

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

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

At this juncture, the Mayor acknowledged the original owners of the land, both past and present.

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4.0 APOLOGY

Nil

5.0 DELEGATIONS

The following deputations were to address Council:

- (a) Mrs Anne Kennedy – Coal Seam & Gas Exploration
- (b) MPREC – Update on Activities
- (b) Mr Greg Kilby – Road making methods
- (c) Mr Paul Backhouse – Flight Training Centre
- (d) Mr John Larkin – Demand Farming Update.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

9233 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council, held on 8 June, 2011 be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

(a) Overgrown Block – Flats Opposite Coonamble Bowling Club

Cr Schieb raised this matter –the General Manager advised an Order had been issued.

(b) Coonamble Local Managers' Group

In response to a question from Cr Schieb the General Manager advised that a meeting of the Western Regional Managers' Network, which was formed to address issues at Coonamble, was held on 11 July.

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Mr. Warren said that two key players were again absent, referring to the Department of Community Services and the Department of Housing. The General Manager said he made it very clear that unless there was complete commitment from at least the Department of Community Services, the idea of case management could not work.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

9234 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

MATTERS ARISING:

(i) Youth Training Positions within Council (Minute No 8729)

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council is actively working on its commitment with the Coonamble High School to offer youth training opportunities.

9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor said that due to his hospitalisation during the month he did not have a written report this month. He advised that there have been various meetings throughout the month as usual, but no issues to report.

9235 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the verbal report provided by the Mayor be adopted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9236 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A –For Council's Consideration:

10.1 NATIONAL ABORIGINES & ISLANDERS DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE (NAIDOC) A2

9237 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council agree to grant relevant staff a holiday during NAIDOC Week Celebrations in September, 2011 and if documentation is not held by Council verifying their Aboriginality, they be required to provide same prior to the holiday being approved.

10.2 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10-1 (35030)

9238 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council make a submission on the discussion paper in the following terms:

- That a conduct reviewer should be independent of Council;

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- That clear guidelines be established as to procedural fairness of the investigation process;
- That an appeal mechanism needs to be established.

10.3 ENGINEERING DIRECTOR, REBEL MEDIA C8-8 (35033)

9239 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council not participate with Rebel Media in the operation of Breeze FM and Rebel FM.

10.4 ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF NSW E2 (35090)

9240 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the information concerning the Minister for Local Government's announcement of the Government's intention to return to councils the responsibility for the conduct of their elections be noted.

10.5 LGSA CIRCULAR 18/11 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL C13

9241 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Council adopt the mid-point of fees for both councillors and the mayor for the category of Council as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal equating to Councillor allowance \$8,760, Mayor additional \$14,895.

10.6 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (OROC) C13 (35173)

9242 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council agree to participate in the Training Course and that the following Councillors attend the training to be held in Dubbo on 16 and 17 September, 2011:
Crs O'Brien, Karanouh and Schieb.

10.7 THE HON ADRIAN PICCOLI MP, MINISTER FOR EDUCATION P5+E1 (35172)

9243 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council contact Mr Paul Loxley inviting him and the Principals of the two local schools to make a presentation at the August meeting as suggested by the Minister for Education, The Hon Adrian Piccoli MP.

10.8 CASTLEREAGH-MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL N7 (35191)

9244 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council agree to participate in a Fruit Fly Control Program with the Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council as a cost of \$3,078 plus GST which can be sourced from the Noxious Weeds Vote.

10.9 COONAMBLE GOLF CLUB LTD R4-2 (35219)

9245 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council:
(1) refund the amount of \$151.22 being the load based sewer charge;
(2) authorise writing off the amount of \$151.22 sewer charge;

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- (3) not waive the interest charge on overdue account in the amount of \$9.09.

MRS ANNE KENNEDY – COAL SEAM & GAS EXPLORATION

At this juncture, 9.36 a.m., Mrs. Anne Kennedy was welcomed to the meeting to address Council on Coal Seam and Gas Exploration in our region. Mrs. Kennedy thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and advised she is vice president of the NSW Artesian Borewater Users Association, secretary of the Great Artesian Basin Protection Group and a committee member of the Great Artesian Basin Advisory Group.

Mrs Kennedy referred to the devastating impact that coal seam gas mining is having on the Great Artesian Basin (GAB) and the impact that the loss of the GAB will have on rural Australia and all our communities. She also referred to the long term impacts that CSG mining will have on physical, social, environmental and economic wellbeing. Mrs Kennedy referred to the loss of the equivalent of Sydney Harbour (500,000 megalitres) every year to mining projects.

She referred to “Fracking Fluids” used, which contain volatile chemicals and others are known to be toxic and carcinogenic and said that chemicals have been identified in groundwater studies. Mrs Kennedy referred to areas surrounding mining operations which will be subjected to fumes and dust that could be detrimental to health.

Mrs Kennedy said there have been huge amounts of money spent on research, which has resulted in reports of all the negative impacts mining has on our environment. She said agricultural land is being destroyed, land values are extremely affected and significant damage is caused to road networks by huge trucks associated with the mining industry.

9246 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that Coonamble Shire Council support Moree Plains Council and agree to request a moratorium on any more seismic testing or any further gas seam drilling on freehold or Crown land within its Shire boundary until more research is gathered about this new industry and until correct legislation is in place and until an independent enquiry can guarantee that CSG mining will not permanently damage the aquifers and the Great Artesian Basin.

Mrs Kennedy again thanked Council and left the meeting at 9.58 a.m.

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MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ENTERPRISE CORPORATION INC – ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

At this juncture, 10.00 a.m. the Mayor welcomed Ms Janelle Whitehead, CEO of MPREC, Ms Taryne Alberts and Irene Browne, who are also employed by the Corporation, to the meeting. Ms Whitehead referred to the invitation from Council to attend a meeting to provide a report on activities of the MPREC within the Shire. She referred to the growth of the organisation which has progressed from 30 persons to 340 persons, with 22 positions based in Coonamble and advised the commitment of the Corporation to Coonamble Shire in dollar terms is around \$3.5m annually.

Ms Whitehead said to date MPREC has invested \$560,000 into its Meglo enterprise, however progress has been stalled due to inability to obtain supplies, which is no fault of the Corporation. She also referred to the Centrelink Agency run by the organisation and other programs currently in place within the Shire.

The General Manager advised that Council is currently undertaking a review of its structure and was in need of additional office accommodation which could not be provided in the Administration Centre. Mr. Warren said Council needed to have the additional accommodation close to the Council Office. Ms Whitehead said there would not be a problem in that regard and agreed to meet with the General Manager to discuss the issue.

At this juncture, Ms Alberts spoke about various projects undertaken within the Shire, as well as ongoing programs. She spoke about the project at Gulargambone Cemetery – the mobile shelter and seating which was provided by the Corporation. Ms Alberts said it is for the whole community's use – not just Indigenous persons. It was noted that the key for the mobile shelter had been handed to the Funeral Director for use when required.

Cr. Cullen said he was interested in the Meglo project and said the community needs to see outcomes and it is Council's role to ask questions. Ms Whitehead said there has recently been a restructure of her organisation and she would be in a better position to communicate more regularly with Council to keep it abreast of progress within her organisation. Cr. Canham referred to the community interest in MPREC projects and suggested a column in the Coonamble Times.

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Cr Schieb referred to the market garden project which the Coonamble High School was going to work in conjunction with the MPREC horticultural project. He said the School was advised that it could not participate and asked why. Ms Whitehead said that a meeting needs to be held with respective parties to address policy issues, however she said a Memorandum of Understanding has been sent to the school.

Cr Webb said he asked questions concerning the misuse of the Community Assistance Patrol. Ms Whitehead said the guidelines were not met and MPREC did not apply to renew the contract which expired on 30 June 2011.

Ms Whitehead said there seems to have been a breakdown in communications which caused some angst with Board Members and herself. The Mayor said Council has no "hidden agendas" and that if the organisation had any concerns the CEO could have contacted him direct to clarify issues.

The MPREC representatives left the meeting at 10.32 a.m. They were invited by the Mayor to join Council at morning tea later in the morning.

MR. GREG KILBY – ROAD MAKING ISSUES

Mr Kilby referred to road works currently being undertaken, particularly on the Baradine Road – he said Council is using the wrong product on its road and referred to work he privately carried out using 50mm material which has lasted for years. He said the Shire roads are a mess and Council needs to change its road building methods that he was advocating.

Mr. Kilby referred to yards he built in Dubbo to be used as a truck depot and said that B Doubles can come and go immediately after the area being inundated. He said Council is not using the right product and is wasting money.

In response to a question from Mr. Kilby as to why the Baradine Road is so high the Director of Engineering Services said the road was built that way initially and has been raised very slightly (i.e.50mm) over the past 25 years. Mr Brodbeck said Council's road building strategy is in accordance with RTA standards/requirements and Council would continue to use the same product in the future. The Mayor referred to Council's limited budget and the length of roads it has to maintain and said the current system will continue. He said Mr. Kilby's comments will be taken on board.

Mr Kilby was unhappy with the response, became argumentative and was requested to leave the Chamber.

Mr. Kilby left the meeting at 10.40 a.m. and the meeting adjourned for morning tea, resuming at 11.00 a.m.

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MR JOHN LARKIN – DEMAND FARMING

Upon resumption of the meeting, Mr. John Larkin made a presentation to Council. He apologised for not keeping Council more informed of activities within the Coonamble Shire and he referred to the past two years as “challenging”.

He said that currently his organisation is working with 150 farmers over 22 NSW Shires, with over 480,000ha in its production mosaic. Mr Larkin referred to the establishment of 200 kms of Mallee trials across five Shires and the establishment of a mustard supply chain within the Coonamble and Walgett Shires.

He said research has been carried out on:

- Renewable energy crops
- Health crops
- Crops with a point of difference
- Regional value adding potential
- Drought tolerance and seasonal production variability capacities.

He referred to the possibility of a mustard processing plant being built in Coonamble if the mustard demand can be rebuilt. Mr. Larkin said that over seven years of research has defined the market potential of Mallee. He referred to the focus of Demand Farming which is:

- How to sustain regional communities and add local jobs.
- How to maintain local capital in the region
- How to take charge of critical agriculture industry costs (fuel, electricity, heating and fertiliser)
- How to become partly independent from the world market risks (energy & agricultural products).

Mr. Larkin’s presentation was a lengthy one and he answered questions from Councillors on various aspects put forward during his address. He referred to Field Days being organised in the area (late August/early September) and said he would advise Council so that local attendance by interested persons can be arranged.

He re-assured Council that work was continuing within Coonamble Shire and said he would providing more regular updates of works and progress in the future. The Mayor thanked Mr Larkin for his presentation and he left the meeting at 11.58 a.m.

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MR PAUL BACKHOUSE – FLIGHT TRAINING SCHOOL – COONAMBLE

At this juncture, Council welcomed Mr. Paul Backhouse representing the Coonamble Aero Club, who attended with Council's Economic Development Manager, Lee O'Connor.

9247 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Canham that Council bring Item No. 15.5 forward for discussion at this time.

15.5 COONAMBLE AERO CLUB – GENERAL AVIATION TRAINING

Council noted that a report was submitted by the EDM on this matter referring to Mr. Backhouse's negotiations with the International School of Aviation Australia (ISAA) based at Cessnock to organise general aviation flying training and theory classes to be delivered at Coonamble Airport.

Mr. Backhouse advised that the instructors are professional teachers with the benefit of a commercial flying background and the main instructor is also an independent, approved testing officer for CASA. He said there are currently 15 interested student pilots, which reflects a resurgence of interest in flying which has been brought about by various situations (e.g. absentee property owners, properties being spread over a wide area – in various locations, etc). He referred to Coonamble having the advantages of a well resourced aerodrome with very few days where flying is limited by weather conditions and a highly accessible airspace (flight training zone) with little competing air traffic.

The Mayor said he sees this as an opportunity for Coonamble asked Mr Backhouse what was needed to establish a training school in Coonamble. Mr. Backhouse said that accommodation would be required, together with use of the terminal building for theory classes so that Coonamble could become "a one stop shop" for pilots to obtain their license. He said also that a pilots licence is worth 2 Units in the HSC examination and envisaged interest by students from schools in remote areas.

Mr. Backhouse said that local contractors have offered "in kind" support and the Club would need assistance with the purchase of a transportable block for accommodation – he estimated the cost between \$14,000 - \$20,000. Cr O'Brien suggested that such accommodation could be used at Moorambilla Festival and Rodeo time without affecting current providers.

The General Manager suggested that the Aero Club, if granted use of the terminal building, take full responsibility for its maintenance. Cr. Karanough said he was in favour of the school being established, however suggested that accommodation cater for 20 – 25 people.

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Mr. Warren drew attention to the requirement for a development application to be lodged with Council, the need to have plumbing and electricity connected and toilets and showers provided. He said that Council would need to identify from where funds could be sourced.

9248 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the General Manager and the Manager of Environmental Services meet with Mr. Backhouse and Aero Club representatives to discuss requirements and provide a report to the August meeting detailing the full cost of the proposal and an on site map indicating the positioning of the building, and the report also include an agreement for the Club to lease the terminal building.

15.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

9249 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Economic Development Officer be received and dealt with.

9250 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the report by the Economic Development Manager be adopted.

15.1 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE FUND APPLICATION – BURGERS ON BOURBAH

This matter has been delayed for one month and will be tabled again at the August meeting for determination.

9251 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Horan and Webb that Council review its policy on Business Assistance Funding, considering levels of funding for assistance sought and conditions upon which funding is provided and the revised policy be presented to the August meeting, noting that changes to the existing policy will require a 28 day public display period for submissions to be received prior to adoption.

Cr O'Brien asked that her name be recorded as voting against this resolution, saying that she would prefer the applications to be dealt with under Council's current policy and finalised at the meeting.

9252 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that the applicants be advised to seek funding for security under the Crime Prevention Plan.

15.2 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE FUND APPLICATION – GAIL DAY'S FAMILY DAY CARE

This application was also delayed for one month and will be tabled at the \ August meeting for determination.

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15.3 NOTES – EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE MEETING

9253 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and Karanouh that the notes from the Employment Circle meeting held on 7 June 2011 be noted.

15.4 NOTES – EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE MEETING

9254 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that the notes from the Employment Circle meeting held on 28 June 2011 be noted.

15.6 PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES – COONAMBLE SALEYARDS

9255 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the report by the Economic Development Manager on promotional activities at Coonamble Saleyards be noted.

15.7 SALEYARDS MARKETING MEETING

9256 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the notes from the Saleyards Marketing Meeting held on 28 June, 2011 be noted.

Council noted that Figure 2 had been selected as the logo for the Saleyards Promotion and the committee is currently waiting on the artist to come back with the chosen version.

At this juncture, 12.55 p.m. the Economic Development Managers left the meeting.

16.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

9257 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the report be the Tourism Development Manager be received and adopted.

16.1 CENTRAL NSW TOURISM

9258 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the information relating to Central NSW Tourism and that Council approach Inland NSW Tourism to seek membership.

At this juncture, 12.56 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.00 p.m.

19.0 CLOSED SESSION

9259 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb & Schieb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with:

*“Section 10A (2) (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)” and
Section 10A (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business”*

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9260 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

9261 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Canham and Webb that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

9262 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and Webb that Council adopt the recommendations of Closed Session, being the Recommendations set out hereunder:

19.1 REVIEW OF STRUCTURE, STAFFING, HUMAN RESOURCES AND ASSOCIATED ISSUES

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council note the information relating to the Review of Structure, Organisation, Staffing, Human Resources and associated issues, contained within the report by Mr. Barry Frew which was submitted to the meeting,

19.2 COUNCIL'S NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE – PRICING STRUCTURE

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that blocks on Council's new Industrial Estate be priced as follows and timeframes for the establishment of businesses be placed on purchasers, along with the proviso that should they wish to sell prior to development, Council be given the first option at the price of purchase:

Lot No	Baseline Price	Timeframe for development
Lot 20	\$69,000	2 years
Lot 21	\$66,000	2 years
Lot 22	\$66,000	2 years
Lot 23	\$54,000	2 years
Lot 28	\$46,000	2 years
Lot 24	\$53,000	5 years
Lot 25	\$46,000	5 years
Lot 26	\$34,000	5 years
Lot 27	\$28,000	5 years
Lot 29	\$46,000	5 years
Lot 30	\$30,000	5 years

19.3 BITUMEN SPRAY SEAL TENDER

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council endorse the recommendation provided by OROC as follows:

- (1) All tenderers be awarded this tender as a panel source tender for the Supply and Lay of Spray Sealing to participating OROC member councils for the period 1ST July 2011 to 30th June 2014 in the order of preference recommended in the evaluation report.
- (2) That provision be allowed for a 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance which may take this tender through to June 2015.

19.4 FUTURE STAFF HOUSING – PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE LAND

Council was advised that a property comprising 10 hectares located a short distance from the town centre is available for purchase. A proposal was put forward that the property would provide an ideal setting for staff housing to be located and would provide sufficient space for four new dwellings, as well as the residence on the land.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council, having negotiated a price to purchase the subject property for the purpose of building residences for senior staff, authorise the General Manager to proceed with the purchase and that Council sell premises owned by it in Coonamble and Gulargambone, noting that Ginty Estate would be the first of Council's properties to be put on the open market **AND FURTHER** that the land be classified as "operational land" and authority be given to affix the Common Seal to relevant documents.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the General Manager prepare a policy on staff housing to be submitted to a future meeting of Council.

19.5 INDOOR ARENA – COONAMBLE SHOWGROUND

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that should the current funding application not be successful, Council and the Rodeo Committee review the direction and requirements of an arena project.

10.10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS AUSTRALIA NSW

9263 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Councillors indicate if they wish to attend the Workshop in Dubbo on Wednesday 3 August, 2011 on Integrated Planning and Reporting and bookings will be arranged. No Councillors nominated to attend.

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10.11 COONAMBLE RODEO & CAMPDRAFT ASSOCIATION D7(35230)

9264 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council not contribute to the hire of the portable toilets/shower block for the Rodeo and Campdraft event.

10.12 COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL P&C DEBUTANTE REPRESENTATIVE D7(35229)

9265 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that Council not waive the charge for the use of the Showground Pavilion for the 2011 Coonamble High School P&C Deb Ball on 15 October, 2011.

10.13 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE

9266 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the Committee's proposal to purchase a custom built stage for use specifically in the Showground Pavilion be costed and a report submitted to the August Council Meeting.

10.14 PRINCIPAL OF COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL E1

The General Manager stated that discussions have been held with the Principal regarding ways Council and the School can work together to address many aspects of school retention and appropriate transition to work opportunities. Mr. Warren said that in regard to a venue to use during school times for suspended students, Council may be able to offer the old Youth Centre building at the corner of Castlereagh/Tooloon Streets which is currently being used by Vacation Care.

9267 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council authorise the General Manager to continue negotiations with the Coonamble High School regarding the provision of suitable Council accommodation for the school suspension centre.

10.15 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW S3-3

Advising that Cr Ray Donald, the new President of the Shires Association will be in Coonamble on Tuesday, 26 July, 2011 as part of his Country Tour. Saying that Cr Donald will be arriving approximately 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm for dinner.

9268 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Councillors attend the dinner with Cr Donald in Coonamble on Tuesday 26 July 2011 and that a reminder be forwarded prior to the event.

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Section B: For information Only:

10.16 THE HON BARRY O'FARRELL MP, PREMIER S6-4 (35049)

Explaining important details of the Government's Industrial Relations Amendment (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Bill. Advising that, contrary to media reports, the legislation will not apply to employees of local Councils and County Councils.

10.17 CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND P5 (35054)

Forwarding copies of Media Releases for Council's information – these releases were included with the business paper.

10.18 AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL TOURISM NETWORK T3 (35052)

Offering Council's Tourism Development Manager the opportunity to register for the ARTN Convention in Townsville from 8 – 12 August 2011 at the reduced early bird rate of \$990.

The General Manager said Council's Tourism Development Manager has indicated that he cannot justify the expense associated with attendance at the Convention.

10.19 MRS LYN GREEN E452 (35053)

Advising that she intends to give notice of her intention to resign from her position with Council as at 24 September 2011, following the utilization of both annual and long service leave. Thanking Council and saying she has enjoyed her employment at the Library.

10.20 MR LEO SNOODYK E1184 (35050)

Resigning from Council's employ as from c o b 9 June, 2011.

10.21 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES & INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS G5 (35079)

Thanking Council for its interest in applying for funding under the Accessible Communities Initiative and advising that both applications were unsuccessful in this instance.

The General Manager advised these applications referred to disabled access facilities at the Caravan Park and the Coonamble Pool.

10.22 THE HON SIMON CREAN MP L9 (35081)

Referring to Council's letter concerning constitutional recognition of local government and saying the Government supports local government taking the lead in educating the community and generating public support for constitutional recognition and last year provided the ALGA with \$250,000 to support its

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campaign to raise awareness within communities of the need for constitutional recognition of local government.

10.23 DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER & CABINET D6 (35092)

Advising of the commencement of the Companion Animals Amendment (Greyhound Identification) Regulation 2011 on 10 June 2011. Pointing out that greyhounds registered in accordance with the rules under the Greyhound Racing act 2009 (“registered racing greyhounds”) are exempt from the identification (microchipping) and lifetime registration requirements of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*. Saying the microchipping of registered racing greyhounds is, therefore, considered to be “voluntary”.

**10.24 CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY E5-3
(35110)**

Calling for applications for Board Members. Advising the Central West Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is a Statutory Authority with responsibility for improving the condition of the natural resources in the Central West Catchment.

10.25 PRESIDENT, SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW L9 (35098)

Writing to the Mayor, saying he is honoured to serve in the position of President of the Association and will endeavour to represent our community as best he can. Advising that if Council would like to arrange a visit by him and other members of the Association, to contact him or the Association’s Personal Assistant, Christine Horrocks.

**10.26 CHAIRPERSON, PUBLIC LIBRARIES NEW SOUTH WALES L4
(35120)**

Pointing out that Public Libraries NSW has been able to reduce membership fees in the two highest categories of its four-tier membership model to offer a more balanced fee structure for all councils, as shown below:

<i>Membership Category</i>	<i>2010-2011</i>	<i>2011-2012</i>
Category 1 – population less than 1,000	\$425 (ex GST)	\$437 (ex GST)
Category 2 – population 10,001 – 30,000	\$796 (ex GST)	\$819 (ex GST)
Category 3 – population 30,001 – 70,000	\$1380(ex GST)	\$1200(ex GST)
Category 4 – population over 70,000	\$2124(ex GST)	\$1760(ex GST)
Category 4 – Regional Libraries	\$425 (ex GST)	\$437 (ex GST)

10.27 COUNCILLOR REX WILSON OAM, MAYOR OF WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL L9 (35131)

Thanking the Mayor for support shown in enabling him to represent this council on the Shires Association Executive. Saying he is available to discuss any issues council may have and pointing out that as President, Cr Ray Donald indicated at the Conference that he will conscientiously and enthusiastically represent communities in what will undoubtedly be challenging times.

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10.28 NSW OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE

B11 (35134)

Advising that the NSW Home Saver Rebates program will end as scheduled on 30 June 2011. Stating that the response to the program has been phenomenal – when all applications have been received more than 330,000 rebates will have been issued.

10.29 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP **P5 + E1 (35124)**

Referring to Council's letter regarding truancy issues and agreeing it is a huge concern. Saying the education of our students as the future generations of our nation is a priority for the Coalition Government and therefore the issue of truancy will be raised under the new Government.

10.30 WAYNE BLATTMAN **E602 (35142)**

Informing Council that he is resigning from his position as Plant Operator effective Friday 1 July 2011. Thanking Council for opportunities afforded him during his employment.

10.31 GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL **D6 (35179)**

Acknowledging Council notification of its intent not to seek a new shared ranger contract at the conclusion of the current contract on 15 October, 2011. Thanking Council for its involvement in this joint project.

10.32 PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES **P5 (35178)**

Thanking Council for its letter of 9 June in relation to the juvenile justice system and, in particular, the sentencing for repeat juvenile offenders. Saying Council can rest assured that the NSW Government takes juvenile justice and the sentencing of juveniles very seriously. Stating the matter raised falls within the administration of the Attorney General & Minister for Justice, the Hon Greg Smith MP and the letter has been passed on to him for consideration and a response.

10.33 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY RADIO – MTM FM 91.1 **C8-8(35192)**

Thanking Council for its support and enclosing tax invoice in the amount of \$5,000 for the next 12 months sponsorship which is due for payment.

Council noted that it has been contributing \$5,000 annually to the Coonamble Community Radio Station for a number of years and, in return, Council uses the radio to broadcast messages to residents, etc.

10.34 BARWON STRATEGIC ROADS GROUP **R8-4 (35194)**

Thanking Council for its support of the Group, the aim of which is to establish and prioritise regional and strategic roads and bridges for upgrade in the Barwon Electorate. Advising that a consistent document will be produced for all roads and a funding application will be submitted to the newly formed infrastructure NSW, including a project delivery program (over 10 years), project costs and project benefits.

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10.35 CASTLEREAGH-MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL N7 (35189)

Advising that the County Council resolved to increase contributions of its constituent councils by the rate pegging limit of 2.8%, making this Council's contribution for 2011/2012 \$84,956 plus GST.

**10.36 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
L9(35197)**

Forwarding circular regarding Watershed Planning Event: *Local Government – Destination 2036*. Advising that the Division of Local Government will be hosting a major strategic planning event for NSW local government in Dubbo on 17 – 18 August, 2011. Advising that further detail will be provided as the event date draw closer.

Council noted that the Mayor and the General Manager (or nominee) will attend this event in accordance with Council's previous resolution.

9269 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Council notes the Minister for Local Government, The Hon Don Page, will be hosting a forum of industry parties on 17 – 18 August in Dubbo entitled "Local Government – Destination 2036" and it is considered essential that all stake holders are represented at this forum and call on the Minister to extend an invitation to the Local Government industry unions to represent a voice at the forum for the council worker.

**10.37 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT – INDIGENOUS COORDINATION
CENTRE P5-1(35196)**

Advising that \$90,000 funding has been approved under the following Program to undertake the activity below:

Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs
Coonamble Community Safety Plan – Family Violence Partnership
Program – Responding to Crime Prevention Plan – 2009 – 2012.

10.38 "C" DIVISION SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW S3-3

Forwarding copy of minutes of "C" Division Annual Conference which was held at Coonabarabran on Wednesday, 16 March, 2011. A copy of the minutes was attached to each business paper.

**10.39 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT E2
(35214)**

Advising that the NSW Parliament has passed the *Local Government (Amendment) Elections Act 2011* (the Amending Act) and advising councils of the resulting changes to the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) concerning the conduct of elections.

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A copy of this correspondence was included with the business paper.

10.40 NETWASTE ADMINISTRATION/PROJECTS OFFICER

Forwarding a regional media release in relation to the Regional Judging of the Waste2Art competition held last weekend.

**10.41 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
C8 +L3-1(35226)**

Responding to Council's letter of 13 May 2011 regarding the Centrelink Agency in Coonamble. Saying customer demand is measured by:

- The number of Centrelink customers in the region;
- The number and type of transactions completed in the region;
- Management information provided by the Agent;
- The use of Centrelink provided facilities such as telephones and computers.

Pointing out that the Rural Services Officer discussed Council's request for increased funding of operational hours in Coonamble with the General Manager by telephone recently and explained that Centrelink has comprehensively reviewed the Agent's current customer demand under the RAFAM, which has indicated the site is appropriately funded at 10 hours/week. Saying that further training and support has been offered to the staff in Coonamble to provide service improvements.

**10.42 TRADE & INVESTMENT, REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES
D5(35212)**

Advising with the passing of the Regional Relocation Bill 2011, a grant of \$7,000 will be made available from July 1, 2011 to individuals/families who relocate from metropolitan area of NSW to regional NSW. Saying the grant will be administered by the Office of State Revenue and be dependent on an eligible applicant selling a house in the metropolitan area (as their principal place of residence) and buying a house in regional NSW (where the value of the property does not exceed \$600,000). Stating that local councils in regional NSW have the choice of opting out of this scheme if concerned about local population pressures. Seeking advice as soon as possible whether Council wishes to opt out – with the closing date for replies being July 15, 2011.

10.43 PAUL & JOCELYN COLWELL C8

Expressing concern and disappointment regarding the recent announcement of funding cuts to the rural Financial counselling Service – NSW Central West and the subsequent decision by the Board and Management to not renew the employment contracts of the admin support staff (ASO) in the 2011/12 financial year.

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The General Manager informed the meeting that he has responded to Mr. and Mrs Colwell, suggesting that they write to the Local Member voicing their concerns. Mr Warren also advised that Council has written to the Local Federal Member, Mr. Coulton, seeking his support in retaining the services of the Administration Support Staff.)

9269A RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Schieb that Council write to the President of the Shires Association requesting that this matter be addressed and coordinated by the LGSA.

**10.44 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
D6**

Reminding councils of their responsibilities to actively enforce the *Companion Animals Act 1998* by responding to concerns about dogs not under effective control in the community. Referring to a recent NSW Court case that highlighted the strong community expectation that councils actively respond to the concerns of residents who report incidents of uncontrolled dogs.

10.45 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE, COONAMBLE B13 (35065)

Advising the NSW RFS has received funding to build a two bay transportable fire shed at Quambone village. Saying a suitable site for the new shed has been identified, being Crown Reserve Land Lot 7009 DP96336.

The General Manager pointed out that Council has written to the RFS advising that it must submit a Development Application and a Complying Development Application, together with appropriate fees, for consideration.

**10.46 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT D5-
22+A20 (35072)**

Writing regarding the Commonwealth Local Government Reform Fund which is to provide specific assistance to approximately 40 councils which have been identified as having limited resources and capability. Advising that Coonamble Shire Council has been identified as being offered assistance. Saying assessment had regard to each council's financial and technical capacity, and also priority to councils with a population of less than 10,000 and those that had nominated to be in Group 3 for Integrated Planning and Reporting. Advising that the assistance comprises a fully funded Asset Management Maturity and Gap Analysis and a cash grant of \$30,000 – the total value of the assistance is \$38,000. Pointing out that the Division has arranged for IPWEA to make contact with Council to make arrangements to undertake the gap analysis.

The General Manager said a meeting date has been set in July for the Director of Engineering Services and other staff to meet with representatives of the IPWEA to progress any gap analysis.

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**10.47 THE HON JENNY MACKLIN MP – MINISTER FOR FAMILIES,
HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS P5-1
(35132)**

Advising she has approved one-off funding of \$80,000 from Indigenous Family Safety funding to Coonamble Shire Council for the Responding to Crime Prevention project. Pointing out that levels of Indigenous family violence remain unacceptably high and the Australian Government remains strongly committed to reducing family violence and creating safe communities for Indigenous women, children and men.

**10.48 MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ENTERPRISE CORPORATION (MPREC)
C8 (35186)**

Advising that the Community Assistance Patrol (CAP) bus ceases to operate from 30 June 2011. Saying the Corporation did not tender for a new contract after being informed there would be no funding past 2011 and its operation of the service did not meet contract guidelines.

Advising the bus has been transitioned to the Coonamble Youth Service where it fills a critical gap providing safe transport for Coonamble and Gulargambone youth to events.

9270 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.16 to 10.48 (excluding Item No. 10.35) be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

9271 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED
AUTHORITY**

9272 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note Development Application No 010/2011, and Complying Development Certificate Application Nos. 040/2011 and 050/2011 were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

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

9273 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council formally adopt the Policy for Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors, noting that the document was on public exhibition from 9 June – 6 July 2011 and no submissions were received.

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11.3 SMALL VEHICLE REPLACEMENT POLICY

9274 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council formally adopt the Small Vehicle Replacement Policy, which was on public exhibition from 9 June 2011 – 6 July, 2011, noting that no submissions were received.

11.4 SWIMMING POOL – ENTRY POLICY

9275 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council formally adopt the amended Policy for Entry to Council Swimming Pools (below) which has been on public exhibition, with the closing date for submissions being 14 June, 2011, noting that no submissions were received:

"TODDLERS Children 3 years and under are not charged admission, but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

CHILD Considered to be any school-age child (4 - 18 years) who attends school in that current season.

ADULT Anyone over 18 years of age or any person having left school. Any person under 18 who does not attend school is expected to purchase an Adult ticket.

FAMILY Consists of 2 adults only, that must be nominated on the application at the time of purchasing a season ticket and any siblings under 18 still at school.

NON-SWIMMERS Must pay the appropriate fee for admission to the Pool.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS Accompanying a participate to Learn to Swim Classes are admitted free of charge, on the proviso they leave the pool complex at the conclusion of the swimming lessons.

NOTES (1) Any person abusing the Season Ticket System will be refused entry into the pool. Penalty could result in suspension from the Pool.

(2) CHILDREN under 10 years of age MUST be under the supervision of a person 16 years of age or older whilst attending Coonamble Shire pools.

11.5 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN NO 1 – COONAMBLE TOWNSHIP & SURROUNDS – DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND USE

9276 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council note the information relating to Development Control Plan No. 1 – Industrial Land Use - and when the LEP is gazetted, the reference to the Coonamble LEP 1997 be replaced with reference to the gazetted LEP in 2011.

11.6 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING

9277 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the information relating to the timetable for the Integrated Planning and Reporting Process.

11.7 MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION

9278 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that this matter be deferred for consideration at the August meeting, when indicative costing of the proposal would be available.

11.8 CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERAS – RELEASE OF IMAGES

9279 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the information relating to the use of CCTV images.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

9280 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

9281 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 June 2011 be noted.

12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

9282 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that the list of investments as at 30 June 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 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE – NORTH WEST ZONE – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

9283 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council adopt the Rural Fire District Service Agreement – North West Zone – as tabled – and authorise the affixing of the Seal.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

9284 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 COMBARA GARBAGE TIP

9285 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.O'Brien and Canham that Council:

- (1) Inform the residents at Combara that the Combara tip will close as soon as arrangements can be made to introduce a pick-up service.
- (2) Agree to provide a pick up service free of charge until the 30 June 2012.
- (3) Inform the residents that an annual fee will be charged for the pickup service after 30 June 2012.

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13.2 ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

9286 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Formally declare the renewal of alcohol free zones over all roads, footpaths and car parks within the town limits of Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone;
- (2) Agree that the declaration remain in force until 30 June 2015 on a 24 hour basis;
- (3) Advertise this resolution and update signs to record the extension.

13.3 GULARGAMBONE STREET NUMBERING

9287 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council review the street numbering and supply appropriate number plates to all residents within the township of Gulargambone to address anomalies with the current ad hoc numbering system commencing in August 2011.

13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS

9288 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

14.0 REPORTS BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES/DELEGATES

9289 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that the reports by Various Committees/Delegates, as submitted, be noted.

14.1 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE INTERAGENCY

9290 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the minutes of the Coonamble Interagency Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 June 2011 be received and dealt with

17.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER

9291 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of June 2011 be noted.

18.0 REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER

9292 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the reports by the Contract Ranger for the months of May, 2011 and June, 2011 be noted

20.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Cr O'Brien referred to a presentation made to Council in March 2010 by Mr Ian Nebauer and Mr Rod Little – Dare to Lead – Coonamble High School Primary Industries Indigenous Employment Project and enquired if any action was taken.

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The General Manager advised there has been no contact whatsoever with Council concerning this project since the address on 10 March 2010.

9293 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that this information be noted.

DRAFT POLICY FOR KEEPING OF ANIMALS

Cr Karanouh asked about this policy, saying he believed it was to have been discussed at today's meeting. The General Manager said the document has been on public exhibition for the prescribed period and a report would be tabled at the August meeting.

Cr Karanouh also referred to two submissions received regarding the proposed "two dogs per household" policy and said the writers had not received acknowledgement. The General Manager said he would address this issue.

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Karanouh: Nil

Cr Schieb:

- Rural Watch is being launched next week – this has been set up by the Livestock and Grain Producers – it has Police support. Cr. Schieb asked whether Council could host the "call centre" mobile phone – Council agreed that the General Manager would discuss this matter with Cr Schieb.

Cr Webb:

- Lanes need grading particularly Railway Lane and Perrams Lane. The Director of Engineering Services said he would have to have a look at all lanes, as it has become obvious with continual grading, that sewer/drainage outlets have been covered.

General Manager:

- Thanked Mr Barry Frew for his work in the organisation restructure and also said he was appreciative of Council's support.

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Mayor:

- 9294 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and O'Brien that Council write to the Board of Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Inc clarifying issues raised and reiterating Council's participation in the partnership.
- Thanked Councillors for working as a team and doing a good job in their role.
 - Extended thanks to Mr. Barry Frew for his recent work with Council.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 4.20 p.m.

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MAYOR