

12 March 2026

March Council Meeting Brief

Donations

The following donations will be provided to Coonamble Shire Community Organisations

- Coonamble Rotary Club \$2,000
- Coonamble Children's Services \$5,000

For the next round of donations please submit relevant form by 30 April for consideration at the June Meeting

Donations policy can be found on Councils Website at

<https://www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au/Donation%20Policy%20Dec%202025.pdf>

Donations Acquittal Form

https://www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au/media_downloads/forms/220801_Donations_Policy_Acquittal_Form.pdf

Donations Application Form

<https://www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au/Donation%20application.pdf>

Works in Progress

Aerodrome Fence

The animal exclusion fence around the Coonamble Aerodrome has been completed.

Coonamble Shire Council continues to deliver routine and improvement works across local and regional roads in line with the Routine Maintenance Annual Plan (RMAP) agreed with Transport for NSW.

Current maintenance activities include pothole patching, rest area cleaning, routine inspections, sign repairs and roadside slashing. Heavy patching and shoulder widening works have recently been completed on sections of the Castlereagh Highway north of Coonamble, along with resealing works.

Upcoming works scheduled between now and the end of the financial year include heavy patching south of Coonamble, a 19km reseal on the Castlereagh Highway north of town, and upgrades to the Castlereagh Highway and Warren Road intersection. Additional heavy patching will take place on Tooraweenah and Gulargambone Roads.

Council will also continue maintenance grading and shoulder grading on local and regional roads where conditions allow. Urban works include kerb and gutter replacement in King Street and Pages Terrace, and dish drain maintenance in Auburn and Wingadee Streets. Further projects planned include trial road seals in Gulargambone streets and Back Gulargambone Road, along with a seal extension project in Quambone streets.

School Holiday Program Re-Cap

Throughout the 2025 – 2026 summer holidays period, Coonamble Shire Council was supported by the Premiers Funding to provide an extended range of youth engagement programs alongside many local services.

Some of the activities included extended pool hours, pool parties and pool inflatables, Christmas lights tour and Night Patrol, TOTEM Skateboarding workshop, Walk-about-barber, White Card Training, 3x3 Basketball, among many more.

It was wonderful to see so many of our community's youth getting involved and enjoying the program.

Make sure to keep an eye on Councils Website and Facebook for the Autumn 2026 School Holiday Program coming out soon...

Coonamble Main Street Enhancement

Painting has commenced on three building along Coonamble's Main Street. These building are being painted as part of a grant funded Main Street Enhancement project.

Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates

Notice of the intended Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates appeared in the Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales Number 495 – Local Government Friday, 28 November 2025 and in the Coonamble Times, 10 December 2025 with the advertised date of sale as Thursday, 5 March 2026.

A further letter of demand was sent to the relevant ratepayers by SR Law on behalf of Council in December 2025.

Council has rescheduled the public auction for the sale of land for unpaid rates to be 21st May 2026, this new date is to maximise the likelihood of a successful outcome.

Water Update

Coonamble residents have seen the first signs of relief following the severe water restrictions imposed earlier this year. Water restrictions have now eased slightly with all residents permitted to water on between 7pm and 7am. This will be in effect until May 1st 2026 This is a small but meaningful step toward normalising water use after weeks of critical supply pressures.

This easing follows operational improvements, including bringing an additional bore online to help stabilise the town's water system. Further improvements are expected as Council completes essential upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant. It is noted that with the reservoir recently reaching 92% capacity, the best level in weeks.

For any question regarding current water restrictions, please contact council on (02) 6827 1900.

Matters on Public Exhibition

From the results of the March Council Meeting, there is currently 3 matters on Public Exhibition.

Business Activation Policy

- For comment by 22nd April 2026

Business Activation Procedure

- For comment by 22nd April 2026

Urban Housing Strategy

- For comment by 8th April 2026

Tooraweenah Road Update

Council appointed MAAS Civil Pty Limited as the successful contractor at the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 22 January 2026. Works are expected to commence in May 2026, approximately 12 weeks after Council acceptance, once programming, management plans, and safety documentation have been finalised.