

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH
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PRESENT: Cr Tim Horan, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. J. Canham, T. Cullen, B. O'Brien, M. Webb, D. Schieb and A. Karanouh.
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Brodbeck, the Director of Corporate Services, Mr. Quarmby and Mrs Moorhouse

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Councillors to the first meeting of 2011 and said he is looking forward to another challenging and rewarding year. Cr Horan introduced Mr. Bruce Quarmby who commenced duties with Council on Monday in the role of Director of Corporate Services and welcomed him to Coonamble. Cr Horan also congratulated Mr. Rick Warren who has taken over the position of General Manager. He also welcomed Jill Moorhouse back to work following sick leave.

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

Mr. and Mrs Scott Edwards were invited to lunch with Council following Scott's resignation from Council after 21 years' service, however they were unable to accept.

Council noted that Jenny Rand would provide a presentation at 12 noon concerning the Eco Spa Project. At 2 p.m. the University of NSW students were scheduled to present various proposals to Council covering their work so far with the proposal rodeo arena project.

Cr Schieb informed the meeting there was to be a deputation to talk about the condition of roads, however those people will not now be attending, as they are satisfied with responses received from the Director of Engineering Services.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

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7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

8927 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council, held on 8 December, 2010 be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Premier & Cabinet (Item 10.27)

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the Director of Engineering said this application for funding under the Natural Disaster Program for the Warrena Creek Weir was for the 2009 flooding event. He said it was his understanding that the Mayor and former General Manager spoke to the Minister some six months ago. The General Manager agreed to follow up and ascertain the current position.

(b) CH & DA Newbold Transport (Item 10.41)

Councillors were informed that this matter is in progress. The General Manager advised that JW Jackson and Sons has accepted Council's offer to purchase a part of "The Meglo". Mr. Warren said it may be prudent to look at a plan of "The Meglo" and agree what should be Council's future direction in regard to that land.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

8928 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanouh that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

(a) Land Use Strategy (Minute No. 8087)

The General Manager informed the meeting that it would appear Council's request for a reduction in minimum rural subdivision allotments from 1000ha to 200ha will not be granted. He said it would seem fruitless to pursue the matter as the Department of Planning seems intent on retaining the 1000ha size.

(b) Cleaning of Pavers – CBD (Minute No 8712)

In response to a question from Cr Webb, the Director of Engineering Services advised that he has not yet purchased a vacuum-type cleaner for the main street. Mr Brodbeck said he hoped to attend Field Days in May to ascertain what is available. He said he was disappointed at how dirty the CBD has become since cleaning the tiles and referred to a variety of stains that had occurred.

The Director said Council would have to hose down or pressure clean the area on a regular basis and he would be arranging for this to be done. Cr Karanouh advised that tiles in front of Cant's Hardware Store need to be levelled – the Director agreed to inspect.

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(c) Crime Prevention Plan Amendment (Minute No. 8835)

The General Manager advised that the Attorney General has signed off on Council's Crime Prevention Plan. He said that funding is being sought to employ a Facilitator to bring all agencies together so that the Plan can be implemented.

The Mayor referred to the amount of crime being committed and said that whilst the clean up rate is good, crimes are still being committed. The General Manager said that if locals don't work together no progress will be made. He pointed out that all crime must be reported, as it is from these figures that funding is made available.

Cr Karanouh said Council should push for a 24 hour station and for a detective to be stationed in Coonamble at least in the short term. Cr Cullen suggested that Council make another formal complaint, advising that Council does not believe its previous complaint was addressed. He said the public is not satisfied with the present situation and some members are saying they will take the law into their hands. Cr O'Brien said she is disappointed that Police supposedly stationed at Gulargambone are being deployed to Coonamble.

8929 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council send a letter to the Ombudsman, as well as the Superintendent at Walgett, advising that Council is not satisfied with the manner in which its complaint was handled, saying that no investigation was carried out, the incidents of crime have increased and the public want law and orders issues addressed **AND FURTHER** advise that Coonamble is still under-staffed.

(d) Coonamble Levee (Minute No. 8511)

In response to a question from Cr. Schieb, the Director of Engineering Services advised that a preliminary report has been received, however the consultant required additional information. The Director pointed out that this matter is the subject of an item in his report to this meeting.

(e) Youth Training Positions with Council (Minute No 8729)

In connection with this matter, the Director of Engineering Services advised that it is hard to train school leavers for jobs currently vacant in Council's workforce. He said, however, that he is looking into employing a school leaver to be trained for water treatment/water operator. Mr. Brodbeck said he has not taken any action in this matter as he was intending to discuss the organisation structure with the General Manager before making any decisions.

The General Manager said the organisation structure would be reviewed and recommendations made to Council.

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Cr. Cullen asked about contractors – the Director of Engineering Services said procedure was that each contractor is included on a list and dealt with in the usual manner. The General Manager referred to a recent incident when expressions of interest were invited for a truck and dog and the successful contractor was not a local. He said this was the outcome after considering costs, availability and other factors.

Mr. Warren said that Council's preference was to have its own staff, however in the short term with the amount of work to be performed, contractors would be engaged in accordance with Council's practice.

(f) Local Training/Employment Contracts (Min No 8734)

Cr. Karanouh advised that this matter was the subject of a meeting with Local Member, Mr Mark Coulton. It has been ascertained that Coonamble was not included in the tendered area. Cr. Karanouh said that discussion is taking place to rectify the error.

(g) Medical Practitioners' Housing (Min No 8820)

The General Manager said that no response has yet been provided by Ochre Health.

The General Manager informed the meeting that a teacher from Gulargambone has signed a residential lease of the property in Gulargambone. He said that since the house has not been occupied issues have arisen, which have been addressed for the tenant.

9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor advised that he has not prepared a written report due to the fact that the period has been quiet. He listed the following activities in which he participated over the past two months:

- Australia Day – congratulated Crs Canham, Schieb and Karanouh, saying it was a good morning at Macdonald Park.
- Beautification of Main Street – advised that a meeting with the landscape consultant was scheduled for Thursday 10 February, 2011 at 10.30 – Kel and Rick to attend.
- Attended interviews for the position of Director of Corporate Services position.
- Opened the 24hr Fuel Outlet at Gulargambone – advised vehicles can use the facility via a card system.

8930 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the report submitted by the Mayor be adopted.

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10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8931 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A –For Council's Consideration:

10.1 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT C13 (33991)

Forwarding Circular No 10-30 dealing with *Councillors' Access to Information* which has been prepared with the assistance of the NSW Ombudsman, the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the NSW Office of the Information Commissioner. Stating that as individuals councillors also communicate council policy and decisions to the community, exercise community leadership and represent the views of residents and ratepayers to council. Reiterating that the LGA makes it clear that the general manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the council.

The meeting noted that information contained in this Circular lists responsibilities of both councillors and general managers. A copy of the circular was included with the Business Paper.

8932 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Councillors acknowledge this information has been conveyed and note the contents of Departmental Circular No 10-30 dealing with *Councillors' Access to Information*.

10.2 "C" DIVISION SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW S3-3 (34023)

Advising that following the meeting in Sydney in December for finalization of dates for divisional tours next year, President Bruce Miller and Executive Officer Bill Gillooley AM requested that the "C" Division Conference be now scheduled for Wednesday 16 March 2011 to enable them to attend. Confirming the change of date suits Warrumbungle Shire, hoping that delegates from Coonamble Council are able to attend. Advising all other arrangements for motions and the business paper remain unaltered.

It was noted that any motions Council has for the Conference must be sent by Thursday 17 February, 2011.

8933 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the Mayor and Councillors Karanouh and Schieb, together with the General Manager, attend the 2011 "C" Division Shires Association.

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10.3 GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE M5 (34105)

Requesting a representative of Council to sit on the Coonamble Multi Purpose Health Service Committee. Saying the Committee meets monthly and its role is to represent the general community on issues and concerns relating to health.

8934 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council nominate Cr Barbara O'Brien as its representative to the Coonamble Multi Purpose Health Service Committee.

10.4 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND INVESTMENT S10 (34172)

Inviting Council to provide comments on the revised draft Public Lighting Code. Saying the Code ensures people of NSW have safe public spaces that are reliably and efficiently illuminated. Pointing out comments are due 25th February with a final Code released in April.

8935 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council decline to comment or make submission on the draft Public Lighting Code.

10.5 K & H GLOVER R8-11 + ST19 (34294)

Requesting the opportunity to purchase a portion of lane which adjoins their property at 12 Mendooran Street. Pointing out that the section of land in question is from Mendooran Street to the rear of their block along with the portion of lane at the rear of the block.

Councillors noted the General Manager's comment that, in essence, this request is identical to that made in January 2009 and Council's response dated 13 February 2009 is still applicable. The General Manager pointed out that the policy advertised for public comment and subsequently adopted by Council in 2009, conforms to the previous advice provided to Mr Glover.

8936 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council endorse the actions of General Manager in responding to Mr Glover stating that the conditions listed in original 2009 letter are still applicable.

10.6 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L10 (34286)

Calling for motions for the 2011 National General Assembly of Local Government under this year's theme "Growing with our Community – Partnership, Place and Position". To be eligible for inclusion motions must follow the principles:

1. Fall under one of the themes;
2. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally; and
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of state and territory associations.

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Saying that to assist Councils in preparing motions, a Discussion Paper has been prepared and is available on the NGA website. Motions must be submitted electronically by 22 April 2011.

8937 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that the information be noted.

10.7 SHIRE OF WALGETT

E5 (34291)

Forwarding Invitation to attend the Climate Change Action Planning Workshop - Councillors 15th February, Employees 16th February. Saying the workshop is a starting point for compiling a Climate Change Action Plan for Walgett Council working with neighbouring Councils in adapting to Climate Change. Advising that places have been reserved for three each of Councillors and staff.

8938 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council thank Walgett Shire for the opportunity to be represented at the Climate Change Action Planning Workshop and advise that it is unable to attend either the Councillor or Staff workshop.

10.8 GULARGAMBONE WAR MEMORIAL HALL & MECHANICS INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

G5-32 (34280)

Requesting that the grant funds of \$1000 received by Council for International Women's Day 2011 be shared with the Committee to assist in running the day for the women of Gulargambone.

Councillors noted that to date no expressions of interest have been received from Coonamble community.

8939 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the \$1,000 be made available to Gulargambone War Memorial Hall and Mechanics Institute Committee should there be no response to Council's call for expressions of interest in Coonamble.

10.9 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

B13 (34009)

Forwarding the staffing level report for the North West Zone and Bogan District RFS. Advising that recommendations for the 2011/2012 budget are included and require a decision along with the 12/13 staff increases. Requesting approval in principal for these increases for planning purposes.

The General Manager informed the meeting that it is anticipated the budget will be resubmitted in light of the recent issues pertaining to Rural Fire Service funding.

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Cr Schieb mentioned that some blocks within the town are overgrown and should be attended to. The General Manager said he instructed the Director of Environmental Services to issue notices relative to vermin and health on owners of blocks in Greene Avenue, Smith Street and Eurimie Street.

The General Manager said he has raised the matter of hazard reduction with Mr. Tony Place of the NSW Rural Fire Service, pointing out Council is not satisfied with the Service's actions and he will again voice Council's concerns.

With regard to staffing levels, Cr. Webb said that Mudgee has four staff members to deal with its area. Council noted that the area covering Coonamble also includes Walgett, Warren and Bogan, with currently 12 staff for the region.

8940 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that the General Manager submit a report to the March meeting for consideration, prior to Council making any determination on the budget estimates and staffing levels within the Zone.

10.10 HALCROFT AND BENNETT PTY LTD PR1839 + R4-4 (34100)
Making an offer on behalf of a client of \$8,000 for vacant land at 36 Namoi Street.

Councillors were advised that this parcel of land did not receive any bid at the auction of land for sale of overdue rates and current outstanding balance is \$22,609.04. Mr. Warren pointed out this sale is permissible following on from the auction.

Councillor Canham asked whether the price offered was in keeping with market trends – Cr. Schieb said that taking into account the location and size of the block the price offered was reasonable.

8941 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council accept the offer of \$8,000 for the property situated at 36 Namoi Street, Coonamble.

10.11 CASTLEREAGH CALLING PTY LTD A4 (34043)
Offering advertising space in the Gilgandra Blue Book - a telephone and business directory.

The General Manager pointed out that the advertising cost is \$264 and that Council has declined to advertise with this company in the past.

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8942 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council decline to advertise with Castlereagh Calling Pty Ltd.

10.12 LOCAL GOVT AND SHIRES ASSOC.

L10 (34130)

Requesting legal assistance for Ballina Shire Council regarding the matter of SJ Connelly Pty Ltd v Ballina Shire Council (2010) NSWLEC 128 received and granted on 19 September 2010 by the Joint Executive. Pointing out that Coonamble Shire Council's contribution is \$310.86.

The General Manager stated that Council has, in the past, contributed to legal costs. However, Mr. Warren said this is considered a test case of definition by the LGSA of environmental planning regulations.

8943 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council agree to contribute its share of \$310.86 to assist Ballina Shire Council with legal fees.

10.13 BUILDING PROFESSIONALS BOARD

B11 (34087)

Saying comments are being sought from councils and council accredited certifiers to assist the Board in its review of the conflict of interest exemption. Stating the Building Professionals Regulation 2007 currently exempts accredited certifiers who carry out certification work on behalf of council from the operation of section 66(1)(C) of Building Professionals Act 2005 where the applicant for the work is an employee of the council or where the council is the applicant for the work. Asking that responses be provided by 28th February 2011.

8944 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council support the continuance of the exemption that allows council accredited certifiers to issue Part 4A certificates and Complying Development Certificates on behalf of Council where the applicant for the work is an employee of the council or where the council is the applicant for the work.

**10.14 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS C9 + D5 + C8 (34060)**

Advising the Committee has been asked to 'examine the capacity of the National Broadband Network to contribute to:

1. The delivery of government services and programmes;
2. achieving health outcomes;
3. improving the educational resources and training available for teachers and students;
4. the management of Australia's build and natural resources and environmental sustainability;
5. impacting regional economic growth and employment opportunities;

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6. impacting business efficiencies and revenues, particularly for small and medium business, and Australia's export market;
7. interaction with research and development and related innovation investments;
8. facilitating community and social benefits; and
9. the optimal capacity and technological requirements of a network to deliver these outcomes.'

Saying the Committee welcomes the views of Coonamble Council and advising that Submissions should be sent before 25th February 2011.

8945 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Schieb that Council make a submission to the Inquiry supporting the proposed National Broadband Network and application within regional Australia.

10.15 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

B11 + E5 (34109)

Saying comment is sought regarding Stage 2 of the Commercial and Industrial Code. Advising the discussion paper is on exhibition on the Dept of Planning website until 21 February.

The General Manager informed the meeting that the Manager – Environmental Services has noted the contents of this letter which is for information only and Council does not have any comment.

8946 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council endorse the comment by the Manager - Environmental Services.

10.16 ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

Q1 (34052)

Advising that Royalties for Regions programme is an initiative for the Association of Mining Related Councils to work with the NSW State Government to assist communities across the state to provide additional services and community infrastructure by returning 30% of all royalties received by the State Government back to Local Government. Requesting that when Council meets with the Local Member and any future political candidates, that it ask them their position on Royalties for Regions.

8947 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the information regarding the Royalties for Regions programme.

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10. 20 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP

R8-3 + R8-6 (34045)

Advising that currently many of the Barwon Councils operate on variations of self help road improvements and maintenance. Requesting submissions in writing of Council's thoughts on how to improve road construction and maintenance and what needs to be in Government to break through the barriers that are stifling increased productivity at Council's level. Saying written submissions are required by 10th January 2011.

The General Manager informed the meeting that a Submission has been provided outlining concerns held in regard to funding for local and regional roads supporting access to additional infrastructure funding.

8948 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council endorse General Manager's actions.

10.21 AUSTRALA DAY GULARGAMBONE

A13 (34189)

Requesting confirmation that Council will cover the cost of the Australia Day breakfast in accordance with past practice. Also requesting financial assistance in updating the Australia Day Honour Board.

The General Manager reported that Council has supported Gulargambone Australia Day in the past by covering expenses incurred for breakfast. Mr Warren said costs for 2011 breakfast were not included, but the cost of updating Honour Board is \$341,

8949 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council write a letter requesting an invoice for the cost of breakfast for Gulargambone Australia Day 2011 and that Council pay to have the Gulargambone Australia Day Honour Board updated (quoted at \$341.00).

10.22 MCALARY, ROSS

PR1867.5 + DA50/10

Objecting again to the proposed development or increase in number of flats in Maule Street Coonamble for a number of reasons.

The General Manager stated that Mr McAlary has been advised his objection will be considered when the matter is before Council for determination. Mr. Warren said that a further objection has been received from Mr. McAlary.

Cr Canham asked where the proposal referred to – the General Manager advised the flats are located opposite the Coonamble High School Mr Warren said a development application must be submitted to Council for determination prior to any extensions being build. Cr Karanouh said it was his understanding that the flats were to be sold with a DA for further extension.

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8950 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council endorse General Manager's actions.

10.23 AUSTRALIAN RURAL ROAD GROUP INC. R8-1 (34173)

Forwarding Publication: Going Nowhere Inaugural Report of the Australian Rural Roads Group. Requesting current member Councils to contribute an additional \$900 towards an economic study outlining the impact of not substantially increasing the Federal Government's contribution to maintaining and enhancing the vital 'first mile' of the agricultural supply chain.

8951 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council not contribute an additional \$900 to fund an economic study outlining the impact of not substantially increasing the Federal Government's contribution to maintaining and enhancing the vital 'first mile' of the agricultural supply chain.

10.24 GUDGEON, TREVOR P1-13 (34311)

Stating that as a member of the Rural Fire Service, he would like to know why the Emergency Services do not have access to the Weir for training purposes and also for emergencies.

The General Manager stated that the Director of Engineering has been directed to respond stating that Mr Gudgeon should contact the Coonamble Aquatic Club for any information regarding access to the Weir.

8952 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council endorse General Manager's actions.

Section B – For Information:

10.25 ROBERT JOHN ANDRISKE E540 (34309)

Tendering his resignation - last day of employment Friday 25th February 2011.

10.26 DENNIS HARGANS E760 (34310)

Tendering his resignation - last day of employment Friday 18th February 2011.

10.27 CARL MOLLOY E900 (34305)

Tendering his resignation - last day of employment Friday 4th February 2011.

10.28 SCOTT EDWARDS E2440 (34258)

Tendering his resignation - last day of employment Friday 4th February 2011.

10.29 DANIEL SEMMS E1102 (34223)

Tendering his resignation. Last day of employment Thursday 27th January 2011.

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10.30 STATE RECORDS AUTHORITY OF NSW R4 + A2 (33992)

Advising that local government bodies responsible for the management of Crown reserves, commons and land that is currently, or may potentially be the subject of a claim under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, should ensure records providing evidence of ownership, control and usage of the relevant parcel are retained and not destroyed until a claim had been granted over that parcel of land. Saying documents can include surveys, agreements, consents and tenure arrangements. Council should ensure that records relating to the management of Crown reserves, commons or other Trusts are created and maintained in accordance with the Trust Handbook.

**10.31 THE HON JODI MCKAY MP, MINISTER FOR WOMEN G5-32
(34075)**

Advising that Council has been successful in the NSW Government's 2011 International Women's Day (IWD) grant program and providing \$1,000 to help celebrate the centenary year of IWD.

10.32 COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL E1-1 (34022)

Saying a big thank you to Council's Tourism Development Manager for helping students in making decisions about their careers or future goals. Advising that students do appreciate the time spent with them and pointing out teachers, parents and community have seen a lot of positive changes in some students who participated in the program. Hoping Steve will consider being a mentor again in 2011.

10.33 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION B11 (34078)

Reporting into the exercise of discretion under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development) 2005.

10.34 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATION T3 (34021)

Advising LGSA is holding its annual conference in March hosted by Sutherland Shire Council. Pointing out that topics will feature indigenous tourism, backpackers and the youth market, eco tourism and camping. Inviting Council's Tourism Development Manager to speak on the launch of the new digital technology campaign for the Warrumbungle Cluster.

10.35 NSW GOVERNMENT MINISTER FOR POLICE P5-1 (34003)

Advising the NSW Police Force supports the Coonamble Shire Council Crime Prevention Plan 2009/2011 and the Minister for Police supports the registration of the Plan as a Compact. Stating that Castlereagh Local Area Commander has advised the Minister for Police that Council should consider working with local service clubs to seek their assistance in installing security measures.

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10.36 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

B13 (34018)

Advising that Coonamble Shire Council has received funding through the Fire Mitigation Works Fund 2010/2011 of \$15,000.

10.37 SINCLAIR KINGHT MERZ

F5-3 + T4-2 (34215)

Providing detailed outcomes on the Provisional Flood Inundation and Hazard Mapping for the Area located east of Yuma Street.

10.38 NSW FIRE BRIGADES

B13 (34107)

Advising Council's contribution for the Coonamble Fire District for 2010/2011 is \$16,565.

10.39 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT A19 + L10-1 (34106)

Forwarding Circular 10-33 Alcohol Prohibited Areas, amendments to the Local Government Act 1933.

10.40 COONAMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

L3 (34129)

Thanking Council for donation towards the school's Annual Presentation Day. Advising Council sponsored the Shire Sports Person of the Year Award and the winners of the award were Kate Harris-Dee and Brodie Turnbull.

10.41 GULARGAMBONE CARAVAN PARK

L3 (34127)

Thanking Council for the donation towards Christmas decorations within Gulargambone.

10.42 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L9 + R8-1 + D5 (34133)

Forwarding details of the 2011 National General Assembly and Regional Development and Cooperation Forum to be held in Canberra in June and the National Local Roads and Transport Congress in November at Mount Gambier. Advising that the call for motions will open in January.

10.43 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOC.

S7 (34154)

Advising the Association is concerned about escalating NSW Emergency Services budgets of which Local Government contributes 11.7% through the Emergency Services Levy (ESL). Stating there are false rumours circulating that the Associations were consulted about and/or approved the increases.

Pointing out the Associations have not agreed to nor approved the RFS budget. Saying they will continue to make representations opposing the ongoing practice of Emergency Service agencies increasing their budgets drastically and unexpectedly, as well as announcing ESL estimates far too late in the financial year.

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Stressing that the Associations will continue to maintain their position that the Emergency Service's funding needs to be replaced with a transparent and equitable system, i.e. a broad based property levy.

10.44 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS H5 (34159)

Granting a local holiday on Wednesday 1st June 2011 within the Coonamble Shire Council area on the occasion of the second day of Coonamble Annual Show.

10.45 SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL L3-1 (34165)

Sending best wishes following the December floods, relaying Mayoral Minute presented by Mayor Blight and resolved inter-alia as follows:

1. That Council send messages of concern and support to the councils of the local government areas declared Natural Disaster Areas.
2. That should there be a flood victim appeal established for councils, the Mayor and General Manager be authorised under Section 377 of the Local Government Act to provide assistance.

10.46 NSW GOVERNMENT COMMUNITIES D5 (34048)

Introducing Communities NSW Regional Coordinator, Mark Harton. Advising the position was created to underpin regional and state planning strategies in the Western Region.

10.47 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION F5 (34216)

Advising that in light of recent events concerning flooding over the summer, the President Genia McCaffrey, will be making representations to the Prime Minister and relevant Federal Ministers to seek appropriate federal assistance.

10.48 CASTLEREAGH AREA LOCAL COMMAND P5 (34145, 34067, 34170)

Press releases for 12/12/10, 21/12/10 and 26/12/10 from NSW Police.

10.49 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING E5-2 (34306)

Advising that the planning proposal to prepare a local Environmental Plan for Coonamble Local Government Area in the Standard Instrument Format should proceed subject to the conditions listed in the Gateway Determination. Advising the Department has incorporated the required changes into an amended version of the draft LEP which should be placed on exhibition with the Planning Proposal, along with this letter. Saying the Planning Proposal is to be finalised by 30 June 2011.

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10.50 COONAMBLE COMMERCE FOR COONAMBLE S2-1 (34308)

Requesting information on the area covered by Councils security cameras, in particular Castlereagh Street and Aberford Street. Requesting a diagram showing where the cameras sight and the circumferences.. Saying with this information shop owners hope to install lighting to help police identify any criminal activity.

The General Manager said it is anticipated that the Coonamble Commerce for Coonamble will request additional cameras throughout the main street and surrounds and the Director of Engineering will provide a report to March Council meeting.

8953 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information noted in Item Nos. 1025 – 10.50 inclusive be noted.

Councillor Cullen advised that a letter will be forthcoming from Coonamble High School for the next meeting. Cr Karanouh referred to the number of school students in the street at lunch time and said unless they have a School Pass or in the company of a parent, he will not serve them at his shops during the lunch break.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

8954 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

8955 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council note Development Application Nos. 041/2010 and 045/2010, together with Complying Development Application Nos. 051/2010 and 053/2010 issued since the last meeting, have been approved under delegated authority since the last Council meeting.

11.2 COMMUNITY BASED HERITAGE STUDY

The former General Manager reported that after consultation with the local community, the Heritage Advisor has submitted both the Heritage Study and a Thematic History for Council's consideration – copies of which were included in the Business Paper.

It was pointed out that the Heritage Study contains around 80 items considered to be of heritage significance and some, such as the water hole at the Sir Edward Halstrom Bridge, seem out of place and Councillors should carefully consider the wisdom of each and every item.

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8956 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and O'Brien that Council advertise the Heritage Study and call for submissions from the public for a period of 28 days and consider those submissions/comments from owners of affected properties at the April meeting.

URGENT BUSINESS – REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

8957 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the following matters be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

11.3 DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

The General Manager reported that the Local Government Act permits delegation of duties to the General Manager at Section 377 which states:

(1) A council may, by resolution, delegate to the General Manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the council) any of the functions of the council, other than the following:

Mr. Warren attached a list of delegations to the General Manager which are seen as appropriate for a council of this size. The General Manager pointed out that delegations to the Director of Corporate Services, Director of Engineering Services, the Director of Environmental Services and a number of other staff are delegations the General Manager issues to those staff members and do not require a resolution of Council.

8958 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council adopt the delegations to the General Manager as submitted, noting that one of the delegations is still in the former GM's name and has to be amended.

11.4 ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM – GRANT FUNDING

The General Manager reported that grant funding has become available through the Accessible Communities Program. He said funding is provided to make local buildings and public spaces, such as playgrounds, gardens, art spaces, swimming pools, senior citizen centres, public toilets and the like, more accessible for people with disability so they can fully participate in the community.

Council noted that each local government is permitted to submit up to two applications – each of which can be for funding of up to \$100,000 (GST exclusive), based on meeting a range of criteria and that it is for the current year only and includes new construction, major renovations or refurbishment of assets. The General Manager pointed out that Council would have to provide \$1 for \$1 for any amounts approved

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8959 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council submit two applications for funding under the Accessible Communities Program as follows, noting that if successful, matching funds will be sourced from specifically identified works within the Coonamble swimming pool for the current year, and from reserve funds in regard to the Caravan Park:

- (i) Pool Access/Change Room Facilities
- (ii) Caravan Park Toilets/Showers

Councillor Schieb referred to a proposal that the Hospital was investigating to have a 12 metre, 3ft deep pool installed, heated by a solar system at a cost of \$70,000. He said the only additional cost would be for the excavation of the hole. Cr. Schieb wondered whether Council could partner the Hospital in this venture. This matter was left in abeyance.

At this juncture, 10.28 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.55 a.m.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

8960 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

8961 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 January, 2011 be noted.

The General Manager said that he will be taking action to follow up on arrears where appropriate.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

8962 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. that the list of investments as at 31 January 2011 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

12.3 STORES & MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR AND STORES & MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 31/07/2010 TO 31/12/2010

8963 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council authorise the writing in of stores and materials in the sum of \$285.68 and the writing off of stores and materials in the sum of \$193.98 for the period ending 31 December 2010, as detailed in the Director of Corporate Services Report.

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13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

8964 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Director of Engineering Services submitted a report on works in progress, which included emergency grading of roads during the Christmas period, along with flood damage repairs. It was also noted that works at the Weir are in progress and well as patching roads.

The Director of Engineering Services advised that during the Christmas period contract graders were utilised to carry out emergency works to the value of approximately \$250,000. He referred to the fact that graders often worked in tandem because of the extremely wet conditions.

The General Manager said Shire Maps, showing Council's road network, would be supplied to each Councillor for easy reference when dealing with roads.

8965 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information contained in this item be noted.

13.2. FLOOD DAMAGE

The Director reported that during the latter part of December 2010 Council was declared a 'Natural Disaster Area' following extensive flooding of the Shire. As a result of the flooding damage occurred on the road network, the Warrena Weir and the Coonamble Common. Mr Brodbeck informed the meeting that submissions have been made to the Roads & Traffic Authority and the Land & Property Management Authority for funds to repair the damage.

He pointed out that to enable Council to recoup the cost of repairs to damaged infrastructure it is necessary to submit detailed estimates to various Government Departments, who then assess the claims to ascertain their validity. Mr. Brodbeck said that damage other than that caused by flood waters and attributed to vehicles does not qualify. He said improvement type works do not qualify and all works are limited to restoration to pre-flood standard.

The Director of Engineering Services advised that applications for grant funding have been submitted for the following:

- Local Roads
- Warrena Weir
- Coonamble Common

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The Mayor congratulated the Director of Engineering Services, the Director of Corporate Services, Council staff and Bob Green for their commitment and hard work over the flood crisis. The Director of Engineering Services informed Council that he hopes to have flood damage completed by June 2012.

8966 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council amend its 2010/2011 Management Plan to include the grants received for the December 2010 floods.

13.3 LEVEE INVESTIGATION

The Director of Engineering Services informed the meeting that Council has engaged the NSW Department of Public Works to complete a Concept Design for upgrading the Coonamble levee to provide adequate protection to the eastern side of the urban area.

He said the PWD was requested to consider two design options for several flood reoccurrence intervals. These were for a 100 year ARI in both the Castlereagh River and Warrena Creek and a 100 year ARI event for the Castlereagh River and a 50 year ARI in Warrena Creek.

The Director reported the study resolved there is little difference between the two flood events (0.07m) and the Concept Design has been based on the 100 year ARI in both the Castlereagh River and Warrena Creek.

Council noted that to enable it to proceed with the upgrade of the levee, it is necessary that the requirements of the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water be met. The Director said this will enable Council to obtain maximum funding from Government sources to not only complete the construction, but to ensure that all studies are completed to community expectations.

The Director of Engineering Services said that funding was being provided by both State and Federal Governments and with the recent flooding crisis in Queensland, its share of funding may be deferred.

8967 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council liaise with the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water to complete the Investigation into the Design of the Coonamble Levee.

14.0 MANAGEMENT REVIEW & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW TO 31 DECEMBER 2011

Council noted that in accordance with Section 407 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the General Manager must report to Council within two months

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of the end of each quarter the extent to which the performance targets of Council, set by the Management Plan, have been achieved and submit a review of the estimates of income and expenditure for Council's consideration.

The General Manager provided a list of major budget variations for Council's consideration.

In discussion of the various items, Cr. Schieb was advised that funds have already been expended in putting the Crime Prevention Plan together. Cr. Karanouh asked whether some of the funds can be used for additional CCTV cameras. The General Manager said that costings would have to be considered in conjunction with the 2011 – 2021 Management Plan.

The Mayor suggested that a meeting of the Crime Prevention Committee, comprising Crs. Horan, Schieb, Karanouh and Webb, should be held as a priority.

In regard to fluoridation of water supplies, the Director of Engineering Services advised that he has contacted the Brisbane-based Company and he hopes the work of installation of injector systems will be carried out within the next 2 – 3 months. He said training of staff had been undertaken.

8968 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canhan that Council:

- (1) note the Management Plan Review;
- (2) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;
- (3) note that in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;
- (4) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 31 December 2010.

14.1 RESERVES – 31 DECEMBER, 2010 – BUDGETED

The General Manager presented an amended sheet to the meeting, showing the Financial Assistance Grant Advance at \$740,043 (not \$782,456 as shown on the sheet included in the Business Paper).

8969 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the Reserves as at 31 December 2010 be noted.

14.2 OVERTIME REPORT

Councillors were advised that the flood emergency overtime amount would be reimbursed by the RTA.

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8970 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the overtime report for period 1 July to 30 September 2010 and 1 October to 31 December 2010 be noted.

15.0 REPORTS BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES

Nil

18.0 REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER

8971 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that the report by the Saleyard Manager be received and dealt with.

SALEYARDS PROMOTION - DRIZABONE

Cr Cullen asked whether Council's promotion was still running. The General Manager said a Drizabone was presented on a monthly basis. Cr Cullen said he thought it was a good idea to continue the promotion, however it may be a good idea to investigate another type of prize.

19.0 REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER

8972 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the report by the Contract Ranger for the months of December 2010 and January 2011 be received and dealt with.

The General Manager informed Council he has instructed the Ranger to issue penalty notices for all breaches of the Companion Animals Act. In response to a question, Mr Warren stated that night patrols are not feasible because of OH&S regulations requiring two people to be on duty.

The issue of unlimited parking in the main street was raised and the General Manager stated he would instruct the Ranger to carry out patrols.

17.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANGER

8973 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be received and adopted.

The TDM was at the meeting to present his report. He commented on the following items:

- Bore Baths Feasibility – has provided feedback to Consultant on final draft
- Events Calendar – has joined with adjoining Council to prepare an events calendar which will be released mid-year.
- Gular Signs – two signs now complete – will submit report to next meeting on siting locations of the signs.
- Country NSW Tourism – amalgamation proceeding – new area will cover 2/3rds of NSW.

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- VIC – no further issues – should Council decide to relocate saying the library would be the best alternative. TDM to discuss this with the GM. TDM to submit a formal proposal to the March meeting on this matter.

8974 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the Tourism Development Officer further investigate with the RTA proposed locations for signs on the Highway in Coonamble and Gulargambone.

URGENT BUSINESS – REPORT BY FORMER GENERAL MANAGER

8975 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Canham that the report by the former General Manager be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

(a) MOORAMBILLA FESTIVAL 2011

The former General Manager reported that on Wednesday 2 February 2011 he represented the Director of Corporate Services at a meeting to discuss the future of the Moorambilla Festival in Coonamble for 2011 and beyond. Council noted that Mr. Warren was unable to attend due to illness.

The meeting with Ms Leonard, Annette Brown, (Operations Coordinator, Sydney Youth Orchestra) and Suzanne Blythin (Leichhardt Espresso Chorus) was attended by Crs Canham, O'Brien and Schieb, together with the Tourism Development Manager.

The report was comprehensive and detailed the requests of Council for the Festival. It was noted that the financial contribution for 2011 was \$12,000 and for the 2013 event it would rise to \$20,000. Council's Tourism Development Officer's time and effort was also included in the requests.

The report stated that due to time constraints an estimate of costs was not available, but could be as high as \$30,000 in the first year.

Councillors recalled past issues in the conduct of the festival and are aware that changes need to be made. The TDM said that the artistic and media value of the event cannot be measured. Cr Cullen noted that Council's contribution of \$12,000 (2011) would be used for the employment of a local coordinator and marketing. The General Manager said requests of the Festival Committee are "open ended" and need clarification. Council acknowledged that Moorambilla Festival is a good event, but lots of problems have occurred in the past. However, it felt that now is the time to work through the various issues.

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It was suggested that Coonamble take ownership of the Moorambilla Festival and that the Artistic Director be contracted by Council. Council noted that more structure is required and ground rules must be set – it was also felt that Council must have a representative on the Festival Committee. Council did commit in principle to funding of \$12,000 for 2011. It was noted that the Showground Pavilion was the intended venue for the 2011 main concert.

8976 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council:

- (1) support the Moorambilla Festival being held in Coonamble in 2011;
- (2) commit in principle to funding of \$12,000 (for 2011);
- (3) implement more structure into running the various associated events;
- (4) contract the Artistic Director for the festival;
- (5) require local ownership and control of the festival.

2. CONN FAMILY TRUST

The report from the former General Manager stated that when the Conn Family Trust was established, the General Manager was appointed as a Trustee, undertaking the role of Secretary. As the former General Manager resigned the position at the last meeting of the Trust on 25 January 2010, it is proposed that Mr Rick Warren, in his capacity as General Manager, be appointed to the role.

8977 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that Mr. Rick Warren, in his capacity as General Manager of Council, be appointed as a Trustee of the Conn Family Trust and assume the role of Secretary.

16.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS

Councillors noted that the EDMs would be present at 12 noon.

8978 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the report by Economic Development Managers be received and dealt with.

16.1 COONAMBLE ECO SPA FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT & BUSINESS CASE

At this juncture, Ms Jenny Rand of Jenny Rand & Associates, was welcomed to the meeting to make a presentation to Council on the Preliminary Feasibility Study for the Coonamble Eco Spa.

A copy of the preliminary study was included with the business papers for Councillors' information. Following the presentation Councillors asked questions concerning the proposal. Estimates of costs were submitted to the meeting.

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8979 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Karanouh that the report be adopted, further investigations be made into costings and a report be prepared on ways to progress this development.

The Mayor congratulated Jenny on the presentation and thanked her for her efforts.

At this juncture, 1.18 p.m. the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.05 p.m. It was noted that Crs. Schieb and O'Brien were not present when the meeting resumed.

PRESENTATION BY NSW UNIVERSITY STUDENTS – RODEO AREA PROJECT

The Mayor welcomed the delegation of students who have been working on this project. It was noted that Mr. Danny Keady and Brendon O'Connor were present at the meeting whilst this matter was dealt with.

The presentation was comprehensive and included various designs, layouts and siting options on the Showground. The cost of the facility can range from \$5 million for a basic design to \$20 million plus.

At this juncture, 2.11 Cr. Schieb returned from lunch and at 2.18 Cr. O'Brien returned.

The students were advised that cost is the main factor. A question was asked regarding solar panels and Council was advised that the entire roof structure can be used for this purpose. Councillors were asked to identify three options, two layouts and 3 walkway designs. It was hoped to have a model for display in June 2011.

At this juncture, the Mayor thanked the students for their presentation and commended them on their efforts. The deputation then left the meeting.

The EDMs were in attendance to present their report.

- Rail Line Upgrade – Preliminary report received from JL Kilby Pty Ltd – seeking comment..

8980 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council adopt the Preliminary Engineering Report and seek an industry partner(s) as developer and owner/operator of a Rail Loading facility.

- Indoor Arena Project – Referred to Corporate partners – will contact Janelle Whitehead (MPREC) – maybe invite smaller number of VIPs to Coonamble.
- Progress Our Regional Towns & Shires (PORTS) – attendance at next meeting.

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- Prospective Residents - three information packs have been sent.
- New Business – Inland Petroleum opened at Gulargambone – congratulations to Gular Coop.
- Saleyards – complaints concerning lack of water supply to some pens – big concern for vendors. The General Manager said that it would be prudent for Agents to advise what they require at the yards over the next 12 months for costing and inclusion in the Management Plan.
- Chamber of Commerce – 83 members – arranging Customer Service Training. Cr Cullen suggested a promotional campaign over a 12 month period with the prize being a vehicle.
- Railway Station – contact ARTC and negotiate lease details, noting that it was always intended for commercial use.
- Gular Roundtable – next meeting Tuesday, 22/2/11 – 7 pm.

20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

NIL

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Karanouh:

- Cameras in main street – suggest that Committee meet – investigate training for personnel to retrieve data. Any known incidents to be kept for an extended period.
- Seats at Sportsground – some have been burnt, others destroyed, GM advised that the matter of replacement seating in the grandstand would be investigated and a report presented to Council. Cr Karanouh requested that Council trim low shoots around trees, as children play in them and it could cause accidents.
- Electricity Costs – make representations concerning the excessively high charges. GM said Council wrote 12 months ago and as IPART sets the rate, there is nothing Council can do. Cr Karanouh enquired whether Council has taken delivery of the “energy rating unit” promised by Country Energy. The GM said he followed this up about four weeks ago, however it has not been received to date.
- Parking of Heavy Vehicles – trucks parking in Maule Street and Charles Street – bitumen broken. The GM said he would request the Ranger to police these areas and take appropriate action.

Cr Schieb:

- Requested that the minutes include a list of outstanding resolutions – the GM said the minutes are a legal document and must contain only the proceedings of the meeting at which they are recorded. The General Manager agreed to present a different format for the Resolution Book Update to the next meeting.

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- Employees working Saturdays – could the Director have employees work on the Monday, in lieu of Saturday, to give a better perception to the public – saying he was aware that overtime would still be applicable. The Director advised that Council works a 9 day fortnight and such change would not be possible.
- Fire Hazard - Ginty Estate – needs to be cleaned up. GM advised RFS is responsible for this function and pointed out forms are available at the counter for completion. He said the matter will be taken up with the RFS because Council can issue Orders for only vermin and health.
- A1 Tree Service – Asked about tree removal using this Service. The DoE said that no response was ever received from the other Company, so Council continues to use A1 Tree Service.
- School Children in Street – referred to Truancy Officer – Cr. Cullen said the School cannot make them go to school nor stop them from leaving during school hours.

8981 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Cullen that Council write to Mr. Allan Hall and the Local Member, Kevin Humphries, seeking assistance in finding a solution to the problem of students not attending school and/or leaving during school hours.

Cr O'Brien:

- Peter Hurst – nominated for the Australia Day Award for doing such a good job at the Gular Pool. Council noted that Mr Hurst could not accept any award.
- Roadbase in laneway – Gulargambone – why can't crusher dust be used – kids throw the rocks at houses, etc. The DoE said crusher dust could be used, however transport costs are high.
- Gulargambone Cemetery – why can't the cemetery be included in a regular maintenance program. The Director replied that the CDEP used to carry out routine maintenance. He undertook to check whether Council has a contract with CDEP.
- Gular Rail Low Level Bridge – kids jump off – asked for signs to be placed. Director said he was not aware that appropriate signage was not provided and he would arrange for signage to be placed.
- Advised Gular will be presenting an Award for Senior Citizen during Seniors Week in March.
- Meeting at Gulargambone – Suggested twoeighttwoeight was not appropriate for the meeting. Jill said expressions of interest have been invited – GM will make decision when expressions close.

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Cr Webb:

- Murdi Paaki Community Bus – should be used only to pick up kids and return them home. Referred to its unauthorised use – other Councillors have had complaints from a taxi proprietor. The Mayor said that when Council requested that the bus be used as a “booze bus”, its request was denied.

8982 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Webb and Karanouh that Council write to Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation advising that the bus is being used in contravention of its specific purpose to provide children with transport to their homes.

Cr Canham:

- Referred to John Griffith’s farewell and said he was disappointed that only four councillors attended.
- Ambulance Station grounds overgrown – action should be taken.
- Demolition of Ambulance Station – the GM said that a development application has not been submitted. He said that the plaque from the building would be relocated to the wall near the Memorial and the RSL clock from the Ambulance building may be salvageable.

General Manager:

- Management Plan 2011/2012 – asked Councillors to bring forward any items to be included in the Management Plan, saying it would be helpful to have them by the March meeting. GM advised that the timeframe for the Management Plan would be:
 - Workshop April meeting.
 - Draft Plan/Budget May meeting
 - Adoption of Plan/Budget June meeting
- Advised that he would not be requiring a Statesman and said that the Fleet Management Plan would require amendment. Referred to the vehicle (sedan) being used by Manager – Highway/Fleet Management and suggested that it be replaced with a Colorado, which has a better resale value. Advised that the Statesman will be sold through the local dealer at an agreed price, otherwise it will go to auction.
- Meeting at Gilgandra – Thursday 10 February – Nationals proposals – Council’s Manager – Highway/Plant Fleet will attend – does any councillor wish to attend.

8983 RESOLVED on the motion of Karanouh and O’Brien that Cr Schieb be authorised to attend the meeting at Gilgandra on Thursday, 10 February, 2011.

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Cr Webb:

- Referred to training he and Cr O'Brien attended – very informative. Cr O'Brien thanked Council for opportunity to attend, saying one of the attendees said it was the best course he has attended in 30 years as a councillor. The General Manager referred to new Capital Guidelines and said he would present a report to the March meeting.

Cr Cullen:

- Quarry – necessity for more land, review capacity of plant, identify locations of other quarries.

8984 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that a report be presented to the March meeting outlining options for extension to the quarry.

CLOSED SESSION

8985 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993 "*2(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)...*"

8987 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

8988 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

There were no recommendations were put forward by Closed Session.

PROMOTION – HALF-PRICE MICROCHIPPING

The General Manager referred to a proposal put forward by the Ranger that a half-price microchipping promotion be undertaken in an effort to get owners to permanently identify their animals. The proposal is to charge \$22 for microchipping until 1 April, 2011 – interested persons must pay at Council's office, complete paperwork and get notification of appointment date. The Ranger will then carry out the microchipping at each person's address.

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8989 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council approve of the half price microchipping proposal in accordance with the above conditions.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 4.38 p.m.

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MAYOR

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