa.org.au/oneassociation

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This Convention is specific to an extremely important issue for all councils in NSW. It is, however, a costly exercise to have a large contingent attend, with registration for the Convention being \$297/head plus accommodation and travel expenses. It is suggested that the Mayor or his nominee attend, together with the General Manager.)

Recommendation:

For Council's determination.

10.7 NSW DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER F5-4 (32879)

Referring to a meeting between Departmental staff and Council in October 2009 regarding Council's 2009/10 State funded flood risk management projects, i.e. the concept design for the proposed Coonamble Levee upgrade and the Coonamble Levee internal drainage project. Saying his understanding was that the meeting was to advise Council on government funding options to progress its projects.

Stating the Department is concerned that Council could not effectively utilise its allocated 2009/10 funds and has failed to respond to the indication of priority funding for its projects in the 2010/11 financial year (forwarded February 2010). Recommending that Council meet with Departmental representatives to discuss the status of its State funded flood risk management projects and its commitment to completing these projects.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council was supplied in May 2010 with an indicative plan of projected works necessary by the Department of Commerce which is designing the necessary alterations to the levee. The funding for 2009/2010 referred to was to complete the design and the utilisation out of Council's staff ability to progress. The indicative plan has been commented upon and returned as requested. Discussions have been held with departmental representatives and the perceived anomalies corrected.)

Recommendation:

That Council note the correspondence from the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water.

10.8 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW L9-1 (32890)

Thanking Mayors, Councillors and General Managers who attended the recent 2010 Shires Conference. Stating that feedback from attendees has been very positive. Pointing out that a number of the speeches and presentations are available on the Association's website. Asking for support for a motion carried at the Conference which deals with container deposit legislation. Stating that State and Federal Environment Ministers will be meeting on 5 July 2010 to discuss this important issue and one which has long been Association policy. Urging all councils to take part in the campaign to lobby for the introduction of a national container deposit scheme.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – As Council has previously discussed this matter and resolved to support the introduction of a National Container Deposit scheme, I signed the letter of support and returned it to the Association).

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the action of the General Manager in forwarding a letter of support for the introduction of a national container deposit scheme.

10.9 SCOUTS AUSTRALIA L3-1 (32899)

Writing to the Mayor seeking Council's support for funding to ensure solar panels are installed on all Scout facilities. Saying that in 2007-08 Scouts Australia was awarded a Federal Government grant of \$17.653m and together with the interest earned of over \$1m during this period they were able to supply:

- 1103 Scout halls with a 5000 litre water tank which was connected to toilet flushing systems.
- 140 Scout campsites with water tanks for storage and toilet flushing.

Saying they are now proposing to install solar panels on these same facilities under a similar project scheme. Seeking support from every council and asking this Council to sign the attached letter.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – I have provided a letter of support as requested).

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the General Manager's action in providing a letter of support to Scouts Australia in its endeavours to install solar panels on scout facilities under its proposed project.

10.10 DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET E5-2 (32875)

Pointing out that in August 2009 the then Minister for Planning and the Minister for Local Government wrote to councils identifying 67 councils which would receive increased support to fast track the completion of their comprehensive Local Environmental Plans – the target for these councils to be completed is June 2011. Saying this is a major planning initiative being undertaken in partnership between the State Government and every council in NSW and also a key step in creating a contemporary and consistent planning framework across NSW. Saying with the introduction of standardised LEPs there may be an increase in the number of councillors wishing to make applications to the Minister for Local Government for pecuniary interest exemptions under section 458 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Stating that if Council forms the view that section 458 applications are required it should follow the process outlined in Local Government Circular 06-62 to ensure that the issuing of exemptions occurs early. Saying it is imperative that section 458 applications are submitted to the Division as soon as possible. Pointing out it is considered that the accountability of local government is paramount and the pecuniary interest provisions of the Act are there to ensure that councillors exercise their decision-making functions in a proper and transparent manner.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Councillors are aware of their obligation to disclose pecuniary or conflicts of interest and this matter relates to the disclosing of such interests when a new LEP or Land Use Plan is being developed. Councillors are still required to declare an interest if landholdings are likely to be affected by way of change in zonings and, in many council areas, those declarations result in Council not having a quorum.)

Recommendation:

That Council note the necessity for declaring an interest in a matter that involves the change in zoning of land in which they have conflict under the Code of Conduct and the avenue for obtaining an exemption under s458 of the Local Government Act 1993.

10.11 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

T4-2(32942)]

This letter was addressed to Gilgandra Shire Council and a copy sent to this Council. It refers to the Western Councils' Sub-Regional Land Use Strategy – Extension of Time Request – and advises that in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding the Department agrees to the request by Gilgandra Council to amend the completion date of the whole subject project to no later than 31 December 2010. Pointing out that the letter amends **Schedule B – Terms and Conditions of Funding** to read as follows:

“ Section 2: Timeframe for the project”

Unless otherwise agreed by the Department of Planning in writing, the project described in Schedule A must be completed by 31 December 2010.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council has now called for tenders to conduct the review of the Land Use Strategy previously rejected by Council. This now puts a time line for completion until the end of this calendar year.)

Recommendation:

That Council expedite the review of the Land Use Strategy to ensure completion and acceptance by the Department of Planning no later than 31 December 2010.

10.12 COONAMBLE LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION D7 + P1-11 (32972)

Advising it is preparing to host the Zone Little Athletics Carnival in late 2010, which will comprise up to 200 competitors and their families coming to Coonamble for the event over two days. Saying it has been advised by the Zone Coordinator that certain improvements need to be made, including upgrading the long jump pits and the accompanying run-up area, shotput ring stopboards and provision of two discus cages.

Pointing out they need permission to attend to the above and requesting financial assistance to complete required improvements to the long jump run-up – anticipated to cost in the vicinity of \$5500. Saying the Association has applied for a grant, but has no guarantee of this income. Reminding Council that improvements to the grounds will benefit a wide proportion of the community, particularly local schools and Zone Carnivals.

Recommendation:

That Council seek details of the financial commitment sought and a plan of the proposed improvements to ensure it does not interfere with other users of the ground and authorise staff to grant approval in principle should no difficulties be foreseen with Council to further consider any financial contribution.

10.13 COONAMBLE GREYHOUND RACING CLUB INC

D7 (32964)

Advising the Club is organising its 2010 October Racing Carnival and requesting sponsorship support from council. Pointing out that Council generously contributed \$1,000 to last year's event and wondering whether the same support would be forthcoming for the 2010 Carnival.

Recommendation:

That Council decline to contribute to the Coonamble Greyhound Racing Club Inc 2010 October Carnival.

**10.14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW
(32978)**

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Introducing the next stage of the Associations' work on how together we might shape NSW Local Government to deal with contemporary and future challenges. Providing a copy of *Modernising local government : discussion paper* which aims to continue the dialogue about the future of NSW Local Government that was initiated at the respective conferences. Advising feedback will be accepted up until 30 September 2010. Saying in the coming weeks the Associations will be settling on a series of focus groups and other forums to explore the variety of questions posed in the paper.

Recommendation:

That Council nominate delegates to attend the focus groups and other forums on the question of Modernising Local Government.

10.15 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS O5 (32982)

Advising that OROC is conducting a communication strategy which aims to educate and inform local government areas and communities within the Orana region about overweight and obesity initiatives that can be implemented without exhaustive financial costs. Saying the first phase is to conduct a best practice forum, presenting five healthy weight initiatives that are successfully being delivered in rural and remote communities. Advising the second phase will offer a printed best practice education guidebook to be distributed across the 11 OROC LGAs. Pointing out the best practice forum will host five healthy weight loss initiatives which are currently working well within the Orana region:

- Coolah “Hive Live” Community gym
- Coonamble Walking Track
- Iki Fit Fitness Program (aimed at all ages, but proving popular with primary aged school children and the over 55s)
- Narromine Physiotherapy Boot Camp/Body Blitz
- Go 4 Fun (ten week program for 7 – 13 year olds.

Inviting local government to participate in the forum and community, saying economic development and planning staff in particular may find the forum worthwhile. Saying that the best practice forum is being held on Monday 27 September 2010 at Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre – 10.30 a.m. Saying *Sharing the Load to Shed the Load* has been funded by NSW Health in partnership with the LGSA.

Recommendation:

That Council be represented at the best practice forum in Warren on Monday 27 September 2010 by one of its Economic Development Managers.

10.16 MARTHAGUY PICNIC RACE CLUB D7 (32992)

Thanking Council for its support last year and requesting Council again agree to pay for the portable toilets for this year’s event on 4 September. Saying the cost will be \$3,520 as per the invoice attached to the letter.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Last year Council contributed \$3,400 towards the cost of portable toilets however the meeting was called off late due to wet weather).

Recommendation:

That Council contribute \$3,200 towards the cost of portable toilets for the Marthaguy Picnic Races in 2010.

**10.17 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE VALUER
GENERAL R4-1 (32885)**

Advising the Committee has commenced an inquiry into the provisions of the *Valuation of Land Act 1916* with the following terms of reference:

“That the Committee inquire into the provisions of the Valuation of Land Act, 1916 with particular reference to:

- (1) the efficiency and effectiveness of the current provisions of the Act;*
- (2) its application to stakeholders;*
- (3) any related matter.”*

Saying the Committee is seeking submissions from interested persons and organisations by Friday 30 July 2010.

Recommendation:

That Council not make submission in respect of the Valuation of Land Act 1916.

10.18 WANDERERS TENNIS CLUB D7 (32888)

Advising that the Club, over the next two years, has embarked on a program to improve its facilities and grounds and seeking Council assistance towards the program, in particular, the re-fencing of the area surrounding the clubhouse. Pointing out the club is situated in a high pedestrian traffic area and has been the victim of constant vandalism and theft and, despite their best efforts to secure the premises, nuisance vandalism continues. Stating the club paid over \$5,000 last year for repairs and is awaiting a quote to replace window frames to the eastern side of the club house – expecting the bill to be in excess of \$4,000. Advising major capital works will be replacement of synthetic grass courts (\$90,000 - \$100,000) – saying an application for 50% of the cost will be made through Tennis Australia. Stating in the meantime members would like to repaint the clubhouse and erect a security fence around the perimeter of the building, replacing the existing fence which can easily be scaled by pedestrians and is not childproof. Pointing out that a quote of \$23,000 has been obtained from Blue Dog Fencing which erected the bowling club fence for the same type of structure. Forwarding a quote for painting the clubhouse in the amount of \$2,970 (+ \$297 GST). Looking forward to a favourable response for Council and saying they would welcome any opportunity to make a presentation.

Recommendation:

That Council decline to contribute financial assistance to the Wanderers Tennis Club towards fencing and painting.

**10.19 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER
F5-4 (32976)**

Saying that the Department engaged Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) to undertake the Coonamble Levee – Flood Gradient Sensitivity Modelling Study to investigate flood behaviour in the vicinity of Coonamble for a range of flood events, including an extreme event and to test the sensitivity of flood gradients along the Coonamble Levee to changes in hydrologic and floodplain conditions. Saying funding for the overall study has been provided by Emergency Management Australia (EMA) through the State Emergency Management Committee (SAEMC) and the Department. Saying that while the prime purpose for the study was to assist emergency response planning for Coonamble, it was also recognised that the study results would assist Council select design flood profiles for the proposed upgrading and rehabilitation. Stating that two copies of the report were forwarded to Council in October 2009. Pointing out that at the request of the State Emergency Service (SES) the study was extended to include a separate investigation into the potential consequences of structural failure of the Coonamble Levee. Saying two assumed levee breach scenarios and two design flood scenarios were investigated – the study extension has been completed and a copy of the final report is attached.

Pointing out investigations undertaken involved assumed levee failure and design flood scenarios and hence the results are only indicative of what may happen in the event of a real structural failure of the levee. Saying that should the levee actually fail at some time in the future flood behaviour within the “protected area” is likely to be different. Stating that future real floods are unlikely to behave in exactly the same manner as the design floods investigated and the location(s) of the breach(s) and failure mechanisms may be different to that assumed. Saying it should also be noted that the floor levels of properties within the area protected by the levee have not been surveyed and should only be considered as indicative.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The initial flood profile report received October 2009 was forwarded to the Department of Commerce for inclusion in the design parameters being developed to rehabilitate the existing levee. In respect of the two levee breach scenarios, the report is tabled for Council’s perusal and noting that the decision to evacuate may have been correct given this report.)

Recommendation:

That Council accept the final report Coonamble Levee – Flood Gradient Sensitivity Modelling Study that covers two levee breach scenarios in respect of flooding around Coonamble.

**10.20 DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER & CABINET (LOCAL GOVERNMENT)
L10 (32880)**

Stating that at the Leaders of Local Government Briefing on 4 May 2010 an opportunity was provided to ask questions of speakers. Saying the questions have been compiled into a document and comments were noted to assist with the planning of any future events. Attaching a brief synopsis of presentations given on the day which are attached as **APPENDIX A**. Advising that planning is underway for the two day workshop and stating that an August date is not achievable. Pointing out it is intended to invite mayors and general managers to a short (3hrs) brainstorming session on a regional/sub-regional basis – proposing to commence late August/early September to gather more localised information, issues, data etc to feed into the larger session (which may not be practicable until early next year).

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – In work-shopping the Modernising of Local Government issue, Council requested consultation with adjoining councils with only one response being received to the effect that that Council had not yet considered the issue and would respond accordingly. The synopsis of presentations does not reflect actual presentations given at the briefing session.)

Recommendation:

That Council authorise attendance by the Mayor and General Manager at the 'brainstorming' session to be held regionally in late August/early September.

10.21 ANDREW STONER MP M1 (32883)

On behalf of the NSW Liberals and Nationals colleagues extending an invitation to the Mayor and General Manager to take part in a Local Government forum to be held on Thursday 5 August at Parliament House from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Saying the forum is aimed at providing Local Government leaders with the opportunity to air their concerns over planning and other community and infrastructure issues.

Recommendation:

That Council authorise the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at the Local Government Forum to be conducted by the NSW Liberal and National Parties at Parliament House on Thursday 5 August 2010.

Section B – For Information:

10.22 GULARGAMBONE WAR MEMORIAL AND MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL COMMITTEE	C6-12-1	(32757)
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Providing copy of minutes of General Meeting of the Committee held on 27 April 2010.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – A copy of the minutes are attached to this report as **APPENDIX B** for Councillors' information. The Committee is a section 355 Committee of Council and has an obligation to provide copies of minutes, etc.).

10.23 GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE	M5-3 (32734)
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Advising the moving date to the new Coonamble Multi Purpose Health Service is 10 August. Stating in the week 2 – 6 August there may be disruption due to moving of equipment, furniture and fittings and Council will be kept informed. Saying from 11 August 2010 all services will be to the new facility.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Councillors should note that a 'walk through' of the new facility by the public will be conducted on 9 August 2010.)

10.24 NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING, WESTERN NSW REGION L3-1 (32766)
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Thanking Council for the use of its facilities during the recent short listing process to select a Principal for Coonamble Public School. Saying it is wonderful that the Department can utilise community facilities when required.. Stating that Ms Joanne Day "looked after the panel exceptionally well"

10.25 HON STEVE WHAN MP	E5-1 (32776)
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Announcing the launch of a new program for local government called *Fish Friendly Councils* developed by Industry & Investment (NSW) in partnership with the LGSA. Saying the program will assist Councils to better understand native fish in their area, the contribution of recreational fishing to local economies, build on existing waterway management programs, etc. Saying more information is available on the I&I NSW website.

10.26 DAWN FARDELL MP	L3 (32818)
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Sincerely thanking Council for its effort and support in displaying the petition against the rise in electricity prices for the public to sign. Advising that over 7,500 signatures have been presented to Parliament.

**10.27 COMMONWEALTH BANK GROUP (STAFF COMMUNITY FUND) G5
(32813)**

Informing Council of the launch of the 2010 Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund's Community Grants Program committed to assisting communities in initiatives that improve the health and wellbeing of Australian children and youth. Stating applications open 14 June and close 30 July, eligibility – child focussed organisations with Deductible Gift Recipient status.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Copies of this correspondence have been provided to Council's Tourism Development Manager and the Economic Development Managers).

**10.28 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10 (32833)**

Advising the 2007/08 Local Government National Report was tabled in Federal Parliament in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995. Saying a copy of the report is available at www.infrastructure.gov.au

10.29 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT D5-22 (32822)

Advising that the Workforce Planning section of the recently released Integrated Planning and Reporting webpage is now live. Saying it provides information to assist councils meet the requirement to undertake workforce planning as part of the new Integrated Planning and Reporting framework. Stating the webpage includes information to assist councils to attract and retain Aboriginal staff – the NSW Government's commitment includes a minimum Aboriginal employment target for the NSW public sector of 2.6% by 2015. Encouraging councils to consider adopting an Aboriginal employment ratio that reflects the proportion of Aboriginal people living in their areas. Saying the Division would welcome feedback on the webpage.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council does not request the status of employees' Aboriginality and has no statistics available on the current ratio. It is curious that the Local Government Act 1993 requires the employment of the most suitable applicant for any position.)

10.30 HEART FOUNDATION I4-3 (32847)

Advising that the Foundation will conduct its National Annual Doorknock Appeal between Wednesday 1 September and Thursday 30 September – hours of collections will be from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

10.31 NSW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH N4 (32845)

Stating that the Minister has requested a reply to Council's letter concerning the introduction of the "Health Waiver Scheme" in NSW and advising the administration of this matter falls within the responsibility of the Minister for State and Regional Development. Stating a reply will be forwarded shortly.

10.32 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP G5-43-1 (32858)

Forwarding a copy of press release concerning the 2010 Community Building Partnership program and encouraging Council to apply for funding for community groups in the Shire.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Copies have been emailed to the Development Managers and the Manager – Services for their information and appropriate action if necessary).

10.33 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET I3 (32862)

Advising General Managers of the position of the Division on the performance management of parking officers and to remind General Managers of the relevant guidelines recently issued by the Attorney General. Pointing out that General Managers are responsible for ensuring appropriate performance management systems are in place for all council officers. Saying, however, that the performance of parking officers is often affected by other factors which reflect the unique nature of their work, in particular the high degree of public scrutiny they face in undertaking their duties.

10.34 OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER NSW A3-4 (32939)

Advising that the new *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* will replace the Freedom of Information Act 1989 (NSW) from 1 July 2010 and saying one of her functions is to provide advice and assistance about the Act. Saying a fundamental first action for agencies under the Act is to make open access information publicly available on 1 July. Stating that further information, etc. can be found at www.oic.nsw.gov.au

10.35 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW L9-3 (32938)

Stating the Associations have recently undertaken a review of the Legal Assistance Policy and Guidelines and as a result a small number of amendments were deemed necessary. Pointing out these amendments include:

- The amount of costs from which a matter can be supported has been raised from \$20,000 to \$50,000.,

- Any funds received by the Associations over and above those sought by an applicant council are to be returned to the donating councils on a pro rate basis.
- The Associations will provide regular updates to all councils on matters that have been approved under the policy.

Forwarding a copy of the revised Legal Assistance Policy and Guidelines for Council's information.

10.36 ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE INC	D7 (32936)
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Advising that the "Blackduck" Memorial Shoot was held at "Youie" on 16 May and those who participated voted it an outstanding competition, complimenting the Club on the number of excellence of trophies. Sincerely thanking council for its support and hoping it will keep the event in mind for financial support next year.

10.37 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION	G5-1 (32920)
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Advising that the Minister for Local Government has approved the Commission's preliminary recommendations for the 2010/11 financial assistance grants. Stating that details of Council's indicative grant are as follows:

General Purpose	\$1,717,959	
Adjustments 2009/10	<u>\$ 18,109</u>	
Total		\$1,736,068
Local Roads	\$1,232,415	
Adjustments 2009/10	<u>\$ 15,264</u>	
Total		<u>\$1,247,679</u> \$2,983,747

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This amount exceeds last year's grant by approximately \$111,000 divided between General Purpose and Roads grants.)

10.38 WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL	A3 (32913)
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Acknowledging Council's letter seeking to get an indication of Warren Council's stance on regarding the 'modernising of local government' issue and stating if and when Council will be available to hold a 'round table discussion' this Council will be advised accordingly.

10.39 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW	B11
(32852)	

Advising that the State Government has announced major changes to the local contributions framework (s94 levies) which will have significant and detrimental impacts on the financial situation of all councils. Saying these changes comprise:

- Levies for residential properties under s94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act are now capped at a maximum of \$20,000 per lot.
- The Associations have also been advised that the State Government is looking to restrict the projects than can be funded via s94 levies to 'essential' infrastructure.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This Council does not have section 94 levies, so is not affected by these changes. I requested Councillors' advice on whether to join the Associations in objecting to these changes, but one negative and one positive response was all that was forthcoming – hence no action was taken.)

10.40 SYDNEY AIRPORT CORPORATION LTD**A5 (32949)**

Advising that Sydney Airport has applied for "a modest CPI-related increase in regional airline charges" in accordance with the Government's declaration under the Trade Practices Act 1974. Saying should the increase be approved it would be the first in nine years and amount to around 22 cents per typical regional passenger – that's less than 0.2% of a typical airfare. Stating that charges paid by regional airlines using Sydney Airport have fallen by over 28% in real terms.

**10.41 GREG & SHANE KILBY AND JAMES HAYCOCK
(32933)****R8-6-2 + SR20**

Advising they have had 'nil' problems with car tyres from rock fill on Killara Lane – saying only shocks and springs need replacing. Stating that to make a "smooth hard road you have to stabilise the soil for 6" deep in black boggy soil types". Further pointing out they have done tests with blue metal road base to repair deep ruts (pot holes) and wear tracks. Saying blue metal mixed with soil has worked. Inviting Council to "come and have a look and make your own opinion".

**10.42 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT****G5 (32944)**

Advising that the 2007-08 Local Government National Report was tabled in the Federal Parliament on 26 May 2010 in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*. Saying the report is also available on the Department's website www.infrastructure.gov.au. Pointing out that the 2008-09 report is currently being drafted and will be available later in the year.

10.43 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW

Forwarding copies of One Association – Local Government NSW – first newsletter together with information and registration details for the Convention Registration – 16 & 17 August 2010.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – These copies will be available at the meeting for Councillors' perusal. Additional copies will be printed if required. An Invitation has been included with each business paper).

**10.44 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW A17 +
L9 (32980)**

Advising that Local Government Week will be held from 2 – 8 August 2010 and will be launched at an Awards Evening on Wednesday, 4 August at 6.30 pm. in Sydney.

10.45 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L9 (32943)

Stating there can be few more important long term and strategic issues for local government than the reform of the Constitution to include local government. Pointing out the decision of the High Court last year clearly indicated that the Australian Government does not have a general power to directly fund local government. Advising this decision puts at risk the validity of the Roads to Recovery program and undermines the possibility of a future long term community infrastructure program.

Pointing out that the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has committed considerable resources in the past two years to developing the case for a referendum to include local government in the Constitution. Saying this has recently been given further momentum by the decision of the Australian Government last week to provide \$250,000 to ALGA to pursue an educational campaign. Stating that a new website has been launched (www.councilreferendum.com.au) to support councils in their efforts to raise awareness of the issue of constitutional change in their communities. Encouraging councils to utilise the materials to raise awareness of the issue and saying ALGA will keep councils informed.

10.46 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE N5 (32977)

Seeking Council's views on the draft *Road Noise Policy* which updates the current approach to assessing and managing road traffic noise outlined in *Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise* which was published ten years ago by the Environment Protection Authority.

Advising a copy of the draft policy is available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/noise/traffic.htm. Saying if Council wishes it may forward written comments by 6 August 2010.

**10.47 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW L9
(32980)**

Advising Local Government Week will be held from 2 – 8 August and will be launched at an Awards Evening on Wednesday 4 August at 6.30 p.m. in Sydney. Saying this is a significant evening in the Associations' calendar when community and business awards are presented to winning councils. Asking Mayors, General Managers and staff to attend and saying tickets may be purchased online.

10.48 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION I2 (32983)

Notifying Council of a new ICAC research report entitled *Community Attitudes to Corruption and to the ICAC: Report on the 2009 Survey*. Saying key findings include:

- More frequent perceptions that corruption in NSW is a major problem
- A large majority of respondents expressing a willingness to report corruption
- Almost all participants indicating that the ICAC is good for the people of NSW.

JOHN J GRIFFITHS
General Manager
7 July 2010

11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 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
16/10	NSWRFS	Mr Anthony Place	Extn of existing shed	Munnell Street Gulargambone	10/6/2010
18/10	Allerton, Noel	Owner	Subdivision	"Trebores" Come by Chance	10/6/2010
19/10	NSWRFS	Mr Anthony Place	Erection of shed	3 Buckley Drive Coonamble	10/6/2010
20/10	Rangiawha, Abbey	Owner	Operation of tobacco shop	62 Castlereagh St Coonamble	10/6/2010
21/10	Mylecharane Dianne	Owner	Erect patio	63 Railway Street Coonamble	24/6/2010

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
Nil					

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 Applications Nos 016/2010 and 018/2010 – 021/2010 were approved for the month under delegated authority and note that no Complying Development Applications were approved since the last Council meeting.

11.2 UNAUTHORISED LAND USE

Background:

At the June meeting of Council it was resolved to request Mr Jackson to provide Council with information as to his intention for the long term use of his land located on the corner of Barton and Forgione Steets. A letter to this effect was subsequently forwarded.

Issues:

Mr Jackson contacted me on 28 June 2010 and it was explained that he is using the property for an unauthorised purpose and the onus is on him to advise Council of a solution to overcome the complaints currently being received.

Mr Jackson undertook to put such remedy in writing and expressed a desire to address Council at this meeting. No remedy in writing has been received and it is unknown if Mr Jackson will, in fact, address Council.

The information conveyed by Mr Jackson indicated that he wished nothing to change and threatened to move his business to another Shire.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Council has a regulatory obligation under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and as presented to the last meeting can no longer ignore the complaints to staff in respect of illegal operations.

Should such complaints be conveyed to the Department of Local Government, Ombudsman, Department of Planning or other Government instrumentalities Council will be required to explain its non-action.

Financial Considerations:

Legal action against Mr Jackson will potentially be costly but given the lack of corrective measures being conveyed to Council, unavoidable.

Options:

- (1) Issue an Order on the owner to apply for a change of use for the site, which would enable Council to put controls in place so as to reduce the noise and dust issues through Conditions of Approval on a Development Approval, for example:
 - (a) *The use of heavy vehicles on site may produce dust if the site was not either i) treated; and /or ii) sealed. The proponent will be conditioned such if the proposal is viewed favourably, that the site is treated with relevant dust mitagative material such as crusher dust or sealed.*

(b) It is envisaged that there will be noise created as a result of the operation being established on site. Identified noise may be created from the following factors:

- i) Heavy Vehicle movements particularly in peak times.*
- ii) Small transport vehicles being used to transport residual deliveries.*
- iii) Use of forklifts or other onsite ancillary equipment such as augers.*
- iv) Maintenance of vehicles.*

Should the proposal be viewed favourably the proponent will be conditioned such that the hours of operation do not interfere with the local amenity.

- (2) Issue an Order on the owner for the permanent removal of the trucks from the site.

Recommendation:

That Council issue an Order on Mr. Jackson, the owner of property situated on the corner of Barton and Forgione Streets, Coonamble, described as Lots 80 and 81 in DP3693, for permanent removal of trucks and other heavy equipment from the site and the cessation of mechanical repairs being carried out at the site.

11.3 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (OROC)

Background:

I attended the OROC Board meeting on 25 June 2010, which was prefaced with a tour of the Gilgandra Shire. It was interesting that the major emphasis by that Council is towards human services in the areas of aged care, dental, medical and provisions for disabled persons.

A copy of the draft minutes of the OROC meeting are attached as **APPENDIX C**.

Issues:

As conveyed by email to councillors, a delegation from OROC met with Dr Richard Matthews, Deputy Director General, Strategic Development, NSW Health on the issue of changes to health services as a result of the Federal Government initiative to take over services. The result of that discussion was a series of questions to be conveyed through OROC to enable the collection of data from each local government area on cash and “in kind” contributions to help infrastructure and services in their area. This includes medical facilities, housing for medical and allied health professionals and support offered to medical and allied health services in communities.

That information is being gathered and will be conveyed prior to the meeting.

Financial awareness training for councillors was highly recommended by the Deputy Mayor of Gilgandra and OROC was to seek councillor training for those interested before 30 September 2010. Unfortunately, the LGSA Facilitator is too busy with council audits to run the training in that time frame and availability extends into November which is recognized as being too late, particularly for rural producers and a suggestion to hold the training in early 2011 has been made. Councillors are required to express their desire to undertake such training.

The OROC Board adopted the Business Plan for period 2010 – 2013 and it should be noted that Board meetings will be conducted every ten weeks, with General Managers’ Advisory Committee meetings being conducted about two weeks prior.

OROC has acknowledged the benefits of the National Broadband Network roll out and will be seeking, in conjunction with RDA Orana and Dubbo City Council, to be one of the early participants to allow for benefits for the region to accrue without delay.

Actions relating to acquisition and development of the Cobbora coal mine are gathering momentum and this will have a negative impact on the smaller councils in the Orana Region, with a further diminishing of local skill base, both during construction and, more particularly, once operations commence.

Each council was encouraged to consider individually a request from Regional Development Australia, Orana to participate and financially contribute towards a forum – 'Lifting the Lid' – relating to celebrations for the 2010 Year of Women in Local Government. The suggested contribution is \$750 and strong presence at the forum which is for both women and men alike.

Mr. Rorque Poisson of Dubbo City Development Corporation addressed the Board on behalf of the Dubbo Orana Cancer Action Team Inc which is holding a fundraising event on 30 October at the Dubbo Turf Club's Derby Day. Funds raised will go towards improving oncology and a renal services Centre for Excellence in Dubbo.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Participation in alliance related groups is highly regarded by the Department of Local Government and will hold council in good stead when amalgamation is being considered, provided council can show active involvement.

Financial Considerations:

As with all regional bodies, outcomes are subject to inputs and, at this time, Council is possibly 'breaking square' due to the lack of input into Board matters.

Options:

Various

Recommendation:

That Council:

- (1) Convey its intention or otherwise in attending financial training for councillors in early 2011.
- (2) Confirm the provision of information on contribution to health and medical services.
- (3) Determine whether it will be making a financial contribution towards the 'Lifting the Lid' – National Forum: Rural, Regional and Remote Australia Celebrating 2010 Year of Women in Local Government, to be held in Dubbo on 20 and 21 October 2010.
- (4) Convey intentions as to support of the Dubbo Orana Cancer Action Team Inc fundraising event on 30 October 2010.
- (5) Note the issues contained in the draft minutes of the OROC Board meeting held on 25 June 2010.

11.4 CENTRAL WEST LIVESTOCK HEALTH & PEST AUTHORITY**Background:**

Council resolved at the June 2010 meeting that representatives of the CWLHPA be invited to make a presentation at this meeting.

Issues:

CWLHPA has advised that representatives are not available on July 14 or August 11. It has offered to attend to meet with councillors and have undertaken to supply possible dates and times.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

There is real concern that the spring hatchings of locusts will devastate crops and the environment and this needs to be the primary focus, along with the major infestations on TSRs.

Financial Considerations:

Nil for Council, however possible costs to individual councillors may occur.

Options:

- (1) Agree to meet with representatives of CWLHPA on a day other than a scheduled meeting date.
- (2) Not agree and wait until September to receive a presentation from CWLHPA.

Recommendation:

That Council agree to meet representatives from CWLHPA on a mutually acceptable date and time.

11.5 APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

Background:

Council advertised in accordance with the Local Government Act for the position of Director of Engineering Services following the dismissal of Mr Don Gamage.

Issues:

Only three applications were received, with two not being considered suitable for the position. As Council is aware, the position was offered to Mr. Kel Brodbeck, a previous incumbent of the position.

Mr Brodbeck has now accepted the position and his commencement date is expected to be in the first two weeks of August due to his present location and difficulties in removing possessions.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

The requirements set out in the Local Government Act 1993 have been observed.

Financial Considerations:

Council previously considered the level of the remuneration package and this has been increased by a further \$1,000, making it similar to that of the present Director of Corporate Services.

Options:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council note the appointment of Mr Kel Brodbeck to the position of Director of Engineering Services.

JOHN J GRIFFITHS

General Manager

7 July 2010

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

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

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections to 30/06/2010 compared to 30/06/2009:

	30/06/2010	30/06/2009
Arrears 30 th June previous year	614,828.79	631,019.32
Plus 2009/2010 Combined Levy	4,856,274.48	4,699,431.35
Add Transfer from Postponed	5,179.83	4,950.76
GROSS LEVY	5,476,283.10	5,335,401.43
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(61,710.82)	(59,861.67)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(50,493.21)	(48,979.96)
Transfer to Postponed	(590.20)	(906.04)
Abandoned	(112,896.52)	(17,167.28)
20% Farmland Rebate	(2,900.92)	-
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	5,247,691.43	5,208,486.48
Less Collections	(4,764,205.78)	(4,600,782.00)
Plus Refunds	19,992.88	7,999.22
NET TOTAL BALANCE	503,478.53	615,703.70
Plus Postponed	5,529.02	9,785.31
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	509,007.55	625,489.01
Collection % of Total Receivable	90.41%	88.18%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	9.59%	11.82%

Recommendation:
Submitted for Council's information.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

I, Rick Warren, Responsible Accounting Officer, certify that in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 s212 the investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Ministerial Order and Councils Investment Policy.

Date	Mature	Deposit Type	S&P Rating	Institution	Ref No	Terms (days)	Interest (%)	Amount (\$)
19/07/2010	Fixed	A1+	CBA	21	63	5.01	2,000,000	
24/07/2010	Fixed	A2	IMB	15	60	5.55	1,000,000	
19/07/2010	Fixed	A1+	St George	17	90	5.26	1,000,000	
22/07/2010	Fixed	A1+	NAB	22	30	5.15	2,000,000	
4/09/2010	Fixed	Unrated	Reliance C/U	19	184	5.70	500,000	
12/07/2010	Fixed	A1	Suncorp	20	63	5.70	1,500,000	
30/07/2010	Fixed	A1+	CBA	21	30	4.91	1,000,000	
31/08/2010	Fixed	A1+	NAB	8	337	5.00	2,000,000	
	At Call	Fixed	A1+	CBA		4.50	1,350,000	
Total								12,350,000

Financial Institution	S&P Rating	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount
CBA	A1+	35%	50%	4,350,000
NAB	A1+	32%	50%	4,000,000
St George	A1+	8%	50%	1,000,000
Suncorp	A1	12%	40%	1,500,000
IMB	A2	8%	35%	1,000,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	4%	10%	500,000
				\$ 12,350,000

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	75%	100%	9,350,000
A1	13%	80%	1,500,000
A2	8%	60%	1,000,000
Unrated	4%	30%	500,000
			\$ 12,350,000

2515-000	General Fund Investments	5,221,721
22503-000	Coonamble Sewerage Investment Funds	2,799,438
62503-000	Gulargambone Sewerage Investment Funds -	25,320
52503-000	Coonamble Water Investment Funds	3,216,509
72503-000	Gulargambone Water Investment Funds	942,803
12503-000	Trust Investment Funds	194,849
		\$ 12,350,000

I, Rick Warren, Responsible Accounting Officer, certify that in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 s212 the investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Ministerial Order and Councils Investment Policy.

Recommendation:

That the list of investments as at 30 June 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 GOODS & SERVICES TAX – COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE**Background:**

Since the introduction of the GST Council's auditors have been required to provide a certificate annually to the Department of Local Government stating Council has in place systems adequate for the collection and payment of the GST to the Federal Government.

There is no longer a requirement for an independent GST review to be undertaken as Council is now authorised to undertake its own certification.

Issues:

Council has always received confirmation that its systems and procedures are satisfactory and its auditors have provided this report to the Department of Local Government.

There have been no changes to the system supporting this activity to indicate a need for outside certification.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Local Government Circular 05/26 advises an independent confirmation is no longer required and that Council may provide a certificate to the effect that its systems and internal controls support the GST requirements.

Financial Considerations:

An external independent certificate will incur an expense of at least \$500.

Options:

- (1) Seek an external independent confirmation certificate at a cost of at least \$500
- (2) Council provide its own certification to the effect that its systems and internal controls support the GST requirements.

Recommendation:

That the necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the Certificate of Compliance for GST for the period 1 May 2009 to 30 April 2010.

12.4 RENEWAL OF LEASE – COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE

Background:

The lease for the Coonamble RTC expires on 4 September 2010 and, in accordance with the lease terms, the RTC has indicated it will exercise the option of renewal for a term of five years.

Issues:

Council has received a letter from the RTC stipulating what its terms are to renew the lease, ie :

- (1) The rent be paid at the end of each twelve month period for five years;
- (2) The rent is not increased but remain at \$150 per week for the five year period.

The lease allows for the rent for the five year period from 2010 to 2015 to be increased by the CPI Number for Sydney (All Groups) for the quarter ended last before the expiry date of the lease. In this case it would be for the June 2010 quarter, which is generally available approximately 28 days after the quarter end.

The lease also includes that the new yearly rent begins on each review date by monthly instalment of one-twelfth of the new yearly rent. As an example, should the rent be increased by the CPI to the end of March 2010 quarter, it would be \$8,748 per annum (GST exclusive) an increase of \$943 per annum.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Currently the rent is less than the outgoings on the building by approximately \$5,000 per year.

Financial Considerations:

A 'snapshot' of the previous five years indicates that Council has received \$39,000 from the RTC in rent – paid in advance utilizing the remainder of seeding grant funding.

During that period Council has contributed the following amounts to the operations of the RTC:

Outgoings –M&R Building	\$65,305.76
RTA – Rent	\$22,206.85
Outback Arts – Rent	\$35,693.20

Currently there has been no economic return to Council in leasing the building to the RTC over the past five years. Council would need to recoup an average \$13,000/year in rent to break even.

Options:

- (1) Renew the lease in accordance with the option provisions in regard to rent increases.
- (2) Alter the lease provisions to agree to the conditions sought by the RTC.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- (1) **Renew the lease for a period of five years.**
- (2) **Review and increase the rent in accordance with the provisions of Item 13 of the lease.**
- (3) **Stipulate that the rent be paid monthly in advance**

RICK WARREN

Director of Corporate Services

5 July 2010

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX CERTIFICATE

Payment of Voluntary GST from 1 May 2009 to 30 April 2010

To assist compliance with Section 114 of the Commonwealth Constitution, we certify that:

- Voluntary GST has been paid by Coonamble Shire Council for the period 1 May 2009 to 30 April 2010.
- Adequate management arrangements and internal controls were in place to enable the Council to adequately account for its GST liabilities and recoup all GST input tax credits eligible to be claimed.
- No GST non-compliance events by the Council were identified by or raised with the Australian Taxation Office.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 14/07/2010.

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Tim Horan
MAYOR

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Michael Webb
DEPUTY MAYOR

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John J Griffiths
GENERAL MANAGER

.....
Rick Warren
**RESPONSIBLE
ACCOUNTING OFFICER**

13. REPORT BY ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2010

Recommendation:

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

13.1 MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION**Background:**

At the June 2010 Council meeting it was resolved to call for expressions of interest to further beautify the CBD.

Around 1990 Council looked at the parking in the main street and considered ways of improving the aesthetics by adding street gardens. It was decided that in order to retain car parks in the main street, the reverse angle parking would be kept and the blisters designed accordingly.

In the mid 90's the main was resealed with hot mix to further improve the appearance.

In 2000 Council engaged an architect/heritage advisor to undertake a study of the main street. This report looked at ways to improve the aesthetics by improving lighting, street furniture, pavement, landscaping, signage, public art and shop fronts.

All of these areas have been improved upon, although the recommendations have not always been followed.

A copy of that report will be tabled at the council meeting but should individual Councillors wish a copy of the 115 page document, it can be made available.

Issues:

Council has expended considerable funds over the last twenty years. The blisters, hot mix and paving totalled in excess of \$500,000. This does not include expenditure on consultants, lighting, street furniture, landscaping, public art or shop fronts.

Options are limited as to what else could be done in the main street without adversely impacting on the number of car parks.

Additionally, there are two water mains that run the length of the street and will in the not too distant future need replacing.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

nil

Financial Considerations:

Council has not allocated any funds in this financial year for main street beautification. To engage a consultant to complete concept plans and design plans would be in the vicinity of \$60,000.

Options:

1. Continue to use the 2000 main street study to guide improvements in the CBD.
2. Allocate \$60,000 towards concept and design plans.
3. Refer to 2011 estimates.

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

13.2 PROGRESS REPORT

State Highway works

- Shoulder widening near Come-by-Chance turnoff is continuing but has been hampered by wet weather.
- Heavy patch works near 'Youie' underway but similarly hampered by wet weather.
- Vegetation clearing to improve the visibility of the southern entrance, particularly at the change of speed zone, into Coonamble now completed.

Regional Roads:

MR129Q (Quambone Rd)

- Heavy Patching/shoulder widening in progress.
- Culvert extension/repairs completed.

MR202 (Quambone/Carinda Rd)

- Maintenance grading and reforming where necessary completed.
- 3kms of reloaming completed.
- 3.160kms of 14mm resealing also completed.

MR383 (Pilliga Rd)

- Shoulder grading completed.
- Site preparation for the repair of a twin cell Box culvert has commenced.
- Patching with the Jetpacher continues where necessary on sealed regional roads.

Local Roads:

Maintenance grading of Shire roads in all sectors of the Council continued throughout the past month with some reforming being carried out where site conditions allow. Maintaining the roads in a safe and trafficable state remains our highest priority, however with the continuation of rain every few weeks this is becoming our greatest challenge at this time of the year. Patching with the Jet-patcher continues where necessary on sealed roads and streets.

Flood damage

Culvert repairs as identified in the current Flood damage program are continuing on various roads both local and regional with major repairs to a multi cell Box culvert on SR87 (Box Ridge Rd) nearing completion allowing from the restoration of the road over this structure

Industrial Subdivision

Tenders for the construction of the industrial subdivision have been advertised.

Waste Collection Service

Tender for the waste collection service for Coonamble and Gulargambone have been advertised.

Recommendation:
That Council note the information.

KAYLENE ATKINS

A/Director of Engineering Services
6 July 2010

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

**14.1 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2010 COMMENCING
AT 8.30 A.M.**

PRESENT: Kristern Ramien Chairperson, Kookie Atkins, Craig Nichols, Steven Rutledge (USU), Terry Dray (USU), Andrew Morley, Rick Warren and Vicky Fulmer.

APOLOGIES: John Griffiths, Russell Smith, Peter Hurst, Mark Linton Harland.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1. Moved by Andrew Morley and seconded by Kristern Ramien that the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1 December 2009 be confirmed as true and correct.

Interruption to proceedings as fire alarm sounded and evacuation procedures commenced.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) Swimming Pool Position descriptions and Skill progression documents changes (Min. 14 August 2007)

RECOMMENDATION - Ongoing – Kookie has found documentation completed by Kristern and Don, will present to next meeting.

(b) Support Ranger Duties – 13th August Council Meeting. (Min 25 Nov 2008)

This matter was first raised by Council at its meeting on 13 August, 2008 (Min 7017), however staff changes have resulted in the following action.

RECOMMENDATION – Ongoing - Kookie to incorporate duties into Team Leader – Parks and Gardens position description and skill progression and assessment record and return to Committee.

(c) Senior Plant Operator position at Quarry (Min 25 Nov 2008)

Position description and skill progression documents provided at meeting. Deferred to Correspondence item (1).

This matter was considered later in the meeting during Correspondence.

(d) Salary System review (Min. 3 Mar 2009) Rick advised members that \$80,000 has been allocated for Consultant in next years budget to review Council's Salary System.

RECOMMENDATION – For Committee Information

(e) Progression training not being offered (Min. 1 Sept 2009). 2010-2013 Training plan and policy provided at meeting.

RECOMMENDATION – For Committee Information.

(f) Payment of Sick leave on termination of employment (Min. 1 Sept 2009). USU has presented to employees one (1) option (Cessnock % bonus system) and are looking to come up with further options to present to employees before presenting to Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION – Ongoing - USU to investigate and options to be submitted to Council.

(g) Annual Staff Appraisals (Min. 1 Sept 2009) Discussion on completion of appraisals when employee is on highest step.

RECOMMENDATION – Memo to staff on requirement to request appraisal from Council in accordance with Award Clause 7 (vii) when on highest step.

'Council shall not be required to conduct annual assessments for those employees who have progressed through the salary system to the maximum point/step for their position, provided that if an employee on or above the maximum point/step for their position requests an annual assessment in writing, council will provide one.'

9.05AM Kookie left the meeting

9.12AM Kookie returned to the meeting

(h) Competency documents (Min. 1 Dec 2009). Committee members and staff have been provided with copies of Skill progression documents to identify obsolete and not relevant skills required for progression.

RECOMMENDATION – USU delegate Steven Rutledge to provide report to next Committee meeting on 'obsolete and not relevant skills' utilising skill progression documents provided.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) JOHN SMITH – Senior Quarry Operator Position to be filled.

RECOMMENDATION – Require Director of Engineering to provide recommended grading for position in writing and workings for such to next Committee meeting.

(2a) USU – Committee recommendations not being actioned and scheduled meetings not being held. General Manager’s tasks have been completed and submitted to meeting.

Terry Dray suggested the following procedure be initiated – noting it is incorporated in Wellington Council’s Constitution (C12).

‘If no quorum is present, the Committee will reconvene in seven (7) days time when the meeting will proceed whether there is a quorum or not.’

RECOMMENDATION – Memo from Committee to General Manager after meetings to action recommendations listed in minutes and no changes to be made to constitution at this time.

(2b) UNITED SERVICES UNION – Obsolete or not relevant competency criteria. Skill progression documents provided to Members and USU.

RECOMMENDATION –As per Business Arising from previous minutes Item 2.(h) recommendation.

(3) UNITED SERVICES UNION – Competency Documents and training.

RECOMMENDATION – Noted – these matters were addressed earlier in the meeting.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Annual Staff Appraisals – grading changes as a result of assessments

2008

Total Number of Staff Appraisals	Number Returned	Number Increased	Number Remained Same	No change on Step 4
83	61	15	46	13

2009

Total Number of Staff Appraisals	Number Returned	Number Increased	Number Remained Same	No change on Step 4
88	53	8	45	12

Discussion took place between the Director of Corporate Services and Terry Dray (USU) which highlighted that all appraisals will not be conducted. Appraisals for those employees on Step 4 will be conducted only when requested of Council by employee in writing.

RECOMMENDATION - Directors/Managers to check Annual Staff Appraisal progress and ensure compliancy with at least the performance and training requirement sections of documents.

b) Skill Progression 80% rule – Clarification and documentation on interpretation of 80% being applied.

RECOMMENDATION – Increase no of skills (4/5= 80% where as 3/4=75%, 2/3=66%) or clarify the weighting of a "skill" in the skill progression documents for consistency when applying (ie Number of modules to be completed in courses undertaken).

The USU representative and Committee members agreed to identify those positions with only 4 or less skills from competency documents provided and return to next Committee meeting for clarification.

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

The Committee agreed that the next meeting of the Consultative Committee will be held on Tuesday 31st August, 2010 at 8.30a.m.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.40AM.

14.2 MINUTES OF AFTER SCHOOL CARE (Vacation Care) MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th JUNE 2010 AT CORNER TOOLOON & CASTLEREAGH STREETS COMMENCING AT 5:05 PM.

Present: G Primmer, K Keizer and D Pawley

Apologies: L Murray and A Wiatkowski

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

A copy of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26th May 2010.

RECOMMENDATION – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2010 be accepted as correct.

Moved; G Primmer

Second; K Keizer

Carried

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Signage (advertising) for South facing wall. Signage to be left at the moment until the committee is advised if the building is being sold or not.
- Friends of the Flicks at the Picture Theatre.
- Need to provide a possible list of dates for the movie, type of movie- i.e. kids movie- Shrek 4? Check with Chris if we can have a matinee movie- after lunch on Saturday. K Keizer to follow up with Chris.
- Child Care Management System Conversion of Lap top. Suzy has not been trained. Georgie to follow up with Jo and Suzy to arrange a day.
- CSC Executive Committee Pecuniary Interest forms.
- Reminder sent to Dee Dee, Dianne and Suzy Albert to return to Council ASAP. Georgie to follow up again.
- Quality Assurance - Policy booklet updates, disk copies and actioned documentation. Policies to be emailed to all committee on a monthly basis for discussion and amendment as required. Committee to meet on a bi monthly basis to discuss any changes to be made.
- July Activity Plan and Roster has been completed by Dianne and has gone to the Council for approval.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- Festivals Australia-grants for cultural activities.
- CCMS Newsletters 1 to 6.
- Building Blocks Newsletter Winter 2010.
- Quality Companion-Sourcing and Dating policies and Procedures.
- Putting Children First Issue 34 June 2010.

RECOMMENDATION – For information.

3. Training Opportunities: Nil

RECOMMENDATION – For staff and committee information.

4. Attendance at Vacation Care

Enrolment / attendance figures for the Vacation Care Program are as follows:

Holiday Week Ending	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	Daily Avge
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	24	20
24 th Jan 2010	22	17	22	26	26	22
31 st Jan 2010	27	PH	21	26	26	25
7 th Feb 2010	26	23	21	----	----	23

RECOMMENDATION – The report on attendance figures be noted.

5. Financial Viability of the Service

The following figures are as at 1 April 2010.

INCOME:

Job No.	Description	Vote (\$)	Actual YTD(\$)
1758.000	Vacation Care Parent Fees	4,000.00	1,950.92
1758.200	Fundraising	3,000.00	9,812.00
1758.500	Child Care Benefit CCB	26,000.00	12,954.38
1758.600	Special Needs Subsidy (F&C's)	1,000.00	0.00
1759.000	Sustainability Assistance (F&C's)	8,500.00	9,114.78
1760.000	Department of Community Services	6,000.00	6,257.90
1760.800	DEEWR – CCMS Grant		0.00
	TOTAL	48,500.00	40,089.98

EXPENSES:

Job No.	Description	Vote (\$)	Actual YTD (\$)
398.000	Wages	39,617.00	21,534.72
398.100	Expenses – food, cleaning & consumables	1,230.00	916.40
398.150	Expenses (GST Free) - Food & training	500.00	441.20
398.222	Oncosts (12.5%)	4,953.00	2,691.84
398.300	IT Expenses – Phone & computer software	1,000.00	773.98
398.400	Equipment Purchases	400.00	2,520.56
398.500	Venue, transport and advertising	300.00	0.00
398.600	QA & Training expenses	500.00	299.10
	TOTAL	48,500.00	29,177.80

RECOMMENDATION – Income and expenditure be noted.

6. **Coordinators Reports for last holiday period** – Refer to last meeting i.e. AGM

7. Fundraising Update

\$930-65 banked from the long weekend-\$60-00 float retained. Tickets to be sold at Rams ladies day. K Keizer to arrange.

Tickets to be sold at Moorambilla and Greyhound long weekend- need to write to Greyhound committee asking permission to sell on the long weekend. Hope to draw raffle after the October long weekend.

General Business –

- Toilet paper needed for next holidays. G Primmer to follow up- Council supply or VC.
- Relocation of Vacation Care- Council suggests we contact NSW Ambulance and see about leasing their premises. Building may have asbestos in it. Committee to leave at this stage until a definite answer is known
- Skip bin- will do ASAP after football season.
- Need to check the minimum number of hours that we pay staff- can we use casuals for two hours to cover excursions. G Primmer to follow up with Council.
- Dianne wanting to know if she can come in on Friday before holidays three/four hours- tidy up and preparation for holidays. G Primmer to follow up with Council.
- Swimming notes – Anne to follow up re: notes
- Greyhound meeting date yet to be set.
- Skip bin to be dropped off to remove rubbish on site.
- Three potential job applicants interviewed and priority listing established and provided to Council for their records

8. Date of Next Meeting

TBA

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

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

1. Diversify Industry Base

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
MPREC Horticulture/ Bush Tucker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Letter sent on 13 May 2010 to P Costa, Minister for Water, and David Harriss, Commissioner for Water re year-round access for commercial enterprises. 	Preparatory work has commenced on site.
GAB Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fielded inquiries from potential new proponent. ▪ Discussed current proposal with DII. ▪ Met with new proponent of Pulse Packing operation. Provided information and contact details for rail inquiries. 	No response to date.
Abattoir		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certainty of access to water supply stated as a barrier to progressing. ▪ Awaiting news of settlement of pending sale.
Pulse Packing		Proponent to pursue relevant lines of inquiry re rail access and available land.

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. 	Supplied packs to inquiries from Central Coast and person who had purchased home in Cble.
Keep Coonamble Kicking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final loyalty draw held at Business Dinner on 17th June. ○ Updated Facebook page. 	Winner of loyalty draw was Julie Forgiore. Campaign completed for 09/10.

Support new and existing business	1. Support Business Start-Ups: Met with C Woods re proposed Music Tuition business. Provided information on business plans and referral to Small Business Facilitator.	1.
Saleyards Planning	Phone update with G Shaw/W Perkins on Wed 7.7.10.	See attached Progress Report. Stakeholder workshop set for week beginning 2 nd August.
Employment Circle	1. Attended Employment Circle meeting. See attached meeting notes. 2. Made inquiries re Council-based apprenticeships/trainee-ships.	1. Information Evening for Businesses re Staff Recruitment & Training to be held 24 August. 2. Concern re loss of state contracts to locally-based organisations such as TAFE Literacy/Numeracy and Joblink work readiness.
2010 Business Awards	Prepared and printed nomination form and advertisement.	Awards open 7 th July. Awards close 30 August. Awards dinner 11 September.
Chamber of Commerce	Distributed information on Business Dinner held 17 June.	Meeting agreed to form Chamber of Commerce. First planning meeting to be held on Thursday 15 th July, 6pm Coonamble Golf Club. Councillors welcome.

3. Infrastructure and Service Development

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Industrial Estate expansion	1. Received Deed of Agreement.	Deed of Agreement signed. Tender advertised for construction of roadworks, stormwater, sewerage, detention ponds and ancillary infrastructure. Tenders close 21 July.
Rail Line Upgrade	Prepared letter to go to Christine Robertson MLC. Compiled information for Cr Schieb to take to meeting with Minister Robertson on 24 June. Draft of proposed Business Model received.	Business Model to be finalised before proceeding to meeting with state and federal Ministers.

4. Tourism & Physical Amenity

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Eco-Spa (Bore Baths)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organised consultant visit, Jenny Rand, including inspection of potential sites and meeting with Steering Committee and community members. Liaised with other Council staff to supply info to consultant. ▪ Made inquiries re water licensing to DWE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Feasibility Assessment progressing.
Indoor Rodeo Arena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attended site inspection and planning meeting with project partners 24 June. Prepared and presented Background & Vision for Showground. ▪ Prepared letter to User Groups with request to supply information and participate in Masterplan process. • Organised finalisation of accounts from 09/10 fund. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group formed to finalise Showground Masterplan. Commitment obtained from GHD, Brookfield, UNSW to progress the project. • Working Group to meet 12 July. Masterplan due for completion 31 July.
Local Heritage Fund & Heritage Adviser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised finalisation of accounts from 09/10 fund. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with a project team in Gular, formed at Roundtable, to paint the main street.
Railway Station Restoration and Repairs	Liaised with ARTC and NSW Planning Heritage Branch to request exemption from	Work to commence on platform as soon as exemption granted otherwise work will be delayed some months.
Riverwalk Artwork	Provided information on sources of funding to meeting for Sculptures.	Planning progressing. K Atkins is key contact within Council.

5. Community Economic Development

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Gulgambone	Organised Roundtable meeting 29 June @ Two Eight Two Eight to review draft Community Strategic Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd draft of Community Strategic Plan distributed.
Healthy Communities funding	Arranged financial expenditure processes with Program Co-ordinators.	Programs underway.

6. Networking, Advocacy and Lobbying

ISSUE	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
MOU with Dept of Industry & Investment		Quarterly report due to end June.

APPENDICES TO EDO REPORT:

- Employment Circle meeting notes 29 June.
 - Progress Report on Saleyards Business Planning
- APPENDIX D**

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council adopt the report submitted by the Economic Development Manager for the month of June 2010.

Amanda Glasson/Lee O’Connor
Economic Development Managers (Joint)
7 July 2010

**15.1 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON 29 JUNE 2010 COMMENCING 10
A.M.**

Present: Jen Hoath, Tanya Hind, Lee O'Connor, Amanda Glasson, Priscilla Harvey, Marie Thomas, Shane Kilby

Apologies: Daisy Buckley, David Floyd, Elizabeth McKay, Rene Wykes, Zoe Bridges, Glenda Simpson,

1. Local Training/Employment Contracts

1. Literacy & Numeracy Contract – Contract is no longer with TAFE and this will effect teachers who are predominately employed to deliver this stream, those affected are Shane Kilby, Lyndy Reagan & Sonia Miller. Unsure who has been awarded the contract but it is not Mission Australia as first thought. TAFE won't be able to continue to support the current level of staffing and are now looking for funding to run short courses to meet the needs of same target group. Shane delivered leaflets on possible short courses that could be run if a core group of students enrol and funding became available. These short courses would count towards Certificate 2 Level Skills for Work and Training. TAFE would be looking for partners to run these and other courses.
2. Work Readiness – P Harvey informed the group that Joblink had lost the contract to run the work readiness programs for 15-25yo kids at risk.

ACTION: EDM to discuss at Council with a view to asking State Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries to find out who has been granted these contracts and what will happen, ie how they will be delivered.

2. Apprenticeship Program Delivery to Coonamble

- Priscilla also said trying to get information from these support services has been difficult lately, she has 3 students who would like information but lack the confidence to seek it themselves and the Central West Group Apprenticeships will not supply the information to a third party. This appears to be an anomaly.
- Jen Hoath, Rural Financial Counsellor, has a client who wants to employ a particular apprentice who is unable to get a response from apprenticeship providers. She has rung all contacts supplied by D Floyd but none of the apprenticeship centres have responded to date.

***ACTION: P Harvey to contact David Floyd, Partnership Broker, to get these partnerships happening.
If no further response, then this issue to be taken up with local member.***

3. Business information Evening

- EDMs have left messages for various apprenticeship providers without result. It was agreed that it would not be advisable to continue with this event without representation from Apprenticeship/Traineeship providers.
- Tanya advised that Rene Wykes is on leave from Murdi Paaki (AIT) and that she has been advised that AIT will not make a commitment/contribution to this event.

ACTION: EDM's to write to Nerida Clarkson (MPREC) regarding their \$500 contribution to the evening committed by Rene in April.

P Harvey to contact David Floyd as above.

If there is no commitment from any of the apprenticeship providers by 9th July the evening will be cancelled.

Priscilla to ask Western Student Connection's Anna Pateman to speak on the evening.

Marie to ask Tammy Ryan Hospitality Teacher to provide a quote for the dinner.

Participating groups need to send an electronic copy of their logo for use in invitations and advertising to Amanda on

edo2@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au.

4. Council-based Training

- Council is looking into ways to keep young people/school leavers in the town for longer while gaining skills.
- EDMs are to investigate how this might best be done, and report on the various options to Council including costs and areas of assistance.
- P Harvey advised Year 11 School Based traineeships approximate cost to the employer is \$50/week with them attending the work place 1 day/week. The other days are spent at school or at training either with TAFE or another RTO. The employer is then committed for the apprenticeship.
- Work Readiness – TAFE in Walgett ran a course (for people not working or in traineeship) for work readiness. The structure was 15hrs/wk for a full year. It was funded by Best Employment and MPREC in partnership and offered participants incentives for attendance including push bike, phone, tools and clothes. Mentoring for participants from Best Employment and TAFE. This course cost approximately \$150,000.
- CHS has a program called 'Road to Work' where students can attend the workplace for 3 days on trial under the schools insurance. This could be a precursor to any Apprenticeship/Traineeship in lieu of a 'probation period' while students check if they like the work and Council decides if they are suitable.

- It was noted that Council already has or has had apprenticeship positions. These are generally advertised in The Coonamble Times and on Council's website www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au. It would be useful for CHS to have information on areas where Council could potentially host trainees/apprentices.
- It was felt by those present that it is not necessary to have permanent positions available at the end of an apprenticeship. However, it would be valuable to have some sort of 'transition' set up as part of the apprenticeship that kicks in towards the end of the apprenticeship (eg. Last 6 months) where a Job Network provider acts as mentor to support the apprentice in working through their options and taking steps to ensure employment at the end.

***ACTION: Employment Circle participants with information on options for Council apprenticeships/traineeships are urged to contact Lee or Amanda ASAP.
EDM's to send info to Employment Circle participants on areas where trainee/apprenticeships are possible and any positions vacant at Council as they arise.***

5. TAFE Training

S Kilby advised that Certificate 1 in Engineering (Wednesday night welding) is already running but can still take enrolments.

Also, taking enrolments for Certificate III Teachers' Aide course.

ACTION: S Kilby to send information electronically to all Employment Circle participants.

6. Brochure on Local Training/Recruitment Options

T Hind reported that she has not received sufficient information from providers to compile the brochure.

***ACTION: Employment Circle participants involved in delivery of job placement, training, apprenticeships etc to contact Tanya with information for inclusion in brochure. Tanya's details:
tanyah@mprec.org.au***

7. Dare to Lead

No further word on this proposed program promoting Indigenous young people's involvement in primary industries.

ACTION: P Harvey to contact Ian Nebauer re progress.

8. Local Employment on Community Projects

- MPREC Horticulture Project has commenced on a portion of land being purchased at The Meglo, off the Quambone Road. This will provide employment for local Indigenous people and will have links with training through CHS.

- A new set of partnerships is being developed to design and build a covered arena at Coonamble Showground. TAFE, CHS and Murdi Paaki are all partners in this project along with University of NSW School of Civil and Environmental Engineering (plus Council, Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft Association, GHD and Brookfield Multiplex). The University is interested in exploring how they can value-add with the High School eg. Having uni students talk to High School students about Engineering, Architecture and other careers.

7. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 20TH JULY - 10AM
Global Village Restaurant, Castlereagh St, Coonamble.

**16. REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 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"> Met with consultant Provided visitation numbers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	In progress
Gulargambone Brochure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produced final draft and distributed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	To print in late July
Aboriginal Community Facilitator (ACF)Projects	No action this month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Continuing
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"> Funding application unsuccessful 	Complete

Visitor Services

PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
Visitor Information Centre-Coonamble (CVIC)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 76 Visitors for June 71 Phone & email enquiries 	Ongoing
Visitor Information Centre (GVIC) – Gulargambone		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 939 visitors for June 	Ongoing
Information Packs (via web site form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent out 13 packs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Complete

Marketing, Promotion & Events

PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted media visits Prepared event program Prepared media releases, Risk Management plan and advertising Updated Event web site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very successful event with over 4000 attendees over the weekend 20 tickets purchased online 	Complete
Moorambilla Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action this month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event held September 17-19 	Event held September 17-19
Marthaguy Picnic Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended committee meeting in Quambone on the 22nd June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MPRC agreed to produce joint promotional calendar with other race clubs 	Next meeting 27 July
Web Site Promotion/Other events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loaded over 23 events to the council event calendar Updated Council web site daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added search functionality to the council web site 	Complete

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 	Awaiting delivery
Information Sign-Gulargambone-Castlereagh Highway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised information sign following public consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting final draft 	News sign to be constructed July
Information Sign-Castlereagh Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action this month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Draft sign in July
Visitor Information Sign-Gulargambone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised information signs following public consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting final draft 	Sign to be installed July

Industry and Regional Partnerships

PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
Coonamble Streets Ahead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streets Ahead met on 17th June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bush Poets Breakfast was successful but need to look at format and refresh the event Proposal to produce a photo booklet to honour Neville Owen 	Next meeting 15 th July
Warrumbungle Cluster (Giligandra, Coonamble, Narrabri and Warrumbungle Shires)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended meeting at Coonabarabran on 16th June with tourism managers from 3 shires. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that joint marketing campaign would have a new technology focus 	Campaign in Market from September
Campbelltown City Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arranged schedule for Campbelltown Delegation Rodeo visit. Negotiation with Campbelltown Arts Centre about 2010 exhibition of Coonamble Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegation of three from Campbelltown spent two days in Coonamble over Rodeo Weekend. Coonamble Art to be on display in Campbelltown October/November Need to identify CSC staff member to reciprocate staff exchange in 2010 	Complete
Central NSW Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended online meeting with Central NSW Tourism Staff, board members and tourism managers on 21 June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided feedback on draft Marketing plan 	Funding application lodged in July

Outback Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended Outback Arts Board meeting on 17 June• Provided assistance with promotion/Web updating• Revised Marketing Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outback Arts to make significant changes to the organisation.	Marketing plan to be submitted to September Meeting in Warren
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RECOMMENDATION:
That Council adopt the report submitted by the Tourism Development Manager for the month of June 2010.

STEVEN BALDWIN
Tourism Development Manager
7 July 2010

**16.1 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE GLOBAL VILLAGE RESTAURANT ON 17
JUNE 2010**

Apologies: Ange Thompson, Alix Goudge, Lee O'Connor, Amanda Glasson, Rowena Macrae, Cheri McDonald, Steve Baldwin

Present: Liz Markey, Carmen Hiscock, Al Karanouh, Marion Murray, Don Schieb

Previous minutes: read and passed as accurate by Liz, 2nd Carmen

Treasurers Report: presented by Carmen

Business Arising from previous minutes:

Chairs. Need to move 150 chairs from the Plaza if we are going to hire them out. Ask Show Society if they can be stored in the Pavilion in their storeroom. Marion suggested there would be room in there and to ask permission. Keep 150 chairs at Plaza for it's use.

Al suggested Chris might be interested in buying them at cost price plus delivery – he will discuss it with him.

Action: Al to ask Show Society if chairs can be stored in their storeroom. Steve to send out an email advertising chair hire and put it on the website, with Al and Liz as contacts.

CoOpera

Liz has sent Al a copy of the letter to be sent to High School and will send it on today..

Trestles

Al will purchase trestles in time for 13August Great Debate. Chris Gray bought 10 in time for the Bush Poets breakfast.(Thankyou Chris!)

Markets:

Steve has the August markets in hand but needs input for the Moorambilla markets in September due to need for more "craft oriented" stalls. Inc Pilliga Pottery, Vicki Ditchfield (macadamias), Donna Ditchfield (local photography), Rosie Turnbull (honey mustard) Deb Ibbott (mint sauce), Rebecca McIntyre (jewellery), Lorna Lefebvre (cards, wrapping), Warrumbungle Flowers, Tooraweenah Olives, the wine cask man from Mudgee. Increase the market stall cost to \$22 to include 3 ads on the radio. Start promoting the markets on the radio next month.

Ask Row if she can trawl through the Dubbo markets site in her own time to find any new stall holders.

Action: Don to contact stall holders and particularly encourage the craft ones.

(post meeting note: this years theme is “coming home” – we could source producers who use to live in Coonamble who might be interested in bringing their wares home for the weekend)

NEXT MARKETS AUGUST 21st, before Fathers Day.

Xmas Carnivale:

Liz has edited letter and returned to Row to be sent with list, hopefully it will get to schools next week.

Bush Poets Breakfast

Was a good morning though cold, the crowd a bit down on last year (took approx \$1400). The service worked well with bain maree from Rugby League club and BBQ from Rotary once we got going. Andrew Hull was well received and played for approx an hour with locals taking the stage in between. Thanks to David Thompson for being MC, our BBQ'ers Ben Markey, friend Philipp, Bob Glasson, Don and Anna, and to Mary, Phil, Marion and Ange for filling every gap during the morning. We are unable to continue coordinating it ourselves due to Rodeo and family commitments so we either offer it to another group to do (suggestions of Evening CWA, Garden Club, Quota, Arts Alive/Writers Group). Offer \$500 management fee for them coordinate and run the whole morning – they provide manpower, equipment. We pay for food, advertising and poet. This will cost us \$2000 per year though once everything is taken into account. We need to approach groups now. Visitors to town expect SOMETHING on that morning – maybe change format if “Bush Poets” is tired. **(Another post-meeting note: Input from Ange Thompson, she suggested offering it to Theatrical Society and giving them opportunity to stage “breakfast skits”)** Suggested we donate \$200 to Plaza Theatre for venue hire.

Action: Liz to write letters to above groups gauging interest.
Marion to drop cheque into Chris.

Neville Owen Tribute

Steve has discussed the idea of a CD and booklet with Neville. Al suggested that a good quality coffee table book of photos would be more visual, widely seen and have a more lasting impact. Carmen and Al are keen to research that area and will discuss with Neville and Steve. Involve Outback Arts, seek funding, sponsorship.

Action: Carmen and Al to proceed with above.

Friends of the Flicks

Chris would like to use the \$7300 in the fund as seed to apply for more funding and purchase reverse cycle air conditioners for the Plaza.

Action: Al to ask Lee and Amanda if they will assist with this.

Castlereagh Highway Garden Incentive

Don and Al suggested promoting “Castlereagh Highway Garden Award” as incentive for homeowners on the highway to maintain gardens and improve presentation of main thoroughfare. Castlereagh Property and Livestock and Al Karanouh have both donated \$100 per year to offer as awards.. Criteria and categories discussed so that it can be promoted properly. Ask Garden Club to promote through their networks.

2 Categories to be judged by a Streets Ahead Committee member (Don) and another member of the community (suggested we ask the Garden Club for input):

1. Town (Hospital to the golf Club) 1st \$75 2nd \$50 3rd \$25
2. Main entry roads, with 10km radius. - \$50

Judging: beginning of Spring each year.

Castlereagh Property and Livestock awarded initial prize this year to kick-start it. 1st prize went to Gwen Chaplin of and 2nd went to Jenny Swansborough, both of Aberford St.

Action: Promote through website, radio, email. Liz to hand cheques to winners.

Claim the Dates

Aug 13 – the Great Debate to be held in the Plaza, \$50 for dinner and 2 bottles of wine per table plus entertainment with guest debaters inc Barnaby Joyce, Lucy Skuthorp, Lee O’Connor, Dugald Saunders, Tom Cullen, and Kevin Humphries adjudicating.

Meeting closed 9am

**16.2 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD - TREASURER'S REPORT –
SUBMITTED TO ORDINARY MEETING – 20 MAY 2010**

CBA Cheque Account

The **Opening Balance** of the Cheque Account on the 01/04/2010 was \$13160.35

Deposits include - \$2308.00 Co-Opera
 \$2095.00 Co-Opera and Meals
 \$550.00 Coonamble Shire ? Showground Refund

Withdrawals include - \$5996.00 Co-Opera and Printing Fees

This gives a **Closing Balance** on the 30/04/2010 of \$12117.35

AJF Brien – Investment Account

The **Opening Balance** of the Investment Account on the 01/4/2010 was \$4983.59

Deposits include – Interest of \$16

Withdrawals include – NIL

This gives a **Closing Balance** on the 30/4/2010 of \$5000.03

AJF Brien – Friends of the Flicks Account

The **Opening Balance** of the Friends of the Flicks Account on the 01/4/2010 was \$7240.66

Deposits include – Interest of \$23.89

Withdrawals include – NIL

This gives a **Closing Balance** on the 30/04/2009 of \$7264.55

Carmen Hiscock
TREASURER

**17. REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 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
11.06.10	Fat	813	3,886.14	7	24.71	820	3,910.85	-
25.06.10	Fat	877	4,192.06	11	38.83	888	4,230.89	-
09.06.10	Store					1079	3,808.87	-

Totals:	Scale	1,690 head	\$8,078.20		
	VA	18 head	\$ 63.54		
	Store	1,079 head	\$3,808.87		
	Yards	NIL each	\$ NIL		
	NLIS Scanning	2,914 head	\$1,981.52	\$13,932.13	

17.2 CASUAL WEIGHING & CASUAL USE

NIL

17.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT

Period to 30 JUNE 2010	Income	\$195,153.97
	Expenditure	\$123,215.74
	Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 71,938.23
Balance General Fund 1/7/09		(\$ 89,550.19)
Anticipated Surplus 30/06/2010		\$ 12,388.04

GREG ROBINSON
Saleyards Manager
6 July 2010

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

Recommendation:

That the reports by the Contract Ranger for the month June 2010 be received and dealt with.

18.1 GENERAL COMMENTS:

- (a) One parking infringement notice was issued this month for parking in a “No Parking” zone in front of Coonamble High School.
- (b) The Animal Pound statistics for 2009/2010 will be submitted to the Department of Local Government in accordance with the Companion Animals Act 1998.
- (c) Wandering dogs continue to be a problem throughout the town. Random patrols in early mornings and late afternoons have been conducted and offenders have met with action under the Act.

18.2 STATISTICS:

	<u>June 2010</u>	<u>2009/2010 Total</u>	<u>June 2009</u>
Official Cautions	9	90	4
Infringements (Animals)	0	24	1
Infringements (Other)	1	5	1
Microchipped dogs	0	28	3
Registrations	4	47	9
Nuisance dog declaration	0	5	1
Restricted dog declaration	0	0	0
Dangerous dog declaration	0	0	0
Total Animals Impounded	22	314	13
Motor Vehicle	0	0	0

	19. June 2010				20. Year to Date 2009/2010			
	Cble	Gular	Qbone	Total	Cble	Gular	Qbone	Total
Dogs seized	5			5	112	5		117
Dogs surrendered	11	3		14	101	26		127
Dogs destroyed	17	3		20	174	29		203
Dogs rehoused					9			9
Dogs released	1			1	28	2		30
Dogs died								
Dogs escaped								
In pound				2				
Cats seized	1			1	21			21
Cats surrendered	1	1		2	27	11		38
Cats destroyed	1	1		2	45	11		56
Cats rehoused					2			2
Cats escaped								
In pound				1				
Cattle								
Goat					6			6
Horse					5			5

Recommendation:
That the report be adopted

CASSANDRA BOYCE

Contract Ranger

1 July 2010