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**7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE, ON WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY, 2011 COMMENCING AT 9.12 A.M.**

**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.

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;
- 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;
- (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.

## **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.

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.

### **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.

### **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. Karanouh said he was in favour of the school being established, however suggested that accommodation cater for 20 – 25 people.

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.

**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"*

**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 1<sup>ST</sup> July 2011 to 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **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** n 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.

**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 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.

**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.

**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. 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.

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.

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.

**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.

## **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.

### **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.

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.

**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.

These Pages (Page 1/4870 to 25/4894) were confirmed on the  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 and are a full and accurate  
record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held  
on 13 July 2011.

**MAYOR**

**7.2 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON FRIDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2011, COMMENCING AT 9.09 A.M.**

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

**BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

**FUTURE STAFF HOUSING – PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE LAND (Min.No.9262/19.4 of 13/7/2011)**

The Mayor addressed the meeting, advising that a Notice of Motion, signed by Crs A Karanouh, D Schieb and B O'Brien, giving notice of their intention to move for the rescission of Minute No. 9262/19.4 of 13 July 2011 (below) was received on Monday, 18 July, 2011.

***“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.”*

Cr Horan said he called this extraordinary meeting to discuss the issue as he considered it urgent. He said that following the Council Meeting on Wednesday, 13 July, 2011 the General Manager had acted in accordance with the motion, the subject of the rescission motion.

The General Manager explained that, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, when a notice of motion signed by three councillors is received, no further action can be taken on the original motion until the rescission motion is dealt with.

The Mayor also explained the procedure for the calling of extraordinary meetings and the timeframes involved, as per Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

Cr Cullen referred to the time lapse between the Council meeting and the submission of the notice of motion. Cr. Karanouh said he had spoken with the General Manager prior to lodging the notice.

The Mayor said it was always the case that a report on staff housing and its future direction would be brought to the August meeting for Council's consideration and determination.

Cr. Karanouh said he believed it would cost a significant amount to fix problems associated with the dwelling on the property. The General Manager said that he instructed the Manager – Environmental Services to carry out a comprehensive inspection and advise the result. Details of this inspection and outcome was given by the General Manager to Councillors.

Reference was made by Cr Karanouh to the future of Ginty Estate, he pointed out that in his opinion that area should be developed as he would prefer to see development in town, rather than Council have its staff housed away from the town centre. Cr Cullen said that the area proposed for purchase is a good location and would provide an incentive to prospective staff. Cr. O'Brien referred to the need to provide applicants for senior positions with an attractive package.

Cr Schieb said he decided to sign the notice of motion because of the fact that no plumber's or builder's report on the dwelling was available at the Council meeting.

The General Manager again drew attention to the bad state of Council's housing assets, pointing out that no maintenance, not even minor work, has been carried out for several years.. He said the availability of the subject property was brought to his attention about a week prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Warren said he contacted the Mayor and asked would it be worthwhile bringing the matter to Council. He said he instructed the Manager – Environmental Services to contact the agent to hold off on the property until Wednesday, when Council could decide. It was unanimously agreed to make an offer on the subject property.

Cr Karanouh said another thing he was concerned about was housing for doctors – referring to other Shires supplying residences and if this Council sells current dwellings there will be no doctor housing available.

The Mayor asked whether there were any further questions before he put the notice of motion forward to be dealt with.

**A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Karanouh **SECONDED** by Cr Schieb that Council resolve to rescind Minute No.9262/19.4 of 13 July 2011 **WAS LOST by 5 votes to 2.**

The Mayor thanked Councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.50 a.m.

These Pages (Page 1/4895 to 3/4897) were confirmed on the day of 2011 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 22 July 2011.

**MAYOR**

**8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 2011**

**10.5 NATIONAL RURAL AND REMOTE HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (NRRHIP) M5 (31870) 10/2/2010**

**8259 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that Council instruct the General Manager to have the refurbishment requirements of the residential housing provided to medical professionals identified, costed and application be made to the next round of funding under the NRRHIP.

**8285 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council apply for funding to:

- refurbish the three residential properties currently occupied by the doctors/dentist.

**Status:**

**The next round of funding under the NRRHIP has not yet been announced.**

**GINTY ESTATE – RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION D5-13 8/9/2010**

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

- (b) prepare a development control plan for the area which identifies sewer services, kerbing and guttering, sealed roads, larger residential blocks so that Council can stipulate what is required should a developer buy the area if and when it is offered for sale in the future.

**Status:**

**Council's Manager Environmental Services to undertake DCP.**

**15.2 YOUTH TRAINING POSITIONS WITHIN COUNCIL 8/9/2010**

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

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

**Status:**

**Limited opportunities available in Works Department**

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

- (a) proceed with two school-based or youth traineeships per year from 2011 in one of the areas listed in the EDMs supplementary report;
- (b) proceed with two – four traineeship/apprenticeships in any one of the areas listed in the EDMs report, subject to the Director of Engineering Services' review of organisational chart and availability of suitably qualified supervisors;
- (c) seek to offer holiday and/or other work placement to local students attending University in areas mentioned in the report;
- (d) investigate further the benefits and costs of cadetships in various areas;
- (e) ensure that the primary supervisors have completed any relevant and required training;
- (f) in creating the traineeship and apprenticeship positions work through one of the not-for-profit Australian Apprenticeship Centres, Group Training Organisations and Registered Training Organisations to minimize cost and maximize benefits of existing incentives;
- (g) develop a Training and Recruitment Policy, including a section on young people aged 16 – 25 years and including Work Experience placements and the existing allowance for staff to participate in the "Plan-it Youth" mentoring program at Coonamble High School which can be incorporated into Council's Management Plan.

**Status:**

**Awaiting review of organisation structure by the General Manager – currently in progress.**

**DRAFT LEP 2011**

**E5-2**

**10/11/2010**

**8804 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Canham that Council:

- (3) Apply for Grant Funding to complete a flood study to allow for rezoning following the review of the Strategic Land Use Plan.

**Status:**

**In progress.**

**WARRENA CREEK WEIR**

**P1-13 + E5-3**

**10/11/2010**

**8856 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that Council advise the CMA it will allocate \$30,900 towards the cost of repairing the scoured area of the Warrena Weir and that further funds may be included in the 2011/2012 budget to complete the works and remediation of the area.

**Status:**

**CMA to be invoiced for \$67,000 for milestones 1, 2 & 3 and a further \$7,000 will be forthcoming after additional works.**

**J.W.JACKSON & SONS PR1225.212 (33981)**

**08/12/10**

**8896 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council agree to the sale of 4 hectares of "The Meglo" adjacent to the block recently sold to another company to J W Jackson & Sons Transport, subject to the following conditions:

1. Purchaser to be responsible for the cost of electricity supply extension;
2. Purchaser to be responsible for the extension of town water supply to the site, noting that the quantity of supply will be minimal;
3. Price to be \$3,800 per hectare;
4. Purchaser to be responsible for the full cost of survey, subdivision, plan registration and legal costs associated with the transaction;
5. Vehicular entrance to conform with Council requirements;
6. Business to be operational within two years, otherwise the land revert to Council for the price paid by the purchaser.

**Status:**

**Subdivision being undertaken – survey completed and subdivision submitted.**

**8.1 COMPLETED SECTION – RESOLUTIONS TO BE REMOVED FROM  
RESOLUTION BOOK**

**SWIMMING POOLS OPERATING HOURS – 2011/2012 SEASON**

**9157 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that a report on the operation of the Pools, including the extra hours, be prepared and submitted to the August meeting for consideration prior to the 2011/2012 swimming season.

**Status:**

**See report by Director of Engineering Services this meeting. COMPLETE.**

**9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2011**

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**10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2011**

**Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:**

**10.1 NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL R4-6(35271)**

Writing in relation to a number of outstanding rates owed to Council by Weilwan Local Aboriginal Land Council (WLALC). Saying WLALC has not received full funds from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council for some time and this has impacted on its capacity to pay debts as they fall due. Requesting that Council write off the interest in the amount of \$2,382.22 and refund the amount.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – So that further interest would not accrue on the overdue rates, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (Western Zone) arranged payment of an amount of \$56,320.54, which includes the interest amount of \$2,382.22. Interest is applicable on overdue rates, except where applications have been made for hardship circumstances which have been approved by Council.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council not agree to write off the interest amount of \$2,382.22.**

**10.2 GULARGAMBONE MUMS' GROUP D7(35266)**

Writing on behalf of the Gulargambone Parent Support Group seeking new avenues of funding as the Schools as Community Centres (SaCC) has folded and, from 30 June 2011, will no longer provide funding. Advising that SaCC previously funded hire of the church hall and two carers from 10 am – 12 pm on five Fridays/term. Pointing out that currently costs amount to \$20/session hall hire and \$60/carer/session which amounts to \$140/session or \$700/term. Advising the funding allowed mums to meet for a break and a chat without the constant interruption from their children.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – I sought clarification from the Group as to what specifically it was asking Council to contribute. To date I have had no response.)

**Recommendation:**

**For Council's determination.**

**10.3 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW****E2(35320)**

Referring to a letter sent by the Electoral Commissioner in June 2011 requesting a meeting to discuss arrangements for the conduct of council's 2012 Local Government elections. Pointing out the ability for councils to have the option to manage their own elections is a significant win for local government and its communities. Saying the LGSA had for many years been endeavouring to return to Local Government the ability to conduct their own elections and it was one of the key election priorities submitted to all parties prior to the recent State election. Commending the Minister for Local Government on his actions in amending the legislation to give the Associations this outcome and recommending that council endeavour to establish, when the Electoral Commissioner visits, what his estimated costs will be if the EC conducts council's elections. Asking that Council advise its intention and saying the final decision will be required by 31 October 2011.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The Electoral Commission has arranged to visit Coonamble on 15 September, 2011. A report will be tabled at the October meeting for determination).

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council note the information.**

**10.4 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE****S7(35327)**

Advising that in accordance with the requirements of the SES Act – Regulations Section 5, the appointment of all controllers is to be formally reviewed by the Commissioner every second year with a common reappointment date being in August. Inviting Council's input into the reappointment process and seeking its recommendation. Pointing out that Council can:

- Recommend the person currently serving in the position of Controller
- Recommend another person of its choosing
- Recommend advertising the position and nominees interviewed to select the most suitable applicant.

Seeking Council's response to enable finalization of the reappointment process.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The current SES Local Controller who was appointed for the two year term effective from 1 August, 2009, is Ms Shiralee Robinson).

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council endorse the reappointment of the SES Local Controller, Ms Shiralee Robinson.**

### **10.5 CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY E5-3(35361)**

Advising CMA recognizes the importance of its collaboration with catchment Councils, primarily through the Local Government Reference Group and the Salinity & Water Quality Alliance Forums. Saying, also it is important that councillors and senior management who do not attend these meetings be kept informed of natural resource management initiatives across the catchment.

Requesting that over the next few months CMA be given an opportunity to make a presentation to Council. Envisaging that one staff member, accompanied by a Board member, would give Council a short PowerPoint presentation covering such issues as the CMA's investment in LGA, Reference Group and Alliance initiatives, how council activities assist in improving the health of the catchment, etc. Saying the presentation would be followed by discussion on ways to improve and build on the Association/Council relationship. Looking forward to Council's response.

Advising also it has organized the next Councillor & Executive Luncheon Seminar on Friday 9 September 2011 which has been planned to coincide with the Central West Catchment Month. Advising the names of presenters on the day and saying this is seen as an important event and asking that an invitation be extended to councillors and executive staff, with RSVPs due by the end of August.

#### **Recommendation:**

#### **That Council:**

- (a) advise the Catchment Management Authorise that Council would be prepared for it to give a powerpoint presentation at a future meeting**
- (b) note the luncheon seminar on Friday 9 September 2011 at the Dubbo Golf Club commencing at 9.45 a.m.**

### **10.6 NATIONAL ROAD FREIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

Informing Council the Association will have a "Convoy of No Confidence" comprising a mix of trucks, cars, buses, etc. coming through Coonamble. Saying it has put out a call to all Australians to join the convoy to head to Parliament House, Canberra for a rally on 22 August. Advising the convoy wishes to 'stop over' in Coonamble and seeking permission to use the Showground for camping, showers/toilets. Pointing out people in the convoy would buy fuel, food and supplies and the Association will contact local service clubs to cater. Saying it is a not-for-profit organization and asking Council to waive fees.

Saying the Association is only the organizer of the logistics of the convey and points out it is not about trucks, it's about a Coalition of all Industries suffering from the incompetencies of the current Federal Government. Saying it is expected the Convoy will be in Coonamble on Saturday 20 August.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The fee applicable for use of the Coonamble Showground is \$178.00. To allow free use of the facility would create a precedent with all other users, expecting free use of facilities.)

**Recommendation:**

**That Council advise the National Road Freighters Association that the charge for the Coonamble Showground is \$178.00 per day.**

**10.7 COONAMBLE QUOTA CANCER SURVIVAL FUND S10-1(35430)**

Requesting permission to hold the annual “Walk the Loop” fundraising event on Sunday 4 September 2011 starting at 10am. Advising the walk will be conducted along the same route as in previous years and a letter has been sent to the local police advising of the group's intention. Asking for Council's assistance in providing witches hats etc. for the day to control walkers when entering the Highway from the starting area. Saying that funds raised will go back to local people diagnosed with cancer as well as the Jean Colvin Cancer Centre in Sydney.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to assist the Coonamble Quota Cancer Survival Group with the annual “Walk the Loop” fundraising event as it has in previous years.**

**10.8 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE**

Requesting closure of Castlereagh Street to all traffic from the Peace Tree to Aberford Street intersection for the Moorambilla Festival Markets on Saturday 24 September. Saying that if possible the Committee would like the street to be closed from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to close Castlereagh Street, from The Peace Tree to the Aberford Street intersection on Saturday 24 September 2011 for the Moorambilla Festival Markets, conditional upon approval being obtained from the Local Police.**

**10.9 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
8(35417)****R8-**

In a letter to the Mayor advising the Association has achieved the Roads to recovery Program because of strong and united local government campaigning in 2000. Saying further campaigns by local government have been very successful with two extensions to the program and by the time the current program ends in 2014 more than \$4.5 billion in additional funding will have been provided.

Pointing out it is now time for local government to again mount a campaign for increased and ongoing R2R program funding and ALGA will be launching the campaign at the 2011 National Local Roads & Transport Congress being held in Mount Gambier from 16 – 18 November. Saying that the campaign needs the support of every council and asking this Council to pass a resolution of support. Requesting also that council write to the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Opposition spokesperson for Transport and the local Federal Member advising them of councils support for a new Roads to Recovery Program. Saying that advocacy on this vital issue will be strengthened by a show of unity and it is important that as many councils as possible attend the Congress.

**Recommendation:****That Coonamble Shire Council calls on the Federal Government to:**

- **Recognize the successful delivery of the Roads to Recovery Program by local government since 2000;**
- **Continue the roads to Recovery Program on a permanent basis to assist local government meet its responsibilities of providing access for its communities;**
- **Continue the Roads to Recovery Program with the current administrative arrangements; and**
- **Provide an increased level of funding under a future Roads to Recovery program that recognizes the shortfall of funding on local roads of \$1.2 billion annually.**

**Section B – For Council’s Information****10.10 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
R4(35301)**

Advising the Minister for Local Government has determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the 2011/2012 rating year will be 11%.

**10.11 THE HON MICHAEL GALLACHER MLC, MINISTER FOR POLICE &  
EMERGENCY SERVICES P5(35305)**

Thanking Council for its letter in relation to the audit of Police resources. Saying the Government wants to see a locally-based, locally-led Police Force where officers regularly work out of Police Stations, get to know the community and, most importantly, know those who seek to create trouble and commit crime. Saying that over the past decade or so, Police had been removed from local Police Stations and relocated to major stations. Advising that when the comprehensive audit is completed in the next few months the Government, Police and communities will have a clear picture of where our Police need to be. Saying a copy of Council’s letter will be forwarded to Mr. Peter Parsons so that it can be considered as part of the audit process.

**10.12 CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND**

Forwarding media releases.

Attached at **APPENDIX A**

**10.13 PREMIER & CABINET - DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
S6+L10-1(35280)**

Advising the Division of Local Government has issued Guidelines under section 23A of the *Local Government Act 1993* to assist councillors to be aware of their obligations under the Local Government Act, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Standard Contract of Employment for General Managers when recruiting, appointing, reappointing and managing the performance of general managers. Stating the Guidelines were developed in consultation with the Local Government and Shires Associations, Local Government Managers Australia (NSW) and NSW councils. Saying the Guidelines for Appointment and Oversight of General Managers are available on the ‘Publications’ page of the Division’s website at [www.dlg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au)

**10.14 PREMIER & CABINET – DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
S6+L10-1(35279)**

Advising councils of recent changes in legislation to protect public officials who disclose wrongdoing in accordance with the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994*. Saying the Division of Local Government is committed to the continuous improvement of the integrity of council administration and supporting public officials who make disclosures about wrongdoing in the local government sector, including preventing reprisal action against them. Pointing out the *Protected Disclosures Act 1994* has been renamed the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994* (the Act), sets out a comprehensive framework for protecting public officials who disclose wrongdoing in accordance with the Act. Stating that legislative changes took effect on 1 July 2011 and apply to all public authorities, which includes local councils who need to ensure that they:

- Are aware of the changes and make sure councillors and staff throughout the organization are aware;
- Operate in accordance with the new strengthened procedures that apply from 1 July 2011, and
- Adopt, by 1 October 2011, a policy for receiving, assessing and dealing with protected disclosures.

Advising the NSW Ombudsman's Office will be developing resources to assist councils with the implementation of the requirements of the new legislation, including the development of internal reporting policies for councils.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council's policy will be brought to the September meeting for review).

**10.15 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION  
I2(35344)**

Forwarding two Independent Commission Against Corruption reports that are the results of an examination of corruption risks in NSW procurement:

- *Recommendations to government*
- *Suppliers' perception of corruption.*

Advising that each report makes a number of recommendations designed to address relevant corruption risks. Saying a third report, offering suggestions to agencies and procurement practitioners about how to better prevent corruption in procurement in their organization will be released later.

**10.16 THE HON JILLIAN SKINNER MP – MINISTER FOR HEALTH  
H6(35356)**

Saying that before the election she promised that, in government, she would order an immediate review of the Orange aeromedical retrieval service to determine whether activity levels warranted it being extended to 24 hours. Advising this has been done, with the review finding there has been no change in aeromedical activity in the Central West and that a 24 hour service was not currently needed. Stating that a state-wide review of the service will be carried out before the existing contract expires in December 2011.

**10.17 DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER & CABINET L10**

Correcting an apparent misunderstanding among some councils that the relevant local government employee representative bodies have not been invited to participate in the *Destination 2036* Workshop to be held in Dubbo on 17 & 18 August 2011. Confirming that the following organisations were invited to send a representative to the event:

- United Services Union (USU)
- Development & Environmental Professionals' Association (DEPA)
- Local Government Engineers' Association (LGEA).

Saying that to date, the USU has accepted the invitation. Asking that the matter be brought to Council's attention, particularly if a resolution has already been before it.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This matter was the subject of a resolution from Council's July meeting at Item No 10.36 of Correspondence. Following that resolution, a letter was forwarded from Council to the Minister for Local Government).

**10.18 THE HON GREG SMITH SC MP P5(35403)**

Referring to Council's letter of 24 May 2011 about complaints from victims of crime in Coonamble. Saying he has noted the formation of the Coonamble Community Safety Committee, as well as the statements from residents detailing their experiences of crime and antisocial behaviour in their local area. Thanking Council for bringing these to his attention. Stating he recently tabled in Parliament his response to a petition lodged by the Hon Kevin Humphries MP, about juvenile crime in Coonamble and forwarding a copy of his response. Asking that Council make copies available to correspondents and other interested persons.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – A copy of Mr Smith's response is attached as **APPENDIX B**)

**10.19 MR STEVEN BALDWIN**

Tendering resignation and intention to conclude his employment with Council from Friday 23 September 2011. Advising he has accepted a newly created position with Diamantina Shire Council as Tourism & Community Manager based in Birdsville, Queensland. Thanking the Mayor and Council (both current and former) for support during his 6½ years employment.

**10.20 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE E5-2(35358)**

Advising the Department is implementing the Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan (SI LEP) Program as an initiative for delivering local planning outcomes across the state. Saying it has recently implemented a number of changes to the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006 (SI Order) reflecting feedback and concerns expressed by local government and the community. Advising that the Government is aware there are still a number of issues which continue to impact on the ability of local government to address local planning issues through their LEPs.

Stating that to address these ongoing concerns, the Minister has decided to establish the Local Planning Panel (the panel) which will increase the opportunity for local government involvement in the plan making process. Stating that once established, the panel will seek feedback from councils on the SI LEP program in general and on specific implementation and policy issues and during this phase councils will be invited to comment on matters such as:

- Program performance for delivering metropolitan and growth area SI LEPs
- Preferred timing for the delivery of councils SI LEPs
- Impediments to finalizing SI LEPs
- Issues with standard clauses, definitions and policies; and
- Opportunities for increasing flexibility and reflecting local conditions.

Advising that the benefits associated with involving local government more closely in the plan making process are considerable and looking forward to the improvements that will flow as a consequence of the considerations of the panel.

**10.21 ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE INC D7(35415)**

Thanking Council for its sponsorship for the 2011 Rotary Black Duck Shoot and saying monies raised from the event will be put to good use in assisting local residents in need of medical and other necessary expenses.

**10.22 THE HON MARTIN FERGUSON AM MP****G5-42(35410)**

Informing Council of the success of its application for the project *Coonamble eco Spa & Caravan Park – Investment Ready* – submitted under TQUAL Grants – Tourism Quality Projects and saying a grant of up to \$50,000 (including GST) will be offered.

**10.23 KEVIN HUMPHRIES, MP****F9(35446)**

Thanking Council for advising its concerns about coal seam gas and the potential for either exploration or an expansion of the industry in our region. Saying he shares the concerns on a number of fronts. Advising that, as the incoming Government in NSW, it was aware of what it was inheriting in terms of competing land use and the previous Government's maladministration of process in the granting of exploratory licences and leases for both coal and coal seam gas.

Pointing out this was telegraphed to landholders, community and industry through the Strategic Land Use Policy which has been subject to significant input from all stakeholder groups over an 18 month period. Saying that extraction industries in NSW will not be left to self-regulate and the Government will not be trading off or disadvantaging one industry over another. Advising the Government has removed Part 3a of the planning process which means companies putting up large scale projects will not be able to bypass the community and go straight to a Minister for direct approval.

Saying that at the regulation and compliance level there are a number of current transitional arrangements in place, particularly around potential aquifer interference. Advising all activity in this regard will need to be licensed so it can be assessed, regulated and monitored. Saying currently there is further work being done further defining prime agricultural land and working up requirements for environmental and agricultural impacts. Pointing out the long term aim is to put in place strategic land use plans on a regional basis across the State, with the initial plan being for the Hunter region, with some obvious associated inter-region connectivity planning. Saying these plans will cover issues around land use, including catchment and vegetation management and will outline where public infrastructure such as roads, rail and pipelines will run. Advising that where there are more sensitive issues around land use, including aquifer interference, environmental concerns or interference with agricultural production, the planning process will be rigorous and reflect community concerns.

Advising there is now an enormous gap between what is an exploratory licence and any transition into further activity – exploration does not mean production and, in fact, very little exploration results in production despite improved technology. Pointing out that from landowner meetings held to date and what

has also been expressed to the Minister for Resources and Energy a couple of points have been expressed by landowners quite clearly:

**“1. That environmental issues are not to be compromised in any proposed activity and that it is not Government’s responsibility to put in place a framework to ensure this takes place.**

Clearly there is a lot of work to do on this front, particularly in terms of resourcing data, fathering and building ‘on ground’ compliance units. We have time to do this as initial coal seam gas activity is at a preliminary stage.

**2. Landholders want to be front and centre in any land access agreement negotiation both at the exploratory stage and any further proposed activity.**

Currently no exploratory coal seam gas company has exercised the right to seek arbitration following landholders denying access. All access to date has been by negotiation. Landholders want to see this issue resolved. Further discussions are taking place focusing on consultation and negotiation. This does not preclude a company from either threatening or enacting such action. Whilst there is collective value on landholders holding similar access opinions, the desire is to reach a situation where each landholder can make their own informed decision regarding access arrangements. Up front, this means having the right to say ‘no’ to access but also to say ‘yes’

*My personal opinion on this issue is that the market usually works itself out (historically the case) and in the terms of access arrangements, would benefit and underpin the process. Negotiated outcomes always work best and are often the basis for ongoing positive outcomes. A confrontational approach usually leads to poor outcomes (historically the case).”*

Advising there are further meetings to be held as the Government works its way through the process and will include a meeting in mid-august with industry where the Government’s expectations of industry standards and practice and the processes it wants to see in place will be outlined.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – A copy of Mr Humphries’ letter will be forwarded to Mrs. Anne Kennedy, who made a presentation on this matter to Council earlier in the year).

**10.24 QUAMBONE RESOURCES COMMITTEE****L4(35445)**

Advising that the Quambone library is a valuable part of their isolated community and although Council believes the service was being under-utilised the Committee is of the opinion that usage was not being correctly reported. Saying Quambone library continues to provide a valuable service, one that should be further supported by a more consistent changeover of books, thus providing a more enhanced service. Pointing out Council should continue to proactively look at innovative ways to regenerate and support the smallest operational library in NSW and be proud that it is the funding provider of this unique service. Thanking Council for its support thus far and saying the Committee strongly supports the continuation of this service.

**10.25 QUAMBONE RESOURCES COMMITTEE****L3(35432)**

Thanking Council for the support in upgrading the access road to the Quambone Sportsground – saying the job was completely finished recently to the delight of many in the community. Stating that the Quambone Polocrosse Club held its annual carnival on 2 & 3 July and over this weekend the road was utilized fully and many positive comments received. Commenting on the beautiful presentation of the sportsground for the event and saying the ongoing work of Council in maintaining the grounds is greatly appreciated.

Advising the Quambone Memorial Hall has seen a number of functions recently and positive comments received on the new kitchen, which followed on from the leveling and restumping of the hall. Saying the new steps and ramp furnished by Council have received favourable comments and considerably enhance the hall makeover. Advising that the Quambone P&C will hold a major fundraiser at the Hall on 15 October – the evening being billed as “Party on the Plains” – music and meal. Also referring to Marthaguy Picnic Races to be held on 3 September – pointing out there is plenty of activity happening at Quambone to showcase the facilities that have been progressively improved over the last few years.

**RICK WARREN**

General Manager

2 August 2011

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2011**

**Recommendation:**

**That the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.**

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED  
AUTHORITY**

**Background:**

Council was instructed in the Promoting Better Practice Review to report all development applications approved under Delegated Authority to each monthly meeting.

**Issues:**

The list covering period since last Council Meeting is as follows:

DA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
09/11	Coonamble Shire Council	Owner	Erection of advertising sign	Lots 20 & 22 Hooper Drive	04/07/11

CDC No	Owners Name	Applicant	Proposed Use	Land proposed to be developed	Approval Date
06/11	Smythe, John	Owner	Erection of shed	2 McCullough St Coonamble	07/07/11
08/11	Hunt, Kevin	Owner	Erection of shed	12 Arthur Street Coonamble	07/07/11

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

As stated in the Promoting Better Practice Review from the Department of Local Government.

**Financial Considerations:** NIL

**Options:** NIL

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note Development Application No 009/2011 and Complying Development Application Nos 006/2011 & 008/2011 were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.**

## 11.2 COUNCIL HOUSING

### Background:

At its meeting of 13 July, 2011 Council requested a report detailing information as to the possible rationalization of housing stocks.

### Issues:

Council currently has the following housing stock:

- |                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ▪ 21 Munnell Street, Gulargambone   | Pool Manager                  |
| ▪ 32 Yalcogrin Street, Gulargambone | Vacant                        |
| ▪ 2 Reid Street, Coonamble          | Director Corporate Services   |
| ▪ 140 Aberford Street, Coonamble    | Ochre Health                  |
| ▪ 46 Yarran Street, Coonamble       | Ochre Health                  |
| ▪ 32 Yarran Street, Coonamble       | Director Engineering Services |
| ▪ 41 Tooloon Street, Coonamble      | Dentist                       |
| ▪ 24 Nash Street, Coonamble         | C.A.H.S.                      |
| ▪ 27 Townsend Street, Coonamble     | General Manager               |

Many of the above residences require considerable amount of work to bring them to a satisfactory standard. No regular maintenance has been carried out and issues have been addressed on an 'ad hoc' basis.

The residences in better condition are:

- 41 Tooloon Street, Coonamble
- 27 Townsend Street, Coonamble
- 32 Yarran Street, Coonamble.

The Ginty Esatate house, while in reasonable condition, is earmarked to be sold to re-fund to the reserve the purchase of "Yatton" property. Council should consider retaining these houses in the short to medium term as they do not require great amounts to be immediately spent on them. The other house that should be retained, but does require some refurbishment, is the residence occupied by the Pool Manager at Gulargambone. It is proposed that the other houses be sold over the next two years to fund development of the "Yatton" development.

Two houses should be sold immediately:

- 32 Yalcogrin Street, Gulargambone
- 140 Aberford Street, Coonamble.

The Yalcogrin Street property was purchased for \$50,000 – Council spent \$100,000 renovating it. The market value of this house according to agents is somewhere around \$100,000. Currently it is on the market with agents at \$130,000. It is proposed to discuss the sale of the property with agents and determine a realistic price to move the property. This price be brought back to the next Council meeting for Council ratification.

140 Aberford Street, Coonamble, as Council is aware, is in a very poor condition. There are also substantial issues with the roofing. Initial enquiries indicate a price of around \$150,000 may be obtainable. Again, a sound appraisal needs to be obtained and brought back to Council for ratification if the property is to be sold.

The proceeds of the above properties, it is envisaged, should net around \$220,000 – additional proceeds from Ginty Estate after returning the utilized funds to reserve, should be in the order of \$40,000. Initially, the first house to be built on the “Yatton” Estate would be 2 x 3 bedroom villa style units. Cost anticipated at \$350,000, with the additional \$90,000 coming from the development fund which will be topped up from surplus funds from the previous financial year.

In the 2012/2013 financial year, the budget should include the building of two more houses on the “Yatton” Estate. This will leave one 2ha block remaining which Council could develop the following financial year or sell, if not required. The sales of the Nash Street and 46 Yarran Street dwellings should provide some funding at that time to offset the expense.

Council certainly needs to consider the effects on the community when making decisions regarding such things as medical practitioner accommodation. However, it needs to keep in balance the ability to provide any and all services over the long term.

The current lack of strategic plans to determine Council’s long term ability to maintain community services should be of major concern. However, Council does not have infinite resources and is continually called upon by other levels of government and the community it serves to provide more and more.

Councillors will be aware of the focus being placed on community development, workforce planning and consultation to achieve the desired position and the importance of having residential accommodation available to meet the longer term objectives cannot be over-stated.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

N/A

**Financial considerations:**

Contained within the report.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

- (1) Note the information contained in the report;**
- (2) Obtain market appraisals on the Yalcogrin Street house and the Aberford Street House;**
- (3) Develop plans to build 2 x 3 villa units at “Yatton”;**
- (4) Obtain market appraisals for 32 Nash Street and 46 Yarran Street, with a view to selling them and building additional accommodation at “Yatton”;**
- (5) Develop a strategic plan to manage accommodation requirements for the Shire over the long term, incorporating the above recommendation principles.**

### 11.3 BUSINESS INCENTIVE POLICY

**Background:**

Council, at its meeting of 13 July, asked for a report regarding the Business Assistance Program.

**Issues:**

Section 377(q) of the Local Government Act 1993 prohibits a council delegating to the General Manager or any other body the power to make decisions to grant financial assistance.

A Council may, in accordance with a resolution of council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its function.

A proposed recipient who acts for private gain must not receive any benefit under this section until at least 28 days' public notice of Council's proposal to pass the resolution has been given.

However, the public notice is not required if:

- (a) the financial assistance is part of a specific program; and
- (b) the program's details have been included in the Council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is to be given.

The current policy, adopted by Council at its meeting of 13 July 2005, is attached for information (see **APPENDIX C**). This policy is a hybrid of policies, guidelines and procedures. Council should adopt a policy in the first instance that allows flexibility. An information sheet containing guidelines, application form and acquittal requirements can be made available.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Council policy must be advertised and allow 28 days for public submissions prior to its adoption.

Council should include this program in its operational management plan each year.

**Financial Considerations:**

Council has, in the 2011/2012 budget, allocated \$15,000 for business assistance.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council place the attached Business Incentive Scheme Policy & Guidelines on public display for 28 days, calling for submissions prior to formal adoption.**

**RICK WARREN**

General Manager

2 August 2011

# **COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Draft BUSINESS INCENTIVE SCHEME POLICY**

Council wishes to encourage the establishment of businesses that are sustainable financially and environmentally and provide long term benefit to the Coonamble Shire Community, by:

- (1) Attracting new business to the Shire; and
- (2) Support local businesses to assist them to remain profitable, competitive and provide ongoing and increased employment opportunities.

The Scheme will provide targeted assistance where it will result in employment and investment opportunities.

Prior to applying for assistance, applicants must discuss the scheme with the economic development unit. A business plan must be submitted to support the proposal for assistance.

Council will make the determination in regard to any provision of assistance.

## **BUSINESS INCENTIVE GUIDELINES**

In accordance with Council's Business Incentive Scheme Policy Council recognizes that the creation of employment for the Shire is one of the most critical challenges faced.

All applications will be considered on merit and will be considered by Council on a case by case basis. There is no automatic right to assistance.

Applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

- Have a registered ABN
- The development will result in job creation
- The incentive provided gives value for money to the community.

## **FINANCIAL INCENTIVE POSSIBILITIES**

### ***Economic Development Unit Assistance:***

All eligible businesses will be entitled to assistance from the EDO or from the Grants Officer to seek external opportunities to fund business activity and development.

### ***Cash Subsidies:***

Employment subsidies of up to \$100 per month for businesses that employ additional staff. A minimum of two full time equivalent positions subsidy for up to 12 months.

### ***Other Assistance:***

Council will consider providing assistance in following areas, on a case by case basis:

#### ***LAND:***

Council will consider proposals relating to the purchase of land owned by Council.

#### ***COUNCIL CHARGES:***

Partial relief will be considered in regard to rates charges, permits and development charges levied by Council.

#### ***IN KIND CONTRIBUTION:***

Council will consider applications requesting the use of council plant and equipment.

***RELOCATION ASSISTANCE:***

Council will consider the provision of incentives to established businesses wishing to relocate to the Coonamble Shire.

***Monitoring:***

All recipients of Council assistance will be required to provide a report after six months as to the status of the business. Follow up will be conducted by the economic development unit.

**12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES  
COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 2011**

**Recommendation:**

**That the Director of Corporate Services' report be received and dealt with.**

**12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

Total Combined Rate Collections to 31/07/2011 compared to 31/07/2010:

	<b>31/07/2011</b>	<b>31/07/2010</b>
Arrears 30 <sup>th</sup> June previous year	598,833.17	502,953.25
Plus 2010/2011 Combined Levy	5,068,905.75	4,908,665.53
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	1,349.15
<b>GROSS LEVY</b>	<b>5,667,738.92</b>	<b>5,412,967.93</b>
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(49,047.06)	(51,595.37)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(40,129.41)	(42,216.42)
Transfer to Postponed	(-)	(231.15)
Abandoned	(-)	-
20% Farmland Rebate	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR</b>	<b>5,578,562.45</b>	<b>5,318,924.99</b>
Less Collections	(180,128.27)	(346,283.39)
Plus Refunds	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>5,398,434.18</b>	<b>4,972,641.60</b>
Plus Postponed	-	4,412.79
<b>GROSS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>5,398,434.18</b>	<b>4,977,054.39</b>
Collection % of Total Receivable	3.23%	6.51%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	10.73%	10.11%

**Recommendation:**

**Submitted for Council's information.**

## 12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

I, Bruce Quarmby, Responsible Accounting Officer, certify that in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 s212 the investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Ministerial Order and Councils Investment Policy.

Date	Mature	Deposit Type	S&P Rating	Institution	Ref No	Terms (days)	Interest (%)	Amount (\$)
21/08/2011	Fixed	A2	Orana Mutal	38	90	6.05	1,000,000	
21/08/2011	Fixed	A2	IMB	37	90	5.90	1,000,000	
27/10/2011	Fixed	A1+	NAB	3	90	5.95	2,000,000	
19/08/2011	Fixed	A1+	CBA	1	30	5.30	1,000,000	
28/09/2011	Fixed	A1+	NAB	42	60	5.95	2,000,000	
26/08/2011	Fixed	A1+	CBA	2	30	5.35	1,000,000	
18/09/2011	Fixed	A2	IMB	41	90	6.00	1,000,000	
4/09/2011	Fixed	Unrated	Reliance C/U	30	184	6.00	500,000	
13/09/2011	Fixed	A1	Suncorp	34	153	6.20	1,500,000	
17/09/2011	Fixed	A1+	St George	35	153	5.80	1,000,000	
	At Call	Fixed	A1+	CBA		4.50	1,750,000	
<b>Total</b>							<b>\$ 13,750,000</b>	

Financial Institution	S&P Rating	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount
CBA	A1+	27%	50%	3,750,000
NAB	A1+	29%	50%	4,000,000
St George	A1+	7%	50%	1,000,000
Suncorp	A1	11%	40%	1,500,000
IMB	A2	15%	35%	2,000,000
Orana Mutal	Unrated	7%	10%	1,000,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	4%	10%	500,000
				<b>\$ 13,750,000</b>

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	64%	100%	8,750,000
A1	11%	80%	1,500,000
A2	15%	60%	2,000,000
Unrated	11%	30%	1,500,000
			<b>\$ 13,750,000</b>

2515-000	General Fund Investments	6,621,721
22503-000	Coonamble Sewerage Investment Funds	2,799,438
62503-000	Gulargambone Sewerage Investment Funds	25,320
52503-000	Coonamble Water Investment Funds	3,216,509
72503-000	Gulargambone Water Investment Funds	942,803
12503-000	Trust Investment Funds	194,849
		<b>\$ 13,750,000</b>

I, Bruce Quarmby, Responsible Accounting Officer, certify that in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 s212 the investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Ministerial Order and Councils Investment Policy.

**Recommendation:**

**That the list of investments as at 31 July 2011 be noted and it also be noted that Council's Investments comply with s625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.**

<p><b>12.3 STORES AND MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR &amp; STORES AND MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2011</b></p>
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The stock-take of stores and materials has been completed and a list of store items requiring adjustment is set out below:

(i) **Items Unaccounted For:**  
**NIL**

(ii) **Items in Excess:**

<b>Stores</b>			
<b>No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Amount</b>
143	Diesel	337	\$467.86
331	Hats	1	\$ 13.32
		Total	<u>\$481.18</u>

(iii) **Summary:**

Items in Excess	\$481.18
Items Unaccounted For	NIL
<b>Total S&amp;M Written Off</b>	<b>\$481.18</b>

<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p>
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<p>That Council authorise the writing in of stores and materials in the sum of \$481.18 and note that there were NIL items unaccounted for as shown above for period ending 30 June 2011.</p>
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## **12.4 RETURNS DISCLOSING PECUNIARY INTEREST**

### **Background:**

Councillors and designated persons are required to complete and lodge disclosure of interest returns by the end of September each year. These returns are to be tabled at the next meeting of Council after 30 September.

### **Issues:**

The returns required are for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

### **Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Section 449 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires councillors and designated persons to complete the returns.

Section 450A(2) requires the General Manager to keep a register of returns and table these returns at the appropriate meeting of Council.

### **Financial Considerations:**

Nil

### **Options:**

Nil

**Recommendation:  
Submitted for information.**

**12.5 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011****Background:**

Each year Council is required to provide General Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules. These reports must contain a statement in the approved form by Council as to its opinion on the reports (attached).

**Issues:**

This year Council's Auditors are coming earlier than normally anticipated and before the next Council meeting. The accounts are still being finalised and it is anticipated they will be completed by the middle of August 2011.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Required in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**Financial Considerations:**

Nil

**Options:**

Nil

**Recommendations:**

- (1) That the necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the Statement by Council on the Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2011.
- (2) That Council's Financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2011 be referred for audit.

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Director of Corporate Services  
3 August 2011

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 2011****Recommendation:**

**That the Director of Engineering Services' report be received and dealt with.**

**13.1 COMBARA GARBAGE TIP****Background:**

This matter was reported to both the June and July meetings following representation from property owners to close the tip because of illegal and unscrupulous dumping. Council was also advised that the area has never been gazetted or licensed to be used for dumping of waste.

**Issues:**

Following the July meeting letters were forwarded to residents within the Village advising of the imminent closure of the tip and a pick up service would be implemented when negotiations with the Contractor were finalized.

The residents were also advised of Council's agreement to provide the pick up service free of charge until after 30 June 2012, after which a price per service would be fixed in conjunction with the 2012/2013 management plan.

I have received six responses advising that a pick up service is not required.

Appropriate signs are being prepared and an item has been included in Council's column in the Coonamble Times advising closure of the tip following backfilling of the current cell.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

The garbage tip at Combara is not licensed and should be closed.

**Financial Considerations:**

N/A

**Options:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information and not proceed with a pick up service at Combara Village for domestic waste management.**

## 13.2 COONAMBLE SWIMMING POOL

### Background:

At the May 2011 meeting Council requested that a report be prepared on the operating hours for the Coonamble Pool for the 2011-12 season.

A number of years ago Council split the pool season into three sections, namely early, mid and late seasons, with reduced hours of operation in the early and late seasons and extended hours in the mid season.

### Issues:

Over the last few years concern has been raised over the ever increasing cost of pool operations. Costs have been analysed and there is little that can be saved in the areas of maintenance or general running costs. The operating costs of the Coonamble pool for the 2010/2011 and 2009/2010 financial years are shown below:

<b>(i) Year 2010/2011:</b>	
Wages	\$102,624.56
Wages (in maintenance)	<u>\$ 29,005.51</u>
	\$131,630.07
Maintenance (no wages)	\$ 77,632.98
Kiosk	<u>\$ 9,323.02</u>
<b>Total 2010/2011</b>	<b><u>\$218,586.07</u></b>
<b>(ii) Year 2009/2010:</b>	
Wages	\$ 93,400.10
Wages (in maintenance)	<u>\$ 27,588.67</u>
	\$120,988.77
Maintenance (no wages)	\$ 67,360.09
Kiosk	<u>\$ 6,620.00</u>
<b>Total 2009/2010</b>	<b><u>\$194,968.86</u></b>

This leaves wages as the only area that noticeable savings could be achieved. In order to do this the opening hours need to be reassessed, as well as the level of staffing.

It is suggested that opening hours revert back to being split into three seasons with the following opening hours:

October/November	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	7am – 9am	2pm – 6pm 2pm – 6pm
December/February	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	6am – 9am	1pm – 7pm 1pm – 7pm
March	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	7am – 9am	2pm – 6pm 2pm – 6pm

The level of staffing has also been reviewed and while it is desirable to have two staff members on duty it is not compulsory to do so. It is intended that there would be two staff on in busy times but the majority of the day only one staff member would be on duty. However, Council would need to ensure that organisations/ groups that book the facility have their own personnel to offset lifesaving responsibilities. To this end a user agreement will need to be entered into by all users.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:** Nil

**Financial Considerations:**

Council cannot continue to offer the pool facility for ever increasing hours of operation to a constantly declining patronage.

Over the 2010-2011 season life saving duties alone accounted for \$100,000 of the wages bill. By implementing these changes this would be reduced by approximately 40%.

**Options:**

1. Continue with the current level of staffing and current opening hours.
2. Reduce staffing levels and opening hours as follows:
 

October/November	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	7am – 9am	2pm – 6pm 2pm – 6pm
December/February	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	6am – 9am	1pm – 7pm 1pm – 7pm
March	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	7am – 9am	2pm – 6pm 2pm – 6pm
3. Invite expressions of interest for contracting out the management of the pool.

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council seek expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons to operate the Coonamble Pool, with the minimum operating hours to be as per Option 2**

### 13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS

#### (a) State Highway:

- Heavy patching (seg.3145, 3150, 3160) – complete
- Shoulders (flood damage 3170) – complete
- Flood damage Mowlma Creek – in progress

#### (b) Regional Roads:

- Routine patching, mowing and edge sealing carried out on:
  - RR129B
  - RR129Q
  - RR383
  - RR7515
- Further works will be completed in due course as resources permit
- Construction works have been completed on RR7515 Warren Road – both sections – chainage 1.6km west of SH18 and chainage 24.6km west of SH18
- Construction has been completed on RR129Q Quambone Road – chainage 22.5km west of Coonamble
- Heavy patching completed on RR129B – chainage 1.9km east of Coonamble.
- Works on approach to boat ramp are being completed as per the flood damage schedule – the area is being stabilised and sealed.
- Continued works at the Weir – haulage of fill material and spalls to fill in scoured areas.

#### (c) Local Roads:

- Flood damage has been completed or is underway on the following local roads:

Road No	Road Name	Road No	Road Name
SR1	Billeroy	SR52	Tallagar Ln
SR4	Emby	SR68	Loma
SR12	Back Gular	SR93	Walla Walla
SR19	Gular/Quambone	SR129	Warrawong
SR20	Killara Ln	SR153	Tooloon
SR33	Urawilkie	SR38	Calga

- Bitumen patching & slashing completed on the following roads:
  - RR383 Pilliga
  - RR129B Baradine
  - RR129Q Quambone
  - SR 86 Carinda

**(d) Urban Streets:**

- Patching has been undertaken several days in the past month
- Signs replaced
- K&G Castlereagh Highway (Roadhouse)
- Footpath – Maule Street

**(e) Water and Sewerage:**

- Investigations into WTP
- General maintenance
- Reservoir inspections

**(f) Parks and Gardens:**

- Roses pruned
- Street sweeping
- Graffiti removal
- Line marking
- Tree trimming

**(g) Special / Other Works:**

- Various heavy patches around Shire
- Construction works on SR87 (Box Ridge) and SR19 (Gular/Quambone) continue as resources permit
- Continued works at Weir – CMA impressed and organising payment for stages/milestones 1 to 3 (\$60,000)
- Continued flood damage works in accordance with RTA schedule.

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council note the information.**

**K N BRODBECK**

Director of Engineering Services

3 August 2011

**14. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 2011****Recommendation:**

**That the Manager of Environmental Services' report be received and dealt with.**

**14.1 DOMESTIC ANIMAL POLICY****Background:**

Council, at its June meeting, resolved to place the subject draft policy on exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period and invite submissions from the public.

**Issues:**

The document was placed on public exhibition on 9 July 2011, with the closing date for submissions being 6 July 2011. The draft policy has caught the attention of the media and has been publicised through that outlet by the ABC. Several copies of the draft policy have been handed to ratepayers upon request.

Council has received two submissions, both putting forward views on the limit of two dogs per household. Copies of the submissions are attached to this report.

The policy is sufficient broad to accommodate these issues by the affected party making application to Council for an exemption.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Local Government Act 1993
- Companion Animals Act 1998 & Companion Animals Regulation 1999
- Impounding Act 1998

**Financial Considerations:**

Nil

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council formally adopt the policy, noting that the two submissions received were considered in conjunction with its adoption and that Council agree to consider applications to keep more than two dogs per household on a case-by-case basis.**

**MATTHEW COCK**

Manager – Environmental Services

3 August 2011

**15. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES/DELEGATES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2011**

**15.1 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY, 6 JULY, 2011 COMMENCING AT  
2.00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:** David Vant (RTA Representative), Kel Brodbeck (Director Engineering), Alan Karanough (Councillor), Mark Harland (Manager Roads), Kookie Atkins (Manager Services), Matthew Dalkieth (Police Representative), Jarrad French (Highway Patrol Representative), Kristy Presnell (Minute Secretary)

**APOLOGIES:** Mark Hoath & Michael Webb

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**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting confirmed by David Vant and seconded by Kel Brodbeck.

**Committee Recommendation:**

That the minutes be accepted.

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Allan Karanouh (Councillor) arrived at 2:15pm

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**1. TRAFFIC MARSHAL – HARVEST SEASON**

Request for Traffic Marshal to be appointed for the harvest season.

**Committee Recommendation:**

Council to write a letter to Graincorp suggesting that they supply a suitable traffic management plan for the next harvest season. Committee to monitor.

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**2. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Committee has decided a pedestrian crossing is not warranted. Signage is to be installed if necessary and site monitored.

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- 3. NO STOPPING SIGNAGE – TOOLOON STREET NEAR SCHOOL**  
'No Stopping' signage near the school on Tooloon Street needs to be checked.  
**Committee Recommendation:**  
Signage needs to be checked. One sign still located incorrectly.
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- 4. ERECTION OF INFORMATION & NOTICEBOARD SIGNAGE (DA 036/2010) ON CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY**  
Development Application 036/2011 for the erection of information and noticeboard signage on Castlereagh Highway (cnr Aberford St. & Castlereagh Hwy, near Bag-A-Bargain).  
**Committee Recommendation:**  
Committee has recommended approval as per RTA reply.
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- 5. STATEWIDE LEVEL CROSSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
FYI - Statewide funded level crossing improvement program. Council to inspect crossings to ensure compliance with AS1078.  
**Committee Recommendation:**  
Council to inspect level crossings within the Shire to ensure compliance with AS1078. Council to compile a list of level crossings within the Shire that require upgrading/repairs. List to be forwarded to RTA for funding. David Vant to arrange Graham Norris to contact Kel Brodbeck for discussion.
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- 6. ROAD SAFETY**  
Council to compile a list of road safety issues. RTA is willing to fund if they meet the criteria.  
**Committee Recommendation:**  
Council to submit a list to the RTA for possible funding. Funds be sought to upgrade pram ramps and traffic facilities.
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- 8. MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION**  
General discussion regarding the possibility of nose-in parking and/or other possibilities.  
**Committee Recommendation:**  
Councillor Karanouh to investigate requirements & locations at the taxi rank for purposes of extra parking spaces and further discuss other possibilities with Streets Ahead Committee.
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**9. SIGNAGE – COONAMBLE TOWNSHIP**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Signage around Coonamble needs to be inspected, particularly all pedestrian crossings.

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**10. BERTRAM STREET – SET DOWN ZONE**

**Committee Recommendation:**

See item 7.

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**11. LIMERICK STREET MEDIAN ISLAND**

Request for possible upgrade of crossing.

**Committee Recommendation:**

Kel Brodbeck & David Vant to inspect. Plan to be upgraded and forwarded to RTA for funding.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date: Wednesday 2 November 2011

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Committee Room  
Coonamble Shire Council

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**MEETING CLOSED**

3:00pm

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**16. REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2011**

**Recommendation:**

**That the report by the Economic Development Manager for the month of July 2011 be received and dealt with.**

**1. Diversify Industry Base - Infrastructure, Tourism, New Enterprise**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS/OUTCOMES</b>
Indoor Arena	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design – received student final reports 26/7. Referred to Brookfield Multiplex for further costing.</li> <li>Corporate Partners – met with J Quealy to review list of corporate partners.</li> <li>Local support/input – meeting scheduled with ILB and Dubbo Pre-Cast on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports will be available at meeting.</li> <li>See attached Coonamble Business Contacts Data Sheet for Councillors to suggest targets and priorities. Nine businesses on the list have been contacted.</li> <li>Councillors welcome to attend.</li> </ol>
Eco Spa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received advice of successful application to TQUAL \$50,000.</li> <li>Awaiting advice re state contribution \$25,000.</li> <li>Need to form Project Management Committee.</li> </ul>
Industrial Estate expansion	Put Industrial Estate info on council website; sent info to RDA Orana for Country & Regional Living Expo;	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment \$273,000 received from Local Infrastructure Support Fund.
Abattoir	Responded to inquiry from Office of Trade, Business & Industry (formerly Industry & Investment NSW).	No change.

**2. Business Growth – Start-up/Expansion, Promotion, Education, Skill Development**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS/OUTCOMES</b>
Country & Regional Living Expo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Circulated request for properties, businesses for sale plus job vacancies to local businesses. Forwarded relevant info to RDA Orana.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Expo to be held 5-7 August.</b> Cr Karanouh to help at the Expo. Received info on 3 businesses for sale. Agents to send property info direct.</p>

Support new and existing business	<p>2. <b>Support Business Start-Ups:</b> discussion with 2 business start-ups. Market Garden + Art Gallery.</p> <p>3. <b>Support Business Expansion:</b> discussion with 1 business re expansion. Discussion with 1 business re merger – provided info on debt collection and made referral re new partnership.</p>	Four businesses received initial advice/ assistance. Continuing.
Chamber of Commerce	<p>Received request from Coonamble RTC to identify funding streams to cover provision of secretariat services to Coonamble Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Forwarded information re formation of western regional Chamber organisation for discussion.</p>	<p>Referred to new Grants Officer.</p> <p>Progress to be advised.</p>
Coonamble Regional Livestock Market	<p>1. <b>Marketing</b> – contacted PR company to finalise logo. Distributed to stakeholders and received feedback. Booked bulk mail for flyer mailout.</p>	<p>1. Flyer to go out 8 August announcing pre-sale scanning and strengths of local saleyard.</p>
Employment Circle	<p>1. Drafted and distributed invitations to presenters and local businesses.</p> <p>2. Organised and attended meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July.</p>	<p><b>1. Business Information Evening Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> August at CHS MPC. All Councillors invited.</b></p> <p>2. See meeting notes attached.</p>
Keep Coonamble Kicking Campaign	<p>Ordered new stock of KCK stickers.</p>	
Website	<p>Received request to update info from 2 businesses.</p>	<p>Two businesses report Council web listing brings out-of-region clients.</p>
Prospective Residents / New Residents	<p>Received requests via website from Prospective Residents.</p> <p>One request for Welcome Pack for New Residents.</p>	<p>5 kits distributed.</p> <p>1 Welcome Pack distributed. Note: Materials to put in Welcome Packs are now exhausted. No further packs available till further notice.</p>

**3. Community Economic Development + Physical Amenity**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS/OUTCOMES</b>
Gular Native Garden	Contacted Cr O'Brien re best date for next meeting.	TBA

<b>ISSUE/ OPPORTUNITY</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS/OUTCOMES</b>
Wungali Aboriginal Community Working Party	1. Attended meeting 26 July.	<b>Reported on Indoor Arena.</b> Received and referred information re Bre-warrina Shearing School graduates. Referred CHS to CCS Inc re childcare for young mothers to attend school.

**APPENDICES TO EDO REPORT:**

- Indoor Arena – Coonamble Business Data Contact Sheets. **APPENDIX D**
- Notes from Employment Circle Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July.
- Invitation from Employment Circle to attend Business Information Evening. **APPENDIX E**

**Recommendation:**  
That Council adopt the report submitted by the Economic Development Manager for the month of July 2011.

**AMANDA GLASSON / LEE O'CONNOR**  
Economic Development Manager (Joint)  
1 August 2011

**16.1 NOTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE,  
HELD AT THE GLOBAL VILLAGE RESTAURANT ON TUESDAY, 19  
JULY, 2011 AT 10.00 A.M.**

**Present:** Priscilla Kelly (CHS), Marie Thomas (CHS), Amanda Glasson (CSC EDM), Amanda Nixon (Sureway), Shane Kilby (TAFE), Kate Keizer (Mission Australia)

**Apologies:** Lee O'Connor (CSC EDM), Anna Lane (OEC), Kellie Hutchinson, Cr Alan Karanouh, Tanya Hind (CHS), Cheri McDonald (CHS),

This meeting was focused on the final organization of the Business Information Evening:

### **1. Business Information Evening**

Shane has Zoe Bridges following up on their speaker.

Invites have been sent. Advertising if RDA monies can be secured will be undertaken in the lead up to the event.

**ACTION: EDM's to print invitations for Sandra H & Amanda N to distribute to Businesses.**

**EDM's to provide Marie T with a list of Businesses sent invitations.**

**EDM's to amend date to reflect correct date in the paper.**

**EDM's to put on Keep Coonamble Kicking facebook  
CHS Marie will ring all the businesses following up on invitations and requesting RSVP's.**

**EDM's to email day before to remind businesses**

**EDM's to design a formal evaluation form**

**EDM's to request Murdi Paaki provide a staff member to speak at the evening (Taryne)**

**EDM's to provide Marie with KCK bags**

**PRISCILLA to MC and adjudicate the panel.**

**Marie to ring Hospital and Kath Bush re attendance at evening**

**EVERYONE is to have handout information to Marie for inclusion in bags.**

**ALL Employment circle members are invited to set up a trade stand/booth please let Marie know if you are going to do this.**

### **2. General Business**

#### JSA/TAFE partnerships

Shane reported that they are working to get a TAFE skills Work & Training Certificate II 3 days, 15 hours per week for 26 weeks. The Course structure is as follows:

- 1 day – literacy & numeracy
- 1day – hospitality including RSA & RCG
- 1 day – retail

TAFE is focussing on attracting genuine students who are wanting to attend. Info session 10<sup>th</sup> August. Minimum number of students 10.

Project to assist in learner drivers getting logbook hours

Sharlie Ovarim for the Department of Transport will attend the next meeting to be held 9<sup>th</sup> August.

- Youth connections can assist their clients to complete their logbook hours if an appropriate training program is designed.
- CHS is interested in assisting eligible students to complete training in school hours if it is possible.
- Draft project plan needs to be circulated prior to meeting.
- Approach MP to assist by being the employer, RTC may potentially be able to auspice funds.
- Invite AHS to attend meetings either JJ or Tim Horan.

**3. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2011  
10AM, GLOBAL VILLAGE, Castlereagh St, Coonamble.**

**17. REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER  
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 2011**

**Recommendation:**

**That the report by the Tourism Development Manager be received and dealt with.**

**Tourism Development August 2011**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b>	<b>DUE COMPLETION /STATUS</b>
Gulargambone Riverwalk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalised design concepts</li> <li>Confirmed sign construction</li> <li>Lodged DA for signs</li> <li>Lodged application for RTA highway signage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signs installed August and MPREC will hold a launch</li> </ul>	August
NSW Tourism Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared entries for Moorambilla, Gulargambone Caravan Park &amp; Mt Tenandra</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gulargambone Caravan Park is a finalist in the Inland Tourism Awards</li> </ul>	NSW Awards announced October
Quambone-Primitive campground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action this month</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site ready mid 2011</li> </ul>	In-progress
Bore sign for Smith Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised draft</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under construction</li> </ul>	Installed August
Review of all tourism projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiated review of all projects to prioritise completion by 30 September</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparing handover documentation</li> </ul>	

**Visitor Services**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b>	<b>DUE COMPLETION /STATUS</b>
Visitor Information Centre-Coonamble (CVIC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No figures at time of report</li> </ul>	Ongoing

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b>	<b>DUE COMPLETION /STATUS</b>
Visitor Information Centre (GVIC) – Gulargambone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No figures at time of report</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Information Packs (via web site form)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sent out 5 packs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	Complete
Bluetooth Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installed Bluetooth device at Gulargambone and Coonamble</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trialling effectiveness of device</li> </ul>	Complete

**Marketing, Promotion & Events**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b>	<b>DUE COMPLETION /STATUS</b>
Joint advertising-Race clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared joint flier</li> <li>• Printed 10,000</li> <li>• Lodged direct mail with Australia Post</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marthaguy, Gulargambone, Coonamble &amp; Come-by-Chance participating. Each will pay ¼ share</li> </ul>	Mail-out from 15August 2011
Moorambilla Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended Moorambilla local committee meeting in July</li> <li>• Added event to races flier</li> <li>• Prepared awards submission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	Event held 23-25 September
Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended event debrief 28 July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event was successful both in terms of visitation and financial return</li> </ul>	Complete

**Tourism Signage**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b>	<b>DUE COMPLETION /STATUS</b>
Smith Park Business Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-advertised for businesses</li> <li>• Progressed draft adverts for two initial businesses</li> </ul>	•	All ten businesses spots complete by mid-August
RTA Tourism Attraction Signposting Accreditation Committee (TASAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared submissions for Gulargambone Riverwalk and AVIC signage</li> <li>• Attended meeting in Coonabarabran on 20<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	•	Submissions assessed at RTA TASAC August meeting
Information Sign- Castlereagh Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action this month</li> </ul>	•	
AVIC signage for Bourbah Street Intersection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costed signage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage ordered</li> </ul>	Awaiting RTA ruling

**Industry and Regional Partnerships**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b>	<b>DUE COMPLETION /STATUS</b>
Warrumbungle Cluster (Gilgandra, Coonamble, Narrabri and Warrumbungle Shires)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct mail-out to 20,000 from 1 August</li> <li>• Installed Bluetooth device at 4 local visitors Centres</li> <li>• Updated campaign web site</li> </ul>	•	Ongoing through 2011
Campbelltown City Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed 2011 visit and possible art display with Campbelltown for October</li> </ul>	•	Festival of Fishers Ghost October 2011
Great Inland Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended teleconference</li> </ul>	•	AGM September

PROJECT	ACTIONS	OUTCOMES	DUE COMPLETION /STATUS
Central NSW Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handed over secretariat to Bathurst Regional Council</li> <li>• Assisted other OROC councils to join Inland NSW Tourism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coonamble Shire is now a member of Inland NSW Tourism and resigned from Central NSW Tourism.</li> <li>• NOTE: All Capital country LGAs have also joined the new organisation</li> </ul>	Complete
Coonamble Streets Ahead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended meeting held 2 August</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	Next meeting September

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council adopt the report submitted by the Tourism Development Manager for the month of July 2011.**

**STEVEN BALDWIN**

Tourism Development Manager

29 July 2011

**18. REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER  
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2011**

**Recommendation:**

**That the report by the Saleyard Manager be received and dealt with.**

**18.1 SALES****CATTLE:**

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)	No. of Yards
22.07.11	Fat	734	3,743.40	14	52.64	748	3,796.04	-

<b>Totals:</b>	Scale	734 head			\$3,743.40			
	VA	14 head			\$ 52.64			
	Store	NILhead			\$ NIL			
	Yards	NILeach			\$ NIL			
	NLIS Scanning	NILhead			\$ NIL		<b>\$3,796.04</b>	

**18.2 CASUAL WEIGHING & CASUAL USE**

NIL

**18.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT**

Period to <b>31 JULY 2011</b>	Income	\$ 3,796.04
	Expenditure	\$14,071.91
	Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$10,275.87)
Balance General Fund (30/6/2011)		TBA after June Review.

**GREG ROBINSON**

Saleyards Manager

1 August 2011

**19. REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2011**

**Recommendation:**

**That the report by the Contract Ranger for the month of July 2011 be received and dealt with.**

**REPORT NOT TO HAND AT TIME OF PRINTING**

**Recommendation:**

**That the report be noted and adopted.**

**CASSANDRA BOYCE**

Contract Ranger

August 2011

**20. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2011**

**NIL**

**21. GENERAL BUSINESS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2011**

