

**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, D. Schieb, M. Webb and A. Karanouh.
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Griffiths, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Brodbeck and Mrs Moorhouse.

The Mayor again thanked Council for its support and he welcomed Mr. Kel Brodbeck back to Coonamble in the role of Director of Engineering Services. Cr Horan said he is looking forward to working with Mr. Brodbeck, pointing out Council is facing a challenging time particularly in bringing its road network up to standard following very wet conditions.

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

Prior to beginning the meeting, the Mayor acknowledged the original owners of the land, both past and present.

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No persons were present at this time.

4.0 APOLOGY

Nil

5.0 DELEGATIONS

Mrs Garnsey distributed a written submission from the Quambone Resources Committee.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

8663 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held 11 August 2010 be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Tree Services:

Cr Schieb asked whether any further contact has been made with Active Tree Services. The Director of Engineering Services advised that enquiries are still being made. The General Manager reported that the A/Director had been advised that Active Tree Services was primarily engaged by Country Energy and Council would have to fit in with visits coinciding with that authority's work in Coonamble. Cr Schieb said Active Tree Services' prices were very reasonable, compared to A1 Tree Services and he requested that the Director follow up and reach an arrangement.

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(b) District Court Sittings:

The Mayor reported that he heard a radio report saying that District Court Sittings in Coonamble would continue. The General Manager informed the meeting that Council received an acknowledgement to its letter saying the Chief Judge is on holidays and would respond to Council on his return in October.

(c) Recycling at Gulargambone:

Cr O'Brien asked when the Gulargambone community was to be consulted regarding Council's decision to discontinue the recycling service. The General Manager said this should be done via a public meeting.

(d) Livestock Health & Pest Authority:

Cr Schieb referred to the email from ratepayers which was sent to Council. The General Manager said that, in accordance with Council's decision at last meeting, a letter was forwarded to the State Council of the LHPA, however no response has been forthcoming. Cr Cullen said Council should meet with the Board – the General Manager reported that the only dates provided to Council for such a meeting were 23 September or week commencing 25 October. Cr Cullen said the whole Council should meet representatives of the LHPA and be very aware of the facts so that the pertinent questions are asked. The Mayor agreed to call an extraordinary meeting.

8664 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that the General Manager contact the Central West LHPA to endeavour to obtain an earlier date for the meeting, otherwise select a date that will allow all councillors to attend **AND FURTHER** that Mr Andy Moss be invited to brief council at 9.00 a.m., prior to the extraordinary meeting at 10.30 a.m.

(e) Rail Track Upgrade Meeting:

Cr Cullen gave a brief overview of the meeting held on 7 September, which he said was most positive. He said that the upgrade is planned for 2013 which gives time to promote and forward plan in an endeavour to attract developers and growers to Coonamble.

It was noted that as demand rises for use of the rail line it is hoped prices will reduce. Cr Cullen said Council will facilitate the group of grain growers who will be involved in getting developers/growers to Coonamble to put their case. The Mayor said it was a very good result.

8665 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Cullen and O'Brien that Council note the report and the requirement for confidentiality, as the Business Model is "intellectual property" of Council **AND FURTHER** that a letter thanking Christine Robertson, MLC be forwarded.

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DELEGATION – QUAMBONE RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND QUAMBONE SCHOOL STUDENTS

At this point the Mayor welcomed students from Quambone School who attended the meeting, along with the Principal, as observers. Also present to address Council were Mrs Margaret Garnsey and Mr David O'Brien.

Mrs Garnsey, on behalf of the Quambone Resources Committee, addressed Council on issues raised in the submission handed to Councillors earlier in the day.

The following topics were covered:

- Outside power point had to be moved and cost the Committee \$378.40. The General Manager will arrange payment.
- Supply of trees – Council has no funds allocated for the purchase of trees – the General Manager suggested application be made to the Central West Catchment Management Authority and he would follow this up.
- Hall maintenance – one door requires slide bolt - also asking that Council redo cement work and steps at all doors and entrances to the hall.

Other issues were raised and the Mayor suggested that the Committee bring operational type problems to the attention of Council staff and not wait until Council's September meeting. Mrs Garnsey said in the past she was advised to bring the matters to this meeting, however the Committee will now change its method of approaching Council.

Mrs Garnsey said the Committee was disappointed that its budget requests for the previous year were not considered in conjunction with the current budget. The Mayor stated that Council has a big area to maintain, with many ratepayers to consider and limited resources, so not all works can be undertaken.

Another issue raised was overgrown land adjacent to the school and the serious problem of snakes. Mrs Garnsey pointed out that a student was bitten last year whilst in the playground. Council agreed to carry out an inspection of the area today. The General Manager stated that serving notices for overgrown blocks is now the responsibility of the NSW Rural Fire Service and he agreed to follow the matter up, endeavouring to identify the offending owner.

Mrs Garnsey concluded her presentation by thanking Council for completing some of the items requested and she handed a letter from Mr Sinclair to Mrs Moorhouse concerning the state of roads. The Mayor encouraged Quambone Resources Committee members to report matters of concern to Council after each Committee meeting.

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8.00 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

8666 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

(a) Warrena Weir:

Cr Schieb drew attention to correspondence received from the Coonamble Aquatic Committee which is requesting that work be carried out to enable use of the facility during the coming summer. The Director of Engineering Services said he has met with representatives of the Club who have offered to assist, however he said that the flow level must be stabilized prior to anything being done. The Director said it appears that wet clay has been pushed into the wall and this will not work and it needs to be plugged in the correct place. He said he will endeavor to get suitable material and funds to temporarily restore (plug) the wall. Mr Brodbeck also pointed out that trying to build the wall up to provide greater depth for boats contravenes licence conditions.

8667 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the Director of Engineering Services meet with the Aquatic Club members as a priority and that work be carried out when the area is dry enough.

(b) River Gauges:

8668 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that the General Manager take up the issue of monitoring and reporting river heights and clarify the matter with the Emergency Management Committee (SES) at its meeting on 23 September.

(c) Submission into Health Reform:

Cr O'Brien congratulated the General Manager on the quality of the submission he prepared on behalf of the Shire into the proposed health reform.

(d) Closing/Opening of Shire Roads:

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the General Manager said that notifications are sent to various media to announce road closures and openings. Staff will request that the notices be read when sent to keep the public up to date.

The matter of illegal use of closed roads was again discussed and the problems facing Council and growers when harvest starts. Crs Schieb and Cullen said that a lot of farmers have 'forward sold' grain and Council will be under extreme pressure when this is due for delivery.

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Cr. Schieb said offenders should be cautioned and made aware of the inconvenience and considerable additional expense when grading has to be redone two or three times due to their actions. The General Manager said he is still waiting on a response to his letter to the Legal and Industrial sections of the LGSA in connection with staff carrying out this work.

At this juncture, 10.30 a.m. Council adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.00 a.m. Students from the school enjoyed morning tea with Councillors and Staff.

9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor presented his report for the period since last meeting.

(a) General Manager's Position:

Cr Horan informed the meeting that a lot of work has been done on the advertisement for the General Manager's position, along with the Position Description. The Mayor said he needed a timeframe for advertising, together with Council's agreement on the remuneration package. Councillors put forward suggestions which were taken into account.

8669 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Scheib that:

- the whole Council be involved in the process of elimination of applications and interview of selected persons;
- advertisement to appear four times in the Sydney Morning Herald and also be included in the Australian Local Government Job Directory, along with Council's website and other websites for such vacancies;
- applications close Wednesday 6 October, 2010 with a list of applicants available at the October meeting;
- the package include a CPI indexed increase for satisfactory performance and an annual non-cumulative bonus of up to 3% for exceptional performance.
- the remuneration package be between \$160,000/pa and \$165,000/pa.

(b) Activity Report

The Mayor briefly listed functions he has attended during the month, viz:

- Conn Family Trust meeting
- Met with the landscape designer working on the CBD uplift
- Local Government Forum on One Association – attended in company with Cr Karanouh and General Manager.
- Meeting of Quarry Management Committee
- OROC meeting in the Council Chamber – discussed health reforms and boundary changes.

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8670 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the Mayor's Report be adopted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8671 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Consideration by Council:

10.1 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS – COMMEMORATIONS A9 (33248)

Advising that Anzac Day is already a national commemoration however during the Anzac Centenary Australia will commemorate 100 years since its involvement in the First World War and also a century of service in war, defence and peacekeeping. Encouraging Council to put forward ideas and suggestions on how the Australian community can be engaged to mark the Anzac Centenary.

The General Manager pointed out that there is an Infrastructure and Capital Works theme under which submissions can be made. He said, however, after investigation it would appear to be for the restoration of memorials and further stated that no structures within this Shire would require restoration at this time.

8672 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Cullen that Council forward a copy of the letter to the Coonamble RSL Sub-Branch for its information and further action if required.

10.2 MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ENTERPRISE CORPORATION T3 (33258)

Seeking approval from Council to undertake a project along the Gulargambone Creek, one of three community development activities that FaHCSIA approved for the CDEP in Gulargambone. Saying the idea is to create a walkway from the low level bridge to the highway bridge. Advising that MPREC will supply all labour and materials to complete the project and asking Council to provide guidance and approval to get it started.

The General Manager informed the meeting that there are at least four property owners involved and written permission is required from each and, in all probability, from relevant government departments such as fisheries, before any work is undertaken.

8673 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Council support, in principle, the proposed project and advise MPREC that all property owners, including relevant government departments, will have to approve the proposal.

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10.3 AUSTRALIAN RURAL EXPO PTY LTD D5 (33303)

Introducing the company to Council and advising it is focused solely on securing foreign investment and joint venture partnerships in Australian rural and regional infrastructure, food production and development projects. Pointing out their services are free to all rural and regional companies and councils who have:

1. worthwhile projects with a sound business plan
2. innovative projects that have a sound commercial basis
3. infrastructure projects
4. need capital to further expand business and require joint venture funding.

Asking to be advised of any worthwhile projects and business development in the Shire.

The General Manager stated that Council does not have any projects as mentioned in the four points above, however he said the bore baths and saleyards, come to mind, if it can be shown that they have a sound commercial basis.

8674 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council keep the offer in mind should any worthwhile projects which prove to be commercially viable be identified.

10.4 NSW DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS H5 (33307)

Writing in regard to the administrative arrangements under which the Minister for Industrial Relations appoints local public holidays following written applications by local councils. Pointing out that the public holiday provisions contained in the National Employment Standards of the Fair Work Act 2009 apply to local public holidays appointed under the Banks and Bank Holidays Act 1912 which means that national system employees whose place of work is within a local public holiday area will be entitled to be absent from work on the day or half day that is the local public holiday or half holiday. Saying Council may wish to consult with its local Chamber of Commerce as to the impact of as local public holiday/half holiday on businesses located within this LGA.

The General Manager said that currently this area has only one annual local public holiday being the second day of the Coonamble Show which, for 2011 is 1 June. Mr. Griffiths said Council should consult with the local Chamber of Commerce to determine the impact of the local public holiday on businesses within the LGA and be mindful that removal of the holiday would have a massive detrimental effect on the local show.

8675 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council refer the granting of public holiday on the second day of Coonamble Show to the newly formed Chamber of Commerce for comment to Council for determination at the October meeting.

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**10.5 THE MAZE GROUP, GULARGAMBONE R8-6-2+SR39+SR11
(33327)**

Writing concerning the Collie/Bourbah Road; the Bullagreen Road and the Back Gular Rail Road. Saying the Bullagreen Road has severe rutting and there is concern regarding accidents. Pointing out that the road needs topdressing nearly all the way to town to allow them unrestricted access. Saying the state of these roads is appalling and costing their business/family money due to damage to vehicles. Wondering how they will get wheat out if wet weather persists Referring to difficulties in accessing medical services when required. Saying they would appreciate swift action in attending to problems with roads that affect ratepayers and road users in this Shire.

The General Manager informed the meeting that the Back Gular Rail Road was graded on 31 August. He said the Collie/Bourbah Road has a 20 – 30 metre waterhole that is quite deep and nothing can be done until that water subsides and the Bullagreen Road is again full of bog holes and severe wheel ruts from constant use during wet periods.

8676 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Karanouh that Council advise the writer in accordance with the information provided by the General Manager.

10.6 ALEXANDRA BARTLETT, "ROSEWOOD", COONAMBLE S8-6-2+SR15 (33326)

Informing Council she is a practicing nurse/midwife and currently working at Coonamble Hospital. Alerting Council to the state of the Rosewood road, particularly the 200 metre stretch towards the end which she considers is extremely unsafe in both wet and dry conditions. Drawing attention to poor maintenance which has caused this section to become impassible and has prevented her from attending work. Asking Council to assess the road and improve its state to make it safe for vehicles and people.

The General Manager pointed out that the road in question is Category 7 and will be attended to as soon as practicable.

8677 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council advise the writer that the subject road is classified Category 7 and, as such, will receive maintenance as soon as practicable.

10.7 OGDEN'S COACHES R8-134+C6-13+SR19+SH18 (33325)

Requesting that a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign be placed in two areas to avoid a collision between a truck / school bus at Shire Road 19 and State Highway 18 (near RR47010). Pointing out this will notify impending heavy vehicles that school buses laden with children traverse the roads in the mornings and afternoons and encourage drivers to take care.

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8678 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that Council refer this request to the local Traffic Committee for inspection and determination.

10.8 SUPERINTENDENT BOB NOBLE C13 (33330)

Inviting the Mayor, General Manager and Councillors to attend the Castlereagh Local Area Command Police Remembrance Day Service in Walgett on 29 September 2010 at 11.00 a.m. Advising the venue will be St Peter's Anglican Church. Asking for RSVPs by Wednesday 22 September.

8679 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that Council will not be represented at the LAC Police Remembrance Day Service on 29 September.

10.9 CEO, GWAHS H2-2 (33332)

Responding to Council's correspondence raising concerns about access to and disposal of "party packs" in Gulargambone and saying promotion of the safe disposal of used equipment is a key component of the Needle & Syringe Program (NSP). Pointing out that the offer of liners for disposal bins is still available as soon as additional disposal bins are installed in public areas. Saying representatives from the Area Health Service are happy to assist with the implementation of other strategies.

The General Manager said it would appear that GWAHS has missed the point of the letter from Mr & Mrs Carrol in that minors are accessing the party packs. He said this will not be rectified by additional disposal bins or liners.

8680 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canhan that Council inform GWAHS it is well aware of the May 2008 strategies, but this will not overcome minors accessing party packs.

10.10 COONAMBLE PRE SCHOOL INC P1-6+C8-1 (33331)

Asking that Council revisit management agreement conditions of the car park. Saying it has been a valuable asset in ensuring safety of children being delivered to and collected from the Pre School. Pointing out that all requirements stated by Council have been completed by the organization, however there are issues that need addressing.

The General Manager informed the meeting that the Director of Engineering Services has included a report on this matter.

8681 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that this matter be deferred until later in the day in conjunction with the Director of Engineering Services report on the matter.

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10.11 COONAMBLE LITTLE ATHLETICS P1-11 (33340)

Again advising Coonamble Little Athletics has been selected to host the Annual Regional Athletics Carnival in December 2010 which is expected to attract a large number of visitors to town. Seeking permission to erect two permanent "cages" around the discus area at the southern end of the Oval and forwarding copy of regulation from Little Athletics Australia and also the specifications of what they are seeking to erect.

The Director of Engineering Services advised that negotiations are continuing with the Coonamble Little Athletics and work will be undertaken when the requirements are clarified.

8682 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Cullen and Schieb that Council instruct the Director of Engineering Services, through the General Manager to negotiate with the Coonamble Little Athletics representatives and clarify requirements to enable work to be done in time for the Carnival in December.

10.12 G R BUSHBY, "CALGA STATION" R8-6-2+SR38 (33343)

Writing under instruction from the Chairman of Calga Pty Ltd requesting urgent attention be given to grading of Calga Road, which has not been graded for over 12 months and is in an unacceptable condition. Saying it is appreciated that rain has caused problems but previous correspondence has not resulted in any action. Asking that this matter be given priority when conditions allow.

The General Manager pointed out that the road was due for grading earlier this year however it has been too wet to carry out maintenance. He said discussions with the owner some six weeks ago recognized that the area was simply too wet for grading/placing of loam that has been outstanding since the flood.

8683 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Karanouh that Council advise the writer the road will be attended to when conditions permit.

10.13 LGSA WEEKLY CIRCULAR 33/10

Item 7 of the weekly circular deals with *Modernizing local government focus groups*, stating the Associations have released the initial timetable for discussions and councils can register for a focus group or a hearing. Saying the Associations are offering two methods for discussing the ideas contained in the discussion paper. Pointing out the two major methods are:

- **Focus groups** with a limit of 15 people per group – with some being open (first come first served) and some by invitation – for the open focus groups they will run up to three groups simultaneously at any one venue if there is demand.

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- **Hearings** for individual councils or other stakeholders – where council representatives present their thoughts on the questions to Presidents and/or other Joint Executive members.

Advising the proposed timetable for Open Invitation Focus Groups in Dubbo is Tuesday 9 November.

The meeting noted that the adopted position by Council, as determined at the Extraordinary Meeting held in May 2010, has been conveyed to the LGSA. The General Manager said Council should now determine whether it wishes to attend the focus group or a hearing.

8684 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council attend the Open Invitation Focus Group in Dubbo on Tuesday 9 November and be represented by the Mayor, Cr O'Brien, Cr Webb and the General Manager.

10.14 GULARGAMBONE LIONS CLUB INC P1-9 (33363)

Advising that the recent rain has caused an excess water issue in Lions Park Gulargambone which has come to their attention. Saying the run off water from the road flows into the toilet block creating a safety hazard and eventually it will affect the stability of the building. Requesting that a drain be built from the road directing water away from the toilet block. Pointing out that this would reduce cleaning time, minimize chances of patrons slipping over and providing amenities than can be used.

Council was advised that the area is too wet at the moment to safely cut a drain. It was noted that when conditions improve levels will be taken to remediate the run off water.

8685 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council advise the Club that remedial work will be effected when the area is dry enough.

**10.15 SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL (GREENE VILLA RESIDENCE)
S13+D7 (33357)**

Applying for season tickets for eight people with disabilities in permanent residence at Greene Villa. Pointing out that in the past Council has made a Family Ticket available to enable clients and carers to go to the pool for training for the Tri State Games.

8686 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and O'Brien that Council again allow clients/carers of Greene Villa to purchase a Family Season Ticket to access the Coonamble Swimming Pool.

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10.16 OGDEN'S COACHES R8-1+SH18 (33358)

Advising that because of the increase in rainfall there is need for a "pull off pad" at 4701 Castlereagh Highway adjacent to "Misery Farm" to enable the safe conveyance of school children.

The General Manager pointed out that this is a duplication of an earlier request (see Letter No 10.7)

8687 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council note this location was mentioned in Letter No 10.7 and it has been referred to the Traffic Committee for determination.

10.17 GULARGAMBONE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB S13-2 (33362)

Advising the Club has received a grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation to enable 15 Aboriginal students to join and participate in club training, coaching and district carnivals. Pointing out it does not include pool entry and this will limit the success of the program and the number of students participating. Asking Council to waive the cost of 13 child season tickets and one family ticket. Saying the Club is willing to participate in any media releases acknowledging this sponsorship.

The General Manager reported that the cost to Council would be \$1,066, made up as follows:

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| ▪ 13 x Season Ticket – Child @ \$67/ea | \$871 |
| ▪ 1 x Season Ticket – Family | \$195 |

He said it is difficult to justify a Family Season Ticket when two child season tickets would only equate to \$134. Mr. Griffiths said it is also difficult to justify granting free access when all other patrons are required to pay – he said why was entry not considered when the grant application was being made.

Cr Canham supported comments made by the General Manager that entry fees to the pool for the students participating should have been included as part of the grant application.

Cr O'Brien supported the application and said it would serve as an interest for the selected students and give them a purpose to pursue a worthwhile interest.

8688 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and Karanouh that Council not agree to waive the cost of 13 child season tickets and one family season ticket to enable 15 Aboriginal students to join and participate in Swimming Club activities and carnivals in the region.

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

10.18 SECRETARIAT JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS E2 (33308)

Advising that an inquiry is being conducted into the public funding of local government election campaigns as a follow up to the completed inquiry into public funding of election campaigns at the state level. Saying an issues paper has been published exploring some of the matters identified as significant in developing a public funding scheme for local government elections. Advising submissions close on 20 September.

The General Manager spoke about funding for individuals contesting local government elections and said he was of the opinion that this issue is not relevant to the country, however metropolitan councils may have a different view. Mr Griffiths said he thinks that provision of funding for individuals contesting local government positions would be a backward step.

8689 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council not provide comment to the inquiry into public funding of local government election campaigns.

10.19 HON FRANK SARTOR AO MP F5-4-3 (33315)

Advising that he is granting up to \$40,000 from the State Floodplain Management Program based on a 6:1 (State:Council) funding ratio for the Coonamble Levee Investigation and Design. Advising departmental staff will contact Council shortly to finalise terms and conditions.

8690 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that Council formally accept the grant of \$40,000 from the State Flood Plan Management Program based on 6:1 (State:Council) funding ratio towards the Coonamble Levee Investigation and Design and forward a letter of thanks to the Minister.

10.20 COONAMBLE DENTAL SURGERY M5-4 (33372)

Thanking Council for its ongoing support of the Dental Surgery and advising he would like to purchase the following equipment, with Council's approval:

1 x dental assistant chair	\$ 790	
1 x office chair	\$ 300	
1 x sandblaster for laboratory	\$5,000	Total of \$6,090

8691 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Karanouh and Webb that Council agree to the purchase of two chairs and a sandblaster for the Dental Surgery and funds be sourced from the Dental Surgery Reserve.

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10.21 ELIZABETH LAMBELL S13-2 (33365)

Asking for permission to again use Gulargambone pool for aqua aerobics similar to the program conducted last year which will again be auspiced by GWAHS. Saying days and times are not yet available, but will be advised later. Advising she may require the time to be extended by one-half hour to 1½hrs each session.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Ms Lambell used the Gulargambone Pool last season and had on average 12 – 14 attendees each week. Mr. Griffiths stated that last year participants paid the usual admission fee and Council requested a copy of the public liability insurance cover.

8692 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Karanouh that Council approve the use of Gulargambone Pool for water aerobics as outlined and request a copy of the current public liability insurance cover applicable thereto.

10.22 COONAMBLE JUNIOR CRICKET P1-11 (33371)

Advising the Club has been investigating ways to improve playing conditions for C graders. Stating that currently C grade plays on mown grass however the surface has become uneven and the bounce of the ball can be erratic. Asking Council to consider upgrading the pitch to a synthetic wicket and saying a quote has been obtained from Dubbo and two locals for the work. Stating the quote from Classic Sporting Facilities (\$7105 + GST) is for the whole job – local quotes are for concrete only. Acknowledging this is a substantial cost up front and they are prepared to find ways to reduce the outlay by doing some of the work in kind, seeking extra sponsorship and accessing grant funds.

The General Manager said the location of the synthetic pitch will not interfere with facilities for other sporting groups. Mr Griffiths said that should Council agree to the request it needs to consider where funds may be sourced.

8693 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Canham that Council:

1. Authorise the installation of a synthetic pitch for Junior Cricket.
2. Provide 50% of the cash component of the cost up to a maximum of \$3,500.
3. Source necessary funding from the Development Reserve.

Section B – For Information:

10.23 NSW OMBUDSMAN H2 (33250)

Referring to letter of 21 December 2009 in which concerns were raised that many NSW Council websites contain incorrect or ambiguous information which may have caused members of the public to engage in unsafe handling of materials containing asbestos. Saying a number of suggestions were made relating to

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improving publicly available asbestos information on council websites. Saying councils were requested to respond to these suggestions and advising that a response from Council is required not later than 30 September 2010.

The General Manager said the letter of 21 December 2010 was included in the February 2010 Precis of Correspondence and the information was noted.

Council noted the information has included on its website and the NSW Ombudsman has been advised accordingly.

**10.24 CENTRAL WEST LIVESTOCK HEALTH & PEST AUTHORITY
R11+S1 (33251)**

Advising that any and all existing agreements between the former Coonamble Rural Lands Protection Board (now Central West LHPA) and Coonamble Shire Council (either written or verbal) to sell NLIS emergency devices is terminated as of 5pm Friday 5 August 2010. Stating a new agreement may be considered pending review of any documentation provided by Council regarding the said agreement, however any new arrangements will be compliance with the Stock Diseases Act 1923 and current NLIS Policy and Procedures. Asking that all invoice books be returned to the Coonamble office by 4.30pm Monday 9 August 2010.

The General Manager informed the meeting that the Saleyards Manager had a non-written arrangement with the former Coonamble Rural Lands Protection Board regarding use of emergency NLIS tags. He said that in accordance with the Authority's request, all invoice books were returned to the Coonamble office.

10.25 NETWASTE G1-5 (33260)

Saying that due to conditions in the scrap commodities market it has been necessary to review the scrap metal rebate as shown:

- First quarter of financial year 2010/11 (July-August-September) minimum payment rebate will be \$165.tonne +GST
- July was paid at a rate of \$175/tonne + GST.

Advising it has undertaken to ensure that if there is any significant change in the market in this period, they will ensure that the NetWaste rebate increases before the next review date as per existing arrangements with Council.

10.26 HEART FOUNDATION D7 (33302)

Seeking support for the annual Heart Foundation Doorknock Appeal from 1st to 30th September. In a letter to the Mayor inviting him to kick off this year's appeal with a personal donation and ask the local community to join in supporting the Heart Foundation in 2010.

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Council noted that a response has been forwarded to the Heart Foundation in support of its doorknock appeal in this Shire during September.

10.27 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS O5

Forwarding brief follow up information provided by RDA Orana regarding the Country and Regional Living Expo (formally known as Country Week) which was held this year from 6 - 8 August.

The General Manager said that information and further detail is available in the document which was available at the meeting.

10.28 BUILDING PROFESSIONALS BOARD B11 (333234)

Writing to Council's Manager – Environmental Services concerning his application for accreditation and advising that the Board is satisfied he has met the requirements under the BP Act and the Building Professionals Board Accreditation Scheme to be issued with a certificate of accreditation in the following category for period 17 August 2010 to 16 August 2011:

A2 – Accredited Certifier – Building Surveying Grade 2.

The General Manager advised that Council is now accredited through its Manager – Environmental Services to certify buildings, but not to issue fire safety standards.

10.29 NSW POLICE FORCE A19-1 (33324)

Forwarding copy of media release issued on Monday 23 August 2010 concerning the Coonamble Licensing Agreement.

A copy of two media releases were attached to each Councillor's business paper.

10.30 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10+L10-1 (33334)

Advising that the *Snapshot of NSW Councils – Comparative Information on NSW Local Government Councils for 2008/2009* publication has been released by the Minister. Saying a PDF version and updated time series data excel spreadsheet are available by selecting "Publications" and 'Comparative Information' on the Division of Local Government's website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au

10.31 ROBBO'S CONSTRUCTION & EARTHWORKS G1-6 (33339)

Proposing to change garbage collection days when he commences the garbage collection contract in October as follows:

- a) *Coonamble:*
 - East side of Castlereagh River Tuesday mornings starting 6am
 - West side of Castlereagh River Thursday mornings starting 6 am
- b) *Gulargambone:* Wednesday mornings start 6am

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Cr Karanouh suggested that the collections for business houses will be too close, pointing out that under the current contract collections from businesses premises are Monday (in conjunction with the normal service) and Friday.

8694 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that staff discuss the proposed timetable variation for collection of garbage in Coonamble and Gulargambone with the new contractor and report back to Council

**10.32 DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER & CABINET D5-22+B11+R4
(33347)**

Advising that, in response to local government sector requests, the Division has prepared a summary of the key issues identified during the review of ten councils' planning documents as part of the assessment of recent s508A special rate variation applications. Saying the summary can be found on the Division's Integrated Planning and Reporting web-page under "*Development and Support*" at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au Stating that when the Division completes its review of all Group 1 Councils' Community Strategic Plans and related documents, further feedback will be provided.

10.33 CHAIR, CENTRAL NSW TOURISM T3-2 (33337)

Thanking Council for support during what has been a challenging period. Saying a lot has happened and changed in the last few months and it is timely that an update be provided. Advising that in regard to contributions from Council they have chosen to ensure that they have consolidated all issues prior to requesting funding for the 2010-2011 fiscal year – and will seek contributions when these tasks are completed. Pointing out it is intended they will remain at the 2009/10 level until the RTO can establish the added value to councils.

10.34 WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL A4-2+R8-1 (33341)

Advising it has been corresponding with the NSW Government since June 2009 in relation to the parking of boats, trailers and other vehicles with advertising on public roads, seeking a change in legislation to allow councils to regulate the parking of these types of vehicles on public roads. Seeking comments from councils to document their similar problems and to support either changes to the NSW Road Rules or the implementation of a taskforce to regulate parking of these vehicles.

10.35 ACTING CHIEF JUDGE DISTRICT COURT OF NSW C8 (33375)

Advising the Chief Judge is currently on leave and Council's correspondence concerning the proposed closure of District Court Sittings at Coonamble will be referred to his attention upon his return in mid-October.

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**10.36 LOWER MACQUARIE COMMUNITY & FARMER GROUP INC E5
(33374)**

Extending an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Lower Macquarie Community & Farmers Group Inc to be held at the Carinda Diggers Hall on Tuesday 14 September at 10 a.m. Advising the first presentation will be at 11 a.m. with Laura Torrible of Integrated Resource Planning presenting her draft environmental and oral study of the Lower Macquarie which was engaged by the Department of Environment and Climate Change and Water. Should Council wish to do a presentation at the meeting it is welcome and encouraged to do so.

**10.37 GULARGAMBONE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE D5-14-3
(33366)**

Inviting Council to the 10th Annual General Meeting of the RTC to be held Monday 20 September 2010 at 2828 commencing 7 p.m. with a light supper to follow.

8695 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.23 to 10.37, with the exception of 10.31, be received and noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

8696 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the following information be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

10.38 KEVIN HUMPHRIES, MP B11+H2 (33381)

Forwarding copy of letter from Minister for Planning in response to representations on behalf of Council regarding the dangers associated with the disturbance and removal of asbestos when undertaken as complying development under State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt & Complying Development) 2008 (Codes SEPP). Saying the changes, effective from 18 January, 2010, were made in response to representations from the LGSA, WorkCover NSW and local councils. The Minister points out he is satisfied that the package of amendments will place appropriate safeguards for homeowners and neighbours where a structure containing asbestos is being demolished or altered, while still allowing complying development to take place.

The General Manager pointed out that these changes came into effect in January this year – the response has been exceptionally slow.

8697 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that Council note that the requested alterations to the Asbestos Regulations have been effected.

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10.39 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING E5-2 (33405)

Offering the Department's assistance to prepare a Local Environmental Plan and maps (LEP) in the Standard Instrument format for Coonamble Shire. Pointing out the Department has identified Coonamble Shire as a Council which may benefit from the Department's assistance to prepare a 'translation Local Environmental Plan and maps' (LEP) which could be completed prior to 30 June 2011. Advising the Department will include the provisions of the draft Strategy in the new LEP and undertakes to allow Council to alter the Plan once the review of the draft Strategy is completed.

Noting that outstanding issues are land availability for rural residential purposes, minimum lot size for rural land and completion of site specific studies such as flooding and site contamination. Saying in this regard there is concern that the completion of additional work may hold up the progression of LEP and timeframe of 30 June 2011 may not be achieved.

The General Manager pointed out this letter confirms that the Department will pay for the development of a new LEP based on the Land Use Strategy. He said it also undertakes to permit alterations to the LEP once the review of that Strategy has been completed.

8698 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council formally accept the offer from the Department of Planning to complete a new LEP under the Standard Instrument format based on the Western Councils' Land Use Strategy.

10.40 NSW ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY SRT8-6+SH18 (33416)

Responding to Council's letter regarding the condition of the Castlereagh Highway south of Coonamble, saying the site has been inspected and offering the following advice. Pointing out that the rough surface over culverts 39 & 40 will be included in the heavy patching schedule to be delivered by council under the RMCC in the current financial year. Saying funding will also be provided to allow for cleaning of the inlets and outlets of these culverts. Stating that most of the culverts under property accesses with sediment are blocked and maintenance of those culverts is the responsibility of the relevant landholders.

Further advising that given the extremely flat nature of the topography in the flood -plain it is considered that further upgrading of existing culverts would be ineffective in terms of flood mitigation and would not address the issue of water ponding on the western side of the highway during flooding or heavy storm events.

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8699 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that Council instruct the relevant landowners with property accesses in the vicinity of culverts 39 and 40 on the Castlereagh Highway south of Coonamble to carry out the necessary maintenance of their culverts without delay in accordance with advice from the NSW Roads & Traffic Authority.

8700 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that the Director of Engineering Services further investigate this location and report on other options available to remedy the current situation.

10.41 MAYOR OF NARRABRI SHIRE R8-1 (33393)

Advising that Council resolved the following at its meeting of 15 June 2010:

"373/2010 RESOLVED ... that the Shires of the highly productive black soil and floodplain areas of the North West of the State, namely the Bogan Shire, Warren, Coonamble, Walgett, Liverpool Plains, Gunnedah, Gwydir, Moree, Bourke, Brewarrina and Narrabri meet at either Coonamble or Walgett to discuss the impossible task of building and maintaining communication roads in these difficulty areas where little or no good road base gravel is available on the funds presently at our disposal with the following representatives from each Council:

- Director Engineering Services
- Mayor"

Inviting the Mayor & Director of Engineering Services to a meeting in the Coonamble Bowling Club on Friday 17 September 2010 at 10 a.m. – light lunch available after the meeting which will be chaired by Mayor John Coulton.

The General Manager informed the meeting that no contact has been made with Council and the date of the meeting coincides with the commencement of the Moorambilla Festival.

8701 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council note the date of the meeting and instruct the Mayor and Director of Engineering Services (through the General Manager) to participate in the meeting, noting that Cr Cullen will also attend.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

8702 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the report submitted by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

8703 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council note Development Application No 026/2010 was approved under delegated authority since the last Council meeting.

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**11.2 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION
INVESTIGATION**

The General Manager reported that the investigation conducted by ICAC primarily concerning an allegation that Council's former Director of Engineering, Don Gamage, offered \$15,000 to Mr Steven Blackadder in order to secure employment as Director of Technical Services at Woollahra Council has concluded.

He said a copy of the Fact Sheet from ICAC was included with each business paper and Councillors were previously emailed the full ICAC report.

The General Manager listed the four recommendations from ICAC to both Coonamble Shire Council and Cobar Shire Council, noting both Councils were requested to provide an implementation plan to the Commission for the recommendations. He said the Commission will be requesting progress reports and a final report from the Councils on implementation of the recommendations.

Mr. Griffiths pointed out that the Commission has the power, as part of the performance of its statutory functions under the ICAC Act, to monitor and insist on implementation of these recommendations.

8704 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council authorise and implement a plan that addresses the recommendations from ICAC to be an addendum to Council's recruitment process for the positions of "manager" and above in terms of the following points:

- Carry out employment screening checks in line with Australian Standard AS4811-2006.
- Checks to be carried out by a recognized employment screening company covering ten years' prior employment history.
- Where applicable, have the employment screening company review any migrant skills assessment.
- Develop a form that grants consent by applicants to employment screening checks being conducted; a statement that the information is true and acknowledging that employment offer will be withdrawn if the information within the resume is false.
- Not rely on membership of professional bodies in respect of a candidate's skills or experience.

11.3 ONE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The General Manager reported that, in company with the Mayor and Cr Karanouh, he attended the Convention in Sydney on 16 and 17 August 2010 at which more than 260 representatives from 123 councils were present.

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He said the Convention decision was that the Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW agree to a single uniform voice to represent Local Government in NSW and agree in principle that twenty seven foundations, which were listed in his report, will form the basis of One Association.

The General Manager informed the meeting Council can instruct delegates to push for any of the foundations to be altered according to their desires when the final vote is being taken.

8705 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council endorse each of the twenty seven Foundations in the Convention Decision, as listed hereunder:

1. *For the purposes of representation, NSW will be broken up into two (2) regions:
metropolitan/urban region; and
rural/regional.*
2. *The metropolitan/urban region will be defined as including all councils which fall within the County Cumberland plus Camden Council.*
3. *The rural/regional region will be defined as including all other councils.*
4. *For the purpose of voting for the Board of Directors, each region will have an equal number of votes, which will be distributed proportionally on a basis to be determined among those ordinary member councils who fall within that region, with all ordinary member councils receiving at least one vote.*
5. *For the purpose of voting on motions at Conference, each region will have an equal number of votes, which will be distributed proportionally among those ordinary member councils who fall within that region, with all ordinary member councils receiving a minimum of at least one vote.*
6. *The Board of Directors will consist of a maximum of 24 members being:
1 President
1 Metropolitan / Urban Vice President
1 Regional / Rural Vice President
1 Treasurer
10 Board members representing Metropolitan / Urban councils
10 Board members representing Rural / Regional councils*
7. *The position of President will be elected at large by all voting delegates.*
8. *The positions of board members to represent Metropolitan / Urban Councils will be elected by all voting delegates from those councils who are categorised as Metropolitan / Urban.*
9. *The positions of board members to represent Rural / Regional Councils will be elected by all voting delegates from those councils who are categorised as Rural / Regional councils.*
10. *The position of Metropolitan / Urban Vice President will be elected by all voting delegates from nominees who are elected Councillors from those councils who are categorised as Metropolitan / Urban councils.*

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11. *The position of Rural / Regional Vice President will be elected by all voting delegates from nominees who are elected Councillors from those councils who are categorised as Rural / Regional councils.*
12. *The position of Treasurer will be elected at large by all voting delegates.*
13. *The terms of office for all Board Members and Office Holders will be for a period of two (2) years.*
14. *A person may hold the position of President for no more than four years (subject to being elected after the first term), before the position must alternate to the other region.*
15. *There will be no term limits for the positions of Vice Presidents (subject to being re-elected).*
16. *There will be no term limits for the position of Treasurer (subject to being re-elected).*
17. *There will be no term limits for the positions of Board Members (subject to being re-elected).*
18. *The position of President will be alternated between the two regions.*
19. *It will not be necessary for the position of Treasurer to be alternated.*
20. *There will be one (1) council membership category: Ordinary.*
21. *All 152 general purpose councils will be eligible for Ordinary membership.*
22. *The NSW Aboriginal Land Council will be eligible for Ordinary Membership.*
23. *All NSW County Councils will be eligible for Ordinary membership.*
24. *Elected Councillors from Ordinary members will be eligible to run for positions on the Board of Directors.*
25. *Elected Councillors from Ordinary members who are their Council's nominated voting delegates will be eligible to vote for positions on the Board of Directors.*
26. *Elected Councillors from Ordinary members who are their Councils nominated delegates will be eligible to vote for motions at Conference.*
27. *Ordinary member councils will be eligible to put motions to Conference.*

11.4 ABLUTIONS REFURBISHMENT – CARAVAN PARK & SHOWGROUND

The General Manager reported on this matter advising that Council is required, when undertaking work of this nature, to provide disabled facilities for both toilets and showers. He said whilst this can be achieved without significant impact at the Caravan Park, there would be a reduction in facilities available at the Showground.

Mr Griffiths said a major obstacle at the Caravan Park is the provision of temporary ablutions whilst work is in progress and, to restrict the inconvenience, he suggested that suitable contractors will need to work prolonged shifts to complete the work with the least disruption to patrons.

The meeting noted estimated cost at the Caravan Park for both male and female facilities is \$70,000 and for refurbishment at the Showground, the estimated cost is \$40,000 – no provision has been made in Council's management plan or budget for either project.

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Cr Canham suggested that Council source funding to carry out the works on both ablutions. The Director of Engineering Services is investigating grant opportunities for caravan parks on Crown Land, noting that some types of work meet the criteria for such funding.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Canham **SECONDED** by Cr Webb that Council source grant funding to carry out work on both ablutions and if unsuccessful, use funds from the Development Reserve **WAS LOST**.

8706 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council seek funding to complete work on the ablutions at the Caravan Park only and if unsuccessful use funds from the Development Reserve and the Showground ablutions be considered in conjunction with the Master Plan for upgrading the Showground.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

8708 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and O'Brien that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

8709 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 August 2010 be noted.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

8710 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that that the Investments held at 31 August 2010 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 Policy.

12.3 RETURNS – DISCLOSING PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Director of Corporate Services reminded Councillors of the requirement for them to complete and lodge disclosure of interest returns by the end of September each year. He said these returns, for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, must be tabled at the next meeting of Council after 30 September.

8711 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the information be noted and completed forms be returned to the General Manager prior to 30 September 2010.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

8712 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

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13.1 PAVED FOOTPATH CLEANING

The Director of Engineering Services provided a report on this matter and informed Council that an inspection of the paved footpath area was undertaken. In his report the Director indicated that generally the tiles are in fairly good condition, but in need of some maintenance to address bird droppings, chewing gum, some minor stains and calcite residue.

Mr Brodbeck said he understands Council allocated funds towards cleaning the pavers in the 2008/09 management plan and included the purchase of a pavement cleaner as an item in the Fleet Management Plan. He referred to investigations which have been carried out by staff regarding a mechanical cleaner, pointing out that comments generally were not favourable.

The Director reported that in the current financial year \$30,000 is allocated for the purchase of a pavement cleaner from the plant reserve, with an additional \$20,600 budgeted for the cleaning works. He said as an alternative, estimates were obtained from professionals that undertake this type of work and the contract option equates to \$13,600 for a clean only or \$40,800 for the full treatment - based on a ten year rejuvenation program the annual cost to Council is therefore \$4080. The Director said Council could accrue this amount (indexed each year to account for inflation) to accommodate future cleaning of the pavers.

Cr Karanouh referred to areas where pavers are uneven and requested that these be straightened and levelled prior to any cleaning/sealing work. The Director said this would be done in the course of the job. Mr. Brodbeck referred to a vacuum type unit which was only lightweight and would be an asset to keep the area cleaned being used every couple of days and suggested that Council would be better served to investigate the purchase of such a unit.

8712 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council:

- (a) engage a professional cleaner to clean and seal the entire paved area, after carrying out maintenance and levelling of pavers;
- (b) continue investigations into the purchase of a lightweight vacuum-type cleaner for routine maintenance.

13.2 COONAMBLE PRE-SCHOOL INC – CAR PARK

Council noted that in 2007 it leased Reserve No D520021 known as “Tully Park” to the Coonamble Pre School Association Inc for the purpose of establishing a car park to service the School. The area in question is 5235 metres and a condition of the lease was that the Coonamble Pre School accept responsibility for maintenance to a standard acceptable to Council.

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Council noted the Coonamble Pre-School's letter in the Precis earlier in the day in which it requested that Council amend the Deed of Lease in relation to the area of Tully Park actually required for the car park. In justifying this request the Pre School points out that each time routine maintenance is carried out by Murdi Paaki the cost is \$200. The meeting noted that because of this, and other problems being experienced, the Pre School is asking Council to consider an option to divide the block into the quarter that it uses, making a smaller section to maintain. It should be noted that if Council agrees the remainder of Tully Park will again be Council's responsibility for maintenance.

The Director of Engineering Services reported that Council will be responsible for slashing the remainder of the area as required and as resources permit at an estimated cost of \$100/cut which can be funded from the Parks and Gardens Vote.

8713 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council agree to slash the area outside of that bounded by the car park and the driveways and amend the Deed of Lease accordingly.

GINTY ESTATE – RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION

The Director of Engineering Services reported on this matter and referred to a recent decision of Council that costings be prepared for capital works to service the entire Estate.

Mr Brodbeck said as this is a Greenfield site water, sewer, roads, electricity and associated works have to be extended at a very significant cost to Council. He also reminded Council that there is also the question of demand, or lack thereof, for purchase of blocks in the area. The Director said should Council provide the required infrastructure and blocks are not taken up, Council will not get a return on its funds.

Council again noted that Ginty Estate is classified as 'community land' and will require the preparation of a LEP to change it to 'operational land' before it can be sold. The Director reported that the estimated cost, based on indicative figures, is \$554,444, which equates to \$42,650/block and Council should note that further detailed investigation into sewage costings are required.

8714 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council:

- (a) not proceed with the development and review the situation in two years;
- (b) prepare a development control plan for the area which identifies sewer services, kerbing and guttering, sealed roads, larger residential blocks so that Council can stipulate what is required should a developer buy the area if and when it is offered for sale in the future.

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14.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

8715 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the reports from various committees be received and dealt with.

14.1 MINUTES OF QUARRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

8716 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that the minutes of the Quarry Management Committee meeting held on 24 August, 2010 be received and noted.

Cr Cullen said he is pleased with the progress this Committee is making – a quotation for a mobile crushing plant has been accepted and arrangements are in hand for the unit to commence work at the Quarry. The two pumps have been ordered and the working of overtime has been left to the discretion of the Manager.

14.2 MINUTES OF COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE MEETING

8717 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the minutes of the Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee meeting held on 28 August 2010 be noted.

15.0 & 16.0 REPORTS BY DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS

8718 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Karanouh that the reports by the Economic Development Manager and Tourism Development Manager be deferred and dealt with later in the day at the Council Chamber.

17.0 SALEYARDS MANAGER

8719 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of August, 2010 be adopted.

18.0 URGENT BUSINESS - REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER

8720 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the following be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER

8721 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the report by the Contract Ranger for the month of August, 2010 be adopted.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr O'Brien:

Women in Local Government Conference

8722 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Cr O'Brien be authorised to attend the Women in Local Government Conference in Dubbo, noting that both Council's Economic Development Managers will also attend.

Cr Schieb:

- Come-by-Chance Races – road to course needs attention. The General Manager said the causeway at Yarraman Bridge is a swamp and two or causeways need attention – with further rain predicted it is an impossible task.
- Wingadee Station Auction – good road to Wingadee – The Director of Engineering Services said Council has spent \$100,000 on the road – which has again been cut up by illegal use. Cr Schieb said offenders should be cautioned. Vatua Lane – a landholder has offered to use his own equipment to upgrade section of Vatua Lane at no cost to Council – wants it to be 10ft wider. In return would like a triple culvert to run water from "Wexford". Same landowner will allocate country to straighten a bad bend in the road – also has dirt available. Will talk to Council/Director of Engineering. Cr Webb raised the issue of private individuals working for Council – General Manager said he could be employed as a contractor – Council can look at an agreement – matter referred to Director.
- Erection of Signs – Caravan Parking Area – rear of Sons of the Soil Hotel – signs approved, but not erected. Cr Schieb said it would appear that caravans go down the main street and with no indication of parking space, don't stop.
- Access Tree Services – requested that this company be kept in mind for Council's work.
- Spraying road sides – The Director said he was not in favour of this.

Cr Webb:

Planting Turf – Showground Pavilion

8723 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that the Director of Engineering Services investigate the planting of turf at the entrances (both roller doors) at the Showground Pavilion in readiness for upcoming functions .

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Cr Cullen:

- VIP Weekend – October 15 – 17. Asked that all councillors be 'on board' to meet with the VIPs coming to Coonamble for the Corporate Visit – saying it is very important that these people get a good impression so that the companies will take up a partnership with Coonamble based around the Indoor Arena Project and associated community development, youth and Indigenous employment activities. He said there will also be a Mayoral Reception.

Mayor:

- Quambone School – carry out inspection at the conclusion of the meeting.
- Marthaguy Races – council's contribution towards Septic Sam portable toilets – races not held – General Manager follow up re money paid for hire of facilities.
- Polins Lane – Council graded last week – truck bogged there after the work was done.

Cr Karanouh:

Best Wishes to Mrs Liz Markey

8724 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that flowers be sent to Mrs Markey in recognition of her significant contribution to the community.

This concluded the first part of the meeting and, at this juncture, 12.26 p.m., Council adjourned to inspect the Quambone School grounds, then returned for lunch and travelled back to Coonamble.

The meeting resumed at 1.52 pm. in the Council Chamber, Coonamble.

At this juncture, Deputy Mayor, Cr Michael Webb, was in the Chair – the Mayor retired due to sickness. It was also noted that Cr Schieb was not present upon resumption.

Mr Steve Baldwin was at the meeting to present his report.

16.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

8725 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be received and dealt with.

Mr. Baldwin gave a preview of the projects he would concentrate on in attempt to have them completed by the end of the year. He informed Council that he has stepped back from some of his committee work in an endeavour to have these outstanding works brought to fruition.

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In response to a question from Cr Cullen, Mr. Baldwin advised that he was still a member of the Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft Committee and was working in conjunction with the EDM on the covered arena project.

The TDM referred to the Campbelltown Art Exhibition of which Council is a sponsor and informed the meeting that a representative from Council should attend on 4 November, 2011.

Cr Cullen questioned the figures provided from the Coonamble and Gulargambone VICs - (61 and 858 respectively). Mr Baldwin said the numbers are collated from the collection of postcodes and for Gulargambone, would be conservative.

8726 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be adopted.

At 2.10 pm, Cr Schieb returned to the meeting. Mr Baldwin left the meeting at 2.11 pm.

15.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS

Council's EDMs were at the meeting to present their reports.

Mrs. O'Connor advised on the following issues:

- Employment Circle – Business Information meeting – 35 businesses were represented – excellent feedback received.
- Business Awards Dinner – Saturday 30 October – nominations extended.
- RDA – Council provided information for Country Week – haven't received anything from RDA to date, but have had some enquiries which may, or may not, have come from that event.
- Railway line upgrade – positive meeting 7 September – both Government and Coalition committed to retaining funding. Growers keen to proceed – upgrade will enhance business/development.
- Railway platform reinstated – upgrading of toilets in hand.
- Local Heritage Fund agreed to fund application for repainting facades in the main street of Gulargambone.

8727 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and O'Brien that the report by the EDMs be adopted.

15.1 INDOOR ARENA & CORPORATE VISIT – 15 – 17 OCTOBER 2010

Council noted the report and draft itinerary/budget presented for this event which includes some very high profile business people who are looking for a 'bush experience'. Council hopes that following the weekend the companies, as

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part of their community service obligations, will agree to a partnership with Council in the Indoor Arena Project.

At this juncture, 2.30 p.m. Cr Schieb left the meeting.

8728 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council allocate up to \$25,000 from the Showground Reserve to cover costs associated with the Corporate Visit and any incidental costs, together with the cost of a delegation to Sydney to follow up on the visit.

15.2 YOUTH TRAINING POSITIONS WITHIN COUNCIL

The EDMs submitted a lengthy report on this matter, together with a supplementary report with further recommendations which were considered as one.

Mrs O'Connor spoke at length on this matter and indicated it was a way for the community to engage young people and for Council to address workforce needs. She said costs cannot be provided as they depend on the role undertaken and the individual student. Ms O'Connor said there may be travel and accommodation to take into account for training, however if a group of 15 can be guaranteed, a trainer would come to Coonamble. The EDM said it will be necessary for Council to include a section in its Training Policy to cover training for participants of the scheme.

The General Manager pointed out that Council finds it very difficult to get its own staff trained, as its workforce is not big enough to cope with absences of staff while training is being conducted.

8729 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council:

- (a) undertake to quickly complete the informal review of the Organisational Structure, including a consideration of opportunities for youth training;
- (b) undertake to implement a program of youth training opportunities over a five year period in partnership with Coonamble High School;
- (c) nominate the Senior Administration Officer – Payroll to be the primary point of contact for the youth training program.
- (d) undertake to liaise with neighbouring Councils to identify opportunities for shared training delivery to reduce costs and disruption to work programs.

8730 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council:

- (a) proceed with two school-based or youth traineeships per year from 2011 in one of the areas listed in the EDMs supplementary report;
- (b) proceed with two – four traineeship/apprenticeships in any one of the areas listed in the EDMs report, subject to the Director of

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- Engineering Services' review of organisational chart and availability of suitably qualified supervisors;
- (c) seek to offer holiday and/or other work placement to local students attending University in areas mentioned in the report;
 - (d) investigate further the benefits and costs of cadetships in various areas;
 - (e) ensure that the primary supervisors have completed any relevant and required training;
 - (f) in creating the traineeship and apprenticeship positions work through one of the not-for-profit Australian Apprenticeship Centres, Group Training Organisations and Registered Training Organisations to minimize cost and maximize benefits of existing incentives;
 - (g) develop a Training and Recruitment Policy, including a section on young people aged 16 – 25 years and including Work Experience placements and the existing allowance for staff to participate in the "Plan-it Youth" mentoring program at Coonamble High School which can be incorporated into Council's Management Plan.

15.3 RESPONSE FROM REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE RE COONAMBLE REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKET

8731 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and O'Brien that Council note the response from Regional Infrastructure was that Coonamble's throughput was well below the threshold level required to meet the criteria for a regional livestock exchange.

15.4 & 15.5 PROVISION OF NITIAL MARKETING & PROMOTION SERVICES – COONAMBLE REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKET

The EDMs stated that the final report on the Business and Marketing Plan for the Coonamble Saleyards will illustrate a clear way to improve the facility and promote it to vendors/producers/buyers as a competitive market place. Council noted that at a meeting with consultants recently it was decided that a marketing and promotional campaign be commenced immediately, hoping to capture a larger percentage of number in the predicted 'big selling season'.

8732 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Cullen that Council approve engaging an appropriately qualified marketer to commence a marketing campaign for Coonamble Regional Livestock Market and request Coonamble Associated Agents Pty Ltd to financially support the campaign.

15.6 MEETING OF COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE

8733 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the minutes of meeting of the Employment Circle held on 24 August 2010 be received and noted.

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LOCAL TRAINING/EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

8734 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council make representations through its local Federal Member, Mark Coulton, pointing out the contract to deliver these services was awarded to the Western College at Dubbo and asking how Contracts are awarded.

15.7 NOTES FROM PRESENTATION – DR M WATT

8735 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Canham that the information contained in this report be noted.

15.8 NOTES FROM GULARGAMBONE MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION MEETING

8736 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that notes from the meeting held on 5 August 2010 be noted.

This concluded the business and the meeting ended at 3.35 p.m.

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MAYOR