

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH
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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 Corporate Services, Mr. Quarmby, the Director of Corporate and Community Services, Ms Tasker and Mrs Moorhouse.

The meeting noted that Director of Engineering Services, Mr. Kel Brodbeck is on leave.

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

Council noted that the following delegations would be at this meeting:

- (1) Mr Paul Loxley – School Education Director, together with representatives of Coonamble High and Coonamble Primary Schools, Liaison Officers and Student Services Officer from Dubbo.
- (2) Natalie Boyd & Kathy Jones – KJA – Community Strategic Planning Presentation.
- (3) Steve & Jenny Baldwin – to accompany Council to lunch.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

9355 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Schieb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council, held on 10 August, 2011, be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Gulargambone Young Mums Group:

In response to a question from Cr. O'Brien, the General Manager said that the exact nature of the Group's request has not been confirmed.

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8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

9356 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Youth Training Positions within Council – Min No 8729

Cr. Schieb referred to the opportunity for financial assistance through grant funding to employee trainees for longer periods. He said that four or five businesses have recently taken on students. The General Manager said that Council is continuing to work on options that can include the employment of students in Council's workforce.

DELEGATION – EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

At this juncture, Mr. Paul Loxley and representatives of both the Coonamble High and Coonamble Public Schools were received to the meeting. They were also accompanied by the Support Officers, Sandra Gray and Tammie Baker.

The delegation outlined procedures, methods and incentives which had been implemented in an attempt to encourage students to attend school. It was advised when students have less than 85% attendance rate, home enquiries are made and a personal attendance plan implemented with parents endeavouring to improve the situation. It was pointed out that the people who are responsible for doing this are members of the Learning Support Team. Council was advised that support of parents is crucial in getting these plans to work. If students have days at a time off school, outside agencies are called in as well as the Home School Liaison Office and Department of Community Services is notified.

Council noted that there is a *GET SMART* attendance initiative between the Department of Education and Communities and the NSW Police which targets students whose attendance is poor, with many unexplained absences in the term. Councillors were advised the initiative also included several Joint Anti Truancy operations throughout the community and involved speaking with community members and local business houses about the expectations of school attendance and ways of promoting this.

Cr Karanouh asked whether any there had been any prosecutions against parents – Council was advised that four local families are to face Court in Coonamble on Friday. Cr. Webb asked why the Joint Anti Truancy Operations did not include Friday and was advised it was carried out over the four days Monday – Thursday. Cr. Cullen asked the definition of 'truancy' and was advised that a truant is a student whose parent/carer thought was at school, but in fact, was not.

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Mr Loxley said the truancy figures in Coonamble are low in comparison to other centres. Cr O'Brien said that students who are suspended should be directed to an alternate learning centre. The General Manager advised that, together with the Principal of the Coonamble High School, Council is working to provide options to students. It was noted that the curriculum is adjusted to suit students and to make available subjects they want to study.

The Mayor thanked the deputation for its presentation and discussion with Council. He commended staff on their commitment and invited the delegation to join Councillors for morning tea.

At this juncture, 10.19 am the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.50 a.m.

9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor provided Council with a verbal report on activities during the past month, which included the following:

- Destination 2036 – Attended meeting in Dubbo with General Manager. He said the meeting had a pre-determined agenda and was managed to get the outcomes sought. Regarding amalgamations, the Mayor said in the future it seems that western councils may be incorporated under Fair Trading and run by a committee.
- Fluoride – the Mayor said he was disappointed this has not been completed. He requested a comprehensive report come to Council. The General Manager said that training was still being undertaken. He also said that the proposed water treatment plant may not be compatible with the fluoride installation.
- Early opening of hotel in main street – Cr Horan said he was disappointed to see that SOTS is opening early in the morning – it seems nothing can be done, but it was also important to put Council's disapproval on record.

9357 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Horan that Council write to the Liquor Accord, voicing its disapproval at the early opening of the Sons of the Soil Hotel, saying that Council feels it is totally inappropriate to operate from such an early hour.

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- Yatton Purchase – the Mayor said he was disappointed with rumours circulating at the moment in regard to this purchase. The General Manager reiterated the purchase process which, in fact, did not involve any Councillor. The Mayor referred to Ginty Estate and reasons for not proceeding with development into a residential estate. The General Manager said that “Yatton” was zoned rural small holding 1”c” and had been on the market for a considerable time before Council made the decision to purchase. Cr Cullen suggested that Council write to the petitioners – the General Manager said this would be done.

At this stage, 11.09 a.m., Cr. Cullen left the meeting.

- Crime statistics – the Mayor said that in the last release of crime figures, Coonamble is in the top 11 categories – pointing out that last time it was in only 5 categories.
- Business Information Evening – the Mayor said the event was successful – he thanked Crs O’Brien, Karanouh and Schieb for attending and said a lot of employment agencies were represented.

9358 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Horan and Canham that the verbal report provided by the Mayor be adopted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9359 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 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE R8-10(35457)

9360 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O’Brien that Council raise no objection to the closure of Castlereagh Street, from the Peace Tree to the Aberford Street intersection, for the Christmas Party on Thursday, 16 December, 2011 subject to prior approval having been obtained from the local Police.

10.2 PRESIDENT OF COONAMBLE CHILDREN’S SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE C8+S6(35461)

9361 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O’Brien that Council advise Coonamble Children’s Service Management Committee that it is unable to assist in the provision of a driver of the bus from its current workforce.

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10.3 PETER HURST, USU REPRESENTATIVE S6-10(35547)

9362 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council confirm the action of the General Manager in agreeing to the request to allow the annual picnic holiday to be observed on Friday 30 September, 2011, in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award and Council policy.

**10.4 QUAMBONE BUSINESS AND TOURISM SERVICES (QBATS)
C8+D7(35601)**

9363 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council endorse the General Manager's action in advising the Quambone Business and Tourism Services that Council has no funds available but the matter has been referred to the Grants Officer to take action when appropriate funding opportunities arise.

10.5 NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL S16 (35620)

9364 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that Council advise Narrabri Shire Council that it declines to become involved as the issue is between the RSPCA and Ms Downey.

10.6 MR NEIL W KENNEDY PR2460-2(35473)

Saying he is concerned at the decision by Council to buy the property "Yatton" and its decision to subdivide into 5 acre building blocks.

10.7 MR B R COLWELL & 16 OTHER SIGNATORIES PR2460-2(35548)

Expressing deep concern and distress over Council's decision to purchase the property "Yatton" with the intention of subdividing it into housing blocks.

Council noted that Items 10.6 & 10.7 refer to the same subject and dealt with them together.

9365 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council instruct the General Manager to provide a response to Messrs. Kennedy and Colwell and all other signatories to the petition.

**10.8 KYLIE PARRY - PARTNER – COONAMBLE VETERINARY SURGERY
A3(35596)**

Expressing deep concern the direction Coonamble Shire has taken with its organization restructure.

9366 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council instruct the General Manager, in conjunction with the Mayor, to prepare a response to Mrs Kylie Parry's letter.

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**10.9 QUAMBONE BUSINESS AND TOURISM SERVICES (QBATS)
L4(35602)**

9367 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council decline the request to reimburse the amount of \$144 paid to replace the damaged fan in the air conditioner at the Quambone Library due to the lapse of time.

**10.10 QUAMBONE BUSINESS AND TOURISM SERVICES (QBATS)
L4(35603)**

The General Manager informed the meeting that the review of operations at Quambone Library, as requested at the April meeting, will be presented to Council in October, 2011 at which time borrowing statistics will be available.

9368 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council note the information.

**10.11 QUAMBONE BUSINESS AND TOURISM SERVICES (QBATS)
R4(35627)**

9369 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council advise QBATS that the matter of house numbering in Quambone will be referred to staff to prepare a report as to feasibility and costing.

10.12 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION

9370 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Councillors wishing to attend the special forum in Narrabri on Friday 18 November 2011 which will explore the challenges and possibilities of mining and agriculture to ascertain if they can co-exist, contact the General Manager

10.13 CHESTERFIELD AUSTRALIA C6-13

9371 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that the action of the Director of Engineering Services in forwarding the request for installation of signage direct to the RTA for comment and advising the applicant accordingly, be confirmed.

10.14 COONAMBLE ASSOCIATED AGENTS C6-13

9372 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council confirm the actions of the Director of Engineering Services in directing the request for installation of signage to the RTA and informing the applicant accordingly.

10.15 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW E2(35658)

Regarding the Local Government Elections in September 2012.

9373 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note a meeting was held with the Electoral Commission on 13 September 2011

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but Council has until November 2011 to advise its intentions regarding the conduct of the 2012 Local Government Elections.

10.16 COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL D7(35662)

9374 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. that Council waive any fee payable for use of the Showground for the Northern Schools Steer Competition to be held during 25 – 27 October 2011, however advise it requires payment of a refundable security deposit of \$400, \$120/day for use of the kitchen and the \$54 charge for lighting.

10.17 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (OROC)

9375 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Councillors O'Brien, Karanouh and Schieb attend the Natural Resource Management Training at Coonamble on 10 October, 2011.

Section B – For Council's Information.

10.18 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW P15(35458)

Writing in relation to the Industry Alcohol and Other Drugs Procedure ('Procedure') which has been developed in consultation with relevant industry unions. Advising councils will be updated on progress and the outcome of the trial in due course and recommending that the Procedure and consultation documents be read – they can be downloaded from <http://www.lgsa.org.au/www/html/2473-occupational-health-and-safety.asp>

10.19 NSW TRANSPORT, ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY R8-16(35418)

Advising indicative Roads Program allocations to Council for 2011/2012 and saying that following the release of the NSW State Budget in September 2011 Council will be formally advised of the approved allocations.

The Director of Engineering Services has accepted the indicative funding in accordance with the *Arrangements with Councils for Road Management*.

10.20 THE HON BRAD HAZZARD MP E5-2 (35524)

Writing to the Mayor advising that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure wrote to all NSW councils regarding the establishment of a Local Planning Panel.

The General Manager said the letter from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, containing the relevant information, was conveyed to Council at the August meeting at Item 10.20.

10.21 CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND P5(35525)

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Forwarding copies of media releases

10.22 COONAMBLE INTERAGENCY C8(35517)

Forwarding copy of minutes of Coonamble Interagency Meeting held on 3 August, 2011.

10.23 MR KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP P5(35520)

Enclosing a copy of response from Mr Russell D Grove, Clerk of the General Assembly and a response from the Attorney General and NSW Minister for Justice, The Hon Greg Smith SC MP, regarding the Juvenile Crime in Coonamble petition tabled on 24 May 2011. Advising that both responses are available for viewing on the Parliament's website (www.parliament.nsw.gov.au)

**10.24 NSW DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT – ROADS AND TRAFFIC
AUTHORITY R8-6(35510)**

Drawing attention to some recent developments that aim to facilitate improved access for road freight vehicles in NSW. Stating that in early 2010 a "Last Mile" Sub Committee was established with members from the LGSA, IPWEA, RTA and the road transport industry, with its role being to improve productivity in road freight transport by facilitating improved access for road freight vehicles.

**10.25 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WATER, HERITAGE AND
THE ARTS W1-13(35532)**

Returning a copy of the *Strengthening Basin Communities Program: Water Saving Initiatives Component* Round 2 Funding Agreement which has been executed by DSEWPaC. Advising Council is now authorised to proceed with its project entitled "*Improving the Efficiency and Quality of the Coonamble Water Supply*" in accordance with the Funding Agreement.

**10.26 NSW GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INVESTMENT
G5-42(35536)**

Referring to Council's application for funding through the NSW Department of trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (DTIRIS) for the Coonamble Eco Spa and Caravan Park – Stage 2. Informing Council that it has been successful, DTIRIS is prepared to provide up to \$25,000 towards the project. Saying the assistance is specifically towards the cost of a consultancy to undertake detailed architectural and engineering design plans for the project.

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**10.27 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – PREMIER & CABINET
L9-1(35580)**

Forwarding a Communique referring to Destination 2036 Workshop which was held in Dubbo on 17 – 18 August. Advising the two day workshop represents the first stage in a new era in state/local government relations and sets the stage for some of the biggest reforms in the history of local government in the State.

**10.28 MARK COULTON MP, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR PARKES
R8-8(35584)**

Thanking Council for its letter regarding the Federal Roads to Recovery Program and saying he understands how important this program is, as the funding is necessary for local councils trying to meet needs in their areas.

10.29 HON WARREN TRUSS MP R8-8(35597)

Thanking Council for its letter regarding the Roads to Recovery Program and saying the program has become an essential element in helping local councils across the country maintain and upgrade 650,000 kilometres of local roads. Saying the Coalition will seek to ensure that Roads to Recovery is continued and is adequately funded so that local councils can provide appropriate transport services to the community.

10.30 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT R8-8(35642)

Thanking Council for its letter to the Hon Anthony Albanese MP regarding the Roads to Recovery Program and responding on behalf of the Minister. Advising that the Australian Government strongly supports the Roads to Recovery Program and has no plans to withdraw this financial support.

10.31 GULARGAMBONE JOCKEY CLUB D7 (35622)

Expressing sincere thanks for Council's sponsorship contribution which helped conduct another successful race meeting on August 20. Advising numerous compliments have been received from people who enjoyed the day. Saying numbers were down owing to the rugby minor semi final, but that did not dampen enthusiasm of those present.

10.32 OFFICE OF THE HON GREG SMITH SC MP P5(35624)

Thanking Council for its letter of 9 June 2011 to the Attorney General about Government agencies dealing with dysfunctional families and responding on the Attorney General's behalf. Advising a copy of Council's correspondence has been forwarded to the Minister for a response in due course.

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**10.33 THE HON DON PAGE, MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
G5-1(35645)**

Advising he has approved recommendations by the NSW local Government Grants Commission for the distribution of federally funded financial assistance grants to local government for 2011/2012. Saying the grants have been determined in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 (Cwth). Saying the entitlement for Council of \$3,114,130 consists of two components:

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| a) | general purpose component | \$1,817,598 |
| b) | local roads component | \$1,296,532 |

10.34 SUPERINTENDENT BOB NOBLE C13(35647)

Inviting Councillors to attend the Castlereagh Local Area Command Police Remembrance Day Service on Thursday 29 September 2011 at St Peter's Anglican Church, Walgett. RSVP by Thursday 22 September, 2011.

10.35 NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA G5-21-2(35670)

Advising that the Coonamble Heritage & Historical Museum Committee is being offered a 2011 Community Heritage Grant in the amount of \$4,400 (which includes GST) for a Significance Assessment of the Neville Owen Photographic Collection. Setting out the conditions associated with the offer of the grant.

10.36 COONAMBLE SHOW SOCIETY INC S5(35657)

Thanking Council for the way in which the Showground was presented for the 2011 show. Saying many comments were made about the grounds looking immaculate and that all areas were clean, tidy and presentable.

**10.37 COONABARABRAN-MUNGINDI ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT
STEERING COMMITTEE NOTES R8-3(35661)**

Forwarding copy of minutes of meeting held on Friday 19 August 2011 at the Narrabri Shire Council building. Advising the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the issues relating to the three Councils applying for funding from the Regional Development Australia Fund for upgrading the Coonabarabran – Mungindi route.

10.38 NSW OFFICE OF WATER

Advising that the draft Water Sharing Plan for the Macquarie Bogan unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources is on public exhibition from Thursday 1 September 2011 to Friday 21 October 2011.

9376 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.18 – 10.38 (inclusive) be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

9377 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

9378 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note Development Application No 011/2011 was approved under delegated authority since last meeting and there were no Complying Development Applications submitted during that time.

11.2 DESTINATION 2036

The General Manager informed Council that he, in company with the Mayor, attended the two day convention at Dubbo on 17 and 18 August, 2011. He said there was representation from all councils across NSW and from various union and other government bodies and the message given by councils appeared to be that *one size does not fit all*. Mr Warren said of particular note was that all participants called for a defining role of state government and local government roles and responsibilities.

9379 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the contents of the General Manager's report.

11.3 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

The General Manager said he is required to report to Council at least once every 12 months in regard to Code of Conduct complaints and in keeping with Section 12.33 of Council's adopted Code of Conduct, he provided the relevant information to Council.

9380 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council note the information relating to Code of Conduct complaints received during the financial year ended 30 June 2011.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

9381 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the following item be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

11.4 MULTI PURPOSE INDOOR ARENA

The General Manager provided a report seeking Council's guidance on a way forward with the proposed project. It was noted that Council's application for \$5m was not successful and that Council would have to indicate how it proposed to proceed prior to making any further applications for funding.

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Council agreed to defer this item until Cr Cullen returns to the meeting.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

9382 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

9383 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 August 2011 be noted.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

9384 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the list of investments as at 31 August 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 FINANCIAL REPORTS & AUDIT REPORT – YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

9385 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note the tabling of the Presentation and tabling of its Auditors Report and Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2011.

The General Manager congratulated the accounting team for its work in preparing Council's financial statements and informed Council that Coonamble was second in the State in lodging the Statements with the Department.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

9386 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 COONAMBLE SWIMMING POOL

9387 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council agree to change morning times throughout the whole swimming season to 6.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m

13.2 QUARRY DEVELOPMENT

9388 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Webb that quotes for a detailed investigation of the quantity and quality of materials available be obtained, prior to discussing the possibility of obtaining additional land from the present lessee.

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13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS

In considering this matter, the Mayor requested that in future works-in-progress reports, the status of works requested by Council be shown.

9389 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the information contained in this item of the report be noted.

14.0 REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

9390 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Manager – Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

Council deferred consideration of the two items in the Manager's report until he was present at the meeting.

15.0 MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW TO 30 JUNE 2011

9391 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council:

- (1) note the Management Plan Review;
- (2) approve the variations to voted 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 2011;
- (5) note the information provided on Overtime for period 01/04/2011 to 30/06/2011.

9392 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that the Dental Reserve of \$6,000 be closed and the \$6,000 be transferred to the Development Reserve and that the Corporate Visit Reserve also be closed and the \$14,726 be transferred to the Development Reserve.

At this juncture, 12.04 p.m. the Manager – Environmental Services was at the meeting to answer questions regarding his report. Cr. Cullen returned to the meeting.

14.1 QUAMBONE STORE

9393 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council put a Prohibition Order on the owners of Quambone Store preventing the preparation of food on the premises and that the Manager – Environmental Services begin action to serve a Closing Order on premises.

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14.2 TOILET BLOCK – COONAMBLE SHOWGROUND

9394 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council refurbish the toilet block at the Showground, adjacent to the greyhound track at an estimated cost of \$22,000, that funds be provided from the 2010/2011 surplus and that work be carried out as a priority.

At this juncture, the Manager – Environmental Services left the meeting.

DEFERRED ITEM – 11.4 - MULTI PURPOSE INDOOR ARENA

9395 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that discussion take place with the Coonamble Rodeo Association as to what type of structure is required, what funds the Association will contribute and that a report be prepared for the October meeting so that an application for funds can be submitted to the second round of the program which is due in November.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

9396 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that no further action be taken in regard to seeking corporate sponsorship at this time.

16.0 REPORTS BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES/DELEGATES

9397 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the reports by Various Committees/Delegates, as submitted, be noted.

16.1 MINUTES OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

It was decided to defer consideration of these minutes to Closed Session.

16.2 MINUTES OF MT MAGOMETON QUARRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

9398 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Webb that the minutes of the Mt Magometon Quarry Management Committee meeting held on 31 August 2011 be noted and the following recommendations adopted:

- (a) *that Council advance negotiations to obtain the additional land as a priority or as resources permit and approach the current lessee to obtain his consent.*
- (b) *that Council investigate the reserves in the area to ascertain the value of the product.*
- (c) *that Council contact neighbouring Shires and Contractors regarding potential demand in the future.*
- (d) *that Council staff carry out the proposed works if possible or, alternatively, quotes be sought from contractors to progress the storage area.*

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CLOSED SESSION

9399 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 which states:"...*(c) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)*

9400 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

ORGANISATION RESTRUCTURE

A report was submitted by the General Manager outlining the process of the organisation restructure to date.

During this discussion, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 1.20 p.m. for the luncheon adjournment, noting that Steven Baldwin would be accompanying Council for lunch. The meeting resumed at 2.18 p.m. and the discussion continued.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

9401 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION OF CLOSED SESSION

9402 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council adopt the recommendation of Closed Session, as follows:

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

- (1) endorse the provisions of the Local Government (State) Award as they apply to redundancy;
- (2) note the information contained within the report in relation to Council's organisation restructure.

17.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

9403 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and O'Brien that the report by the Economic Development Manager be received and adopted.

17.1 NOTES FROM MEETING OF EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE

9404 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the notes from the Meeting of the Employment Circle held on 9 August 2011 be noted.

At this juncture, Mr. Baldwin was at the meeting to present his report.

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18.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

9405 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be received and dealt with.

The following items were mentioned:

- Gulargambone river walk signs – ordered.
- Preparing hand-over documents for a meeting with the Director of Corporate and Community Services
- VIC Information – 1800 persons through the door at Gulargambone VIC; 942 were visitors and 9 international visitors.
- Moorambilla – Mayor to attend the major events during the weekend.

9406 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council agree to contribute \$1,000 towards stage hire for the Moorambilla Festival, that a council vehicle/staff collect it from Dubbo and that staff assemble the stage at the Pavilion and return to Dubbo after the event **AND FURTHER** that funds be provided from the Showground Maintenance vote.

19.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER

9407 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of August 2011 be noted

20.0 REPORTS BY CONTRACT RANGER

9408 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the reports by the Contract Ranger for the months of July 2011 and August 2011 be adopted.

21.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

The information supplied to Cr. O'Brien's questions on behalf of the Health Council were noted.

22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Karanouh:

- RTC – requested that toilets be kept cleaned.
- Loose bitumen in the vicinity of King and Charles Streets
- Laneway behind Infants Centre – bad pot holes
- Graffiti – main street
- Offices – MPREC to Council
- Asked whether any interest in Industrial Estate.

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Cr Schieb:

- Enquire about rail upgrade
- Truck parking area near Showground – advised waiting on RTA
- Changes in direction of water – around 9M
- Community grants – 3rd round of funding – will provide information to Council.

Cr O'Brien:

- Referred to meeting with Health Council –would like to have representative on LEMC
- Rural addressing still an issue from Health Council
- RTA inspection station at Coonamble – the General Manager will follow up.

Cr Webb:

- Requested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Mr. Daryl Colwell who recently graduated with First Class Honours.

Cr Cullen:

9409 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council carry out improvements to the culvert known as “Coughran’s Canyon”, carry out sealing in the vicinity and that work be carried out at the intersection of Charles Street and McCullough Street and that these works be a priority.

Cr Canham:

- Flowers in the main street garden beds to provide a colourful display.

The Mayor again thanked Councillors for their support prior to closing the meeting.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 3.04 p.m.

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MAYOR

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