



COMMUNITY CONNECT

Coonamble Shire community newsletter for the interest of residents and visitors

April 2019

From the Mayor's Desk



The April meeting of Council was held on Wednesday 10th – the same day as the Funeral Service for the late Max Philpott OAM. We adjourned the meeting as a mark of respect to Max and his family. Max has lived and worked in Coonamble for the past 60 years and he will be deeply missed by his many friends. His love of the town and district is evident in the many community projects that he brought to fruition. To Shirley, Vicki, Gail and Jeannette and their families, Council and staff extend most sincere sympathy. R.I.P. Max Philpott OAM.

Ms Pam Parker addressed the meeting on behalf of Coonamble Women's Shed to discuss the community benefits of the facility and seeking funding to continue operation. Council decided to request a copy of the organisation's financials, a report on results of the 12 month pilot program to which Council contributed \$8,000 and gauge an indication as to where any further financial assistance from Council will be directed.

Council then welcomed Ken Waterford and Mick Heaney, representing the Coonamble Jockey Club – Mr Waterford, President of the Club, referred to correspondence sent to Council concerning water requirements to maintain the track. Council was advised that some 1,000 square metres of turf had to be replaced due to damage caused by the use of poor quality grey water, necessitating major civil works to remedy.

He pointed out that when the bore baths are operational the Club will require approximately 30ML per year to maintain the track to the standards required by Racing NSW. Council was asked to agree to provide the water in exchange for the release of the Crown Land tenure for the proposed bore baths development. Council resolved to contribute \$10,000 towards the cost of potable water for the Club for the next 12 months. Council realises this is only a short term solution, and the Club understands that it will be some time before the bore baths are established and a permanent solution is achieved.

Should anyone wish to contact me to discuss issues or concerns, please phone **0427 887 666**.

Ahmad Karanouh
Mayor

\$1million secured for the Shire

Coonamble Shire Council has received notification that the latest applications submitted under the Drought Communities Programme— Extended funding worth \$418,304 has been secured. The successful projects in these applications include;

- Coonamble Show Society \$9,900
- Coonamble Town Signage \$197,164
- Coonamble F.I.T Inc. \$10,000
- Gulargambone Sportsground \$40,000
- Gulargambone Showground / Racecourse \$50,000
- Coonamble Sportsground \$31,564
- Coonamble Grandstands \$57,000

• Coonamble PA Speakers \$22,676
Other successful projects previously announced under this funding include;

- Development of new shooting facility for Coonamble Clay Target Club \$150,000
- Coonamble Shire Council's tourism initiative and improvements to established community assets \$120,010
- Coonamble Shire facility upgrades & community beautification projects in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone \$311,686

The full \$1 million allocation has now been committed. All projects funded under this programme must be completed and acquitted by June 30.

CCTV Safety Project receives funding



Council has secured over \$153,000 under the Australian Government Safer Communities Fund - Round 3 for the purchase and installation of five CCTV cameras for

Smith Park, Broome Park and the Council Library. The Coonamble CCTV Safety Project aims to address crime and anti-social behaviour in Coonamble and increase community safety.

Gulargambone splash pad completed

Coonamble Shire Council was eligible for up to \$1.6 million from the Round Two of the Stronger Country Communities Fund for community infrastructure projects in the Shire. The March 2018 Council Meeting resolved to prioritize ten

projects and one community project. These eleven projects were successful.

The Gulargambone Splash Pad was one of those successful projects. Works commenced in February 2019 and completed March 2019.



Meeting mentions

Coonamble Show Society Inc.

At the March meeting, Council received a request from the Coonamble Show Society Inc for financial assistance towards an entertainment attraction – no decision was made until the Society's financial position was made available. This information was provided and staff determined that the Show operates on a "break even" basis and the request for assistance is warranted. Given the short time frame for the booking to be made, Councillors were contacted with the information and unanimously agreed to provide \$5,000 from the Drought Communities Programme – Extended to offset costs associated with hiring a moto-cross stunt show as a main attraction at the annual show.

Coonamble Rodeo Association Inc.

The request for funding from the Rodeo Association to the March meeting was resubmitted to this meeting for determination. The Association submitted a copy of its financial statements, including Audit Report for year ended 31 August 2018. The Association was seeking a contribution of upwards of \$6,000 from Council towards marketing of the June long weekend event. Council discussed this matter at length, being very aware that the proposed promotion would be focused on the region, not just the event. It was finally agreed to contribute \$8,600 to

the Association for this year, noting that time for marketing of the 2019 event is running out, however from this promotion will come footage for promotions, media coverage and printing for the 2020 event.

Marthaguy Picnic Races

Council received a request for sponsorship from the Marthaguy Picnic Races to be held at the Quambone Racecourse on Saturday 11 May. In discussing the request Council was mindful that it has assisted other sporting events financially and finally agreed that \$2,000 would be provided as sponsorship. The Committee has conducted successful events in the past and Council hopes that its donation will help to make this year's community event a "hit" both socially and financially.

Amenities at Coonamble Saleyards

On several occasions Council has been asked to keep open the amenities building at the saleyards so that truck drivers can shower after washing out stock crates, etc. In the past, leaving the amenities open has led to vandalism and additional expense to Council in repairing damages. It was decided at the meeting on Wednesday to investigate the cost of setting up an Avdata key system and a report will be provided for the May meeting. The Mayor will report on the outcome of these investigations following the meeting next month.

Drought support

Coonamble Drought Buster Dollars is an initiative of various local charities ensuring that drought-affected people get the help they need while keeping money circulating through-out businesses. If you have been financially affected by the drought or you know of someone who has, financial support is available. Drought Buster Dollars can be spent in any business with an ABN in the Shire. For further information please visit Council's website or contact one of the Drought Buster's Alliance; **Amanda Glasson - 0438 082 731 / Tracey Harvey - 0427 484 180 / Anita Murray - 0428 221 001** coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au

Accepted tenders

Council often participates with other Councils in sourcing tenders for much of its equipment and has done so for the supply and delivery of water meters and traffic & safety signage. Council awarded the water meters contract to Elster Metering and the contract for signage to various suppliers as a Panel Source Contract.

Author visit

Coonamble-born author Patsy Kemp will visit Coonamble Library on 30 April at 5:30PM to discuss her book, *The Drover's Daughter*. Enjoy the evening with Patsy as she tells humorous tales of her family working their way from town to town across NSW and QLD.

Holiday program released

The Coonamble April Holiday Program has been released including activities throughout Youth Week (10–18 April) This year's Youth Week theme is Coming Together to Connect, Share, Speak Out and Celebrate. The program is full of exciting activities for all ages;

Monday 15 - 3-on-3 Basketball / Superhero Movie at the Library

Tuesday 16 – Yoga with Shanae* / Art Class with Gemma* / Gular Disco

Wednesday 17 - Basics in Mechanics*

Thursday 18 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt / Cooking Competition

Friday 19 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 22 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 23 – Coonamble Disco

Wednesday 24 – Football & Ball Games at Coonamble Sportsground

Thursday 25 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 26 - Aqualife Explorers for 3 years+ at the Library / Video Game Competition

Pick up a copy of the full program at Coonamble Library or online on Coonamble Shire Council Website and Facebook. For further information please contact the Coonamble Shire Library (02) 6827 1925

*limited spaces, please secure your spot at the Coonamble Library

Council closure dates

Happy Easter

Council services will close 5PM on Thursday 18 April and re-open Tuesday 23 April

This includes Council's Administration Centre, Library Service, Visitor Information Centre, RMS Agency, Quarry, Depot / Workshop

Staff will be on call to attend to emergencies

Water and Sewerage - 0428 217 420

Ranger - 0427 255 881

Other - 0458 271 881

ANZAC DAY • 25/04/2019

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Lest we forget

Council services will be closed for Anzac Day

FOR INFORMATION

This newsletter has been produced by Coonamble Shire Council for the benefit of residents of the Coonamble, Gulargambone, Quambone and surrounding areas.

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