

# MAYOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

## COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2022

Councillors

The following issues have arisen since I prepared my initial report to this meeting, and I put them forward for Council's action and information.

### 1. **Food Vending Issues**

A number of issues were raised over the weekend with Councillors and staff concerning the current Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy. Given these concerns, I believe the policy needs to be reviewed, then advertised for public comment for the prescribed 28 days exhibition period. It is also important that the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce provides feedback whilst the draft document is on exhibition.

#### **Recommendation:**

**That the current Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy be reviewed, being mindful of State legislation and Council's own requirements and the draft document be placed on public exhibition for public comment AND FURTHER that a copy of the draft document be forwarded to the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce inviting feedback.**

### 2. **Camping at Coonamble Sportsground**

The Coonamble Sportsground was made available as the alternate RV Friendly camping site due to the huge number of visitors in town over the long weekend and the showground not being available to those vehicles.

Due to the overflow at the caravan park and showground, it would appear that other visitors took the opportunity to set up at the sportsground also. This has raised concerns, particularly with people living in the vicinity and complaints were raised with Council due to noise caused, mainly, by illegal fireworks.

Should this need to occur again in the event of another huge event being hosted in town it may be prudent for Council to draw up a Plan of Management for Camping at the Coonamble Sportsground, including security, so that people living in the vicinity of the venue are not inconvenienced by inappropriate activities and/or noise.

#### **Recommendation:**

**That Council draw up a Plan of Management for future use of the Coonamble Sportsground as a one-off camping facility in the case of an overflow from the caravan park and other camping venues AND FURTHER Council should now pursue use of the land opposite the showground to provide adequate camping and parking prior to the 2023 June long weekend.**

### **3. Change of Council Meeting Time**

A suggestion has been made that Councillors may wish to consider a change in meeting time for the ordinary monthly meetings. The meetings have been held during the day for many years, however it may now be time to consider a change to afternoon / evening meetings should that be more convenient.

I want to mention this matter and give my colleagues the opportunity to put forward their views and, if necessary, decide on changing the starting time of the ordinary monthly meetings.

### **4. Invitations to Speak at Meeting – 9.00 a.m.**

#### **i) Mr Peter Gibbs – General Manager of REDI.E**

I have invited Peter to attend the meeting to update Council on the organisation's operations, including youth services, in the area. REDI.E is the peak provider of services to Indigenous communities, and it has also recently submitted a tender to operate the Community Development Employment Projects within the region.

#### **ii) Mr Steve Butler – Coonamble Rodeo Association**

I have also invited Steve to attend the meeting to speak about the rodeo – apparently it was the most successful rodeo for 20 years. This is a great achievement for all involved.

### **5. Congratulations**

What a weekend it was in Coonamble! Congratulations to the Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft Committee – your event has reminded the nation that Coonamble is up there with the best when it comes to hosting events. The hard work has paid off and everyone is looking forward to 2023. Well, done and congratulations to all involved. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Dinner on Sunday evening but attended the rodeo and witnessed the thrills and spills on Monday.

Also, another big thank you to Council staff who work behind the scenes to provide services at these functions and to those who prepared the ground for all the fun and action over the weekend.

### **Recommendation:**

**That my Supplementary Report be received and noted.**

Tim Horan  
**Mayor**