

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

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

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

3.0 APOLOGY

All Councillors were present at the meeting.

4.0 DELEGATIONS

No delegations were booked to address the meeting.

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

One declaration of interest was submitted :

Mr John Griffiths, General Manager

Item 20.1 in Closed Session – “Defined Benefit” Superannuation Contributions

7745 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the pecuniary interest declared by the General Manager be noted.

Cr Karanouh requested advice concerning a recent business negotiation and his obligation to update pecuniary interest information. Council noted that forms for the ensuing period would be available at the July meeting.

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

7746 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held 13 May 2009 be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(a) Telstra – Overgrown land

Cr Canham requested that a further approach be made to Telstra in connection with cleaning up the overgrown block in Aberford Street (corner Floyd Street).

(b) Temporary Extension of Caravan Park

Cr Canham referred to the temporary extension of the Caravan Park into Smith Park for visitors over the June long weekend. He said there did not appear to have been any damage caused to the area and asked about a permanent expansion of the Caravan Park. The General Manager advised that Council would have to seek permission from the Department of Lands, which would, in all probability, conduct a review and seek payment from Council. It was also noted that should any extension occur, additional amenities would be required to service the extra numbers.

On the topic of the Caravan Park, the Mayor said he noticed that the small caravan park on the approach to Gilgandra had been closed and there are still cabins on the site. Cr Horan wondered whether Councillors should make enquiries to ascertain whether the cabins could be purchased. No action was taken at this stage.

(c) Crossing from Bag-A-Bargain to National Bank

Councillors referred to this crossing and said it is again in urgent need of repair. It was noted that patching was carried out, however the problem continues to worsen. The Director of Engineering Services said he would take immediate action to remedy the situation.

(d) Investigation into Cheaper Fuel Options

Cr Schieb asked if any progress had been made with this item. He was advised that investigations are in hand and staff will be reporting on outcomes of investigations made with Narromine and Parkes, noting that Gilgandra Shire Council has not used the additive for some time. Cr Cullen suggested staff contact both Caterpillar and Cummins seeking comments regarding the use of additives and affects, if any, on warranties.

(e) Jobs Fund Grant Applications

Cr Schieb referred to this item and asked whether Council has received advice concerning its application for funding to repair the dam wall at the Warrena Creek weir. The General Manager informed the meeting that no information has been forthcoming, however this was not unusual – he did not expect to hear for at least two months from date of application.

7.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

7747 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Karanouh that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

Councillor O'Brien commended staff on reducing outstanding motions, noting that the number of items on the Resolution Book has significantly decreased.

8.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor presented his report on activities since last Council meeting and mentioned, amongst others, the following :

- Bush Poets Breakfast – thanked Cr Schieb for his involvement with our Campbelltown visitors. Cr. Schieb said it was an enjoyable event, however numbers were down about 30% on last year.
- Vibe Alive – referred to this being the second year for this event and said it has grown from 300 kids participating to over 1000. The new pavilion was put to good use, housing around 350 kids. It is hoped that Coonamble will host the event again next year. The Mayor referred to an incident which involved a staff member and which was not acceptable. The General Manager said the employee had been interviewed. Councillors agreed that an official warning should be issued.
- 2009 Shires Association Conference – more speakers, including Ministers, this year. The Mayor said it is always a worthwhile exercise attending, as it is a great way of meeting up with various Ministers and networking with other Council representatives. It was noted that the General Manager has provided a detailed report for the meeting.
- Meeting with Minister Tony Kelly – regarding grain handling proposal – brief but positive, with a good outcome expected. The Mayor thanked Councillors Canham and Cullen for their efforts in arranging this meeting at short notice.
- Coonamble Crisis Care – attended meeting – moving forward with initiative. Funding has been promised to buy the building. Letters of support are required.
- June Long Weekend – Campbelltown visitors, Cr Rudi Kolkman and Mr Mick Sewell attended. Presented a locally made saddle (valued at \$3000) to winner of one campdraft event. Mayor pointed out that further possibilities were discussed with the representatives to assist Council with staff exchanges, etc.

7748 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Campbelltown City Council thanking it for sending delegates to attend functions being held in Coonamble over the June long weekend and also for its generous sponsorship to the Campdraft Event

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- Health Services Manager – information indicates that the HSM position in Coonamble will not eventuate until the new multi purpose service is operational. This is not what was conveyed originally. The General Manager informed the meeting he has been advised that the local delegate on the Nurses' Association is currently on leave, however advice to the Nurses Association was that the HSM position would be filled within three months after representations were made by the community. It was stated that the A/Health Services Manager understands that she will be in the position until the new facility is ready.
- 7749 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Horan and Cullen that the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to put pressure on GWAHS regarding its commitment to appoint a HSM for Coonamble within the short term and that media coverage be given to yet another "let down".
- Barwon Darling Alliance – socio-economic zone trial on agenda again, with advice from the Federal Government that it will support the development in far west NSW. It was noted that the BDA has been pushing this concept for several years and previous indications were that it would not happen. Coonamble Shire has been a member of the Alliance from the very beginning and spent considerable funds during that time. The Mayor referred to Council's decision earlier in the year to withdraw from the BDA at the end of June, however with the latest information to hand, it may be prudent for Council to reverse its decision.

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION - URGENT RESCISSION MOTION

7750 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council agree to accept and deal with an urgent rescission motion at this meeting.

RESCISSION MOTION

7751 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council rescind Resolution No 7571 of 8th April, 2009 which states:

"Resolved on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council withdraw from the Barwon Darling Alliance".

7752 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council advise its intention to continue its membership of the Barwon Darling Alliance from 1 July, 2009. (This decision was unanimous).

7753 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft Association on the success of its 2009 event.

7754 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that the Mayor's Activity Report be received and adopted.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7755 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – Matters for Action by Council:

**9.1 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE NSW
H3 (30397)**

Informing Council about the Department's review of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Interim Community Consultation Requirements. Pointing out that in summary the draft Community Consultation Requirements establishes that the proponent must seek cultural information for Aboriginal people to identify:

- Known Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s);
- Places of social, spiritual and cultural value;
- Historic places with cultural significance; and
- Potential places/areas of historic, social, spiritual and/or cultural significance.

Inviting written comments/submissions should be forwarded by Tuesday 7 July 2009.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council holds no records in respect of the information sought.

7756 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council make no submission to the DECC in respect of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Interim Community Consultation Requirements.

9.2 DUBBO CITY COUNCIL S8-1 (30463)

Saying that due to the ever increasing need for councils to access accurate and consistent in depth demographic information, it will be implementing a proposal to provide a community profile. Stating an opportunity exists for Coonamble Shire Council to "piggyback" on Dubbo's project and receive a community profile for a fee of \$1,000 (plus GST), together with an annual subscription fee of \$300. Inviting Council to participate.

The General Manager advised that he has accepted the offer from Dubbo City Council as time did not exist to place before Council. Mr. Griffiths said that staff spend many hours collating this information and up to date provision will allow more timely preparation of grant applications, management planning and supporting economic development activities.

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7757 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that Council endorse the action of the General Manager in accepting the offer of Dubbo City Council to participate in the preparation of a community profile for Coonamble LGA.

9.3 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT B11 (30462)

Advising the Exposure Draft Local Government Amendment (Planning and Reporting) Bill 2009 and the Local Government (General) Amendment (Planning and Reporting) Regulation 2009 have been released for public consultation. Saying councils are invited to make submissions to the Department on the draft legislation and the guidelines and manual – closing dates have been staggered so that comments on the legislation can be considered first and are :

- Draft Bill & Regulation **5pm Friday 12 June 2009**
- Draft Guidelines & Manual **5pm Friday 3 July 2009.**

The General Manager advised that Council's accounting staff have been attending workshops/forums in respect of the new requirements and whilst onerous, have not identified issues worthy of submission.

7758 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note the impending onerous provisions and not make submission on the draft Bill, Regulation, Guidelines and Manual for the new legislation in respect of Planning and Reporting.

9.4 AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L9 (30525)

Inviting the Mayor to the second meeting of the ACLG at Parliament House on 25 June 2009 commencing 8.30 am and concluding at 1.00 pm – saying that the meeting will be preceded by a welcome dinner on the evening of 24 June at 6.00pm. Saying the meeting will conclude with a further plenary session where the key ideas and issues raised in the breakout sessions will be summarized. Asking that RSVPs be supplied by 5 p.m. on 10 June 2009.

The General Manager commented that there would appear to be little to be gained from attendance, as there are potentially over 600 mayors from across Australia invited.

7759 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council decline the invitation for the Mayor to attend the second meeting of the ACLG at Parliament House on 25 June, 2009.

**9.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW S6-5
(30456)**

Writing in conjunction with the NSW Public Sector Industry Training Advisory Body and enclosing a DVD (which is also available on www.lgsa.org.au and www.psitab.com.au) which highlights the benefits of employing school-based trainees and apprentices in councils. Saying that should Council be interested in employing school based trainees or apprentices in 2010 local coordinators within the region would be able to assist.

The Director of Corporate Services informed the meeting that he has had discussions with an organization in Dubbo and it may be possible to provide work to students who want a career in IT and/or general office duties. Mr Warren said that no firm commitment has been made and further investigation will be necessary, but the possibility of participating is being entertained.

7760 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council participate in the NSW Public Sector Industry Training Advisory Body and the LGSA's employment of school-based trainees and apprentices program.

9.6 NSW DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES C8-6 (30508)

Advising that the department has approved funding for services auspiced by Council for the 2009/2010 financial year and enclosing two copies of the Service Agreement to be executed under Seal.

Council noted that the Service Agreement refers to Coonamble Vacation Care.

7761 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to the Service Agreement between the Department of Community Services and Council as auspicing body for the Coonamble Vacation Care.

**9.7 QUAMBONE BUSINESS AND TOURISM SERVICES INC D5-17
(30428)**

Advising of two small construction projects the group is endeavouring to complete on land owned by Council within the park/rest area opposite the local store. Saying the first is a photo shoot board and the second project will be tables and chairs on a concrete base. Advising the group has sourced most of the funding and would like to proceed with the projects under council guidance and asking for advice as to what is required in the way of applications.

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The General Manager informed Council that he has replied to QBATS informing the group that the request has been referred to this meeting for approval in principle and saying that in the meantime a development application should be lodged with relevant information. Mr. Griffiths said the he group has also been advised that the appropriate fee will apply.

7762 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council agree in principle to QBATS Inc constructing photo shoot board and tables/chairs on the Council owned land opposite the local store.

9.8 CEO RIVERSMART AUSTRALIA T3-10 (30521)

Apologising for using the *Mountains to the Marshes* tag line without consulting Coonamble Shire Council. Advising RiverSmart will immediately discontinue using it to promote its initiative in the Central West Region. Advising he was unaware that Coonamble Shire had been using this tag line for more than a decade and they used it as the title of a proposal submitted to the recent funding round of the Federal *Caring for our Country* Program, however if the project is funded they will ask that the title be changed.

The General Manager advised Council that this apology resulted from his representations on the use of the tag line *From the Mountains to the Marshes* which has been utilized by this Council since about 1995.

7763 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council endorse the action of the General Manager in requesting that the tag line *From the Mountains to the Marshes* be dropped as a title for the project developed in association with the Central West Central Management Authority on the Macquarie River.

9.9 NSW DEPARTMENT OF WATER & ENERGY W1-13 (30558)

Replying to Council's letter requesting confirmation of issues discussed with Council's Cadet Engineer and Infinity's Environmental Officer on the proposed water treatment plant for Coonamble water supply. Pointing out that a water treatment plan involves a large financial commitment in capital, operation, maintenance and renewal and to be cost effective the service life needs to be at least 40 years. Stating that IPART has indicated an average asset life of 100 years for civil components and 40 years for mechanical components. Providing clarifications on the issues listed in Council's letter.

This matter was debated at length and Council was advised by the Director of Engineering Services that Infinity believes it can answer all the queries raised by the Department regarding the proposed treatment plant.

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Mr. Gamage said that the Department has guidelines for drinking water and treatment plants must provide 100% quality water in accordance with those guidelines. He said the Department is not interested unless this is achieved. The Director informed the meeting that Infinity is keen to work with Council to get the plant up and running.

Cr Karanouh said that Council wants value for money and suggested that further studies be carried out. Cr. Cullen asked the Director of Engineering Services if the Department realizes Council's intent, i.e. to get the rust out of the water. Mr. Gamage said it does know what Council's wants to achieve, however in the Department's view that it not sufficient. The General Manager said that because the system is basically not used for water treatment purposes at this stage, the Department does not want to approve it.

7764 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council note the information provided by the DWE and request the Director of Engineering Services to arrange a meeting with Infinity to develop a response to the Department **AND FURTHER** provide a report back to Council, incorporating issues such as life expectancy and a history of Council's decision to adopt a cheaper option of treatment plant to rid the water of rust.

At this juncture, 10.28am, the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.50 am.

9.11 BAWRUNGA MEDICAL SERVICE M5-3 + PR2767 (30566)

Noting Council's advice that the premises at 22 Yalcogrin Street Gulargambone will be sold at the first opportunity and pointing out that the premises was established to house a doctor for Bawrunga's medical service in Gulargambone. Saying loss of the premises would mean that Bawrunga could not successfully proceed with recruitment, as part of the employment package includes housing.

Offering the following options to address the situation:

1. Bawrunga enter into a leasing arrangement with Council, at reasonable rent, to take over responsibility for maintenance and repairs to the premises.
2. Advising Bawrunga would be happy to explore the possibility of purchasing the building.

A full copy of Bawrunga Medical Service's letter was made available to Councillors at the meeting.

7765 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council:
(1) Note the contents of the letter from Bawrunga Medical Service in relation to the future of premises at 22 Yalcogrin Street, Gulargambone.

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- (2) Advise Bawrunga Medical Service that the house is on the open market for sale and if the Service is interested in purchasing the residence it has the opportunity to do so.
- (3) Authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to negotiate a price with prospective purchasers.

**9.10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW D5-22
(30559)**

Referring to the new Joint Regional Planning Panels (JRPPs) that are to commence operation on 1 July 2009 – nominations are currently due by Friday 5 June. Advising that at a recent LGA Executive meeting and recent Shires Association Executive meeting the Executives resolved to urge member councils:

- Not to nominate representatives to the Joint Regional Planning Panels until such time as guidelines and codes of conduct are made available to councils and issues relating to conflicts of interest have been resolved; and
- To seek an extension of time for council nominations and the commencement date of JRPPs.

Requesting that Council give urgent consideration to the Executives' resolutions in this matter.

7766 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that Council not nominate members to become members of the new Joint Regional Planning Panels at this stage and seek an extension of time for council nominations and the commencement date of JRPPs as recommended by the LGSA.

Section B: For Information Only

**9.12 CENTRAL WEST CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY E5-3
(30485)**

Agreeing to Council using funding already awarded through the salinity and Water Quality Alliance to undertake constructed wetland works. Saying it is understood these works will be part of a larger project that aims to rebuild a spillway above the proposed wetlands on Warrena Creek with assistance from the Jobs Fund Program. Wishing Council success with its application for funding from the Jobs Fund Program.

9.13 NSW DEPARTMENT OF SPORT & RECREATION G5-14 (30469)

Referring to Council's application under the 2008/2009 Capital Assistance Program for provision of thermal pool blankets at Gulargambone Pool. Advising that the project was unsuccessful, pointing out of the 895 eligible applications received, 319 were successful.

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9.14 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING B11 (30471)

Providing an update on the Department's new organizational structure and executive team. Advising the restructure will assist the Department to work with local councils to focus on mutual priorities in planning, strengthen service delivery and assist sustainable employment growth across NSW.

9.15 OFFICE OF THE NSW VALUER GENERAL R4-1 (30477)

Advising they are currently in the process of scheduling the General Valuation as at 1 July 2009 and that the 1 July 2009 land values will be issued to councils in November/December 2009. Further advising that Coonamble Shire Council is scheduled for inclusion in the 2009 General Valuation.

9.16 AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD R2 (30460)

Stating that on 6 May 2009 ARTC released the results of the first stage of the Melbourne-Brisbane Inland rail Alignment Study. Advising the first stage of the study was focused on preliminary evaluations of likely demand, capital costs and operating costs to determine a route for further detailed analysis. Saying the finding of the study is that the railway should follow existing rail lines from Melbourne via Albury to Cootamundra, Parkes, Narromine, Dubbo, Werris Creek and Moree to North Star near Goondiwindi; with new construction from North Star to Brisbane via Toowoomba. Advising that Stage 2 results are expected in the third quarter of 2009 and the final stage, to be completed by the end of the year, will include development of the preferred alignment, further financial and economic analysis and identification of delivery strategies.

9.17 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT G5-40 (30461)

Referring to Council's application for the Coonamble Equine & Events Stadium project for funding under the Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Projects and advising that it has been unsuccessful. Thanking Council for its effort in making a submission.

9.18 QUAMBONE RESOURCES COMMITTEE P1 (30405)

Passing on appreciation for the ground maintenance carried out prior to the Western Districts Coaching School at Quambone Sportsground on 18 & 19 April. Saying there were 55 riders from a vast area including Bathurst, Coolah, Dunedoo, Mendooran, Dubbo, Narromine, Warren, Coonamble and Quambone, making it a very successful weekend.

9.19 GULARGAMBONE BRANCH LIBRARY L4-5

Forwarding an update on activities at the Gulargambone Branch Library

**9.20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW D5-22
(30520)**

Advising that the State Government is proposing to commence the operation of new Joint Regional Planning Panels (JRPPs) from 1 July 2009. Stating the Associations strongly oppose these planning panels and believe that the establishment of JRPPs needs to be reconsidered. Stating that councils should be mindful of the Local Government Code of conduct provisions and the potential for conflicts of interest (in the case of councillor and staff appointments) as well as the changed role of councillors in the development control process.

**9.21 A/DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
I5 (30522)**

Advising that the Department is releasing the draft investment policy guidelines for consultation which have been developed to provide assistance to councils with the preparation of an investment policy and the prudent and appropriate management of council's surplus funds. Advising that draft guidelines have now been completed and are located on the 'Publications' page of the Department's website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au

Council noted that copies of this circular have been made available to Council's Finance Department.

9.22 SPENCER STEER A12 (30531)

Forwarding audit management letter following conduct of the interim audit in respect to year ending 30 June 2009. Thanking Council staff for the hospitality and courtesies extended during the visit.'

A copy of this letter is attached to the Business Paper.

The Director of Corporate Services gave an explanation of issues raised in the Auditor's letter. The General Manager informed the meeting that matters raised for attention by the auditors are of a minor nature and recommendations suggested will be followed in the future. Mr Griffiths said that a letter responding to the Auditors comments and recommendations will be forwarded shortly.

**9.23 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT – CRIME PREVENTION
SECTION G5-36 (30544)**

Acknowledging Council's completion of the *Expansion of the CCTV Network* Activity funded under the National Community Crime Prevention Program. Saying that during the course of the project Council has made a positive contribution to the Coonamble community, which includes increased public safety and an effective deterrent to ongoing malicious damage, vandalism, etc.

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9.24 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION I2 (30547)

Advising that ICAC is currently conducting a major project examining corruption risks within procurement and as part of the project a broad process of consultation with NSW public sector organizations has been undertaken. Enclosing a survey as part of the consultative process and requesting Council's response.

Council noted that this survey was completed by the Director of Corporate Services and has been returned to ICAC.

7767 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Canham that the information contained in Item Nos. 9.12 to 9.24 inclusive, be noted.

9.25 PETER GRAY A13 (30564)

Advising that he will not be available to work as Australia Day Coordinator for the 2010 Australia Day Celebrations. Saying he has enjoyed the opportunity to work with Council and its staff over the past three years.

7768 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Canham that Council write, thanking Mr. Gray for his commitment and diligence in the performance of duties as Council's Australia Day Coordinator.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

7769 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the following items be classified "urgent business" and dealt with:

9.26 LGSA CIRCULAR 22/09 (5/6/09)

Item 17 of the Circular deals with the NSW Road Classification Review's final report and advises that the NSW Minister for Roads, together with the RTA, has released the final report of the Review. Stating that the classification of roads as State and Regional on the basis of road importance is a key factor in determining the planning, management and funding of roads. Stating that in 2004 the RTA, with the assistance of an Independent Panel, commenced the latest road classification review.

7770 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that Council note Coonamble LGA is not affected by the Review.

9.27 LGSA CIRCULAR 20/09 (22/5/2009)

Advising that determination was made on 30 April 2008 pursuant to s.241 of the Local Government Act 1993 regarding the annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to councillors and mayors, effective on and from 1 July 2009:

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<i>Category</i>	<i>Councillor/Member Annual Fee</i>		<i>Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*</i>	
	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
4	\$6,870	\$9,060	\$7,300	\$19,790

The General Manager informed the meeting that Coonamble Shire Council is a Category 4 Council. Mr. Griffiths said last year Council resolved to increase fees by 2.5% and based on that percentage increase, the fees payable for 2009 would be:

Mayor/Chairperson (additional fee)	\$12,732
Councillor/Member (Annual Fee)	\$ 7,752

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Canham **SECONDED** by Cullen that the 2008 fees be increased by 2.5% and, effective from 1 July 2009, the following fees apply:

Mayor (Additional Amount)	\$12,732
Councillor/Member (Annual Fee)	\$ 7,752.

AN AMENDMENT

7771 PROPOSED by Cr. Schieb **SECONDED** by Cr. O'Brien that Council not increase fees for 2009.

On being put to the vote, the **AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED** and on becoming the motion **WAS CARRIED**.

9.28 NETWASTE PROJECTS COORDINATOR G1-5 (30542)

Advising it is in the final stages of finalising the Contract Agreements between participating Councils and Transpacific Industries for collection of used oil. Enclosing two copies of the Formal Instrument of Agreement to be signed on behalf of Council. Stating the Contract and associated information will be forwarded in the near future.

The Director of Engineering Services advised that the Formal Instrument of Agreement will not be signed until copies of the "annexed documents" mentioned in the Agreement are provided to Council. Mr Gamage informed the meeting that he advised Netwaste accordingly. Council noted that it resolved in February 2009 for the General Manager to negotiate a contract for the collection of used oil with Transpacific Industries.

7772 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council endorse the action of the Director of Engineering Services in seeking copies of documents referred to in the Formal Instrument of Agreement between Transpacific Industries Pty Ltd (T/A Nationwide Oil Pty Ltd) prior to signing and returning the Agreement.

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9.29 LAING O'ROURKE B11 (30576)

Advising that on Friday 17 April the Premier announced Laing O'Rourke as one of the successful Managing Contractor providers for NSW largest ever school building program. Stating that they will be Managing Contractor for the Riverina and Western NSW regions which cover more than half the State. Looking forward to working with Council staff as they assist the Government in delivering its objectives through this unique capital works program.

7773 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council note it will not have the opportunity to review development proposals under the School Building Program.

9.30 SAM DENT PLUMBING W1 (30573)

Putting a business proposal to Council for the management of all water and sewerage works within the Coonamble Shire. Advising the proposal is to take over and manage all Council's water and sewerage works, including Gulargambone and Quambone, with all current employees within the Water/Sewer gang being offered positions with their organisation. Stating they are confident they can save Council money under the proposed business proposal.

The General Manager advised he is aware of several similar schemes having been unsuccessfully attempted within NSW. Mr Griffiths said the largest problem is the loss of control and timeliness associated with urgent maintenance works, with costs not reducing as a result of the contracting out of the functions.

Mr. Griffiths said that should Council wish to proceed this matter, it is required to undertake "in depth" consultation with staff and the United Services Union prior to entering into any discussions on such a proposal. The General Manager also said that should Council see any merit in such an arrangement, it would necessitate a detailed report from the Engineering staff in addition to the consultation referred to above.

7774 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanouh that Council thank Mr. Dent for his submission and decline the offer.

9.31 CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL N7 (30580)

Forwarding business paper for the ordinary meeting of the Council to be held in Coonabarabran on Wednesday 17 June, 2009.

The General Manager said that Councillors Schieb and Webb are Council's delegates on the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council.

Cr Schieb said that there does not seem to be any plan of action to achieve and asked Council whether there were any issues it wished the delegates to raise. The General Manager pointed out that Council has an agreement with the Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council for the control of noxious weeds within this Shire. He said Council pays a contribution of around \$81,000, however the County Council carries out roadside spraying and control of weeds on crown lands.

Councillor Cullen mentioned that there is a problem with boxthorn in some areas of the Shire and this should be addressed. He said he was aware of the problem on properties as well as reserves and this should be taken up with the County Council.

7775 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that Council invite the General Manager of the CMCC to Council's meeting on 8 July, 2009 to discuss the management plan for next year, as well as provide an update of activities within this LGA and that a copy of meeting minutes be forwarded to Council as soon as possible after each meeting.

10.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

7776 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the report submitted by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

10.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

7777 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Canham that Council note Development Application Nos. 015/2009 & 016/2009, together with Complying Development Application Nos. 014/2009, 017/2009 & 018/2009 have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

10.2 DONATIONS POLICY

The General Manager reported that policies from a number of other councils have been examined for guidance on industry standards in the preparation of this draft policy. Mr Griffiths said that because donations are requested immediately prior to an event/function it is very difficult for Council to plan.

Mr Griffiths pointed out that Council is permitted under s356 of the Local Government Act to provide assistance to others subject to any assistance to profit making enterprises or individuals is published for twenty eight days prior to any benefit being granted.

Council discussed this matter at length so as not to disadvantage small organizations from seeking financial assistance from Council. Councillors acknowledged the difficulty management has with requests for assistance being received throughout the year, often just prior to the event/function for which it is sought.

7778 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Continue its "ad hoc" approach to requests for donations up to \$1,000, requiring only a letter of request from the organization.
- (2) Change the name of the draft policy to "*Policy for Financial Assistance for Events/ Functions*".
- (3) Amend the draft document to show that financial assistance over \$1,000 will be considered under the policy when adopted.
- (4) Place the draft policy, as amended, on public exhibition for a period of twenty eight days with submissions being considered in conjunction prior to the formal adoption of the policy at the August meeting.

10.3 OPERATION OF COONAMBLE POOL

The General Manager informed Council that a review of the operation of the Coonamble Pool with employees, as instructed at last meeting, was undertaken on 27 May 2009.

Mr. Griffiths presented a detailed report on the outcome of the meeting which, he said, dealt with issues raised during various council meeting discussions concerning the Pool. The General Manager said the following issues were clarified:

- a reduction of around 30% in chlorine use - this has achieved a significant reduction in chemical costs;
- difficulties with the blankets associated with the solar heating due to insufficient anchorage of rollers - however they have also resulted in significant savings in the area of chemicals (up to 5 times less being required so far this winter);
- weekly attendance has become two days every second month during winter to maintain the water quality.

The General Manager referred to the suggestion of the pool hours running from 6.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. and from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. He said the result of this seemed to be that social swimmers would be disadvantaged during the 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. time zone.

The General Manager said that during discussions with pool staff the question was posed to having equivalent time off during the 'off season' and it met with a very firm negative response with the use of casual staff and/or volunteers not being warmly received. Mr. Griffiths informed the meeting that following these discussions, he considers the pool complex currently is operated in accordance with legislative provisions, with a recent review revealing some additional documentation being desirable to mitigate adverse comments should an incident occur.

Councillor Canham congratulated the General Manager on the preparation of this report.

7779 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council note the contents of the report and convey its appreciation to the operational staff for being objective and cooperative during the conduct of the review.

7780 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that in conjunction with the 2010/2011 Management Plan Council consider some attraction at the pool, e.g. waterslide, mushroom, etc. which may encourage additional patronage of the facility.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

7781 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the following matters be classified "urgent business" and dealt with.

10.4 COONAMBLE SHOWGROUND – ILLEGAL USE OF POWER

The General Manager reported that he has investigated the illegal use of Council power by a local business when providing canteen facilities for the local Junior Soccer Club in accordance with instructions from the May meeting.

Mr. Griffiths said it would appear the Coonamble Junior Soccer Club approached the local business to provide the service and he is reliably informed that the Club receives \$200 annually for the opportunity to provide the service, with any further profits being retained by the business. The General Manager stated that the electrical equipment utilized in the van equates to approximately six kW and cycles for around 50% of the usage time. Based on an energy charge of 18.7 cents per kWh would equate to \$1.12 per day or \$16.80 per season.

7782 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Canham that Council take no further action in respect of the illegal use of Council power by a private business in rendering canteen facility services to the Coonamble Junior Soccer Club.

10.5 LAND USE STRATEGY – PUBLIC EXHIBITION

The General Manager informed Council that the Land Use Strategy is now on public exhibition incorporating the changes requested by Council and submissions are being sought from the community on the potential changes to the current planning system under the Coonamble LEP – 1997.

Mr. Griffiths stated that he has been requested to complete a re-prioritisation survey on the whole issue of whether a Standard LEP should be prepared or delayed for a number of years to allow the Department of Planning to deal with the current influx. The General Manager said the current project has now been running for a period in excess of three years and, whilst funded by grants, it has been time consuming particularly in the absence of Town Planning staff. He said to curtail the activity at this point in time would be counter productive and lose the continuity which is potentially available by utilizing the same consultants to complete the Standard LEP document, along with the inclusion of Development Control Plans and Developer Contribution Plan.

Councillors were informed that the Land Use Strategy will be on public exhibition from 1 June 2009 to 3 July 2009, with public information sessions being held in McCullough Hall from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 22 June, 2009. Mr. Griffiths said that landowners directly affected by proposed changes will be individually notified by mail.

The General Manager said that current legislation provides for the completion of a Standard LEP by 2011, a target which is certainly achievable for Coonamble provided Departmental delays do not hinder the process. He said that the current Land Use Planning Study is being funded on a Sub Regional basis across five Council areas by grant funds provided by the Department of Planning.

Council noted that application has been made for further grant funds to complete the Standard LEP, Development Control Plans, Mapping and Developer Contributions Plan. Mr. Griffiths said it is thought that the latter funding may not become available forcing Council to either fund the other 50% (\$34,000) or delay the process.

7783 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council:

- (1) note the date and times of the public information sessions for Coonamble Shire and the importance of attendance by elected members;
- (2) vehemently object to any delay in the completion of the Standard LEP and push for inclusion in areas to move forward.

10.6 SHIRES ASSOCIATION 2009 CONFERENCE

The General Manager reported that in company with the Mayor, Councillors Webb and O'Brien, he attended the annual Shires Conference which was held from 1 to 3 June in Sydney. He provided Council with an insight into issues that may impact on it in the future and sought the Council's views on particular matters.

Mr. Griffiths said the Conference was opened by the Premier of NSW, The Hon Nathan Rees, MP, with the following other speakers:

- Shires Association President – Bruce Miller
- Minister for Local Government - The Hon Barbara Perry
- Commissioner of ICAC – Hon Jerrold Cripps
- Minister for Water, Rural Affairs & Regional Development – The Hon Phillip Costa MP
- General Managers' Session – Planning for Infrastructure – Ross Woodward – A/Director General, Department of Local Government
- General Managers' Session – Code of Conduct – Maddocks Lawyers
- Minister for Planning – The Hon Kristina Keneally MP
- Minister for Roads – The Hon Michael Daley MP
- Minister for Youth, Juvenile Justice and Volunteering – The Hon Graham West MP
- Leader of the Opposition – Mr Barry O'Farrell MP
- Peter Lambert – Local Government Superannuation Scheme.
- Allan Smith / Rod Geer – StateCover Mutual.
- Ray Stubbs – RAMROC.
- Betty Green – Flood Plain Mitigation Authority.
- Geoff Lake – President Australian Local Government Association.

7784 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Horan that Council receive the information contained in this report.

11.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

7785 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and O'Brien that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

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11.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

7786 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 May 2009 be noted.

11.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

7787 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Canham that that the Investments held at 31 May 2009 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.

11.3 LOAN PROPOSAL – FUNDING TIMBER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Director of Corporate Services reported that Council had previously resolved to fund the shortfall \$1,600,000 for the replacement of nine timber bridges through loan funding. Mr. Warren stated that it has generally been accepted by Council that this would be by way of an internal loan from Coonamble Sewer Fund to General Fund.

Mr Warren informed the meeting that Council received Ministerial approval under section 410(3) to raise a loan from Sewer Fund to General Fund. The Director of Corporate Services said it is proposed that the internal loan be in the amount of \$1,600,000 from Coonamble Sewer Fund to General Fund, the proposed term be seven (7) years, with equal repayments of \$140,437.99, inclusive of interest and principal, made twice a year. He said that the current maximum allowable rate is 5.75% per annum and the loan be drawn down on 30 June 2009 with repayments made on 30 December and 30 June of each year for a period of seven (7) years.

7788 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council:

- (1) Fund \$1,600,000 required for the timber bridge program by way of internal loan from Coonamble Sewer Fund to General Fund;
- (2) Resolve that the draw down date of the loan be 30 June, 2009;
- (3) Resolve that the loan term be seven (7) years with equal repayments of \$140,437.99 being made on 30 December and 30 June of each year;
- (4) Resolve that the interest rate be 5.75%, the maximum allowed by the Minister's Borrowing Order of 27 September, 1993 and published by NSW Treasury Corporation on 29 April 2009

At this juncture, 12.26 p.m. Councillor Cullen left the meeting.

12.0 REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

7789 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Canham that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 WORKS PROGRAM UPDATE

The Director of Engineering Services provided Council with a progress report on activities during the period since last meeting. Mr. Gamage gave a brief overview of the following functions:

- Roads;
- RMCC new procedures;
- Warrena Ck weir;
- Flood levee;
- Bridges;
- Water treatment plant;
- Fluoridation plants;
- Parks and gardens;
- Buildings;
- Asset management training and
- Quarry production.

7790 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the report submitted by the Director of Engineering Services be noted.

At this juncture, 12.45 p.m., Cr Cullen returned to the meeting.

12.2 PURCHASE OF E80 FLIP SCREEN

The Director of Engineering Services reported that the plasticity index (clay content) of the road base material produced by the Crusher is higher on the road than at the Crusher. Mr Gamage said that this is causing serious problems with the road quality produced by the Engineering Services Department, particularly in regard to RTA contracts.

Mr. Gamage informed the meeting this problems was due to hidden clay nuggets found in the loam purchased from the loam pit and removal of these clay nuggets was necessary as a matter of urgency for the continuation of production of the road base material.

In order to remedy the situation and solve the problem with road base being used by Council, he recently purchased a new E80 Flip Screen (excavator bucket attached to 20mm screen) for the use at the loam pit. Mr. Gamage said the cost of the unit was \$39,900.

7791 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council endorse the action of the Director of Engineering Services in purchasing a E80 flip screen for use in producing Council's road base material and agree that the amount of \$39,900 be allocated from the Quarry Reserve.

12.3 FORMALISING PARK NAMES

The Director of Engineering Services reported that it has recently come to the attention of staff that most parks in the Shire have never had the names gazetted. Mr. Gamage pointed out that obligations under Section 54A of the Local Government Act would be met if Council was to formally identify the land by way of gazettal.

Mr. Gamage said he understands that other Councils have experienced difficulties with issued infringements not being upheld in Court due to identification of the subject land not being formalised and that notification in the Government Gazette would resolve this issue.

Council noted that the following parks and recreation areas within the Shire have not been formally identified:

- Gulargambone Sportsground
- Bill Delaney Park
- Macdonald Park
- Lions Park
- Broome Park
- Coonamble Sportsground
- Warrena Creek Weir Recreational Area
- Smith Park
- Rotary Park
- Smith Street Park

Councillors noted that most of the above parks have been known locally by their names for many years, however Rotary Park (bounded by Mendooran, Namoi and Macquarie Streets) is also known as Scout Hall Park, Scout Park and Laings Park.

The Director of Engineering reported that the area known as Smith Street Park is not owned by Council and will need Department of Housing agreement prior to gazettal of that name.

7792 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Karanouh that Council:

- (1) advertise its intention to gazette the name *Rotary Park* for the area bounded by Mendooran, Namoi and Macquarie Streets for a period of twenty eight days, inviting comments from the public;
- (2) seek agreement of Department of Housing in relation to the Smith Street Park being formally identified as *Smith Street Park*
- (3) proceed with formal gazettal of all parks and recreation areas within the Shire.

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13.0 ADOPTION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN

7793 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the Management Plan for 2009 – 2012 be adopted.

13.1 MANAGEMENT PLAN

The General Manager informed the meeting that no submissions were received from the public in response to the exhibition of Council's draft management plan for 2009 – 2012.

7794 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that in accordance with S406 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the management plan and revenue policy, noting that no submissions were received and that in compliance with S405 the management plan was advertised and exhibited for the prescribed period of 28 days, with advertisements being placed in the Coonamble Times on 15 April, 2009, 22 April, 2009 and 29 April, 2009.

13.2 ADOPTION OF LEVY OF RATES

7795 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council adopt the levy of rates and charges as follows:

(a) Ordinary Rates

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2009 to 30/6/2010 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 15 April, 22 April and 29 April 2009 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Ordinary Rates and that in accordance with S492, S493 and S529 of the Local Government Act 1993 the following ordinary rates be levied on all rateable land within the Shire for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010:

Type of Rate	Cents in \$	Minimum (S548)
Ordinary	2.794	310.00
Farmland	0.66891	279.00
Small Rural Holdings	0.9451	340.00
Rural Residential	1.6	310.00
Business	3.86	392.00

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(b) User Charges - Water and Sewerage

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2009 to 30/6/2010 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 15 April, 22 April and 29 April, 2009 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the User Charges and that in accordance with S501 and S502 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy on such land on which water and sewerage is connected or able to be connected in accordance with S552 as follows:

(a) Water:

Town/Village	Access Charge (\$)	Usage Charge 1 st Tier (c/kl)	2 nd Tier Pricing Limit (kl)	Usage Charge 2 nd Tier (c/kl)
Coonamble	75.00	40	370	61
Gulargambone	121.00	54	430	81
Quambone	125.00	56	430	84

Item	Coonamble (\$)	Gulargambone (\$)	Quambone (\$)
Access charge (20mm meter)	75.00	121.00	125.00
Access charge (25mm meter)	117.00	189.00	195.00
Access charge (40mm meter)	299.00	484.00	499.00
Access charge (50mm meter)	469.00	756.00	781.00
Access charge (75mm meter)	1,053.00	1,695.00	1,750.00

(b) Sewer:

Council has adopted a user charge applicable to residential and commercial use – there is no land value based charge.

(i) Residential:

Town/Village	Annual Domestic Charge
Coonamble	\$337.00
Gulargambone	\$448.00
Coonamble - Flats	\$278.00
Gulargambone – Flats	\$371.00

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(ii) Non-Residential:

The sewer charge for non-residential services is at minimum charge of:

Coonamble	\$337.00 and
Gulargambone	\$448.00

Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. Further information is contained in Council's Water and Sewer Management Plan.

(c) Domestic Waste Management Service (Garbage)

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2009 to 30/6/2010 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 15 April, 22 April and 29 April 2009 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Domestic Waste Management (Garbage) Rates and that in accordance with s496 and s501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy a charge for the year 1 July, 2009 to 30 June, 2010 as follows:

Coonamble	\$263.00
Gulargambone	\$343.00
Quambone	\$297.00
Vacant	\$ 44.00

(i) Commercial Waste Management Charge:

Coonamble	\$263/service
Gulargambone	\$343/service
Quambone	\$297/service

(d) Interest on Outstanding Rates and Charges

In accordance with section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, interest on outstanding rates and charges is set at 9% per annum for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June, 2010.

(e) Fees and Charges

WHEREAS the draft Management Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2009 to 30/6/2010 was prepared by Council in accordance with S402 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 15 April, 22 April and 29 April 2009 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the fees and charges and in accordance with S501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the fees and charges for period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 **AND FURTHER** that Council, in setting these charges, examined the criteria detailed in S539.

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13.3. ADOPTION OF 2009/2010 ESTIMATES

7796 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council hereby votes for expenditure for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 the sums set out in the draft estimates considered by Council on 8 April 2009 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 15 April, 22 April and 29 April 2009, details of which are as follows:

Details	Expenditure	Income
Administration	6,562,687	8,908,969
Public Order & Safety	601,230	320,812
Health	258,570	14,557
Community Services & Education	84,038	51,500
Housing & Community Amenities	1,132,800	717,136
Water Supplies	726,743	2,076,514
Sewerage Services	754,228	753,525
Recreation & Culture	1,098,608	69,900
Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	1,231,240	1,251,400
Transport & Communication	6,577,777	5,255,986
Economic Services	682,534	389,740
Capital - General	3,086,218	1,655,000
Capital – Water	1,599,659	-
Capital – Sewerage	355,353	190,392
TOTAL	24,751,685,	21,655,432

14.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

7797 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that the reports from various Committees be received and dealt with.

14.1 MINUTES OF COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE MEETING

Cr. Schieb referred to an item in the Streets Ahead Minutes concerning a \$5,000 allocation in Council budget – he said that this information only recently came to hand from the previous secretary.

The Director of Corporate Services said he was of the opinion that this was an allocation made by Council some time ago and he would check the matter and report back to the July meeting.

7798 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that the minutes of the Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee meeting held on 21 May, 2009 be noted and the \$5000 allocation for seating and artwork be clarified.

14.2 MINUTES OF AFTER SCHOOL CARE (VACATION CARE) MEETING

7799 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the minutes of the After School Care (Vacation Care) meeting held on 23 April, 2009 be noted.

14.3 MINUTES OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

7800 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that the minutes of the Consultative Committee meeting held on 2 June, 2009 be received and dealt with, noting that Item (d) is an operational matter.

At this juncture, 12.57 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.00 p.m at which time the Economic Development Managers were in attendance.

15.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The EDM clarified items submitted in the report, including the following topics:

- Auction at Walgett 21/7/09 – purchase of water. 24 lots of 50mL will be auctioned. Mayor asked should Council buy water for long term use, i.e. other industries within the Shire, etc. Council requested that clarification regarding annual fees and/or conditions be available for the July meeting. The General Manager was of the opinion that Council should not become involved in “water trading/selling”. The Mayor asked when there would be another auction – he was advised that it would be at the Minister’s discretion, pointing out that it has taken 12 months to get this small amount released.

7801 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that Council monitor this situation closely and wait on the report to the meeting on 8 July, 2009, noting that the auction will be held on 21 July.

- Business Auction Group – the General Manager asked whether it is worthwhile for Council to continue. The EDM said that the Group was thinking of changing to become a Chamber of Commerce. It was stated that the Group does not have continuity of support because the feeling is that it is too closely aligned with Council. The General Manager said organizing meetings, etc. takes staff time with no positive outcomes and Council should put the Group on notice that it should become independent.

7802 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that the Economic Development Managers arrange a meeting with the Coonamble Business Action Group regarding its future and Council’s intention to “step back”.

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7803 RESOLVED the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that the report by the Economic Development Manager be adopted.

At this stage, the EDMs left the meeting.

The General Manager, Mr. Griffiths, had declared a pecuniary interest in Item 20.1 and left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

7804 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with Section 10A (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 *“personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors), Section 10A 2 (d) (i) “prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it” and Section 10A (2) (b) “the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer”.*

7805 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

7806 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

7807 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 19.1, 20.1, 20.2 and 20.3 as follows:

20.1 INCREASE EMPLOYER SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTION – DEFINED BENEFIT EMPLOYEES

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council agree to fund the additional defined benefit superannuation contribution for the current and future employees employed under the Department of Local Government Standard Contract.

The General Manager returned to the meeting.

20.2 OCCUPATION OF LAND IN RAILWAY STREET – PART LOT 4, DP812409

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

- (1) endorse the action of the Director of Corporate Services in seeking advice from Council’s solicitor;
- (2) endorse the action of the Director of Corporate Services in instructing Waterford Ryan to register the Transfer and provide appropriate information to ARTC.

20.3 SALE OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES – 13/6/2009

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the General Manager and Director of corporate Services set an adequate reserve on some blocks in Coonamble being auctioned on 13 June 2009 for overdue rates.

At this juncture, Mr. Warren left the meeting and did not return.

19.1 ACCUSATION AGAINST STAFF MEMBER

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council acknowledge the report in respect of the letter of complaint from Mr Harvey and the intention of the General Manager to respond that no action in respect of the unfounded accusations will be taken.

15.1 MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7808 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Webb that the minutes of the Coonamble Shire Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 May 2009 be noted.

16.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr. Baldwin was not at the meeting to present his report due to a death in the family.

7809 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and O'Brien that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be adopted.

The Mayor congratulated Mr. Baldwin on his efforts during the June long Weekend, particularly his involvement with the Campbelltown visitors and the rodeo.

17.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER

7810 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that the Saleyard Manager's Report for the month of May, 2009 be adopted.

18.0 CONTRACT RANGER'S REPORT

7811 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that the information contained in the Contract Ranger's report for the month of May 2009 be received and adopted.

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General Business:

Cr Canham:

- Referred to closing of soccer fields at the Showground during the long weekend. Advised that the Golf Club has made an approach to possibly have the fields relocated. The General Manager said another location appropriate for the soccer fields may be the reserve behind the Arboretum.

7812 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Karanouh that a report on proposed locations and suggested options for sporting fields in Coonamble be presented to a future meeting

Cr Webb:

- Skate Park – fights happening, videos being taken on phones and put onto the internet. Suggested that this was not good for the town and perhaps Council should take some sort of action. The General Manager said he had contacted local police but was informed that it is not a priority for them.

7813 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and O'Brien that Council send a formal request to the Local Area Commander explaining the situation and requesting action, particularly regular patrols of the area.

Cr O'Brien:

- Thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the Shires Association Annual Conference.
- Referred to a previous request regarding street numbering at Gulargambone. The Director of Engineering Services advised that the matter is in hand. It was agreed that a report be submitted to the July meeting on this issue.

At this juncture, 2.55 p.m., Cr. Canham left the meeting and did not return.

- Lack of street lighting in various locations in the township of Gulargambone. The General Manager said Council is awaiting a response from Country Energy.
- Toilets at Memorial Hall – although staff have made several trips to fix the problem the toilets are still causing problems and need to be replaced. Referred also to the electrical work – funding for this will be available in the next financial year.
- Funding available for toilets in rest areas along highways – stated that the RTA is encouraging councils to take the opportunity of applying for funding to have facilities provided.

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7814 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Karanouh that staff make enquiries and investigate the possibility of having toilets erected at the rest area 5 kilometres north of Gulargambone.

- Roads Inspection – suggested that interested Councillors go on a bus trip to inspect roads within the Shire and also include the Quarry. The Director of Engineering agreed to arrange this in the warmer months.
- Gulargambone Streets – hole/water Armitree/Yoolundry Streets; problems corner of Brinjal/Kirban Streets and Kelvin Grove Road. The Director of Engineering Services said he would investigate these locations.

Cr Karanouh:

- Need for a four wheel drive Ambulance vehicle to be stationed in Coonamble. Mayor advised that Council attempted to do this previously, but did not succeed.

7815 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and O'Brien that Council again make representations to the NSW Ambulance Service and the local Emergency Management Committee to have a four wheel drive Ambulance vehicle stationed in Coonamble.

- Coonamble Showground – road from highway to pavilion – requested that crusher dust be used to alleviate the boggy conditions recently experienced. The Director of Engineering Services suggested sealing the suggested area. Cr. Schieb requested that prior to any work commencing, user group representatives have input.

7816 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the Director of Engineering Services prepare a report with costings to be considered by Council prior to any works being undertaken.

Cr Schieb:

- Referred to huge number of cattle using the shire's stock routes and suggested that Council investigate if there is any way Council can be compensated by the LHPA. The General Manager said there is nothing is legislation to allow Council to claim. Council was of the opinion that the level of service expected is not happening. Cr. Schieb referred to the locust problem which was poorly handled by the Authority. The General Manager said that land rates are being reviewed and Ministerial approval will be necessary to retain the current level. Mr. Griffiths referred to damage caused by a mob of cattle on Shire Road 7.

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7817 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh that Council write to the Livestock Health and Pest Authority requesting that any income generated by the use of travelling stock routes within the Shire remain in the district.

- Exercise Group – use of Smith Park – noting that a letter was received by the organizer of the Group advising that a deposit would be required for the use of the area. The General Manager said this was an oversight in the office and the matter has now been rectified.

General Manager:

- Keeping of horses – 7 Herrmann Street – referred to problems experienced – Council issued an Order in March, conditions of which were not complied with – complaints continued - a further Order has been issued to remove the horses from No. 7 Herrmann Street.

Mayor:

- Netball Canteen – Smith Park – referred to advice that construction was to commence last month, however still nothing. The Director of Engineering Services said he would check and put the matter in hand.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 3.25 p.m.

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MAYOR