

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
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PRESENT: Cr Tim Horan, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. J Canham, T. Cullen, M.Callaghan, D. Swansborough, M.Webb, D. Taylor and B.Jackson.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Griffiths, Director of Corporate Services, Mr. Warren, the Director of Engineering, Mr Russell and Mrs.Moorhouse.

3.0 APOLOGY

6617 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Jackson and Swansborough that an apology for non attendance be accepted from Cr Jane Atkinson.

4.0 DELEGATIONS

The meeting noted that a presentation would be made by representatives from Aurora at 11.00 p.m. This presentation would provide further information on the proposal by Solarup Australia.

Council also noted that long servicing employees, Bob Green, Rick Swansborough, John Drummond and Russell Smith, together with their wives, would be joining Councillors and Staff for lunch.

At the morning tea adjournment an inspection of the recent upgrade of the Coonamble Museum will be carried out, following an invitation from Hon Curator, Mrs. Angie Little.

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Three declarations of interest were made:

- a) Murray Russell
Executive – Coonamble Community Shed incorporated
Item 9.11
- b) Cr Michael Webb –
Board Member – Coonamble Aboriginal Health
Item 9.45
- b) Cr Donna Swansborough
Part owner – Swannys Frozen Foods
Item 10.6

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

6618 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Jackson that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council, held on 12 December 2007 be confirmed, subject to the inclusion of the following wording in Minute No. 6595 which was omitted:

... “and that a notice displaying pool opening hours be placed outside the pool on the front of the building”.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Storage Shed – Coonamble Sportsground (Min No. 6615)

Councillor Taylor gave notice of his intention to move for rescission of Minute No. 6615 of 12 December 2007, dealing with the Storage Shed at Coonamble Sportsground. The Director of Engineering said that further work on the shed was on hold.

The General Manager encouraged Councillors to come forward if they wished to take action to rescind motions. He said that if they are left from meeting to meeting the process becomes a long one and, in some cases, prevents the finalization of projects.

With regard to Minute No. 6616 of the December 2007 meeting, the General Manager enquired the intent of "Council land". Mr. Griffiths explained that there is land owned by Council and land controlled by Council. The meeting decided that both these classifications should be included. Minute No. 6616 of 12 December 2007 will now read as follows:

***Min No. 6616 "Resolved that any future development on
Of Council owned land or land under Council's
12 December 2007 control be presented to Council for approval of
the concept prior to being submitted as a
development application to be approved under
delegated authority"***

(b) Rural Addressing – Road Naming

Councillor Jackson referred to another three requests in the agenda for today's meeting to have newly gazetted road names changed and pointed out that the rural addressing was not, in a lot of cases, being well received.

The Director of Engineering again drew Council's attention to the fact that Council's intention to rename roads within the Shire was placed on public exhibition for the prescribed period and he did have some enquiries during that period. Those making objections now obviously did not make that effort.

The Director of Engineering said that, although it is a long drawn out process, changes can still be made, however when Council writes to landholders advising addresses and numbers, no further changes would be possible.

The meeting agreed that all rural ratepayers would be notified of their address/number and given twenty-one (21) days in which to object/comment. Mr. Russell pointed out that after that time, if no objection/comment is received the address and number would remain and would be the basis for the Rural Addressing Scheme.

7.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

6619 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Callaghan that the Resolution Book Update be received and dealt with.

(a) Covering of Rodeo Arena Project – Minute No. 4497

The Mayor referred to this matter and commented that it has been ongoing for a lengthy period. He referred to the report by the General Manager which would be dealt with later in the meeting.

(b) Aboriginal Health Service – Former Pathology Centre – Min No. 4787

This matter was raised and Council noted that at the December meeting it resolved to demolish the former pathology centre building located on the subject land. Council noted that the work is in hand – a quote has been accepted. The General Manager stated that this matter should remain on the Resolution Book as Minute No. 4787 is still active.

(c) Heavy Vehicle Parking – Min No. 6406

The Director of Engineering referred to this minute and pointed out that a typographical error had the heavy parking marked from the Showground to King Street. He asked that Council note this was a mistake and should have been from the Sportsground gate to King Street.

6620 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Callaghan that Council note the typographical error made in the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting and that No. 3 Designated Heavy Vehicle Parking should read **“Sportsground to King Street”**.

(d) 2hr Parking Restrictions – Additional Areas – Minute No. 6608

Councillor Canham referred to this matter and asked if the Traffic Committee had met. The Director of Engineering advised that it had not met at this stage and pointed out that a representative from the RTA said the formal process would need to be followed as the areas proposed are State Highway.

Councillors noted that a petition objecting to the restricted parking is being prepared for submission to the March meeting. Councillor Swansborough said she has received positive comments and has invited those people to write to Council.

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(e) Redevelopment – Coonamble Showground – Min No. 6613

Council noted that this matter will be discussed later in the meeting when a decision will be made on action to be taken.

8.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

6621 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Canham that the Mayor's Activity Report for period since last meeting be received and noted.

(a) Historic Day in Australia's History

The Mayor informed Council that he had attended a ceremony today at the Coonamble Aboriginal Lands Council to mark a historic occasion in Australia's history by supporting the newly elected Federal Government in its apology to the stolen generation of the Aboriginal people.

Cr Horan said that we, in Coonamble, are an integrated community, but the events of today will bring the Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities even closer together. The Mayor said that although the day will be recognized by many as "sorry day", he thinks most people would agree that it is a day of celebration in acknowledgement by the Government to recognize the importance of an apology.

(b) Flying of Flags

6622 A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr. Webb **SECONDED** by Cr Taylor that Council raise the Australian Flag and the Aboriginal Flag at its Administration Building every morning.

AN AMENDMENT

PROPOSED by Cr Canham **SECONDED** by Cr. Cullen that the Australian Flag be raised every morning and the Aboriginal Flag be raised with the Australian Flag on Council Meeting days and Special Occasions.

On being put to the vote the **AMENDMENT WAS LOST** and the **MOTION WAS CARRIED.**

(c) December 2007 Flooding

The Mayor recognized the long hours worked by staff and SES personnel during the flood situation over Christmas and he said those involved should be congratulated for their effort.

The Director of Engineering said that Council's staff did a wonderful job and put in long hours. He said that although they were paid, their efforts were well beyond the call of duty. Mr. Russell said that the employees could have refused to take up the call out request.

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Mr. Russell informed Council that one employee put in 180 hours/fortnight and possibly 12 other staff were involved in the flood management.

6623 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Canham that that a letter of recognition be forwarded to appropriate staff and that they be entitled to a day's leave at a mutually convenient time **AND FURTHER** that this be left to the discretion of the Director of Engineering.

At this juncture, 10.36 a.m., Council adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.10 a.m. Councillors Canham and Taylor were not present when the meeting resumed.

INSPECTION OF COONAMBLE MUSEUM

During the morning tea adjournment Councillors and staff visited the Coonamble Museum to inspect the upgrade recently completed. Mrs. Angie Little, the Hon. Curator, met and showed the group through the Museum and Stables.

Councillors congratulated Mrs. Little on her wonderful efforts, noting that all the hours expended at the Museum are voluntary.

PRESENTATION BY SOLARUP AUSTRALIA (AURORA)

At this juncture, Mr. John Larkin, Mr. David Ward and Ms Lyn Penson, representatives of Aurora, gave a presentation to Council on solar hot water and solar power.

Before commencing the presentation, Mr. Larkin provided Council with an update on mustard seed planting in Coonamble Shire. He stated that John Single had good results and it is proven that this area is good for the growing of mustard crops. Mr. Ward pointed out that Demand Farming now owns its own variety of exclusive mustard seed.

Mr. Larkin said that research has shown that less than 3% of residential properties have solar hot water and there is almost no solar PV electricity generation on residential properties. He stated that existing electric power grid is stretched to its limits during summer months in many regional areas. Mr. Larkin said the NSW State Government has established a \$100 million residential rebate program as part of its Climate Change Fund.

It was also pointed out that Federal Government has rebates on both solar hot water and solar electricity in place that can be accessed should Council take up the offer to save energy and costs.

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Mr. Larkin said that at the present time Solarup Australia is working with Forbes Shire Council with very positive results. He informed Council that Solarup Australia strategy is one that has direct involvement of Council and the community. He said that street by street surveys would be undertaken on what benefits can be accrued and savings to be achieved. A technology and installation package offer will be available and will have local installer support. He said that provision of solar energy comes without any upfront costs, with a five year Solar Rates system fixed to the property.

Council noted that ANZ is the Financing Option should residents which to go that way. Mr Larkin pointed out that should Council commit itself to support the project, an initial study will be undertaken, followed by community information, street by street survey then it will proceed to applications, contracts, installation and applications for rebate. He pointed out that for \$100-\$150/quarter households can start to enjoy solar hot water and that the equipment used will have Australian Solar warranties and that the installation process ensures best practice.

At this juncture, 11.38 a.m., Councillors Canham and Taylor returned to the meeting.

Mr Larkin pointed out that the survey costs are around \$20,000 and the Department of State and Regional Development have agreed to provide funding under its Economic Development Strategy.

6624 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Jackson that Council give its "in principle" support to the project and that a report giving estimates of the cost to have Council's own buildings equipped for solar energy be submitted to the next meeting.

After a lengthy presentation and question time, the three representatives thanked Council for its time and left the meeting at 12.15 p.m.

Mayor's Activity Report (continued)

(d) Council Land

The Mayor referred to letters being sent by Council to residents directing that they cleanup overgrown blocks. Cr. Horan said that Council should make a more concerted effort to keep its own areas maintained and well presented. He referred especially to the cemetery and said there needs to be a plan in place for its ongoing maintenance.

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(e) Coonamble Museum

The Mayor requested that Council investigate the availability of phone lines at the Museum. Cr Horan said that Mrs. Little would like to have internet access there for future updating. The Director of Engineering said he would make enquiries.

(f) Dinner under the Stars

The Mayor reminded Councillors that the 2828 Dinner Under the Stars will be held on 1 March, 2008 and RSVPs are due by 15 February.

(g) Mrs Carolyn Lyons OAM

The General Manager drew attention to the fact that Mrs. Carolyn Lyons from "Parmedman", Gulargambone was awarded a Medal under the Order of Australia when the recent Australia Day Honours were announced.

6625 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Mrs. Lyons on receiving this very prestigious award.

9.00 CORRESPONDENCE

6626 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Jackson that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

SECTION A: MATTERS FOR ATTENTION

9.1 BARWON DARLING ALLIANCE (BDA) B6 (26861)

Referring to various issues and stating that significant developments achieved over the history of the Alliance and enhanced relationships between Aboriginal communities and Councils has not been replicated anywhere else in Australia.

Advising that to ensure the future of the Alliance the five Councils and Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly (MPRA) need to give a commitment for at least the next three years of funding support to allow a Project Officer to be appointed with a level of security and without this guarantee it would not be practical to appoint an officer for the short term.

Pointing out that two scenarios must be considered revolving around whether or not MPRA will be able to attract financial support in its own right and that, historically, MPRA's share of the financial contribution is approx \$15,000/annum. Saying that one scenario is for each of the councils to contribute over the next three years at their current rate, including CPI increases and the second scenario is to have that same contribution, plus approx \$3,000 extra/Council/annum to compensate for MPRA.

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Seeking a response in January 2008 of this Council's preparedness to give an ongoing financial commitment on an annual basis for each of the next three years and pointing out that without the guarantee from all councils there will have to be serious consideration given for the immediate future of the BDA.

At this juncture, 12.26 p.m., Cr. Swansborough left the meeting.

The General Manager informed Council that this letter was received on 12 December, 2007 (the day of the last Council meeting). Mr. Griffiths advised that contact was made with the CEO, Mr. Geoff Wise, advising that the matter would not be considered until this meeting and no commitment could be made on behalf of Coonamble Shire Council until after that time.

Mr. Griffiths said he attended a recent meeting of the Alliance and is of the opinion that if the socioeconomic trial gets underway it could have benefits for this Shire. He pointed out that it is necessary to commit to a three year term, as a contract to employ a project officer would need to be for that length of time.

6627 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council agree to give an ongoing financial commit to the Barwon Darling Alliance for another three years

9.2 KYLIE PENNELL D7 (26937)

Stating that during 2007 she was a dual representative for Australia in both Rugby League and Rugby Union and was awarded Coonamble Sports person of the Year. Pointing out the many associated costs she has to bear to represent her country and seeking a sponsorship for 2008.

Councillors acknowledged the achievements by Kylie are significant and should be applauded. The General Manager informed the meeting that Council, in the past, has not contributed to any individual sportsperson representing this town, district, region, state or country.

6628 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Canham that Council decline to contribute toward costs associated with representative duties by Kylie Pennell, however Council congratulate her on her achievements.

9.3 RICHARD MARKEY, "YARRANVILLE", COONAMBLE SR24 (26961)

Complaining about the sign that has been placed on his road (Shire Road 24) currently known as Floddenfield Road. Advising that locals have always known it as Yarranville Lane and the new name is extremely confusing as the property "Floddenfield" is about 2 kms further along the Pilliga Road and has no connection with the lane.

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Stating that his is the only occupied residence on SR24 and for this reason the road should continue to be referred to as "Yarranville Lane".

The General Manager advised that in an endeavour to complete rural addressing within the Shire, Council found it necessary to formally name all Shire Roads. Mr Griffiths said that prior to gazettal, Council's intention to name roads was placed on public exhibition and suggestions/objections were invited – Council has now formally adopted the road names. The General Manager said that the process of renaming roads is a lengthy one, however changes can be accommodated should Council desire.

It was noted that this request is one of three to be considered at today's meeting.

- 6629 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Jackson that Council:
- (1) agree to change the name of the road to "Yarranville Lane" after the required process;
 - (2) provide written advice to all rural ratepayers of their address (i.e. road name and number), giving 21 days in which they may lodge an objection

**9.4 MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT & WATER
F5 (26982)**

Writing regarding Council's proposed floodplain management program for the 2007/08 financial year and advising that financial assistance has been approved subject to Council agreeing to the "Conditions for Financial Assistance". Stating the approved funding assistance is summarized as follows:

- Project Description: Coonamble Drainage Study
- Program Funding Ratio (State/Council) 2:1
- 2007/08 Notional State Allocation \$10,000

Asking that the acceptance form and annexure be completed and returned within 45 days.

- 6630 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council formally accept the financial assistance of \$10,000 for the Coonamble Drainage Study from the Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water and that authority be given to affix the Common Seal to any relevant documents.

9.5 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (NSW BRANCH) D5-6 (26996)

Extending an invitation to Council to submit an application to host its 2010 State Conference. Stating the venue should adequately provide facilities for 100 – 150 delegates as well as “break out” areas for workshops. Stating that the closing date for written submissions is 22 February 2008.

Councillors noted that this Council would struggle to provide adequate accommodation and conference facilities required for the 100 – 150 delegates.

6631 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council not submit an application to host the 2010 State Conference of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (NSW Branch).

9.6 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING T4-2 (27003)

Referring to the Western Councils Sub-Regional Land Use Strategy project which is funded from the Department's Planning Reform Funding Program to the extent of \$200,000. Pointing out that the project is significantly behind the scheduled timeframe and the Department expresses concerns in regard to the progress of the project in which the Department has a direct financial and statutory interest. Stating that delays with the project are partly attributable to councils not adequately engaging in the process and providing necessary information or support to the consultant that would ensure a timely and quality outcome.

Stating that at a Steering Committee meeting on 26 September 2007 Coonamble Shire Council agreed to provide all necessary information to the consultant within two weeks and this did not occur. Advising that without a strategic basis to justify any proposed changes, zone changes will not be supported and Council's current LEP will simply be “rolled over” into the new Standard Instrument format with minimal modifications. Requesting Council to actively engage in the Sub-Regional Land Use Strategy and provide the requested information to the consultant by 31 January.

The General Manager pointed out that the request for information was not received until late October and was subsequently delayed due to unavailability of staff previously organized to research the necessary information. Mr. Griffiths said that all information was provided in early 2008. He said a letter in similar vein was also received from the Steering Committee.

6632 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Jackson that the information be noted.

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**9.7 COONAMBLE WOMEN'S GATHERING COMMITTEE P1-1 + S5-1
(27032)**

Booking facilities for use during the Women's Gathering in Coonamble from 17 – 19 October 2008. Stating an Ecumenical Service and breakfast will be held at Smith Park and the Sportsground on the Sunday. Advising the Committee currently has a booking at the Coonamble Racecourse for the gala dinner on Saturday evening, however wishing also to book the Showground, including pavilions and supper room, as a backup venue. Saying the Committee would appreciate Council waiving its usual fee for these bookings. Pointing out that over the two days it is expected that the 200 – 300 expected participants will bring "financial wealth into Coonamble Shire".

The General Manager said that bookings of the various facilities have been made as requested, excepting the Showground Pavilion, as it will have been demolished to allow for a new building.

6632 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Canham that Council agree to waive the booking fees for the Sportsground and Smith Park, pointing out that the Showground pavilion will have been demolished to make way for a new building.

**9.8 GULARGAMBONE TRIATHLON COMMITTEE R8-10
(27028)**

Requesting permission to close Munnell and Skuthorpe Streets, together with Ferguson's Lane, in Gulargambone on Saturday 15 March 2008 for the running of the Philip Spora Memorial Triathlon.

6633 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Callaghan that Council grant approval to the closure of Munnell & Skuthorpe Streets and Ferguson's Lane in Gulargambone for the purpose of holding the Philip Spora Memorial Triathlon on Saturday 15 March 2008, provided prior approval has been obtained from local Police.

9.9 UNITED SERVICES UNION (USU) W1 (27030)

Advising that USU has taken a decision to actively participate in the State Government review of water and sewerage provision in regional NSW and has provided a formal response to water Utilities Minister Rees. Seeking information from Council, including a brief statement of its position in relation to Water Reform which would include the resources and assistance Council is prepared to commit to the campaign.

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Seeking also contact details of management representatives and front line staff to allow USU to ascertain their opinions and willingness to participate as representatives of Council.

The General Manager commented that the USU has proven, in the past, to change tactics without reference to other stakeholders which has resulted in shoring up its relationship with the Labor Party. Mr Griffiths said for this reason he is hesitant to actively participate with the Union on this important issue.

6634 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Taylor that Council continue to resist State Government efforts to take over the provision of water and sewerage services from councils and provide information to the USU subject to it not being detrimental to Council's efforts.

9.10 NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK (RDN) D7 (27072)

Informing Council of the Bush Bursary/Country Women's Association (CWA) Scholarship Scheme and inviting Council to consider participating in the scheme. Saying that if Council wishes to participate in the Scheme RDN will invoice it \$3,000 (+ GST). Saying this will be provided to the medical student who will agree to spend two weeks of "rural placement" in the Shire during University holidays or other suitable times.

Council noted that the Bush Bursary/Country Women's Association Scholarship Scheme has been in operation for many years, however over the past several years this Council has declined to participate. The General Manager drew Council's attention to the fact that a Coonamble student will be studying medicine commencing this year.

6635 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that Council not agree to participate in the Bush Bursary/Country Women's Association Scholarship Scheme for 2008.

At this juncture, the Director of Engineering, Mr. Russell, declared an interest as a member of the Executive of Coonamble Community Shed Inc. and left the meeting.

9.11 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY SHED INC PR2409-1 (27106)

Advising that the Coonamble Community Shed is now incorporated and has acquired funding for establishment costs, insurance and equipment, however it is still seeking premises. Requesting that Council give consideration to allowing permission to use the Council owned shed at the rear of premises 32 Yarran Street, Coonamble. Stating the shed is big enough for its use, with a wide access lane between 30 & 32 Yarran Street and a large parking area, all of which can be easily secured.

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Pointing out that while the house is vacant, regular use of the shed by the group would deter vandalism and the Coonamble Community Shed Inc would improve the site, which would add value to the property. Stating that if Council agrees, the group will appoint representatives to meet with Council's delegates to discuss the terms and conditions.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council previously instructed that the Yarran Street property would be allocated for staff use with the Nash Street property becoming available for medical practitioners. Mr. Griffiths said that previous approaches for use of this shed were made by MPREC, however it was felt that woodworking and metalworking appliances may not be acceptable for the continued amenity of the area. The General Manager said there is also a concern for the security of adjoining properties and the Public School which has reported unauthorized access via the lane to the shed.

6636 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Taylor that Council grant the Coonamble Community Shed a 12 months lease of the shed (as is) with no cost to Council, noting that a development application must be submitted and due process applied.

At this point Mr Russell returned to the meeting.

9.12 LEN SMITH H2 + PR2460-01 (27107)

Referring to an inspection by Council officers of his premises on 31 January, noting the inspection was carried out under Council's Development Control Plan No. 4 – 1996 (Small Intensive Piggeries). Advising the property is zoned 1c Rural Small Holdings and located approximately 4 kilometres from the Post Office. Requesting Council permission to keep pigs and agreeing to abide by certain conditions. Pointing out that no further breeding is intended.

The General Manager stated that the inspection was carried out in response to a complaint. He said that both Rangers and the Health and Building Officer interviewed Mr. Smith and conditional upon pigs not being kept within 60 metres of a dwelling and potential for any odour being kept to a minimum, they have no problems with this request. Mr. Griffiths pointed out that DCP No 4 applies to land zoned Rural 1a only and it would appear that the LEP does not prohibit agriculture in a Rural 1c zoning.

6637 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Jackson and Taylor that Council note the result of the inspection carried out by its Officers and subject to Mr. Smith abiding by the above two conditions, Council grant permission for the keeping of pigs at his premises on the Walgett Road, provided no further complaints are received.

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**9.13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW L9-1 +
B11 (27115)**

Thanking Mayors, councillors and staff who attended the Leaders Forum in Sydney on 30 January to discuss the NSW Government's proposed planning changes. Saying the forum was well attended, debate enthusiastic and a great example of local government working together.

Advising that the meeting made the following resolution and asked that it be brought to the attention of all mayors as a matter of urgency:

1. *That the meeting supports the actions of the Presidents and Executives of the Local Government and Shires Associations in mounting a campaign on the NSW Government's proposed planning changes, including both the issue of section 94 developer contributions and the recommendations in the Government's discussion paper, and preparing an alternative reform package as a basis for discussion with the Government, councils,*
2. *The meeting calls on all NSW councils to refuse to cooperate with the NSW Government if requested to transfer section 84 funds held in trust by councils to the Government.*
3. *The meeting supports in principle the proposal that the Associations seek contributions from member councils towards the costs of engaging high level lobbying and media representation to formulate and assist with the implementation of a continuing public campaign.*

Requesting Council to endorse the three points listed above and advise the Associations as soon as this has been done.

6638 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that Council endorse the three points listed in the letter and advise the Associations of its action.

9.14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS AUSTRALIA, NSW S6-7 (27126)

Advising that the next LGMA General Managers Forum will be held at the Mercure Hotel Sydney Airport on Friday 14 March from 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and will be followed by a Seminar on *Coping with Climate Change*. Stating that only 51 general managers attended the General Managers Forum in November and asking that those who did not attend either come to this forum or give reasons why they did not attend. Requesting comments on various issues so that they can be addressed.

6639 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Jackson that the General Manager be authorised to attend the Local Government Managers Australia General Managers Forum in Sydney on Friday 14 March 2008.

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The Mayor referred to occasions like this when he had left Coonamble at 4.00 a.m. in the morning to attend a meeting in Sydney and return the same day. He said it is too much to expect and under the Occupational Health and Safety regulations would be cause for concern.

Councillors noted that when delegates are authorised to attend forums or the like in Sydney, they should plan for an overnight stay..

**9.15 LOWER MACQUARIE COMMUNITY AND FARMERS GROUP INC
M3-1 (27135)**

Inviting the Mayor to attend the General Meeting of the Group on Tuesday 19 February 2008 at the Carinda Memorial Diggers Hall commencing 10.30 a.m. Advising that the Group was formed nearly 12 months ago by concerned residents and visitors of the lower Macquarie who have witnessed the decline in the community that has resulted from loss of water in the lower Macquarie River. Asking if Council is willing to provide educational resources or be represented at this general meeting or the AGM in July they would be grateful.

At this juncture, 12.59 p.m., Councillor Swansborough returned to the meeting.

6640 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that Councillor Cullen be authorised to attend the meeting on Tuesday, 19 February 2007 as Council's delegate.

9.16 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & AGEING A2 (27138)

Advising that the Department of Health & Ageing, through the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Branch, is responsible for the Accelerated Child Health Check program approved by the Council of Australian Governments following the Australian Government Intergovernmental Summit on Violence and Child Abuse in Indigenous Communities held on 26 June 2006. Stating that funding in the amount of \$3.8 million was allowed to initiate this program in high priority remote Indigenous Communities to improve the health status of indigenous children aged from 0 – 14 years through the prevention and early detection of chronic disease and other treatable conditions.

Advising that the Dubbo Plains Division of General Practice has been allocated funding to establish this program in the Coonamble/Gulargambone and the Nyngan/Warren areas and the Division is working with Coonamble Aboriginal Medical Service to provide child health checks to indigenous children in the Coonamble/ Gulargambone area.

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Saying that part of the communication strategy includes the National Roadshow and that the current Accelerated Child Health Check Program being conducted in the Coonamble/Gulargambone site provides the opportunity for the Roadshow to visit Coonamble and work with the community, medical services and the local council to promote Indigenous child and adult health checks.

Stating that should Council be interested in becoming involved with the Roadshow the Department is prepared to provide a grant of \$6,000 to assist with the initiative. Asking for Council's consideration of the proposal and saying that Ms Nova Peris would welcome the opportunity to discuss the matter with Council and to explore options for a Community Health Promotion Day for Coonamble.

The General Manager said it is apparent that the Indigenous Child Health Testing Program is imperative for the 0 – 14 year age group in this Shire and it is also apparent that the administration of health services is not capable of organizing its own clinics but expect Council to do so and contribute towards the cost of a community health promotion day.

Mr Griffiths said that Council is expected to provide a facility that has a roof over it (this can be in the form of marquees or buildings), together with shade, jumping castles, barbecue, fruit and the like.

The General Manager informed the meeting that the Roadshow, which was definitely a promotional tool, will include Nova Peris, David Peachey and Nathan Blacklock. He said Council will be expected to give a Welcoming Address as well as providing supervision and transport to and from all schools in the area, including Gulargambone and Quambone.

Council noted that the venue could be the racecourse, showground or the pool, with the club rooms upstairs being utilized for the ten station testing areas. Mr. Griffiths said it is not clear when the Roadshow and testing program will occur, but dates of 21 and 22 February were suggested however, he said it appears staff have not yet been engaged for the program, making mid to late March a more probable time frame.

6641 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Callaghan that Council agree to participate in the Community Health Promotion Day in Coonamble and accommodate the Roadshow provided it can be conducted within the \$6,000 funding available, including travel to and from the venue of the Coonamble Pool **AND FURTHER** that no admission charges be applied to use of the pool on the day.

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9.17 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW W1 + S4 (27142)

Informing Council about the upcoming issue of a working paper to assist councils in making a submission to the inquiry into water and sewerage provision in regional NSW. Advising that the Associations of the NSW Water Directorate are not intending to make any recommendations in regard to one preferred model, however there is clearly considerable benefit if councils' responses to the Minister refer to the options or combinations of options as outlined in the Associations' working paper which will be issued no later than 14 February.

6642 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Callaghan and Webb that the information be noted and that a response be forwarded on behalf of Council following receipt of the working papers.

9.18 MRS MARGARET CASEY E2205 (27143)

Congratulating Greg Robinson and his staff for their efforts with the Common stock during the recent flood situation. Appreciating the difficulties associated with managing stock in such times and requesting that her comments be passed on to Mr. Robinson.

6643 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Callaghan that Mrs Casey be thanked for comments and Council note a copy of the letter has been forwarded to Mr. Robinson.

9.19 MAYOR, KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL L3 (27140)

Writing to the Mayor seeking support regarding the recent gazettal of a planning panel in Ku-ring-gai and requesting that Council consider how safe its community is from this State Government's proposed controls.

The General Manager informed the meeting that as this is a lengthy and detailed letter, a copy was enclosed with the business paper to give Councillors the opportunity to read it in its entirety.

6644 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that Council reply to the effect that it was represented at the Leaders Forum on Planning Reform and seek assistance from the Local Member in resisting the efforts of the State Government to take over planning in New South Wales.

SECTION B: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

9.20 SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW L9-1 (26868)

Referring to motions for the 2008 Shires Association Annual Conference and asking Council to consider framing its motions on a wider strategic level. Stating that for 2008 and beyond motions submitted to conference will be reviewed by the Shires Executive Committee and, where appropriate, will be amended by the Executive in view of creating strategic policy – maximizing benefits to councils and improving the Association’s ability to advocate to government on behalf of councils. Urging Council when preparing motions to frame them to give the widest possible strategic focus.

9.21 GLORIA MURRAY T5 (26872)

Writing regarding the 2 hour parking limit imposed on “one block” of Castlereagh Street and saying that business houses in the block are being treated unfairly. Pointing out that the main street is rarely too full to not be able to find a park, but admitting that on occasions there are busy times. Stating that claims about employees taking up parking spaces are “bogus” and that in imposing this restriction will cause more shops to close.

9.21 MS LYNNE WATERFORD T5 (26920)

Referring to the 2 hour parking limit in the main street, saying she does not believe it will affect her shopping as there is not enough to keep her busy for two hours, however it would pose a problem “if and when I choose to have my hair done”. Stating she believes that business owners should be able to conveniently park anywhere in the main street – saying we are lucky to have them – and any car parked in the street prevents it from looking deserted. Saying she is annoyed to see money wasted on unnecessary things and suggesting better ways to serve the community and use funds in a more constructive and beneficial manner.

The General Manager informed Councillors that a response was forwarded to Mrs. Murray and Ms Waterford informing them that the two hour parking restrictions are for a trial period of six months and their comments will be assessed when Council is dealing with the outcome of the trial.

9.22 TWO EIGHT TWO EIGHT L3 (26913)

Thanking Council for its generous donation of a new video camera. Stating 2008 is shaping up to be an exciting year with the installation of a commercial kitchen and a program for hospitality students commencing in February. Saying the camera will be used to film all developments and hopefully some of the footage can be used at the next *Dinner Under the Stars* on Saturday 1 March.

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9.23 CEO, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION SCHEME S11 + C13 (26912)

Referring to previous correspondence regarding councillors making superannuation contributions. Advising that the replacement ATO decision effectively allows for Councillors to redirect some (or all) of their fees into a complying superannuation fund (the superannuation fund then has the responsibility for deducting 15% tax from the superannuation contribution). Stating Councillors need only declare their remaining fee as assessable income – providing this simple example:

	\$
Council fee payable	20,000
“Pre Tax” Superannuation Contribution	5,000
Assessable Income	15,000

Suggesting that individuals seek independent financial advice before making a decision on whether or not to make additional superannuation contributions and reminding councillors that members of the Local Government Superannuation scheme are able to access its own financial planners (who do not receive any commission) at no direct cost.

9.25 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC) I2 (26933)

Referring to the ICAC investigation into allegations of bribery relating to Wollongong City Council and advising the investigation found that developer, Lou Tasich, engaged in corrupt conduct by offering Wollongong City Council officer Peter Coyte a \$30,000 bribe to favourably treat Tasich’s proposal to purchase and develop a council property known as the Thomas Street car park. Stating the investigation also found that Mr Tasich’s counter allegation that Mr Coyte had solicited a bribe from him on two occasions to be false. Stating that a full copy of the report is available on the ICAC’s website www.icac.nsw.gov.au

9.26 CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND P5 (26928)

Forwarding copy of minutes of the PACT meeting held on Monday 17 December 2007 at Walgett.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council’s Director of Corporate Services, Mr Rick Warren, attended the meeting and raised issues as instructed by Council relative to staffing and special remote area classifications.

It was pointed out that with respect to special remote area classifications the Tripartite Committee was not formed and the matter has been referred from the Executive Team to the Minister for Police who is in the process of forming a Ministerial Working Party to review the entire issue.

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The Director of Corporate Services said the matter of current level of staffing at Coonamble Station was also raised at the meeting and it was noted there is currently a vacant position for a Sergeant in Coonamble. Mr. Warren said that a new promotion system is being implemented in 2008, however there have been slight delays. He said it is anticipated that the recruitment for the Sergeant's position will fall under the previous recruitment system and this will occur about the end of March 2008.

Mr. Warren said that Supt. Simmons further advised that an officer had been selected for one of the Constable vacancies and he was due to commence work in January 2008. Council noted that an application is pending for an over-strength position at Coonamble and if this is successful, advertising can take place for a further Constable's position at Coonamble. The Director of Corporate Services informed the meeting that Supt Simmons preferred the position not to be filled by a Probationary Constable because of limitations imposed in their role.

9.27 DAVID CHADWICK, AJF BRIEN & SONS PR1209 (26963)

Referring to Council's letter regarding the odour complaint from Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith.

A copy of the response was attached to each Councillors' business paper for their information.

9.28 NSW OMBUDSMAN 04 (26924)

Referring to the complaint handling systems survey conducted in the period June to August 2007 with all NSW government departments and public authorities, including local councils and enclosing a copy of the report concerning results for local councils. Suggesting councils use this survey report as a prompt to look at how well their complaint handling system is operating.

A copy of the report was made available at the meeting.

9.29 DEPARTMENT OF LANDS R8-6-3 (26983)

Referring to Council's letter of 17 December 2007 which proposed the following public road names:

- Peronne Road
- Hollywood Road
- Rosewood Road

Advising the names have been reviewed under the Geographical Names Board Guidelines for the Naming of Roads and there is no objection to their use.

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**9.30 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION NSW E5
(26968)**

Advising that in December 2004 the Department of Environment & Climate Change (DECC) developed and released the *Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applications for Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits* as part of its regulatory role in protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage. Stating that to provide an opportunity for DECC to hear the views of local and state government stakeholders a forum will be held in Sydney on 18 March 2008 and inviting Council to attend to discuss the interim document and put forward Council's views. Seeking written comments on questions raised in the discussion paper by 31 March 2008.

A copy of the Discussion Paper was available at the meeting for Councillors' perusal.

9.31 TWO EIGHT TWO EIGHT L4-5 (26987)

Thanking Council for its letter regarding funding arrangements for the Gulargambone Library Service, which was read at the last committee meeting. Stating the committee accepts and fully understands the terms and conditions and thanking Council for its ongoing support and encouragement.

9.32 SPENCER STEER, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS A12 (27025)

Thanking Council for its advice that their audit tender was successful, accepting reappointment and looking forward to continuing to work with Council over the next six years.

9.33 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT C13 + P15 (27045)

Circular No. 08 – 03 (A117140) advising of the findings from the Review of Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policies. Saying that a sample of 45 policies were reviewed to assess the understanding of and compliance with the Director General's legislated guidelines. Reminding Councils that the date for submission to the Department of councillor expenses and facilities policies is 30 November annually, however councils wishing to take into consideration of these findings have an extension for submission of their 2007/08 policies until 31 March 2008.

A copy of this Circular was attached to the Business Paper for the information of Councillors. The General Manager said it should be noted that a "general expense allowance" is prohibited.

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9.34 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT A2 (27063)

Circular No. 08-05 advising that the publication *Engaging With Local Aboriginal Communities: A resource Kit for Local Government in NSW* is now available on the Department's website. Stating the kit has been developed in partnership with the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW. Advising that the publications have been developed as part of the Department's commitment under *Two Ways Together*, the NSW Government's 10 year plan (2003-2012) to improve the lives of Aboriginal people and their communities. Encouraging all councils to use and promote them.

**9.35 ANGIE LITTLE - COONAMBLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM M6
(27068)**

Inviting Council and staff to view the completed new exhibits now in the Museum. Thanking Council and staff, especially Kookie Atkins, for ongoing support and allowing her "free rein" at the Museum to present the displays.

Councillors noted that the invitation has been accepted and Council would be inspecting the Museum during the morning tea adjournment today.

9.36 ADRIAN PETERSON TRANSPORT R8-6 (27101)

Forwarding copy of letter he received from the RTA concerning his application to operate a B-Triple under the Intelligent Access Program (IAP). In the letter, the RTA states that as the route requested requires travel on local roads that have not been assessed for B-Triple access, he is required to obtain written approval from the relevant LGA.

Road Name	Road Description	LGA	Contact No
Warren-Coonamble Rd (MR7515)	From Castlereagh Hwy south of Coonamble to Warren Council boundary	Coonamble Shire Council	02 68271900
Warren-Coonamble Road (MR7515)	From Coonamble Shire boundary to Warren-Carinda Rd (MR202)	Warren Shire Council	02 6847 6600
Warren-Carinda Rd (MR202)	From Warren-Coonamble Rd (MR7515) to Oxley Hwy (H11) at Warren	Warren Shire Council	02 6847 6600

Councillors noted that this is the subject of a report by the Director of Engineering later in the meeting.

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**9.37 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW C13
(27127)**

Providing Council with copies of the Councillor Professional Development Program Public Workshops Calendar – February to June 2008, together with a copy of the Pre-Election Seminars flier for prospective candidates at the 2008 local government elections. Advising that a new Councillor Professional Development Program Public Workshops Calendar November 2008 to June 2009 will be distributed in September 2008. Commencing these workshops and seeking Council support in encouraging councillors to attend.

These calendars were handed to Councillors at the meeting.

9.38 NSW OFFICE OF LIQUOR, GAMING & RACING L5 (27145)

Referring to representations made by the LGSA to the Director General of the Department of Local Government proposing the making of a regulation to expressly exempt local councils from the current legislative requirement to hold a fundraising license if fundraising for a charitable purpose. Advising that the Government has adopted the exemption proposal. Pointing out that Coonamble Shire Council held a fundraising license which expired on 13 November 2007, however based on the above Council is no longer required to hold an authority to fundraise.

The General Manager informed Council that this license was obtained when the Mayor's Appeal for the Conn Family Trust was set up.

**9.39 HON NATHAN REES MP, MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES/
MINISTER FOR WATER UTILITIES W1 (27059)**

Updating Council on the local water utility inquiry recently announced for country NSW and advising that the independent panel responsible for conducting the inquiry comprises the Hon Ian Armstrong OBE and Dr Colin Gellatly. Inviting Council to meet with himself and the Deputy Director General of the Department of Water & Energy in late January/mid February at any of the following locations:

Dubbo	Armidale	Albury
Tamworth	Taree	Narranderra
Glen Innes	Queanbeyan	Bathurst

The General Manager advised that the forum held in Dubbo was attended by the Director of Engineering and Cr Jackson and reference should be made to the Officer's report on this meeting.

6645 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Jackson and Webb that the information contain in Item Nos. 9.20 to 9.39 inclusive be received and noted.

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At this juncture, 1.05 p.m. the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.08 p.m. Councillors and senior staff had lunch with the following four long serving employees and their wives:

Mr Bob Green, Mr. Rick Swansborough, Mr. John Drummond and Mr Russell Smith.

URGENT BUSINESS - CORRESPONDENCE

6646 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that the following items be classified "urgent business" and dealt with:

9.40 JOHN SEARLE, "WEST POINT" GULARGAMBONE SR64 (27153)

Requesting that the naming and signposting of Shire Road 64 be changed from Sandgate Road to 'West Point Road'. Advising SR64 is on the left, 6kms north west of the Bourbah crossroads on the road to Quambone and it leads to "West Point". Saying that the road known as "Sandgate Road" is 8.5kms north west of the Bourbah crossroad on the right and it leads to "Sandgate".

Council noted that this was one of the three letters referred to by the General Manager when Item 9.3 was being considered.

6647 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Jackson that Council:

- (1) agree to change the name of the road to West Point Road after the required process;
- (2) provide written advice to all rural ratepayers of their address (i.e. road name and number), giving 21 days in which they may lodge an objection

9.41 GULARGAMBONE RUGBY UNION CLUB A8 (27150)

Drawing Council's attention to the sub standard condition of the toilet facilities (especially the women's) at Gulargambone Sportsground. Advising the home game dates have already been booked and asking if Council would check and clean the facilities prior, so that the standard is adequate for members/supporters.

6648 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Callaghan and Swansborough that Council:

- (1) instruct the Director of Engineering to ensure pre-home game cleaning of the toilets is undertaken;
- (2) investigate the possibility of upgrade works for the toilet facilities at the Gulargambone Sportsground.

9.42 MRS LEE O'CONNOR

Drawing Council's attention to the location of their property on the Talegar Lane and saying the sign identifying the lane disappeared some 2 – 3 years ago, however in recent rural addressing the sign on the entry to Talegar Lane (from the Emby Road) names it as "Combara Lane". Requesting that the name be returned to 'Talegar Lane' and appropriately signposted at both ends. Pointing out that they did not investigate the Rural Addressing document when it was on display, as they did not think Council would be changing traditional names of local roads.

The General Manager said this was the third request to have road names changed that has come before Council today.

6649 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Jackson that Council:

- (1) agree to change the name of the road to Talegar Lane after the required process;
- (2) provide written advice to all rural ratepayers of their address (i.e. road name and number), giving 21 days in which they may lodge an objection

9.43 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES (FMA) F5-2 (27172)

Advising that since 1963 the Commonwealth has funded an identifiable Flood Mitigation Program which is an identifiable part of the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) and this funding finishes in June 2008.

Raising with Council the following concerns:

- The Commonwealth has not announced any commitment to a continuation of funding of the NDMP in 2008/09 and beyond;
- The Commonwealth has not announced any joint Flood Mitigation Program for 2008/09 and beyond;
- There are partially completed "on going" projects jointly funded under the NDMP;
- Essential flood mitigation projects will be left incomplete;
- Given the lateness of "offers" of funding in 2007/08 if there is no "carry over" of funding into 2008/09 some councils may be forced to fully fund projects partially completed.

Requesting that Council make representations in support of the retention of:

- a) a joint funded Commonwealth Flood Mitigation Program;
- b) a CFMP funded to a level that will meaningfully address the problems of Flood Management and Mitigation;
- c) a CFMP funded to a level that is maintained in real terms.

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6650 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Jackson that Council make representations to the Federal Member in support of the continuation of the Commonwealth Flood Mitigation Program funded to a level that will meaningfully address problems of flood management and mitigation and is maintained in real terms.

9.44 RURAL WOMEN'S NETWORK L3-1 (21173)

Seeking Council support of the 2008 Rural Women's Gathering which is being held in Coonamble and stating that such letter will be included in grant applications. Stating that the application is due on 13 February and seeking Council's favourable consideration.

6651 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Swansborough and Callaghan that Council endorse the action of the General Manager in providing a letter of support for the 2008 Rural Women's Gathering which is to be held in Coonamble during October.

Councillor Michael Webb declared an interest in the following matter and left the meeting. Cr Webb is a Board Member of the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service.

9.45 DR YOUNES ISMAIL

Stating that he has been working at the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service since 7 January this year and hopes to remain for the long term. Saying the Service is organising VMO rights at Coonamble Hospital with Greater Western Area Health Service. Requesting Council to consider providing a vehicle to assist him in the provision of services to the community.

The General Manager informed Council that he had previously discussed this matter with him and he conveyed Council's current policy to Dr Ismail during a brief phone call recently.

6652 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Swansborough and Jackson that Council not provide a vehicle for use or lease by Dr Younes Ismail of the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service.

9.46 NSW DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DUBBO F5-4 (27174)

Acknowledging the fact that Coonamble Shire was declared a "Declared Natural Disaster" following flooding in December and advising that Council may be eligible for financial assistance for the restoration of Council-owned assets. Asking for details of any damage, together with an estimated cost of repairs, as a result of this event.

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6653 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Canham that Council authorise staff to prepare estimates of the cost of restoration of Council-owned assets as a result of the December 2007 floods.

9.47 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT A5 (27175)

Advising of the outcome of the assessment process for Road 1 of the Remote Aerodrome Safety Program and informing Council that its application was not successful, but encouraging an application to be submitted for the 2008/2009 funding round.

6654 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Callaghan and Swansborough that the information be noted and staff be authorised to submit an application for the 2008/2009 funding round.

10.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

6655 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Jackson and Taylor that the report submitted by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

10.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

6656 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Taylor that Development Application Nos. 042/2007 – 044/2007, 046/2007 & 048/2007, together with Complying Development Application Nos. 044/2007, 046/2007, 048/2007 & 050/2007 – 055/2007, as detailed in the report, be noted.

10.2 MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008 – 2011 – TIMETABLE

The General Manager suggested the following timetable to ensure the orderly progress of the 2008 – 2011 Management Plan process:

Date	Function
12 March 2008	Workshop (suggested immediately following the March meeting at Quambone)
09 April 2008	Draft Management Plan considered as part of April 2008 Council meeting and placed on public exhibition
23 April 2008	Public Meeting for Council to present its Management Plan to the community.
14 May 2008	Submissions from the public close
11 June 2008	Management Plan adopted

Council noted that the following aspects will be included:

- Allowance to be made for an increase of 3.5% in wages and materials.
- Sewerage annual charges to increase by 3.5% for Coonamble and 7.0% for Gulargambone.
- General rates to increase by 3.5% with the residential minimum to increase by \$15.
- Water rates to increase by 7%.

6657 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that Council adopt the Management Planning Timetable as outlined above.

At this point, the Economic Development Managers were present at the meeting to take part in discussions on the following matter.

10.3 REDEVELOPMENT – COONAMBLE SHOWGROUND

The Mayor informed Council that there will be no money from grant funding in the foreseeable future and he was of the opinion that Council needs to take action to have this work commenced. Cr Horan pointed out that Council has deferred the work for too long and now needs to take a stand to progress the redevelopment process.

The Economic Development Manager said that Council should prepare a master plan for the Showground, as this was one of the things requested by the Department of Lands upon receipt of Council's application for funding.

The Director of Engineering said that a development application has to be submitted relative to the demolition of the grandstand/construction of the pavilion and he pointed out that a site plan could be prepared at the same time.

6658 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Taylor that Council:

- (1) Confirm the resolution of 12 December 2007 and staff develop a time table to ensure the effective removal of the grandstand immediately, with the pavilion to be demolished following the 2008 Rodeo and the construction of a new pavilion to be commenced prior to September 2008;
- (2) Note that the Pony Club camp may be inconvenienced this year and advise it of Council's intentions;
- (3) Advise the Rodeo Committee of the decision and that funding from Council sources will not be available for at least three years to proceed with the covering of the rodeo arena;
- (4) Investigation be carried out into sealing of the carpark in front of the greyhound track and that a report be presented to Council on the estimated cost;

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- (5) Prepare a formal site plan for the Showground complex;
- (6) Re-scope the application for grant funding sought through the Department of Lands.

15.0 REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS

6659 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Jackson and Webb that the report by the Economic Development Managers be received and dealt with.

(a) Abattoir

Council noted that the Consultants will complete the project in March, 2008. It was also noted that a Steering Committee telemeeting will take place on Tuesday, 19 February and a presentation to Council and key stakeholders has been scheduled for March – may be the day of the March meeting in Gulargambone.

(b) Great Artesian Basin Water Sharing Plan

The EDM said that no further information has been received on the State Government's Controlled Allocation Policy, however it seems likely that the Oaks Bore Trust may not be able to sell water for commercial purposes after 1 January under the new Water Sharing Plan.

(c) Solar Thermal Power

Council was informed that Taurus Energy has changed to Epuron and is resubmitting its Solar Thermal Power Plant proposal to the State Government under new funding arrangements. Council noted that a letter of support has been forwarded. The EDM advised that the proposal will be for a 5-10MW plant to be constructed and one of the three potential sites is in Coonamble township. She said that expressions of interest close today.

(d) Look Local Campaign

The EDM reported that 38 businesses participated in the Look Local Campaign which, after a very slow start, proved successful.

(e) Heritage Week 2008

Council noted that Heritage Day is planned for Saturday 5 April, 2008 when it is hoped to have the Archives and Museum open to the public and also have other attractions. She said that the Tourism Development Manager will be organizing this day.

(f) Employment & Training

The EDM advised Council that funding has been approved for the commercial kitchen at twoeighttwoeight to provide a facility for hospitality students and that quotes have been received by the Employment Circle to provide Rural Study courses.

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(g) Solarup Australia

The EDM suggested that Council make an approach to the Department of State and Regional Development to ascertain what support may be forthcoming in regard to the Solarup proposal.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

6660 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Jackson and Webb that the following matter be classified “Urgent Business” and dealt with:

15.1 PROPOSAL AQUACULTURE PROJECT

The Economic Development Manager informed Council that the scope of this project has changed to that originally presented to Council. In a report to Council, Mrs. O’Connor outlined the new requirements of the project and their possible implications to Council.

Council noted that funding is still being sought and an “in principle” letter of support has been requested. The EDM pointed out that “The Meglo” site previously proposed would not now be the preferred one, due to flooding during recent rains.

6661 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Swansborough and Jackson that Council provide written “in principle” support to Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation for the Aquaculture project.

At this juncture, 2.50 p.m., the EDMs left the meeting.

Report by General Manager (continued)

10.4 LEASE OF PORTION OF LANE - SOUTH FROM McCULLOUGH STREET

Council noted that three expressions of interest to lease the area for five years were received as follows:

- Kevin Buckley \$ 50.00/year
- Rodney Day \$400.00/year
- Tim Kennedy \$220.00/year

6662 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council accept the offer submitted by Mr. Kevin Buckley of \$50/year for lease of the portion of laneway running south from McCullough Street east of Charles Street comprising 3150 square metres (from the McCullough Street end) which adjoins his property (Lot 156) and that he be reimbursed \$50 rental paid on the portion of lane which was cancelled by Council.

10.5 NATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTION – RECONCILIATION ACTION PLANS

The General Manager referred to a recent circular from the Shires Association of NSW wherein councils were encouraged to explore the possibility of implementing a Reconciliation Action Plan in consultation with Reconciliation Australia.

6663 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that Council implement a Reconciliation Action Plan in consultation with Reconciliation Australia.

At this juncture, Cr Swansborough, as a part owner of Swannys Frozen Foods, declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting.

10.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO 047/2007 – S. SWANSBOROUGH

6664 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Horan and Webb that Council approve the Development Application with conditions of consent and agree to provide the following assistance:

- (1) Refund the Development Application/Building Inspection Fee of \$214.00;
- (2) Provide footpath maintenance as requested;
- (3) Relocate the garbage bin as requested;
- (4) Not approve installation of shutters;
- (5) Refer the applicant to Outback Arts for grant funding for an Aboriginal mural;
- (6) Provide employee subsidy of \$2,800;
- (7) Provide first year rate subsidy equivalent to the General Rate component only (viz \$361.00)

Councillor Swansborough returned to the meeting at 3.03 p.m.

10.7 LEADERS FORUM – PLANNING REFORMS

The General Manager reported that in company with Deputy Mayor, Cr Webb, he attended the Leaders Forum in Sydney on 30 January, 2008 to discuss the NSW Government's proposed planning changes. A report was presented to Council on issues discussed at the forum.

6665 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Jackson and Webb that Council oppose the proposed changes at every opportunity and convey its disgust to the Local State Member to engage his support in opposing the changes.

11.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

6666 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

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11.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

6667 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31st January 2008 be noted.

The Director of Corporate Services advised Council that debt recovery is still proceeding and Council's amount of outstanding rates is being reduced.

11.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

6668 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Jackson that that the Investments held at 31st January 2008 be noted.

11.3 STORES & MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR & STORES AND MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 1 JULY 2007 TO 31 DECEMBER 2007

6669 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Jackson that Council authorise the writing in of stores and materials in the sum of \$1,825.35 and the writing off of stores and materials in the sum of \$4.51 as shown below for period ending 31 December 2007:

Items Unaccounted For:

Stores No.	Description	Qty	Amount
50146	St Connector No 3 1x0.75	1	4.51
	Total – Items Unaccounted For		\$4.51

Excess:

Stores No.	Description	Qty	Amount
143	Diesel – Coonamble	1162	1,501.77
261	First Aid Kit	1	19.50
450	Oil	6	21.80
472	Petrol – Coonamble	25	32.29
2200	Diesel – Crusher	179	241.70
50147	St Connector No 3 1 x 1	1	8.29
	Total – Items in Excess		\$1,825.35

11.4 QUARRY OPERATIONS - ACCOUNTS/PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Director of Corporate Services reported that recent events have indicated a lack of consistency by Council staff in dealing with customers of Council's quarry and, in particular, allocation of credit terms and follow-up action where terms of the credit agreement have not been met.

Mr. Warren said there has also been some ambiguity regarding terms and definition of Council's agreement.

6670 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Cullen that Council alter the Terms and Conditions relating to the supply of commercial credit to reflect:

- (1) Payment of quarry product is due 21st each month;
- (2) Supply will be suspended should payment in full not be made by the due date and remain suspended until full payment is made;
- (3) Personal guarantees be required of Directors for corporate accounts;
- (4) Current credit holders be required to complete accurately and fully an application for credit;
- (5) All other quarry product sales to be paid for at time of (or prior to) sale;
- (6) Credit limits be approved by the General Manager or his delegate, having regard to the amount sought by the purchaser and the risk involved in the provision of credit facilities.

11.5 RECORDS – DESTRUCTION OF

6671 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Jackson and Swansborough that Council note the destruction of the records listed in Item 11.5 of the Director of Corporate Services' report in compliance with the State Records Act 1998.

11.6 ANNUAL "C" DIVISION CONFERENCE – NARROMINE – 5/2/2008

Due to commitments by the General Manager and Mayor, the above Conference was attended by Cr. Jackson and the Director of Corporate Services as representatives of Council.

Council will recall that it submitted two motions for consideration:

- (1) *That the Shires Association object to the increase in fees proposed by the Electoral Commission in relation to Local Government Elections.*

This motion was carried and a similar motion proposed by Bogan Shire Council regarding the costs and process involved was also carried.

- (2) *That any restriction proposed for roadmaking plant travelling on roads be opposed.*

This motion was also carried and is similar to a motion proposed by Warrumbungle Shire Council, submitted earlier at the meeting and also carried.

The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report on proceedings and issues of interest.

(a) Cancer Council of New South Wales

Councillor Jackson referred to a request by the Cancer Council of NSW for Council to become a Community Partner and said that Warren Shire Council has just agreed to do so. Cr. Jackson said that the Cancer Council NSW will provide information updates on a quarterly basis to Council and it will then be able to decide which programs to participate in.

6672 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Taylor that Coonamble Shire Council agree to participate with the Cancer Council of NSW as a Community Partner and nominate Mr John Griffiths and Mr Rick Warren as the dedicated Relationship Managers for this community partnership.

(b) Council Elections – 2008

Council noted that at the “C” Division Conference reference was made to the forthcoming Council Elections which are currently scheduled for 27 September, however mention was made that they may be extended to March 2009 to allow the incoming councils to set their own budget.

Councillors and the General Manager were of the opinion that this is not a good option, as newly elected councillors would be at a loss to sufficiently understand the requirements of setting a budget during their initiation to elected life.

6673 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Swansborough and Jackson that Council forward a letter of objection to the Minister for Local Government at any move to extend to March 2009 the Local Government Elections, currently scheduled for September 2008.

6674 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Taylor that the report on the “C” Division Conference be noted.

12.0 REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

6675 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that the report by the Director of Engineering be received and dealt with.

12.1 DECEMBER 2007 FLOOD

The Director of Engineering showed pictures of the extent of the recent heavy rains and subsequent flooding. He also submitted a report informing Council of the events during and subsequent to this flooding and the possible implications for Council. In storm rains there were reports of:

- up to 200mm of rain around Gulargambone
- 150-200mm of rain in the south-east
- up to 250mm of rain in the north west.

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At Coonamble the officially recorded results were 171mm on the 22nd December, with a total of 205.4mm over three days (21st -23rd). There was an officially recorded result of 161mm at the Warrana Gauge on the 22nd. For both Coonamble and Warrana this was the highest recorded daily rainfall in nearly 130 years of data collection. For Coonamble the monthly total of 261.2mm was the December on record.

The Director of Engineering reported that a preliminary estimate from the Department of Natural Resources suggests that the 2007 flood was around the 1 in 200 year event, compared to the 1974 flood which would have been around the 1 in 25 year event.

The Director of Engineering said it should be noted that several staff did an exceptional job over the few days of the flood, with one staff member doing over 180 hours in the Christmas fortnight. Mr Russell said that many staff worked long hours or through the night, at a time when they would have preferred to be with their families.

6676 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Jackson that Council:

- (1) Authorise the General Manager to seek grant funding of approximately \$3M from the RTA for reinstatement of flood damage on Local & Regional Roads;
- (2) Authorise the General Manager to seek grant funding for reinstatement of flood damage to other Council property;
- (3) Confirm its commitment to the submission of grant applications for flood mitigation works as detailed in the July 2007 minutes;
- (4) Seek the rapid finalisation of the flood height study currently being undertaken on behalf of the SES;
- (5) Endorse the actions of the Director of Engineering in undertaking emergency repairs to the levee and the common fencing;
- (6) Undertake repairs to damaged stormwater pipes and valves;
- (7) Investigate options for repair and funding of the Warrana Weir and report back to Council;
- (8) Review costs associated with the implementation of terms 5 & 6 at the March 2008 Budget Review.

12.2 WATER AND SEWER REFORM

Council noted that this report deals proceedings of a meeting held in Dubbo on 29 January, 2008 which the Director of Engineering and Cr. Jackson attended, following advice that the Minister for Water Utilities, Mr Nathan Reece will be conducting an inquiry into NSW Water utilities during 2008 with the following aims:

- To identify the most effective institutional, regulatory and governance arrangements for the long term provision of water supply and sewerage services in country NSW; and

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- Ensure these arrangements are cost-effective, financially viable, sustainable, optimise whole-of-community outcomes, and achieve integrated water cycle management.

6677 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Jackson that Council authorise the General Manager to make a submission to the Inquiry into NSW Water Utilities.

12.3 HEAVY VEHICLE REFORM

The Director of Engineering referred to Item 9.36 Precis of Correspondence – request from Adrian Peterson Transport and said that as this is the first application Council has received for access of unconventional vehicles, it needs to consider its position on this matter.

6678 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Jackson that Council:

- (1) Approve the use of unconventional heavy vehicles (B-Triple and A-B Triple) on all roads within Coonamble Shire at General Mass Limits;
- (2) Not approve the use of Heavy Mass Limits on any roads within Coonamble Shire.

12.4 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION

The Director of Engineering referred to Council's decision at the November 2007 meeting to reduce targets for greenhouse gas emissions and said Council set a target of 50% reduction by the end of 2008. Mr. Russell said that in order to achieve such a target it will be necessary to make some rapid improvements in greenhouse emissions.

6679 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council:

- (1) Purchase 100% "Green Power" by the end February 2008;
- (2) Conduct an audit of electricity consumption throughout its business and develop and action plan for reducing consumption;
- (3) Investigate a tree planting project for the Common and/or the Meglo with the aim of using this project to ensure the achievement of Council's 2008 greenhouse emission target;
- (4) Investigate other greenhouse gas reduction initiative for inclusion in the 2008/09 Management Plan to ensure that the 2009 target is achieved.

12.5 FLUORIDATION TENDER – TO7/04

The Director of Engineering reported that a tender has been advertised for two of the four fluoridation plants, being the Gulargambone Bore and the Coonamble Bore 5. The remaining two Coonamble bores have been delayed due to Council's consideration of other water treatment at one or both of these sites.

The Director of Engineering pointed out that this is also subject of a report to Closed Session.

6680 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Webb that Council (subject to the Department of Health verification of sufficient subsidy to cover the capital cost) award the contract T07/04 for the supply and installation of two fluoridation plants to Prominent Fluid Control P/L in accordance with its tender and authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to any relevant documents .

URGENT BUSINESS – REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

6681 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Jackson that the following matter be classified “Urgent Business” and dealt with:

12.6 TOOLOON STREET REVEGETATION PROJECT

6682 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Jackson and Webb that Council proceed with the Tooloon Street Revegetation Project as outlined in the Director of Engineering report.

13.0 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

13.1 MANAGEMENT PLAN QUARTERLY REVIEW TO 31 DECEMBER 2007

In reviewing the Management Plan for the quarter to 31 December 2007 Council noted the items identified as having an impact on the budget and the reasons given by the Responsible Accounting Officer.

At this juncture, 4.36 p.m., the Mayor Cr Horan vacated the Chair and left the room and the Deputy Mayor Cr Webb took the Chair.

The Director of Corporate Services answered various queries put forward by Councillors and explained reasons for variation of individual items.

6683 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Taylor that Council:

- (1) Adopt the Management Plan Review and approve variations in votes, as listed in the Financial Statements for the quarter ended 31 December, 2007; and
- (2) note that Council’s financial position is considered satisfactory by the Responsible Accounting Officer.

At this juncture, 4.40 p.m., Cr Horan returned to the meeting and took the Chair.

Item 4.2 – Community Service & Education

Councillor Swansborough referred to the wording under this item and asked that it be changed to read more clearly in next year's Management Plan.

6684 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Swansborough that this item be changed, as requested by Cr. Swansborough, in the next year's Management Plan.

16.0 REPORT BY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

6685 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that that the report by the Tourism Development Manager be received and dealt with.

Council noted that the Tourism Development Manager is attending a meeting away from Council and was not available to present his report. However he had left literature to be handed out and the General Manager spoke to items on his behalf.

17.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER

6686 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Taylor and Webb that the report by the Saleyards Manager for the months of December 07/January, 08 be received and noted.

18.0 CLOSED SESSION

6687 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with Section (2) (b) "*the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer*" of the Local Government Act 1993 .

6688 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

6689 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Webb that Council resume Open Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council noted that there were no recommendations from Closed Session.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Use of Closed Roads

Councillor Jackson referred to the recent closing of all unsealed roads due to wet weather and stated that an incident occurred in Vatua Lane when a vehicle used the road when it was closed.

Relocation of Shed – Coonamble Sportsground

In accordance with Section 23 (3) (a) & (b) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice the Mayor declared this matter "Urgent Business".

6690 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Horan and Webb that the following matter be classified "Urgent Business" and dealt with.

RESCISSION MOTION

6691 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Swansborough that the following Minute **be rescinded**:

Min. No 6615 "Resolved on the motion of Crs Canham and Webb that of storage shed remain in its current location at the Coonamble 12 Dec 2007 Sportsground".

6692 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Taylor and Swansborough that all further work on the shed at the Sportsground be halted and that it be relocated to a site near the cricket nets at no cost to Council except for a new slab at the relocation site.

Council Parks & Other Areas

Councillor Swansborough requested that maintenance be given to the Coonamble Cemetery, Soccer Fields and various Parks to improve the appearance of Council land.

One Night Stand Information Pack

Councillor Callaghan referred to a request from Trish Bullen who is keen to lodge a submission for the One Night Stand Triple J Competition to be held in Coonamble. Cr Callaghan tabled the requirements necessary to be successful in gaining this concert, which are:

1. Support of Council
2. Venue for possibly 10,000 or more people.
3. A petition from the area in support of the event
4. A mini documentary showing the town at work.

6693 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Canham and Taylor that Council:

- (1) not submit an entry to host the One Night Stand because of the short notice, lack of a suitable venue and unavailability of necessary security;
- (2) consider the event for next year when more information/costing and time is available;
- (3) forward a letter to Trish Bullen thanking her for her interest and commitment.

2008 Conferences – Shires Association and Roads

Councillor Canham referred to the above two Conferences and reminded Councillors that they are both scheduled for June 2008. Cr Canham said that Councillor Cullen will be presented with a Long Service Medal for his 20 plus years as a Councillor and Council should decide who will be delegates to these two Conferences.

6694 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Canham and Jackson that:

- (1) representatives to the Shires Conference be the Mayor, together with Councillors Canham, Cullen and Taylor; and
- (2) representatives to the Roads Conference be Councillors Jackson and Webb, in company with the Director of Engineering.

Publication of Newsletters – January

Cr Cullen sought permission to obtain a quotation from the Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre for the printing of brochures to publicise events happening in Coonamble during January (when the local press is not available), particularly advertising Australia Day.

6695 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Horan that Cr Cullen be authorised to seek a quote from the Coonamble RTC to have brochures printed (perhaps two newsletters) advertising events happening in town – *What's On In January*”.

Dinner with Hon Michael Costa MP

The General Manager informed Council that he and the Mayor have been invited to a dinner with Michael Costa, MP, on 19 February 2008 in Dubbo being conducted by Gowest. Mr Griffiths said that the cost is \$70/each.

6696 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that the General Manager and an elected member attend this function.

Water Aerobics Classes – Reduced Rate to Members

The General Manager informed Council that a letter has been received from Maureen Nairne and Rae Murray requesting that all members of the Aerobics Group conducted by them be allowed a flat rate of \$50, in line with that approved by Council for pensioners attending the classes.

Councillors asked that this request be included in the March Business Paper.

At this juncture, Council's Health and Building Officer, Mr. Matthew Cock, was present at the meeting.

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Presentation to Council

In acknowledgement of its participation at the Gulargambone Celebration this morning, a rose was returned to Council by an Elder at Gulargambone. Council noted that Mr. Cock represented Council and spoke on its behalf at the Ceremony.

Residence for Doctor – Gulargambone

Council was presented with details of costings and necessary works to be carried out on a dwelling in Gulargambone. Mr. Cock informed the meeting that an offer has been made however no response has been received at this time. The meeting noted that the dwelling is thought to be a better option and better value than a transportable home.

6697 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Jackson that Council pursue this proposal and authorise the expenditure of \$150,000 for purchase of 22 Yalcogrin Street, Gulargambone, noting the funds will come from Premises Refurbishment Reserve.

Waste 2 Art

Councillors were given invitations to the Waste 2 Art Exhibition which is being held on 14 March, with RSVPs by 7 March.

Smith Park Toilets

The Mayor asked when the internal renovation would be carried out on the Smith Park toilets, and also if a canteen would be erected. The Director of Engineering said that work would commence shortly.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.

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