

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup>  
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**PRESENT:** Cr Ahmad Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs Pat Cullen, Karen Churchill, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher and Paul Wheelhouse. Also present were the General Manager, Mr Hein Basson, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services, Mr Bruce Quarmby, the Director of Community Services, Ms Robyn Ryan, the Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Kookie Atkins and Mrs Jill Moorhouse.

**1.0 OPENING MEETING**

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.12 a.m.

**2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of this land, the Wailwan people, and paid his respects to elders past and present.

**3.0 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Note: Mr Rod Crowfoot, the Chair of Macquarie Home Stay in Dubbo, has been invited to address Council. He will make a PowerPoint presentation on the Macquarie Home Stay, which facility provides accommodation in Dubbo for families dealing with medical issues. Mr Crowfoot will be present at 10.30 a.m.

Note: Council noted that Mrs Susan Walker had made the necessary arrangements to address this meeting. However, she has advised that she is recovering from recent surgery and will not be present.

**4609 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Churchill and Deans that Item 12.8 – “Proposed Skate Bowl – Macdonald Park – The Late Cr John Walker” be deferred until the February 2020 Council Meeting.

**4.0 APOLOGIES / APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Note: Council noted that Cr Thomas had previously submitted a written application for leave of absence from the November and December 2019 meetings. Council resolved at the November Meeting (Minute Number 4569) that approval be granted.

**4610 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council notes that leave of absence from today’s meeting was approved at the November 2019 meeting (Minute No. 4569).

**6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**4611 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Fisher that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 13 November 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

**7.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Note: Cr Paul Wheelhouse disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 15.1 and Item 15.3 in Closed Session – “Pilliga Road Floodway Reconstruction” and “Tender 10026811 – Coonamble Levee Upgrade Stage Four” respectively. Cr Wheelhouse said he would leave the Chamber while the matter was being dealt with, not partaking in any of the discussion or voting on the item.

**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**8.1 Resolutions in Progress**

**4612 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Churchill and Deans that the items listed in the Resolutions in Progress be noted.

Note: The Mayor requested the General Manager to provide Council with an update following receipt of the letter from NSW Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands which sets out options for Council in its process to acquire the land on which to establish the bore bath facility. This letter is also provided, in detail, at Item 10.1 “Precis of Correspondence”.

**8.2 Resolutions Completed**

Nil

**9.0 MAYORAL REPORT**

**4613 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that the Mayor’s Activity Report be received and dealt with.

Note: Cr Karanouh reported briefly on items in his report, which included the following:

- The Mayors’ Forum held at Narromine on 24 November 2019.
- The National Roads & Transport Congress held in Adelaide from 18 to 20 November 2019; which presented a good opportunity to learn about new technology and roads.
- The Coonamble Shire Masterplan community consultations held at Quambone, Gulargambone and Quambone. Cr Karanouh said that although there were few people at Gulargambone, they put their ideas across well. He said about 55 people attended the

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Coonamble session, which went very well and the consultants were pleased with the outcome.

**4614 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Karanouh that his report be adopted.

## **10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:**

#### **10.1 NSW Planning, Industry & Environment PR123-05+P1-10(54530)**

**4615 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Deans that this item be received and dealt with.

Note: Making reference to previous correspondence in relation to the acquisition of land for the bore baths and apologising for the delay in replying. Stating that, as the proposal for a bore bath facility is consistent with the gazetted purpose of public recreation, the following options are available for Council to consider:

- Acquisition under *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*;
- Subdivision of dedication and sale of subdivision by Coonamble Racecourse and Recreation Crown Land Manager under Section 3.27 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*;
- Crown Land Manager Tenure from Coonamble Racecourse and Recreation Crown Land Manager to Coonamble Shire Council;
- Appointment of Coonamble Shire Council as Crown Land Manager over Part Dedication 520089.

Council noted that dot point one – *Acquisition under Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1992* is the Department's preferred option.

**4616 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council notes the contents of the letter received from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment – Crown Lands, and pursues the acquisition of the relevant land under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991; **FURTHER**, that Council authorises the General Manager to undertake all relevant administrative actions and tasks to achieve the stated outcome – including the signing of all relevant legal and procedural documents.

**Section B – Matters for Information Only:**

**10.2 Tenant at 24 Nash Street, Coonamble PR1968(54531)**

**4617 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Deans and Fisher that Council notes the Tenancy Agreement for the property at 24 Nash Street, Coonamble was due to expire on 7 February 2020, however, the tenant vacated the premises on 4 December 2019.

Note: Councillors discussed the plans for this residence and the General Manager suggested that it be held for staff housing in the short to medium term.

Note: The Mayor referred to previous discussions concerning construction of new housing for staff and enquired whether anything has been followed up at this point, referring to the options available to Council to borrow funds, either from a lending institution or from its own reserves.

Note: The General Manager said it is his intention to pursue these options in conjunction with the preparation of the 2020/2021 Operational Plan and Budget.

**11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Note: Cr Deans presented the Quarterly Council Newsletter – July to October 2019 from Outback Arts and copies were provided to Councillors. The Mayor invited Cr Deans to speak to this item, as Council's delegate on the Outback Arts Board.

**4618 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Deans and Cullen that Cr Deans present her report on the Outback Arts meeting.

Note: Cr Deans informed the meeting that she attended a meeting in November and proceeded to give an update, saying Outback Arts has some exciting projects happening within its wider community, especially for children. She mentioned that Outback Arts recently attended an Aboriginal Arts Market and the results were wonderful – selling most of the stock taken to the exhibition. Cr Deans said the recent Official Opening of the Centre was very enjoyable and attended by visitors from all over the region.

Note: Cr Karanouh said many years ago Council worked very hard to have Outback Arts' headquarters located in Coonamble. Cr Deans said it was a very good move and is paying off in so many ways that, perhaps, are not obvious to all at this stage.

## **12.0 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

### **12.1 Development Applications Determined under Delegated Authority**

**4619 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Cullen that this item be received and dealt with.

**4620 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Churchill and Fisher that Council notes Development Application Nos 008/2019 and 009/2019 have been approved under delegated authority since the November 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

### **12.2 Status Report Regarding Councillor Enquiries**

**4621 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Fisher that Council notes the information provided.

### **12.3 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal**

Note: Council noted that, in a letter received from the NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, advice was given that the Tribunal has commenced its review for the 2020 annual determination.

Note: The General Manager informed the meeting that in his opinion Council has no avenue to argue regarding its current categorisation, i.e. General Purpose Council – Rural.

**4622 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Fisher that Council notes the contents of the letter received from the NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

### **12.4 Macquarie Home Stay**

Note: At this juncture, 10.30 a.m., Mr Rod Crowfoot, Managing Director of Macquarie Home Stay, arrived at the meeting. He was welcomed by the Mayor and thanked Council for the opportunity to address the meeting and make a presentation.

Mr Crowfoot said the facility has been operating for 11 months and demand is much greater than was anticipated. He said the facility provides residents from this Shire and beyond with safe, low cost accommodation when attending Dubbo for medical reasons and caters for patients/family/carers attending both Dubbo Private and Dubbo Public hospitals. Mr Crowfoot pointed out the facility provides a specific market with accessible and affordable accommodation.

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Note: Council was informed that people from as far away as Queensland have been resident at the “home away from home”. Mr Crowfoot also pointed out that, particularly in incidents with more senior patients, family from away can make use of the accommodation whilst visiting the family member in hospital.

Mr Crowfoot thanked Council for its support of the Tour de OROC which raises funds for Macquarie Home Stay. He pointed out it is a registered charity and one of its roles is to connect patients to relevant service providers. The facility has “common rooms” where patients, carers, and family members can have a ‘social connection’ and companionship, which also provides emotional support.

In speaking of sponsorships, Mr Crowfoot said the facility has had wonderful support from the former OROC Councils. He said they are now seeking funding to commence stage two of the project and are ‘shovel ready’ with all approvals and everything in place to start when funding becomes available.

**4623 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council provides for adequate funding in the 2020/2021 Operational Plan and Budget to sponsor a family room, or alternatively a large room, and for this room to be named ‘The Coonamble Shire Room’.

Note: At this juncture, 10.56 a.m., the Mayor invited Mr Crowfoot to join Council for morning tea and adjourned the meeting. The meeting resumed at 11.28 a.m.

**4624 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Deans and Churchill that Council thanks Mr Crowfoot for his presentation to Council.

**12.5 Council’s Donations Policy**

**4625 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Churchill and Wheelhouse that this item be received and dealt with.

Note: The General Manager explained that Council’s initial Policy, adopted in August 2019, worked well for the initial round of funding, however, some small contributions which had been approved annually in the past, were omitted. The amended document also now includes the Coonamble Challenge and Campdraft as an annual event eligible for funding.

**4626 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Deans that an additional entry be made in the ‘pre-approved donations’ of \$250/year to the Coonamble Hack and Pony Club.

**4627 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Wheelhouse that Council adopts with immediate effect the amended Donations Policy – with the additions/alterations highlighted in red in the amended policy document.

#### **12.6 Community Participation Plan – Adoption**

Note: Council noted the draft Community Participation Plan (CPP) had been on public exhibition, and that the closing date for submissions was 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 December 2019. No submissions and/or comments had been received up to this time.

**4628 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Wheelhouse:

1. That Council formally adopts the Community Participation Plan attached to the Business Paper as Annexure C as its finalised document, noting that the draft document has been on public exhibition for the required period of 28 days.

2. That Council notes no submissions or comments were received from community members, and that the public exhibition period closed at 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 December 2019.

3. That Council requests the General Manager to ensure that its Community Participation Plan is published on the NSW Planning Portal by the end of December 2019.

#### **12.7 Annual Report 2018/2019 Financial Year**

Note: Council noted that its Annual Report for 2018/2019 has been prepared in accordance with statutory requirements. A copy of the report was available at the meeting. Councillors were advised that the report was accessible on Council's website.

**4629 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Fisher:

1. That Council notes the Annual Report for the 2018/2019 financial year.

2. That Council further notes that its Annual Report for the 2018/2019 financial year has been displayed on its website since Friday, 29 November 2019 and that Council has notified the Minister of Local Government accordingly.

**12.8 Proposed Skate Bowl – Macdonald Park – The Late John Walker**

Note: It was noted that Mrs Susan Walker did not attend the meeting due to medical reasons. She had planned to address Council and request it revisits the issue of naming the proposed skate bowl in memory of her late husband, Cr John Walker.

Note: Minute No. 4609 earlier in the day during Community Consultation session deferred this item until the February 2020 Council Meeting.

**12.9 Local Strategic Planning Statement – Draft**

Note: The draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) document was presented to the meeting. The General Manager informed Council that the Statement has been developed as a requirement under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

**4630 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Deans:

1. That Council adopts the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement, attached to the Business Paper as Annexure D for the required 28 day advertising period.
2. That a follow-up report be prepared for Council's further consideration at its March 2020 Ordinary Meeting, after the above-mentioned advertising period, in the event that submissions are received.
3. That, in the instance of no submission being received, Council adopts the Local Strategic Planning Statement as its final Statement without any reference back to Council.
4. That the final Local Strategic Planning Statement be submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment as soon as the document is finalised, but in any event before 30 June 2020.

**12.10 Community Services – Progress Report**

**4631 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Churchill that Council notes the information in this report.

Note: Cr Deans referred to the section dealing with Coonamble Drought Buster Dollars and asked whether the 58 local businesses received varying amounts. The Director said the vouchers were for \$300 and were paid to businesses on behalf of farmers, as that was the concept of the initiative.

**12.11- Rates and Charges Collections – November 2019**

**4632 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Fisher that the information be noted.

**12.12 Status of Investments – November 2019**

**4633 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Cullen that the list of investments as at 30 November 2019 be noted and it also be noted that Council's Investments comply with Section 625(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Council's Investment Policy.

**12.13 Urban Services: Works in Progress – November 2019**

**4634 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Deans that Council notes the information in this report.

Note: Cr Churchill asked why the skate park was out of action – the Director responded that the structure underneath one of the sections is rotting away and it is being replaced with concrete in the same manner as others that have done in the past.

Note: In speaking to his report, the Director informed Council that the water tanks have now been sited at the sports ground. He said there has been a problem with one of the pumps and staff have been unable to adequately water the oval, however, the problem has been fixed.

Note: In response to a question from Cr Deans whether the Quambone Pool has been repaired, the Director said that a contractor had been engaged, however, a timeframe for completion was not known at that stage. Mr Quarmby said it will cost approximately \$7,500 to fix the problem; which is caused by a leak as it is an ageing facility built in an area with unstable soil conditions.

Note: Cr Wheelhouse referred to the irrigation upgrade at the Coonamble Showground and said he was disappointed that the work was not awarded to a local tradesperson. The Director provided an explanation and the General Manager suggested for Council to re-visit its Procurement Policy and with a view of adopting less stringent conditions for local businesses. Mr Basson said that price should only be one component considered as part of the procurement process, as value for the community is paramount.

**4635 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Fisher that a report be prepared for Council's consideration at its March 2020 Ordinary Meeting, revisiting its current Procurement Policy with a view of providing for a reasonable incentive to local businesses/contractors to quote and tender for Council goods/jobs/projects within the local government area.

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**12.14 Saleyards Report**

**4636 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Deans that Council notes the information.

**12.15 Engineering Services – Works in Progress**

**4637 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Churchill that Council notes the information in this report.

Note: In response to a question from Cr Deans about the scoping study for the Coonamble water treatment plant, the Director advised that it is mandatory to have scoping studies completed to enable Council to apply for grant funding for capital works. Council noted that funding applications under the Safe and Secure Water Program are currently being pursued.

**12.16 Ranger's Report – Month of November 2019**

**4638 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Deans that the information for the month of November 2019 be noted.

Note: Cr Wheelhouse said there seems to be a discrepancy in the figures quoted for September 2019 and requested that this problem be addressed.

**13.0 MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE / RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil this month.

**14.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING – CLOSED SESSION**

**4639 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Churchill and Fisher that Council moves into Closed Session to consider Item Numbers 15.1 to 15.4, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10A(2)(c) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which stipulate the following:

- “(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;*
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:*
  - (i) Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or*
  - (ii) Confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council;*

Note: At this juncture 11.49 a.m., Cr Wheelhouse, having declared a pecuniary interest in this matter, left the Chamber and did not participate in any discussions or voting on Item 15.1.

**15.1 Pilliga Road Floodway Reconstruction**

**4640 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Deans:

1) That Council declines all original tender submissions pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 178(1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

2) That Council, pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 178(3)(e), engages Conex Pty Ltd to carry out the negotiated modified scope of works to the amount of \$215,050 (inclusive of GST).

3) That Council, pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 178(4)(a) states the following as its reasons for declining to invite fresh tenders as referred to in subclause (3)(b)-(d) of this Regulation:

- There is a limited timeframe available to deliver this grant funded project within the 2019/20 financial year.

- All the tender prices submitted were greater than the allowed funding provision for this project; clearly demonstrating that the current market conditions are not favourable to achieve lower tender submissions.

4) That Council, pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 178(4)(b) states the following as its reasons for determining to enter into negotiations with the company referred to in paragraph two (2) above:

- There is a limited timeframe available to deliver this grant funded project within the 2019/20 financial year.

- All the tender prices submitted were greater than the allowed funding provision for this project; clearly demonstrating that the current market conditions are not favourable to achieve lower tender submissions.

- Based on the above-mentioned reasons it was considered not to be practical to call for fresh tenders, but the decision was made to enter into negotiations with all tenderers.

- As part of the negotiation process, all tenderers were requested to submit revised pricings based on a change in the scope of works (which included Council taking responsibility of particular elements of the project).

- After a thorough and equitable evaluation process of the revised pricings received from the tenderers had been undertaken by the Tender Evaluation Panel, Conex Pty Ltd was determined to be the most advantageous to Council, as it provided the best value.

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Note: At this juncture, at 12.06 p.m., Cr Wheelhouse returned to the meeting.

**15.2 Tender SPT871920COO Part One – Low Loader Trailer**

**4641 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Churchill that this item be received and dealt with.

**4642 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Fisher and Cullen:

1) That Council accepts the tender from Drake Trailers Pty Ltd in an amount of \$254,953.69 (ex GST) for supply and delivery of a Drake fabricated Low Loader Trailer, noting that although it is a fractionally more expensive option by \$18,000 compared to the cheaper tender, the following considerations are provided as Council's reasons for going with the slightly higher tender:

- Drake has built a solid reputation within the marketplace, and is regarded as being the industry standard/benchmark;
- Because of Drake's positive reputation and experience with building heavy duty equipment, it is expected to out-perform and outlast the rival brands;
- Because of Drake's positive reputation and experience with building heavy duty equipment, the low loading trailer will retain a higher re-sale/trade-in value in comparison with the other competition brands.

2) That Council accepts the offer of purchase from Pickles Auctions for \$90,909.09 (ex GST) for the Brentwood Low Loader (Registration Number Z36953).

Note: At this juncture, at 12.25 p.m., having declared a pecuniary interest in the following item, Cr Wheelhouse left the Chamber and did not participate in discussions or voting on the following matter.

**15.3 Tender 10026811 – Coonamble Levee Upgrade Stage Four**

**4643 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Deans and Fisher:

1. That Council passes over the tender submitted by Patrick Collins Construction P/L for failing the mandatory non-price assessment.

2. That Council accepts the tender submitted by Comdain Civil Constructions Pty Ltd, in the recommended tender amount of \$1,572,367.21 (including GST) for Contract No. 10026811 for the Coonamble Levee Stage 4 Project, subject to receipt of an acceptable financial assessment of this company by an impartial and qualified third party, as will be facilitated by the Department of Public Works.

Note: At this juncture, 12.40 p.m. Cr Wheelhouse returned to the meeting.

**15.4 Proposal to Purchase Council-owned Property**

**4644 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Fisher that this item be received and dealt with.

**A Motion**

**Proposed** by Cr Churchill **Seconded** by Cr Deans that Council defers consideration of this matter until the February 2020 Meeting, pending further investigation and additional information being made available, **was lost.**

**4645 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council proceeds with the construction of the public toilets in the former 'Macs Dry Cleaning' premises and a tender document be prepared to allow for the works to commence as a priority and be completed by June 2020 or as soon as is possible thereafter.

On being put to the vote, the motion **was carried.**

Note: Cr Churchill requested that her name be recorded as voting against this motion.

Note: The following **Foreshadowed Motion** was put before the above-mentioned motion had been voted on:

**Proposed** by Cr Wheelhouse that Council negotiates with the owners of the former 'Gumnuts' vacant premises to investigate the possibility of it being used for purposes of contributing to the size of the proposed development.

**Resume Open Meeting**

**4646 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Churchill and Fisher that Council resumes its Open Meeting.

**Adoption of Resolutions of Closed Session**

**4647 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council adopts the resolutions from the Closed Council Session, being Resolution Numbers 4642 to 4645, into the Open Council Meeting.

**16.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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**Christmas Greetings**

The Mayor thanked Councillors, the General Manager and staff for their support over the past year and wished all a happy and safe Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

**Thank You from Cr Fisher**

Cr Fisher thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to attend the Mayors' Forum held in Narromine recently. He said it was pleasing to see that the Government is endeavouring to find ways to provide rate relief to drought stricken farmers. Cr Fisher also said that the Premier indicated at the meeting that the Government would focus on drought and fire relief and whatever assistance could be provided to help small communities.

These Minutes Pages (1/6437 to 14/6450) were confirmed on the **12<sup>th</sup>** day of **FEBRUARY 2020** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **11<sup>th</sup> December 2019**.

**MAYOR**