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**PRESENT:** Cr Tim Horan, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. J. Canham, T. Cullen, B. O'Brien, D. Schieb, M. Webb and A. Karanouh.  
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. John Griffiths, the Director of Corporate Services, Mr. Warren, the A/Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Atkins and Mrs Moorhouse.

**COONAMBLE ARTS ALIVE**

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Ms Jamie Lee Hodges, Ms Lisa Murray, Ms Robin Penman, Mrs Tanya Hind and Mrs Marion Murray to the meeting to discuss the proposed community sculptures project. Ms Hodges handed an information sheet to Council on the first phase of the project. Included on the sheet were photos of the proposed sculptures made from waste material. She said that sculptures appropriate to Coonamble would be placed at relevant locations and would be an attraction for tourists.

Ms Murray said it was hoped to involve all sections of the community, eg High School, Mens Shed, all Youth Groups and any individuals who wanted to take part. Mrs Hind said the approach to Council now is for permission to use Council land at the locations selected for the sculptures. Cr Cullen suggested that the rodeo phase be done in conjunction with the redevelopment of the Coonamble Showground. It was noted that land at the Weir would also be sought for a later phase of the project.

The General Manager advised the delegation that if racecourse land is required, an approach would have to be made to the Racecourse Trust and he suggested Arts Alive should contact Mr Mick Kennedy in this regard. Councillors asked where funding for the project was being sourced – Ms Hodges said that submissions would be made for grants which were available for this type of project. It was pointed out that Coonamble could enter such work in Waste2Art competitions in the future.

The Mayor suggested that Arts Alive prepare a submission for Council, detailing the whole project, including associated costs and the source of funding. He said it was also important that Council know exactly where the sculptures are proposed to be sited and, in this regard, he suggested that the exact locations be indicated on a shire/town map. Cr Horan said Council would then consider the request and make a decision.

The delegation thanked Council, agreed to provide the information and left the meeting at 9.37 a.m.

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**COUNTRY ENERGY – PRESENTATION**

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting three representatives from Country Energy – Mr Peter Halliwell (Regional General Manager), Mr Ben Williams (Area Manager) and Ms Helen Rhodes (Manager – Community Relations). Mr Halliwell spoke about infrastructure investment and recent projects that have taken place in this region. He said that the rise in prices of electricity will pay for upgrading of the aging system, pointing out that nearly \$6 billion will be spent over the next five years in constructing new and refurbishing existing subtransmission lines, building new and refurbishing existing zone substations, installation of up to 2750 reclosers to improve network safety and reliability.

He pointed out that demand on electricity has increased dramatically over time and consumers are entitled to have an effective, efficient and safe electricity supply network. In answer to questions from Councillors regarding solar power, Mr Halliwell said there is a strong incentive to encourage the installation of solar panels, with the rebate being offered by the Federal Government and Coonamble is in Zone 2 which is the second highest region for effective use of solar energy.

Mr Halliwell said that Country Energy is facing a challenging period and is planning a second power line between Dubbo and Gilgandra which will give Coonamble a back up supply in the event of lightning strike, accidents, etc. The General Manager asked whether it was planned to upgrade the capacity in mains to Coonamble – Mr Halliwell said not at this stage. He gave an example of the wind turbines at Coolah where the capacity had to be increased and said instances such as this involved developer contribution.

Ms Rhodes said customers should understand where they are using energy and referred to “energy meters” which will soon be delivered to the Library. These units can be borrowed by individuals and can identify what items are using the most electricity. She said this information can help consumers save on power bills. Another service offered by Country Energy is a free information line where customers can be assisted in managing their use of power.

Mr. Halliwell said safety is paramount and referred to incidents that happen through lack of knowledge – he pointed out that help is available for education, signs are available and Country Energy staff is always available to be proactive rather than reactive. He referred to our local team and said they do a very good job and are dedicated to serving the area well.

This concluded the presentation and the Mayor invited the three officers to join Council for morning tea. At this juncture, 10.20 a.m. the meeting adjourned and resumed at 10.45 a.m.

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The meeting opened at 10.46 a.m. with Council standing in one minute's silence to remember former Councillor Barry Jackson who passed away recently.

**2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

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

**3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No persons were present at this time.

**4.0 APOLOGY**

Nil

**5.0 DELEGATIONS**

The two delegations have already presented to Council. It was noted that students from Coonamble High School would be addressing Council at 2.00 p.m.

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Two declarations of interest were received:

- Cr Horan           Item 21.2 Tender for Garbage Collection  
(Sister in relationship with tenderer)
- Cr Schieb           Item 11.2 Ginty Estate  
(Member of public enquired about General  
Manager's house re intention to purchase).

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**8591 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held 14 July 2010 be confirmed, subject to the following alteration:

***Min No 8586 (Page 35/4588) should read:***

***"...on the motion of Crs CANHAM and O'Brien..."***

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- (a) Cr Karanouh – freezers for Showground Pavilion – A/Director Engineering Services said a freezer has been ordered.
- (b) Mayor – presented quotation for beautification of main street.
- (c) Cr Schieb – referred to further complaints re Tooraweenah Road – General Manager said two items were included in correspondence.
- (d) Cr Schieb - Quambone Road – General Manager said road has been formed – loam was to be sourced by Racecourse Committee.
- (e) Cr Schieb – Flats in Pages Terrace – General Manager said an Order has been served to clean up the area. He referred to discussions with Manager – Environmental Services who advises that the flats have not been condemned because of single access.

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- (f) Cr Schieb – Sheep Pavilion at Showground – A/Director of Engineering Services advised work has not been done.
- (g) Cr Cullen – JW Jackson – Development Application – the General Manager advised that no application has been forthcoming – time expires in 16 August.
- (h) Cr Cullen – Coonamble RTC – Advised the Board is most grateful for Council's consideration of rent payable. He referred to the amount paid by Council to the RTC annually.
- (i) Cr Karanouh – asked whether seats at the Sportsground grandstand have been replaced – A/Director of Engineering Services said work is being undertaken and is nearing completion.
- (j) Cr Karanouh – Street Cleaner – A/Director said that investigations are still continuing, but the price has now risen.

**8592 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanouh that a final report be submitted to the September meeting, outlining costs, so that this item of equipment can be purchased.

- (k) Cr Schieb – Tree Services – A/Director said she has not been able to contact the office of Active Tree Services, however from a discussion she had with an employee of the company earlier, it would seem Council's work would have to coincide with that of Country Energy.
- (l) Cr Schieb – Burn off – Pilliga Forest – Director of Corporate Services undertook to again take this matter up with the Rural Fire Service.
- (m) Cr Karanouh – Crime Prevention Meeting – General Manager advised meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 18 August.
- (n) Cr Schieb – referred to Tooraweenah Road – whether Black Spot funding could be applied to worst sections. General Manager said the criteria for this funding was that accidents causing death or serious injury had occurred - this was not the case.

**8.00 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**8593 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

**(a) Little Athletics – Min Nos 7693 & 8533**

Cr Karanouh said he had a quote and pictures of discus cages which had been handed to him by representatives of Little Athletics. The General Manager said that Council had received confirmation from the Zone that Coonamble would be hosting the carnival. The A/Director said the type of discus facilities at Dubbo were not legal – they now have to be made from nylon netting (not mesh). She said Little Athletics have one nylon net and it will cost \$3,200 each to install the required discus cages. Council noted it is still waiting on Little Athletics submission and decided not to take any action until this is received.

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**(b) Coonamble Showground Pavilion – Freezer – Min No 8470**

**8594 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Karanouh that Council order another freezer for the Showground Pavilion and fund it from budget savings.

**(c) Portable Toilets – Min No 8538**

In response to a question concerning a report on the proposed purchase of portable toilets, the A/Director advised that no action has been taken and at this time no quotes are available.

**(d) Toilet Facilities – Showground and Caravan Park – Min No 8590**

The General Manager advised that no action has been taken as the Manager – Environmental Services has been on leave.

**9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Mayor presented his report for the period, which included a Mayoral Minute.

**NAMING OF NEW POULTRY PAVILION**

**8595 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Horan and Webb that, in honour of his work, Council name the new poultry pavilion at Coonamble Showground "*The Barry Jackson Memorial Poultry Pavilion*" subject to no objection being raised by the family.

**8596 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the Mayor's Report be adopted.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**8597 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

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

**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. 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:

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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.

The General Manager reported that this issue has received significant attention through OROC and whilst it has been assumed that this Council will not be hugely impacted, he said he believes that some negative impact will accrue when the draft plan is released. He said Council should look closely at the draft plan and its possible negative impact on rural producers.

**8598 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that Council agree to become a member of the Murray Darling Association and that it look closely at the draft plan when released to identify any negative impacts that may accrue on rural producers.

**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 and 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.

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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.

The Mayor said he was very disappointed that it has taken so long to implement water fluoridation at Coonamble and Gulargambone. The General Manger informed the meeting that staff have been working to bring the matter to fruition, however there have been unforeseen delays. The A/Director of Engineering stated that staff members still have to receive further training, pointing out that the initial stage of training has been completed.

**8599 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Horan and Karanouh that Council:

- (1) note 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.
- (2) arrange an official launch of the implementation of fluoridation to water supplies when the work is completed and an official invitation be extended to the Director General of Dentistry.

**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.

**8600 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that Council grant permission for the conduct of the kiosk at Gulargambone Pool for the 2010/11 swimming season to Mrs Carmel Hurst.

Councillor Canham asked whether it was necessary for Council to call for expressions of interest. The General Manager said that the current arrangement works well.

**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).

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- 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.

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.

The General Manager pointed out that this item relates, in part, to the security master licence held for the Coonamble Airport. He said it also will impact on groups/ organizations conducting events where a liquor licence is held.

**8601 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien 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.

Cr Cullen said that Council should note the Association has committed \$60,000 - \$70,000 to relocating the campdraft facility.

**8602 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council note the information contained in the Association's letter.



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

Referring to the condition and placement of culvert (number 40) beneath State Highway 18. 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. 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.

The General Manager informed the meeting that a copy of this letter has been forwarded to RTA for its consideration and a response forwarded to Mr and Mrs Haycock informing them that the issue is outside the control of Council. He said that the Manager – Highway inspected the area after the most recent rain (25mm) and advised culvert 40 was operating with no water over the road. Mr Griffiths said the Manager indicated problems seem to be with access water backed up by private entrances.

**8603 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Scheib that Council confirm the General Manager's action in this matter and that representations be made to the Roads and Traffic Authority and the local State Member drawing attention to the unsatisfactory situation at this location on State Highway 18.

**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.

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

The General Manager pointed out that this meeting is the day after the One Association Conference that the Mayor, Cr Karanouh and the General Manager are attending. He said that Council would receive a copy of proceedings.

**8604 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that Council not be represented at the Country Mayors' Association meeting on 18 August, 2010.

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**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.

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.

The General Manager informed the meeting that this is a response to Council's letter seeking year round ability to obtain new GAB licences for industrial purposes. He said it would appear from this information that no applications for water are being made.

**8605 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the information be noted.

**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.

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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.

**8606 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb 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)**

Requesting urgent repairs to two causeways at the eastern end of Vatua Lane which are currently not trafficable to trucks. 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 would be happy to contribute up to \$2000 for the timely and successful repairs to the causeways.

The General Manager identified this as 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. Mr Griffiths said 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. He said the use of Calga Road for this purpose is not feasible as that access is too wet to even grade.

Mr Griffiths informed the meeting that the Manager – Roads has been in contact with Mr Single, who acknowledges that because of wet conditions Council cannot get onto the road.

The General Manager said he had been advised that semi-trailers were being pulled along Vatua Lane by tractor and said that if this has been done when roads are closed, what chance has staff got of maintaining its rural roads." a landholder in Vatua Lane was using a tractor to pull semi-trailers

**8607 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council advise Mr Single that repairs will be carried out when access is available to the causeways in question.

**16.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

At this juncture, Ms Glasson was at the meeting to present the EDM report.

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**SALEYARDS – USE OF EMERGENCY TAGS**

Prior to discussing items in the report, Ms Glasson informed the meeting that she had been at the Saleyards where a meeting had been held between a representative of the Livestock Health and Pest Authority and Saleyards Manager concerning the use of emergency tags. She said that the LHPA has committed to having a representative at the sales so that if cattle do not have a tag or if an emergency tag has to be used, the LHPA will provide it.

The General Manager said in the past there was a verbal arrangement between the Board/Authority and the Saleyards Manager however this is not permissible under the Act. He said that PIC tags registered to the Saleyards were being used and this arrangement has been cancelled and all books/records returned to the LHPA. Mr Griffiths said he was under the impression that a new agreement would be available in two weeks.

The EDM proceeded through the report to Council and touched on the following items:

- Abattoir – two new enquiries forwarded to Scotts.
- Demand Farming – further contact with J Larkin.
- Saleyards meeting with consultant – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Apologies from the Mayor, Cr Karanouh and General Manager
- Business Awards – Nominations good. Encouraged to nominate businesses to show appreciation.
- Coonamble Showground – Cr Cullen asked whether it was necessary for the Uni students to have meetings with each user group – pointing out that the consultation process has been done. The EDM said it was part of the course and because they are responsible for all aspects they need the opportunity to make slight changes if necessary.

**8608 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that the report by the Economic Development Manager be adopted.

**16.1 LOCAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**8609 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the notes from the meeting held on 20 July 2010 be noted.

**SHIPPING CONTAINER – MUSEUM**

The A/Director of Engineering Services advised that stormwater drainage has to be installed on the container before it can be used. Council noted that items owned by Mr Neville Owens will be stored in this container at the Museum.

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee will be held on 21 September and Cr O'Brien encouraged Councillors to attend.

At this juncture, 11.58 am, Ms Glasson left the meeting.

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**GENERAL DISCUSSION ON ROADS**

The Mayor suggested that Council have a general discussion on roads, pointing out that complaints on the condition of shire roads keep coming to Council and individual Councillors. The Mayor threw open the debate, asking what do we do to fix the problems. The following suggestions were made:

- Contractors – to catch up – give them a specific road
- Wait until new Director of Engineering Services starts before making any plans.
- Flood damage for sealing of Tooraweenah Road – this is not possible – funds must be used on the specific works already identified.

**10.11 FG & JA MORSE R8-6-2 + SR2**

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. Stating that for the transport of beef and grain they have to utilize SR 79 Gummin Gummin Road which has been in a serious state 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 and saying they would welcome an opportunity to discuss this matter with Council and staff.

The General Manager commented 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. He said enforcement of Council's policies is now imperative. In response to Councillors' enquiries, the General Manager said staff cannot do all the roads at once. Hew said the priority is to make them trafficable with safety. Cr Cullen said he tried to contact staff following work on the Darnley Chase road which, in his opinion, was unsatisfactory, however his calls were not returned. Cr Cullen again pointed out that roads are not being domed and until that is achieved time and effort is being wasted as water will not run from the road surface.

**FORMATION OF ROADS COMMITTEE**

**8610 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that a Roads Committee, comprising the Mayor, Crs Cullen, Webb, Karanouh, O'Brien and Schieb, be formed.

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Cr. Schieb referred to some grain producers whose properties are along the Tooraweenah Road and who store grain on farms and stated that they will not cart to silos at Coonamble, but will go to Mendooran. He said it may be a case of Council looking at a 'user pays' system for roadworks as Council is not in a position to finance repairs/maintenance of its entire rural network.

It was suggested that other councils policies on road closures be sought – the General Manager said he has done this however there are no formal policies. Mr. Griffiths said that Warren fines offenders when necessary and Bourke is reviewing a policy at the present time.

Councillors wondered whether action can be taken against the person pulling semi trailers along Vatua Lane while the road was closed. The General Manager said he would follow this up.

**8611 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council trial its staff during wet weather in monitoring traffic using closed roads by stopping drivers and giving them a caution and this decision be made known to landowners, along with costs associated with repairing roads damaged by wet weather usage **AND FURTHER** that FG & JA Morse be advised that Council will undertake repairs at the earliest opportunity when conditions dry.

**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.

The General Manager reported that whilst Council has advertised for expressions of interest to carry out a review of the Land Use Strategy this offer is financially beneficial and he said he has 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. Mr Griffiths said even if this is not possible, the offer should be accepted.

**8612 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh 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.

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**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.

The General Manager stated that in his opinion the suggested timeframe is unacceptable and, he said whilst he has had discussions with an ex-Chairman of the former Coonamble Rural Lands Protection Board, he feels the matter should be referred to the State Council pointing out the disadvantage rural producers in this area face. The General Manager commented that this will remove any chance of an amicable working relationship with the CWLHPA in the future.

**8613 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Webb that Council contact the State Council of the NSW LHPA advising of its dissatisfaction with the level of service rate in the dollar in this Shire compared to Warren and the deteriorating condition of TSRs within the area.

**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. Copies were attached to the business papers.

**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.

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The General Manager informed the meeting that 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 were attached to the business paper.

**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. Pointing out that further information on EPHC's considerations on this matter are available from the EPHC website [www.ephc.gov.au](http://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.

The General Manager informed Council that 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.

**8614 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.14 to 10.21 inclusive, be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**8615 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanouh that the following information be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

**10.22 PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

Media Release – *NSW Moves Ahead with National Health Reforms* – Advising of the release of a discussion paper outlining a proposed restructure of the NSW hospital system – arising out of the recent COAG negotiations. Advising under the plan 17 new Local Health Networks would be established across NSW replacing the eight Area Health Services currently in place.



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A copy of this discussion paper was included with each Councillor's business paper to allow perusal so that a informed decision can be made to allow a submission to be prepared. The General Manager said that it seems Orange Hospital is a Class 6, with Dubbo being Class 3 and not having oncology or renal services available and patients being sent to Bathurst for treatment. He said OROC is working towards having Dubbo as the "hub" for the Orana Region and retaining its acute care facilities.

The General Manager invited Cr. O'Brien to be Council's representative on health issues and to work with OROC. Cr O'Brien agreed and said she would be happy to take on this task.

**8616 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Karanouh that Council endorse Cr O'Brien as its spokesperson on health issues with OROC, that it vigorously endorse OROC's stance in having Dubbo as the "hub" for health services in the Orana Region and that a separate submission be prepared on behalf of Coonamble and Gulargambone and tabled at Council's September meeting prior to sending.

At this juncture, Bob and Pat Green were present at the meeting.

**10.23 BROWNE JEPPESEN & SLIGAR C89 (33223)**

Advising it has come to attention that the Chief Judge of the District Court has sounded out the Director of Public Prosecutions on closing Coonamble District Court. Pointing out that the ramifications of this to the town would be disastrous and asking that Council do what it can to ensure that this closure is avoided.

The General Manager said this issue has periodically arisen however no formal submissions appear to have been made. He suggested that the matter be raised with the local member and guidance sought on possible action to prevent the negative impact on this town should the District Court be closed.

**8617 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that prior to writing to the Attorney General and the Local State Member opposing any move to close the District Court at Coonamble, Council write to the Chief Judge asking why this action is proposed.

**10.24 SHARON HANIGAN, PRESIDENT, COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB  
S13 (33221)**

Seeking permission to use the pool before it is officially opened in October. Advising the Club has 8 – 10 swimmers who would like to commence training first week in September. Pointing out this would enable them to be in an equal or catch-up position to other competitors who train year around. Stating the training would be under supervision of Robert Andriske and Kerriane Edwards – both qualified lifeguards.

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The A/Director of Engineering Services advised that, given the recent wet conditions, the painting of the pool may not be completed as early as September. She pointed out that both Gulargambone and Quambone pools are rostered for painting prior to the start of the next swimming season and the Pool Superintendent will be required to supervise those works. Cr Canham requested that priority be given to painting of the Coonamble Pool and if possible the Club be permitted to use it for training.

**8618 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Canham that priority be given to the Coonamble Pool and if works are completed, the Coonamble Swimming Club be permitted to use it for training purposes commencing the first week in September.

**10.25 RG & KE IMRIE, GULARGAMBONE R8-6-2 + SR2 (33230)**

Expressing concern regarding condition of Coonamble-Tooraweenah road and stating they, like other users, think there are serious issues that need addressing. Pointing out it is their only means of getting to and from properties and/or town and for cartage of produce. Saying that Council has a duty of care for all its ratepayers and there is a big issue with safety. Advising that they have established a B&B Retreat at Mt Tenandra Homestead which is proving very popular and asking Council to do something about the road. Welcoming an opportunity to discuss this matter with Council and/or staff.

Council noted that other complaints concerning this road have been tabled at this and previous meetings.

**8619 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council inform the writers that it will carry out repairs to the road at the earliest opportunity when conditions in the area are dry enough.

**10.26 AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD R2 (33240)**

Advising that in March 2008 the Australian Government asked ARTC to undertake a study of the proposed Melbourne to Brisbane inland railway to determine an optimum alignment and to assess the financial and economic prospects of the project. Advising that the final report of the study has been placed on ARTC's website at <http://www.artc.com.au/Content.aspx?p=175&cp=175>

The General Manager pointed out that route is of little value to this Shire, however a number of ratepayers will be inconvenienced. He said basically the route will go from Narromine to Curban thence to join up with the Baradine/Gwabegar rail line near Kenebri.

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**8620 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council note the alignment study of the Melbourne-Brisbane inland railway.

**10.27 COONAMBLE GOLF CLUB LTD S6-10 (33218)**

Asking Council to consider using the Coonamble Golf Club as the venue for its Christmas celebrations. Saying the club has an excellent outdoor area which will be decorated for the Christmas season. Pointing out that catering can be provided by the Lady Golfers, if required – with a variety of menus. Extending an invitation to visit the Club and discuss Council's needs.

Councillors noted that this information has been passed to staff who arrange social functions.

**8621 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the information be noted.

**10.28 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW L9  
(33214)**

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 Associations' respective conferences in 2009. Advising that feedback will be accepted in response to the paper until 30 September.

The General Manager informed the meeting that a copy of the results of the extraordinary meeting held in May have been forwarded to the LGSA.

**8622 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council endorse the actions of the General Manager in providing this information.

**10.29 ROBERT J ELLIS R8-6-2 (33220)**

Asking for assistance in gaining access to his property (51/58 Violet Street, Combara) and saying the last time the dirt road was graded there was a deliberate table drain cut in front of his house through to the end of the block. Pointing out there are four houses on the left hand side of the street and none on the other side. Asking would it be possible for the left hand side of the road to be built up and a table rain cut down the right hand side? Enclosing photos and saying the problem of getting onto the dirt road at the only access to the place because of a table drain is awfully frustrating and asking for remedial action.

The General Manager said that staff have had discussions with the landowner and remedial action is to be taken when the area is dry enough with care being taken not to impact on other residents in the village.

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**8623 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council note appropriate remedial action will be taken when conditions allow and the land owner has been advised accordingly.

**PRESENTATION TO BOB GREEN**

The Mayor made a presentation to Bob on behalf of Council and thanked him for his lengthy and valuable service to Council. Bob responded saying he had enjoyed his time with Council and said that he would be available at any time in the future if he could be of assistance. Bob and Patsy accompanied Council and Executive Staff to lunch.

At this juncture, 12.58 p.m. Council adjourned for lunch and resumed at 1.50 p.m.

**PRESENTATION BY STUDENTS OF YEARS 7 & 8 – COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL.**

Six students, accompanied by teacher Mrs Ann Cullen, were present at the meeting. They were given an assignment on what Coonamble would be like in 2050, with the aim to compose and present an exposition outlining their predictions for Coonamble in 2050 and why they believed these changes will occur.

Individually the following students presented to Council:

- Mariam Karanouh
- Jake Buckley
- Olivia Stratton
- Olivia Robinson
- Leona Harris
- Leah Campbell.

The students' presentations were outstanding and they are to be congratulated and commended for the hard work they put in to get such amazing results. Their ideas for the future and their reasoning gave Council much to think about! The Mayor thanked the students and Mrs Cullen and they left the meeting.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**8624 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that the report submitted by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

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**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**8625 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb 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 under delegated authority for the month of July 2010.

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the General Manager advised that development applications must be submitted for rural as well as urban areas of the Shire.

Cr Schieb said he had declared an interest in the following matter in that a member of the public had approached him with respect to purchasing the house owned by Council and occupied by the General Manager. The General Manager said that should Council decide to sell the house, then Cr Schieb would have a pecuniary interest, however the Mayor said it was his understanding that was not the intention at this stage. Councillors agreed and the General Manager ruled that Cr Schieb no longer had an interest and would not be required to leave the room while the matter was discussed.

**11.2 GINTY ESTATE**

The General Manager reported that following Council's instruction, approaches were made to local agents in an attempt to identify potential demand for allotments in stage one of Ginty Estate redevelopment. Mr Griffiths said he has been advised by the principal of one real estate agency that three – four enquiries had been received in the past few months regarding the availability of residential land. He said the number of firm enquiries could not be quantified, however support to the proposal was offered.

In providing options available to Council, the General Manager said Council may decide to identify the source of funding, prepare a local environmental plan and proceed with development of stage one of Ginty Estate or alternatively, prepare a development control plan, local environmental plan and sell the Estate "as is".

The General Manager said that if Council intends to proceed it should consider infrastructure for the whole capacity, but carry out the development in stages. It was also agreed that sewerage would have to be made available to the estate.

**8626 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that Council proceed with design and costing for the Ginty Estate Residential Subdivision.

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Cr Canham said he would be leaving the meeting shortly and asked that consideration be given to tenders prior to his departure.

**20.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**8627 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Canham and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993:

- *“2(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it...”*
- *“2(g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege”*

**8628 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Canham and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**8629 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**8630 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 20.1, 21.1, 21.2 and 22.1 as set out hereunder:

**20.1 TENDERS – REPLACEMENT OF COUNCIL'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTION SOFTWARE**

The Director of Corporate Services informed the meeting that five tenders were received, all of which complied with the tender terms. He spoke about systems offered by the various companies and the range in prices, which he said was an important consideration in the assessment phase.

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council:

- (1) receive and note the report;
- (2) accept the quotation from Civic View for \$210,050 exclusive of GST;
- (3) accept the payment plan option of \$145,610 for year one; and \$16,110 for years two or five;
- (4) authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to the Contract documents if required.

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**21.1 CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION INFRASTRUCTURE  
– HOOPER DRIVE, COONAMBLE – TENDER TD10-3**

The A/Director of Engineering Services presented a report on the three tenders received for works on the eleven block subdivision which will provide additional industrial land. She said the work offered is:

- a) construction of Hooper Drive with a 3 tiered pavement design and rollover kerb
- b) construction of sewer lines and manholes
- c) construction of two detention ponds and storm water overflow pipe to Eurimie Creek.

Councillors asked whether checks have been made with referees as to the quality of work and competence of tenderers to carry out Council's work. The A/Director advised that this was done as part of the assessment process.

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council accept the tender from Central West Surveying and Civil Pty Ltd from Narromine in an amount of \$344,405.38.

At this juncture, 3.02 p.m., the Mayor having declared an interest in the following matter vacated the Chair and left the room. The Deputy Mayor, Cr Webb, took the Chair.

**21.2 TENDER – WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE**

The current tender for this service will expire shortly and in response to calling fresh tenders, five submissions were received. The A/Director provided a report which scored the various tenders and pointed out the prices are per annum and inclusive of GST – they will be adjusted each year in accordance with the CPI.

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that the tender for the waste collection service be awarded to Stewart Robinson of Coonamble for an amount of \$103,995 rendering the service over three days.

At 3.09 p.m. the Mayor returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

**22.1 ALLEGATIONS AGAINST TWO COUNCILLORS**

The General Manager informed Council that he has received a letter from a local business owner that alleges two Councillors have been discussing proposals that involve that business owner's premises. Mr Griffiths said he has had discussion with both Councillors and has responded to the business owner in question.

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**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council endorse the actions of the General Manager in following up on these allegations and responding to the business owner concerned.

**12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**8631 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

**12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**8632 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 July 2010 be noted.

At this juncture, 3.18 p.m. Cr Canham left the meeting and did not return.

**12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**8633 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that that the Investments held 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**

The Director informed Council that the stock-take of stores and materials had been completed and provided a list items requiring adjustment. Mr. Warren drew Council's attention to the unacceptable quantity of diesel unaccounted for and advised that a report will be tabled later in the day by the A/Director of Engineering Services.

**8634 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien 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 below for the period ending 30 June 2010:

**(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>
<b>Total S&amp;M Written Off</b>	<b>(\$5,330.78)</b>

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**12.4 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

The Director reported that each year Council is required to provide General Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules which must contain a statement in the approved form by Council as to its opinion on the reports. Mr Warren explained that the Auditors will be here before next Council meeting and it is anticipated the reports will be completed by the end of August 2010.

**8635 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council

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

**13.0 REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT**

**8636 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**13.1 FUEL STORAGE AND DELIVERY SYSTEM AT COONAMBLE DEPOT**

A comprehensive report was tabled by the A/Director of Engineering in response to the quantity of diesel unaccounted for at the June 30 stock-take. Council noted that during June 2010 the distillate delivery line at the Coonamble depot failed and Council incurred a substantial loss of fuel. The Director advised that the supply was isolated at the storage tank with all of Council's diesel fleet diverted to the Caltex Depot. She said the pipeline is believed to have been installed more than 30 years ago and corrosion was found to be the cause of the failure.

Ms Atkins stated that this incident prompted an investigation into the suitability of Council's current fuel equipment, delivery system and future requirements. Council noted that if no changes are made to its fuel supply, initial cost estimates indicate that the installation of the groundwater well points would be in the order of \$30,000, with an additional \$5000 per year required for annual monitoring and reporting by an independent organisation.

Councillors debated this issue at length prior to passing a resolution

**8637 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council:

- (1) Decommission the underground tanks at the depot and have the site validated.
- (2) Purchase a small self-bunded above ground tank for Council's minor plant.
- (3) Enter into a fuel card arrangement for management staff vehicles.

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**13.2 TREE PLANTING – COONAMBLE POOL**

The A/Director reported following a direction from the July meeting that staff investigate the planting of trees in the pool grounds fronting Aberford Street, it has been determined that the area is unsuitable due to the proximity of underground pipes associated with the filter system and solar heating system.

Cr Karanouh referred to barricades that can prevent the root system spreading and suggested these may assist. The Mayor said he thought there would be sufficient room to plant the right type of tree along the fence.

**8638 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information be noted.

**13.3 ADDITIONAL STAFF – COONAMBLE POOL**

Council noted the A/Director reported that, from initial investigations, it has been ascertained that Council would not be able to meet the key competencies required for a trainee to fulfil course requirements. The A/Director reported that 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. She said it would seem that the desire to reduce overtime would not be achievable by employing trainees, however, suggested it may be achieved using casual staff.

It was noted that the utilisation of temporary casual staff, once they attain the appropriate certificates and deemed capable, can staff the complex unsupervised. The A/Director reported that 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. She said the cost of initial recruitment, training and supply of clothing etc for each casual staff member would be in the vicinity of between \$2000 - \$4000 each.

Cr Karanouh said we should have young people learning so that later on Council has trained and qualified personnel to step up when older members of the workforce retire. Cr. O'Brien suggested that job agencies be approached to assist Council select appropriate prospective employees.

**8639 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council:

- (1) Continue with current staffing levels and associated overtime;
- (2) Note that pool opening hours for the 2010/2011 season will be:  
Monday to Friday 6am – 9am 1pm-7pm  
Weekends 1pm-7pm

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**13.4 PROGRESS REPORT**

The A/Director provided a progress report on works completed and underway on regional and local roads and flood damage repairs.

**8640 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the progress report be noted.

**14.0 MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW & BUDGET REVIEW – 30 JUNE 2010**

The Director of Corporate Services presented a report in accordance with Section 407 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. Mr Warren went through the report in detail and invited Councillors to ask questions if clarification was required.

**DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**8641 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Karanouh that Development Fund/Ginty Estate be renamed Development Fund and monies therein be used for beautification of the main street, etc.

**TRANSFERS TO DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**8642 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the following transfers be made to the Development Fund:

▪ Cultural Reserve	\$ 1,133.96
▪ Dental Surgery Reserve	\$26,265.00
▪ Racecourse Contribution/Plant	\$ 5,446.72
▪ Showground Water System	\$30,000.00

**8643 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien 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 period 1 April 2010 to 30 June 2010.

**MEETING OF MAGOMETON QUARRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Cullen requested that a meeting of the Quarry Management Committee be held on Friday 20 August 2010 at 9 a.m. The General Manager was requested to prepare a report for the meeting on ways (and associated costs) that would enable Council to operate the Quarry on a 7day/week basis. It was also noted that prices for the mobile crusher would be available, however investigations are still being carried out regarding the most appropriate pump for the Quarry.

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**15.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**8644 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the reports from various committees be received and dealt with.

**15.1 MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**8645 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 June, 2010 be received and noted.

**15.2 MINUTES OF COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE MEETING**

**8646 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the minutes of the Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee meeting held on 15 July 2010 be noted.

**17.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**8647 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be received and dealt with.

Mr. Baldwin was not present at the meeting and Councillors went through his report.

**8648 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be adopted.

**18.0 SALEYARDS MANAGER**

**8649 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of July, 2010 be adopted.

**19.0 REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER**

**8650 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Contact Ranger for the month of July, 2010 be adopted.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Karanouh:**

Nil

**Cr Schieb:**

- Referred to the overtime report and asked the A/Director whether the Parks and Gardens gang have an organised schedule of works. She said that members of that gang would be involved with works at the pavilion, seating at the sportsground grandstand and in wet weather they are involved in other activities.

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**Cr O'Brien:**

- Toilets at Gulargambone – now completed - thanked staff for a good job.
- Thanked the A/Director for fixing the “bird problem” at the Library.
- Recycling at Gulargambone – not working – waste of money – so much contamination that very little is sorted. Cans go to the school and batteries to the Lions Club. A/Director said she has spoken with the Contractor who concurs with Cr O'Brien.

**8651 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council discontinue recycling at Gulargambone due to it having become ineffective and that the community be informed of Council's decision.

**Director of Corporate Services:**

- Reminded Councillors that Pecuniary Interest Forms are due by the end of September – undertook to provide forms, together with copies of last year's, so Councillors can complete and return in time.

**General Manager:**

- Referred to Shadow Cabinet Meeting held in Dubbo which he attended in company with Cr Cullen. Discussions were held on planning, restrictions on water from GAB, along with other topics.
- RTA – work on Castlereagh Highway north of Wingadee Road – will be underway during harvest. Suggested Council not object.

At this juncture 4.45 pm Cr O'Brien left the meeting.

**Mayor:**

- Laneway – Anthony Smith – what action has been taken. A/Director advised surveyor is due to carry out work shortly.
- Hickey Street – eastern end – asked for costing to place gravel – residents are getting bogged trying to access driveways.
- Shed at showground – instructed A/Director to knock down.

**Cr Schieb:**

- Requested gravel on Woodlands road.

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**A/Director of Engineering Services:**

- Broome Park shade cloth – work cannot be staged – cost approx \$23,500 - needs additional \$8,000.

**8652 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council agree to fund the work up to \$23,500 and the additional amount (\$8,000) be sourced from the Showground Reserve.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 4.50 p.m.

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MAYOR