

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
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PRESENT: Cr Tim Horan, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. J. Canham, T. Cullen, B. O'Brien, 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

Representatives from Coonamble Little Athletics indicated they would be attending during Public Question Session.

4.0 APOLOGY

Nil

5.0 DELEGATIONS

Nil

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr O'Brien and Cr Cullen declared an interest in Item 12.4 – *Renewal of Lease – Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre*. Cr. O'Brien is a member of the Committee and Cr Cullen is Chairman.

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING 14/4/2010

8512 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held 9 June 2010 be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Ginty / Industrial Estates

Cr Schieb asked what progress has been made on these projects. He was advised that work on the Industrial Estate is progressing, however nothing further has been done with the Ginty Estate project due to lack of staff and all efforts being put into the Industrial Estate. He suggested that Council should get the plan of Ginty Estate to Real Estate Agents, showing the blocks for sale, for expressions of interest.

It was noted that until work is completed on the subdivision it would not be possible to provide any indication on prices of the land. The Mayor said he is disappointed that this project is still in abeyance, and is pushing for it to be either completed or withdrawn.

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Cr Schieb said, in his opinion, the area and size of the blocks being offered is very attractive and would be saleable. Cr. Karanouh agreed that the plan should be distributed to agents to endeavour to obtain expressions of interest. He suggested that if the subdivision cannot be done "in house" Council engage a consultant. The General Manager said this would be an expensive decision.

When asked about availability of funding, the Director of Corporate Services said when this year's budget is 'wrapped up' Council would know what funds are available. The General Manager said the area would require a geotechnical report to be undertaken because of its prior use as a sawmill.

At this juncture, 9.23 a.m., Cr Cullen arrived at the meeting.

The Mayor suggested that if there are no expressions of interest in the blocks within a month, Council have a look at selling the area as a whole, complete with residence, then investigate the purchase of another dwelling to accommodate the General Manager. Council noted the entire area consists of 8 acres with the house block being on $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ acre.

8513 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the plan, showing four residential blocks with river frontage in Ginty Estate, be distributed to the real estate agents for expressions of interest for four weeks and the outcome be reported to the August meeting.

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

In response to a question, the General Manager informed the meeting that another requirement has been placed on Council that it obtain Section 60 approval prior to work commencing. Mr. Griffiths said application has been made, but approval has not yet been granted.

(c) Visit to Coonamble by Police

Cr Karanouh asked whether Inspector Taylor called on the General Manager to discuss issues. The General Manager said that he visited on Friday 9 July. The Inspector said it is not considered necessary to attend Council meetings, however he would be involved with the Consultative Committee on Crime Prevention, together with the Crime Prevention Committee and other community groups. Mr. Griffiths said it was indicated that 17 August was the date of the first meeting. The Mayor said he was disappointed that Police representatives could not commit even a short amount of time to present at Council meetings. He said Council has done everything it possible can to be involved in a partnership with the Police and has expended significant funds to assist policing locally.

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8514 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Cullen that Council write to the Superintendent, Castlereagh Local Area Command, expressing disappointment that police will not commit to attend Council meetings, pointing out there are many issues being raised on a community level which need input from police, remind the Superintendent that Council has been elected to represent the community on every level and draw attention to the fact of actions taken by Council to assist policing within the town.

(c) Shire Road 65 – Min No 8423

Cr Karanouh asked whether there has been any follow up by landholders on this matter. The General Manager advised that the Manager – Roads met with some of the signatories and discussed the amended design of the roadway. The General Manager said the work would now be scheduled and the affected landholders were happy with the decision.

(d) Juvenile Justice – Min No 8420

Cr Schieb drew attention to the vandalism that occurred over the weekend, with many buildings, including the Catholic Church, being targeted by juveniles – windows in the buildings were broken – causing significant damage and expense. Cr Schieb suggested that further action, by way of representation to the Attorney Justice, be taken in regard to this latest crime spree. He said that one of the juveniles involved was supposedly on 'home detention' for previous offences.

Cr Cullen said Council has been down this path previously without success. Cr O'Brien said it may be worthwhile to bring the matter to the attention of our Local Member and the Duty Senator for the Barwon Electorate.

8515 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Cullen that Council make representations to the Attorney General pointing out that juveniles committing these crimes are not been dealt with effectively by the Court system and have no fear of the consequences in the current system.

(e) Coonamble Hack & Pony Club – Min No 8431

Cr Karanouh asked whether the issue of fencing around the Clubhouse at the Showground has been resolved. The General Manager replied that a letter was sent inviting representatives to further negotiate the matter, however no response or approach has been forthcoming.

(f) Central West Livestock Health & Pest Authority

In response to a question the General Manager advised that representatives of the Authority are not available to attend this or the August meeting, however have indicated they will meet with Council at a time and day mutually acceptable and to be determined.

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Cr. Schieb and Cr Cullen both referred to the rate for Coonamble district being 32% higher than other regions and this should be discussed with the representatives. Mr. Griffiths stated that councillors will have the opportunity to attend the meeting with CWLHPA representatives to bring all relative issues forward.

(g) Coonamble Pool

Cr Schieb requested the A/Director of Engineering Services to investigate the possibility of employing a trainee at the Coonamble Pool in an effort to reduce overtime.

8516 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that Council investigate the employment of a trainee life guard at Coonamble Pool.

(h) Sportsground Lighting

Council was advised that a new system is being investigated for sportsground lighting in an attempt to save electricity in that lighting will be switched off immediately after use.

(i) Tree Services

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the A/Director of Engineering Services said that she had endeavoured to contact the Orange office of Active Tree Services without success. Mrs Atkins said it seems that the Company works in the area for Energy companies and any Council work would have to coincide with visits to the Shire. She undertook to again try to contact the Company.

(j) Burn Offs – Pilliga State Forest

Cr Schieb referred to this matter and was informed by the Director of Corporate Services that it was brought up with Mr Tony Place of NSW Rural Fire Service who indicated that individual hazard reduction is considered in instances when specific locations are reported.

(k) Disabled Parking Space – Gulargambone

The A/Director of Engineering Services indicated to Cr O'Brien that she has instructed staff to proceed with the installation of the 'Disabled Parking' space adjacent to the Twoeighttwoeight Hall.

ADDRESS BY LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

At this juncture, 10 a.m. Ms Lisa Kenny, Mrs Melissa Byrnes and Mrs Jacinta Ditchfield were welcomed to the meeting to discuss issues of upgrading at the Sportsground for the Club to host the Zone Little Athletics Carnival in December.

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Ms Kenny said it is expected that up to 200 competitors and their families will be in Coonamble over the two days of the event – she said the Club was finding it difficult to get accommodation and pointed out that one of the local motels is booked out with representatives from just one visiting club.

Council was advised that the Zone Coordinator has advised that improvements need to be made to the long jump pits and run-up area as well as the provision of two discus cages. It was stated that the Club needs permission to proceed with the upgrade as indicated by the Zone Coordinator, who has already inspected the area. The delegation said it is seeking financial support from Council to carry out the works and pointed out that local schools will also benefit when they conduct their sporting carnivals.

The Mayor requested that Council be provided with details of the financial commitment sought, a plan of the proposed improvements to ensure it does not interfere with other users of the ground, confirmation of standards warranted by the Zone Coordinator. Cr Horan indicated that Council will assist in some way towards the Club's request. He said Council would provide a letter of support if necessary.

Ms Kenny said the information would be supplied as a priority and the date advised as soon as possible. The deputation thanked Council for its time and left the meeting at 10.08 a.m.

8.00 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

8517 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

(a) Coonamble Little Athletics – Min No 7693

Cr Webb referred to this matter – saying that initially Council did not have funding and pointing out that it is indicated now that funding has been approved. Council noted that the Club has supplied the nets and they will be used in conjunction with the current upgrading request.

(b) Local Government/Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly Engagement Forum

8518 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that this item be removed from Council's Resolution Book due to inaction on the part of the Wungali Community Working Party.

(c) Risk Assessments – Council Footpaths

Cr Canham enquired about progress of this project and was advised that it is ongoing however at this point no area has been identified, noting that a 20mm tolerance is allowed. The A/Director said any action identified necessary from the risk assessment will be carried out following completion of all footpaths.

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Cr Schieb reported a 'trip hazard' in Aberford Street in the vicinity of the former Riverside Café. The A/Director said she would inspect the area.

(d) River Level Gauges – Min No 89251

Cr Schieb asked whether these gauges have been installed – the A/Director advised that they have not been installed yet.

(e) Sealing Pt Effie Durham Drive – Min No 8374

The Mayor noted that this work is programmed and he asked staff to contact the Coonamble Veterinary Surgery proprietors who are interested in providing a turning area in front of their premises in conjunction with the sealing work.

(f) Coonamble Ag Supplies – Min No 8353

8519 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that this item be removed from the Resolution Book due to no response being received from the proponent and that within six – eight months a new LEP will be prepared.

9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor informed Council that he had not prepared a written report due to lack of Mayoral duties during the past month. Cr Horan informed the meeting that the General Manager had handed his resignation to him. The Mayor said he would speak further on this matter in Closed Session.

8520 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the Mayor's Report be adopted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8521 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Consideration by Council:

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.

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8522 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien 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. 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.

The General Manager pointed out that 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). Mr Griffiths said the sub-group suggested is a duplication of the Local Emergency Management Committee, of which the Health Services Manager is a member. He stated that 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.

8523 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen 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 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.

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8524 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien 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 the Panel will only consider projects with construction costs greater than \$10,000 for rural councils.

The General Manager said Councillors are aware that the 'black spot' program relies on high instance of motor vehicle accidents, concentrating on deaths or serious injury. He said that no such statistical information at that level exists within this Shire.

8525 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien 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.

8526 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien 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. 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.

The General Manager reported that this Convention is specific to an extremely important issue for all councils in NSW. He said 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. Mr. Griffiths suggested that the Mayor or his nominee attend, together with the General Manager.

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8527 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council authorise the attendance of the Mayor, Cr. Karanouh and the General Manager to this Convention to be held at Star City on 16 & 17 August 2010.

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 and saying his understanding was that the meeting was to advise Council on government funding options to progress its projects (viz: levee upgrade and internal drainage). 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.

The General Manager stated that 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. Mr Griffiths said funding for 2009/2010 referred to was to complete the design and the utilisation and was out of Council's staff ability to progress. He said the indicative plan has been commented upon and returned as requested.

Councillors noted that discussions have been held with departmental representatives and the perceived anomalies corrected.

8528 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien 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. 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.

The General Manager said that as Council had previously discussed this matter and resolved to support the introduction of a National Container Deposit scheme, he signed the letter of support and returned it to the Association.

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8529 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien 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 they are proposing to install solar panels on Scout Halls under a similar project scheme. Seeking support from every council and asking this Council to sign the attached letter.

8530 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien 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. 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.

The General Manager reminded Councillors to be 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. He said 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.

8531 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb 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.

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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*.

The General Manager stated that Council has now called for tenders to conduct the review of the Land Use Strategy previously rejected by Council. He pointed out this now puts a time line for completion until the end of this calendar year.

8532 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb 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 and the Association needs permission to proceed. Requesting financial assistance to complete required improvements to the long jump run-up – anticipated to cost in the vicinity of \$5500.

Council noted that representatives of the Club were present earlier in the day and the matter had been dealt with, noting that further documentation was to be provided to enable a decision to be made.

8533 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb 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.

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Cr. Schieb said he did not agree with the recommendation to not contribute towards the Carnival, as the Greyhound Club is one of the biggest boosts to local economy during its October Carnival. Cr. Canham pointed out that Council contributes to other sporting events and the Greyhound Carnival should not be treated differently.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr. Cullen **SECONDED** by Cr. Webb that Council decline to contribute to the Coonamble Greyhound Racing Club Inc 2010 October Carnival. **WAS WITHDRAWN.**

8534 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanouh that Council agree to contribute \$250 towards the Coonamble Greyhound Club's October Carnival.

Councillor Canham referred to the bad condition of the toilets serving the Greyhound Club and said he spoke with Council's Manager – Environmental Services who estimated that \$60,000 would be required to refurbish them.

**10.14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW L9
(32978)**

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.

8535 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council nominate delegates to attend the focus groups and other forums on the question of Modernising Local Government when locations and dates are advised.

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. Pointing out the best practice forum will host five healthy weight loss initiatives which are currently working well within the Orana region. Inviting local government to participate in the forum and community, saying economic development and planning staff in particular may find the forum worthwhile.

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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.

8536 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Karanouh 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.

The General Manager pointed out that last year Council contributed \$3,400 towards the cost of portable toilets however the meeting was called off late due to wet weather.

The Mayor expressed disappointment that after Council having passed a resolution to look into the cost of portable toilets, nothing positive has been achieved. He referred to the amount of times Council contributes money towards the provision of this amenity and said if Council had its own portable toilets it would, over time, save significant funds.

The A/Director of Engineering Services said that costings were done and applications for grants submitted, however they have not been successful. Cr Schieb asked how much they would cost – the A/Director advised that 2 x toilets/shower units were quoted at \$80,000.

8537 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council contribute \$3,200 towards the cost of portable toilets for the Marthaguy Picnic Races on 4 September 2010.

8538 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that staff report back on the possible purchase of portable toilets to negate costs of Council contributions towards this amenity.

At this juncture, 10.35 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.01 a.m.

CONDOLENCES TO CR KARANOUH

The Mayor conveyed condolences to Cr Karanouh on the recent passing of his father-in-law. Cr Karanouh thanked Council and on behalf of Abbey, thanked Councillors and Staff for the flowers.

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11.2 UNAUTHORISED LAND USE

8539 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that this item of the General Manager's report be brought forward and dealt with whilst the Manager – Environmental Services was present at the meeting.

The General Manager referred to this matter which was discussed at the June meeting and advised that he was contacted by Mr Jackson on 28 June 2010.

Council noted that Mr Jackson indicated he wished nothing to change and threatened to move his business to another Shire. The General Manager reminded Councillors that Council has a regulatory obligation under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and it can no longer ignore the complaints to staff in respect of illegal operations. Mr. Griffiths said that 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.

Council's Manager informed the meeting that since Council fenced off its area it has prevented Mr Jackson's use. He said that this is an ongoing matter and Mr Jackson has had every opportunity to take steps to abate nuisance concerns, but has done nothing. Mr Cock said he has had many complaints from residents of the area and said they are fair and legitimate as the area is for zoned for residential use and Mr. Jackson's business is an illegal use. Mr Cock said Council should now take steps to remedy the situation in favour of other residents. He said that the proximity of heavy vehicles and harvesting equipment to the school and the use of town streets to travel this equipment is not acceptable.

The General Manager stated that the business is 'permissible use' within the zone with approval and a development application must be submitted. The restrictions imposed, in accordance with legislation, would make it impossible for Mr Jackson to continue at the current level. He said Council would strictly monitor all the conditions imposed.

Cr Schieb asked about the Wilga Street block and referred to the residence nearby and was informed that the zoning is not residential. Mr. Cock said a development application would have to be submitted and approved – he said there may be restrictions imposed. The General Manager said Council would advertise the proposed use, notify adjoining owners and address any objections, enabling the business to comply with conditions and operate legally.

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Cr Cullen suggested that Mr. Jackson be advised of what would be required of him to continue to operate from his present address and invite him to submit a development application.

8540 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Canham and Cullen that Mr Jackson be advised that he submit a development application, together with appropriate fees, within six weeks, otherwise Council has no alternative but to issue an Order for permanent removal of trucks and other heavy equipment and the cessation of mechanical repairs being carried out at the site **AND FURTHER** that he be advised of the potential areas of his operation that will be subject to conditions of consent should the application be approved.

The Manager – Environmental Services left the meeting at 11.30 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued):

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.

8541 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien 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. 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).

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8542 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council offer \$15,000 funded from the RLCIP Federal Government Grant to the Wanderers Tennis Club towards the fencing referred to in its letter, advising that funds must be expended by June 2011 in accordance with grant conditions.

**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 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.

The General Manager stated that 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. Mr. Griffiths further stated that 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.

8543 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council accept the final report *Coonamble Levee – Flood Gradient Sensitivity Modelling Study* that covers two levee breach scenarios in respect of flooding in 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. Attaching a brief synopsis of presentations given on the day and saying that planning is underway for the two day workshop.

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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).

The General Manager pointed out that 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. Mr. Griffiths stated that the synopsis of presentations does not reflect actual presentations given at the briefing session.

8544 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien 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.

8545 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council not be represented 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)

Providing copy of minutes of General Meeting of the Committee held on 27 April 2010.

Council noted that a copy of the minutes were attached as the Committee is a section 355 Committee of Council and has an obligation to provide copies of minutes, etc.

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10.23 WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE M5-3 (32734)

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 provided from the new facility.

The General Manager reminded Councillors that a 'walk through' of the new facility by the public will be conducted on 9 August 2010.

10.24 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING, WESTERN NSW REGION L3-1 (32766)

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)

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 more information is available on the I&I NSW website.

10.26 DAWN FARDELL MP L3 (32818)

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.

The General Manager stated that this matter has been drawn to the attention of 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

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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. 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.

The General Manager stated that Council does not request the status of employees' Aboriginality and has no statistics available on the current ratio. He said 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.

Council noted that copies of this information has been forwarded 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.

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

10.36 ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE INC D7 (32936)

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)

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

Councillors noted that 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)

Acknowledging Council's letter seeking an indication of Warren Council's stance on regarding the 'modernising of local government' issue. Stating if and when Council will be available to hold a 'round table discussion' this Council will be advised accordingly.

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**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.

The General Manager reported that this Council does not have section 94 levies, so is not affected by these changes. Mr. Griffiths said he 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 R8-6-2 + SR20
(32933)**

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.

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Councillors noted that copies were available at the meeting. It was stated that additional copies could be printed if required.

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. 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.

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*.

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8546 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.22 – 10.48 inclusive, be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

8547 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brienb that the following information be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

10.49 THE HON PAUL McLEAY MP G5 (33000)

Advising that applications for grant funding under NSW Maritime's 2010/2011 Better Boating Program (BBP) are now being accepted and pointing out this is its second year. Pointing out to be eligible projects must meet essential criteria, such as infrastructure being of a lasting nature, available for use by a broad cross-section of the boating public and supported by Council and the community.

8548 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that this information be noted and passed on to the Coonamble Aquatic Club for its information and/or action.

10.50 LAND AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY – CROWN LANDS DIVISION L11 + ST14 (33015)

Referring to the laneway between the Bowling Club and the Tennis Courts and advising it has been identified as part of a public reserve vested in Council and is not subject to the Roads Act 1993 or any further approval from the Authority. Raising the issue of Pages Terrace which is a Crown Road under the Authority's control and saying as the road is formed and maintained by Council. Seeking Council's concurrence to transfer that Crown road to Council.

8549 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council:

- (1) Proceed with the lease of the laneway to the Coonamble Bowling Club in accordance with Council's previous resolution.
- (2) Agree to accept transfer of Pages Terrace from the Land and Property Management Authority – Crown Lands Division
- (3) Formally open the section as a public road along with the section through Eurimie Creek to the commencement of Limerick Street and
- (4) Authorise the use of Council's Common Seal on any relevant documents.

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**10.51 NSW GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES C8
(33016)**

Responding to Council's inquiry regarding Community Services' representation in Gulargambone. Saying child protection and out of home care services have always been and will continue to be provided as required in response to reports to the Community Services Helpline. Advising a caseworker has been visiting Gulargambone on roughly a weekly basis to see clients and participate in interagency activities and meetings, however during the last quarter these visits have been reduced due to the absence of the caseworker through illness and leave. Stating the Department is endeavouring to recommence weekly visits as soon as practicable. Advising it continues to support the Gulargambone youth centre, preschool and vacation care programs with renewable funding each year.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr O'Brien **SECONDED** by Webb that Council note the information provided **WAS WITHDRAWN**.

8550 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that a further letter be forwarded to the Department of Community Services advising that its lack of presence in Gulargambone is not acceptable and requesting it roster staff to fill vacancies caused by sickness/leave etc so that normal services can be provided.

**10.52 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW S3-1
(33020)**

Inviting the General Manager, Councillors and relevant staff to attend the LGSA 2010 Water Management Conference to be held from Sunday 12 to Tuesday 14 September in Orange. Enclosing copy of the Conference Program and advising that early bird registration fee (before 10 August 2010) is \$396 (including GST).

8551 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council authorise the Director of Engineering Services to attend the Water Management Conference in Orange from 12 – 14 September 2010.

10.53 SYDNEY AIRPORT A5 (33022)

Referring to their earlier letter concerning application to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) for a modest CPI-related increase in regional airline charges. Stating they understand that Regional Express Holdings Ltd (Rex) has written to councils and parliamentarians attempting to enlist support in opposing this slight increase. Pointing out that Rex has made a number of claims that are not supported by facts.

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The General Manager said the initial correspondence from Sydney Airport is listed in Council's Precis of Correspondence, and pointed out that no letter has been received from Regional Express Holdings Ltd (REX).

8552 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council note the information contained in this letter.

10.54 AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL OF NSW A13 (33030)

Inviting Council to make a nomination for the Australian of the Year Awards 2011. Enclosing some nomination forms and stating awards are now open in four categories. Saying nominations close Tuesday 31 August 2010.

8553 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council note the opening of Nominations for National Australia Day Awards 2011.

10.55 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING D5-22 + B11 (33026)

Thanking Council for its advice that it has delegations in place that would enable the General Manager to determine applications described by the Minister when the delegation of Regional Panel functions takes place. Saying the Department is waiting on responses from other councils and when recommendations are finalised the delegation will be prepared.

8554 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the response be noted.

10.56 PETITION SIGNED BY 27 RESIDENTS P1-3 +A8 (33046)

Requesting installation of a shelter over the play equipment and installation of toilet facilities. Saying it is understood Council was going to consider this work and wondering whether it can be done shortly.

8555 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the signatories be advised Council will allocate \$15,000 from the Federal Government RLCIP grant towards shading of the playground area in Broome Park and the work be programmed.

10.57 ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER E2 (33043)

Saying that the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters tabled a report on the 2008 Local Government Elections in Parliament in June 2010. Advising it was a very transparent process where councils, the NSW Electoral Commission and other interested groups had the opportunity to place on the table all issues associated with the 2008 Local Government Elections. Advising that following the 2011 State General Election the NSW Electoral Commission will make arrangements with General Managers for a meeting to outline the approach that will be taken to deliver the 2012 Local Government Elections.

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A copy of the list of recommendations was provided to all Councillors.

8556 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note the list of recommendations provided by the NSW Electoral Commission.

10.58 JW JACKSON & SONS PR1346.02 (33047)

Writing in response to a letter from Council regarding the use of his land at 43 – 47 Barton Street, Coonamble. Endeavouring to respond to the eight problems Council has identified.

Council noted this matter was dealt with earlier in the day.

10.59 COONAMBLE ARTS ALIVE SOCIETY INC

Advising it has an "exciting project" that will take in some facets of local community life, town culture, education and the arts, and which also has a strong tourism attraction component. Stating the project will have positive interaction and communication prospects between community members as the groups work together on designs, structures, landscaping, funding application and resourcing of material. Seeking permission to use public spaces to erect sculptures – sites identified include the River Walk, Lions Park and entrances to town (Showground, Racecourse, Baradine and Tooraweenah Roads).

At this juncture, 11.50 a.m., Cr Webb left the meeting and did not return.

8557 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council offer 'in principle' support, however it requests that photos or sketches of the sculptures be provided for approval and discussions take place with representatives of Coonamble Arts Alive prior to any placements being made.

10.60 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT D6

Advising that the *Companion Animals Amendment (Outdoor Dining Areas) Act 2010* was assented to on 15 June 2010 and a new section 14A in the *Companion Animals Act 1998* provides that dogs are allowed in outdoor dining areas in certain circumstances. Pointing out councils should ensure that any potential liability issues that may arise from allowing dogs in outdoor dining areas are managed appropriately.

8558 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council note the Companion Animals Amendment (Outdoor Dining Areas) Act 2010.

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15.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Ms Amanda Glasson was at the meeting to present the report by the EDM.

8559 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Economic Development Manager be received and dealt with.

Councillors were handed a late report on the Site Masterplan for Coonamble Showground. The Mayor advised that at a meeting held between stakeholders on 24 June, Cr Cullen was elected to as Champion of the Committee and suggested that Cr Cullen be included in all meetings with user groups.

- Coonamble Showground – Cover over Arena - Ms Glasson said the project was valued at \$500,000, with the first stage costed at \$200,000 and this includes concept plans. She said one-on-one meetings are planned with each of the user groups, then a meeting of all representatives will be convened. The General Manager said that all councillors were welcome to attend the meeting of user groups.
- No response has been received to letters regarding year-round access to water (GAB) for commercial enterprises.
- Abattoirs – progress still positive. The General Manager provided a brief update on his recent discussion with Cliff Spencer.
- Business awards – open 7 July – close 30 August – dinner 11 September. Nomination form available.
- Chamber of Commerce – first planning meeting scheduled for 15 July at the Golf Club.

8560 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Economic Development Manager be adopted.

15.1 COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE MEETING

8561 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the minutes of the Employment Circle meeting held on 29 June 2010 be noted.

15.2 COONAMBLE SALEYARDS – PROJECT REPORT

8562 RERSOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the progress report be noted.

At this juncture, 12.25 p.m. the EDM left the meeting and the Tourism Development Manager was in attendance to present his report.

16.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

8563 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be received and dealt with.

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Mr Baldwin touched on the following issues:

- New website – consistently 2000 hits per month which is great progress.
- Gular brochure – received final draft today
- Transportable toilet/shower blocks – Showground – grant application for funding unsuccessful.
- Rodeo – another successful event. Risk Management Plan has been developed. Mayor asked about a financial commitment for the covering of the arena – the TDM said money is available, however he is not aware of an amount. The Mayor said there is a 'cut off' date and the Club should have come forward with its contribution and said it is hoped the Club is not donating profits to local organisations when significant funds are required for the work it has been pushing to have completed.

8564 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that a letter be written to the Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft Committee outlining cut off dates for funding commitments, listing those who have contributed and request the Committee advise its contribution.

- Outback Arts Board meeting – Attended meeting on 17 June in company with Council's delegate Cr O'Brien. Cr Karanouh pointed out that the TDM is not a Council delegate to this organisation and should not have attended in working time - Mr Baldwin agreed and apologised for including the item in his report. Cr O'Brien said she was responsible for the Council car on the day. She said Outback Arts is experiencing difficulties and it was an opportunity for the TDM to have input.
- Campbelltown City Council – visit to Coonamble – June long weekend – TDM indicated that fresh ideas are needed for next year – representatives have been attending for the past five years and the current activity program has become stale.

8565 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be adopted.

16.1 MEETING OF COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE

8566 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the minutes of the Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee meeting held on 17 June, 2010, including the Treasurer's Report, be noted.

The TDM left the meeting at 12.40 p.m.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

8567 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and O'Brien that the report submitted by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

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11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

8568 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council note Development Application Nos 016/2010 and 018/2010 to 021/2010 were approved for the month of June 2010 - no Complying Development Applications were approved for the month.

11.3 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (OROC)

The General Manager said he attended the OROC Board meeting on 25 June 2010, which was prefaced with a tour of the Gilgandra Shire. He said 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.

He said that a meeting was held between OROC representatives and 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 General Manager stated that as a result of that discussion a series of questions will 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. Mr. Griffiths said this includes medical facilities, housing for medical and allied health professionals and support offered to medical and allied health services in communities.

The General Manager said that 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. Councillors are required to express their desire to undertake such training.

Mr Griffiths pointed out that 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.

The General Manager also referred to a fundraising event being run by the Dubbo Orana Cancer Action Team Inc 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.

8569 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council:
(1) Advise it will have two councillors attending financial training for councillors in early 2011

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- (2) Confirm the provision of information on contribution to health and medical services.
- (3) Decline to make 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) Decline to support 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

The General Manager referred to Council's resolution at the June 2010 meeting that representatives of LHPA be invited to make a presentation at this meeting. Mr. Griffiths said CWLHPA has advised that representatives are not available on July 14 or August 11, however it has offered to attend a meeting with councillors and has undertaken to supply possible dates and times.

The General Manager discussed this proposed meeting earlier in the day when Cr Schieb raised issues relative to the LHPA.

8570 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council agree to meet representatives from CWLHPA on a mutually acceptable date and time.

1.5 APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

The General Manager said that as Council is aware, this position was advertised, with only three applications being received. He said that two of those were considered not suitable and the position was offered to Mr. Kel Brodbeck, a previous incumbent with Council.

Mr. Griffiths informed Council that 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.

8571 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council note the appointment of Mr Kel Brodbeck to the position of Director of Engineering Services.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

8572 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

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12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

The Director of Corporate Services reported that rate collections continue to improve under Council's debt recovery policy. He informed Council that ratepayers receive four letters from Council, plus one from its Debt Collection Solicitor.

8573 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Schieb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 June 2010 be noted.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

8574 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that that the Investments held 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

The Director of Corporate Services reported that 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. He said 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.

A copy of the report was attached to each Councillor's business paper.

8575 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Cullen 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.

At this juncture, Cr O'Brien asked whether she should leave the room – the General Manager advised that as she was a member of the committee having no executive position, it was not necessary. Cr. Cullen is Chairman of the Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre Committee and left the room while the following matter was being discussed.

12.4 RENEWAL OF LEASE – COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE

The Director reported that 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. Mr Warren said the RTC has advised that it would like to renew the lease on the following terms:

- (1) The rent be paid at the end of each twelve month period for five years;

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- (2) The rent is not increased but remain at \$150 per week for the five year period.

Mr. Warren said 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. He said in this case it would be for the June 2010 quarter, which is generally available approximately 28 days after the quarter end. The Director pointed out that 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. He gave, as an example, that 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.

Council noted that during the period of the previous five years Council has received \$39,000 from the RTC in rent and in that same time 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

The Director pointed out 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.

8576 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Horan and Karanouh that Council:

- (1) Renew the lease for a period of five years.
- (2) Waive the increase for the next five year term on the proviso that rent payable by Council for Outback Arts & RTA, along with that of Coonamble Cottage Industries, is not increased for the corresponding period.
- (3) Stipulate that the rent be paid monthly in advance.

At this juncture, 1.01 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 1.56 p.m.

13.0 REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

8577 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

3.1 MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION

The A/Director reported that at the June 2010 Council meeting it was resolved to call for expressions of interest to further beautify the CBD. She said around 1990 Council looked at parking in the main street and considered ways of improving the aesthetics by adding street gardens.

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At that time it was decided to retain car parks in the main street, the reverse angle parking would be kept and the blisters designed accordingly. The A/Director said that in the mid 1990's the main street was resealed with hot mix to further improve the appearance.

Council noted that in 2000 an architect/heritage advisor was engaged to undertake a study of the main street. The A/Director said the report looked at ways to improve the aesthetics by examining lighting, street furniture, pavement, landscaping, signage, public art and shop fronts. She said all of these areas have been improved upon, although the recommendations have not always been followed. Councillors noted that copies of the report were tabled.

In her report, the A/Director advised that Council has expended considerable funds over the last twenty years, with the blisters, hot mix and paving totaling in excess of \$500,000 - this does not include expenditure on consultants, lighting, street furniture, landscaping, public art or shop fronts.

Council noted that no funds have been allocated in this financial year for main street beautification and the A/Director reported to engage a consultant to complete concept plans and design plans would be in the vicinity of \$60,000.

Cr Schieb said in his opinion the cost quoted is exorbitant – Cr Karanouh requested a concept plan from a qualified landscaper/garden designer. The Mayor suggested that a group of interested parties be formed to put forward ideas for the project.

8578 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that a group, comprising Council representatives, Coonamble Streets Ahead and Coonamble Chamber of Commerce, be formed to work towards a Main Street Beautification.

13.2 PROGRESS REPORT

The A/Director of Engineering Services provided a progress report on works undertaken during the past month. The following issues were raised by Councillors:

- Cr Schieb - Regional Roads – patching - Culvert 40 Castlereagh Highway – reported late last year – problem still exists. The GM reported that RTA controls the Highway.
- Cr Karanouh - Tooraweenah Road – still being reported as in bad condition. The GM said that three weeks ago an interstate semi-trailer bogged on the road causing additional problems for staff.

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- Cr O'Brien - Gulargambone recycling – referred to extra charge – A/Director to follow up as it was reported that very little is actually recycled. The A/Director was requested to discuss this matter with the Contractor and report on this matter as soon as possible.
- Cr Schieb – green waste – will shortly be screened and some material may be good enough for sale.

8579 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Canham that the report be adopted.

14.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

8580 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Canham that the reports from various committees be received and dealt with.

14.1 MINUTES OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

8581 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that the minutes of the Consultative Committee meeting held on 8 June, 2010 be received and noted.

(a) Senior Plant Operator Position

Council noted this is not a new position – under the Mines Act Council is required to have this position filled so that in the absence of the Quarry Production Manager, the incumbent can fill the position. The A/Director advised that no additional staff would be required.

14.2 MINUTES OF AFTER SCHOOL CARE (Vacation Care) MEETING

8582 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the minutes of the After School Care (Vacation Care) meeting held on 17 June 2010 be noted.

17.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER

8583 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of June, 2010 be adopted.

18.0 REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER

8584 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that the report by the Contact Ranger for the month of June, 2010 be adopted.

Parking in Main Street

Cr. Canham advised that employees continue to park in front of business premises throughout the day, taking up car parking spaces. He requested that the Ranger be instructed to carry out parking patrols for at least the next two weeks. Cr Canham said the main areas of concern are chemist, paper shop and butcher shop.

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21.0 CLOSED SESSION

8585 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham 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)*".

8586 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN COUNCIL

8587 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

8588 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanouh that Council adopt the recommendation of Closed Session, as follows:

21.1 RECRUITMENT OF REPLACEMENT GENERAL MANAGER

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council carry out the recruitment process 'in house' and that the whole Council be involved in the process.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Karanouh:

- Tooraweenah Road – still getting complaints from tourists – Council should keep in mind the importance of this road.
- Replacement of seating – Sportsground Grandstand – A/Director advised new seating has been received, but not installed.
- Footpath cleaner – when will it be purchased?

Cr Schieb:

- Rob Clayton – flooding of residence during flood – has anything been done to reduce this happening again. GM advised Council is looking at hiring a contractor to identify illegal connections to its sewer system and then serve notices on offenders. He said that Mr Clayton was requested to forward invoices, etc. if he had a claim against Council, however he has not done so at this point in time.
- Quambone Polocrosse – road into ground needs attention – tractor was pulling vehicles through. Issue of liability was raised. Pointed out it is only a short distance (from main road about 550 metres) – requires to be formed and topped with gravel. Cr Cullen said if a grader is in the vicinity it should not take long to carry out this work. Cr Schieb referred to two pits nearby from which material could be sourced.

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8589 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council form the required section of access to the Quambone Racecourse, with provision for gravel; supply a loader and work with the Clubs who have offered to assist, noting that funding of \$5,000 will come from the \$20,000 surplus.

- Asked the A/Director to obtain comparison quotes for any work involving removal of trees and the like. Ms Atkins said quotes would be sought from other companies as well as A1 Tree Service.
- Parks and gardens staff – how is time allocated – A/Director said the gang carries out mowing, slashing, emptying street bins, line marking for sporting fixtures and catering for special events.
- Flats in Pages Terrace – unsightly – requested an order to clean up.
- Sheep pavilion at Showground – A/Director said she is waiting on the result of a heritage study, however a small section which is not part of the building will be removed and the area cleaned.
- Use of rifles – public land – responding to a question if Council could advertise that the use of firearms on Council/public land is prohibited, the GM said Council has no legislative power to deal with this. Cr Schieb said pig hunters are being blamed for sheep being shot along roads.

Cr O'Brien:

- Rest Area 5kms from Gulargambone is very neat and tidy – congratulated responsible staff.
- Bus shelter in Gulargambone – been vandalised – seats broken.
- Council residence – Gulargambone – maybe could offer to GWAHS suggest rental to agency staff? GM will take further action with agents in a month regarding this residence.

Cr Canham:

- Toilets serving Greyhound Club in a disgraceful state – estimate \$60,000 to refurbish. Mayor said should be part of overall Management Plan of Showground. Cr Cullen suggested minor maintenance work only. Cr Canham said definite cost should be obtained. Mayor said \$180,000 was allocated at one stage to build additional showers/toilet block at Showground – money was used elsewhere when the arena covering was being discussed. The Mayor said the toilets at the Caravan Park are also in a shocking state – he said this is not acceptable for tourists/travelling public.

8590 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Canham that Council's Manager – Environmental Services inspect both blocks of toilets (i.e. adjacent to Greyhound Club at Showground and Coonamble Caravan Park) and report to Council on costing to refurbish.

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Director of Corporate Services:

- Pointed out that the Valuer General has issued individual valuations and some rate notices may have anomalies. Suggested that if Councillors have any queries they refer ratepayers to Council and the matter will be referred to the Valuer General's Department.

General Manager:

- Received complaints about Combara tip – rotten grain and old tarps dumped – someone set fire to tarps causing smoke nuisance. Council should review the use of the tip – GrainCorp should be instructed not to use the tip and a sign placed banning the dumping of tyres and industrial waste.
- OROC – met with Dr – new system signed off – Cr O'Brien said that specialists are needed at Dubbo – GWAHS Management said that the extraordinary claims are made by medical professionals – making it impossible to employ them. Referred to draft boundaries being set for medicare local areas.

Mayor:

- Rotary Club – DA to erect public toilets at Rest Area – GM said DA was returned to Club with advice that as the additional information sought was not supplied, Council could not proceed.
- Trees in pool compound – requested staff to look at suitable trees for planting along the pool fence fronting Aberford Street.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 3.53 p.m.

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MAYOR