

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
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PRESENT: Cr Tim Horan, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. J. Canham, B. O'Brien, T. Cullen, M. Webb, D. Schieb and A. Karanouh.
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Brodbeck, the Director of Corporate Services, Mr. Quarmby and Mrs Moorhouse.

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

At this juncture, the Mayor acknowledged the original owners of the land, both past and present.

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4.0 APOLOGY

Nil

5.0 DELEGATIONS

Two formal delegations were booked to address the meeting:

- (a) Mr Adam Cohen – Presentation on youth services within the Shire.
- (b) Ms Janelle Whitehead, CEO – Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation

The General Manager informed the meeting that he has not been able to contact Janelle Whitehead and it would appear that she is not going to attend today's meeting.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

9168 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Schieb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council, held on 11 May, 2011 be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

(a) Tooraweenah Road – Shire Road 2

Cr. Schieb referred to the "black spot" area on this road and asked whether Council intended to take any remedial action, as the section was included as a dangerous one. The Mayor referred to have travelled the road recently and said he thought it was in good condition – he mentioned other roads within the Shire would could also be included in this category.

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(b) Overgrown Blocks – Flats Opposite Bowling Club

Cr Schieb asked whether any action has been taken about the overgrown state of this premises. The General Manager said the issue was raised with and photographs supplied to the Rural Fire Service, without result. Mr Warren said it will now be referred to the Hazard Reduction Section of the RFS in Dubbo. Cr Schieb said neighbours are complaining about mice coming from the area. The General Manager said Council would take action where vermin was the issue and he would take the matter up with the Manager – Environmental Services.

(c) Main Street Beautification

Cr Schieb referred to the survey taken at the Show regarding the main street beautification proposal and asked whether the surveys have been collated. The General Manager said that a report will be prepared for the July meeting.

At this juncture, 9.16 am, Cr Cullen arrived at the meeting.

The Mayor referred to this project and asked Councillors' views, saying he had received information that some Councillors are against the beautification proposal. Cr Karanouh said a number of people have approached him and the main concern is that they do not want any trees to be removed from the area. He said another concern was that of crossings – the public want two crossings – one each end of the street and there is also concern regarding the amount of money to be spent.

The Mayor said, at this stage, nothing is 'set in concrete' – Council allocated \$15,000 to get ideas on the board and that is what has been done, with the plans on display being only concept designs which came from a meeting he and Cr Karanouh had with the landscape designer. The General Manager said the design plans have been on display well over the prescribed 28 day period and will continue to be available until a final design is approved. He said that costings cannot be provided until then and, at that time, Council may decide to stage the project.

At this juncture, 9.24 am, Adam Cohen from the Coonamble Youth Centre arrived at the meeting.

Cr. O'Brien brought to attention the issue of crossings and said that raised crossings are what she would like to see. The Mayor said that this concept would also provide a 'speed hump' function. Mention was also made of the need to keep crossings open and not have hedges, or the like, obstructing view. Councillors said that business houses must come on-side and work with Council on improving the CBD.

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Cr. Cullen said he was not in favour of outlaying large amounts of money on the project. The Mayor assured him there has been no decision one way or another at this point, but the plans would continue to be on display and all suggestions put forward would be considered. Cr. O'Brien said the area needs better signage – Cr. Karanouh said he thinks it is a good idea to at least freshen the area up.

(d) Farming Update

The Mayor invited Cr Cullen to give an update on farming activities. Cr Cullen said the Common has been sprayed and will be sown before the weekend. At this point, the Aerodrome and "The Meglo" land would not be farmed because of dry conditions. He said that should circumstances change further consideration may be given to those areas.

Cr. Cullen referred to an offer put to him to lease a block at "The Meglo" – the General Manager said that the proponent should put his offer in writing for Council to consider.

PRESENTATION – YOUTH CENTRE FACILITIES

The Mayor welcomed Adam Cohen to the meeting. Adam thanked Council for the opportunity to address Councillors and informed the meeting of services offered, the layout of the Centre and the large range of activities provided for youth.

He pointed out the Centre has five activities rooms and many activities are implemented within the community, e.g. skate park days, swimming, fishing, sporting activities, cooking classes, bowls, links to learning and others. Adam said that the Holiday Program was the busiest time for the Centre and additional programs are implemented to provide activities for youth, which include various sporting competitions, movie nights, discos, trips away, family fun days and night games.

Adam pointed out that the Centre has at least 12 programs running all the time and said the after school program provides basketball competitions, pool competitions, gym workouts, touch football competitions, study time with computers, help with homework, arts and crafts and many other activities. He said the Centre is involved with all the schools in various sports codes and it is also involved with assisting the disabled with sport – this program is in partnership with family support group and over the past two years cricket, swimming, soccer, walking, bowls, life ball and basketball have been included. Adam said Youth Centre staff also help with coaching for the Tri State Games that Greene Villa attends each year. He said there was also an arts and crafts program for disabled persons (youth and older) to participate and enjoy.

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The Youth Centre also conducts a fitness program which has been running for about three years, which concentrates on the correct use of weights and fitness equipment in the gym, correct eating for a healthy body, etc.

The links to learning program is a targeted program implemented by the NSW Department of Education & Training to improve outcomes for youth people. It focuses on effective transitions for 'at-risk' youth and provides grants to non-government community organisations to assist in working with young people who have left or are at risk of leaving school so they can reach their full potential. Adam said students in Years 7 to 12, identified as 'at risk of disengaging from their education' are provided with development and support services to assist them to remain or re-engage with education, training or employment.

Another area of activity is Youth Week which celebrates young people and their contribution to the local community. Adam said the theme for 2011 is "*Own It*" which promotes young people taking ownership of their future and choices. Workshops are held and community members are encouraged to attend.

The other programs conducted by the Youth Centre include:

- Lloyd McDermott Indigenous Rugby Program
- Suspension School Program (provides a place for the student to keep up with school work when suspended – partnership with the public school and the high school – needs parents support)
- Distance Education – gives youth who have problems at school a chance to finish off schooling (Dubbo Distance Education runs the program with Murdi Paaki Youth Centre)
- MEND Program – empowers young people to become fitter, healthier and happier in themselves.
- Murdi Paaki Aboriginal Young Leaders Project

Adam referred to the various partnerships the youth centre has formed with a number of agencies which deliver programs, courses and support to assist youth.

The Mayor thanked Adam for his presentation and said that Councillors would carry out an inspection of the Youth Centre during the Luncheon adjournment today. Adam invited Council to put forward any suggestions and/or ideas it may wish to implement and said the Centre is always open to input and happy to help in any way it can.

Adam left the meeting at 10.21 am.

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GULARGAMBONE YOUTH CENTRE

The Mayor tabled an update from the Gulargambone Community and the Youth Centre on activities being undertaken. It was noted that the breakfast program last term was a success, along with McKillop and Vacation Care. Positive feedback has been received from the community – advising that Youth with a Mission (YWAM) was also involved in the program. Saying that during NAIDOC Week the Centre will have a Multi-Cultural week in conjunction with YWAM. Advising they are also starting a vegetable garden at the centre with donations of timers and black hoses from Mr John Earsman. Thanks was extended to Coonamble Aboriginal Medical Centre, Reconnect, Dominic Spora and Cr. Karanouh for their generosity to the Centre. A copy of this report was provided for each Councillor.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

9169 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Sale of Shares – Min No 7849

The Director of Corporate Services said the sale of shares is finalised with a cheque in the amount of \$3,856 expected shortly which will be deposited in the farming reserve.

(b) Water Filtration Project – Min No 9152

The Mayor said that funding is not available from the State Government for this project. Cr. Karanouh asked whether the new Minister made any mention of additional funding at the Conference. Council noted that it would be required to fund the work from the water reserve.

At this juncture, 10.25am the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.45am.

9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor informed the meeting that he did not have a written report this month and provided an brief review of the recent Shires Association Annual Conference. Cr Horan said new ministers made big commitments, but he said that cuts in expenditure must be expected.

The Minister for Roads & Ports, Duncan Gay, spoke about transport infrastructure, he mentioned that the 110km/hr speed limit would be reinstated to the Newell Highway, however some areas will retain the 100km/hr limit. In response to a question from Cr. Cullen, the General Manager said no mention was made of the rail line upgrade.

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Water issues were raised at the Conference. Overall, it was thought that most water authorities do a good job, but it seems they would like to see councils coming together to form Alliances, however it was stated that there would be no forced amalgamations. The General Manager said that Alliances are viable when councils are located in closer proximity to one another, however huge distances in this area would make it difficult to form an alliance.

The Mayor said that it has been decided to go with One Association, however this would be a lengthy procedure and possibly would not be operational for at least two years. Cr. Ray Donald was appointed President of the Shires Association for the ensuing term.

Another issue raised was Elections and after the 2012 elections it was indicated that they would be handed back to individual councils to decide whether to oversee their own elections or refer them to the Electoral Commission to conduct on their behalf.

The Mayor thanked Crs Webb and O'Brien, along with the General Manager, for attending the CWA function in Coonamble on Tuesday 7 June at which the State President of CWA was in attendance.

Cr Horan said the recent Protest March was a success, however the latest statistics were released yesterday and it was disappointing to see that Coonamble's crime rates have increased in the areas of domestic violence (+13%) and break and enter (+41½%). Cr Cullen said it seems that the police are doing their job – the Mayor acknowledged that the “clear up” rate is good, however we want to see a more proactive role.

The General Manager informed Council that Superintendent Bob Noble would be meeting with him and the Mayor at Council's Office tomorrow (9 June 2011) at 11.00 a.m. Cr. Horan invited all councillors to attend the meeting and raised issues that should be discussed with Supt Noble tomorrow. The Mayor referred to Item 10.7 in the Precis of Correspondence – a letter from Mr. Kevin Humphries, which stated that *“...he has a concern about the relationship between council and the local police, which he hopes will improve”*.

9170 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and O'Brien that Council write to Mr. Kevin Humphries, Member for Barwon, clarifying the issue regarding Council's relationship with police.

9171 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report on Mayoral activities be adopted.

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10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9172 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A –For Council's Consideration:

**10.1 GULARGAMBONE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE INC PR2606-03
(34865)**

9173 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council advise the Gulargambone Rural Transaction Centre Inc that the Community Based Heritage Study Plan was adopted at the meeting on 11 May 2011, following consideration of submissions, noting the closing date for submissions was 18 March 2011.

**10.2 GULARGAMBONE JOCKEY CLUB D7 (34972)
A MOTION**

PROPOSED by Cr O'Brien **SECONDED** by Cr Schieb that Council contribute \$500 sponsorship to the Gulargambone Jockey Club for its race meeting in August, 2011.

AN AMENDMENT

9174 PROPOSED by Cr Cullen **SECONDED** by Cr Canham that Council contribute \$200 sponsorship to the Gulargambone Jockey Club for its race meeting in August 2011.

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

**10.3 COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE D7 + D5-4 (34984)
A MOTION**

PROPOSED by Cr Karanouh **SECONDED** by Cr. Schieb that Council not agree to contribute \$1,637.50 towards the refurbishment of Shop 4 in the Coonamble RTC.

On being put to the vote, the MOTION WAS LOST.

9175 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council agree to contribute \$1,637.50 towards the refurbishment of Shop 4 in the Coonamble RTC from the 2011/2012 financial year from the maintenance budget.

10.4 COONAMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL R4-2 (34985)

Drawing attention to the latest water and sewerage account in the amount of \$19,237.33 which has been caused by leaking water pipes under some of the buildings at the School.

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9176 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Decline to refund any portion of the water usage charge.
- (2) Refund \$4,459.42 of the sewer charge, due to the fact that the leaking water pipe placed no load on the sewer system upon which the charge is based
- (3) Authorise the writing off the \$4,459.42 of sewer charges.

10.5 GRAINCORP R8-6-2 (34964)

The Director of Engineering Services stated that every year GrainCorp raises issues that it wants Council to address. Mr Brodbeck said that Council should request GrainCorp to contribute to works that it requires Council to undertake for harvest traffic. The Director said he has issues with safety caused by B-Doubles using areas that are not designed for large vehicles.

9177 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council instruct the General Manager to clarify the issues relating to Railway Street and higher mass limit vehicles with GrainCorp and report back to Council at the July meeting.

**10.6 COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES NSW
C8-6 (35003)**

9178 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that Council authorise the affixing of the Common Seal on the Children's Services Program funding agreement for 2011/2012.

Section B – Information Only

10.7 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP P5 (34915)

Referring to Council's letter in relation to law and order issues and saying he has attended a number of meetings in both Coonamble and Gulargambone in recent months. Saying some issues raised will be brought forward and resolved sooner rather than later and advising he is requesting further action through the Premier's Department in bringing the agencies together to 'tighten up' on some of the juvenile related issues.

Council noted that a resolution was passed earlier in the day to respond to this letter.

10.8 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP C6-13 (34914)

Thanking Council for its letter outlining the composition of the Local Traffic Committee and saying he is happy if Cr Karanouh would consider being a delegate of the Committee on his behalf.

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10.9 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP R8-4 (34912)

Thanking Council for its consent to being involved in the Regional & Strategic Roads proposal and its commitment to pay its share of \$5000.

10.10 NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING E1 (34923)

Acknowledging Council's letter of 21 April 2011 to the Minister for Education concerning truancy and saying matters raised have been noted and are presently receiving attention.

**10.11 REGIONAL MANAGER, NSW ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY F5
(34942)**

Placing on record thanks and appreciation to all involved in the most recent flooding event, saying their prompt and professional responses and high level of dedication and cooperating during the emergency were outstanding.

10.12 NSW STATE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE E4

Advising that Mr Alex Smith AM resigned as Chair of the State Emergency Management Committee, effective 22 April, 2011. Stating the Premier has announced the appointment of Mr Phil Koperberg AO AFSM BEM as the new Chair.

10.13 CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND P5 (34952)

Forwarding copies of media releases which were provided with Councillors business papers.

10.14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING H2 (34980)

Thanking Council for its letter to the Minister for Health & Ageing regarding Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre's Medicare booth and advising the matter has been forwarded to the Minister for Human Services for appropriate action.

10.15 NSW OMBUDSMAN P15 + I2 (34951)

Referring to the previous letter to Council (7/3/2011) wherein the sets of changes to the renamed Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 were outlined. Saying it would be beneficial to nominate a senior person to coordinate Council's work in this area.

**10.16 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW L9
(34983)**

Advising that the *Modernising Local Government: Consultation Report* is available on the Associations' web site. Stating the Associations have analysed feedback from focus groups and submissions and prepared this report which the Associations' executives will consider and determine the next steps by 31 July 2011.

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10.17 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and COONAMBLE COMMUNITY WORKING PARTY

Forwarding copy of minutes:

- (a) Coonamble Chamber of Commerce – meeting on 19 May 2011
- (b) Coonamble Community Working Party – meeting on 29 March 2011.

10.18 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & AGEING G5-45 (35017)

Thanking Council for submitting an application for Phase 2 of the Healthy Communities Initiative Local Government Area (LGA) Grant Program. Advising that a large number of applications were received for the 33 LGA Grants available and on this occasion Coonamble Shire Council was not successful.

10.19 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT – MEDICARE AUSTRALIA H2 (35010)

Advising the Medicare access point at Coonamble will be closed in late May due to very low usage. Stating that when closed local residents can still conduct Medicare business at the same location because the Rural Transaction Centre also functions as a Centrelink Agent and the facilities provided by Centrelink can be used for Medicare online and telephone claiming.

9179 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Schieb and O'Brien that the information contained in Item No 10.7 to Item No 10.19 (inclusive) be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

9180 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the following matters be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

10.20 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10-1 (35030)

Circular No 11-07 of 1 June 2011 – Saying the purpose of the circular is:

1. to advise councils of the Division of Local Government's review of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Code); and
2. to invite submissions on a discussion paper the Division has prepared in relation to its review.

Requesting general managers to bring the discussion paper to the attention of councillors and staff, pointing out that written submissions must be received by **15 July 2011**.

9181 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council:

- (a) note this correspondence from the Premier & Cabinet Division of Local Government,

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- (b) encourage all councillors to read through the discussion paper and provide input for consideration in the revised Model Code
- (c) re-list this matter for determination at the July meeting to enable a response to be provided.

10.21 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE P5 (35035)

9182 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Cullen that Council support the actions of the Coonamble community and lobby the Premier (cc Kevin Humphries) and the Attorney-General, as follows:

1. Review the number of agencies dealing with dysfunctional families.
2. Provide better coordination between agencies supporting families and bring them under a single unit.
3. Include local government at regional management level in addressing these problems.

10.22 PREMIER & CABINET DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L9-1 (35016)

9183 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council authorise the Mayor (or his nominee) and the General Manager (or his nominee) to attend the two day workshop in Dubbo – *Local Government – Destination 2036* – on 17 and 18 August, 2011.

10.23 CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL A11 + T3-11 (35025)

9184 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council contribute \$1,000 sponsorship of the Sculpture Award of the 2011 Festival of Fisher's Ghost Art Award.

10.24 SUPT BOB NOBLE, CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND P5 (35055)

Thanking Council for forwarding letters from a number of people expressing concerns over crime in Coonamble. Advising that issues identified will be taken up with those involved by Inspector Spliet and the Sergeants at Coonamble. Saying a response will be provided to each of the writers where addresses were provided, regardless of whether their letters set out any complaint issues about the conduct of police. Supt Noble says he appreciates the collaborative spirit that continues between Council and the Castlereagh LAC and looks forward to furtherance of this approach.

9185 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council note the contents of Supt Noble's letter and at the meeting with the Superintendent on Thursday 9 June, 2011 draw his attention to some issues of concern in the letter.

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At this juncture, Council's Economic Development Manager was in attendance to present her report.

17.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

9186 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that the report by the Economic Development Manager be received and dealt with.

The following topics were raised:

- Stand at Coonamble Show – Indoor Arena and Eco Spa projects were on display with feedback requested. Also on display were the concept plans for the main street upgrade. Cr Cullen asked why feedback is being sought about the indoor arena – the EDM said that the actual placement has not been finalised as yet and also still seeking ideas for events, etc.
- Indoor Arena Model – advised High School students would have model ready for display at the rodeo.
- Eco Spa Project – application submission to Industry & Investment for \$25,000 funding.
- Heritage – Funding program ends in May and the \$7,500 grant has all been expended.
- Saleyards Promotion – Logo still being designed. Hoping to commence in conjunction with the first presale scanning sale which will be held in two weeks.

SHIRE 'RIDE THE SPIRIT' BUSINESS AWARDS

9187 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council:

- (1) Agree to align the Shire '*Ride the Spirit*' Business Awards with the Orana Business Excellence Awards, to be conducted bi-annually, with the next awards to occur in 2012.
- (2) Advise Coonamble Chamber of Commerce of this decision and request it to partner with Council in conducting the Awards in 2012.

COUNTRY WEEK – REGIONAL STAND

9188 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Agree to contribute to a regional stand at Country Week (5 – 7 August 2011) at a cost of \$800, plus marketing materials, travel and accommodation for two council representatives.
- (2) Source funds from the Economic Development vote activity 'promote and market local business, lifestyle, assets' to a maximum of \$5,000.

9189 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that the report by the Economic Development Manager be adopted.

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17.1 MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EDO NETWORK

9190 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the minutes of the meeting of the EDO Network held in Coonabarabran on 18 April 2011 be noted.

17.2 NOTES – EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE MEETING

9191 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the notes from the Employment Circle meeting held on 10 May 2011 be noted.

The EDM left the meeting at 11.50am.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

9192 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

9193 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council note Development Application Nos 057/2010 and 002/2011 were approved under delegated authority since last meeting and there were no Complying Development Certificate Applications during that period.

11.2 POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

9194 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council place the amended Policy for Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period and invite comment **AND FURTHER** that the Policy be formally adopted at the July meeting, taking into account any submissions received.

11.3 CODE OF CONDUCT

The General Manager informed the meeting that he had received a complaint regarding a councillor . He said he has made enquiries and is satisfied there is no breach of the Code of Conduct. Mr. Warren said the complainant has been advised of the decision.

9195 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council note the information contained in the report relating to Code of Conduct complaints.

11.4 SMALL VEHICLE REPLACEMENT POLICY

The General Manager referred to the changeover cost of small vehicles, particularly station wagons and sedans, at the three year or 80,000km limit which is now in the vicinity of \$18,000 - \$20,000 per vehicle. He said it is proposed that, while the current three years/80,000kms be retained as a guideline, authority be delegated to the General Manager to determine if such vehicles should be retained. Mr Warren said this was reflected in the draft policy put to Council.

9196 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council place the draft policy on display for a period of 28 days, inviting comment from the public, before formally adopting it after consideration of any submissions received.

11.5 BARWON DARLING ALLIANCE

9197 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council agree to the proposal to wind up the Barwon Darling Alliance, noting the organisation is basically not operational and has not held a meeting for several years **AND FURTHER** any remaining assets (approximately \$10,000) be donated to Stewart House.

11.6 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES) – VEHICLE PURCHASE

9198 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Horan and Karanouh that Council agree to contribute \$25,000 towards the purchase of a Holden 4-wheel-drive vehicle for the local SES unit, such funds to be sources from plant reserve **AND FURTHER** that Council be responsible for registration and insurance.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

9199 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the following item be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

11.7 EMERGENCY WORK – FLOODS

9200 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Grant employees who worked 16 hours or more overtime during the December flood event one (1) additional day's leave.
- (2) Agree that for future emergency events the provision of the Award at that time apply.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

9201 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Schieb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

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12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

9202 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 27 May 2011 be noted. The Director of Corporate Services reported that the fourth rate instalment was not included, as it was due on 31 May 2011.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

9203 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the list of investments as at 31 May 2011 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

12.3 DEBT RECOVERY POLICY

9204 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council adopt the Debt Recovery Policy, as amended, noting that it has been on public exhibition for the required 28 day period, that the closing date for written submissions was 20 May 2011 and no submissions were received.

12.4 COUNCIL'S PROCUREMENT POLICY

9205 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council adopt the Procurement Policy, noting the document has been on public exhibition for the specified period, that closing date for written submissions was 20 May, 2011 and no submissions were received.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

9206 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

9207 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council adopt the Tree Management Policy and Procedure, noting the document was on display for the required period, that the closing date for written submissions was 15 April, 2011 and no submissions were received.

13.2 WORKING IN HOT OR EXTREME CONDITIONS

9208 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council adopt the Policy for Working in Hot or Extreme Conditions, noting it was on public display for the prescribed 28 day period, that the closing date for written submissions was 15 April, 2011 and no submissions were received.

13.3 WATER FILTRATION PROJECT

9209 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Confirm it will fund 50% of the cost of the project, estimated at \$2.1m and, if acceptable to the Federal Government Department, engage the PWD to prepare documentation to invite specialist contractors to tender for a design and construct contract for the Coonamble Water supply;
- (2) Approach the Local Member and seek funding of 25% of the cost of the works.

13.4 COMBARA GARBAGE DEPOT (TIP)

9210 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council:

- (1) Correspond with local residents at Combara advising that the tip is to be closed;
- (2) Advise the residents at Combara that if they require a weekly pickup service (and if it can be negotiated with the existing contractor) an annual fee of \$305 will apply.

13.5 COONAMBLE LEVEE INVESTIGATION

9211 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council advise the Office of Environment & Heritage that it favours the levee design based on the 1% flood probability and that it wishes to proceed with the final design and contract documentation in 2011/2012

13.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS

9212 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council note the information contained in this item of the Director of Engineering Services report.

14.0 REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES.

9213 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Canham that the report by the Manager – Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 DOMESTIC ANIMAL POLICY - DRAFT

9214 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council agree to place the draft policy on Keeping of Domestic Animals on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period, inviting written submissions and/or comment, before formally adopting the policy at its July meeting, taking into consideration any submissions received.

15.0 ADOPTION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN 2011-2014

(i) Tip Fees:

9215 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that a complete review of the current system of management of the Coonamble Waste Depot be carried out at the expiration of the current contract.

15.1 MANAGEMENT PLAN

The General Manager informed the meeting that one submission was received from the public in response to the exhibition of Council's draft management plan for 2011 – 2014 and related to the Fees and Charges Section.

9216 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that, in accordance with S406 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council adopt the management plan and revenue policy, noting that one submission was received and considered and that, in compliance with S405, the management plan was advertised and exhibited for the prescribed period of 28 days, with advertisements being placed in the Coonamble Times on 11 May, 2011, 18 May, 2011 and 25 May, 2011.

15.2 ADOPTION OF LEVY OF RATES

9217 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. that Council adopt the making and levying of rates and charges as follows:

(a) Ordinary Rates

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2011 to 30/6/2012 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 11 May, 18 May and 25 May, 2011 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Ordinary Rates and that in accordance with S492, S493 and S529 of the Local Government Act 1993 the following ordinary rates be made and levied on all rateable land within the Shire for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:

| Type of Rate | Cents in \$ | Minimum (\$548) |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Ordinary | 1.54 | 340.00 |
| Farmland | 0.5182 | 309.00 |
| Small Rural Holdings | 0.768 | 386.00 |
| Rural Residential | 0.67 | 340.00 |
| Business | 2.53 | 422.00 |

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(b) User Charges - Water and Sewerage

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2011 to 30/6/2012 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 11 May, 18 May and 25 May 2011 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the User Charges and that in accordance with S501 and S502 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy on such land on which water and sewerage is connected or able to be connected in accordance with S552 as follows:

(i) Water:

| Town/Village | Access Charge (\$) | Usage Charge 1 st Tier (c/kl) | 2 nd Tier Pricing Limit (kl) | Usage Charge 2 nd Tier (c/kl) |
|--------------|--------------------|--|---|--|
| Coonamble | 110.00 | 44 | 370 | 67 |
| Gulargambone | 160.00 | 60 | 430 | 89 |
| Quambone | 175.00 | 62 | 430 | 92 |

| Item | Coonamble (\$) | Gulargambone (\$) | Quambone (\$) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Access charge (20mm meter) | 110.00 | 160.00 | 175.00 |
| Access charge (25mm meter) | 174.00 | 253.00 | 277.00 |
| Access charge (40mm meter) | 442.00 | 643.00 | 704.00 |
| Access charge (50mm meter) | 692.00 | 1,007.00 | 1,101.00 |
| Access charge (75mm meter) | 1,760.00 | 2,560.00 | 2,800.00 |
| Access charge (100mm meter) | 2,754.00 | 4,006.00 | 4,382.00 |

(ii) Sewer:

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

Residential:

| Town/Village | Annual Domestic Charge (\$) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Coonamble | 396.00 |
| Gulargambone | 540.00 |
| Coonamble - Flats | 329.00 |
| Gulargambone – Flats | 448.00 |

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Non-Residential:

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

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Coonamble | \$396.00 and |
| Gulargambone | \$540.00 |

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

Treatment Charge – per kilolitre:

| | |
|--------------|-------------|
| Coonamble | 82 cents/kl |
| Gulargambone | 98 cents/kl |

(c) Domestic Waste Management Service (Garbage)

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2011 to 30/6/2012 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 11 May, 18 May and 25 May 2011 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Domestic Waste Management (Garbage) Rates and that in accordance with s496 and s501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy a charge for the year 1 July, 2011 to 30 June, 2012 as follows:

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| Coonamble | \$270.00 |
| Gulargambone | \$353.00 |
| Quambone | \$305.00 |
| Vacant Land | \$ 45.00 |

Commercial Waste Management Charge:

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

(d) Interest on Outstanding Rates and Charges

In accordance with section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, interest on outstanding rates and charges is set as per the Determination of the Minister for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June, 2012.

(e) Fees and Charges:

Submission by Col Ryan

“Asking Council to reconsider the proposed charges for water at the Gulargambone standpipe. Charges for this are much more expensive than the water prices charged for the town supply”.

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“Fees & Charges:

Private Water Sales – per kilolitre \$4.40”

Council noted the basis of the submission is the comparison between the price per kilolitre paid by residents in Gulargambone and the price for private water sales from the standpipe. The submission does not take into consideration the access charge paid by the ratepayer. The comparable size with the standpipe is 100mm and the access fee for 100mm is \$4,006.40, water consumption of 500kl, including the access charge, plus the usage charge would equate to \$8.69/kilolitre, made up as follows:

- Access charge \$4,006.40
- Usage charge \$ 337.70

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2011 to 30/6/2012 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 11 May, 18 May and 25 May 2011 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period one objection has been received in making the fees and charges and in accordance with S501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the fees and charges for period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, after having considered the submission received **AND FURTHER** that Council, in setting these charges, examined the criteria detailed in S539.

15.3 ADOPTION OF 2011/2012 ESTIMATES

9218 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O’Brien that Council hereby votes for expenditure for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 the sums set out in the draft estimates considered by Council on 13 April 2011 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 11 May, 18 May and 25 May 2011, details of which are as follows:

| Details | Expenditure | Income |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Administration | 7,124,275 | 9,813,980 |
| Public Order & Safety | 579,720 | 297,930 |
| Health | 227,880 | 3,200 |
| Community Services & Education | 118,880 | 55,230 |
| Housing & Community Amenities | 1,199,790 | 749,290 |
| Water Supplies | 761,018 | 1,173,800 |
| Sewerage Services | 892,345 | 851,792 |
| Recreation & Culture | 1,214,665 | 80,200 |
| Mining, Manufacturing & Construction | 1,407,430 | 1,500,000 |
| Transport & Communication | 8,929,880 | 5,521,770 |
| Economic Services | 1,032,390 | 675,875 |
| Capital – General | 3,520,071 | 2,019,153 |
| Capital - Water | 650,000 | - |
| Capital – Sewerage | 324,132 | 214,593 |
| TOTAL | 27,982,476 | 22,952,313 |

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16.0 REPORTS BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES/DELEGATES

9219 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the reports by Various Committees/Delegates, as submitted, be noted.

16.1 MINUTES OF SALEYARDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

9220 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the minutes of the Saleyards Management Committee meeting held on 25 May 2011 be received and dealt with

(a) Pre-Sale Scanning Contract

9221 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council adopt the recommendation of the Saleyards Committee that the services of Allan McGrath Pre Sale Scanning Contractor from Dubbo be engaged by the Coonamble Associated Agents Pty Ltd, noting the Association is to ensure all appropriate insurances are held by the contractor and that copies are made available to the saleyards manager.

16.2 REPORT BY HERITAGE ADVISER ON HERITAGE ACTION PLAN – 2010/2011

9222 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council adopt the report on the Heritage Advisory Service for 2010/2011.

16.3 REPORT BY HERITAGE ADVISER – COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL – HERITAGE STRATEGIC PLAN 2011 – 2014

9223 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council adopt the Coonamble Shire's Heritage Strategic Plan 2011 – 2014, as submitted by the Heritage Adviser.

16.4 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE HERITAGE & HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMMITTEE

9224 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the minutes of the Coonamble Shire Heritage and Historical Museum Committee meeting held 26 May 2011 be noted.

18.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

9225 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be adopted.

19.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER

9226 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of April, 2011 be noted.

UPGRADING – DRAFTING YARDS

9227 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council advise the Coonamble Associated Agents that it approves in principle the upgrading of the drafting yards at the Coonamble saleyards and authorise the preparation of appropriate plans and firm costings for consideration by Council.

20.0 REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER

The meeting noted that the Contract Ranger had not provided a report of activities for the month of May 2011.

21.0 CLOSED SESSION

9228 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Canham that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with:

*“Section 10A (2) (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)” and
Section 10A (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business”*

9229 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Canham that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

9230 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

9231 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council adopt the recommendations of Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 21.1 to 21.4, as set out hereunder:

21.1 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT – GENERAL MANAGER

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council adopt the Performance Agreement negotiated between the General Manager and Council.

21.2 RANGER CONTRACT

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

- (1) advertise and appoint a suitably qualified person to the position of ranger;
- (2) source an appropriate vehicle to carry out the function;
- (3) advise Gilgandra Shire Council and the contract provider that it will not be seeking to continue the contract for ranger services past the current contract.

21.3 INDUSTRIAL ESTATE - COSTING

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that a Development Control Plan be implemented for the new Industrial Estate and that a further report be submitted to Council's July meeting detailing individual block prices (e.g. premium locations/sizes, etc) and that a map of the layout be given to agents in the interim.

21.4 SALE OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

- (1) note this report;
- (2) write off the rates amounting to \$15,994.79, noting that in accordance with s.719 the rates taken to be "fully satisfied";
- (3) write off the debtor account of KP Murray & BM Thurston – Debtor No.25867 – in the amount of \$2,595.55

22.0 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

23.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Schieb:

- Advised that the Community Radio Station 91.9 has submitted an application for \$80,000 to bring awareness to and provide an early intervention response in addressing violence against women in the Coonamble Community.
- Requested the Director of Engineering Services to inspect the Community Radio Station building as the doorway is not wheelchair accessible.

Cr O'Brien:

- Referred to kerbside rubbish collection which is funded in the management plan and asked when it would be rostered. The Director of Engineering Services said sometime in the Spring.

General Manager:

▪ **Return of Building – Former Service Station**

9232 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council request the return of the building currently used by Murdi Paaki to Council due to Council's urgent need for additional office accommodation.

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Mayor:

- Gulargambone Cemetery – requested inspection of road, fence and a general tidy up. The Director of Engineering Services will arrange.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 1.15p.m.

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MAYOR