

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

**2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

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

**3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**4.0 APOLOGY**

Nil

**5.0 DELEGATIONS**

Nil

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- Councillor Horan – Item No. 20.1 – Tenders for Waste Landfill Management. One tenderer in a relationship with family member.
- Councillor Webb – Item No. 20.2 – Proposal to sell Industrial Land. Has had previous dealings with the proponent.

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**(a) Ordinary Meeting – 13 July 2011**

**9295 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Canham that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council, held on 13 June, 2011, be confirmed.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**Item Nos. 15.1 & 15.2 from July Meeting:**

The General Manager referred to these items (Applications for assistance under the Business Assistance Fund) and advised that they should be raised in conjunction with a corresponding item in his report.

**(b) Extraordinary Meeting – 22 July 2011**

**9296 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council, held on 22 July, 2011 be confirmed.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**Councillor Involvement in Operational Matters**

The General Manager reiterated previous advice that when he spoke at the extraordinary meeting he did not single out any particular councillor.

**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**9297 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**(a) JW Jackson & Sons – Minute No. 8896**

The General Manager advised that the subdivision has now been completed, following a hold-up with work the surveyor had carried out. He said Council's Manager – Environmental Services is assisting Mr. Jackson to move to the block.

**DESTINATION 2036**

Referring back to the Ordinary Meeting Minutes of 13 July, 2011, Cr. O'Brien asked whether the Mayor and General Manager would be attending this important event in Dubbo. The General Manager said they would both attend and referred to documents received in connection with the two day conference.

**REPORT BY CR CULLEN – SALEYARDS CONFERENCE**

**9298 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that this report be included as part of the Common Report and dealt with.

Cr Cullen referred to the Saleyard Operators Association Conference held in Dubbo last week and said that it had a clear message for yards such as Coonamble. He said our yards will continue to operate if we maintain the standard, remain positive and continually promote the facility. He said we have a good relationship with agents, our fees are very competitive which will attract sellers. Cr. Cullen reported that Superannuation Funds are buying into saleyards and constructing state-of-the-art facilities which will encourage sellers and buyers. Cr Cullen recommended a continuation of Council's current policy.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Cullen for the report.

**9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Mayor said he did not have a written report, but had a couple of issues to raise:

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- He and Cr O'Brien attended the Quambone School and met with the Principal. There is community concern regarding the shop – it is still open and selling food. The Mayor asked that the Manager – Environmental Services inspect the premises. It was noted that the premises is also the Post Office Agency and is paid a remuneration for providing that service.
- Cr Schieb referred to the newly launched Rural Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – he said there have been 27 messages from the district and all have been attended to.
- The Mayor said that Education Week is being held at Quambone this week.

**9298 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the verbal report provided by the Mayor be adopted.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**9299 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

**Section A –For Council's Consideration:**

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

**9300 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council not agree to write off the interest amount of \$2,382.22 on overdue rates of the Weilwan Local Aboriginal Land Council.

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

**9301 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council note no specific request was received, although Council wrote asking that the information be supplied.

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

Asking that Council advise its intention regarding the elections in 2012 and saying the final decision will be required by 31 October 2011.

**9302 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council note a report will be tabled at the October meeting following the meeting on 15 September 2011 with Electoral Commission personnel.

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

**9303 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council endorse the reappointment of the SES Local Controller, Ms Shiralee Robinson.

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**10.5 CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

**E5-3(35361)**

**9304 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council:

- (a) advise the Catchment Management Authority 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**

**9305 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council decline the request for the convoy of vehicles to use the Showground as a stop-over point on Saturday 20 August, 2011, advising that it is considered the ground not to be a suitable venue.

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

**9306 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh 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, noting that this year's event will be held on Sunday 4 September starting at 10.00 a.m.

**10.8 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE**

**9307 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb 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 R8-8(35417)**

**9308 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and O'Brien that Coonamble Shire Council calls on the Federal Government to:

- Recognize the successful delivery of the Roads to Recovery Program to 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. 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 which were attached to the business paper.

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

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*. Pointing out the *Protected Disclosures Act 1994* has been renamed the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994* (the Act).

**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.*

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

Referring to the review of the Orange aeromedical retrieval service and saying the review found there has been no change in aeromedical activity in the Central West and that a 24 hour service was not currently needed.

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

**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. 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.

**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.

**9309 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that Council write to Mr. Baldwin, congratulating and thanking him for what he has achieved on the tourism front in this Shire, wish him and his family all the best with the move and invite him to lunch at the September meeting.

A lengthy debate on the future of the tourism role took place – the General Manager said he would be discussing all aspects of the position, plans and directions with Mr. Baldwin and take everything into account when planning the future direction.

Cr. Karanouh referred to his attendance at Country Week in Sydney and referred to the involvement of Tourism Development and Economic Development personnel with almost every Council represented.

The General Manager said he would explore new opportunities while maintaining progress made in the tourism field. He said when a decision is made Council will be informed.

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

Stating that to address 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.

Cr. Schieb asked whether Council should put its ideas forward on rural residential land – the General Manager said it would be necessary to undertake Land Use Strategy, pointing out that subdivision can take place, but housing entitlements are not permissible.

**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. Providing a very lengthy response on the Government's intentions and actions to date.

**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. 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, commenting on the presentation of the sportsground for the Polocrosse Carnival, mentioning repairs to the Quambone Hall and advising of the forthcoming functions to be held at Quambone.

**9310 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.10 – 10.25 be noted, with the exception of Item No. 10.19 which is the subject of a separate resolution.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**9311 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the General Manager's report be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**9312 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note Development Application No 009/2011, and Complying Development Certificate Application Nos. 006/2011 and 008/2011 were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

**11.2 COUNCIL HOUSING**

**9313 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council:

- (1) Note the information contained in the report;
- (2) Obtain market appraisals on the Yalcograin 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.

Councillor Karanouh requested that his name be recorded as voting against Item (3) in the foregoing resolution.

**11.3 BUSINESS INCENTIVE POLICY**

The General Manager submitted a draft policy for Council's consideration. He informed the meeting that Council could not delegate to the General Manager the authority to make a decision on providing money to applicants. Mr. Warren pointed out that each application would need to be determined by Council.

**9314 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council place the Business Incentive Scheme Policy & Guidelines on public display for 28 days, calling for submissions prior to formal adoption.

At this juncture, the Mayor informed the meeting that he received a call concerning the Abattoirs, with the proponent requesting financial assistance to bring equipment for the abattoirs to Coonamble. The proponent was of the belief that the State Government had grants available for this purpose.

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**ITEM NOS. 15.1 & 15.2 FROM JULY MEETING – APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER COUNCIL'S BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SCHEME.**

- (a) 15.1 Burgers on Bourbah**  
**9315 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Canham that Council not approve the application for financial assistance.

**A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr O'Brien **SECONDED** by Cr. Karanouh that \$2,000 be provided to Burgers on Bourbah **WAS LOST**.

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

- (b) 15.2 Gail Day's Day Care Facility**  
**9316 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that no assistance be provided as the application does not meet policy guidelines.

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

At this juncture, 10.47 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.05 a.m.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

- 9317 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the following matters be classified "urgent business" and dealt with.

**11.4 AIRPORT – ACCOMMODATION UNIT**

- 9318 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council advise the Coonamble Aero Club:

- (1) to lodge a development application for the project;
- (2) review and have approved modifications to the Club's Transport Security Program;
- (3) provide a copy of the approved document to Coonamble Shire Council;
- (4) that Council will make \$20,000 available from the development reserve for the portable accommodation unit, which will remain Council property:

**AND FURTHER** THAT Council resolve to charge a fee of \$20/day or part thereof for the use of the terminal building

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**11.5 COONAMBLE POOL**

Council noted that a request has been made by the Coonamble Swimming Club for permission to use the pool for training prior to the official opening. This matter was debated at length before a decision was reached.

**9319 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that the Coonamble Swimming Club be advised permission is granted for its members to use the pool for training as soon as works to make the water safe for swimming have been completed, that Council staff will be required to supervise the swimmers and that any excess of normal operational hours that staff are involved, Council is to be reimbursed accordingly.

Cr Canham requested that his name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

**12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**9320 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

**12.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**9321 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 July 2011 be noted.

**12.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**9322 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh 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 Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

**12.3 STORES AND MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR & STORES AND MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2011**

**9323 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb 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.

**12.4 RETURNS DISCLOSING PECUNIARY INTEREST**

The Director of Corporate Services reminded Councillors and designated persons that they are required to complete and lodge disclosure of interest returns by the end of September each year. He said these returns are to be tabled at the next meeting of Council after 30 September – a return was provided to each councillor/delegated person.

**9324 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the report be noted.

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

**9325 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien :

- (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.

**13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**9326 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**13.1 COMBARA GARBAGE TIP**

**9327 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council note information received from six residents of Combara indicating they do not require a pick-up service and Council take no further action in endeavouring to address domestic waste management at Combara.

**13.2 COONAMBLE SWIMMING POOL  
A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr O'Brien **SECONDED** by Cr Schieb that Council seek expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons to operate the Coonamble Pool, with the minimum operating hours to be as follows:

<u>Early</u>	October/November	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	7am – 9am	2pm – 6pm 2pm – 6pm
<u>Mid</u>	December/February	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	6am – 9am	1pm – 7pm 1pm – 7pm
<u>Late</u>	March	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	7am – 9am	2pm – 6pm 2pm – 6pm

**WAS LOST.**

**9328 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council continue to operate the pool with the current level of staffing and the opening hours be as follows:

<u>Early</u>	October/November	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	7am – 9am	2pm – 6pm 2pm – 6pm
<u>Mid</u>	December/February	Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	6am – 9am	1pm – 6pm 1pm – 6pm
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**GULARGAMBONE POOL**

**9329 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the hours of operation of the Gulargambone Pool be:

*Tuesday to Friday                      6.00am – 7.00am and 1.00pm.-6.00p.  
Saturday & Sunday                      12noon – 6pm*

**13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**9330 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Schieb that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

At this juncture, Council's Manager – Environmental Services was at the meeting to speak to his report.

**14.0 REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**9331 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the report by the Manager – Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**14.1 DOMESTIC ANIMAL POLICY**

**9332 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb 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.

The Manager – Environmental Services left the meeting at this time.

**15.0 REPORTS BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES/DELEGATES**

**9333 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the reports by Various Committees/Delegates, as submitted, be noted.

**15.1 MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**9334 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 August, 2011 be noted and the Traffic Committee be informed that it should make recommendations to Council, not individuals.

**16.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**9335 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Karanouh that the report by the Economic Development Manager be received and dealt with.

**(a) Eco Spa Project Management Committee**

**9336 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that Councillors Karanouh and Schieb be Council's representatives on the Eco Spa Project Management Committee.

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**(b) Country Week - Randwick**

Cr Karanouh reported that around 9000 people attended the Country Week Exp held at Randwick recently. He said the trend seems to be that people are looking to relocate out of Sydney into smaller communities and he has received emails from some people, which he has referred to our ED office.

The Mayor thanked Cr Karanouh for attending the Country Week Exp on behalf of Council.

**9337 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that the report by the Economic Development Manager be adopted.

**16.1 NOTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING OF EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE**

**9338 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Canaham and Webb that the notes from the Special Meeting of the Employment Circle held on 19 July, 2011 be noted.

**17.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**9339 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be received and adopted.

**18.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER**

**9340 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Briejn and Webb that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the month of July 2011 be noted

**19.0 REPORT BY CONTRACT RANGER**

Councillors noted that the Contract Ranger did not submit a report for the month.

**CLOSED SESSION – DEFER**

The Mayor requested that Council agree to defer Closed Session, as he had declared an interest and he had to leave the meeting to attend another meeting at 1.00 p.m. Councillors agreed to proceed with other matters at this time.

**21.0 QUESTION WITH NOTICE**

Nil

## **22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Cr Karanouh:**

- Toilet block at Showground – needs upgrading – the ‘tidy up’ of the block has not been sufficient to provide a satisfactory facility. The GM said that Council will need to look at costings and bring a report to September meeting.
- Rural Financial Counselling Service – asked whether Coonamble could apply for a ‘stand alone’ service, citing Bourke as an example. The Mayor advised that the Service is an open State tender for a 4 – 5 year contract term which still has a considerable time to run. He said it seems the areas are being made bigger, rather than smaller. When the tender is up again, Coonamble could perhaps consider options.

### **Cr Schieb:**

- Need for a detective to be based in Coonamble – Mayor advised that letters have been sent previously.
- Outreach Centre – the School is working on this – currently seeking funds.
- Parking bay at Showground – could this area be made available as a parking area for trucks – the Director Engineering Services said the matter would have to be referred to the RTA.

### **Cr O’Brien:**

- Attended Health Council meeting – been asked to put the following issues forward:
  - Rural addressing – does not correlate to Ambulance GPS – the Mayor said the rural addressing was done to the Rural Addressing Standards and when it was completed there were emergency services training sessions – he said maybe should have more training.
  - Painting of street numbers on gutters – need to have clear numbering for emergencies.
  - Locking of toilets at night – needle disposal bins are located inside – suggesting more bins be placed outside.
  - Weir toilets locked – the Mayor said these toilets are not Council’s.
- Gular Tidy Towns Assessor arrives Friday – commented that the roads and cemetery area at Gulargambone are in a good state.

### **General Manager:**

- Thanked Cr Karanouh for representing Council and the Shire at the Country Week Expo in Sydney recently.

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**20.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**9341 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with:

Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 which states:  
*"Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business"*

**9342 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**9343 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Canham that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION**

**9344 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. o'Brien and Canham that Council adopt the recommendation of Closed Session, being the Recommendations set out hereunder:

Cr. Webb had declared an interest in this matter, left the room and took no part in discussion or voting.

**20.2 OFFER ON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE BLOCKS**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council advise the prospective purchaser that:

- The block prices are Lot 20 \$69,000 plus GST of \$6,900 and Lot 28 \$46,000 plus GST of \$4,600
- Council requires 10% deposit
- Council requires settlement within 42 days
- Council requires information as to potential use of the blocks.

**AND FURTHER** Council authorises the affixing of the Common Seal on documents relevant to the transaction.

Cr. Webb returned to the meeting and took the Chair – the Mayor had declared an interest, left the meeting and did not return.

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**20.1 COONAMBLE LANDFILL & GULARGAMBONE TRANSFER STATION CONTRACT**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council award the Contract for the Operation and Management of both the Coonamble landfill site and the Gulargambone transfer station (TD11-4) to Batterline Earthmoving for \$186,732 p/a for one year commencing 1 September 2011, with the option of up to six extension periods, each of one year duration, noting that option periods are to be invoked at the sole discretion of Council.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 1.27 p.m.

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on 10 August 2011.

**MAYOR**