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Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend an **ORDINARY MEETING** of **COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL** to be held in the **SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE** on **WEDNESDAY 11th AUGUST, 2010** commencing at 9 am.

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Yours faithfully

JOHN J GRIFFITHS

General Manager

5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2010

- 9.15am** **Coonamble Arts Alive**
Presentation of Drawing – re Placement of Sculpture
- ***Chris Samuels***
 - ***Jamie Lee Hodges***
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- 9.30am** **Country Energy – Presentation – 30 mins.**
Re: Price Increase, Solar, Current Issues.
- ***Peter Halliwell (Regional GM, North Western)***
 - ***Helen Rhodes (Manager Community Relations, North Western)***

6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST
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7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
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**7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH
JULY, 2010 COMMENCING AT 9.10 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

▪ 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 12 (32983)

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

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'Brien 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
- (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.

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;
- (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.

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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

These Pages (Page 1/4554 to 37/4590) 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 14 July 2010.

MAYOR

8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 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. Refer to letter from RTA in précis of correspondence.

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:

Superseded – see resolution 8533 of 14/7/2010 – COMPLETED.

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.

11.7 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:
See Department of Planning letter in précis of correspondence.

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. Refer report by General Manager this meeting.

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 convened for 18 August with assistance from Walgett LAC together with the inaugural meeting of the Consultative Group

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. COMPLETED.

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:

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.

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. Listed on program for completion in conjunction with Hickey Street sealing.

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

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 ordered.

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. No action.

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. In progress.

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 – preferred option not suitable. Some rectification works carried out to mitigate recurrence.

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:

No advice on timeframe yet received.

10.12 COONAMBLE LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION D7 + P1-11 (32972) 14/7/2010

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.

Status:

Letter of confirmation from Zone received and CLAA preparing actual requirements following consultation with council staff.

10.16 MARTHAGUY PICNIC RACE CLUB D7 (32992) 114/7/2010
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.

Status:
No action

FORMATION OF ROAD – QUAMBONE RACECOURSE 14/7/2010
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.

Status:
Road formed – loam to be sourced by Racecourse Committee following on site consultations.

TOILET FACILITIES – SHOWGROUND & CARAVAN PARK 14/7/2010
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.

Status:
Instruction issued to Manager Environmental Services. Officer currently on leave.

9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2010

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10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2010

Section A –For Consideration:

10.1 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC W1 & E5 (33059)

Advising the Association is concerned that Local Government within the Basin is facing a rare and major occurrence which will potentially have far-reaching implications for our communities – referring to the pending Basin Plan which is due to be placed on public exhibition in July 2010. Saying that at a Basin Plan Forum in Canberra on 7 April 2010 it was stressed that the plan is constrained by the requirements as set out in the Water Act and the plan will not be “all things to all people. Pointing out it has been said that the Authority is tackling something never done before. Urging Council to put in place robust and appropriate strategies or arrangements for dealing with the Draft Plan so it can be properly and thoroughly examined and meaningful submissions made within the time allowed.

Advising the Association has adopted seven primary programs which it employs to:

1. Seeks to ensure that the Basin’s finite water resources and associated environmental assets are conserved and protected with integrity and transparency.
2. Strives to ensure that the natural resource management decisions of Basin Governments are made with proper and transparent considerations of their social and economic impacts on Basin communities.
3. Encourages responsible development of the basin’s natural resources while ensuring that the environment is protected through education and timely dissemination of evidence based information.
4. Strives to bring a reasonable and moderated balance and understanding of Basin issues for a shared vision for the future of water and related environmental resources in the Basin.
5. Interacts with all levels of government thereby encouraging timely and effective management and policy decisions that impact upon the Basin and its communities.
6. Actively encourages education and research and development programs towards ensuring responsible development of the Basin’s natural resources, which will assist in the protection of the Basin’s environmental assets.
7. Maintains oversight to ensure that all Basin Government decisions addressing Basin Water security seek, where possible, an optimal balance between human needs and the environment.

Urging Council to take up membership of the MDA so that the benefits of strong and united representations on this and other issues which are or may impact on the community are available. Requesting that the matter be included on Council's meeting agenda.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This issue has received significant attention through OROC and whilst it has been assumed that this Council will not be hugely impacted, I am of the belief that some negative impact will accrue when the draft plan is released later this month.)

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

**10.2 CENTRE FOR ORAL HEALTH STRATEGY NSW W1 + W1-13
(33068)**

Writing about the considerable delay in implementing water fluoridation of Coonamble and Gulargambone water supplies – saying the issue was discussed at the Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Advisory Committee at the June 30 meeting. Noting with concern that approval to fluoridate both water supplies was gazetted on 5 October 2006, stating that fluoride should be added no later than 1 September 2007. Saying an extension of implementation to July 2009 was approved, however no further request for extension has been sought despite a letter from the A/Chief Dental Officer indicating that it should seek extension if the work could not be implemented by July 2009.

Stating the Committee was informed that:

- Fluoridations plant at Gulargambone and Bore No 5 at Coonamble are ready for inspection and commissioning
- Revised Form 1s for Bore Nos 3 and 4 have not been submitted.

Asking Council for advice on its timing to proceed with inspection and commissioning of the fluoridations plant at Gulargambone and Bore No 5 at Coonamble and to submit the revised Form 1s for Bore Nos. 3 & 4 water supply and progress with implementation of fluoridation.

**Recommendation:
That Council note that staff have submitted revised Form 1s for Bores 3 & 4 and the facilities are now ready for installation of the equipment, once the Centre for Oral Health Strategy approval is received.**

10.3 CARMEL HURST S13-4 (33069)

Applying again for permission to conduct the kiosk at Gulargambone pool for the 2010/2011 swimming season under the same terms and conditions as previously.

Recommendation:

That Council grant permission for the conduct of the kiosk at Gulargambone Pool for the 2010/11 swimming season to Mrs Carmel Hurst.

10.4 NSW POLICE FORCE P5 (33108)

Informing of changes to the regulatory model for the security industry recently approved by the NSW Government. Advising main changes are that:

- The Security Industry Registry (SIR) will assume the role of the main regulatory body.
- To reflect the significant change in the SIR's role, it is now part of the NSW Police Force's State Crime Command and will be renamed the Security Licensing and Enforcement Directorate (SLED).
- Master licensees will no longer be required to be a member of one of the ten industry associations granted approval status by the Commissioner of Police.

Stating that since 2003 the Government has introduced a series of reforms to security industry laws to increase the competence, professionalism and accountability of the security industry. Pointing out these reforms have increased the obligations of licensees and introduced heavy penalties for non-compliance. Saying the findings and recommendations made in December 2009 by the ICAC in its *Report on Corruption in the Provision and Certification of Security Industry Training (Operation Columba)* suggest that without effective enforcement the intended effect of these reforms has not been fully realized. Saying the changes being introduced by the Government support the recommendations made by ICAC.

Pointing out that the Deloitte Review recommended that a fully-industry funded model be introduced to pay for the new regulatory functions and estimated the amount required would be an additional \$4.7m annually. Saying the Minister for Police is seeking views on how the additional annual requirement should be levied upon the security industry and advising submissions close on 13 August 2010.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This item relates, in part, to the security master licence held for the Coonamble Airport. It also will impact on groups/ organizations conducting events where a liquor licence is held.)

Recommendation:

That Council not make a submission to this Review.

**10.5 COONAMBLE RODEO & CAMPDRAFT ASSOCIATION INC S5
(33157)**

Acknowledging Council's letter which was tabled at a recent meeting of the Association and saying it was decided that it is in a position to make a financial contribution of \$10,000 to this phase of the Showground upgrade. Pointing out the Association has shown its commitment and dedication to the project by way of a \$25,000 contribution towards the feasibility and business planning stage. Saying it will endeavour to contribute an amount of \$100,000 towards actual construction costs should the project come to fruition. Advising this may be afforded by way of accepting the offer of an interest free loan from Council. Stating the Association is currently relocating the campdraft arena (as approved by Council) and this will utilize funds specifically set aside for the purpose.

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

10.6 DEAN & LIZ HAYCOCK SH18 + R8-6-2 (33149)

Referring to the condition and placement of culvert (number 40) beneath State Highway 18. Pointing out that the ongoing drainage problem from the culvert towards Moorambilla watercourse is causing them grave concern. Stating rain water runoff from some 14 small properties on the western side of the Highway tries to run through culverts numbers 38, 39 and 40, with the biggest part of the water actually crossing the Highway south of culvert 40. Pointing out that when water crosses the road culvert 40 is not working to capacity as it is higher than the low spot in the road and appears to be of insufficient size. Drawing attention for the potential of a major road accident as well as paddocks being waterlogged for weeks on end, causing health issues. Saying the culverts beneath the Highway (particularly culvert number 40) are in the wrong places and too small. Asking that Council consider upgrading the culverts to allow drainage suitable for a safe and healthy rural residential environment.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – I have forwarded a copy of this letter to the RTA for its consideration and responded to the Haycocks that the issue is outside the control of Council.)

**Recommendation:
That Council confirm the General Manager's action in this matter.**

10.7 COUNTRY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION M3 (33167)

Advising that the next meeting of the Association will be held in the Parkes Room (Country Embassy, Trade & Investment Centre), Level 47, MLC Centre, 19 Martin Place (cnr King & Castlereagh Streets) Sydney on Wednesday, 18 August, 2010 commencing 9.30 a.m. Saying presenters will be:

- Ross Woodward, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Department Premier and Cabinet
- Colin Mc Lean and Sam Samra, Office of Water (The Association is preparing a submission on 25/75 access/user charges (50/50 at councils with 4,000 or less connections) and both Colin and Sam will be addressing concerns)
- Bruce Miller, President, Shires Association.

Inviting Council to the meeting and requesting a rsvp to ensure an agenda is forwarded.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This meeting is the day after the One Association Conference that the Mayor, Cr Karanouh and the General Manager are attending).

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

10.8 MINISTER PHILLIP COSTA MP E5-3 (33192)

Thanking Council for its letter seeking an amendment to the Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Great Artesian Basin Groundwater Sources 2008 to allow an additional entitlement to be added. Saying that under the plan up to 30% of the water savings made through capping and piping bores since 1999 may be released to extractive users to facilitate the continued economic and social welfare of regional western NSW. Stating the remaining 70% of water savings are to be retained in the aquifers of the GAB to improve pressures and provide groundwater dependent ecosystems such as the unique mound springs of NSW. Pointing out that in July 2009 1,200ML of the water savings were released through a controlled allocation – the net proceeds of the auction (approx \$870,000) were reinvested into the Cap & Piper the Bores Program to further improve water use efficiency in the GAB.

Stating he has made a public commitment to review the appropriateness of further releases of water under the Plan, however there is no immediate plan to release more water. Saying he is advised Council staff attended the July 2009 controlled allocation and some entitlement was purchased by landholders in the Shire. Pointing out objectives of the controlled allocation were to:

- Make available access licences to new or existing water users
- Establish a market value for entitlements in the NSW GAB water sources
- Stimulate trade in the NSW GAB water sources.

Further stating that apart from the water released through the auction there is approximately 4,350 ML of entitlement in the artesian zones of the GAB which can be traded and it is estimated that less than 30% of this is currently used. Pointing out that despite this, there is no evidence that anyone has actively sought to purchase entitlement in the artesian zones of the GAB since the controlled allocation. Stating he is reluctant to release further entitlement in the GAB while a large proportion of the existing entitlement remains unused and available for purchase. Encouraging anyone wishing to obtain entitlement for commercial purposes to actively seek out and purchase some of the unused entitlement in the artesian zones of the GAB to meet their needs.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This is a response to Council's letter seeking year round ability to obtain new GAB licences for industrial purposes.)

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

**10.9 KATRINA HODGKINSON MP – SHADOW MINISTER FOR NATURAL
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT S4 + W1 (33194)**

Stating that as Shadow Minister for Resource Management the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program (CTWSS) forms part of her portfolio responsibilities and she has been approached by several councils and water utilities seeking prioritization of specific projects. Drawing attention to the 2005 joint position statement by the LGSA & Water Directorate regarding the need to restore funding for the CTWSS. Saying she is seeking to construct a good picture of the current state of the CTWSS and despite lodging many Questions on Notice in Parliament and at least three Freedom of Information requests the State Labor Government has actively worked to keep information about the magnitude of the backlog out of the public domain. Asking for information about CTWSS programs in this area and setting out the detail required, as well as advice on the priority placed on each project. Stating it would be appreciated if the information could be available by Friday 16 September.

**Recommendation:
That Council instruct staff to provide the information on Council's inability to attract CTWSS funding for the water treatment plant.**

10.10 JOHN SINGLE	SR26 (33139)
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Requesting urgent repairs to two causeways at the eastern end of Vatua Lane which are currently not trafficable to trucks. Advising the causeways have been a consistent problem after significant rain. Pointing out the immediate problem is that they have a contract to deliver sorghum to Sydney in August/September and given RTA restrictions to B Double access and bridge weight limits, the only other truck access to "Narratigah" is via Coonamble – adding a further 98kms to the trip one way. Saying they will aid Council where possible and provide access to the causeways via Calga Road and then through the private roads of "Narratigah" – which would bypass other problem areas on the lane providing access to the crusher. Further pointing out there is quality road loam on "Square Mountain" – a distance of approx. 6km to the causeways which Council can access and they would be happy to contribute up to \$2000 for the timely and successful repairs to the causeways.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This is another issue relating to the ongoing wet weather and the impact on roads by the continued use of heavy vehicles on the unsealed road network. Council staff estimate that some 300 plus ton of rock fill is required in the two causeways in question, however the condition of other causeways will be negatively impacted by any attempt to cart material of that magnitude to the site. The use of Calga Road for this purpose is not feasible as that access is too wet to even grade).

<p>Recommendation: That Council advise Mr Single that repairs will be carried out when access is available to the causeways in question.</p>

10.11 FG & JA MORSE	R8-6-2 + SR2
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Expressing concern regarding the condition of the Coonamble-Tooraweenah Road and saying that while the difficulties the Shire faces are acknowledged there are serious issues that need addressing. Saying they were dismayed to see scant reference to roads in the annual report and no mention of major road upgrades. Saying in 21 years there has been minimal extension to the sealed surface and to their knowledge there have been six single vehicle accidents on the stretch of road between Mt Tenandra and the Gumin Bridge. Pointing out that prior to the 4 tonne load limit placed on the Gumin bridge by Gilgandra Shire there were tourist buses and caravans travelling the road from Warrumbungle National Park to Coonamble, then to Lightning Ridge – saying this loss must be felt by businesses in Coonamble. Stating that for the transport of beef and grain they have to utilize SR 79 Gummin Gummin Road which has been in a serious stage of disrepair since the January rains and in its current condition not suitable for large heavy loads. Pointing out they have had to cancel a Woolworths beef contract due to the inability to transport cattle because of road conditions.

Appreciating assistance provided by Council staff earlier this year in making SR79 trafficable so they could freight home purchased cattle. Asking if there is a possibility of a joint funding venture with Gilgandra Shire, referring to tourism development and saying that given this particular area was featured in John Oxley's diaries of his 1818 expedition, the picturesque views offered on the western side of the Warrumbungles and the development of Mt Tenandra homestead as a bed and breakfast, it is an area rich with features. Saying they would welcome an opportunity to discuss this matter with Council and staff.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – There is little wonder that staff cannot make any headway with road conditions when heavy transports continue to utilize roads that are only open to light traffic. Enforcement of our policies is now imperative.)

Recommendation:

That Council engage part time rangers/special constables to enforce road closures, particularly on main arterial roads and issue penalty notices where applicable.

10.12 NEIL McGAFFIN, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Offering Council the opportunity to have a draft Standard Instrument LEP for Council's consideration within the next three months. Saying he would also hope to be able to deliver assistance with the s62 consultations as well. Pointing out that the draft LEP would be a 'like for like' translation or 'best fit' of Council's current LEP. Saying this assistance would be based on a mutually agreed timeframe for progression and completion of the draft LEP. Encouraging Council to also proceed with its Strategic Land Use Review.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Whilst Council has advertised for expressions of interest to carry out a review of the Land Use Strategy this offer is financially beneficial to Council and I have requested advice as to whether the land use strategy rejected by Council could be utilized with the exception of the rural residential and rural allotment provisions that were not acceptable. Even if this is not possible, the offer should be accepted.)

Recommendation:

That Council accept the offer from the Department of Planning to formulate a draft Standard Instrument LEP, provide assistance with the s62 consultations and continue with the review of the land use strategy, at Council's cost, for future incorporation into its LEP by way of amendment.

10.13 CENTRAL WEST LIVESTOCK HEALTH AND PEST AUTHORITY

Advising the Chairman, Don Mudford and the General Manager, Narelle Rodway, will not be available until September 23, or during the week commencing October 25, to discuss the core function areas of LHPA with Councillors. Advising that non-attendance at Council's meeting was due to lack of notice and a busy schedule, not an unwillingness to meet.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – I believe the suggested timeframe is unacceptable and, whilst I have had discussions with an ex-Chairman of the former Coonamble Rural Lands Protection Board, it is felt that the matter should be referred to the State Council pointing out the disadvantage rural producers in this area face. This will remove any chance of an amicable working relationship with the CWLHPA).

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

Section B: For Information**10.14 COONAMBLE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

Forwarding copy of minutes of meeting held on 21 June, 2010 for Council's information. Attached as **APPENDIX A**.

10.15 HON FRANK SARTOR MP L9-1 (33061)

Thanking Council for its support of the introduction of a National Container Deposit Scheme and advising that the issues raised will be given due consideration.

**10.16 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & WATER
A2 (33099)**

Writing regarding the release of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 20910* by the Department in April 2010. Saying information can be viewed at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/consultation.htm>

10.17 UNITED SERVICES UNION REPRESENTATIVE S6-10 (33159)

Requesting Council to recognize Friday 3 September 2010 as its employees' annual picnic day and regard it as a holiday for financial members of the United Services Union.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This request is in accordance with Clause 18B of the Award as well as being included in Council's policies that the picnic holiday be the first Friday in September).

10.18 CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND P5 (33145)

Providing Council with a media release covering the Castlereagh Local Area Command – copies of which are attached as **APPENDIX B**.

10.19 HEALTH SERVICES MANAGER M5-3 (33185)

Advising of a reschedule for moving into the new Multi Purpose Service at Coonamble, which will now be 24 August. Stating in the week 16 – 20 August there may be disruption due to the move, however from 25 August all services will be from the new facility.

**10.20 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND
THE ARTS L9-1 (33198)**

Thanking Council for its letter concerning the introduction of a national container deposit scheme. Advising that the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC) agreed at a recent meeting to undertake the development of a Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on options for further action on packaging waste. Saying it agreed to examine the cost effectiveness of a limited number of options for national measures which may have a tangible impact on packaging recovery rates and litter reduction, including national container deposit legislation. Pointing out that further information on EPHC's considerations on this matter are available from the EPHC website www.ephc.gov.au

10.21 ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY, PARKES B10 + R8-1 (33138)

Advising that the RTA is currently finalising the design and environmental assessment to rehabilitate the scour at the southern abutment of the Sir Edward Halstrom Bridge over the Castlereagh River at Coonamble. Saying when these tasks are completed it is anticipated that work will commence in the second half of the 2010/11 financial year.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This item relates to resolution 6676 of 13 February 2008 which will be attended to once the RTA has completed work on the southern abutment.)

JOHN J GRIFFITHS

General Manager

4 August 2010

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 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
13/10	Head,B	Owner	Change of Class.	106 Aberford St.	15/07/2010
15/10	Ralston,M&S	Ralston,M	Machinery shed & washbay	Lot 1 Buckley Drive Coonamble	15/07/2010
22/10	Graincorp	Owner	Shed	Back Gular Road	01/07/2010
25/10	Siafarikas,S	Wilson,T	Takeaway shop	77 Castlereagh St	15/07/2010
27/10	CSC	MPREC	Shed	Pt "Meglo"	21/07/2010

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
23/10	Glover, K&H	Glover,K	Shed	8 Mundooren St	01/07/2010
24/10	Drummond,D	Owner	3 x awnings	32 Wilga St	07/07/2010
28/10	Moody,K	Owner	Carport	22 Wilga St	21/07/2020
30/10	CSC	CSC	Renovation Bore 4	Yarran Street	20/07/2010
31/10	CSC	CSC	Renovation Bore 3	Smith Park, Coonamble	20/07/2020

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

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

Financial Considerations: NIL

Options: NIL

Recommendation:

That Council note Development Application Nos 013/2010, 015/2010, 022/2010, 025/2010 and 027/2010, together with Complying Development Application Nos 023/2010, 024/2010, 028/2010, 030/2010 and 031/2010 were approved for the month under delegated authority since the last Council meeting.

11.2 GINTY ESTATE**Background:**

Council instructed that approaches be made to local agents in an attempt to identify potential demand for allotments in stage one of Ginty Estate redevelopment.

Issues:

The principal of one real estate agency in town identified that three – four enquiries had been received in the past few months regarding the availability of residential land, leading him to be optimistic about the need and demand for these types of blocks. He stated he cannot quantify the number of firm enquiries and that it is difficult without pricing, but offered support to the proposal.

A copy of the plan of subdivision, adopted by Council, attached as **APPENDIX C**.

Council foreshadowed the possibility of selling Ginty Estate as is, however should that course of action be desirable it will be necessary for a development control plan to cover items such as requirements for water, sewer, standard of access, etc.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

As previously conveyed to Council Ginty Estate is classified as ‘community land’ and will require the preparation of a LEP to change it to ‘operational land’ before it can be sold.

Council’s attention is drawn to the environmental provisions governing septic systems in the vicinity of watercourses.

Financial Considerations:

Nil at this time.

Options:

1. Identify the source of funding, prepare a local environmental plan and proceed with development of stage one of Ginty Estate.
2. Prepare a development control plan, local environmental plan and sell the Estate as is.

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

JOHN J GRIFFITHS

General Manager

4 August 2010

**12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST 2010**

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

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections to 31/07/2010 compared to 31/07/2009:

	31/07/2010	31/07/2009
Arrears 30 th June previous year	502,953.25	614,828.79
Plus 2010/2011 Combined Levy	4,908,665.53	4,782,324.10
Add Transfer from Postponed	1,349.15	5,179.83
GROSS LEVY	5,412,967.93	5,402,332.72
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(51,595.37)	(43,784.78)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(42,216.42)	(35,825.67)
Transfer to Postponed	(231.15)	(590.20)
Abandoned	-	(5,179.83)
20% Farmland Rebate	-	(2,900.92)
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	5,318,924.99	5,314,051.32
Less Collections	(346,283.39)	(314,549.52)
Plus Refunds	-	-
NET TOTAL BALANCE	4,972,641.60	4,999,501.80
Plus Postponed	4,412.79	5,200.19
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	4,977,054.39	5,004,701.99
Collection % of Total Receivable	6.51%	5.92%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	93.49%	94.08%

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 (\$)
18/08/2010	Fixed	A1+	CBA	3	30	5.01	2,000,000	
23/08/2010	Fixed	A1+	NAB	4	32	5.10	2,000,000	
31/08/2010	Fixed	A1+	NAB	8/2010	337	5.00	2,000,000	
4/09/2010	Fixed	Unrated	Reliance C/U	19	184	5.70	500,000	
13/09/2010	Fixed	A1	Suncorp	1	63	5.68	1,500,000	
21/09/2010	Fixed	A2	IMB	5	60	5.65	1,000,000	
28/09/2010	Fixed	A1+	CBA	6	30	4.92	1,000,000	
17/10/2010	Fixed	A1+	St George	2	90	5.50	1,000,000	
	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 31 July 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 STORES AND MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR & STORES AND MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2010 TO 30 JUNE 2010
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The stock-take of stores and materials has been completed and items requiring adjustment is set out below:

(a) Items Unaccounted For:

<i>Stores No</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Qty</i>	<i>Amount</i>
143	Diesel	4628*	5,551.75

* Refer report by A/Director of Engineering Services.

(b) Items in Excess:

<i>Stores No</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Qty</i>	<i>Amount</i>
472	Petrol	184	220.97

(c) Summary:

Items in Excess	\$ 220.97
Items Unaccounted For	<u>\$5,551.75</u>
Total S&M Written Off	(\$5,330.78)

Recommendation:

That Council authorise the writing in of stores and materials in the sum of \$220.97 and the writing off of stores and materials in the sum of \$5,551.75 as shown above for the period ending 30 June 2010.

11.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30/06/2010**Background:**

Each year Council is required to provide General Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules. These reports must contain a statement in the approved form by Council as to its opinion on the reports (attached).

Issues:

This year Council's Auditors are coming earlier than normally anticipated and before the next Council meeting. The accounts are still being filed and it is anticipated they will be completed by the end of August 2010.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Required in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Financial Considerations:

Nil

Options:

Nil

Recommendations:

- (1) That the necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the Statement by Council on the Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2010.**
- (2) That Council's Financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2010 be referred for audit.**

RICK WARREN

Director of Corporate Services
August 2010

13. REPORT BY ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST 2010

Recommendation:

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

13.1 FUEL STORAGE AND DELIVERY SYSTEM AT COONAMBLE DEPOT

Background:

During June 2010 the distillate delivery line at the Coonamble depot failed and Council incurred a substantial loss of fuel (see stores unaccounted report). The supply was isolated at the storage tank with all of Council's diesel fleet diverted to the Caltex Depot. The pipeline is believed to have been installed more than 30 years ago and corrosion was found to be the cause of the failure.

With no records, plans or recollection of the pipe's location, the only way of ascertaining the condition of other sections of the line was to undertake a complete excavation and visible inspection. The distance between the above ground storage tank and the bowser at the depot is approximately 66m and exposing this length of the line would significantly impede daily vehicle movements within the depot. As further investigation was warranted and it was likely that other corrosion problems would be unearthed, replacement of the pipeline was considered the only feasible solution. In doing so, an extra excavation (one to inspect and another to replace) was avoided and the risk of further failures and losses minimised.

Fuel delivery installation is a specialist field and there are relatively few contractors within close proximity to Coonamble that perform this work. Staff encountered difficulty in obtaining three quotations from qualified contractors in accordance with Council's procurement policy, which culminated in delays to the replacement. Nevertheless works commenced 2nd August with the line installed and backfilled 3rd August. However, during the works a safety shutoff valve immediately beneath the bowser was found to be in advanced state of corrosion. At the time this report was prepared further delays were being experienced due to difficulties in sourcing a replacement valve. It is anticipated that a replacement will be installed 6th August and Council's diesel supply will be fully reinstated.

Issues:

This incident prompted an investigation into the suitability of Council's current fuel equipment and delivery system and future requirements. At present Council's fuel supply is completely contained within the depot and comprised a 20,000L above ground diesel storage and two 4000L underground tanks for unleaded petrol. Council's fleet is now predominantly diesel powered with the only petrol requirements being for cars assigned to the Mayor and management staff and some minor equipment (e.g. whipper-snippers, chainsaws, mowers etc.).

By June 2011 all sites equipped with underground fuel storage are required to have groundwater wells installed for environmental monitoring. This requirement does not apply to above ground tanks with underground delivery pipes. Due to Council's underground unleaded petrol storage the installation of well points will be necessary and is likely to amount to a substantial outlay.

An alternative to ground well monitoring is to decommission the underground tanks and have the site assessed and validated by a geotechnical engineer. Council's petrol requirements could then be serviced by a small above ground tank at the depot for the minor items of plant with fuel cards issued to management staff for their vehicles. As there is only one petroleum company operating a depot in Coonamble with 24hr access the choice of card is seemingly clear. Adopting this approach would eliminate the need for underground storage altogether and hence the need for monitoring wells.

Legislative/Sustainability Provisions:

In accordance s16(3) with the *Protection of the Environment Operations (Underground Petroleum Storage Systems) Regulation 2008*, Council is required to have groundwater well monitoring in place by 1 June 2011. If Council elects to decommission the underground tanks s15(2) of the same regulation states that a validation report must be prepared in accordance with EPA guidelines. Under the *Contaminated Lands Act 1997* Council is responsible as the owner of the land for any remediation that may be required.

Financial Considerations:

If no changes are made to Council's fuel supply, initial cost estimates indicate that the installation of the groundwater well points would be in the order of \$30,000. An additional \$5000 per year would be required for annual monitoring and reporting by an independent organisation.

If the changes described above are implemented, removal of the underground tanks, ground validation and installation of a small above ground tank would similarly cost approximately \$30,000. Each fuel card issued would attract an annual card fee of \$48, which would apply to approximately 12 vehicles in Council's present fleet (i.e. \$576 p.a).

Whilst using a fleet card system Council would receive a 2c/L discount on pump price for unleaded petrol and 3c/L for diesel (a small proportion of management staff vehicles are diesel) if sourced from the commercial depot in town.

If contaminated soil is identified at the depot during validation than the cost of the remediation could become substantial. Costs associated with a cleanup have not been included as quantities are unknown. However, it is noteworthy that if contamination is an issue than this would be also be identified when ground well monitoring commences. Therefore the cost of remediation would be unchanged regardless of the fuel system in place.

The emergency replacement of the fuel line is expected cost around \$10,000. Presently, no funds have been allocated to changes of fuelling arrangements at the depot. There are other capital works planned at the depot with budgeted funds that could be held over with the expenditure re-allocated to this work. Alternatively, Council could draw on funds held in the plant reserve, with a present balance of \$1.5M.

Options:

1. Maintain the status quo with Council's fuel supply arrangements at Coonamble Depot and install groundwater monitoring well points.
2. Re-allocate funds from other planned capital works at the depot to decommission the underground tanks at the depot and have the site validated. Purchase a small self-bunded above ground tank for Councils minor plant and enter into a fuel card arrangement for management staff vehicles.
3. Draw on funds held in the plant reserve to decommission the underground tanks at the depot and have the site validated. Purchase a small self-bunded above ground tank for Councils minor plant and enter into a fuel card arrangement for management staff vehicles.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- (1) Re-allocate funds from other planned capital works at the depot to decommission the underground tanks at the depot and have the site validated.**
- (2) Purchase a small self-bunded above ground tank for Councils minor plant and enter into a fuel card arrangement for management staff vehicles.**

13.2 TREE PLANTING – COONAMBLE POOL

Background:

At the July 2010 Council requested that trees be planted in the grounds of the Coonamble pool along the Aberford Street frontage.

Issues:

Investigations have revealed that planting of trees in this area is not practical due to the proximity of underground pipes associated with the filter system and solar heating system.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

nil

Financial Considerations:

nil.

Options:

1. Council not proceed with the tree planting at the Coonamble pool

Recommendation:

For council determination.

13.3 ADDITIONAL STAFF – COONAMBLE POOL

Background:

At the July 2010 Council meeting it was resolved to investigate utilising trainees at the Coonamble Pool.

Issues:

Initial investigations into traineeships for pools indicate that council would not be able to meet the key competencies required for a trainee to fulfil course requirements.

Trainees would need to be supervised at all times when at the complex and would also be off site for a large amount of the time.

It is believed that councils desire to reduce overtime would not be achievable by employing trainees. However, it may be achieved using casual staff.

The utilisation of temporary casual staff, once they attain the appropriate certificates and deemed capable, can staff the complex unsupervised. Casual staff attract a 25% loading additionally a further 25% to 100% loading on weekends depending on the number of hours already worked in the given week.

The cost of initially recruitment, training and supplying clothing etc for each casual staff member would be in the facility of \$2000 to \$4000 each. It is very unlikely that the casual staff employed and trained this season will be available next season.

Given the potential for impact to existing employees, and in the interest of industrial fairness, the proposed change to work hours would need to go through a consultative process with a high probability of industrial action.

Clarification is also sort on Council's resolution 8476 that the opening hours for the Coonamble pool will be 6.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m, seven days a week. If this is correct it will also have a impact on wages for the up coming season.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

nil

Financial Considerations:

It is difficult to do a comparison of current staff versus casual staff for a number of reasons, one being the salary system which would dictate the level within the appropriate band.

Utilising casual staff will certainly afford the existing staff some relief from excessively long hours but it will not have a major effect on the overall wage bill for the complex.

Options:

1. continue with current staffing levels and associated overtime
2. proceed to recruit a maximum of 3 casual staff for the 2011/2012 pool season.
3. Clarify resolution 8476 regarding opening hours.

Recommendation:
For council determination.

13.4 PROGRESS REPORT***Regional Roads***

MR129Q – Heavy Patching/shoulder widening, completed.

MR202 – Shoulder grading of various locations along the sealed section, completed.

MR383 – Shoulder grading completed.
Patching with the Jetpatcher 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, however with an additional 84mm of rain falling during the month on top of an already wet session this has impacted greatly on our ability to gain any traction in our quest to improve on the general condition of the road network.

Roads graded during the month:-

- SR3 Goorianawa Road
- SR6 Bramble Road
- SR7 Wingadee Road
- SR12 Back Gular Road
- SR13 Sandy Camp Road
- SR16 Mungery Road
- SR20 Killara Lane
- SR82 Haydens Lane
- SR86 Carinda Road
- SR102 Thurn Road
- Quambone Streets

Formation of the access road into the Quambone Race course is completed however Council staff is awaiting notification from the Quambone committee as to where the loam is to be sourced and when they can arrange volunteers to haul it.

Flood damage of Local Regional Roads

During the past month some minor culvert repairs as identified in the current Flood damage program were completed with a major repair to a multi cell Box culvert on SR87 also being completed.

KAYLENE ATKINS

A/Director of Engineering Services
August 2010

14. MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW AND QUARTERLY BUDGET
REVIEW TO 30 JUNE 2010
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11th AUGUST 2010

Background:

In accordance with Section 407 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the General Manager must report to Council within two months of the end of each quarter the extent to which the performance targets of Council, set by the Management Plan, have been achieved and submit a review of the estimates of income and expenditure for Council's consideration – (attached A3 sheets).

Issues:**(i) MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

A copy of the Management Plan is attached showing performance against the targets set by Council for the current year.

(ii) BUDGET REVIEW:

Council adopted the budget for the current year at its meeting of 10 June 2009. Given the advertising requirements of 28 days and the time taken to prepare the budget results in lengthy lead times. Consequently the budget is prepared without actual knowledge of the year end result which has an effect on the current budget and which has been adjusted to reflect such contingency.

(a) ADMINISTRATION:

(i) Savings Achieved	Salary	\$18,000
	Members expenses	\$ 6,000
	Engrs salary/Overseers	\$62,000

(ii) Additional Expense	Telephones	\$ 8,000
	Engineers office expenses	\$15,000
	Depot expenses	\$19,000
	HR expense	\$ 8,000
	Workers Comp insurance	\$62,000
	ELE	\$60,000

(iii) Additional Income Received	Interest	\$ 30,000
	On costs	\$200,000

(iv) Plant Account:	Increase in expenditure	\$200,000
	Increase in income	\$246,000

(b) PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY:

- (i) *Rural Fire Service Account*** - balanced income to expenditure for the account conducted by Council on behalf of the RFS
- (ii) *Common Expenses*** balanced within account.

(c) COMMUNITY SERVICES & EDUCATION:

Projects within this area are grant funded and restricted externally – income generally is equal to expenditure.

(d) HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES:

- (i) *Housing and Building*** expenditure saving of approximately \$30,000
- (ii) *Garbage expense*** – savings achieved in work not undertaken:
- Green waste processing \$15,000
 - Town clean up \$10,000
- (iii) *Levee Design Project*** – funds unspent \$30,000 – this returns to reserve.
- (iv) *Tree Planting Project*** – not undertaken – was to be funded from grant funds - \$30,000

(e) COONAMBLE WATER SUPPLY:

Balanced within fund – overall covering expenses without funding depreciation and capital expenses. \$49,521 required to balance operating expenses, including depreciation.

(f) GULARGAMBONE WATER SUPPLY:

Balanced within fund - \$34,000 shortfall to meet operating expenses, including depreciation.

(g) COONAMBLE SEWER SERVICES:

Balanced within fund - \$15,000 needed to meet operating expenses, including depreciation.

(h) RECREATION & CULTURAL:

- (i) *Swimming Pools*** - overall a saving of \$7,000 on expenditure – loss on income of \$4,400
- (ii) *Parks and Gardens*** – overall a saving of approximately \$15,000
- (iii) *Showground*** – additional expense of \$27,000. Watering system \$30,000 unspent – carried forward.

(i) TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION:

- (i) *Unfunded roads expenditure*** was generally lower than budget as resource was focused on regional roads, flood damage and State Highway where funding bodies required that time frames be met. The following amounts were returned to reserves:
 - Urban Road Reserve \$312,000
 - Sealed Road Reserve \$200,000
 - Reloaming Reserve \$100,000
- (ii) *Footpaths*** - An additional \$15,000 was expended on footpaths.
- (iii) *State Highway*** shows a deficit of \$89,000 for the year. There are several jobs near completion that would recoup the amount, however they are not complete and will be taken to account next year.

(j) MINING, MANUFACTURING & CONSTRUCTION:

Increase in expenditure and increase in income corresponding to production and sales increase. On a cash basis the quarry had a surplus of \$456,000. Transferred to reserve in accordance with Council policy was 96,595.

(k) ECONOMIC AFFAIRS:

- (i)** Many of the projects funded from within the economic development managers area are grant funded and restricted externally – these funds are automatically carried forward.
- (ii) *Saleyards*** have had \$11,378 transferred to reserve – this represents a profit of approximately \$71,000 for the year.
- (iii) *Farming*** – for the financial year farming activity provided:
 - Showground improvements \$150,000
 - Common reserve \$ 12,172and has reserve balance of \$43,448.

(I) CAPITAL:

Capital projects funded by grants show income and expenditure the same if incomplete. Other projects in regard to the depot have been carried forward. Unspent plant funds return to the reserve.

As Council's responsible accounting officer it is my opinion, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure and the quarterly review of these estimates at 30 June, 2010 that Council is in a satisfactory financial position.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

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|------|--|-------------|
| (i) | <i>Management Plan</i> | |
| | Local Government Act 1993 | Section 407 |
| (ii) | <i>Quarterly Review of Budget</i> | |
| | Local Government (General) Regulation) | Section 203 |

Financial Considerations:

Consideration of attached Budget Review and list of budget variations.

Options: N/A

Recommendation:**That Council:**

- (1) note the Management Plan Review;**
- (2) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;**
- (3) note that in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;**
- (4) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 30 June 2010;**
- (5) note the information provided on overtime for the period 1 April 2010 to 30 June 2010.**

RICK WARREN

Director of Corporate Services
Responsible Accounting Officer

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL RESERVES 30th June 2010

	Closing Balance 30/6/09	Transfer To	Transfer From	Closing Balance 30/6/10
Aerodrome	16,153.61			16,153.61
Bonds & Deposits (12xxx)	117,721.09			117,721.09
Common	27,970.30	12,172.18	12,186.28	27,956.20
Cultural Reserve	7,133.96		6,000.00	1,133.96
Bore Baths Study	-	6,000.00		6,000.00
Caravan Park	-	6,423.00		6,423.00
Combara Hall		5,000.00		5,000.00
Dental Surgery Reserve	24,772.00	11,357.00	3,864.00	32,265.00
Dev Fund/Ginty Est	71,015.00	100,000.00		171,015.00
Depot Improvements		130,000.00		130,000.00
ELE	606,953.03	100,000.00		706,953.03
Farming Reserve	-	43,448.00	-	43,448.00
Industrial Land	400,000.00	40,000.00	14,782.00	425,218.00
Levee Reserve	500,000.00		-	500,000.00
Office Equip	102,996.04	200,000.00		302,996.04
Plant	1,261,074.42	811,607.00	292,853.00	1,779,828.42
Premises Refurbishment Fund	100,000.00	30,000.00		130,000.00
Quarry	191,165.57	96,595.68	17,168.43	270,592.82
Racecourse Contribution/Plant	9,446.72	5,000.00	3,000.00	11,446.72
Road Reloaming	200,000.00		-	200,000.00
Rural Fire Service	36,000.00			36,000.00
Saleyards	-	11,378.00		11,378.00
Street Lights	-	4,000.00		4,000.00
SIC	200,000.00			200,000.00
Smith Park Canteen	17,256.04		17,256.04	-
Urban Streets	362,000.00		-	362,000.00
Road Reserve (sealed)	200,000.00		-	200,000.00
Museum Advisor	6,000.00		-	6,000.00
Riverwalk Stage 2	5,000.00		-	5,000.00
Showground	-	200,000.00	88,384.86	111,615.14
Showground Water System	-	30,000.00		30,000.00
LEP Preparation	50,000.00	20,000.00		70,000.00
Fin Ass Grant Advance	697,630.00	740,043.00	697,630.00	740,043.00
TOTAL	5,210,287.78	2,603,023.86	1,153,124.61	6,660,187.03

6,660,187.03

OVERTIME REPORT - SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL MEETING 11 AUGUST 2010

	1/09/2009 to 31/12/2009		1/01/2010 to 31/03/2010		1/04/2010 to 30/06/2010	
	Hours	\$	Hours	\$	Hours	\$
Depot/Workshop	106.00	3,941.53	119.50	4,583.70	57.00	2,124.24
On Call	7.00	313.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Impounding	12.00	445.61	11.00	476.00	22.00	919.51
Housing/Property	11.00	427.92	5.00	237.48	14.00	609.28
Street Cleaning	45.00	1,437.89	57.50	2,046.94	46.00	1,508.86
Cemetery	2.00	68.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Conveniences	7.50	267.82	8.50	304.50	6.75	234.18
Flood Prevention	86.00	4,207.26	338.50	15,569.19	0.00	0.00
Flood Damage Council Roads			0.00		313.75	11,658.04
Flood Damage Regional Roads			0.00		96.50	5,121.45
Coonamble Pool	660.00	27,245.27	852.50	35,661.86	8.00	259.80
Gular Pool	151.00	6,583.03	185.50	8,090.96	0.00	0.00
Quambone Pool	26.50	840.79	37.00	1,322.32	0.00	0.00
Parks &						
Gardens/Sportsground	139.50	5,268.19	154.00	6,468.71	160.25	6,099.84
Quarry	445.00	15,416.48	401.50	14,501.93	307.00	11,274.75
Aerodrome	35.00	1,310.17	21.75	910.01	16.00	570.78
Regional Roads	80.50	2,750.23	131.25	3,824.10	13.50	455.68
Farming/Common/Saleyards	8.50	374.73	0.00	0.00	60.25	2,233.78
State Highways	363.25	13,077.04	326.75	12,679.61	412.25	16,417.77
Coonamble Sewer	123.00	4,810.76	171.50	7,744.69	117.50	5,236.78
Quambone Water	17.00	652.34	5.00	244.50	18.00	867.69
Sealed Local Roads	64.25	2,342.68	17.00	848.35	15.50	494.37
Unsealed Local Roads	113.50	3,809.66	168.50	6,130.68	205.50	6,787.25
Coonamble Water	93.50	3,522.97	76.00	3,147.84	46.00	2,128.44
Gular Sewer	33.75	1,283.97	52.50	2,164.24	21.00	731.48
Gular Water	31.00	1,277.12	42.50	1,943.42	35.00	1,617.18
Reconstruction Roads	277.50	11,543.97	14.00	532.86	0.00	0.00
Total	2,939.25	113,218.80	3,607.50	146,213.38	1,582.50	60,601.17
					1.00	29.51
					0.00	0.00

Estimated flood hours and wages paid, included above

Flood Prevention	86.00	4,207.26
Roads	36.75	1,188.35
Depot/Workshop	13.50	602.28
Totals	136.25	5,997.89

15. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2010

**15.1 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD IN
 THE COUNCIL BUILDING ON THURSDAY 10TH JUNE 2010
 COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Jackie Barry for Richard Dunbar (RTA Representative),
 Kookie Atkins (Services Manager)
 Michael Webb (Councillor)

APOLOGIES: Mark Harland (Roads Manager)

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Committee Recommendation: Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting will be carried over due to shortage of committee members.

2. SPEED REDUCTION – CARINDA ROAD

Request for a speed reduction from 100kph to 80kph on the Carinda Road beginning from the Castlereagh Highway for a distance of 1.5km.

Committee Recommendation: Jackie Barry to investigate further. If Council feels strongly about the issue they can write a formal request directly to RTA.

3. CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET

TCP's for Main Street closure need to be looked at, as well as the barricades used for the closures.

Committee Recommendation: After discussion, it was decided that barriers will be used.

4. TRAFFIC MARSHAL – HARVEST SEASON

Request for Traffic Marshal to be appointed for the harvest season.

Committee Recommendation: To be discussed at the next meeting.

5. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY

Kookie to supply plan ASAP. (URGENT)

Committee Recommendation: Kookie to forward plan to RTA.

6. SHOWGROUND GATES

Kookie to investigate installation of gates and contact Development Assessment Officer for DA Approval.

Committee Recommendation: On hold until Rodeo Committee decide weather or not to move camp drafting yards.

7. HEAVY VEHICLE PARKING

Near Sportsground.

Committee Recommendation: Kookie to send letter to local Police regarding heavy vehicles parking to close to the corner and across driveways.

8. 90KM AHEAD SIGNAGE – DUBBO ROAD

Request received by a member of the public regarding the speed signage for Dubbo Road.

Committee Recommendation: Refer to RTA for upgrading of the existing signage.

9. SIGNAGE – COONAMBLE & GILGANDRA – NO FUEL

Request for 'No Fuel' signage to be located in Coonamble & Gilgandra heading towards Gulargambone.

Committee Recommendation: Committee agreed that it was not warranted for the distance.

10. QUAMBONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Request from Sharon Greison to rectify issues relating to her email for Quambone Public School.

Committee Recommendation: Kookie to send photos to Sharon to confirm jobs have been completed.

11. SPEED BUMPS - SKILLINS LANE

Request for speed bumps to be installed in Skillins Lane (exit from carpark onto Tooloon St)

Committee Recommendation: That 2 speed pumps be installed

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday 9 September 2010

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Committee Room
Coonamble Shire Council

MEETING CLOSED

10:50am.

**15.2 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD
COMMITTEE HELD AT GLOBAL VILLAGE ON THURSDAY, 15 JULY
2010 COMMENCING AT 7.30 A.M.**

Present: Steven Baldwin, Rowena Macrae, Don Schieb, Al Karanouh,
Carmen Hiscock

Apologies: Liz Markey, Lisa Murray

Previous minutes

Previous meetings minutes accepted as a true and accurate record. Motioned by Don Schieb, Seconded Carmen Hiscock. **Motion carried**

Treasurer's Report

None tabled.

Purchased Chairs

- Chairs are to be left at Plaza until after Moorambilla when they will be used. There are also several bookings for the pavilion – so until further notice they will stay at the plaza.

Trestle Tables

- Not purchased yet
- Steve mentioned they were on special recently (possibly still). Will forward that info onto Al. Al to purchase a dozen or so tables as previously minuted.

ACTION – Steve to contact Al with information on tables and price/shop etc etc

Markets

- Toni O'Neill has shown interest in coming on board with markets – we are waiting to hear from her
- A card is to be sent to Bronwyn thanking her for her efforts in running the markets
- Steve has the banner and will put it up for the next market
- Shopkeepers need to be invited to participate in the markets with a stall out front of their stores
- Dubbo market holders to be emailed with info on our next markets (part. Moorambilla)

ACTION – Row to purchase and send card to Bronwyn

- Email to Lee and Amanda re: shop keepers having a stall
- Steve to email Row details of markets email and Row to contact Dubbo stall holders

Bush Poets 2011

Looking to do something fresh – ideas?

Do we run it or outsource again?

Neville Owen Tribute

Gordon Ditchfield, Al, Neville and Carmen will work on the tribute – a coffee table book of works. Al will be setting up an initial meeting between all parties next month to get the ball rolling. Lee and Amanda to be contacted re: funding.

The Great Debate

Has been moved until further notice due to election.

Christmas Carnivale

- Letters re: sponsorship will go out to schools first week back for them to mail merge and send

Something fresh? New Ideas? Really need to focus on revitalising:

IDEAS

- Band on stage (flat bed on back of truck) – offer clubs/groups ½ hour on the stage to do whatever they like (meat raffle for eg)
- Carols by candlelight (with loom sticks/candles) – encouraging schools/child care/preschool etc along with choirs in town
- Line dancing demo
- Masterchef
- Parade of groups in town not just children
- Tug-o-war
- Group 'truck pull'
- Best dressed child rather than bike parade
- Young talent time
- Red Cross/CWA food stall (no charge)
- Set up trestles and chairs to enjoy main 'show' on stage
- Encourage picnic dinner and advertise meals available – fake grass/carpet for kids to sit in front of stage
- Police attendance really important
- ARMY?
- Novelty hunt
- SA to sponsor \$50 prizes for ??? x 10

Bring your fave idea to the next meeting where we will lock in some ideas and get to work planning.

ACTION – Row to email database asking for ideas.

PLAZA

Chris wants the \$ in the FOF account to purchase reverse cycle a/c. Just waiting on invoice from him to give him the funds.

NEXT MEETING

Discussion points – how do we get funding in for Carnivale? Budget for Carnivale.

With no further business the meeting was closed with thanks,

NEXT MEETING 19th August 7.30am AT Global Village

**16. REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2010**

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

1. Diversify Industry Base		ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
PROJECT			
MPREC Horticulture/ Bush Tucker	▪		
Abattoir	▪	Forwarded 2 new inquiries to Scott Family.	No sale to date.
GAB Water	▪		Awaiting response from Minister Costa.
Demand Farming	▪	Discussion with J Larkin re biomass trial in Coonamble area. Provided contacts for soil scientists.	Awaiting further contact from J Larkin for meeting date.
2. Business and Employment Growth		ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
PROJECT			
Information for Prospective Residents	○	Responded to inquiries received via website and email.	
Support new and existing business		1. Support Business Start-Ups: 2. Auto Electrician –	1.
Saleyards Planning		Discussed consultancy findings and potential approach to Regional Livestock Exch.	Feedback meeting with Stakeholders to be held Tues 10 August.
Employment Circle	1.	Attended Employment Circle meeting 20 th July.	See attached meeting notes. Next meeting 24 August. Information Evening for Business postponed to 31 August.

2010 Business Awards	Printed and distributed nomination forms and collection boxes. Commenced advertising.	Awards close 30 August. Awards dinner 11 September.
Chamber of Commerce	Referred Small Business Facilitator to Chamber secretary.	Next meeting Thursday 26 August, Commercial Hotel.
Country Week	Prepared information for RDA stand at Country Week.	

3. Infrastructure and Service Development

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Rail Line Upgrade	Phone meetings with consultant Jock Carter re progress of Business Model and recent advice of rail upgrade. Provided information on Shadow Cabinet regional forum in Dubbo on Friday 16 July.	Cr Cullen and GM attended.
Community Infrastructure Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provided information or assisted applicant groups to second round of Community Building Partnerships Fund. 	Gulargambone Showground Trust to apply for improvements to stock handling, kitchen.
Industrial Estate expansion	1.	

4. Tourism & Physical Amenity

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Eco-Spa (Bore Baths)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Held meetings with User Groups re Showground masterplan. Poultry Club, Pony Club, Equestrian Club, Outback Arts, Show Society, Cattle Stewards, Sheep Stewards, and Coonamble Rodeo Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All of user group meeting held 3rd August reached agreement of general location of indoor facility.
Local Heritage Fund & Heritage Adviser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Heritage Advisory Committee meeting 20 July. 	See attached meeting notes.
Railway Station Restoration and Repairs	Provided additional information to support request for an exemption for S60 with Heritage Office.	Request granted. Work can proceed to reinstate platform and refurbish/reconnect amenities.

5. Community Economic Development

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Gulargambone	Distributed copies of Draft Community Strategic Plan to various community organisations and contacts.	
Quambone		
Community funding	Supporting Community Health Team in implementing the 'Coonamble Health Kick' project under LGSA Healthy Communities Project.	Project proceeding including Health Needs Analysis; Stepping On Program (Falls Prevention); Aboriginal Walking Program; Feeding the Family Program.

6. Networking, Advocacy and Lobbying

ISSUE	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
MOU with Dept of Industry & Investment	Prepared Quarterly Report to end June 2010.	Reports submitted.
Regional Development Australia	Attended EDO Network meeting in Dubbo 22 June.	

APPENDICES TO EDO REPORT:

- o HAC meeting notes.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the report submitted by the Economic Development Manager for the month of July 2010.

Amanda Glasson/Lee O'Connor
 Economic Development Managers (Joint)
 4 August 2010

**16.1 NOTES FROM LOCAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
- 20TH JULY 2010 - COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present: Angie Little, Shar Jones, Marion Murray, Helen Cant, Barbara O'Brien, Beryl Ryan, Steven Baldwin, Amanda Glasson

Apologies: Gordon Ditchfield, Ray Christison, Michael Webb, Lee O'Connor

Chair: Barbara O'Brien

Notes: Amanda Glasson

Minutes of Previous Meeting tabled and adopted Angie Little
2nded Marion Murray

Barbara O'Brien acknowledged the attendance of Max Lane whose grandfather built the Commercial Hotel in Coonamble in 1912. Max is looking into his family history with particular emphasis on this event in light of the centenary of the hotel being eminent.

Heritage Day 2010

Brief overview of Heritage Day was provided by S Baldwin. The focus for this years event was Churches, with the Anglican and Catholic Churches being open in Coonamble and the three Churches (Anglican, Catholic & Presbyterian) being opened in Gulargambone. There was little interest from the general public and perhaps in hindsight opening just one would have worked better. The Museum and Archives were also opened on the day. Approximately 80-90 people visited the archives enjoying historical movie footage of the building of the Catholic Church and instructive lessons from Neville Owen on how to scan images for the best results.

Folk singer Jane Harding from Coonabarabran who had written a song about the shooting of the Constable by Angel & Thurston performed at the Relay for Life at the Oval making special mention of the fact that it was heritage day. Any thoughts of something new and different for next years event would be appreciated.

Business Arising:

Thematic Study: **ACTION:** Steve to contact Ray and request Thematic study.

Vision Splendid: Copies are now available for purchase at the Coonamble Library. This needs to be further promoted. The family of Joan MacKenzie has promised 25 copies to be donated to the Museum and sold with the money raised for a museum project.

ACTION: Marion Murray to ask Lisa Wheeler as the Garden Club Newsletter writer to promote the books availability for sale.

ACTION: Steve Baldwin to ask Bev if the book could also be sold at the Coonamble Cottage Industries.

General business

Museum Report:

- Shar Jones reported that she and SB are preparing to do a brochure to rebrand the Museum, most successful museums are specific. The proposed themes will be either the horse or the Police theme as the stables are an excellent attraction, but will require possum proofing.
- The Police station was never a specific mounted police station but at the time of building all police were mounted.
- Shar has contacted various organisations who have done excellent displays for the National Parks to get the process started.
- Detailed costing on design have yet to be completed. To complete a good display would cost in the vicinity of \$30,000. Council has agreed in principle to fund ½ so funding from other sources would be required.
- Recruiting of more volunteers is still a priority but it is hoped that by reinvigorating the presentation that it will attract more interest.
- SJ is to focus on the policies/procedures and long term sustainability for the coming year
- Develop community workshops to stimulate interest. These will take place in the evening in a relaxed fun atmosphere. It is aimed at reading objects.
- Angie and Shar are to talk to the teachers/students to create excitement
- Capacity to appeal to interstate market
- Signage at Skillmans lane will need updating. Special Highway signage is not possible as the attraction would have to be open at least 5 days.
- Determination for a theme and name for the museum will be done at a later date. Currently Angie does 4-12 story lines per year and this is not sustainable, it will need to be a more permanent theme.

Redevelopment of the Interior of the Museum :

- Inside the museum main building the displays need updating and redevelopment. Set to be redeveloped is the Court Room scene, Neville Owen display, reuse the old cash register, type writer, scales etc into a child friendly interactive display, a new collection of band memorabilia from the town band would be set up.
- Focal points include:
 - Fire 1929
 - Floods Droughts and the impact of water (GAB)
 - Kids Zone
 - Band room

ACTION: Shar & Angie to prepare a detailed brief to be sent to everyone at least 10 days prior to the meeting and then discussed in full at the next meeting.

- ACTION:** Public meeting to be held the same evening for full community consultation.
- ACTION:** Amanda to ask Kookies re the progress of the Shipping container for the Museum.
- ACTION:** Sympathy card to be sent to Hazel Jackson & family on the passing of Barry.
- ACTION:** Angie to find out the financial contribution the old town band is to make to the museum.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 21st @ 11am CSC Committee Rooms

**17. REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST 2010**

Recommendation:

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

Tourism Development

PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
Tourism Action Plan-core priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and revised Tourism Action Plan/Management plan for 2010-2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus for remainder 2010 on identified key projects only. 	Complete
TQUAL Grants (Bore Baths Feasibility)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action this month 	<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"> Thirteen revisions received 	To print in early August
Aboriginal Community Facilitator (ACF)Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Visitor Services

PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
Visitor Information Centre-Coonamble (CVIC)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July - 63 visitors & 52 phone calls 	Ongoing
Visitor Information Centre (GVIC) – Gulargambone		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July figures not available 	Ongoing
Information Packs (via web site form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent out 15 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"> • Prepared event publicity report • Reviewed Risk Management plan • Attended event debrief meeting on 13 July • Wrote submission for the Australian Event Awards-Best Community event category 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Complete
Moorambilla Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Moorambilla Committee meeting • Prepared Macquarie Marshes tour as part of festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Event held September 17-19
Marthaguy Picnic Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Marthaguy web site • Assisted event with joint promotion involving other events • Prepared promotional material & media releases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10,000 DL fliers produced (funded by clubs) with assistance from council. Distributed to all residents of Coonamble, Walgett, Gilgandra and Warren Shires 	Event held 4 September
Web Site Promotion/Other events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loaded over 18 events to the council event calendar • Updated Gulargambone & Come-by-Chance race sites • Updated Council web site daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	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-Gulgambone-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 August
Information Sign- Castlereagh Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action this month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Draft sign in August
Visitor Information Sign-Gulgambone	<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 August

Industry and Regional Partnerships

PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
Coonamble Streets Ahead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated community markets as previous coordinator resigned. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Markets to be run on 7th August & 18th September 	Next meeting 16 th August
Warrumbungle Cluster (Gilgandra, Coonamble, Narrabri and Warrumbungle Shires)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared joint funding application with cluster councils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warrumbungle Cluster will run a technology based campaign. 	Campaign in Market from September/October
Campbelltown City Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared schedule for Coonamble Art Exhibition in Campbelltown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art to be on display 6-21 November Process this year to be 'in-house' and online 	Exhibition Opening 4 th November in Campbelltown
Central NSW Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided feedback on new Strategic Marketing Plan for Central NSW Worked with CNSWT on Warrumbungle Cluster Demand Funding application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Funding decision September

Outback Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Marketing plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Next Meeting Warren 9 th September
Gulgambone Aboriginal Oral History Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted authors with launch and distribution of book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book launched on 1st August Copy provided to Coonamble Library 	Complete
Gulgambone Caravan Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted operators with submission to the NSW Tourism Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Awards announced November

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

STEVEN BALDWIN
 Tourism Development Manager
 4 August 2010

**18. REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2010**

Recommendation:

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

18.1 SALES**CATTLE:**

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)	No. of Yards
23/07/10	Fat	894	4,425.30	16	58.40	910	4,483.70	-
								-
07/07/10	Store					732	2,671.80	
								-

Totals:	Scale	894	head	\$4,425.30		
	VA	16	head	\$ 58.40		
	Store	732	head	\$2,671.80		
	Yards	NIL	each	\$ NIL		
	NLIS Scanning	189	head	\$1,3,23.00	\$8,478.50	

18.2 CASUAL WEIGHING & CASUAL USE

Halcroft and Bennett \$238.00

18.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT

Period to 31 JULY 2010	Income	\$10,953.61
	Expenditure	\$ 9,797.10
	Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 1,156.43
Balance General Fund 1/7/2010		Not available at this date.

GREG ROBINSON

Saleyards Manager

3 August 2010

19. REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2010**

Recommendation:

That the report by the Contract Ranger for the month July 2010 be received and dealt with.

19.1 RANGER CONFERENCE

Council's Ranger attended the Australian Institute of Local Government Rangers annual conference held in Sydney this month. Topics included but were not limited to:

- Officer safety
- Parking enforcement
- Conflict Resolution
- Litter, Asbestos & Waste Environmental enforcement
- Changes to the Swimming Pools Act
- Joint enforcement operations - multi agency response to hunting dogs
- Practical demonstrations of dog attacks
- Dog behaviour assessments
- Barking problems

19.2 ON STREET PARKING

Three parking infringement notices were issued this month for exceeding the two hour time limit in Castlereagh Street.

19.3 WANDERING HORSES

Wandering horses and horses tethered without permits continue to be a problem. Two infringement notices were issued to owners of horses that were found wandering in the town.

19.4 STATISTICS:

	<u>July 2010</u>	<u>2010/2011 Total</u>	<u>July 2009</u>
Official Correspondence	12	12	10
Infringements (Animals)	10	10	2
Infringements (Other)	3	3	1
Microchipped dogs Registrations	2 4	2 4	1 3
Nuisance dog declaration	1	1	0
Restricted dog declaration	0	0	0
Dangerous dog declaration	0	0	0
Total Animals Impounded	17	17	28
Motor Vehicle	0	0	0

	<u>July 2010</u>				<u>Year to Date 2010/2011</u>			
	<u>Cble</u>	<u>Gular</u>	<u>Qbone</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cble</u>	<u>Gular</u>	<u>Qbone</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dogs seized	5			5	5			5
Dogs surrendered	10			10	10			10
Dogs destroyed	13			13	13			13
Dogs rehoused	1			1	1			1
Dogs released	2			2	2			2
Dogs died								
Dogs escaped								
In pound (2)				1				1
Cats seized	1			1	1			1
Cats surrendered	1			1	1			1
Cats destroyed	3			3	3			3
Cats rehoused								
Cats escaped								
In pound (1)				0				0
Cattle								
Goat								
Horse								

Recommendation: That the report be noted and adopted

CASSANDRA BOYCE

Contract Ranger

3 August 2010

