

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

3.0 APOLOGY

No apologies were tendered to the meeting.

4.0 DELEGATIONS

The meeting noted that the following persons have made arrangements to address this meeting:

9.30 a.m. Inspector Mark Gallagher
10.15 a.m. Mr Ray Christison
12.30 p.m. Cr Ray Donald

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr. Barbara O'Brien Recycling at Gulargambone
Item 12.9 of the DoE Report
Councillor lives next door to facility.

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

7367 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanough that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 12 November 2008 be confirmed, subject to the following alteration:

***Min.No.7297 Should read:
"... motion of Crs O'Brien and CULLEN" – not Canham as stated***

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Report on Applications to Close/Purchase Lanes

Councillors noted this matter was to have been considered at the November 2008 meeting and was not included for discussion at the December meeting by the Director of Engineering. Council instructed that the Director of Engineering prepare a report for submission to the next meeting.

(b) Minute No. 7187 – Demolition of Structure – Maule Lane

7368 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that Council proceed with the demolition work, noting that a Urgent Order was issued on 30 October 2008 and no action has been taken.

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(c) Question from Ordinary Minute – Minute No. 7268

Council noted that Councillor Schieb, at the November meeting, referred to an item in the October minutes concerning the Donations Vote for 2008/2009. Cr Schieb sought clarification of this matter.

The General Manager advised that this is a matter which is referred for consideration in conjunction with the Management Plan for 2009/2010 and is included in a councillor workshop generally held around March each year.

DELEGATIONS

(a) Superintendent Mark Gallagher & Sergeant Mark Hoath

At this juncture, 9.30 a.m., the two Police Officers were received to the meeting. Superintendent Gallagher said that the support from Council regarding policing issues were welcome. He acknowledged that staffing levels are an issue, however informed the meeting that a part time officer has been appointed to Coonamble, although it is not an authorised position. Superintendent Gallagher said he expects levels to be at full strength in the new year.

He pointed out that the 'special remote' classification is a policy issue and he is unaware of any changes at this point in time. Superintendent Gallagher referred to funding that has been made available for Operation Viking and said it will be utilized when available. He also informed Council that in February 2009 it is expected that a full time licensing sergeant will be appointed. The Superintendent said it is important to identify roles of other agencies so they can take responsibility, e.g. DoCS – alcohol, sexual assault support, etc. Council was pleased to hear that transfer of prisoners escorts are expected to reduce due to a reduction of short District Court matters and prisoners now being transferred to Moree from the northern area of the LAC.

Councillor O'Brien requested enforcement of alcohol free zones and to flag with Police the issue of Federal Government grants to the community. Superintendent Gallagher said they are looking verifying signage and are aware of potential problem areas.

Councillor Schieb referred to the drug line and said people ring and nothing seems to happen. Superintendent Gallagher said this is a concern, he pointed out that staff numbers are not available to deal with the issue. He pointed out that good information needs to be provided so that action can be taken and said it is important to keep working to address the issue.

Councillor Karanouh referred to officers on leave and asked will they be replaced and was advised that officer numbers will be maintained.

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Councillor Schieb referred to meetings which have been held to support Police and asked should this action be continued. Superintendent Gallagher said that a collaborative approach which provides local police with support is welcomed.

At this juncture, 9.40 a.m., Superintendent Mark Gallagher and Sergeant Mark Hoath were thanked by the Mayor and left the meeting.

(b) Quambone Resources Committee

Mrs Margaret Garnsey and Mrs Jacinta Mallon, representing the Quambone Resources Committee were welcomed to the meeting.

Mrs. Garnsey informed the meeting that, on behalf of the Committee, she wished to review the status of issues discussed at the September 2008 Council Meeting.

The Director of Engineering reported in regard to the issues not completed as follows:

- Relocation of water access point for sportsground/racecourse. The Director of Engineering said it will be necessary to meet with the Committee to discuss the issue of relocation.
- Routine overseeing of sportsground/racecourse facilities – the Director of Engineering said it was his understanding that this is happening.
- Shire depot in Quambone - fencing – the Director of Engineering acknowledged that has not been done, but is in hand.
- Section 355 Committee – not yet completed by Committee, but will be progressed in the new year.
- Issues arising – Quambone pool keys and roadworks at Quambone sportsground/racecourse – these issues will be included in the Budget Review for December 2008.

Mrs. Garnsey and Mrs Mallon left the meeting at 10.10 a.m.

(c) Mr. Ray Christison – Heritage Adviser

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Christison who gave a presentation of the community based heritage study. He said that the next step is to develop a heritage schedule and informed the meeting that the Final Report is expected around July 2009.

Councillor O'Brien said she would like to include Gulargambone Main Street Murals and requested a meeting with Twoeighttwoeight to progress this matter. She also referred to historical items stored in local homes and will discuss this with Michelle O'Brien. Cr. O'Brien also referred to the old mission and said the Aboriginal community should be involved.

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Councillor Karanouh referred to Gordon Ditchfield's work in historical recording and Mr Christison said he had already meet with Mr. Ditchfield.

At this juncture, 10.30 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.55 a.m.

7.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

7369 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

(a) Min No. 6965 – Water Treatment

Cr Karanouh asked who would complete this work in the absence of the Director of Engineering. Mr. Russell informed the meeting that staff are capable of carrying out the work and the budget does allow for use of consultants. He pointed out that he would also have used external assistance if he had still been in Council's employ.

(b) Min No. 6251 – Coonamble Levee Bank

In response to a question from Cr Karanouh concerning flood damage to the weir surrounds, the Director of Engineering said that the bypass had washed out and temporary repairs have been carried out. More work is required and more funding will be required to carry out these works.

The Director of Engineering responded to Cr Cullen's question whether the weir can be repaired, saying the bank is not a structural device and needs to be repaired properly.

7370 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that investigations be undertaken in relation to fixing the weir, raising the wall and installing a structural wall and that a report be prepared for Council.

8.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor presented a report on his activities for the month of November 2008, which included the following events:

- Inaugural Local Government meeting in Camberra – mentioned Council's share of funding amounting to \$100,000
- Commoners AGM – 21 November 2008 – very poor attendance
- Primary School Presentation in company with Cr. Webb – 8 December 2008
- Received the Director of Engineering Services' resignation - thanking Murray for his achievements and wishing him well in his new position at Tamworth

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- Met with Warren Truss MP & Mark Coulton MP in relation to the loss of air services. The General Manager & Director of Corporate Services also attended the meeting.
- Opening of two bridges within Coonamble Shire – the Lucy Morrissey Bridge at Teridgerie and the Castlereagh River Bridge at Gulargambone. Congratulated Murray Russell and Council's Cadet Engineer, Mr. Daryl Colwell, on a job well done.

7371 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the Mayor's Activity Report be received and adopted.

At this juncture, 11.00 a.m. Councillor Cullen left the meeting.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7372 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – Matters for Action by Council:

9.1 CARMEL TEBBUT, MP, MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT F5 (29299)

Offering a grant of up to \$5,000 from the State Floodplain Management Program for the development and implementation of floodplain risk management plans, subject to Council agreeing to the standard "Conditions for Financial Assistance". Asking Council to complete the Acceptance Form and annexure and return to the Department's Wollongong Office.

7373 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Canham that Council endorse the acceptance of the offer of a \$5,000 grant under the "Conditions for Financial Assistance".

9.2 A J F BRIEN & SON R8-6 (29256)

Comparing livestock transport costs between the states of NSW, Victoria and Queensland and stating that if NSW benchmark costs against Victoria they are 10% higher, whilst against Queensland they can be up to 23% higher. Stating the initial phase of allowing 68t mass limits has been applied to the Newell Highway and recently the Castlereagh Highway. Advising that Wagga Wagga Shire Council has authorised 68t access from the Newell Highway into Wagga Wagga abattoirs.

Pointing out that our district supplies a significant volume of export cattle to Wagga abattoirs and they understand the only sections of the route to Wagga on which 68t GVM trucks are not legally entitled to travel is from the loading site to the Castlereagh Highway.

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Stating that in the case of Coonamble Feedlot, that distance is under 10km and livestock movements to the north will need the cooperation of three Shires to access the Newell Highway whilst access to abattoirs to the east remain isolated from Coonamble.

The General Manager informed Council that this matter is addressed in the report by the Director of Engineering Services later in the meeting.

7374 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council consider this matter in conjunction with the report by the Director of Engineering later in the day.

9.3 GULARGAMBONE COMMUNITY HOMES R4-2 (29336)

Advising the Committee has been responsible for supplying self-contained stand alone aged accommodation in Gulargambone. Advising that Council rates and water charges for the year ended 30 June 2008 amounted to \$5,464.98. Saying it is a non-profit incorporated community committee and the units now require security doors and security window screens (caused by break-ins) and requesting Council consider a reduction in rates/water charges or both.

The General Manager informed the meeting that the premises serviced comprise seven self contained stand alone aged accommodation units. He said that during the investigation it was found only five garbage services are being charged, whereas seven should be charged at a further cost of \$700/year. Mr. Griffiths said it was also found that only two water access fees were being charged when there are three services – a shortfall of \$172/year. The General Manager said that given Gulargambone Community Homes has asked for a reduction, it is not proposed to adjust the rates for the 2008/2009 year, but he suggested that the Committee should be advised of the impending increase from the 2009/2010 year.

7375 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council not accede to the request for a reduction in rates / water charges for the 2008/2009 year and advise the Gulargambone Community Homes that additional charges, as detailed above, will apply from the 2009/2010 year.

Councillor O'Brien requested that her name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

9.4 GULARGAMBONE JOCKEY CLUB D7 (29325)

Advising the race day conducted in Gulargambone was successful, however due to the Rugby League Grand Final, bar trading was cut shorter and collectively gate and bar revenue was down some \$3,000. Stating that the Club had a final loss result of \$1,042.

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Advising the most unforeseen expenses was the ambulance service which had increased from \$628.63 (2006) to \$1,316.68 (up \$629 or 109%). Saying the Committee would be grateful if Council would consider making a contribution towards the extra cost of the ambulance.

7376 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council decline to make a contribution towards the loss incurred by the Gulargambone Jockey Club due to budgetary constraints.

Councillor O'Brien requested that her name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

9.5 THE GREAT INLAND WAY PROMOTIONS GROUP INC T3-5 (29312)

Stating that the Group recently undertook a road trip to the newly formed Queensland regional councils to raise awareness of the route and its new membership structure – another trip is planned to meet with the NSW councils in the future. Saying that for this to occur it is imperative that councils along the route continue to offer financial and in-kind support and requesting Coonamble Shire to:

- (a) Partake in the offer of membership (enclosing invoice for \$1,000 for 2008/2009)
- (b) Nominate a Councillor to the Board of the Great Inland Way
- (c) Make available a Council staff member, preferably the person with either tourism or economic development in their portfolio, to partake in the Great Inland way meetings.

The General Manager stated that Council has already appointed Councillor Schieb as its delegate on the Great Inland Way Promotions Group, together with Mr Steve Baldwin, the Tourism Development Manager

7377 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb & Karanouh that Council agree to renew membership of the Great Inland Way Promotions Group Inc and pay the \$1,000 fee for the 2008/2009 year and the Group be informed of the two delegates.

At this juncture, 11.10 a.m., Councillor Cullen returned to the meeting.

9.6 "C" DIVISION SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW S3-3 (29237)

Advising that the next 'C' Division Conference will be held in Lightning Ridge, hosted by Walgett Shire Council, on Wednesday 4 February 2009 – venue being the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club. Requesting that if Council has any motions to be considered they must be submitted no later than Friday 12 December as staff will be on leave over Christmas/New Year. Stating the business paper should be ready for distribution the week commencing 12 January 2009.

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Council noted that this matter was carried over from the October meeting to enable Councillors to formulate motions for submission to the "C" Division Conference. The General Manager suggested the question of air services is a topic that may be worthy of discussion at the 'C' Division Conference

7378 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Canham that Council submit a motion to "C" Division concerning the withdrawal of REX airline services from this area.

7379 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council submit a motion to "C" Division concerning the inclusion of a 'special remote' classification for Coonamble in order to attract and hold police officers.

9.7 FIONA FOODEY I3-1 (29305)

Referring to a parking infringement received on 10 November and advising her residence is on top of WDR Computers at 43 Castlereagh Street, which is also her place of employment. Stating that her car may be parked in the one location for three days and asking to apply for a permit so that she does not receive another infringement.

Council noted that this matter is the subject of a report by the Director of Engineering Services later in the meeting.

7380 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the matter be deferred for consideration later in the day during the Director of Engineering's report.

9.8 NSW FARMERS ASSOCIATION – NARRABRI BRANCH R4 (29267)

Advising that a public meeting was held in Narrabri on 30 October 2008 to discuss various issues concerning the rating process. Stating the following motions were moved and will be sent to State and Federal Members, as well as neighbouring councils.

Motion 1:

That local government receive a fair share of Federal Government tax revenue, for example 2% as was, and we contact neighbouring councils seeking their support in lobbying to the Minister for Local Government for these funds to be increased.

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Motion 2:

Move that in the local government and the general Rural 1A Zone that the smaller properties where the primary use of the land is for residential purposes and **not for agriculture** that those properties be no longer used to determine valuation for rating purposes of the larger properties where the primary use of the land **is for agriculture**. An amendment was moved to include the Valuer Generals department in this motion.

Motion 3:

That the valuation of rating structure be changed to better reflect the true value of land. Such matters as DSE Capacity, services in the area (road, garbage, power and water) restrictions caused by Government or Local Government policies eg land clearing, Native Vegetation Act and rural subdivision and the adverse effect that mining may have on the areas and infrastructure surrounding such development should be taken into account. Also the correct naming of assessable area.

Council noted the General Manager's comments that Motion 1 is in conflict with attempts by the ALGA to elevate local government's share of Federal revenue to 1% and is unrealistic; Motion 2 appears to be misguided in that this does not occur and Motion 3 appears to be suggesting to further complicate an already complex area.

7381 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council take no action on the suggestions put forward by the NSW Farmers Association.

9.9 COONAMBLE SHIRE EMPLOYEES' CHRISTMAS PARTY S6 (29390)

Making application for the Christmas breakup party to be held at the Golf Club on Friday 19. Also requesting a half day holiday for Friday 19 and a contribution towards the party. Stating that staff working until Christmas will be on duty until normal closing time on Christmas Eve if Council grants permission to conduct the party on the previous Friday.

7382 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council:

- (1) Agree to the Breakup Party/half day holiday being held on Friday 19 December, 2008;
- (2) Point out to staff that the event will be closely monitored for participation and should poor attendance again be evident future years may be jeopardized;
- (3) Agree to a contribution of \$500 towards the event.

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9.10 GULARGAMBONE SHOWGROUND TRUST G5-40 (29375)

Requesting that the Gulargambone Showground be considered for some funding from the Local Government Infrastructure Fund. Advising that the Trustees along with community user groups have discussed possibilities and suggest the following improvements (in order of priority):

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| ○ Concrete existing shed floor | \$20,000 |
| ○ Upgrade stock handling facilities | \$40,000 |
| ○ Permanent shade structure | \$10,000 |
| ○ Enclose and fit kitchen | \$20,000 |
| ○ Upgrade shower and toilet facilities | \$20,000. |

Stating the costs are for materials only, all labour will be volunteer and a small amount of funds have been pledged from private enterprise.

9.11 GULARGAMBONE WAR MEMORIAL MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL COMMITTEE D7 + H1 (29337)

Referring to the funds offered by the Federal Government to assist with projects not listed in Councils budgets and highlighted funding for Town Halls, suggesting that the Gulargambone Hall be included in funding. Advising the volunteer committee has been investigating ways to expand the utilization of the hall and found that it would be used if air-conditioning and heating was available. Stating a quote of \$7,500 per unit has been received and four units would be required to cover the hall.

9.12 COONAMBLE RODEO & CAMPDRAFT ASSOCIATION INC G5-34 (29419)

Confirming they are very interested in erecting an undercover/indoor arena at the Showground and would like the project to be considered when Council is submitting applications under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Fund.

9.13 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY RADIO INC D7

Advising Coonamble community radio has taken major steps to research and come to a viable option on what is necessary to extend the broadcast area to a 50km radius of Coonamble. Thanking Council for past assistance and saying it has been suggested that the transmitter site be moved from Country Energy to the gain silos with an increased transmission signal from 100 watts to 3000 watts. Stating the cost will be in the area of \$80,000. Asking that MTM be considered for funding under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Fund for a portion of the funding.

The meeting noted that the above four items were all applications for funding.

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7383 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that these items (Nos. 9.10 – 9.13) be considered in conjunction with the report by the General Manager on funding under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Fund.

9.14 STEVEN & MARINA COLWELL PR2807 (29389)

Asking Council to connect town water to their property, saying they have some rainwater tanks and one very small ground tank but there is no permanent water source. Advising they are less than 1 kilometre from a street to connect a line. Saying the property is not able to meet the cost of sinking a bore, but they are prepared to meet the cost of all materials and some labour costs.

7384 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council decline the request to connect town water to the subject property, as it does not adjoin a water main to allow connection.

9.15 COUNCILLOR A KARANOUH

Giving notice of his intention to discuss the two hour parking restrictions at the December meeting. Advising that he will be moving to have the time limit removed in accordance with the Coonamble Business Action Group's wishes.

It is noted that the Director of Engineering Services has prepared a report on this issue which will be debated later in the meeting.

9.16 COONAMBLE BUSINESS ACTION GROUP

Advising that at a recent meeting of the Group the matter of two hour parking was again raised. Pointing out that the majority of those in attendance are against the restrictions and requesting the Council may rethink the previous decision.

9.17 NATASHA MUSCROFT T5 (29412)

Saying that two hour parking in Coonamble has caused nothing but an uproar in the community, pointing out it makes Castlereagh Street look deserted and unused. Advising she is an employee of Noel's His & Hers, not only as a hairdresser, but as a valet parking clients' vehicles .

9.18 NOEL MURRAY T5 (29326)

Stating there is no need for two hour parking in Coonamble – pointing out that restricted parking is bad for our businesses and the town in general.

9.19 MATTHEW FARAH, SONS OF THE SOIL HOTEL T5 (29327)

Saying that two hour parking in Coonamble has adversely affected his business. Asking that Council consider a reprieve from this "unwanted nuisance" which he states "is a negative on our town".

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Council noted that these letters all deal with the issue of two hour parking restrictions in main street. The Director of Engineering informed the meeting that he has prepared a report on this matter which will be dealt with later in the day.

7385 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that this issue (Item Nos. 9.16 – 9.19) be deferred for consideration in conjunction with the Director of Engineering's report later in the day.

9.20 MURRAY RUSSELL E200 (29418)

Advising his resignation as Director of Engineering, as he has been successful in securing a position with Tamworth Regional Council. Stating he has thoroughly enjoyed working with Council and is proud of what has been achieved during his five years. Thanking the General Manager for his support, guidance and friendship and all Council staff, especially senior staff who have worked closely with him. Saying the decision has been made for personal reasons and his last day of service with Council will be Friday 9 January 2009.

7386 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. that Horan and Cullen Council accept the resignation with regret and advertise for a replacement Director of Engineering Services in accordance with Council's organizational structure, as reviewed later in the meeting under a report to closed session by the General Manager.

9.21 HON VERITY FIRTH, MP, MINISTER FOR WOMEN G5-32 (29420)

Offering grants of up to \$1,000 to NSW councils and shires to work with local community groups to organize an event to celebrate 2009 International Women's Day and encouraging Council to apply for funding. Stating applications must be received by cob on 16 January 2009 for the event which is celebrated around the world each year on 8 March.

The General Manager informed the meeting that International Women's Day has been celebrated in Coonamble for the past few years, with a variety of organizers. He said discussions with the Manager of the Rural Transaction Centre have resulted in her agreeing, subject to approval by her Board, to organize a suitable event for 2009.

7387 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council submit application for funding under the International Women's Day Grants Program, with suitable celebrations to be organized by the Manager of the Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre.

Section B: Matters for Information:

9.22 COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL E1-1 (29295)

Thanking Council for its participation in the School's Work Experience Program in 2008. Saying the time and effort put into hosting one of the students is appreciated, particularly at this busy time of year. Enclosing an evaluation form to be completed on the performance of the student.

9.23 MR RAY CHRISTISON, HIGH GROUND CONSULTING G5-13-2 (29292)

Tendering to undertake Council's Community-based Heritage Study proposing to take on the roles of Project Manager and Historian. Saying he understands the total fee for the Study is \$24,600 and that he is willing to accept the Heritage Branch Department of Planning standard terms of engagement.

The General Manager said that Mr. Christison has been advised his offer was accepted. Mr. Griffiths stated that the Department of Planning has that approved funding for the project and the Acceptance Form has been signed and returned. Mr. Griffiths said it is anticipated that the Study will be completed in mid-2009 and Council's share of the cost will be funded from the vote for the development of the Local Environmental Plan.

Council noted that Mr. Christison addressed the meeting earlier in the day.

9.24 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT C13-1 (29285)

Referring to Circular 07-32 which advised councils of the outcomes of the audit of a randomly selected sample of written returns of interest. Stating the audit underlined the need for a review of the return form to ensure it adequately promotes a higher level of compliance with statutory obligations.

Advising a self-help guide has been produced which complements previous circulars to councils on the subject of returns. The publication is available on the department's website www.dlg.nsw.gov.au.

9.25 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY SHED C8 (29347)

Accepting Council's offer of a three year lease of the shed at the rear of the Council owned dwelling at No. 32 Yarran Street, Coonamble. Noting that a nominal rental of \$1/per annum will be charged, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made for separate power metering should the residence be occupied.

The General Manager reported that an appropriate lease will now have to be drawn up between Council and the Committee of the Coonamble Community Shed.

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9.26 THE BLUETT AWARD A17 (29348)

Thanking Council for its entry in the AR Bluett Memorial Award for 2007/2008 and confirming that the Trustees decided that Coonamble Shire Council be awarded a Highly Commended Certificate in recognition of the excellence of its entry. Enclosing the Certificate, together with a copy of the citation issued by the Trustees.

9.27 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING G5-13 (29365)

Advising that funding has been approved for the 2009/2010 year for the Local Government Heritage Management Program as follows:

- Coonamble Heritage Advisor \$7,000 as a Pro Rata Grant
- Coonamble Local Heritage Fund \$8,500 as a Pro Rata Grant.

Stating that the funding for the heritage advisor service has been approved to continue Council's heritage adviser position for 2009/2010 and is on a \$1 for \$2 basis. The \$8,500 grant is for continuation of the local heritage fund program to assist projects in the local area.

9.28 COONAMBLE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE D7 (29393)

Enclosing cheque for \$4,000 from the Coonamble Women's Gathering Committee to be donated back to Council. Saying they were very glad to receive the donation but due to the fact that the event came in under budget, they are able to return the amount which can be used for future donations to worthy causes. Stating the weekend was a great success and again thanking Council for its support.

9.29 STATEWIDE MUTUAL I4 (29376)

Advising that the Board is pleased to send Council a cheque in the amount of \$5,187 (plus GST) representing Council's share of a total of \$2,700,000 being distributed to Member Councils in the current allocation. Stating the bonus is an incentive for councils to take pro-active approaches in their risk management programs.

The General Manager stated that it is pleasing that the level of liability and other insurances has stabilized and benefits are now being returned from participation in the Local Government Insurance Mutual. He said that the incentive payment will be utilized for the development and enhancement of Council's risk management programs.

9.30 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING B11 + E5-2 (29386)

Advising that despite a number of previous communications in response to the Department's position on spot rezonings, the Department is still receiving complaints from both proponents and councils claiming that it has recently reviewed its policy and will not allow spot rezonings to proceed.

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Making it absolutely clear that while the Department continues to have the objective of reducing the number of draft plans in the systems it has in the past and continues to have a policy of assessing spot rezonings on a purely merit basis.

The General Manager informed the meeting that this Council has, over the past few years, requested two spot rezonings only to be told that the Department would not support them without a new LEP process being completed.

9.31 MR KEVIN HUMPHRIES, MEMBER FOR BARWON A5 (29333) & E1 (29384)

Providing copies of Media Releases on the following issues:

1. NSW government needs to consider all remote air initiatives
2. Humphries fights for free school transport.

Copies of both media releases were included with each Councillor's business paper.

9.32 FORENSIC SERVICES POLICE BUSH SAFARI

Stating on behalf of the Committee and Entrance in the Safari thanking Council for its contribution in 2008. Saying the camping facilities at the Showground on the first and final nights was great. Advising the Safari raised over \$6,000 which will be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, together with the Leukaemia Foundation. Enclosing a Certificate of Appreciation as an expression of their thanks.

9.33 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L9 (29251)

Writing to the Mayor advising of the establishment of the new Australian Council of Local Government (ALGA) which marks the beginning of a new chapter in Federal-Local Government relations. Stating the meeting on 18 November will focus on a number of important issues for local government and aims to highlight leading practice and develop the priorities for local government. Advising that important issues will be dealt with at the ALGA's Constitutional Summit to be held in Melbourne from 9 – 11 December and inviting the Mayor to attend.

The General Manager stated it is unfortunate that this Summit clashed with Council's meeting and the decision was made, in conjunction with the Mayor, not to attend.

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9.34 KEVIN HUMPHRIES, MP, MEMBER FOR BARWON A5 (29281)

Saying the push is on to seek an alternative following the announcement by REX that it will no longer operate Air Link services to some towns. Advising the routes will go out to tender with the aim of looking at a model of air passenger transport in our areas that not only meets out needs, but “stacks up” in the long run. Asking that councils would together and quantify the need for an air service in their areas with particular reference to:

1. Use by medical specialists;
2. Support from the Aboriginal Medical Centres in Cobar, Bourke, Brewarrina and Walgett areas;
3. Business support – Chambers of Commerce, etc.
4. Government services;
5. What type of service required – frequency, cost, etc.

9.35 DOLF KLASSEN, LUDDENHAM P5 (29276)

Saying that it has come to his attention that on or about 30 October a number of youths caused “mayhem” in Gulargambone. Asking what are police doing regarding the matter and is there any effort being made to station police in Gulargambone. Asking why Council is not very vocal in getting police stationed at Gulargambone and saying he understands there have been no reports in the Coonamble Times regarding the turmoil in Gulargambone.

7388 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information contained in Item Nos. 9.22 to 9.35 inclusive be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – CORRESPONDENCE

7389 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that the following items be classified ‘urgent business’ and dealt with.

9.36 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL C13 (29455)

Advising that the Tribunal is required to make an annual determination, by no later than 30 April 2009, on the fees payable to Councillors and Mayors to take effect from 1 July 2009. Seeking comment, no later than 13 February, 2009, on changes that have occurred to councils since the review, in particular the impact such changes have had on the duties and responsibilities of elected representatives and any other matters considered relevant.

7390 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that Council note the information provided by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

9.37 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING D5-22 (29447)

Advising that the Department is calling for applications for funding under the Planning Reform Fund 2009/2010 to assist councils to implement the NSW planning reforms. Priorities for funding include:

- Projects that contribute to the preparation of a local government area wide Standard LEP, with particular emphasis on those which will progress a plan at either section 64 or section 68 stage.

Stating that applications close at 5 pm. On Monday 2 February 2009.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council is required by legislation to prepare a new Local Environmental Plan by the end of 2010 and it is intended to apply for funding to cover additional costs that will be incurred following the completion of the current Land Use Study.

7391 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb Council authorise the application for funding to complete the new statutory Local Environmental Plan at the completion of the current Land Use Study.

9.38 OUT THERE PRODUCTIONS – VIBE ALIVE 2009

Advising that Vibe Alive 2009 is planned for the week of 24 to 29 May 2009 should funding approval be forthcoming. Requesting Council to again provide in-kind sponsorship similar to that for the event earlier this year.

The General Manager said that no proposal has been provided at this time, however as Council may not meet again until February, instruction should now be forthcoming to allow staff to negotiate details. Mr. Griffiths said that as the event falls within the current financial year, funding from revenue sources is not available however a contribution around \$4,500 could be funded from the Cultural Reserve. He said discussions should be held with regular users of the Sportsground and guidance from Council is needed in relation to fireworks.

7392 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council:

1. Authorise the General Manager to again have the Tourism Development Manager (TDM) involved in the Vibe Alive event for 2009.
2. Agree to the use of the Sportsground from Sunday 24 May 2009 to Friday 29 May 2009 subject to arrangements for alternative facilities being agreed to by regular users of the ground.
3. Provide in-kind support by way of signage, garbage collection, advertising and site management to a maximum cost, inclusive of the TDM, of \$4,500 to be funded from the Cultural Reserve.
4. Permit fireworks to commence no later than 9 pm subject to the necessary WorkCover licence being obtained, complied with and residents in the immediate area being individually notified.

10.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

7393 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that the report submitted by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

10.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

7394 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council note no Development Applications have been approved however Complying Development Application Nos. 040/2008 and 041/2008 were approved under delegated authority for the period.

10.2 DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

The General Manager referred to the tabling of Delegations of Authority to various staff at the November Meeting and reported that those for the Health and Building Consultant and the Health and Building Cadet were omitted. Mr. Griffiths said they are now tabled for Council's perusal.

7395 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council note the delegations to be issued by the General Manager to other the Health and Building Consultant and the Health and Building Cadet.

10.3 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

The General Manager referred to the requirement of Council to adopt a Code of Meeting Practice immediately following the election of a new Council. Mr. Griffiths said the Code was presented to the October meeting and placed on public exhibition, calling for submissions. He said that the closing date for submissions was Friday 7 November 2008 and none were received.

7396 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council formally adopt the Code of Meeting Practice, as submitted to the October meeting, noting that no submissions were received during the public exhibition period.

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

The General Manager reminded Council that this policy was presented to the October meeting and placed on public exhibition until Friday 7 November, 2008. Mr. Griffiths said that no submissions were received.

7397 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that Council formally adopt the Policy for Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors, noting that no submissions were received during the public exhibition period.

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10.5 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (OROC)

The General Manager informed the meeting that at the meeting of OROC held on 7 November, 2008 it was resolved to form a Code of Conduct Review Committee Panel (CRC). He pointed out that Council can now elect to set up its own Code of Conduct Review Committee or participate in the OROC Panel.

Mr Griffiths pointed out that the OROC Panel is simple in function in that each Council nominates a representative and that person can be selected by any of the other Councils to form a CRC. He said that a representative from Coonamble would not sit on a CRC for Coonamble Shire.

The General Manager informed the meeting that he had taken the liberty of discussing Coonamble representation with Mr Kevin Keady, a former Shire President/Mayor, who has agreed to accept nomination. Mr. Griffiths said it was his opinion that there are advantages in having a person with local government experience, an astute mind and community spirit.

7398 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council:

- (1) Participate in the OROC Code of Conduct Review Committee Panel;
- (2) Nominate Mr Kevin Keady as Coonamble's representative;
- (3) Note that should council require a Code of Conduct Review Committee to sit, it will be required to meet reasonable expenses associated therewith.

10.6 REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (RLCIF)

The General Manager reported that on 18 November 2008 the Federal Government announced the RLCIF comprising \$250 million for local projects of which Coonamble was granted only \$100,000. Mr. Griffiths said the second component is entitled "Strategic" and is \$50 million Australia wide.

The General Manager presented a detailed report, including names of those organizations who put forward submissions, together with costings where available. He pointed out that funding should not be provided for private purposes and that projects must be completed by 30 September 2009 or the funding is lost.

Mr. Griffiths said that in making a decision Council should consider the areas of greatest need and consideration should also be given to funding projects that Council has a direct responsibility for and/or provides the greatest community benefit.

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A MOTION

7399 PROPOSED by Cr. O'Brien **SECONDED** by Cr Webb that Council expend its \$100,000 funding as follows:

1.	Fence at Gulargambone Park	\$18,500	
2.	Quambone Hall Re-stumping	\$28,200	
3.	Macdonald Park Shade Covering	\$25,000	
4.	Seats at Exercise Stations	\$12,000	
5.	Canteen at Smith Park	<u>\$16,300</u>	\$100,000

and that Council priority for other funding be as follows:

Country Renewal Project (NSW Govt) – Country Halls

Quambone Hall Supper Room \$12,600

Air Conditioning Gulargambone Hall \$30,000

Small Community Awareness Fund

Complete Wi-Fi Project

Broadband – Gulargambone and Quambone

Local Infrastructure (Federal Govt) – Strategic Component

Application for \$2,000,000 to cover Rodeo Arena

Also \$300,000 to complement rodeo cover for providing of seating, etc.

Councillor Schieb asked that his name be recorded as voting against the inclusion of Macdonald Park Shade Covering (\$25,000).

AN AMENDMENT

PROPOSED by Cr. Karanouh **SECONDED** by Cr Schieb that the \$25,000 for provision of shade covering at Macdonald Park not be included.

On being put to the vote, the **AMENDMENT WAS LOST** (4/3) and the **MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED** (5/2).

11.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

7400 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Canham that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

11.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

7401 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 November 2008 be noted.

11.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

7402 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that that the Investments held at 30 November 2008 be noted and it also be noted that Council's Investments comply with s625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment

11.3 ESTIMATED RESERVES AT 30 NOVEMBER 2008

7344 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the Estimates Reserves at 30 November, 2008, as reported by the Director of Corporate Services, be noted.

11.4 ANNUAL REPORT

The Director of Corporate Services reported that under section 428(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 Council must, within five months after the end of each year, prepare a report detailing achievements with respect to the objectives and performance targets set out its Management Plan for that year. Mr. Warren reported that Council's Annual Report for 2007/2008 has been completed and a copy was forwarded to the Department of Local Government on 25 November, 2008.

Copies of the report were available at the meeting.

7403 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council note the tabling of the Annual Report for 2007/2008 and that a copy was furnished to the Department of Local Government on 25 November 2008.

14.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS

At this juncture, 12.10 p.m. the EDMs were at the meeting to present the report.

7404 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the report by the Economic Development Managers be received and adopted.

(i) Meat Processing – Castlereagh Regional Abattoir

Council noted that there have been further inquiries regarding the former CRA - information has been sent to a Queensland-based interest and a meeting has been held with interested parties based in Sydney. It was pointed out that no further information is available at this stage.

(ii) Other items of interest mentioned were:

- Shop Local Campaign – 39 businesses participating
- Support Existing Businesses – planning focus meeting to be held on 12 December
- CBD Heritage Funding – painting of AJF Brien and former Johnny Burns buildings completed – payment finalised – some funds remain in CBD Fund.
- Railway Station Restoration – ARTC arranging lease, funding application approved and preferred consultant notified. Funding application submitted for restoration project.

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- Dental Services – new sign installed at street entry
- Infrastructure Funding – **Recommendation that funding be sought for Indoor Equine & Events Centre where possible.**
- Productivity Commission review into Drought Assistance – met with General Manager, Crs. Schieb and Cullen on 1 December to prepare response to be presented by General Manager at Roundtable on Friday 12 December.

14.1 MEETING OF COONAMBLE BUSINESS ACTION GROUP

7405 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the minutes of the Coonamble Business Action Group meeting held on 20 November, 2008 be received and noted.

14.2 LOCAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

7406 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the notes from the Local Heritage Committee meeting held on 18 November, 2008 be received and noted.

At this juncture, the Economic Development Managers left the meeting.

12.0 REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

7407 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the report by the Director of Engineering be received and dealt with.

12.1 CBD PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

The Director of Engineering Services informed the meeting that in late 2007 Council was requested by the Business Action Group to introduce timed parking restrictions within the CBD. Mr Russell said as a result, a trial was conducted, concluding in June 2008. He said that after further consideration of public comment, the restrictions were made permanent in the second half of 2008, with some extension to the proposed area to include the Castlereagh Highway east of the river.

The Director of Engineering Services pointed out that Council has recently received letters requesting that the restrictions be reconsidered. This matter was raised during Council's general business in November.

Mr. Russell said that Council now has the opportunity to consider its position in relation to the ongoing application of parking restrictions within the Coonamble CBD.

Councillor Karanouh spoke on the petition from 20 business people in the main street requesting that the two hour parking restrictions be abolished.

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7408 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council retain the existing parking restrictions within the Coonamble CBD.

The motion was carried, 4/3 – Crs. Canham, Cullen, Webb and Horan voting for retention of the restrictions and Crs. Karanouh, Schieb and O'Brien voted against the motion.

In further discussion on the matter, the General Manager stated that a Rescission Motion can be put forward, however it requires three signatures or, alternatively the matter can be raised again after three months

COUNCILLOR RAY DONALD – “C” DIVISION BRIEFING

At this juncture 12.30 p.m., the Mayor welcomed Councillor Ray Donald to the meeting to give an overview of the structure of the Local Government and Shires Association and the operations of “C” Division, i.e. Divisional meetings, the Shires Association Conference in June, inquiry into election costs, etc.

Cr Donald advised that assistance has been sought from the Local Government Department concerning local government policy and drought relief policy. He mentioned “C” Divisions involvement in issues such as the de-corporation of Local Government, the Planning Regulation and councils' Code of Conduct and Conduct Committees.

Following the presentation, Cr. Donald was invited to join Councillors and Senior Staff at lunch. The meeting adjourned at 1.00 p.m. and resumed at 2.00 p.m.

12.2 CBD PARKING PERMITS

The Director of Engineering advised Council that a letter has been received from a resident who lives above a business in Castlereagh Street. He said it has been suggested that, as a resident, they would like to be issued with a parking permit that allowed them to park contrary to the timed parking restrictions.

Mr. Russell stated that the property in question has a rear yard that is fenced and secure and contains a double garage. He pointed out however that the owner advised the driveway is difficult to negotiate due to the narrow laneway that provides access and the narrow gate. The Director of Engineering Services said there is off street parking available for the property, and although modifications to the driveway would make it more easily accessed, the owner of a property is responsible such modifications.

7409 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council not issue parking permits that would allow parking contrary to posted restrictions.

12.3 HIGHER MASS LIMITS

The Director of Engineering reported that in November 2008 Council resolved to develop a policy on the assessment and approval of Higher Mass Limits (HML) routes within the Shire. Also at that meeting, Council resolved to approve HML for roads in the immediate vicinity of the grain silos and saleyards allowing a connecting route to the Castlereagh Highway.

Mr Russell presented a draft Higher Mass Limit Approval Policy is for Council's consideration, which he said is based on the consideration of two main engineering criteria, these being:

1. *Capacity of structures*
2. *Suitability of the pavement*

Council noted that subject to the route satisfying these two assessment criteria, the Director of Engineering is delegated the authority to approve the route for HML. However it was also noted that Council is the Roads Authority for local and regional roads, and as such can approve or reject the use of HML vehicles on the road.

7410 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council

- (1) Place the draft Policy on Higher Mass Limit Approval on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period and invite comment;
- (2) Formally adopt the Policy at the February 2009 meeting, taking into account any submissions received.

12.4 LEMC APPOINTMENTS

The Director of Engineering Services advised that the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989 provides for the operation of a Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) and a District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC). He said the Act also requires certain positions to be identified within this Committee that are authorised to commit Council resources in an emergency.

Mr. Russell advised that the District Emergency Operations Controller (DEOCON) has requested all Council positions in relation to both the LEMC and DEMC be confirmed, noting all positions that represent Council are subject to determination by Council.

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The Director of Engineering Services stated that Council is required to provide various positions under the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989 and operation of the LEMC is part of the normal, budgeted activities of Council.

7411 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council confirm that the following appointments are made in accordance with the requirements of the State Emergency and Rescue Act 1989:

1. LEMO – Director of Engineering
2. Deputy LEMO – Staff Engineer, Maintenance
3. Chair of LEMC – Director of Engineering
4. DEMC Representative – Director of Engineering

12.5 WASTE COLLECTION ZONE

The Director of Engineering Services reported that all properties within the current waste collection zone are entitled to a waste collection service and are charged for that service in accordance with Councils Rates, Fees and Charges, even if they do not utilise the service. He pointed out that properties outside of the collection zone are generally not entitled to a service.

Mr. Russell said it has become apparent that the current waste collection map is not clearly defined, and does not cover the northern or southern extent of the town. He pointed out that the current waste collection map extends from Reid Street in the south to Edward Street in the north, despite the fact that the urban limits and the existing collection service extend beyond those boundaries.

The Director of Engineering Services submitted a map to Council which covers properties that currently pay garbage rates, but excludes the area (zoned Rural 1a) north of Conimbia Street. He said there are two properties within that rural zone currently paying garbage rates and one of these is currently utilising the collection service.

Mr Russell said that once the collection map is adopted by Council, any property falling outside of the collection zone would no longer be eligible for a collection service and would not be charged garbage rates. He said however any property outside of the zone that is currently paying for and receiving a service, could continue to receive that service. It was pointed out that in the event that the service was ever discontinued, the property would no longer be eligible for a collection service.

Council noted it is required to define the waste collection area for the purpose of identifying properties that are to be charged domestic waste rates and receive domestic waste collection.

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7412 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that:

1. Council adopt the Waste Collection Zone as defined by the December 2008 Waste Collection Map
2. That the December 2008 Waste Collection Map be placed on exhibition for public comment for a period of 28 days
3. That properties outside of the Waste Collection Zone that are currently receiving a domestic waste service are allowed to continue to receive that service until such time as the owner discontinues it, after which time that property shall no longer be eligible for a domestic waste service

12.6 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

The Director of Engineering Services said he omitted to request authority for approval to affix the Seal to Contract No. TO8/03 with Kanal Construction for the replacement of water mains – refer Resolution No. 7354.

7413 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council authorise the affixing of the Seal to the relevant Contract documents in relation to Contract TO8/03 with Kanal Constructions.

12.7 NETBALL CANTEEN

The Director of Engineering reported that in August 2007 Council resolved to develop a canteen facility on Smith Park for use by the netball and other sporting bodies. He said that funding for the project was to be provided from any surplus from the toilet renovation project which is now complete, with approximately \$17,000 still available.

Mr. Russell pointed out that the available Council funding would be sufficient to build a basic canteen facility on the site, it was felt that Council's money could be supplemented through a Sport and Recreation Grant. He said that, if successful, it would enable the construction to include a storage facility, replacing the unsightly tin shed that is currently used for equipment storage.

Council noted that a grant application has been submitted for additional funding, with a total project cost of \$30,000 plus GST. The Director of Engineering pointed out that the announcement of the success (or otherwise) of the grant is not expected until mid-2009 which would require the project to be pushed into the 2009/10 financial year. Mr. Russell said that alternatively, the smaller scope project could be undertaken immediately using only Council funds. In that case the grant application would be withdrawn.

7414 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the canteen facility be commenced on the basis of using reserve funds remaining from Smith Park (\$17,000) and \$16,300 come from the \$100,000 RLCIF grant.

12.8 SKATE PARK SECURITY CAMERA

The Director of Engineering Services reported that in October 2008 Council resolved to investigate the installation of a security camera to monitor the skate park. He pointed out that the suggestion was for a wireless camera given that it is in an area not currently covered by the existing optic fibre camera network. Mr. Russell said prices were sought for both wireless and optic fibre options, as the contractor suggested that the distance between the skate park and the Council building may make the two options comparable in price.

Council noted the price for a wireless Pan/Tilt/Zoom (PTZ) camera was \$20,600 + GST, however this would also require the installation of an additional pole (at an estimated cost of \$2,000 - \$3,000) to provide line of sight between the camera and the Council building. The price of an optic fibre PTZ camera was \$21,800 + GST, with no need for additional poles subject to agreement with Country Energy to utilise existing poles for cabling.

The Director of Engineering Services pointed out that both options could be reduced by approximately \$3,000 if a fixed camera was used in lieu of a PTZ, however there is no budget allocation for these works in the current Management Plan.

7415 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that Council refer the Skate Park Security Camera proposal to the 2009/2010 Management Plan for further consideration.

Councillor O'Brien declared an interest in the following item, left the room and did not take part in discussion or voting.

12.9 GULARGAMBONE RECYCLING

The Director of Engineering Services reported that following a letter from Mrs. Barbara O'Brien Council, at the June 2008 meeting, resolved to close the recycling drop off shed, and re-establish the facility at the transfer station. Mr. Russell said it took some time to action Council's resolution, and in November the issue was raised as to when this action was to be taken.

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Mr. Russell said the proposed closure was recently advertised in the Gulargambone newsletter, and the transfer station operator was requested to make the necessary modifications to enable the closure. He said, however, that following the advertised closure, a complaint was received by a Gulargambone resident involved with the establishment of the recycling service and is concerned about the proposed closure.

The Director of Engineering Services reported that it has been suggested that the existing facility is prone to being “disturbed” by locals, who spread the recyclables around the area and/or smash glass bottles, however from investigation and inspections, it would appear that such occurrences are rare.

7416 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council relocate the recycling drop off facility for rural ratepayers to the Gulargambone Transfer Station.

Councillor O'Brien returned to the meeting at 2.15 p.m.

12.10 WORKS PROGRAM UPDATE

The Director of Engineering Services provided a brief progress report on major works in the current financial year, which included the following:

- Contract for Showground Pavilion awarded. Main structure complete. Internal fit commenced.
- Fluoridation system delivered and awaiting connection.
- Water treatment tender awarded. Currently seeking approval for concept from Dept Water and Energy,
- Bridge works are nearing completion. Urawilkie Bridge approach works not yet complete.
- Airport resealing works complete.

7417 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the works program update submitted by the Director of Engineering Services be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

7418 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the following item be classified ‘urgent business’ and dealt with.

12.11 RTA INSPECTION FACILITY

The Director of Engineering Services reported that for a number of years the RTA has been utilising a building in Wilga/Railway Streets for heavy vehicle inspection, however the arrangement is no longer acceptable and the RTA has advertised an expression of interest for the provision of a suitable facility which closes on 17 December 2008.

Council noted that the RTA needs an inspection pit within a large shed, together with a number of requirements relating to power, air, ventilation, etc. The RTA has indicated that if no suitable facility is found it will be forced to consider withdrawing the service.

The Director of Engineering Services reported that an estimate to construct an inspection facility would be in the order of \$300,000, based on utilising the amenities at the existing Coonamble Depot on Council owned land north of the cemetery or possibly within the existing depot complex. Mr. Russell pointed out that hire arrangements suggested by the RTA are based on a daily hire fee for a minimum number of days/year and a lease of five years plus a 5 year option – suggesting that a 10 year lease may be a possibility for a custom built facility and a minimum of 21 days hire/annum.

7419 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council not submit an expression of interest to the Roads and Traffic Authority for the proposed Heavy Vehicle inspection Facility.

7420 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council submit a motion of the "C" Division Conference to pursue the location of a Heavy Vehicle Inspection Facility for the RTA.

13.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

7421 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the minutes of meetings of various committees be received and dealt with.

13.1 MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

7422 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and O'Brien that the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 30 October, 2008 be received and noted.

Councillor Cullen left the meeting at 2.25 p.m. and returned at 2.27 p.m.

13.2 MINUTES OF OH&S COMMITTEE MEETING

7423 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the minutes of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee meeting held on 22 October, 2008 be received and the information noted.

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13.3 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PATROL REPORT

7424 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information contained in the Coonamble Community Assistance Patrol report be noted.

15.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

7425 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be received and adopted.

The Tourism Development Manager, Mr. Steven Baldwin, was not in attendance and the General Manager presented the report.

(i) Items mentioned in the report include:

- Preparation of new website – preparing photos and content for new web site – awaiting draft designs.
- Twoeighttwoeight – next meeting December 10, new commercial kitchen operational.
- Visitor Information – Coonamble – commenced moving equipment, complete transfer planned for December.
- Visitor Information – Gulargambone – lodged AVIC accreditation – application being processed.
- Community Markets – referred to issues with Macdonald Park site – next markets 18 December in main street (Christmas Carnivale)
- Interim Coonamble brochure – finalised and at printers.
- Campbelltown City Council – two artworks sold – 2009 Sister-City activities to be confirmed early 2009.

15.1 MEETING OF COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE

7426 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that the minutes of the meeting of Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee held on 16 October, 2008 be received and noted.

At this juncture, 2.35 p.m., Cr. Webb left the meeting and returned at 2.40 p.m.

COONAMBLE COMMUNITY MARKETS

7427 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that Council request the Business Action Group to investigate holding market days down the main street and/or Smith Park and refer to Council for decision **AND FURTHER** that a letter be sent to the Streets Ahead Committee and Ms Kylie Henderson regarding the previous market.

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15.2 MEETING OF COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE

7428 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the minutes of the Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee meeting held on 20 November, 2008 be received and noted.

16.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER

7429 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of November 2008 be received and adopted.

17.0 CONTRACT RANGER'S REPORT

7430 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the information contained in the Contract Ranger's report for the month of November, 2008 be received and adopted.

18.0 CLOSED SESSION

7431 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A 2(a) "*personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)*"

7432 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

7433 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

7434 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1, 18.2, 18.3, 19.1 and 19.2 as set out hereunder:

18.1 REVIEW OF ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The General Manager gave a presentation of Council's Organisational Structure as reviewed.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council adopt the reviewed Organisational Structure, including the issues listed in the report to Closed Session and refer the amended structure to the Consultative Committee for comment.

URGENT BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION

7435 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the following items be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

18.2 ENGINEER'S RESIDENCE

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council not agree to purchase the residence owned by the Director of Engineering Services.

18.3 CODE OF CONDUCT BREACH – CR SCHIEB

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the information contained in the report to Closed Session be noted.

19.1 TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AT QUAMBONE TO COUNCIL – ASSESSMENT NO. 3051

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

- (1) Note that the transfer to council of the property under Assessment No. 3051 has been effected.
- (2) Classify the subject property as "operational land".
- (3) Include the subject property for sale with other land in its proposed sale of land for overdue rates.
- (4) Approve the write-off of the rates and charges.

19.2 SALE OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

- (1) Proceed with the sale of properties identified on the ***Annexure to these Minutes*** for recovery of overdue rates and charges under the provision of the Local Government Act and Regulation.
- (2) Only accept payment in full of the outstanding rates, charges and costs incurred in order to withdraw a property from the sale.
- (3) Place a reserve on property within Coonamble Township.
- (4) Appoint Waterford Ryan to act on legal matters pertaining to the sale.
- (5) Authorise the General Manager to sign the necessary Certificates.
- (6) Authorise the affixing of the Seal to documents relating to the sale.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr. Schieb: Requested a review of operations at the pool to reduce the amount of overtime – should look at roster system. Investigate employee lifesavers to man the pool – trainees, etc. to look at pool. The General Manager advised a report is to be presented to the February 2009 meeting which includes the use of contractors. It was stated that a check should be made of the legality of employing contractors. This option should also be included in the report.

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7436 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that the General Manager present a review of the operation of Coonamble Pool to the February 2009 meeting, the report to include additional staff to operate the Pool.

Cr. Karanouh:

Asked whether free internet could be used to serve the motels. The General Manager advised the original proposal covered three motels free, then \$5,000 was required to cover the area. A trial is being proposed, with results to be reviewed.

Cr. O'Brien: Referred to Alcohol Free Zone signs which have been changed to extend the AFZ until 2011 and wondered whether Police are aware of the extension. The Mayor informed her the Police were aware of the changes.

Advised that the Twoeighttwoeight Dinner under the Stars was scheduled for 28 February 2009 – inviting Councillors to attend

Asked if Gulargambone footpaths in the CBD can be washed to reduce the accumulation of bird droppings – noted by the Director of Engineering Services for action.

Informed Council that the Doctor who resides in the house at Gulargambone will be moving to Gilgandra – he has purchased a house and will be taking up residence on 20 December 2008. Still attends Gulargambone on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Regarding the unmanned service station – contract has been exchanged with owner.

Gulargambone Pool – air conditioner needs attention and requested a clock be installed at the pool for the convenience of patrons.

Cr. Cullen: Informed Council that 280 ton wheat and 75 ton barley has been harvested from the Common and Airport.

Cr. Canham: Requested that untidy footpaths be cleaned up by the Parks and Gardens staff.

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Director of Corporate Services:

Reminded Councillors that Pecuniary Interest Forms must be returned.

Reminded Councillors about the Christmas Party – RSVP to staff with payment.

General Manager:

7437 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that the General Manager write to the Minister for Police, Hon Tony Kelly, to follow up on issues raised during the meeting with him earlier in the year.

GM Coonamble Jockey Club Race Meeting – 31/1/09

A race will be named in recognition of Council support – a representative of Council has been requested to attend the race meeting and sash the winner. The Mayor indicated he would be in attendance.

Mayor:

Wished Councillors a Merry Christmas and a happy 2009.

Wished the departing Director of Engineering Services, Murray Russell, all the best in his future career at Tamworth – thanked him for his efforts while in council's employ.

Instructed, with the concurrence of Council, the General Manager to discontinue enquiries in relation to the purchase of a loam source due to the high "asking price" for the land and potential alternate supply sources.

Director of Engineering Services:

Thanked Council and staff for their support during his term of employment.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 4.55 p.m.

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MAYOR

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GENERAL MANAGER

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**LIST OF LAND – SALE FOR OVERDUE RATES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993, SECTION 713
(WITH STRUCTURES ERECTED THEREON)**

Assessment Number	Owners or persons having interest in land	Description of Land	Property Number	Amount Overdue at 10/12/08	Proposed cost to sell at sale	Land Value at 01/07/05
1349	Mrs K. Vrtik C/- Waterford Ryan Solicitors Post Office Box 45 COONAMBLE NSW 2829	Lot 7 DP 219867 24 BARTON STREET COONAMBLE Area: 1296m2	2632606	\$ 3,648.65	\$3,250.00	\$4,080.00
2639	Mr J. Ewers 22 Noreen Street GIGANDRA NSW 2827	Lot 22 DP 4535 Lot 1 DP 1117522 Area: 834.95m2	2633936	\$10,282.05	\$6,500.00	\$750.00
	Mrs Carol Smith 8 Coonamble Street GULARGAMBONE NSW 2828					
2061	Estate of L. J. Harris C/- Browne Jeppesen & Sligar Post Office Box 15 COONAMBLE NSW 2829	Lot 3 DP 959637 34 RAILWAY LANE COONAMBLE Area: 544m2	2633338	\$13,314.34	\$3,250.00	\$1,080.00
TOTAL				\$27,245.04		

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(VACANT LAND)**

Assessment Number	Owners or persons having interest in land	Description of Land	Property Number	Amount Overdue at 10/12/08	Land Value at 01/07/05
1317.2	P & A Peacock Aberford Street COONAMBLE NSW 2829	Lot 12 DP 667479 ABERFORD STREET COONAMBLE Area: 808m ²	2632559	\$9,573.06	\$2,750.00
1660	Estate of D. E. Jackson 16 Eurimie Street COONAMBLE NSW 2829	Lot 1 DP 348840 16 EURIMIE STREET COONAMBLE Area: 1012m ²	2632930	\$8,661.63	\$7,110.00
1939	K. P. Murray & B.M. Thurston 36 Namoi Street COONAMBLE NSW 2829	Lot A DP 380127 36 NAMOI STREET COONAMBLE Area: 1024m ²	2633217	\$16,106.56	\$6,640.00
1985	Mr R. B. Dumbrell c/ Raymond Terrace Post Office PLEASE HOLD FOR CUSTOMER RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324	Lot 29 DP 4248 Lot 30 DP 4248 19 NASH STREET COONAMBLE Area: 1340m ²	2633263	\$16,524.87	\$7,050.00
2662	Mr M. K. Levings 294 Anderson Way AGNES WATER QLD 4377	Lot B DP 438666 61 COONAMBLE STREET GULARGAMBONE Area: 607m ²	2633960	\$12,991.87	\$370.00
2673.1	M/S L. G. Brooke C/- Ronald Ford 97 Surf Rider Caravan Park BARRACK POINT NSW 2528	Lot 7 DP 758480 Section 10 3-5 KIRBAN STREET GULARGAMBONE Area: 2024m ²	2633974	\$10,988.73	\$370.00
2721	Mr L. J. Merrett 3 Munnell Street GULARGAMBONE NSW 2828	Lot A DP 361035 3 MUNNELL STREET GULARGAMBONE Area: 613.4m ²	2634021	\$10,500.27	\$750.00

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2741	Mr R. C. Chalkley 54 Aldington Road KEMPS CREEK NSW 2171	Lot 2 DP 512560 53 MUNNELL STREET GULARGAMBONE Area: 885.2m2	2634038	\$14,258.57	\$500.00
2745.12	Mr C. J. Ferguson Unit 18 / Lee Hostel Queen Street BLANEY NSW 2799	Lot 1 DP 512017 87-89 MUNNELL GULARGAMBONE Area: 4318.9m2	2634046	\$9,119.22	\$1,340.00
3493.002	Mr J. H. Lawrence Unit 1 49 Booth Street ANNANDALE NSW 2038	Lot 8 DP 758479 Section 2 Lot 9 DP 758479 Section 2 RAILWAY STREET GULAR RAIL Area: 4047m2	2634700	\$2,132.97	\$600.00
3003.01	Mr R. Hudson Mungie Street QUAMBONE NSW 2831	Lot 4,5 Section 13 DP 758861 MUNGIE STREET QUAMBONE 4046m2	2634284	\$3,129.58	\$500.00
3483	Mr D Marcetic 10/41 Cecilia Street BELMORE NSW 2192	Lot 8 Section 1 DP758479 WARRIE STREET GULAR RAIL 2023m2	2634696	\$4,197.08	\$400.00
2969	Mr A. Faraone C/- John Tuhton 7 SeaFare Court PARADISE WATERS QLD 4217	Lot 9 DP 758861 Section 3 GIDGERAH STREET QUAMBONE Area: 2023.4m2	2634254	\$3,872.51	\$300.00
2978	Ms P. E. Ashton c/- Jan Rodriguez PO Box 54 DECEPTION BAY QLD 4508	Lot 4 Section 1, Lot 5 Section 1 DP 758861 GILGUNNIA STREET QUAMBONE Area: 8094m2	2634261	\$1,259.03	\$1,000.00
2983	M/S G. B. Edwards 2/16 Airlie Road MONTMORENCY VIC 3094	Lot 8 Section 12 DP 758861 Lot 9 Section 12 DP 758861 MUNGIE STREET QUAMBONE Area: 4046.8m2	2634264	\$2,116.61	\$500.00
2987	Mr T. A. McKeown 15 Sloane Street SUMMER HILL NSW 2130	Lot 6 DP 758861 Section 6 MUNGIE STREET QUAMBONE Area: 2023.4m2	2634269	\$4,320.78	\$300.00

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2997	Estate of A. A. Cunninghame C/- T M West Room 4 Edina House 150 Bronte Road WAVERLEY NSW 2024	Lot 4 DP 758861 Section 3 MUNGIE STREET QUAMBONE Area: 2023.4m2	2634277	\$1,669.33	\$300.00
3015	Mr R. G. Field Quabothoo Street QUAMBONE NSW 2831	Lot 5 DP 758861 Section 5 QUABOTHOO Street QUAMBONE Area: 2023.4m2	2634293	\$4,383.34	\$300.00
3020	Miss K Willis 7 Bayview Crescent BLACKWALL NSW 2256	Lot 2 DP 758861 Section 11 Lot 3 DP 758861 Section 11 QUABOTHOO Street QUAMBONE Area: 4047m2	2634298	\$1,543.87	\$500.00
3021	Mr A. G. Downing Post Office Box 391 BOREE CREEK NSW 2652	Lot 4 DP 758861 Section 11 QUABOTHOO Street QUAMBONE Area: 2023m2	2634299	\$4,442.22	\$300.00
3022	Ms K. J. Forbes Post Office Box 323 TARA QLD 4421	Lot 5 DP 758861 Section 11 QUABOTHOO Street QUAMBONE Area: 2023m2	2634300	\$2,248.00	\$300.00
3037	Mr S. N. Paine 152 Rocket Street BATHURST NSW 2795	Lot 7 DP 758861 Section 1 TUCKA TUCKA Street QUAMBONE Area: 2023m2	2634312	\$2,541.73	\$330.00
3057	M/S K. P. Smith 215 Port Hacking Road MIRANDRA NSW 2228	Lot 5 DP 758861 Section 12 TUCKA TUCKA Street QUAMBONE Area: 2023.4m2	2634330	\$4,481.48	\$300.00
			TOTAL	\$151,063.31	