

### MEDIA RELEASE

## Coonamble Shire Council Welcomes New Rangers

Coonamble Shire Council is pleased to announce the appointment of three new Rangers, who commenced duties on Monday, 9 March 2026.

The new team includes two full-time Rangers, Lane Smith and Marie Rose, along with casual Ranger John Flannagan. Their addition strengthens Council's capacity to respond to community concerns.

Since starting, the Rangers have already been actively engaged in a range of important activities. On 16 March, they participated in a joint dangerous dog training session alongside Rangers from Warrumbungle and Walgett Shire Councils.

The team has also undertaken community education activities, including a visit to Coonamble Public School, where they spoke with students about the importance of microchipping and containment of dogs, dog safety at home and in public, immunisations as well as roaming dogs and what to do when confronted with an unrestrained dog.

In addition, the Rangers have responded to and investigated five dog attack reports within the past week, including the seizure of offending dogs where required.

Council has received positive feedback from community members regarding the Rangers prompt response and professionalism in addressing complaints.



Coonamble Shire Council looks forward to the continued positive impact of the new Ranger team in supporting community safety and animal management across the region.

Greg Hill  
**GENERAL MANAGER**