

16 April 2026

April Council Brief

Welcome to Coonamble

Saturday 14th March saw Coonamble host the annual Welcome to Coonamble Dinner. The night had a great turn out of newcomers to the Coonamble Shire, with more than 60% coming for work opportunities. Thank you to the Coonamble CWA for holding such a great event!

Fuel Security

The NSW Government held a fuel security briefing on 1 April 2026 and is currently at Level 2 – “Keep Australia Moving” under its four-level action plan.

While there are no changes to travel plans needed, the main challenge is managing fuel distribution and demand. The community is encouraged to help by only buying what they need, avoiding unsafe fuel storage, and using the FuelCheck app to find available fuel.

For updates, visit, nsw.gov.au/fuel.

Matters on Public Exhibition

From the results of the April Council Meeting, there is currently 2 new matters on Public Exhibition.

DRAFT Asset Management Plan

- For comment by 27th May 2026

DRAFT Disposal of Assets Policy

- For comment by 27th May 2026

The following are also on display from the March Meeting

Business Activation Policy

- For comment by 22nd April 2026

Business Activation Procedure

- For comment by 22nd April 2026

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping continues to escalate across the Shire. Recent activity includes:

- Removal of 532.5 cubic meters of illegally dumped material on public land over the past three (3) months.
- Cleanup cost to date this calendar year: \$17,362.50
- 33 separate illegal dumping incidents reported in the past month alone.

Council's Ranger staff have investigated incidents and have successfully tracked dumping back to alleged perpetrators through the gathering of evidence. Staff are now in the process of interviewing alleged perpetrators to determine whether to issue official warnings or fines as a deterrent.

Youth accommodation project

The crisis accommodation units in Yarran Street, Coonamble are nearing completion but have been delayed. The builder expects handover within 2–3 weeks, with only minor works remaining.

Council has requested a short extension from the funding provider after the original 28 March 2026 completion date passed. The delay was due to trade shortages and the resignation of Council's Project Manager.

Kerbside recycling

Coonamble Shire does not currently provide kerbside recycling, with recycling limited to Return and Earn and contractor collection of materials like cardboard, mattresses, tyres and e-waste.

A regional report found only 3 out of 10 councils offer kerbside recycling, reflecting financial challenges. It also showed a 15–18% drop in recyclable volumes after Return and Earn was introduced, affecting efficiency and costs.

Overall, market fluctuation and low waste volumes make kerbside recycling difficult to sustain.

Donations

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

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