BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 14 October 2026

Date: **Wednesday, 14 October 2026**

Time: **9:00 am**

Location: **Shire Chamber**
Coonamble

The Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath/ Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of Coonamble Shire and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities, and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement. It is also a requirement that the Mayor and Councillors disclose conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

Daniel Keady

Mayor

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Shire Chamber, Coonamble on Wednesday, 14 October 2026 at 9:00 am.

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1 OPENING MEETING

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2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet today, the Wailwan people and the Gamilaroi people and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 9 September 2026 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 9 September 2026

MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: Mayor Daniel Keady, Deputy Mayor Steven Butler, Cr Adam Cohen, Cr Paul Fisher, Cr Margaret Garnsey, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith, Cr Paul Wheelhouse

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Hill (General Manager), Bruce Quarmby (Director Corporate Services), Mick Bell (Acting Director Infrastructure), Tony Payne (Director Sustainable Communities & Planning), Jenni Maundrell (Executive Manager Corporate Governance), Rebecca Payne (Executive Assistant)

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at **9:03am,** advising the attendees of the following:

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3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2026/179

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher
Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the apology from Crs Ahmad Karanouh and Karen Churchill be noted and approved.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2026/180

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 12 August 2026 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

Cr Fisher requested that his vote against item 12.2 Tooraweenah Road Upgrade - Monthly Status Update be recorded, as he has not received a response to the question he had previously raised regarding the side tracks.

6 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Adam Cohen declared a Pecuniary Interest declaration with:

Item 12.2 - Tooraweenah Road Upgrade - Monthly Status Update report as he has a cleaning contract. He indicated he will stay in the room for the discussion and for voting on the item.

7 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR PAUL WHEELHOUSE - CAPITAL UPGRADES IN 2025/2026 AND 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEARS

RESOLUTION 2026/181

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council

1. **Allocate the $790,000 provided under the 2026/27 "Sealed Road Extension Program" to gravel resurface the unsealed sections of the Gulargambone–Quambone Road, with priority given to the sections in the worst condition, subject to final assessment and costing.**
2. **Request the General Manager, or his delegate, to prepare concept designs and cost estimates for the bitumen sealing of Dubbo Lane and McCullough Street, Coonamble, for Council's consideration as part of the 2027/28 budget process.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

MAYORAL MINUTE

RESOLUTION 2026/182

Moved: Mayor Daniel Keady
Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the Mayoral Minute for September 2026 be noted.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO MOVE ITEM 10.9

RESOLUTION 2026/183

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council resolve to move item 10.9 between items 8 and 9 for the purpose of carrying out the Mayoral and Deputy Mayor elections.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.9 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLUTION 2026/184

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That Council:

1. **Note the report on the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.**
2. **Resolve that any contested election for Mayor or Deputy Mayor be conducted by ordinary ballot.**
3. **Proceed with the election of a Mayor from among the councillors for the mayoral term ending in September 2028.**
4. **Proceed with the election of a Deputy Mayor from among the councillors for the period ending in September 2027.**
5. **Request the General Manager to notify the NSW Office of Local Government and Local Government NSW of the election results.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

Councillor Daniel Keady vacated the chair at 9:23am.

Item 10.9, Resolution 3 - Mayoral Election:

The General Manager announced that one nomination had been received for the position of Mayor for the period 9 September until September 2028:

- Cr Daniel Keady, nominated by Cr Phillipa Goldsmith and Cr Margaret Garnsey.

The General Manager called for further nominations for the position of Mayor. There were no further nominations.

The General Manager declared Councillor Daniel Keady elected unopposed to the

position of Mayor for the period 8 September 2026 until September 2028.

Item 10.9, Resolution 4 - Deputy Mayor Election:

The General Manager announced the two nominations had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor for the period 9 September 2026 until September 2027:

- Cr Paul Wheelhouse nominated by Cr Paul Wheelhouse and Cr Margaret Garnsey.
- Cr Steven Bulter nominated by Cr Phillipa Goldsmith and Cr Daniel Keady.

The General Manager called for further nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. There were no further nominations.

The General Manager circulated a ballot to the councillors.

The General Manager declared Councillor Steven Butler elected with the vote six to one to the position of Deputy Mayor for the period 8 September 2026 until September 2027.

Cr Daniel Keady assumed the chair at 9:28am.

At 9:29 am, Cr Adam Cohen left the meeting.

9 FINANCE

9.1 CORPORATE SERVICES - MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/185

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

1. **That Council receive and note the Corporate Services Monthly Financial report.**
2. **The investments from 1 August 2026 to 31 August 2026 and that these investments comply with section 625 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council's Investment Policy.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30/06/2026

RESOLUTION 2026/186

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

1. **That Council receive and note the Financial Reports for Year Ended**

30/06/2026 report.

2. **That the Mayor, a Councillor, the General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the necessary Statement by Council on the Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2026.**
3. **That Council's Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2026 be referred for audit.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

At 9:32 am, Cr Adam Cohen returned to the meeting.

9.3 END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/26 BUDGET CARRY FORWARDS, REVOTES AND ALLOCATIONS

RESOLUTION 2026/187

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council:

1. **Receive and note the End of Financial Year 2025/26 Budget carry forwards, Revotes and Allocations report.**
2. **Approve the revote of budget allocations outlined in this report and transfer the unexpended funds of $9,774,672 from the 2025/26 financial year to the corresponding project budgets in the 2026/27 financial year.**
3. **Note the classification and position of Council's Internal Reserves as at 30 June 2026.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 9:49 am, Cr Adam Cohen left the meeting.

At 9:54 am, Cr Adam Cohen returned to the meeting.

9.4 DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

RESOLUTION 2026/188

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

1. **Receive and note the Draft Asset Management Plan – Buildings and Structures report.**
2. **That Council receive and note the contents of the draft Buildings and**

Structures Asset Management Plan

3. **That the draft Buildings and Structures Asset Management Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days, with submissions invited for a period of at least 42 days**
4. **That Council receive a further report following the completion of the public submission period, with a view to adopting the draft Buildings and Structures Asset Management Plan**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

9.5 DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - OPEN SPACES

RESOLUTION 2026/189

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

1. **Receive and note the Draft Asset Management Plan – Open Spaces report.**
2. **That Council receive and note the contents of the draft Open Spaces Asset Management Plan**
3. **That the draft Open Spaces Asset Management Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days, with submissions invited for a period of at least 42 days**
4. **That Council receive a further report following the completion of the public submission period, with a view to adopting the draft Open Spaces Asset Management Plan**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

9.6 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - TRANSPORT AND DRAINAGE

RESOLUTION 2026/190

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

1. **Receive and note the Transport and Drainage Asset Management report.**
2. **That Council adopt the Transport and Drainage Asset Management with minor changes.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10 GOVERNANCE AND GENERAL MANAGER

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2026/191

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That the Correspondence Report for August 2026 be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.2 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS/ACTIONS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/192

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse
Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That Council receive and note the Council Resolutions report and status.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

CARRIED 6/1

10.3 MONTHLY RECORDS SYSTEM ACTIVITY REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/193

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse
Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council receive and note the Monthly Records System Activity Report for the August 2026 reporting period.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.4 WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES MONTHLY STATISTICS

RESOLUTION 2026/194

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council receive and note the Workforce Management and Human Resources monthly statistics report for September 2026.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.5 MT MAGOMETON QUARRY MONTHLY REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/195

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council receive and note the Mt Magometon Quarry Monthly Report for the reporting period of August 2026.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.6 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURE 2026-27

RESOLUTION 2026/196

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council approve:

1. **The closure of Council's administrative office, libraries, Service NSW Agency, Visitor Information and Exhibition Centre, and depots from 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 23 December 2026, with these facilities reopening on Monday, 4 January 2027; and**
2. **The closure of the quarry from 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 23 December 2026, with the quarry reopening on Monday, 18 January 2027.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.7 COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR MAYORAL TERM SEPTEMBER 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 2028

RESOLUTION 2026/197

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council note:

1. The proposed dates of Council meetings from September 2026 until the end of the Council term in September 2028 are as follows:

Date	Location	Time
14 October 2026	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
11 November 2026	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
9 December 2026	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
10 February 2027	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
10 March 2027	**Gulargambone Central School**	**9:30am**
14 April 2027	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
12 May 2027	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
16 June 2027	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
14 July 2027	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
11 August 2027	**Quambone Community Hall**	**9:30am**
8 September 2027	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
13 October 2027	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
10 November 2027	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
8 December 2027	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
9 February 2028	**Council Chamber,**	**9:00am**

	Coonamble	
8 March 2028	**Gulargambone Central School**	**9:30am**
12 April 2028	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
10 May 2028	**Council chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
21 June 2028	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
12 July 2028	**Council Chamber, Coonamble**	**9:00am**
9 August 2028	**Quambone Community Hall**	**9:30am**

2. The 2028 Local Government Election is scheduled for 9 September 2028, and therefore no September 2028 meeting is included in this schedule.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.8 WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

RESOLUTION 2026/198

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council:

1. Endorses the Workforce Management Strategy 2025/26 to 2028/29.

2. Notes that the Strategy will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the Operational Plan, budget and workforce reporting processes.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

11 PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

At 10:15 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse left the meeting.

11.1 PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/199

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That the Planning and Compliance Department report for September 2026 be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey and Phillipa Goldsmith

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

11.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION 2026/200

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council receive and note the Community Development Report for September 2026.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey and Phillipa Goldsmith

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

At 10:17 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse returned to the meeting.

11.3 WASTE RECYCLING EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/201

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council receive and note the Waste, Recycling and Employment Initiatives report for September 2026.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/202

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

1. **Receive and note the Economic Development and Growth report foR September 2026.**
2. **That the Warrena Weir Draft Plan of Management be put on Community consultation for a period of 28 days as per resolution 2022/269.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

The Council Meeting paused recess at 10:30 am.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 10:30 am, Cr Adam Cohen left the meeting.

At 10:55 am, Cr Adam Cohen returned to the meeting.

11.5 NAMING OF ARTESIAN BATHING EXPERIENCE FOR MARKETING PURPOSES

RESOLUTION 2026/203

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council adopt a name for the facility from the options provided.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

Council agreed to go with **Option 3. Coonamble Artesian Waters**

11.6 CONNECTING WITH TAFE IN COONAMBLE SHIRE

RESOLUTION 2026/204

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That the General Manager be authorised to write to the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education on behalf of the Mayor regarding:

1. **Council's concerns around TAFE NSW services to the community**
2. **Suggested solutions for reactivating the local campus as a hub for lifelong local learning and skill development.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 12:06 pm, Cr Adam Cohen left the meeting.

11.7 REPORT ON PROPOSED RELOCATION OF HISTORIC HORSE TROUGH AND REPLICA MAIL COACH

RESOLUTION 2026/205

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council:

1. **Not proceed with the relocation of the Old Horse Trough from the roundabout at the intersection of Castlereagh and Tooloon Streets, Coonamble.**
2. **Agree to an interpretive panel being installed in an appropriate location at the Tooloon/Castlereagh Street intersection to enhance the appreciation of the Old Horse Trough and its contribution to the current tourism offering.**
3. **Undertake further investigation before making a final decision on the relocation of the replica Royal Mail Carriage from the Coonamble Museum to an area adjacent to the Visitor Information Centre in Smith Park.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

At 12:10 pm, Cr Adam Cohen returned to the meeting.

At 12:18 pm, Cr Margaret Garnsey left the meeting.

At 12:19 pm, Cr Margaret Garnsey returned to the meeting.

11.8 DRAFT DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN

RESOLUTION 2026/206

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher
Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council:

1. **Endorses the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 (Attachment 1) for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.**
2. **Invites submissions from the community and key stakeholders during the exhibition period.**
3. **Receives a further report following the exhibition period detailing any submissions received and recommending adoption of the final Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

12 INFRASTRUCTURE

12.1 TOORAWEENAH ROAD UPGRADE - MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/207

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Receive and note the Tooraweenah Road Upgrade Monthly Status report.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

12.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

RESOLUTION 2026/208

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

Receive and note the Infrastructure Services - Works in Progress report.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

Nil

13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2026/209

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

13.1 Closed (Public Excluded) Council Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council - 12 August 2026

13.2 Tender RFT260820ML Supply and Delivery of Tipper Truck and Plant Trailer

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

13.3 Expressions of Interest to Purchase Sons of the Soil Hotel

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c, d(i) and f of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and details of systems and/or arrangements that have been implemented to protect council, councillors, staff and Council property.

CARRIED

13.1 CLOSED (PUBLIC EXCLUDED) COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL - 12 AUGUST 2026

Note: Closed minutes are transferred to the open minutes.

13.2 TENDER RFT260820ML SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TIPPER TRUCK AND PLANT TRAILER

RESOLUTION 2026/210

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

1. **Receive and note the Tender RFT260820ML Supply and Delivery of Tipper Truck and Plant Trailer report.**
2. **That Council award Tender RFT260820ML Supply and Delivery of Tipper Truck and Plant Trailer to Tracserv Pty Ltd Dubbo for their offer of an Isuzu FVR 170-300 and FWR single-axle plant trailer.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

13.3 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO PURCHASE SONS OF THE SOIL HOTEL

RESOLUTION 2026/211

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That council:

1. **Endorse option 1 contained in the report.**
2. **Authorise the General Manager to enter into negotiations to finalise the sale of the Sons of the Soil Hotel.**
3. **Receive a report detailing the outcome of negotiations.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

RESOLUTION 2026/212

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

134 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 12:36pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 14 October 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON

6 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

DECLARATION FORM (COUNCILLOR)

In accordance with Council's code of Conduct for Councillors (the Code)

1. DECLARANT DETAILS	
NAME	
2. DETAILS OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST	
NAME OF MEETING	
MEETING ITEM NO	
REPORT TITLE	
DATE OF MEETING	
TYPE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (Refer to Annexure 1)	☐ Pecuniary ☐ Significant Non-Pecuniary ☐ Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary
DESCRIPTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Include name of person and/or organisation; the relationship to you; and the reason(s) why you consider that there is (or may be) a conflict of interest or perception of a conflict of interest.	
3. ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO MANAGE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST	
☐ I intend to **leave** the meeting and take no part in any debate, discussion or decision on the item. ☐ I intend to **stay** in the meeting to debate and vote on the matter. ☐ Other: Provide details_____ _____	
4. DECLARATION	
I hereby declare that the above details are correct to the best of my knowledge and that I will take appropriate action as I have indicated above.	

SIGNATURE		DATE	

NOTE: This is not a standing Conflict of Interest declaration.

A declaration form must be completed on every relevant occasion including, but not limited to, each Council meeting and/or Councillor workshop.

Incomplete or partially completed declaration forms will not be accepted.

ANNEXURE 1

DEFINITIONS	
Conflict of Interest	Occurs where a Council Official's personal or private interests and relationships conflict, or could conflict with, the Council Official's ability to act impartially and in the best interest of Council.
Actual Conflict of Interest	Occurs where a Council Official's personal or private interests' conflict with their official duties.
Perceived Conflict of Interest	Occurs where a Council Official could be perceived by a third party to be acting in such a way that their official duties are influenced by their personal or private interests.
Potential Conflict of Interest	Occurs where a Council Official has personal or private interests that may later develop into a conflict of interest with their official duties.
Pecuniary Interest	An interest that an individual has based on a reasonable likelihood or expectation of significant financial gain or loss to themselves or to a related individual (eg spouse, direct family member, relatives or associated companies).
	Required Action: (clause 4.16 and 4.17 of the Code): Make a declaration, do not participate in the item, leave the meeting or forum during discussion, consideration and/or voting on the matter.
Significant Non Pecuniary Interest	A non-pecuniary interest whereby an individual has a close relationship with an individual; a strong relationship with an organisation; a nonpecuniary financial interest or stands to gain or lose a personal benefit; is a board member and there is a conflict between Council and the organisation interests, constituting a conflict of duties.
	Required Action: (clause 5.10 of the Code): Make a declaration, do not participate in the item, leave the meeting or forum during discussion, consideration and/or voting on the matter.
Less than Significant Non Pecuniary Interest	A private or personal interest that does not involve a financial gain or loss but may stem from family or personal interests and/or relationships.
	Required Action: (clause 5.11 of the Code): Make a declaration, when disclosing the interest you must also explain in writing why you consider that the non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.

7 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

MAYORAL MINUTE

Author: **Mayor**

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Mayoral Minute for October 2026.

COWCHILLAH COONAMBLE

Cowchillah Coonamble brought the main street to life over the October long weekend. There was live music, street food, markets and licensed areas creating a welcoming festival for all ages. The event showcased Coonamble's ability to respond positively to change with new branding and a refreshed program delivered within a short timeframe. It was pleasing to see residents, visitors, local businesses, performers and stallholders come together to support the event and enjoy what our town has to offer.

I congratulate all those involved for their flexibility and hard work.

COONAMBLE JOCKEY CLUB GOLD CUP

The Coonamble Jockey Club will host the Gold Cup on Sunday, 11 October 2026. The meeting is an important event bringing residents and visitors together while supporting our community.

NAIDOC DAY MARCH AND MAYORAL WELCOME

It was an honour to welcome community members to Coonamble's NAIDOC Day activities and to take part in the march. The day provided an important opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures, achievements and to recognise the continuing connection of the Wailwan and Gamilaroi people to Country.

In my welcome, I acknowledged Elders past and present and thanked the organisers, community leaders, schools, service providers, families and young people who contributed to the occasion. Events such as this create space for truth-telling, learning and respectful conversation, while strengthening relationships across our community. Council remains committed to supporting inclusive events and to working in partnership with local Aboriginal organisations and community members.

2026 PADDOCK PICNIC

The 2026 Paddock Picnic was a wonderful celebration of the work undertaken by the Coonamble Cancer Survival Fund. The favourable weather, friendly, relaxed atmosphere helped make the day a success and brought people together from across the Shire. Importantly, the event raised awareness of an organisation that provides practical assistance to local residents and families affected by cancer.

Council's contribution helped keep tickets affordable and provided practical event assistance, easing the logistical demands on the volunteer committee. I thank the committee for its generous acknowledgement of Council's support and congratulate

everyone involved in delivering an inclusive event that supported local suppliers, encouraged visitation and celebrated the Fund's valuable contribution to our community.

SONS OF THE SOIL HOTEL FIRE

The recent fire at the Sons of the Soil Hotel caused significant damage to the back of this historic building. The incident was distressing for the community, given the Hotel's long-standing place in Coonamble's streetscape and local story.

I acknowledge the emergency services and all personnel who responded to the incident and helped protect the surrounding area. Council is working through the insurance, safety, legal and restoration matters arising from the fire, including the implications for the proposed sale of the property. While this work will take time, Council's immediate priorities remain public safety, securing the site and ensuring that decisions about the building's future are informed, responsible and respectful of its heritage significance.

9 FINANCE

9.1 CORPORATE SERVICES - MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Author: **Director Corporate Services**

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures: **1. Imperium monthly report**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Corporate Services Monthly Financial Report, including the September 2026 Investment Report and its compliance with statutory requirements and Council's Investment Policy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides updated information from the operations of the Corporate Services Department for Council's information.

BACKGROUND:

The progress report focuses on the performance of Council's Investment portfolio and its efforts in the collection of outstanding rates and charges for the past month.

REPORT:

Cash and Investment Status

The attached Investment Report was calculated on 1 October 2026 which includes current term deposit and online saver account.

Account Summary

Account	Interest Rate	Current Month Interest Received	YTD Interest Received	Prior Month Balance	Movement	Current Month Balance
Operating Account*	3.60%pa	$ 3,266.92	**$ 11,736.69**	**$942,189.03**	$3,270,176.97	**$ 4,212,366.00**
Online Saving Account	4.50%pa	$ 11,879.59	**$ 36,109.83**	**$ 3,000,000.00**	$0	**$ 3,000,000.00**
Term Deposits	5.16%pa (avg)	$40,109.86	**$351,435.21**	$ 26,250,000.00	$4,500,000.00	**$ 30,750,000.00**
Total Interest Received 30 September 2026			**$399,281.73**	**Total Cash at Bank 30 September 2026**		**$37,962,366.00**

*Balances exclude overdraft facility

Compliance

Council continue to utilise the platform Imperium Markets, to assist in conducting, managing and reporting on council's investments. This provides an automated process of sourcing quotes and investing monies which is allowing Council to better address investment risks.

The attached Imperium Markets report demonstrates Council's compliance across Counterparty Compliance, Credit Quality Compliance and Maturity Compliance requirements. No breaches to compliance occurred during the period 1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026.

Interest Rate

The average interest rate on Council's investments is currently approximately 5.16%, which remains above the Benchmark cash rate of 4.60%. Investment markets have remained relatively stable during the month, with shorter term deposits continuing to offer competitive returns compared with longer term investments. Term deposit rates are generally ranging between 5.0% and 5.5% for terms between 6 and 24 months. Current market expectations indicate that interest rates are likely to remain elevated in the near term, with the possibility of further increases should inflation remain above target. This environment continues to support competitive returns on Council's investment portfolio, and Council will continue to monitor market conditions and investment opportunities in accordance with its Investment Policy. Longer-term investments may be worth considering where cash flow requirements permit, particularly if current rates can be locked in before any future easing cycle.

Available Working Funds

	Actual YTD (000's)
Total cash, cash equivalent and investments as at 30 September 2026	**37,875**
Externally Restricted	
Unexpended Specific Purpose Grants / Loans	12,120
Water Supplies	3,860
Sewerage Services	5,570
Domestic Waste Management	421
Total Externally Restricted	21,971
Internal Restrictions	
Building and Premises	1,279
Community Development	141
Corporate	1,615
General	5,512
Housing & Community	100
Mines (Quarry)	1,232
Public	43
Recreation	161
Transport	3,521
Governance	785
Total Internally Restricted	14,389
Total Restricted	**36,360**
Unrestricted Cash	**1,515**

Government Recievables owing to Council

Infrastructure Grants (Transport, Water Sewer)	105
Recreational & Culture Grants	150
Total	**255**

Restricted funds are monies set aside for specific future purposes, while unrestricted funds are available to meet Council's general operational needs. Where working funds fall into a negative position, as identified above, a transfer from internal reserves will be undertaken to support working funds.

It should be noted that the calculations above indicate that Council has an Unrestricted Cash balance of approximately $1,515,000.

For Council's information, the difference between the working funds calculation and the cash-at-bank balance is attributable to receipts that had not been processed in Council's accounting system at the time this report was prepared.

Cash Outflows

The below table shows the outflows for the month:

September Cash Outflows	
Materials, Contracts and Consumables	$2,808,675.58
Wages and Super	$1,042,395.40
Total	**$3,848,070.98**

Rates and Charges Collections – September 2026

The below table summarises the Rates and Charges levied and paid which provides a total amount which remains outstanding at the end of the reporting period. This is compared to the same period last year.

	30 September 2026	29 September 2025
Rates & charges levied and arrears for 2026/27	11,784,855.22	10,752,351.92
Less - Pension Concession	- 102,899.99	- 99,946.52
- Amounts collected as at 30 September 2026	-4,318,607.63	-3,519,342.62
Total Rates and Charges Outstanding	**7,363,347.60**	**7,133,062.78**

The amount levied for rates and charges for 2026 / 27 includes the current year's annual rates and charges and any interest added since the date the rates notices were issued. The amount received as of 30 September 2026 includes receipts for both arrears and the current year's amounts outstanding.

It should be noted that the rates and charges 2026 / 27 levied amount is reduced by the pensioner concession of $102,899.99; reducing the amount of income derived from these rates and charges. Of this concession, Council's contribution is 45%, which represents an amount of $46,304.99.

The rates and charges as of 30 September 2026 represent 62.48% of the total annual rates and charges levied and outstanding (compared with 66.34% on 29 September 2026).

Water Consumption Charges

The below table summarises the Water consumption charges levied and paid which provides a total amount which remains outstanding at the end of the reporting period. This is compared to the same period last year.

	30 September 2026	29 September 2025
Water Consumption Charges and arrears for 2026/27	1,464,203.16	1,346,141.14
Less - Amounts collected as at 30 September 2026	- 911,059.21	- 679,788.62
Total Water Consumption Charges Outstanding	**553,143.95**	**666,352.52**

The water consumption charges as of 30 September 2026 represents 37.78% of the total water consumption charges outstanding (compared to 49.50% on 29 September 2025).

Debt Recovery

Council staff have continued to consult with Council's debt recovery agency with a view to continuing Council's process outlined within Council adopted Debt recovery policy. For Council's information during September,

- 13 cases were closed due to full payment or being below recovery threshold.
- 108 cases remain under various stages of debt recovery action; including
    - 40 Payment Arrangements or awaiting promised payments through Debt Recovery Agency
    - 65 Rates/Water Cases in progress
    - 3 Sundry Debtor Cases in progress

Total Balance of open cases with debt recovery $800,188

An additional 32 cases were referred to Council's Debt Recovery Agency in late September with customers to receive notice in early October of potential legal action.

Customers experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact Council to discuss available payment arrangements. Early communication often allows Council to work with customers to establish manageable payment arrangements and discuss available support options prior to commencing legal proceedings.

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Investment Report

01/09/2026 to 30/09/2026

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Portfolio Valuation as at 30/09/2026

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	29/06/2026	06/10/2026	5.0900	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	13,108.49	4,183.56
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	23/06/2026	16/10/2026	5.0900	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	20,917.81	6,275.34
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/05/2026	21/10/2026	5.1600	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	17,812.60	4,241.10
Westpac	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	27/02/2026	27/10/2026	4.8100	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	56,929.32	7,906.85
Unity Bank	A-2	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/11/2025	18/11/2026	4.1000	250,000.00	250,000.00	8,902.05	842.47
Westpac	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	20/11/2025	19/11/2026	4.3600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	75,254.79	7,167.12
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	16/06/2026	23/11/2026	5.2500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	30,780.82	8,630.14
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	07/08/2026	08/12/2026	5.1800	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	7,805.48	4,257.53
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	23/06/2026	16/12/2026	5.2400	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00	35,890.41	10,767.12
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	22/09/2026	22/12/2026	5.2500	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,294.52	1,294.52
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	31/07/2026	28/01/2027	5.2900	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00	22,464.38	10,869.86
BOQ	A-2	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/08/2026	11/02/2027	5.2900	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	12,753.97	8,695.89
Commonwealth Bank	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	24/06/2026	24/03/2027	5.2600	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	28,533.70	8,646.58
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	02/09/2026	03/05/2027	5.4100	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	4,298.36	4,298.36
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	31/08/2026	23/06/2027	5.3700	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	6,841.23	6,620.55
BOQ	A-2	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	29/09/2026	29/06/2027	5.5900	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00	765.75	765.75
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	30/09/2026	30/06/2027	5.6400	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	309.04	309.04
Regional Australia Bank	A-2	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	06/08/2026	04/08/2027	5.3500	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	8,208.22	4,397.26

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Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
IMB Bank	BBB+	FRTD	GENERAL	Quarterly	16/01/2025	17/01/2028	5.1600	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	10,885.48	4,241.10
IMB Bank	BBB+	FRTD	GENERAL	Quarterly	06/08/2026	07/08/2029	5.3000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	8,131.51	4,356.16
Commonwealth Bank	A-1+	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	30/09/2026	30/09/2026	4.3000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-706.85	-706.85
TOTALS								**33,750,000.00**	**33,750,000.00**	**371,181.10**	**108,059.45**

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Portfolio by Asset as at 30/09/2026

Asset Type: CASH

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
Commonwealth Bank	A-1+	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	30/09/2026	30/09/2026	4.3000	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-706.85	-706.85
CASH SUBTOTALS								**3,000,000.00**	**3,000,000.00**	**-706.85**	**-706.85**

Asset Type: TD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	29/06/2026	06/10/2026	5.0900	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	13,108.49	4,183.56
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NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	30/09/2026	30/06/2027	5.6400	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	309.04	309.04
Regional Australia Bank	A-2	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	06/08/2026	04/08/2027	5.3500	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	8,208.22	4,397.26
TD SUBTOTALS								**28,750,000.00**	**28,750,000.00**	**352,870.96**	**100,169.04**

Asset Type: FRTD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
IMB Bank	BBB+	FRTD	GENERAL	Quarterly	16/01/2025	17/01/2028	5.1600	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	10,885.48	4,241.10
IMB Bank	BBB+	FRTD	GENERAL	Quarterly	06/08/2026	07/08/2029	5.3000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	8,131.51	4,356.16
FRTD SUBTOTALS								**2,000,000.00**	**2,000,000.00**	**19,016.99**	**8,597.26**

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Portfolio by Asset Totals as at 30/09/2026

Type	Capital Value ($)	Face Value ($)	Accrued ($)	Accrued MTD ($)
CASH	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	-706.85	-706.85
TD	28,750,000.00	28,750,000.00	352,870.96	100,169.04
FRTD	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	19,016.99	8,597.26
TOTALS	**33,750,000.00**	**33,750,000.00**	**371,181.10**	**108,059.45**

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Counterparty Compliance as at 30/09/2026

Short Term Investments

Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit ($)	Available ($)
✔	Commonwealth Bank	Short	A-1+	5,000,000.00	14.81	60.00	-	15,250,000.00
✔	NAB	Short	A-1+	17,000,000.00	50.37	60.00	-	3,250,000.00
✔	Westpac	Short	A-1+	4,000,000.00	11.85	60.00	-	16,250,000.00
✔	BOQ	Short	A-2	4,500,000.00	13.33	20.00	-	2,250,000.00
✔	Regional Aust Bank	Short	A-2	1,000,000.00	2.96	20.00	-	5,750,000.00
✔	G&C Mutual Bank	Short	A-2	250,000.00	0.74	20.00	-	6,500,000.00
TOTALS				**31,750,000.00**	**94.07**			

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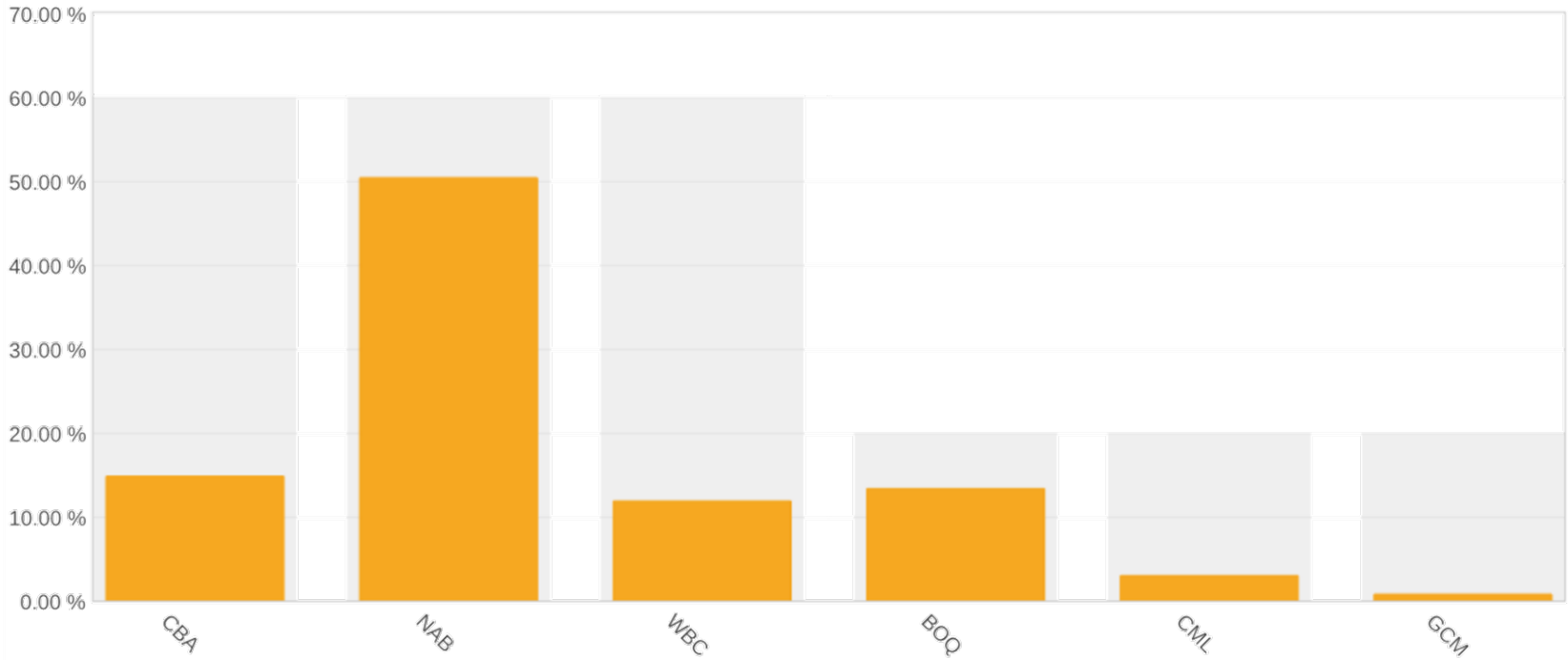
Counterparty Compliance - Short Term Investments



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Long Term Investments

Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit ($)	Available ($)
✔	IMB Bank	Long	BBB+	2,000,000.00	5.93	15.00	-	3,062,500.00
TOTALS				**2,000,000.00**	**5.93**			

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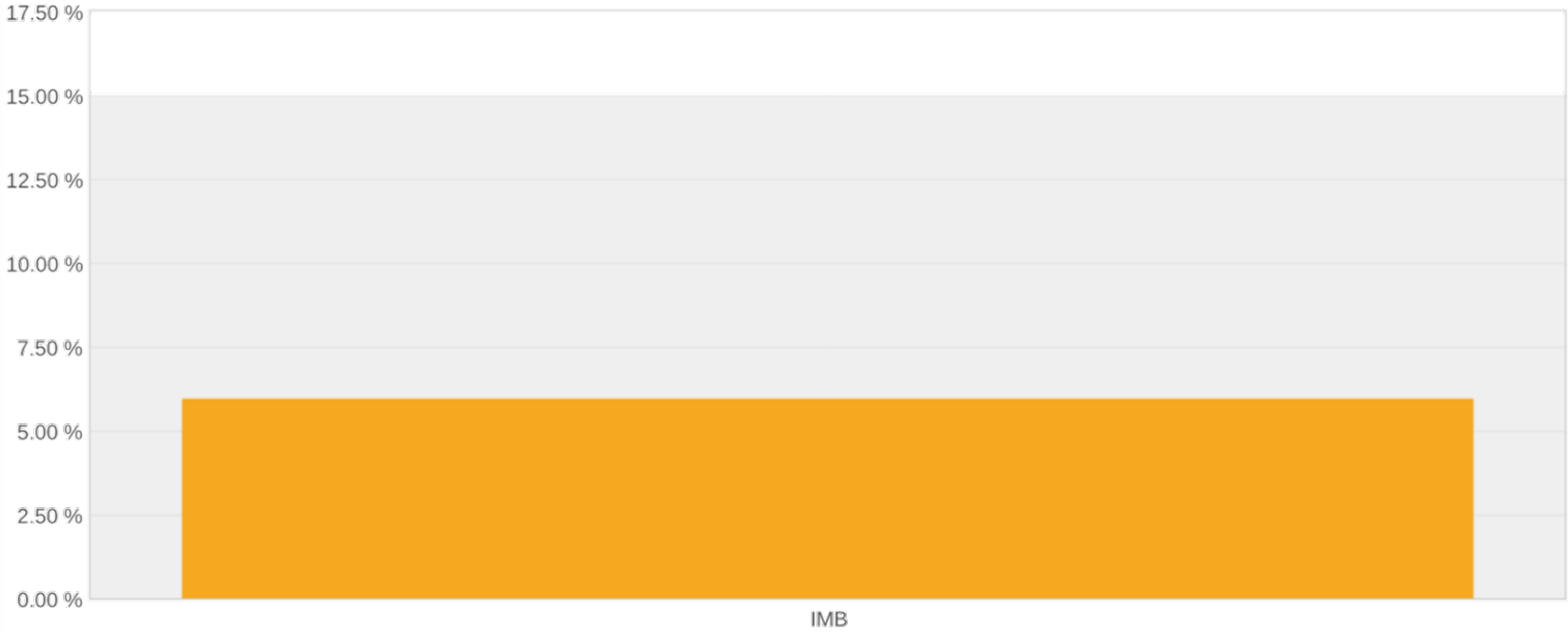
Counterparty Compliance - Long Term Investments



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Credit Quality Compliance as at 30/09/2026

Short Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available ($)
✔	A-1+	26,000,000.00	77.04	100.00	7,750,000.00
✔	A-2	5,750,000.00	17.04	40.00	7,750,000.00
TOTALS		**31,750,000.00**	**94.07**		

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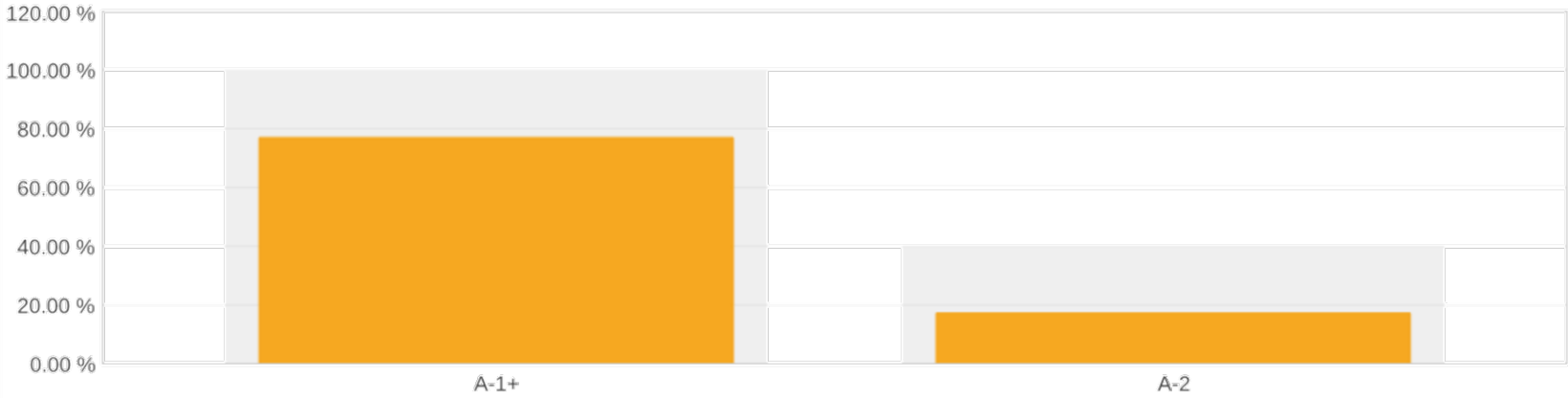

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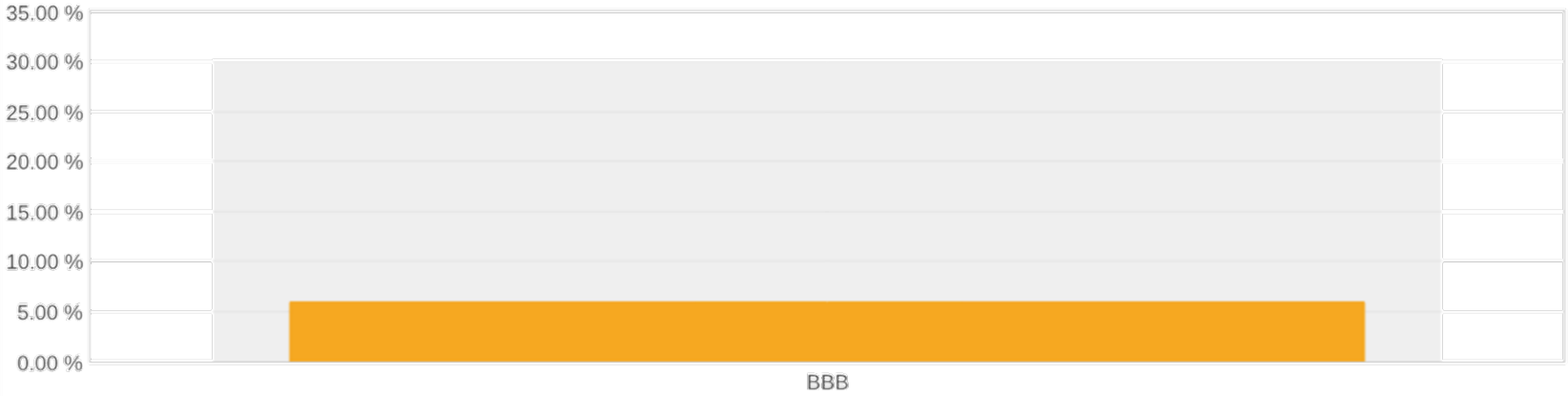
Long Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available ($)
✔	BBB	2,000,000.00	5.93	30.00	8,125,000.00
TOTALS		**2,000,000.00**	**5.93**		

Credit Quality Compliance - Long Term Investments



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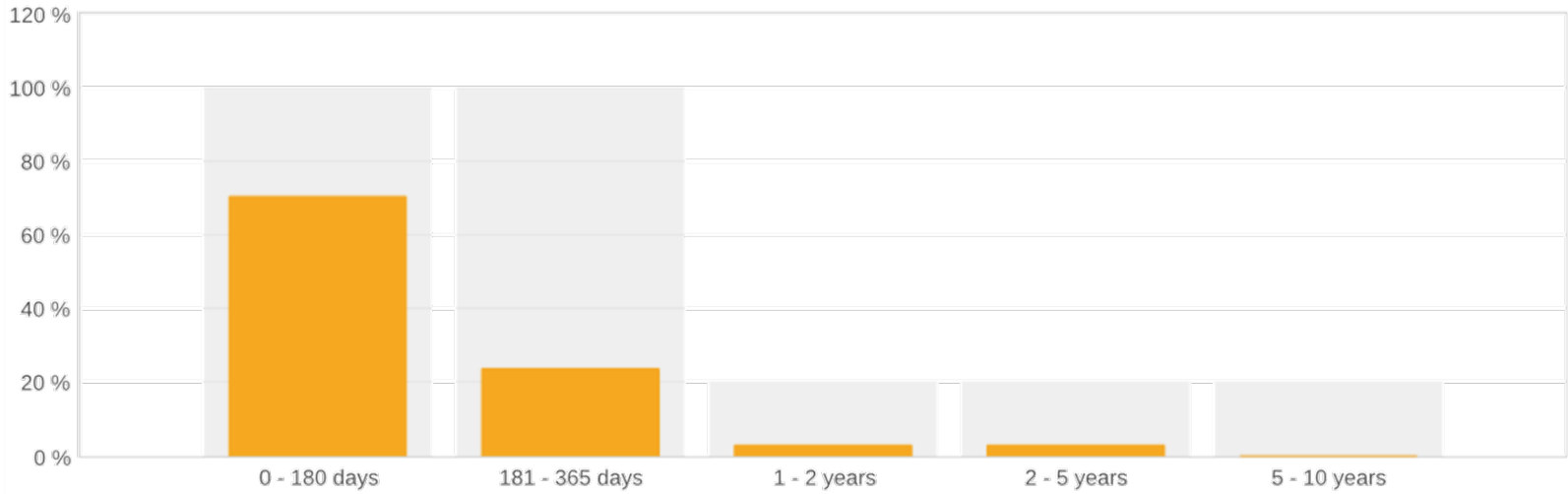
Maturity Compliance as at 30/09/2026

Compliant	Term	Invested ($)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available ($)
✔	0 - 180 days	23,750,000.00	70.37	0.00	100.00	10,000,000.00
✔	181 - 365 days	8,000,000.00	23.70	0.00	100.00	25,750,000.00
✔	1 - 2 years	1,000,000.00	2.96	0.00	20.00	5,750,000.00
✔	2 - 5 years	1,000,000.00	2.96	0.00	20.00	5,750,000.00
✔	5 - 10 years	-	0.00	0.00	20.00	6,750,000.00
TOTALS		**33,750,000.00**	**100.00**			

Maturity Compliance



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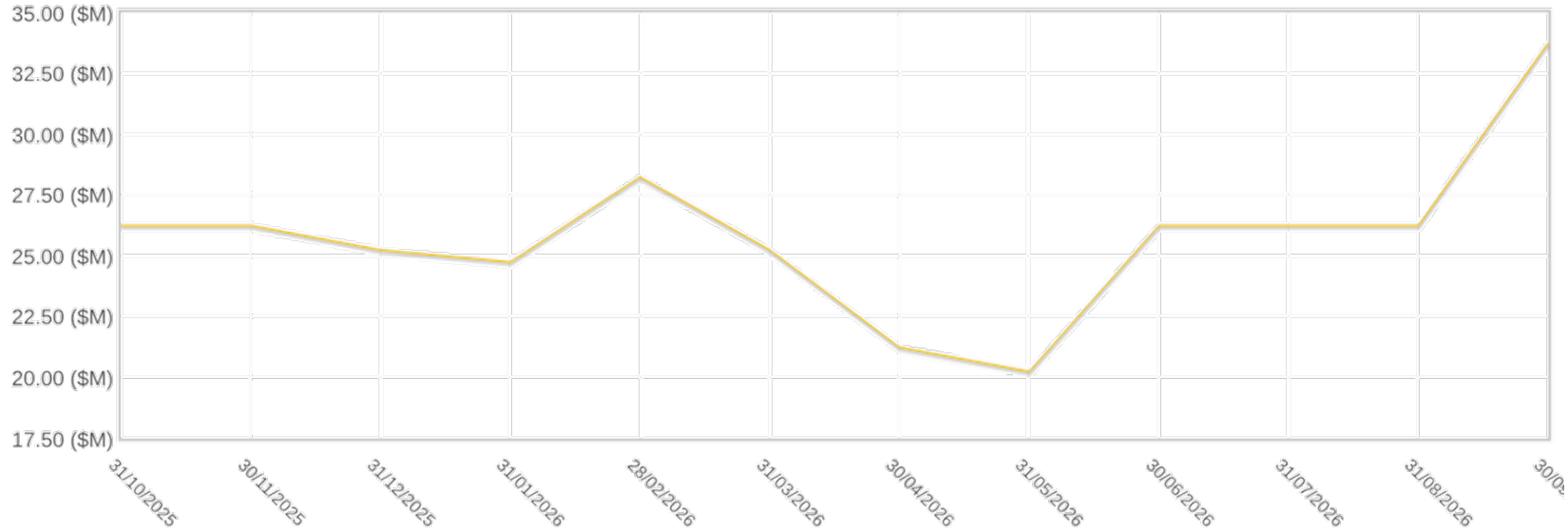
Historical Portfolio Balances as at 30/09/2026

31/10/2025	30/11/2025	31/12/2025	31/01/2026	28/02/2026	31/03/2026	30/04/2026	31/05/2026	30/06/2026	31/07/2026	31/08/2026	30/09/2026
26.25	26.25	25.25	24.75	28.25	25.25	21.25	20.25	26.25	26.25	26.25	33.75



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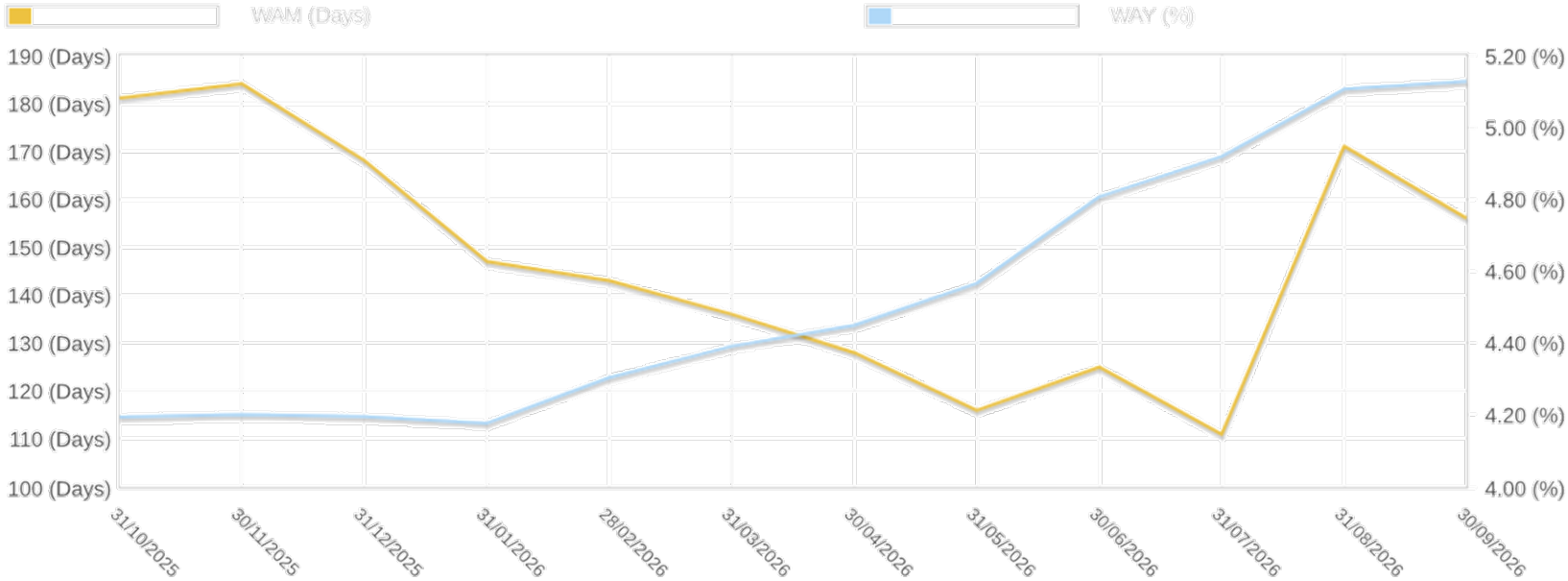
Historical Ratios as at 30/09/2026

	31/10/2025	30/11/2025	31/12/2025	31/01/2026	28/02/2026	31/03/2026	30/04/2026	31/05/2026	30/06/2026	31/07/2026	31/08/2026	30/09/2026
WAM (Days)	181	184	168	147	143	136	128	116	125	111	171	156
WAY (%)	4.1950	4.2017	4.1954	4.1776	4.3044	4.3913	4.4494	4.5664	4.8063	4.9183	5.1059	5.1270



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9.2 ASSETS AND GIS STATUS REPORT

Author: **Director Corporate Services**
Manager Assets
Authoriser: **General Manager**
Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Asset and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Council with an update on the activities of the Assets and GIS sections. It covers asset valuations, asset management plans, GIS improvements and upcoming works.

BACKGROUND:

This report updates Council on asset management and GIS activities, including current projects, system improvements and initiatives supporting the management of Council's infrastructure assets and spatial data.

REPORT:

Asset Management Activities

Asset Registers and Data Management

- Desktop valuations of Council's buildings, other structures, transport and drainage infrastructure assets have been completed and reviewed. The results have been incorporated into Council's Financial Statements.
- The general revaluation of water and sewer assets has been completed and reviewed. The results have been incorporated into Council's Financial Statements.

Asset Management Plans

- Plans on public exhibition – A report recommending adoption of the remaining plans will be presented to the November Ordinary Council Meeting.
- The first annual review of the adopted water and sewer, transport and drainage asset management plans has commenced using the desktop and general revaluation results. Reviews of the remaining plans will commence after their adoption.
- Updates to the asset management plans will incorporate identified improvements where practicable.

GIS Activities

Mapping and Spatial Data

- Software migration – All GIS datasets have been transferred to Spectrum Spatial Analyst. Staff accounts are active, and a user guide is being prepared to support implementation.
- Cemetery records – Council is updating and validating cemetery data in Chronicle, the system used to manage and map cemetery records.
    - Headstones at Quambone Cemetery have been re-photographed.
    - The Quambone Cemetery dataset is being updated with improved data and images.
    - The Methodist section of Coonamble Cemetery has been re-photographed. Its dataset will be updated after the Quambone Cemetery update is complete.
    - Headstones at Gulargambone Cemetery will be re-photographed to improve the dataset.
- Streetlight mapping – GIS data and related files have been obtained to map streetlights across towns and villages in the local government area. The mapping will identify areas with limited or inadequate lighting and inform a streetlighting improvement plan.

Projects and Upcoming Works

- Rural addressing – Council is reviewing rates and Spatial Services data against the NSW Addressing User Manual. The results are grouped into the following categories, with the percentage shown:
    - Compliant (Green – 45%)
    - Minor differences identified (Amber – 8%)
    - Significant issues requiring further review (Red – 47%)
- Actions for addresses in the Red category will be prepared after the Amber actions are finalised.
- Council staff are considering options for an independent review of the results and the assessment of addresses in Gulargambone and Coonamble against NSW standards.
- A market approach is being prepared to appoint a contractor for a five-year asset revaluation program, with one asset class to be revalued each year.
- Sunny Park road closure – A report on the proposed permanent road closure will be presented to the November Ordinary Council Meeting. Council infrastructure, easements and travelling stock routes are being assessed. Mapping is complete, and the required notices will be prepared before the meeting.

9.3 ADOPTION OF LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2027-2036

Author: **Director Corporate Services**

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures: **1. 2027-2036 Coonamble Shire Long-Term Financial Plan (under separate cover)**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Receive and note the contents of the report.**
2. **Adopt the 2027-2036 Long-Term Financial Plan, as attached to this report.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to present Council the 2027-2036 Long-Term Financial Plan for consideration and adoption.

The draft plan has been on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with no submission received by Council.

BACKGROUND

The Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is a key planning and decision-making tool that demonstrates the long-term financial implications of Council decisions based on a defined set of assumptions. Preparing and maintaining an LTFP is a requirement under the NSW Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework.

The IP&R Framework (illustrated in the diagram) begins with the community's long-term aspirations, looking at least 10 years into the future. It brings together a suite of integrated planning documents that establish a shared vision, strategic objectives, and the actions required to achieve them. The framework also provides a structured approach to monitoring and reporting progress, supported by regular review cycles to ensure plans remain relevant and responsive to changing community needs and circumstances.

The LTFP is a rolling 10-year financial plan that supports informed decision-making and demonstrates how the objectives of the Coonamble Shire Community Strategic Plan, together with the commitments outlined in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan, will be sustainably funded and resourced over the long term.

The 2027–2036 Long-Term Financial Plan presented for adoption is attached as Annexure 1 to this report.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

REPORT:

The 2027–2036 Long-Term Financial Plan sets out Coonamble Shire Council's financial strategy over a ten-year planning horizon and supports delivery of the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan. It forms part of Council's Resourcing Strategy under the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and provides a basis for long-term budgeting, infrastructure planning, risk management and informed decision-making. The Plan is now presented to Council for adoption following completion of the statutory public exhibition process.

The Plan has been prepared on a "business as usual" basis, assuming existing service levels are maintained, the Shire's population remains relatively static, rates increase in line with estimated IPART rate pegging, and operating and capital expenditure continue in accordance with the assumptions outlined in this Plan.

The financial projections indicate that Council is expected to maintain a sound working capital position over the life of the Plan, with the Unrestricted Current Ratio forecast to exceed the target benchmark in all years. However, the Plan also highlights ongoing sustainability challenges, including a low Own Source Revenue Ratio, operating performance pressures, asset renewal needs and cash expense cover remaining below benchmark for much of the planning period.

Overall, the 2027–2036 Long-Term Financial Plan provides a realistic assessment of Council's financial outlook. While Council is forecast to maintain short-term working capital capacity, long-term sustainability will depend on disciplined financial management, responsible asset planning and continued advocacy for appropriate funding support. Adoption of the Plan will establish Council's long-term financial framework for the sustainable delivery of services and infrastructure to the

Coonamble Shire community. The financial projections will be reviewed and updated through the Quarterly Budget Review process to reflect changes in Council's financial position, operating environment and underlying assumptions.

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN:

Focus	Strategic Area
Our Community	Caring for Community
Our Economy	Cultivating Our Wealth
Our Assets	Our Assets
Our Country	Sustainable Care for Country
Our Leadership	Our Ongoing Improvement

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial Resource Implications:

The challenges identified in the Plan reflect the realities faced by a small rural council, including a limited rate base, reliance on government grants, exposure to State Highway contract and quarry income, cost shifting from other levels of government, inflationary pressures, infrastructure renewal requirements, landfill rehabilitation obligations and the impacts of climate change and natural disasters.

Over the life of the Plan, Council will need to maintain strong financial governance, actively pursue external funding opportunities, grow its own-source revenue, prioritise asset renewal, manage cash reserves and investment maturities, and continue reviewing service levels and costs where appropriate.

Policy / Legal and Statutory Implications:

The 2027–2036 Long-Term Financial Plan forms part of Council's Resourcing Strategy and has been prepared in accordance with sections 403 and 406 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines. Its adoption supports legislative compliance and demonstrates how Council's strategic objectives will be sustainably funded.

Risk Management – Business Risk/Work Health and Safety / Public:

The Long-Term Financial Plan includes scenario modelling to assess financial risks arising from changing conditions. Adoption of the Plan will support ongoing monitoring and provide a framework for managing these risks over the planning period.

Options:

Not applicable

Council Seal Required:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition: Yes

External Exhibition: Yes

9.4 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER COUNCIL'S DONATIONS POLICY

Author: **Director Corporate Services**

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures: **1. Donation Committee minutes 1 October 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Receive and note the Applications for Financial Assistance Under Council's Donation Policy report.**
2. **Provide financial assistance in accordance with the recommendations from the Donations committee as follows:**

(a)	**Coonamble Amateur Theatrical Society**	**$2,000.00**
(b)	**Coonamble Meals on Wheels**	**$2,000.00**
(c)	**Gulargambone Preschool**	**$1,500.00**
(d)	**Coonamble Swimming Club**	**$1,500.00**
(e)	**Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council**	**$ 580.00**
(f)	**St Barnabas Anglican Parish**	**$1,500.00**
(g)	**Coonamble Golf Club Ltd**	**$2,000.00**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to table for Council's consideration and adoption of the recommendations from the recently convened Donations Committee meeting held the 1 October 2026.

BACKGROUND

Council's Donations Policy provides a framework for the assessment and distribution of financial assistance to community organisations and requires successful applicants to submit an acquittal report by 30 June in the financial year in which funding is provided.

Applications for the first funding round of the 2026–2027 financial year were invited from eligible community groups, with ten applications received seeking a total of $61,880 in financial assistance.

Council has allocated $76,100 for financial assistance and donations in the 2026–2027 budget. Of this amount, $29,600 has been committed to pre-approved donations, leaving $46,500 available for allocation through the three funding rounds scheduled during the financial year. As this report relates to the first funding round, the full balance of $46,500 remains available for consideration. In addition, Council has also allocated $5,000 for Mayoral Donations in the 2026–2027 financial year.

The Donations Committee has considered all applications received under this funding round and developed recommendations for Council's consideration. The

Committee's minutes, including the recommended funding allocations, are attached as an annexure to this report

REPORT:

A summary of the donation requests and how they benefit the community is provided for the committee's information.

- Coonamble Amateur Theatrical Society – seeking $5,000 towards costs associated with the hosting of the 2026 community production of Disco Inferno.

In addressing how the outcome will benefit the community, the application states that it will help deliver a community theatre production that will provide affordable local entertainment for the community. Further the application states that it is expected to benefit approximately 40 to 50 local cast, crew and volunteers, with a further 700 to 800 audience members and visitors expected to attend the performances.

The committee will note that due to the timing of the consideration of the donation request by Council that this event has already been held.

- Coonamble Meals on Wheels – seeking a $5,000 contribution towards the cost of purchasing meal vouchers to distribute to its clients.

In addressing how the outcome benefits the community the application states that the program will act as an extra wellbeing check on the potentially vulnerable members of our community. Further as the vouchers will be purchased locally, they will help stimulate local businesses.

- Gulargambone Preschool – seeking a $2,000 contribution towards the costs of hosting a tennis fundraising event.

In addressing how the outcome benefits the community the application states that the fund-raising event is being held to assist with the purchase of infrastructure for the Gulargambone Preschool and assist with the coverage of increasing operational costs such as insurance. Further the application states that the event is intended to not only provide affordable recreational activities for children and families but also to encourage community participation and foster social connection between local residents and the farming community.

- Coonamble Swimming Club – seeking a $5,000 contribution towards the costs of purchasing gym equipment to support the development of local swimmers and enhance the utilisation of the club's existing facilities.

In addressing how the outcome benefits the community the application states that the project will provide opportunities for young people to improve fitness, strength and swimming performance whilst supporting participation in community sport. Further the application states that equipment is expected to benefit more than 100 children and their families, while providing a resource that may be shared with other community organisations.

- Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council – seeking a $580 contribution towards costs of hosting the 2026 NAIDOC Day celebrations at the Coonamble Sportsground.

In addressing how the outcome benefits the community, the application states that the NAIDOC Community Day is being organised as an inclusive whole-of-community event, with all local schools invited.

The committee should note at the time of preparing this report, an application on Council's prescribed form has not been received. Council staff have requested that the Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council submit the required application, which will be provided to the Committee for information upon receipt.

- Koonambil Aged Care Ltd – seeking a $10,000 contribution towards professional planning costs associated with the proposed expansion of the Koonambil aged care facility.

In addressing how the outcome benefits the community the application states that the project will progress additional local aged care and specialist dementia capacity so older people can remain close to family, community and local health services. It will also support local employment whilst strengthening the financial sustainability of a community-owned not-for-profit service.

- St Barnabas Anglican Parish – seeking an $11,800 contribution towards the repair of deteriorated porch structures at the church. The works are required to address identified safety concerns for users of the facility and to preserve the building’s architectural character and presentation.

In addressing how the outcome benefits the community, the application states that the project will provide community benefit by ensuring the continued safe use of a well-established community facility that supports religious services, community gatherings and pastoral support activities. The proposed repairs will address identified safety risks, improve accessibility for users and assist in preserving a significant local building that contributes to the heritage character and amenity of the Coonamble community.

- Gungalman Water Ski Club Inc – seeking a $10,000 contribution towards repairing the damaged boat ramp at the Gungalman Boat and Waterski Club.

The repairs will restore safe and accessible river access for all users, as well as extending the lifespan of the facility.

In addressing how the outcome benefits the community the application states that the project will provide community benefit by restoring safe and reliable access to the river for local families, young people and recreational users. The works will improve community safety, support ongoing boating and water-based recreation, and maintain an important community asset that contributes to the recreational amenity of the Coonamble Shire and broader regional community.

- Moorambilla Voices Ltd – seeking a $2,500 contribution to support the delivery of its 2026 youth arts and cultural program for young people from the Coonamble Shire, including participation in workshops, rehearsals, performances and the organisation's 21st Anniversary Gala Performance at the Sydney Opera House.

In addressing how the outcome benefits the community the application states that the project will provide community benefit by supporting local young people to participate in cultural and creative development opportunities that build confidence, leadership and teamwork skills, while strengthening community pride and engagement through participation in a nationally recognised arts program.

- Coonamble Golf Club Ltd – seeking $10,000 towards the costs associated with hosting a special centenary celebration to commemorate 100 years of the club.

In addressing how the outcome benefits the community the application states that the event will provide community benefit by fostering community pride and social connection through the celebration of a significant local milestone. The event is expected to bring together residents, families, visitors and former members, while supporting local participation in sporting and community activities and generating economic benefits for local businesses.

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN:

Focus	Strategic Area
Our Community	Caring for Community
Our Economy	Building our Social Capital
Our Assets	N/A
Our Country	N/A
Our Leadership	Stepping up to Help

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	N/A
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial Resource Implications:

The total value of the requested donations being $61,880, exceeds Council's current donations budget allocation. Management recommends funding of $16,080, representing approximately one-third of the total amount requested and preserving funding capacity for the remaining two donation rounds to be considered during the 2026–2027 financial year.

Policy / Legal and Statutory Implications:

Council's adopted Donations Policy provides the framework for considering and assessing the requests for financial assistance presented to Council and ensures compliance with Sections 23 and 24 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Risk Management – Business Risk/Work Health and Safety / Public:

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

Options:

Option 1: The Council approve the suggested disbursement of $11,080 in donations, as outlined in the report.

This is the Donations Committee's preferred option as the recommendations put forward fall within the scope and budget allocation of Council's Donation Policy.

Option 2: The committee vary the recommended level of financial assistance to be provided to the organisations.

On review of the applications received, Council may wish to nominate a different level of recommended support to be provided.

Council Seal Required:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition: No

External Exhibition: No

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

Donations Committee Meeting
Thursday, 1 October 2026

MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
DONATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026 AT 3:00 PM

PRESENT: Cr Daniel Keady, Cr Steven Butler, Cr Karen Churchill Greg Hill and Bruce Quarmby.

1 OPENING/WELCOME

The meeting opened at 3:10pm.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Steven Butler
Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the minutes of the Donations Committee Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Tuesday, 2 June 2026 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

4 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Karen Churchill declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest with the application for the Coonamble Golf Club and indicated that she remain in the room.

Cr Karen Churchill declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest with the application for the Coonamble Meals on Whels and indicated that she would stay in the room.

Cr Daniel Keady declared a less tha significant non-pecuniary interest with the application for the Coonamble Amateur Theatrical Society and indicated that he would remain in the room.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 DONATIONS REQUESTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report.

2. That Council provide financial assistance in accordance with the recommendations from the Donations committee as follows:

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6 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 3:56pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Donations Committee held on .

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CHAIRPERSON

10 GOVERNANCE AND GENERAL MANAGER

10.1 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY 2026

Author: **Executive Manager Corporate Governance**

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures: **1. Coonamble Community Satisfaction Survey 2026 Report**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Coonamble community satisfaction survey 2026 report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council commissioned Taverner Research Group to conduct the 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey to assess residents' satisfaction with Council's overall performance, services and facilities, customer service and communication, and to identify community priorities.

The survey found that overall satisfaction with Council was significantly higher than in 2024, although it remained slightly below the regional NSW council average. The results also identify areas of comparatively high satisfaction and areas where lower satisfaction, high community importance or both may warrant further consideration.

James Parker of Taverner Research Group will attend the Council meeting to present the findings and respond to questions from councillors.

BACKGROUND:

Taverner Research Group conducted the survey during August 2026. A total of 170 eligible residents participated, comprising 159 telephone interviews and 11 online responses. The reported results have a margin of error of plus or minus 7.3% at the 95% confidence level.

Where possible, the 2026 results were compared with Council's 2019 and 2024 surveys and with results for regional NSW councils contained in Taverner Research Group's benchmarking database.

REPORT:

The survey provides Council with an independent measure of community views about Council's performance and priorities.

Overall satisfaction

Overall satisfaction recorded a mean score of 2.96 out of 5, compared with 2.70 in 2024 and 3.24 in 2019. The 2026 result was significantly higher than the 2024 result and slightly below the regional NSW council average of 3.07.

Services, facilities and priorities

Of the 25 services and facilities assessed, 13 recorded satisfaction scores below the neutral score of 3.0, compared with 15 in 2024.

The highest satisfaction scores were recorded for:

- libraries, at 4.17;
- Pools, at 4.06; and
- sporting facilities, at 4.03.

The lowest satisfaction scores were recorded for:

- unsealed roads, at 1.97;
- development applications, at 2.39;
- stormwater drainage, at 2.44; and
- economic development and attracting new investment, at 2.45.

The survey's importance and satisfaction analysis identified roads, water supply, stormwater drainage, public toilets, tourism marketing, and economic development and investment attraction as priority areas for Council. When residents were asked directly to identify Council's leading priority for the next three to five years, roads were the most frequently nominated response.

Customer service and communication

Customer service satisfaction was broadly unchanged from 2024, recording a mean score of 2.65, compared with 2.67 in 2024. The survey found that customer satisfaction declined markedly where residents needed to contact Council more than once to resolve an enquiry.

The monthly residents' newsletter was the most commonly nominated way for residents to receive information about changes to Council services, policies or activities, followed by Council's Facebook page and the local newspaper. Preferences varied according to the type of interaction, with online channels preferred for payments and telephone or face-to-face contact remaining important for service requests, forms and emergency information.

Use of findings

The survey findings provide evidence to inform service planning, resource prioritisation, customer service improvement and Council's communication arrangements. They include improved results in some areas as well as continuing areas of lower satisfaction and unmet community expectations.

The attached report contains the complete findings, comparisons, demographic analysis and methodology. James Parker will present Taverner Research Group's analysis directly to Council. Following Council's consideration, the report will provide a public record of the survey results and community priorities.

RESEARCH REPORT

Community Satisfaction Survey

Coonamble Shire Council

September 2026

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Taverner RESEARCH GROUP

RESEARCH REPORT

Community Satisfaction Survey
Coonamble Shire Council

September 2026

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COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY: REF 7739, SEPTEMBER 2026

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This research study was commissioned by Coonamble Shire Council (CSC) to better understand key issues, community needs and priorities regarding the services and facilities provided by the Council.

Among the key findings:

Overall Satisfaction

The 2026 CSC overall satisfaction mean score of 2.96 was significantly higher than in 2024 (2.70) but slightly lower than the regional NSW average of councils in the Taverner database (3.07). Issues with Councillors/staff (36%) and poor roads/footpaths (30%) were the leading reasons cited by those giving a dissatisfied overall satisfaction rating in 2026 (as in 2024).

Services & Facilities Satisfaction

In 2026, 25 service/facility measures had their satisfaction scored. Of these, 13 recorded mean satisfaction scores below the neutral 3.0 point (on a scale of 1-5), down from 15 in 2024.

The highest-rated measures were:

- Libraries (mean 4.17)
- Council pools (mean 4.06)

The lowest-rated measures were:

- Unsealed roads (mean 1.97)
- Development applications (DAs) (mean 2.39)

Services & Facilities Importance

The service/facility measures had their importance asked of respondents (again on a scale of 1-5). The highest-rated measures were:

- Sealed roads (mean 4.51)
- Water supply (mean 4.27)

The lowest-rated measures were:

- Online services (mean 3.15)
- Community halls (mean 3.32)

Priorities

When plotted as a two-dimensional matrix, those services in the “red flag” (higher importance, lower satisfaction) quadrant comprised roads, water (supply and drainage), and economic development/tourism marking.

Customer Service

Significantly more customers surveyed had contacted Council in the past 12 months regarding water/sewage (15% in 2026, up from 5% in 2019 and 2024).

Some 78% of customers contacted via telephone (up from 54% in 2024). Overall satisfaction by customers was a mean of 2.65 out of five in 2026, down from 2.93 in 2019 but nearly identical to 2024 (2.67).

Communication

When asked about different types of interaction with Council, online was the most preferred channel for payments; face to face was the most preferred for completing forms; phone was the most preferred to request Council to do something, and to receive updates during emergencies.

In relation to how residents prefer to be informed about any changes to Council services, policies or activities, the monthly Council newsletter and Facebook page appear to be getting more popular. However this was at the expense of the local newspaper.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

In July 2026, Coonamble Shire Council (CSC, or Council) commissioned Taverner Research (TRG) to conduct a survey of adult residents living within the local government area (LGA) to assess satisfaction with, and priorities towards different Council-managed facilities and services. The survey was also designed to measure satisfaction of those having direct contact with Council, and to understand resident values and ideas for the Shire.

2.2. METHODOLOGY

Two separate approaches were employed in the Coonamble Shire Council Community Satisfaction Survey 2026 – a telephone poll, and an opt-in web survey. These two sources have been combined in reporting, as they comprise an exhaustive attempt to contact every Shire resident.

The telephone fieldwork collected 159 completed responses from all available phone numbers of adult residents in the Coonamble Local Government Area. An additional 11 completed responses were collected via an online questionnaire. Only permanent residents who had lived in the area for at least a year and were not an elected Councillor or employee with Council were eligible. The reported results have a margin of error of +/-7.3% at the 95% confidence level. This means that if the survey was repeated 100 times, in 95 times the results will be within 7.3% of true population value.

Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviews

Interviews were conducted from 10 to 25 August 2026 inclusive. Calls were made between 4.30pm and 8.30pm during weekdays, and on Saturdays from midday to 5pm. Seven interviewers from Taverner's Wollongong phone room conducted interviews over the course of the data collection period. The survey was implemented under Interviewer Quality Control Australia (IQCA) quality guidelines.

Median length of the telephone interviews was 16 minutes and 22 seconds.

Opt-In Survey

A version of the survey was made available online for all residents who met the survey criteria to complete. The survey was available from 18 to 31 August inclusive and 11 responses were collected. It was promoted via:

- Noticeboard outside the Council building (including QR code to the web survey)
- Facebook posts 10th and 18th August 2026

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2.3. HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

Statistical Differences

Differences between groups are described as significant differences if they reached statistical significance using an error rate of a=0.05. This means that if repeated independent random samples of similar size were obtained from a population in which there was no actual difference, less than 5% of the samples would show a difference as large or larger than the one obtained.

Statistical significance is more often compared between sub-groups, however in some situations statistical significance is measured between response items within the total sample. In tables, percentages and means in red are significantly lower, and those in blue are significantly higher. Up/down black arrows are used in figures.

The use of the term 'significant' throughout this report indicates statistical significance. The report may also use the terms 'more likely' and 'less likely' to indicate statistically significant differences.

Subgroups

Comparison tests are used to test if there are statistically significant differences in survey results based on the demographic profile of respondents.

Subgroup analysis was conducted using 2026 bases grouped from all the of the demographic questions, as listed in section Sample Profile (see next two pages).

Sub-group commentary is shown in italics throughout the report, to differentiate it from other findings.

The Effect of Rounding

Note that where two or more responses have been combined the sum of the combination may be different (+/- 1%) to the sum of the individual items due to rounding.

Internal Benchmarks

Where possible, comparisons have been made with previous survey results (2019 and 2024) to track progress of some aspects measured in the Community Satisfaction Survey 2026.

External Benchmarks

Where possible, results for the Community Satisfaction Survey 2026 have been benchmarked and compared with regional NSW councils in the Taverner database. This analysis highlights areas where Coonamble Shire Council is outperforming, underperforming, or performing in-line with comparable councils.

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2.4. SAMPLE PROFILE

To obtain a clear view of the sample's profile and to conduct comparison tests, demographic characteristics were sought. The following tables detail the profile of the 2019, 2024 and 2026 samples.

Table 1 Sample Profile – Gender

	2019	2024	2026
Male	36%	37%	32%
Female	64%	63%	68%

Table 2 Sample Profile – Age

	2019	2024	2026
18-39	10%	14%	17%
40-59	29%	32%	33%
60+	61%	54%	51%

Table 3 Sample Profile – Setting

	2019	2024	2026
Urban	46%	41%	47%
Rural	46%	44%	44%
Village	8%	15%	10%

Table 4 Sample Profile – Nearest Town

	2019	2024	2026
Coonamble	76%	74%	72%
Gulargambone	19%	18%	15%
Quambone	3%	2%	8%
Other	2%	6%	5%

Table 5 Sample Profile – Children 14 years or under in Household

	2019	2024	2026
Yes	15%	18%	28%
No/refused	85%	82%	72%

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Table 6 Sample Profile – First Nations

	2019	2024	2026
Yes	14%	22%	29%
No	86%	78%	71%

Table 7 Sample Profile – Time Lived in LGA

	2019	2024	2026
Less than 5 years	3%	6%	2%
6-10 years	8%	4%	5%
11-20 years	9%	11%	10%
More than 20 years	81%	79%	82%

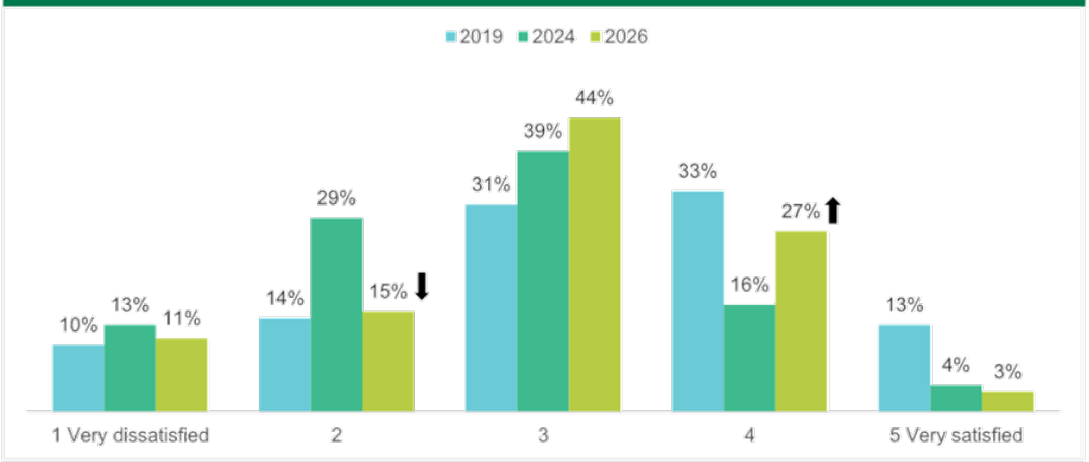
3. OVERALL SATISFACTION

Residents were asked to rate their satisfaction with Council's overall performance using a five-point scale where 1 meant 'very dissatisfied' and 5 meant 'very satisfied'.

As shown by the arrows in **Figure 1** (below), in 2026 there were significantly less responses of 2 out of 5 than in 2024, and significantly more responses of 4 out of 5. As a net (responses of top two scores, minus response of bottom two scores), 2026 was +4, where 2024 was -22 (2019 was +22).

Figure 1 Overall Satisfaction

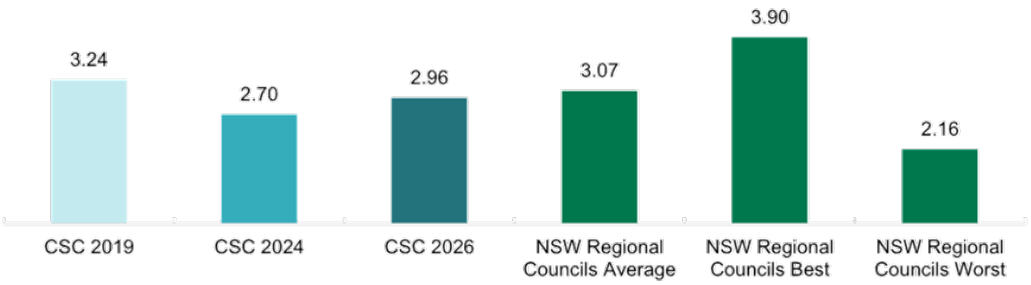
Q10. Please rate your satisfaction with Council's overall performance on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is very dissatisfied and 5 is very satisfied?
Base: All respondents 2019-2026



Residents surveyed in 2026 aged 60+ were significantly more satisfied than those younger.

Coonamble Shire Council in 2026 had an overall satisfaction mean score slightly lower than the average for regional NSW councils, but significantly higher than its 2024 result (see **Figure 2** below).

Figure 2 Overall Satisfaction – Benchmarks

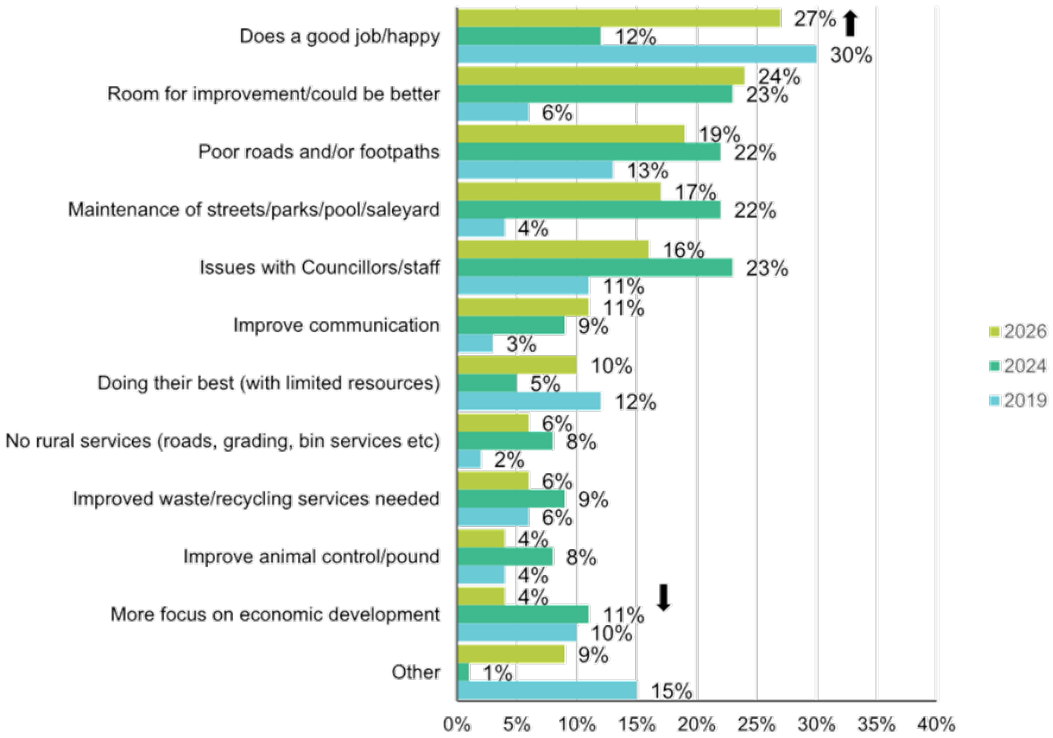


3. OVERALL SATISFACTION

Respondents were asked to provide a reason for their overall satisfaction rating. This was an open-ended question, with responses later coded into themes. A full list of verbatim responses has been provided to Council in a separate delivery. As shown by the arrow in **Figure 3** below, residents surveyed in 2026 were significantly less likely to seek more focus on economic development than in 2024.

Figure 3 Reasons Gave Overall Rating

Q11. What can you briefly explain why you gave that rating?
Base: All respondents 2019-2026



Residents surveyed in 2026 who lived in a rural or village setting were more likely to speak of No rural services (roads, grading, bin services), a sentiment that was also correct in 2024. Residents living in Coonamble town had greater mentions of Doing their best (with limited resources); those not near Coonamble had greater mentions of Improved waste/recycling services needed, and No rural services.

Residents with children aged 14 or under in their household were more likely to say More focus on economic development. Residents who had lived in the Shire less than 20 years more often cited Improved waste/recycling services needed, and More focus on economic development.

4. FACILITIES AND SERVICES SATISFACTION

This section covers residents' satisfaction with 25 facilities and services provided by Coonamble Shire Council.

As shown in **Figure 4** below, nearly half residents surveyed in 2026 felt they had insufficient exposure to Community halls to rate them (nearly a quarter felt that way about Libraries). Thirteen times as many residents rated their satisfaction with Unsealed roads low (1-2) as high (4-5) in 2026, up from ten times in 2024 (**Figure 5**, next page).

Figure 4 Council Facilities and Services Satisfaction 1

Q8. Please rate your satisfaction with the following Council facilities and services. We'll use a scale of 1-5, where 1 means you think it's very poor and 5 is excellent. If you haven't used this service within the past 12 months, just say so and I'll move to the next one.
Base: All respondents 2026 (n=170)

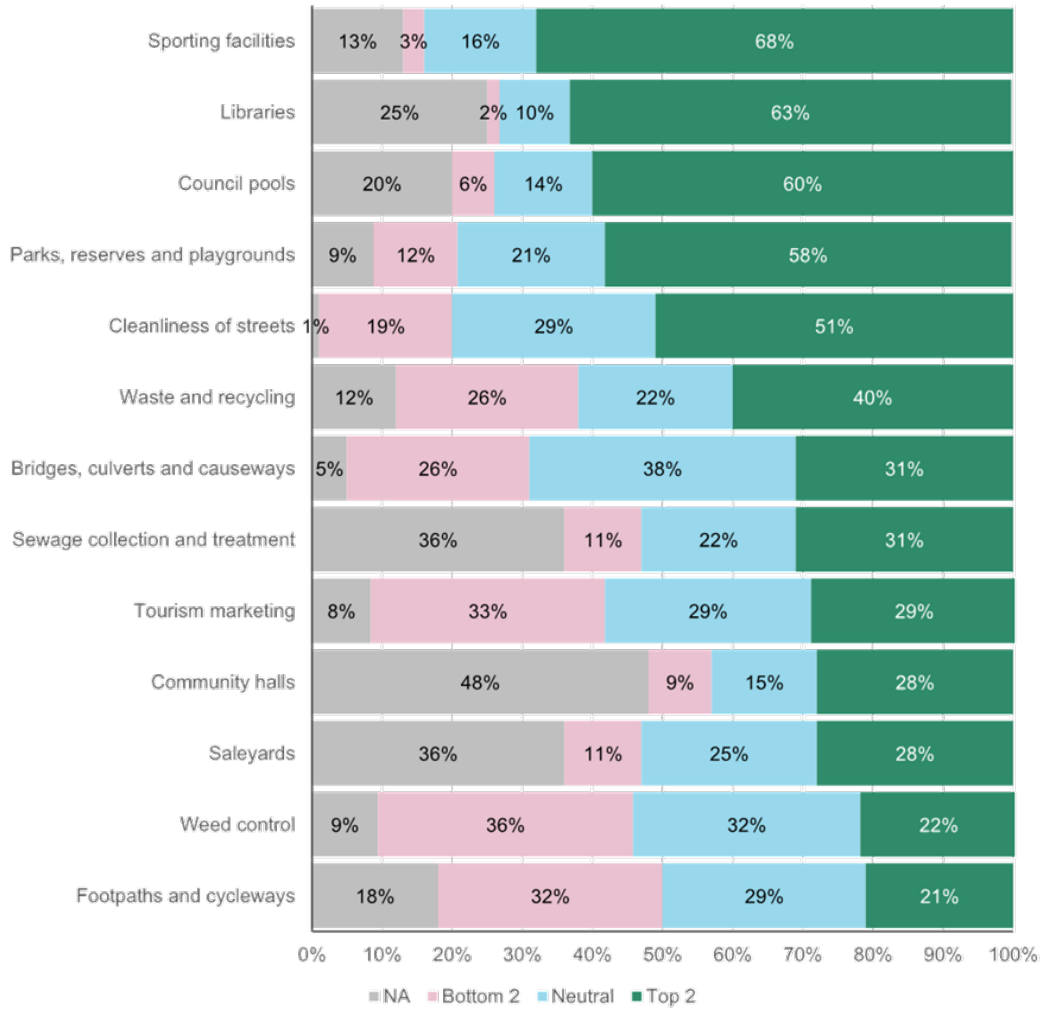


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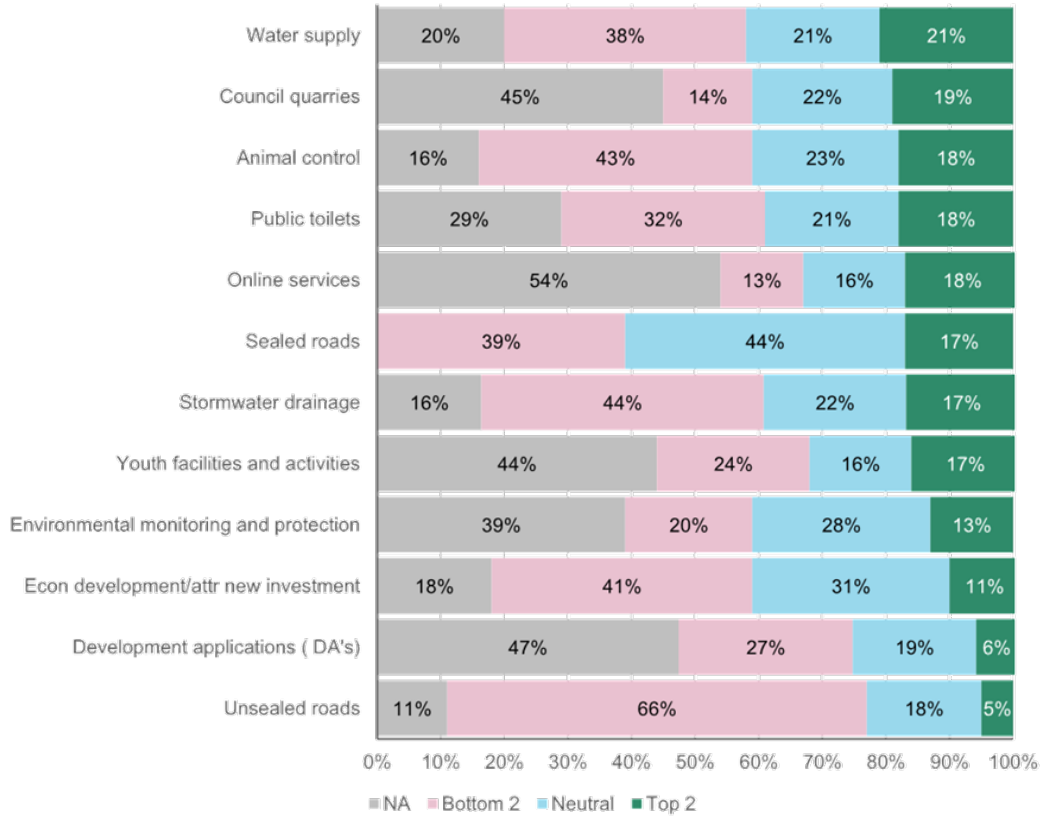
Figure 5 Council Facilities and Services Satisfaction 2

Q8. Please rate your satisfaction with the following Council facilities and services. We'll use a scale of 1-5, where 1 means you think it's very poor and 5 is excellent. If you haven't used this service within the past 12 months, just say so and I'll move to the next one.

Base: All respondents 2024 (n=170)



Residents surveyed in 2026 aged 60+ were more satisfied than those younger with Sealed roads, Bridges, culverts and causeways, Animal control, Waste and recycling, Water supply, Sewage collection and treatment, and Parks, reserves and playgrounds.

Residents without children 14 years or under in their household had higher satisfaction means (than those with such children) for Bridges, culverts and causeways, Public toilets, and Parks, reserves and playgrounds. Sealed roads had significantly higher satisfaction from those in an urban setting; Cleanliness of streets had higher satisfaction from those in rural/village settings.

Residents nearest to Coonamble town had higher satisfaction for Waste and recycling. Community halls attracted higher satisfaction from those who did not identify as First Nations. Cleanliness of streets had a higher satisfaction mean from those who had lived in the Shire less than 20 years.

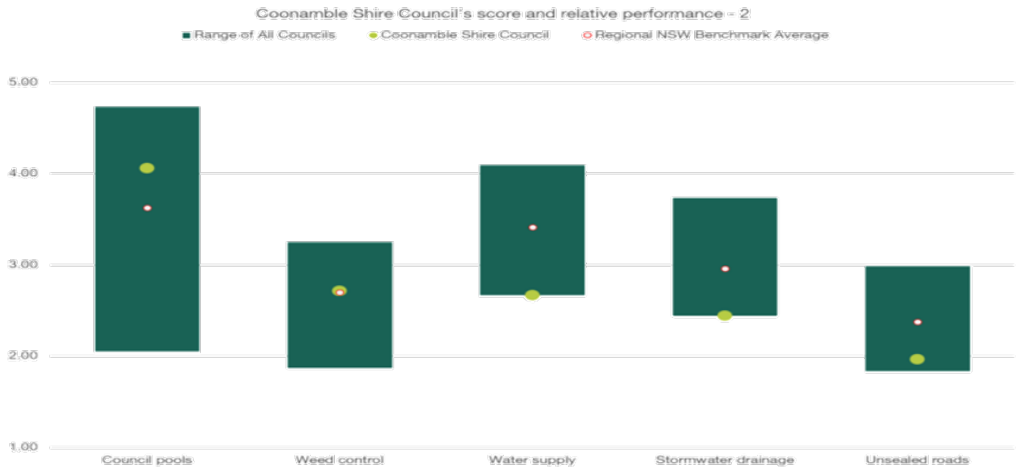
4. FACILITIES AND SERVICES SATISFACTION

External Benchmarks

Taverner Research maintains a database of satisfaction scores for 31 regional NSW councils. Where facilities or services questions are asked in the same way across different Councils, we can show where CSC sits within the range of scores. Each bar shows the range of mean satisfaction scores from the lowest- to highest-performing Council. The location of the green bar on the 1-5 vertical axis shows how well that facility or service performed – the higher the better. The longer a bar is, the greater the range of scores from the highest to lowest mean score. This may indicate there are more Councils, or a greater diversity of ratings. CSC's mean satisfaction score is shown as the large lime green dot on each bar, and the small/clear dot shows the regional NSW average.

Figure 6 Comparisons to Regional NSW Benchmarks 1

Figure 7 Comparisons to Regional NSW Benchmarks 2



4. FACILITIES AND SERVICES SATISFACTION

As shown in **Figure 6** and **Figure 7** (previous page) and **Figure 8** and **Figure 9** (below), Coonamble Shire Council in 2026 was the lowest performing regional NSW council for three of the 23 services and facilities that could be benchmarked (CSC was lowest for eight in 2024).

Figure 8 Comparisons to Regional NSW Benchmarks 3

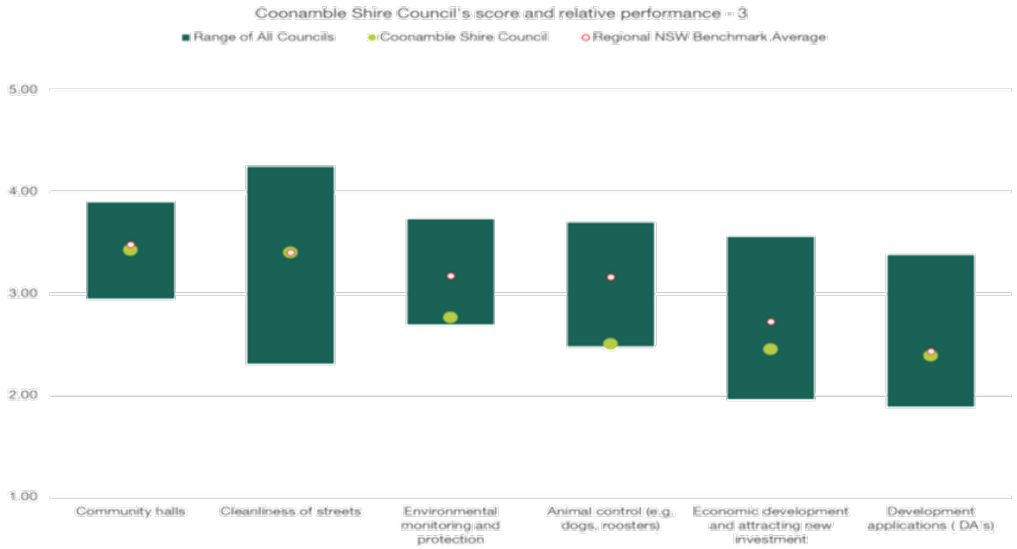
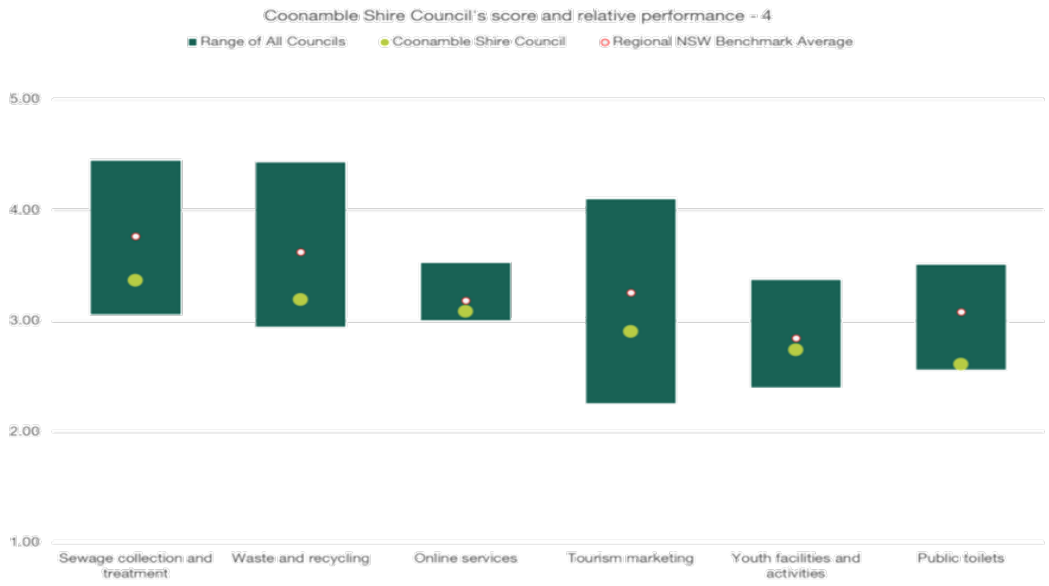


Figure 9 Comparisons to Regional NSW Benchmarks 4



5. FACILITIES AND SERVICES IMPORTANCE

This section covers the relative importance that residents attach to 25 facilities and services.

The largest increases in 'top 2' responses between 2024 and 2026 were for Development applications (49% in 2024), Libraries (58% in 2024), Sporting facilities (65% in 2024), and Sewage collection and treatment (72% in 2024). The largest decrease in stated importance was for Waste and recycling (83% in 2024) (see **Figure 10** below, and **Figure 11** next page).

Figure 10 Council Facilities and Services Importance 1

Q9. I'm now going to read the list to you again, but this time please rate how important these Council facilities or services are to you or your family. We'll use a scale of 1-5, where 1 means you think its unimportant, 4 is very important and 5 is critical.

Base: All respondents 2026 (n=170)

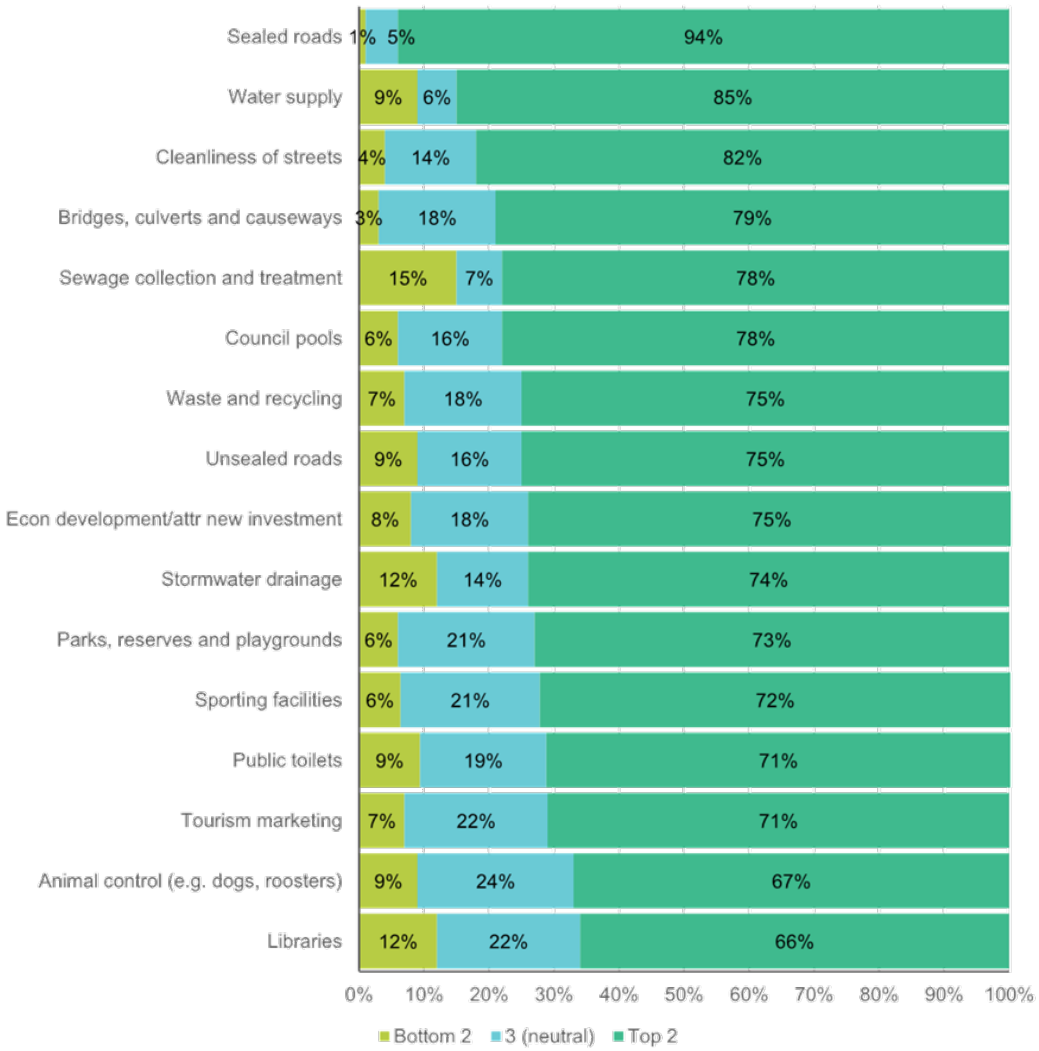


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Figure 11 Council Facilities and Services Importance 2

Q9. I'm now going to read the list to you again, but this time please rate how important these Council facilities or services are to you or your family. We'll use a scale of 1-5, where 1 means you think its unimportant, 4 is very important and 5 is critical.
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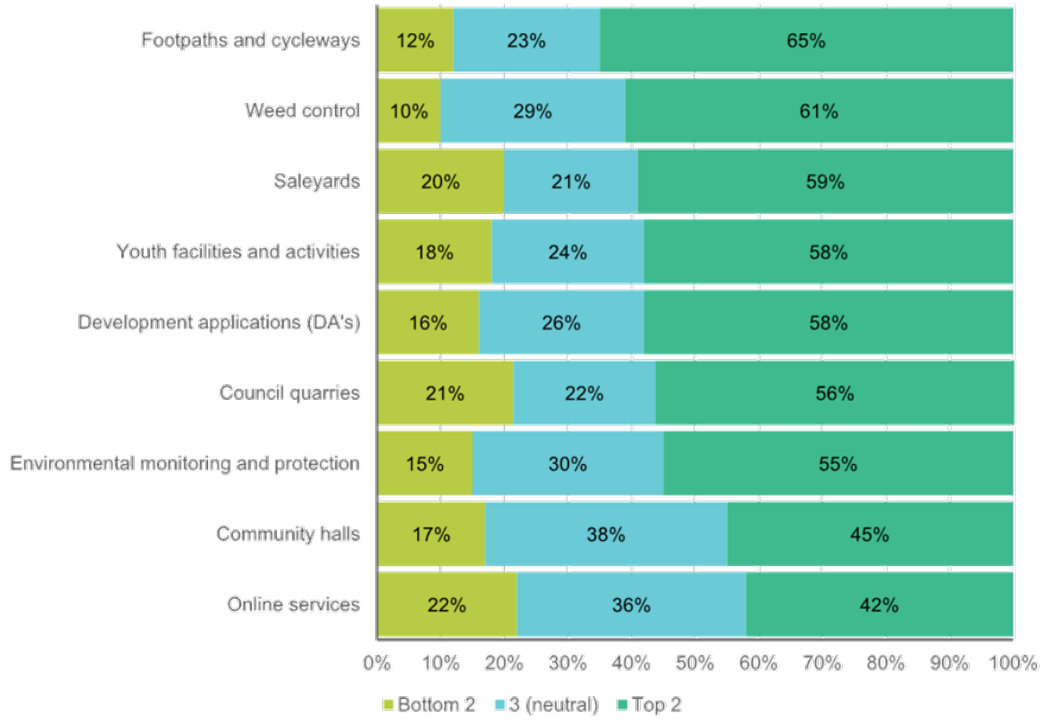

Table 8 (next page) shows the subgroups that had significantly **higher** importance means in 2026. Any not included did not have any significantly higher importance means. Those who lived in urban areas, and those whose nearest town was Coonamble, more regularly had significantly higher importance means.

5. FACILITIES AND SERVICES IMPORTANCE

Table 8 Subgroups Assigning Higher Importance – Facilities and Services

Facility/service	<60	60+	Male	Fem	Urban area	Non-urban area	Coon-amble	Not Coon-amble	Have childr en in HH	No childr en in HH	First Natio ns
Sealed roads						x					
Unsealed roads	x					x		x			
Bridges, culverts and causeways	x					x					
Footpaths and cycleways				x	x		x				x
Cleanliness of streets				x							
Online services										x	
Animal control					x		x				x
Stormwater drainage					x						
Waste and recycling					x		x				
Water supply					x		x				
Sewage collection and treatment					x		x				x
Sporting facilities							x		x		
Parks, reserves and playgrounds	x								x		x
Council pools	x			x					x		x
Libraries				x							
Youth facilities and activities					x						
Tourism marketing		x			x						
Development applications					x						
Environmental monitoring and protection		x									
Council quarries			x								

5. FACILITIES AND SERVICES IMPORTANCE

Table 9 below shows the "gap" between mean scores for Satisfaction and Importance. This is usually a number higher than zero (for Importance assigned a higher score than Satisfaction), though for some services and facilities (Libraries, Community halls and Sporting facilities in 2026) it can go below zero, should Satisfaction be relatively high or Importance relatively low.

The largest increases in gaps between 2024 and 2026 were for Sewage collection and treatment, and Water supply, and the largest decreases were for Waste and recycling, and Council quarries.

Table 9 Gap Analysis

	2026 SAT	2026 IMP	2026 DIFF	2024 DIFF	2019 DIFF
Unsealed roads	1.97	4.15	+2.18	+2.25	+1.26
Sealed roads	2.61	4.51	+1.90	+2.03	+1.34
Water supply	2.67	4.27	+1.60	+1.22	+0.74
Economic development and attracting new investment	2.45	4.04	+1.59	+1.75	+1.23
Stormwater drainage	2.44	3.94	+1.50	+1.45	+0.41
Animal control (e.g. dogs, roosters)	2.50	3.82	+1.32	+1.01	+0.97
Public toilets	2.61	3.89	+1.28	+1.26	+0.76
Development applications (DA's)	2.39	3.55	+1.16	+0.88	+0.13
Bridges, culverts and causeways	3.05	4.20	+1.15	+1.16	+0.76
Footpaths and cycleways	2.70	3.76	+1.06	+0.88	+0.60
Tourism marketing	2.90	3.90	+1.00	+1.24	+0.92
Weed control	2.71	3.69	+0.98	+1.32	+0.70
Youth facilities and activities	2.74	3.58	+0.84	+1.02	+0.52
Waste and recycling	3.19	4.01	+0.82	+1.32	+1.02
Environmental monitoring and protection	2.77	3.56	+0.79	+0.94	+0.63
Cleanliness of streets	3.40	4.10	+0.70	+0.92	+0.41
Sewage collection and treatment	3.37	4.00	+0.63	+0.24	-0.18
Council quarries	3.02	3.48	+0.46	+0.89	-0.85
Parks, reserves and playgrounds	3.64	3.92	+0.28	+0.33	-0.13
Saleyards	3.29	3.52	+0.23	+0.56	+0.22
Online services	3.09	3.15	+0.06	+0.31	-0.71
Council pools	4.06	4.07	+0.01	-0.20	-0.44
Sporting facilities	4.03	3.94	-0.09	-0.01	-0.28
Community halls	3.43	3.32	-0.11	-0.05	+0.05
Libraries	4.17	3.72	-0.45	-0.65	-0.58

6. PRIORITISING FACILITIES AND SERVICES

6.1. QUADRANT ANALYSIS

This section of the report aims to identify the key drivers of resident satisfaction via a deeper analysis of the relationship between overall satisfaction with Coonamble Shire Council and satisfaction with services and facilities (as reported in the previous section).

Quadrant analysis simultaneously analyses the importance of a service in terms of driving overall satisfaction and the performance of services in terms of resident satisfaction. To do this, mean satisfaction scores are plotted against importance scores for each Council service/facility.

To form quadrants, the average importance score and average satisfaction score across all services and facilities were calculated. Services and facilities with a mean satisfaction score less than the overall average were classified as 'lower' performing while those with a mean score above the average were classified as 'higher' performing. Similarly, services and facilities have 'higher' or 'lower' importance depending on their position above or below the overall average.

These scores do not suggest the facility or service is not important in the personal lives of residents. It strictly relates to *relative* importance in creating overall satisfaction with Council.

Figure 12, (over-page) is Council's performance/importance quadrant.

1. The upper right quadrant (high importance and high satisfaction) represents current service strengths or **'Strengths to maintain'**.
2. The upper left quadrant (high importance but low satisfaction) denotes services where satisfaction should be improved or **'Priorities for Council'**.
3. The lower left quadrant (relatively lower importance and relatively lower satisfaction) represents lower priority service dimensions or **'Second order issues'**.
4. The lower right quadrant (relatively lower importance and high satisfaction) represents Council's **'Opportunities'**. These are higher performing services that are not yet having a strong impact on creating overall satisfaction with Council.

The numbers shown in **Table 10** (over-page) match the services and facilities shown in **Figure 12**. (Note that services and facilities listed in are not in order of importance/satisfaction but rather listed in numeric order as per the numbering shown in **Figure 12** for ease of reference.)

As shown in **Figure 12** (next page), in 2026 (as in 2024), Council's road network formed an arc across the top left (the interaction of the highest importance and lowest satisfaction). Sealed roads (19) were of much higher importance, but Unsealed roads (25) had lower satisfaction. Inner from that was another arc - Water supply (18), Economic development (22), and Stormwater drainage (23).

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Figure 12 Quadrant Matrix

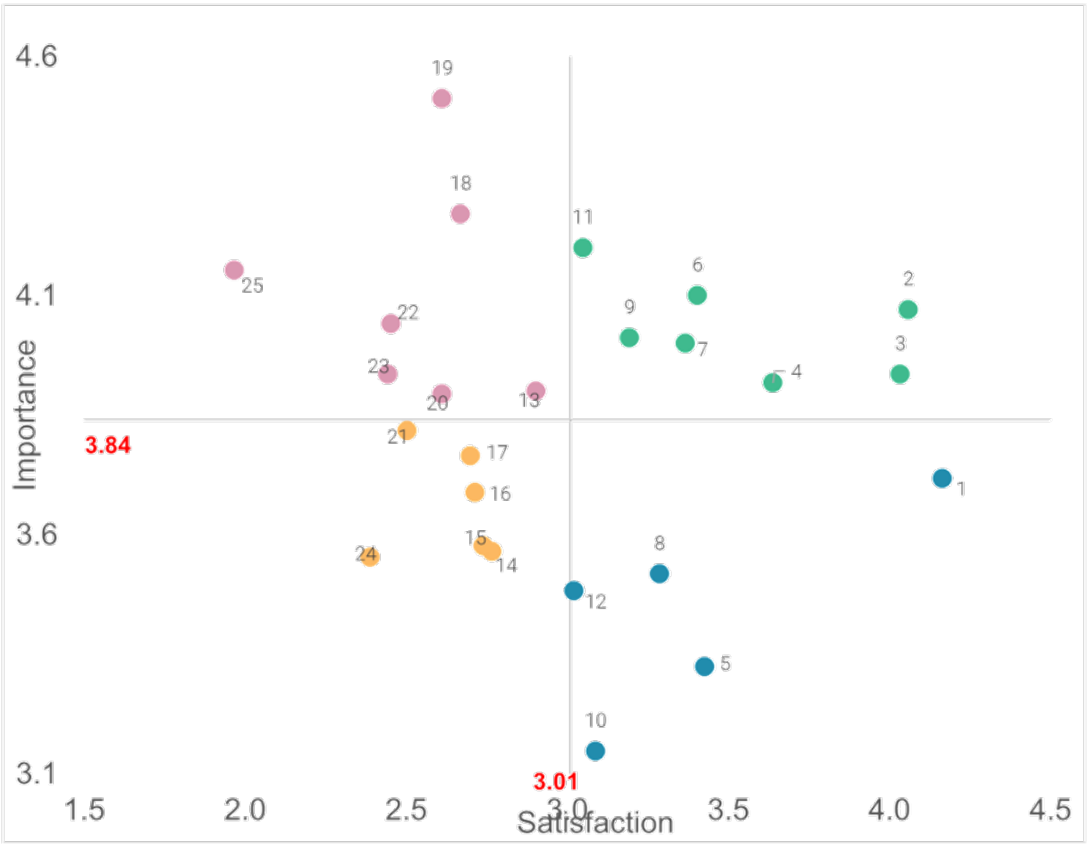

Table 10 Summary of Quadrant Analysis

PRIORITIES FOR COUNCIL	STRENGTHS TO MAINTAIN
13 Tourism marketing	2 Council pools
18 Water supply	3 Sporting facilities
19 Sealed roads	4 Parks, reserves and playgrounds
20 Public toilets	6 Cleanliness of streets
22 Economic development and attracting new investment	7 Sewage collection and treatment
23 Stormwater drainage	9 Waste and recycling
25 Unsealed roads	11 Bridges, culverts and causeways
SECOND ORDER ISSUES	**OPPORTUNITIES**
14 Environmental monitoring and protection	1 Libraries
15 Youth facilities and activities	5 Community halls
16 Weed control	8 Saleyards
17 Footpaths and cycleways	10 Online services
21 Animal control	12 Council quarries
24 Development applications (DA's)	

6. PRIORITISING FACILITIES AND SERVICES

6.2. DRIVERS OF SATISFACTION

Table 11 (below) shows derived importance for Council services and facilities – a correlation[1] between satisfaction with the individual measures, and overall satisfaction with Council. The higher the correlation, the more likely that this facility or service will influence a resident's overall satisfaction score (it expresses as a fraction between 0 and 1, with a correlation above 0.60 considered useful). The top five of the 25 measures that respondents rated in either 2024 or 2026 are shown.

None of the 25 services and facilities measured had a big impact on overall satisfaction (the correlation coefficients in **Table 11** below are all below 0.60). Sealed roads were the only service/facility that was in the top five in both 2024 and 2026 (2nd in 2024, 5th in 2026).

Table 11 Top Drivers of Satisfaction

Measure	Correlation coefficient 2024	Correlation coefficient 2026
Environmental monitoring and protection	0.460	0.522
Sewage collection and treatment	0.421	0.489
Water supply	0.382	0.487
Development applications (DAs)	0.427	0.453
Sealed roads	0.518	0.452
Economic development and attracting new investment	0.556	0.415
Council quarries	0.516	0.423
Bridges, culverts and causeways	0.487	0.364
Online services	0.475	0.351

[1] Pearson's correlation https://wiki.q-researchsoftware.com/wiki/Pearson%27s_Product_Moment_Correlation

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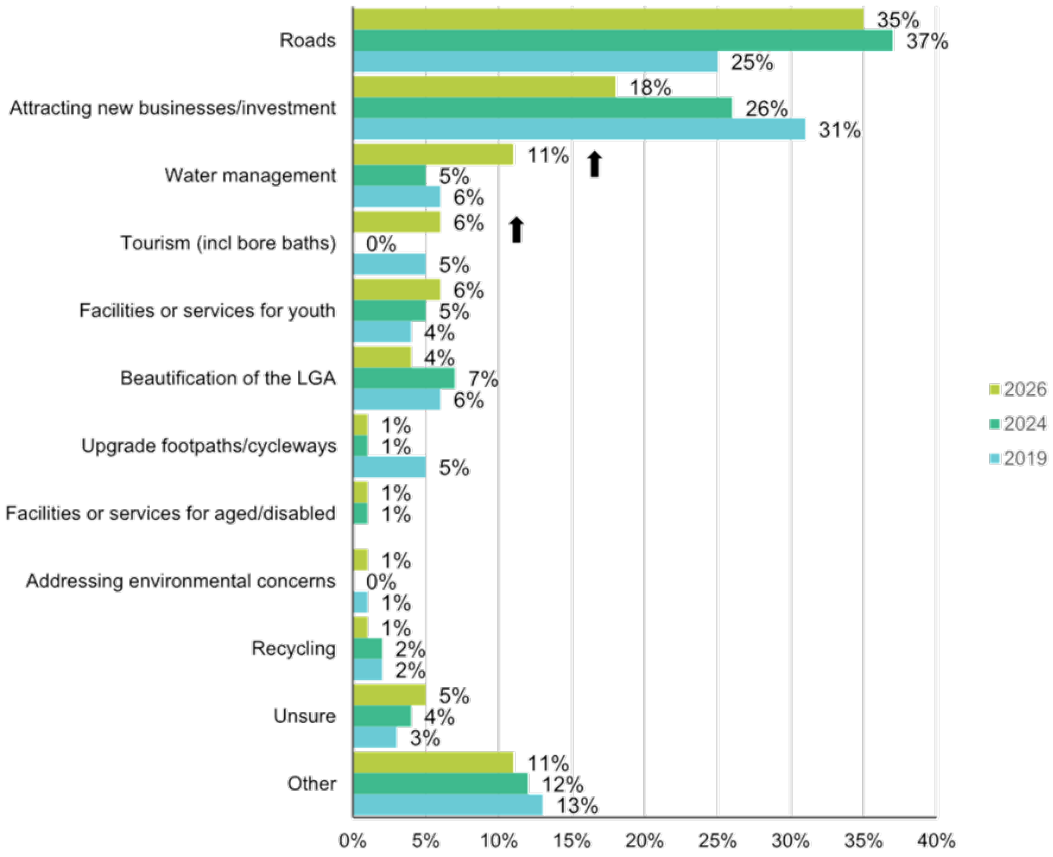
6.3. PRIORITY AS ASKED

As shown by the arrows in **Figure 13** (below), significantly more residents surveyed in 2026 than in 2024 felt that Water management or Tourism should be the number one priority.

Figure 13 Number One Priority for Next Three to Five Years

Q12. Thinking about Council services and infrastructure as a whole, what do you think Council's number one priority should be over the next three to five years?
Base: All respondents 2019-2026



In 2026 (as in 2024), Roads were more likely to be mentioned by males, those in a rural/village setting, and those outside Coonamble town. Attracting new business/investment was more likely to be mentioned by females in 2026. Water management, and Tourism, were more likely to be mentioned by those living near Coonamble town.

Beautification of the LGA was more likely to be mentioned by those in an urban setting. Facilities or services for aged/disabled were more likely to be mentioned by those who identified as First Nations.

7. CUSTOMER SERVICES

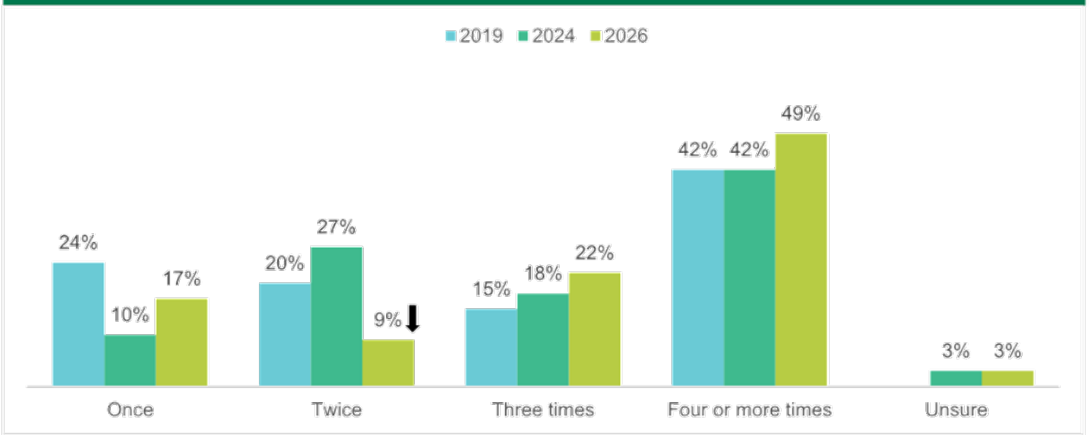
In this section, residents who had contacted Council customer service were asked about their experience.

Fifty-two percent of residents surveyed in 2026 had contacted Council in the past 12 months other than to make a payment, compared to 56% in 2024, 38% in 2019 and 49% in regional NSW recently.

In 2026 (as in 2024), those aged under 60, and those with children aged 14 years or under in their household, were more likely to have contacted Council. Additionally in 2026, females, and those who had lived in the Shire less than 20 years, were more likely to have contacted Council.

Figure 14 How Many Times Contacted Council in 12 Months

Q14. Could you tell please tell me approximately how many times you have contacted Council during this time?
Base: All customers (those who had contacted Council in 12 months) 2019 (n=96), 2024 (n=96) and 2026 (n=88)



As shown by the arrows in **Figure 15** (next page) there was a significant increase in contacts about Water and sewage between 2024 and 2026, and a significant decrease for Vegetation and trees.

Customers surveyed in 2026 whose nearest town was Coonamble were less likely to contact regarding Road and footpath improvements, or Rates inquiries.

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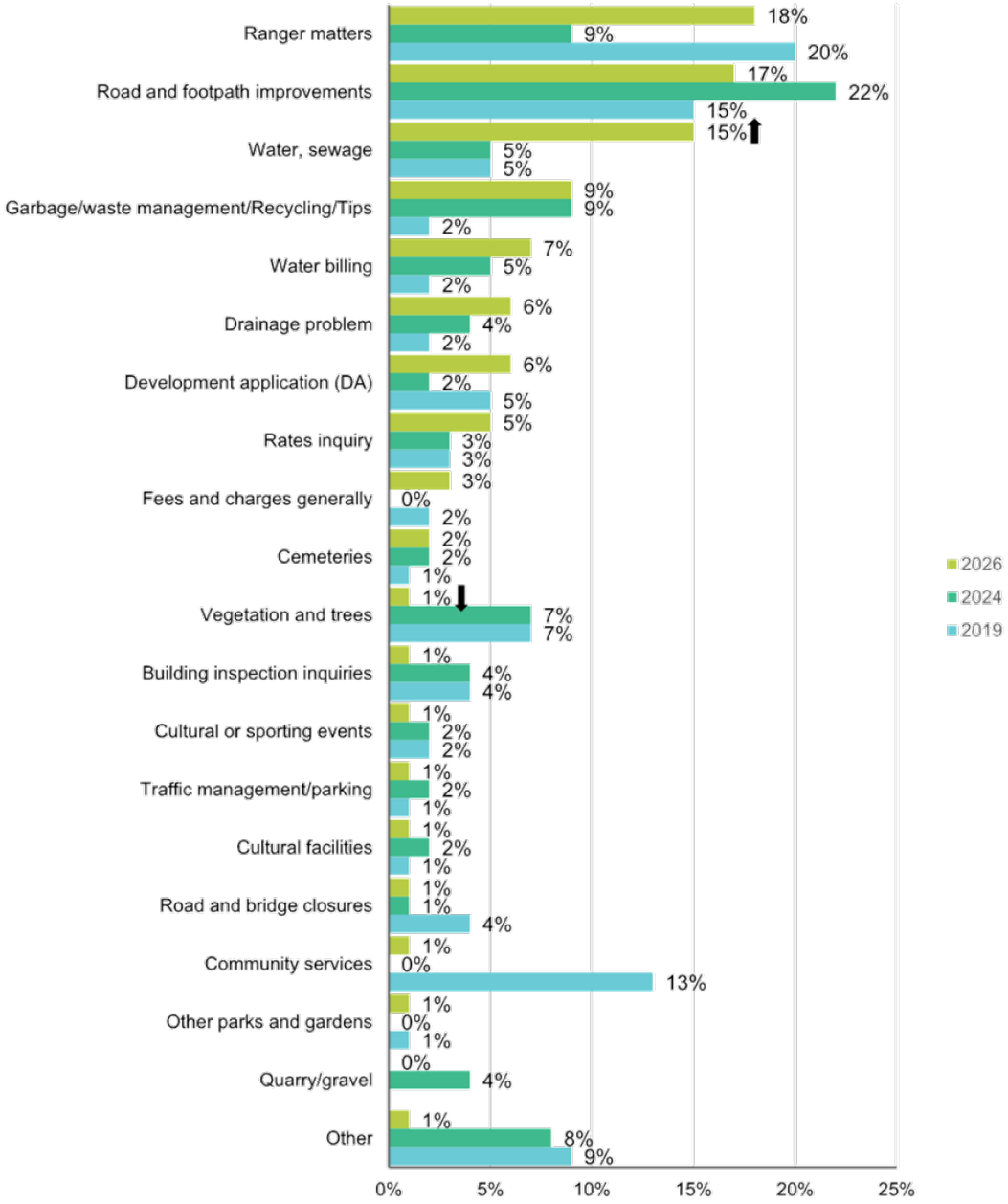
Figure 15 Reason for Most Recent Inquiry

Q15. Thinking about your most recent inquiry, what was that contact regarding?
Base: All customers 2019-2026



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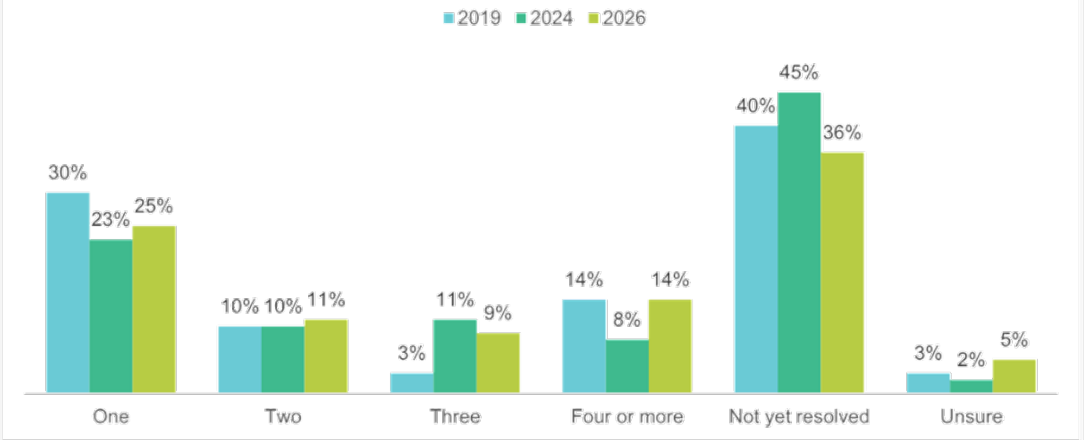
A third of customer enquiries remained unresolved in 2026, down from a high of near half in 2024 (see **Figure 16** below).

Figure 16 How Many Times Contacted Council to Resolve Most Recent Issue

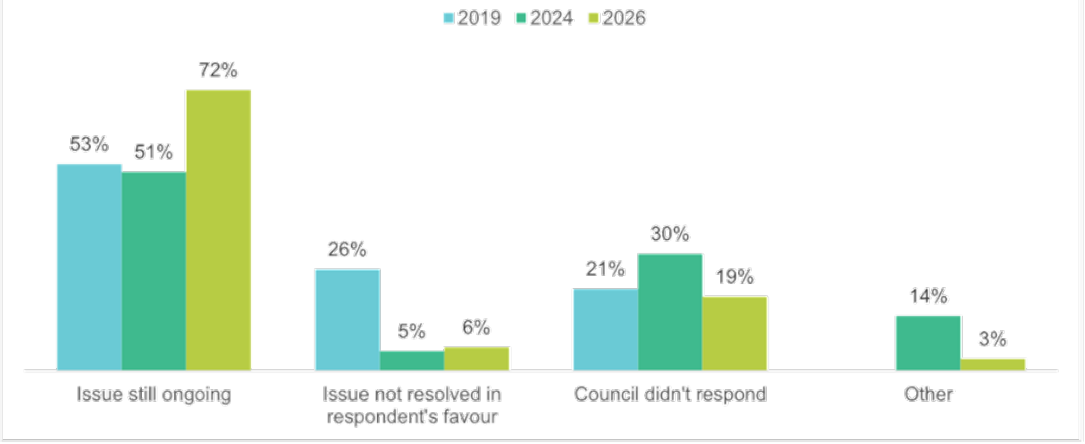
Q16. And regarding that matter, how many times did you need to contact Council to have your issue resolved?
Base: All customers 2019-2026



As shown in **Figure 17** below, the proportion of queries unresolved due to Council not responding returned in 2026 to the 2019 level (after the spike in 2024).

Figure 17 Why Hasn't Issue been Resolved

Q17. Can you briefly explain why you don't believe the issue has been resolved?
Base: Customers who said "Not yet resolved" 2019 (n=38), 2024 (n=43) and 2026 (n=32)



As shown by the arrows, significantly more customers contacted Council via Telephone in 2026 than in 2024, and significantly less via Email (see **Figure 18**, next page).

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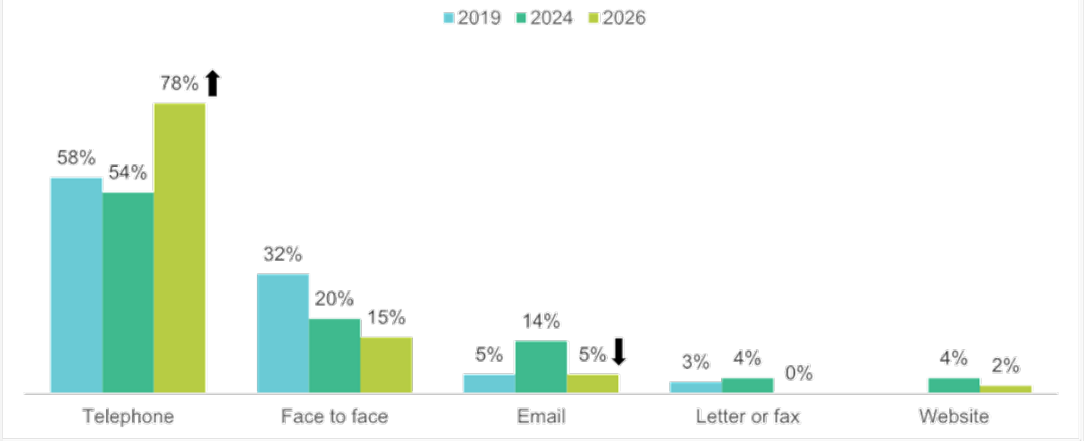
Male customers surveyed in 2026 were significantly more likely to contact Council via Email; females were more likely to contact via Telephone. Those who had lived in the Shire less than 20 years had higher responses of Email, and Website.

Figure 18 How Contact Council

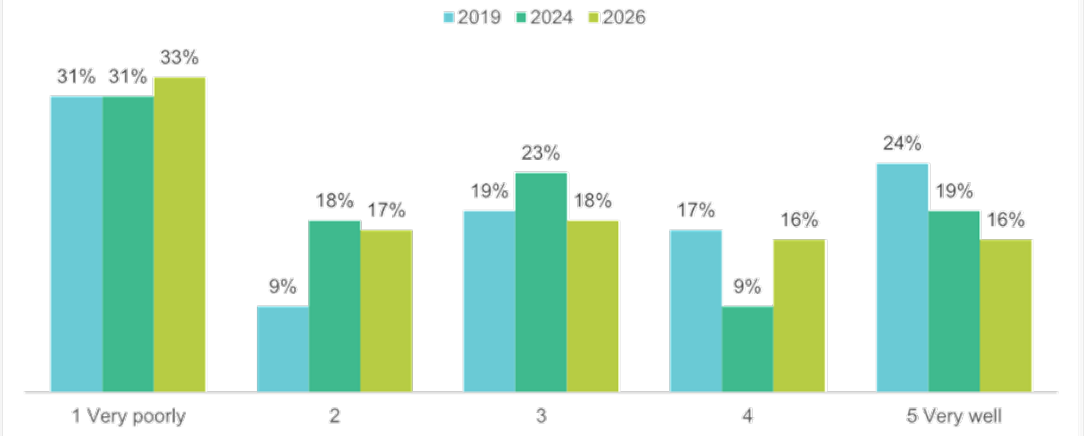
Q18. Thinking again about that experience, how did you make contact with Council?
Base: All customers 2019-2026



When expressed as a mean, 2026 customer satisfaction was 2.65 (compared to 2.67 in 2024 and 2.93 in 2019). When expressed as a net (percentage giving a 'top two' score, minus the percentage giving a 'bottom two' score), 2026 customer satisfaction was -18 (2024 was -21, 2019 was +1) (**Figure 19**, below).

Figure 19 Customer Service Satisfaction

Q19. And how would you rate your satisfaction with the way Council handled that latest enquiry, on a scale of 1-5, where 1 means you think it was handled very poorly and 5 means you think it was handled very well?
Base: All customers 2019-2026



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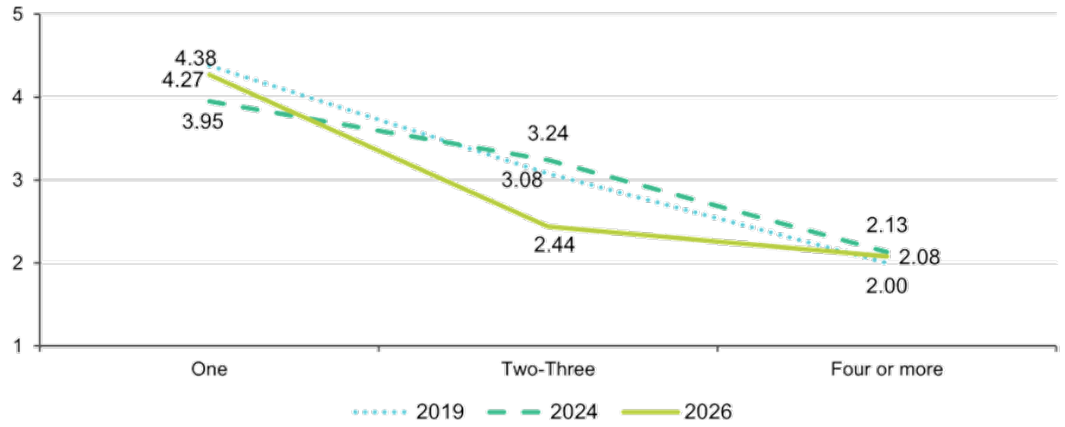
As shown in **Figure 20** below, the number of contacts a customer had to make to resolve their issue had a major impact on their rating of how Council handled their enquiry, though with a substantially faster deterioration in 2026 than in 2019 or 2024.

Figure 20 Customer Service Satisfaction, by Number of Contacts



8. COMMUNICATION

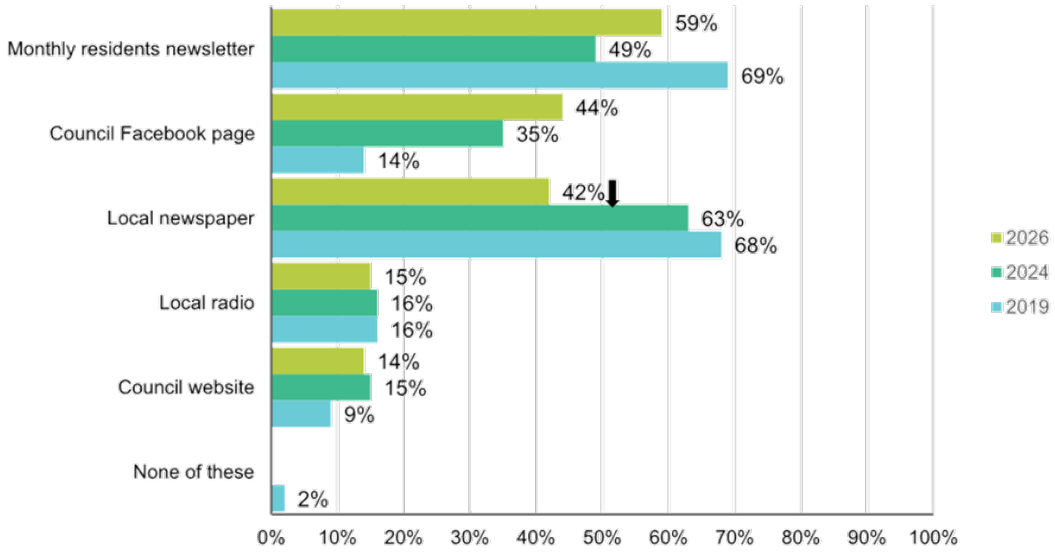
This section covers the residents' communications to and from Council.

8.1. PREFERENCES

When asked to nominate up to two ways they'd prefer to be informed of changes from Council, significantly less residents surveyed in 2026 mentioned Local newspaper than in 2024 (see **Figure 21** below).

Figure 21 How Prefer to be Informed about Changes at Council

Q20. How would you prefer to be informed about any changes to Council services, policies or activities? I'll give you five options, and you can pick up to two.
Base: All respondents 2019-2026



In 2026 (as in 2024), the Local newspaper was preferred by those in Coonamble town significantly more than those outside the town, and by those who had lived in the Shire 20+ years. Additionally, in 2026, those living in an urban setting also had a higher response for this.

In 2026 (as in 2024), the Monthly residents' newsletter was preferred by those aged 60+, and those who lived outside Coonamble town. Additionally, in 2026, females, and those who had lived in the Shire 20+ years, also had a higher response for this.

In 2026 (as in 2024), Council Facebook page was preferred by those aged under 60, those with children aged 14 years or under.

Residents surveyed in 2026 who had lived in the Shire less than 20 years mentioned Council website significantly more than those who had lived in the Shire 20+ years.

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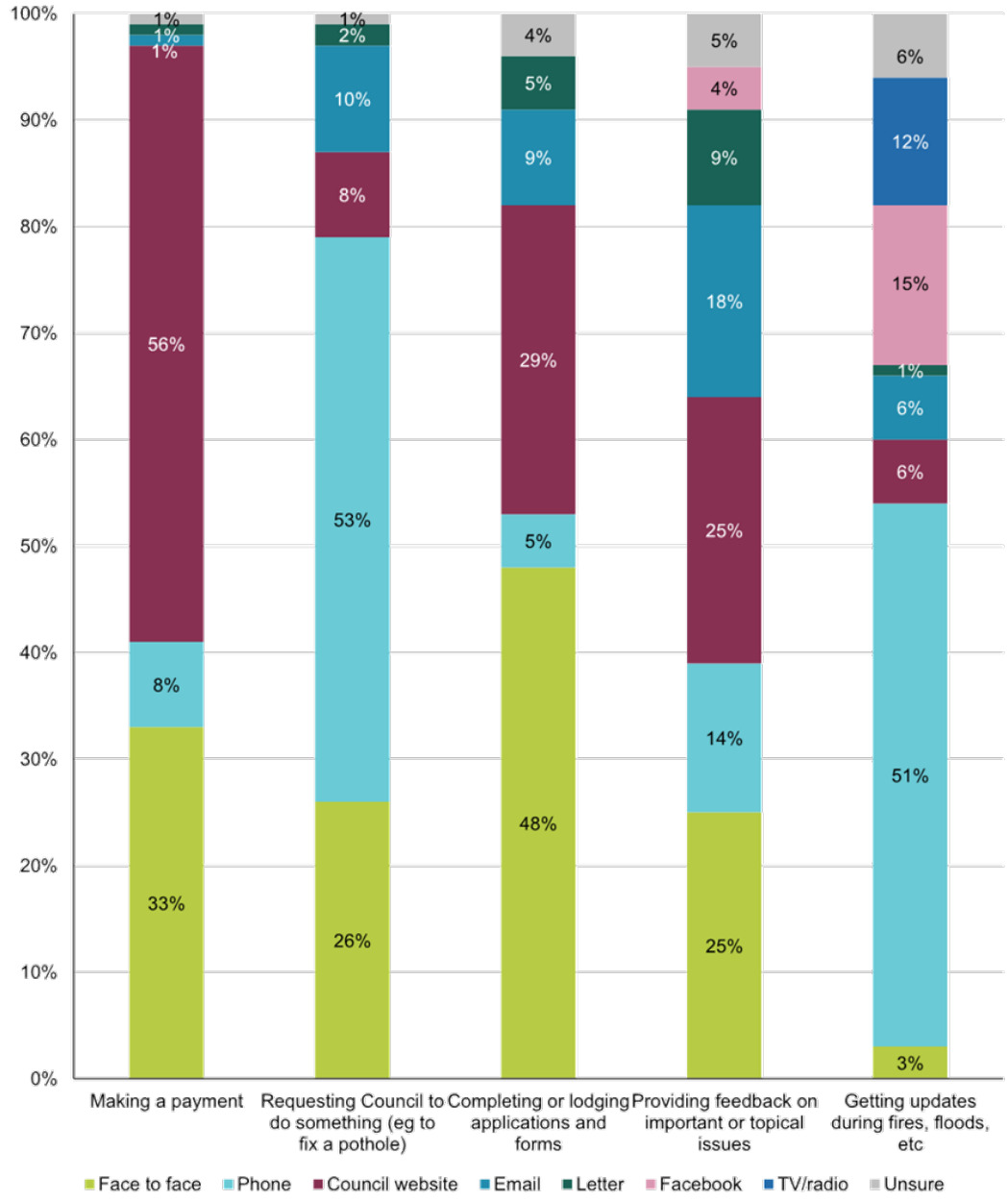
Residents were next asked their preferred method for conducting five different types of business with Council (**Figure 22**, below).

Figure 22 Channel Prefer

Q21. And in your dealings with Council, how would you prefer to conduct the following?
Base: All respondents 2026 (n=170)



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Benchmarks

Between 2024 and 2026 there was a significant decrease in the preference for Email when Making a payment (**Table 12**). Compared to Australia at large, Coonamble Shire residents had greater preference for Face to face. *Face to face had significantly higher responses in 2026 from those aged 60+, in urban settings, and those without children in their household. Phone was nominated more by those aged 60+. Council website was preferred more by those aged under 60, and those with children in their household. Email was more often the choice of those with children in their household, and those who identified as First Nations.*

Table 12 Channel Prefer - Making a payment

	2019	2024	2026	Australia
Face to face	50%	33%	33%	16%
Phone	5%	4%	8%	6%
Website	40%	50%	56%	70%
Email	1%	8%	1%	4%
Letter	1%	3%	1%	1%
Social Media				2%
Unsure	3%	2%	1%	

Coonamble Shire residents surveyed in 2026 were much more likely to request Council to do something via Face to face or Phone compared to Australia more broadly (**Table 13**). *Residents surveyed in 2026 aged 60+ were significantly more likely to prefer Face to face. Those who identified as First Nations were significantly less likely to prefer Council website; those who had children aged 14 years or younger in their household were less likely to prefer Face to face. Residents surveyed who had lived in the Shire more than 20 years had greater preference for Face to face; those who had lived there less than 20 years had greater preference for Council website.*

Table 13 Channel Prefer - Requesting Council to do something

	2019	2024	2026	Australia
Face to face	35%	26%	26%	13%
Phone	49%	47%	53%	39%
Website	3%	7%	8%	25%
Email	4%	12%	10%	11%
Letter	7%	4%	2%	1%
Social Media		1%		2%
Unsure	2%	4%	1%	

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As shown by blue in **Table 14** below, significantly more residents surveyed in 2026 preferred Completing or lodging application and forms Face to face compared to 2024. Compared to Australia at large, Coonamble Shire residents had a greater preference for Face to face, and lower preference for Website. *Residents surveyed in 2026 aged 60+, those without children, and those who had lived in the Shire 20+ years had greater preference for Face to face. Residents aged under 60, those in a rural/village setting, those with children, and those who had lived in the Shire less than 20 years had greater preference for Council website. Residents aged 60+ had greater preference for Letter.*

Table 14 Channel Prefer - Completing or lodging applications and forms

	2019	2024	2026	Australia
Face to face	63%	35%	48%	26%
Phone	3%	4%	5%	4%
Website	20%	25%	29%	50%
Email	3%	13%	9%	12%
Letter	5%	11%	5%	3%
Social Media		1%		1%
Unsure	7%	12%	4%	

Coonamble Shire residents surveyed in 2026 had a higher preference for Providing feedback on important or topical issues Face to face compared to the rest of Australia (**Table 15**). *Residents aged under 60 preferred Council website; those 60+ preferred Letter. Residents in an urban setting preferred Face to face; those in rural/village settings preferred Phone. Those nearest Coonamble town preferred Face to face; those further away from Coonamble town preferred Phone. Residents with children aged 14 years or under in their household, and those who had lived in the Shire under 20 years, preferred Council website.*

Table 15 Channel Prefer - Providing feedback on important or topical issues

	2019	2024	2026	Australia
Face to face	40%	26%	25%	13%
Phone	17%	17%	14%	15%
Website	15%	19%	25%	32%
Email	11%	17%	18%	22%
Letter	12%	14%	9%	6%
Social Media		4%	4%	3%
Unsure	4%	4%	5%	

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Getting updates during emergencies via Website was much more preferred by Australia at large than in Coonamble (**Table 16**). *Phone had significantly higher preference in 2026 from females, and those not nearest to Coonamble town. Council website had significantly higher preference from those under 60 years of age, and those who had lived in the Shire less than 20 years. Email had significantly higher preference from those with children aged 14 or under in their household. Radio/TV had higher preference from those aged 60+, and males.*

Table 16 Channel Prefer - Getting updates during emergencies

	2019	2024	2026	Australia
Face to face	8%	4%	3%	2%
Phone	44%	50%	51%	43%
Website	6%	8%	6%	17%
Email	2%	8%	6%	8%
Letter	1%	1%	1%	4%
Social Media	2%	15%	15%	15%
TV/radio	32%	13%	12%	10%
Unsure	5%	1%	6%	

8.2. WEBSITE

Forty-one percent of residents surveyed in 2026 had used the Council website, (51% in 2024, 31% in 2019). *Significantly more residents aged under 60 years, females, those with children aged 14 years or under in their household, and those who had lived in the Shire less than 20 years, had visited the Council website in 2026.*

As shown in **Figure 23** (next page), significantly fewer website users in 2026 visited to Read the business paper.

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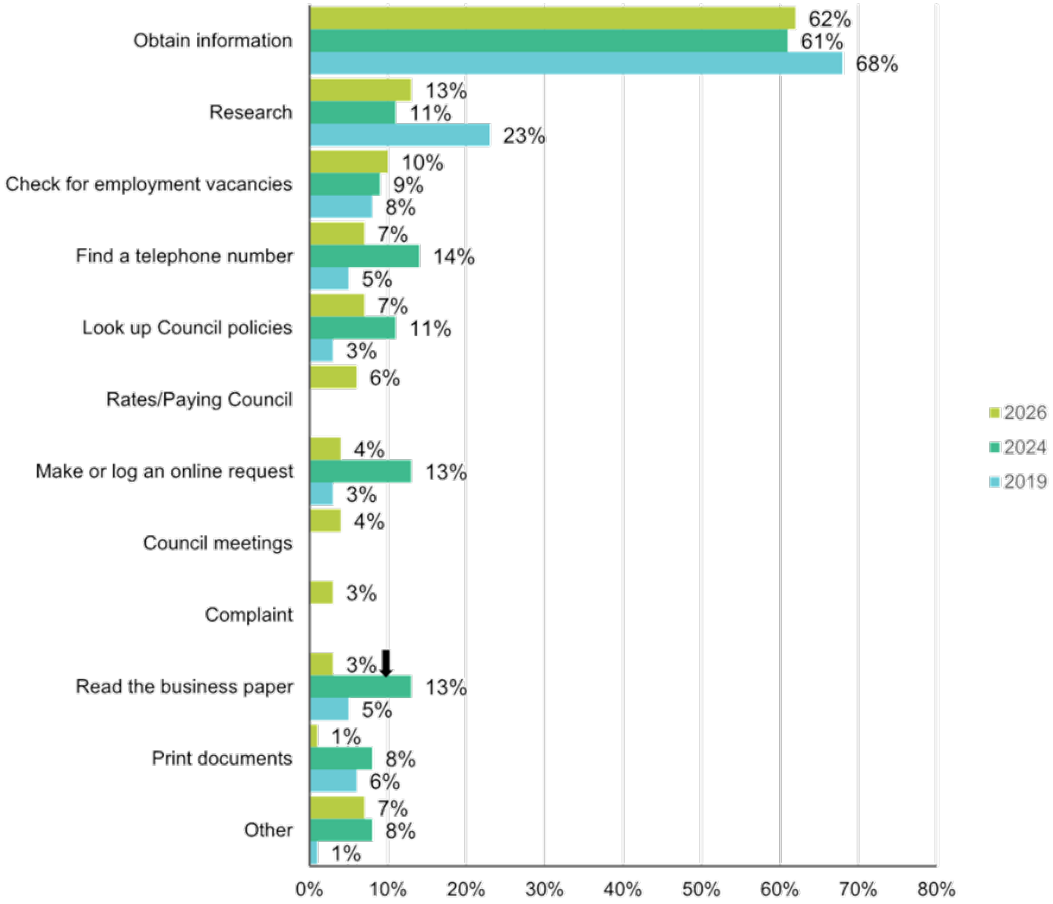
Figure 23 What Use Council Website for

Q23. What did you use it for?
Base: All website users 2019 (n=78), 2024 (n=88) and 2026 (n=62)



Website users surveyed in 2026 who did not have children in their household were significantly more likely to visit to Obtain information. Those who had lived in the Shire less than 20 years were more likely to visit to Look up Council policies.

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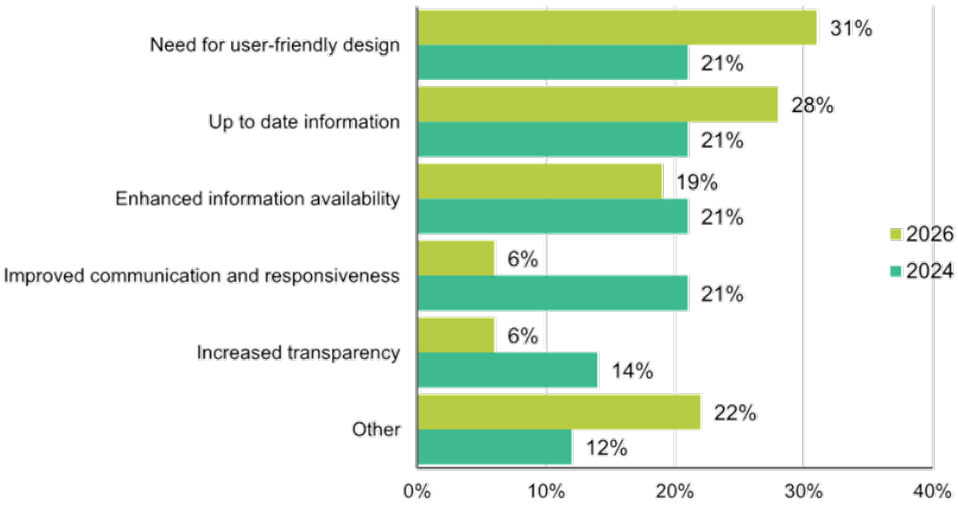
Website users were asked for suggestions to improve it; this was an open-ended question. A full list of verbatim responses has been provided to Council in a separate delivery. **Figure 24**, below, excludes website visitors who could not suggest any improvements.

Figure 24 Suggested Improvements to Council Website

Q24. Do you have any suggestions on how it could be improved?
Base: All website users 2024 (n=42) and 2026 (n=36) who could suggest improvements



Website users in 2026 who lived closer to a different town than Coonamble town had significantly higher responses of Enhanced information availability.

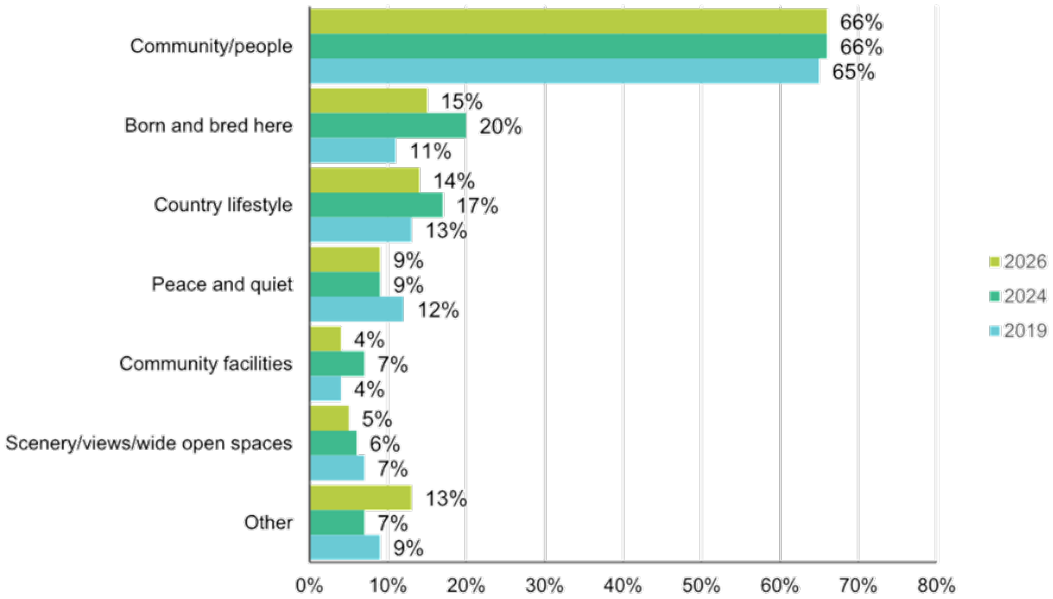
9. OTHER ISSUES

This final section covers two open ended questions asking residents what they value about living in the Shire, and what could add to the quality of life there. A full list of verbatim responses has been provided to Council in a separate delivery.

As in 2019 and 2024, in 2026 the greatest response (by a very large margin) was appreciation of the local people and sense of community (**Figure 25**, below).

Figure 25 Value Most about Living in Coonamble Shire

Q25. What do you value most about living in the Coonamble Shire?
Base: All respondents 2019-2026



In 2026, Community/people was more likely to be called out by those whose nearest town was Coonamble, and those with children aged 14 years or younger in their household. Those aged 60+, and those without children aged 14 or under living in their household, were more likely to say they were Born and bred here (something that occurred in 2024 also). Those living away from Coonamble town were more likely to cite Country lifestyle, and Peace and quiet.

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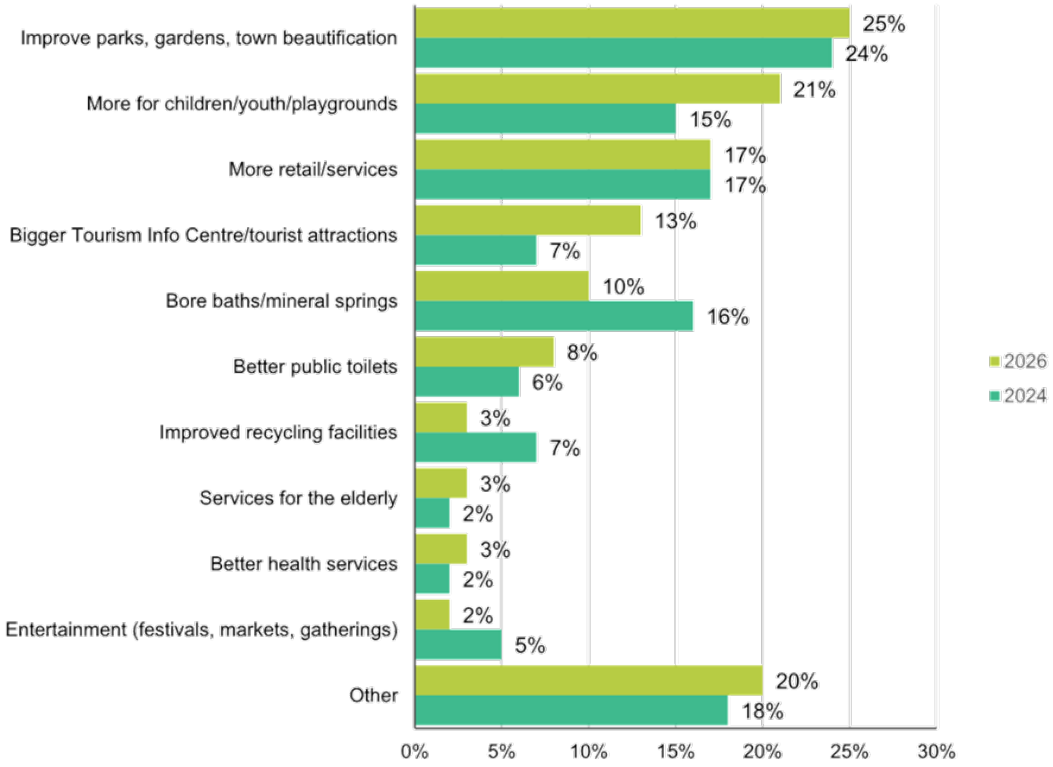
Figure 26 below shows suggestions to improve life in Coonamble Shire. This was an open-ended question, and a full list of verbatims responses has been provided to Council in a separate delivery (where the specifics of the one-offs that make up 'other' can be seen).

Figure 26 Add to the Quality of Life in Coonamble

Q26. And conversely, have you seen anything when travelling to other places that you think would work well in Coonamble, or add to the quality of life in your region?
Base: All respondents 2024 (n=125), 2026 (n=105) who could offer a response



In 2026, Bore baths/mineral springs were more likely to be sought by males. More for children/youth/playgrounds were sought by those aged under 60 years, those who identify as First Nations, and those with children aged 14 years or younger in their household.

10. APPENDIX: MEAN SCORES OF SUBGROUPS

Below and on the following page are mean scores of all services and facilities, broken out by demographic subgroups.

Significant differences between compared bases (in responses in each row) are highlighted blue for significantly higher, and red for significantly lower. Where a larger difference is shown that does not rise to the level of significance, this is usually due to the base size/s not being large enough.

Table 17 Services and Facilities Satisfaction Means by Demographic Subgroups 2026

	Total	Age *2		Gender		U/R		Area		Do you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?	
Satisfaction		Under 60	60 and over	Male	Female	Urban	Rural	Coonamble	OTHER	Yes	No
Sealed roads	2.61	2.39	2.83	2.57	2.63	2.80	2.45	2.70	2.40	2.56	2.63
Unsealed roads	1.97	1.90	2.04	2.04	1.93	2.12	1.84	2.05	1.77	2.09	1.91
Bridges, culverts and causeways	3.05	2.75	3.37	3.06	3.05	3.15	2.97	3.11	2.92	3.06	3.04
Footpaths and cycleways	2.70	2.63	2.77	2.97	2.60	2.67	2.73	2.72	2.65	2.55	2.78
Cleanliness of streets	3.40	3.37	3.44	3.49	3.37	3.19	3.59	3.32	3.63	3.34	3.43
Online services	3.09	2.93	3.29	3.22	3.04	3.07	3.11	3.10	3.06	3.10	3.08
Animal control (e.g. dogs, roosters)	2.50	2.25	2.73	2.54	2.48	2.45	2.57	2.39	2.85	2.33	2.59
Stormwater drainage	2.44	2.25	2.63	2.67	2.33	2.44	2.45	2.42	2.53	2.38	2.47
Public toilets	2.61	2.41	2.82	2.80	2.53	2.65	2.58	2.56	2.73	2.56	2.64
Weed control	2.71	2.78	2.65	2.78	2.68	2.61	2.80	2.65	2.87	2.62	2.75
Waste and recycling	3.19	2.95	3.43	3.47	3.07	3.35	3.01	3.33	2.79	3.19	3.19
Water supply	2.67	2.42	2.90	2.83	2.58	2.63	2.72	2.65	2.75	2.44	2.78
Sewage collection and treatment	3.37	3.15	3.59	3.43	3.33	3.46	3.22	3.33	3.53	3.18	3.46
Sporting facilities	4.03	3.91	4.17	4.00	4.05	4.12	3.95	4.10	3.83	4.04	4.03
Parks, reserves and playgrounds	3.64	3.37	3.92	3.65	3.63	3.65	3.63	3.66	3.57	3.48	3.71
Council pools	4.06	3.93	4.20	4.02	4.07	4.00	4.11	4.11	3.91	3.96	4.11
Libraries	4.17	4.16	4.17	4.06	4.21	4.18	4.15	4.22	4.00	4.09	4.20
Community halls	3.43	3.47	3.39	3.30	3.50	3.38	3.47	3.41	3.46	3.03	3.63
Youth facilities and activities	2.74	2.60	2.88	2.75	2.73	2.78	2.69	2.77	2.64	2.43	2.93
Economic development and attracting new investment	2.45	2.39	2.52	2.46	2.45	2.50	2.41	2.42	2.54	2.24	2.54
Tourism marketing	2.90	2.89	2.91	2.94	2.89	2.93	2.88	2.92	2.86	2.79	2.95
Development applications (DA's)	2.39	2.30	2.49	2.28	2.46	2.38	2.40	2.41	2.32	2.47	2.34
Saleyards	3.29	3.25	3.33	3.16	3.38	3.31	3.26	3.26	3.39	3.42	3.22
Environmental monitoring and protection	2.77	2.56	2.96	2.89	2.70	2.92	2.62	2.74	2.83	2.82	2.74
Council quarries	3.02	2.85	3.24	3.18	2.91	3.00	3.04	3.03	3.00	2.87	3.09

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Sealed roads	4.51	4.61	4.42	4.37	4.58	4.38	4.63	4.49	4.56	4.50	4.52
Unsealed roads	4.15	4.35	3.97	4.24	4.11	3.77	4.48	4.04	4.44	4.02	4.21
Bridges, culverts and causeways	4.20	4.35	4.06	4.22	4.19	4.03	4.35	4.18	4.25	4.14	4.23
Footpaths and cycleways	3.76	3.68	3.85	3.19	4.03	4.15	3.43	3.94	3.31	4.14	3.61
Cleanliness of streets	4.10	4.07	4.13	3.78	4.25	4.23	3.99	4.14	4.00	4.24	4.04
Online services	3.15	3.12	3.17	2.91	3.26	3.20	3.10	3.16	3.10	3.24	3.11
Animal control (e.g. dogs, roosters)	3.82	3.79	3.85	3.57	3.93	4.09	3.58	3.95	3.48	4.16	3.68
Stormwater drainage	3.94	3.92	3.95	3.76	4.02	4.22	3.69	4.03	3.69	4.12	3.86
Public toilets	3.89	3.93	3.86	3.72	3.97	3.85	3.93	3.84	4.04	3.98	3.86
Weed control	3.69	3.55	3.83	3.67	3.70	3.75	3.64	3.65	3.79	3.48	3.78
Waste and recycling	4.01	4.02	4.00	3.80	4.11	4.28	3.78	4.12	3.73	4.14	3.96
Water supply	4.27	4.27	4.27	4.17	4.32	4.62	3.97	4.43	3.88	4.42	4.21
Sewage collection and treatment	4.00	4.13	3.87	3.89	4.05	4.46	3.60	4.22	3.44	4.30	3.88
Sporting facilities	3.94	4.06	3.81	3.85	3.97	4.08	3.81	4.06	3.63	3.98	3.92
Parks, reserves and playgrounds	3.92	4.15	3.69	3.78	3.98	3.99	3.86	3.98	3.77	4.16	3.82
Council pools	4.07	4.26	3.88	3.74	4.22	4.11	4.03	4.14	3.90	4.32	3.97
Libraries	3.72	3.70	3.73	3.30	3.91	3.86	3.59	3.80	3.50	3.68	3.73
Community halls	3.32	3.39	3.26	3.17	3.40	3.32	3.33	3.25	3.50	3.26	3.35
Youth facilities and activities	3.58	3.60	3.56	3.41	3.66	3.80	3.38	3.66	3.35	3.70	3.53
Economic development and attracting new investment	4.04	3.98	4.10	4.09	4.02	4.19	3.91	4.07	3.96	3.98	4.07
Tourism marketing	3.90	3.75	4.05	3.94	3.88	4.11	3.71	3.91	3.88	3.92	3.89
Development applications (DA's)	3.55	3.56	3.55	3.63	3.52	3.80	3.34	3.57	3.50	3.48	3.58
Saleyards	3.52	3.63	3.41	3.67	3.45	3.48	3.55	3.52	3.52	3.40	3.57
Environmental monitoring and protection	3.56	3.39	3.73	3.39	3.65	3.70	3.45	3.56	3.58	3.40	3.63
Council quarries	3.48	3.65	3.31	3.85	3.31	3.54	3.43	3.57	3.25	3.28	3.57

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10.2 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS/ACTIONS UPDATE

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Annexures: **1. Council Meeting Resolutions**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Council Resolutions report and status.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to keep track of outstanding Council resolutions.

BACKGROUND:

Outstanding Council resolutions will be added to the list of items below, and an update on the status will be provided by the responsible officer.

The agenda for Council Meetings close two weeks after the prior meeting resulting in some monthly updates not being provided due to priority being given to actioning the prior meeting resolutions.

REPORT:

Meeting:	Officer:	Subject:	Comment:
14/06/2023	Director Corporate Services	Management of Crown Reserve 96390 – Lot 244 DP 44910	Delayed - Communication ongoing with Public Works.
15/04/2026	Manager Economic Development and Growth	Signage Audit Update	Looking for funding opportunities.
15/04/2026	General Manager	Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths - Land Tenure Options (Crown Land VS Acquisition)	Resolution complete. Report going to October meeting.
13/05/2026	Director Infrastructure	Cr Ahmad Karanouh- Notice of Motion -Relocation of Horse trough and Cobb & Co Carriage	Resolution complete. Update report went to September Meeting.
17/06/2026	Director Sustainable Communities and Planning	Sons of the Soil Hotel - Purchase Enquiries	Resolution complete. update report went to September Meeting.
17/06/2026	Director Sustainable Communities and Planning	Notice of Motion -Councillor Ahmad (Al) Kranouh- Coonamble Shire Mural Art Trail: proposed mural at Smith park	Resolution on hold pending a report going to October Meeting.
08/07/2026	General Manager	Contract for Sale-Yarran Street Land- Legal Advice	Ongoing.

Meeting:	Officer:	Subject:	Comment:
08/07/2026	Executive Manager Governance and People	Pecuniary Interest Returns	Resolution complete. Reminders sent to designated persons. Report going to October Meeting.
08/07/2026	Director Infrastructure	Coonamble Swimming Pools Management	Resolutions complete.
12/08/2026	Director Sustainable Communities and Planning	Youth Transition Accommodation – Management Options	In progress.
12/08/2026	Executive Manager Governance and People	2026 LGNSW Annual Conference	Resolution complete.
12/08/2026	General Manager	Morris Piper Service Proposal	In progress
12/08/2026	Director Corporate Services	Draft Long-Term Financial Plan	Resolution complete. Report going to the October Meeting.
12/08/2026	Director Infrastructure	Notice of Motion – Cr Karen Churchill – Street and Public Lighting	In progress.
12/08/2026	Director Infrastructure	Notice of Motion – Cr Margaret Garnsey – Reallocation of capital works budget to Quambone Swimming Pool	Waiting on the insurance claim response.
09/09/2026	Director Sustainable Communities and Planning	Report on the Proposed Relocation of the Historic Horse Trough and Replica Mail Coach	In progress.
09/09/2026	Director Sustainable Communities and Planning	Connecting with TAFE in Coonamble Shire	Resolutions compete.
09/09/2026	Director Sustainable Communities and Planning	Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan	Resolution complete. On public exhibition until 7 October. Report going to October Meeting.
09/09/2026	Director Sustainable Communities and Planning	Expressions of Interest to Purchase Sons of the Soil Hotel	In progress.
09/09/2026	Director Infrastructure	Tender RTF260820ML Supply and Delivery of Tipper Truck and Plant Trailer	Resolutions complete
09/09/2026	Director Corporate Services	Financial Reports for Year Ended 30/06/2026	Resolutions complete
09/09/2026	General Manager	Notice of Motion – Cr Paul Wheelhouse – Capital Upgrades in 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 Financial Years	In progress
09/09/2026	Director Sustainable Communities and Planning	Naming of Artesian Bathing Experience for Marketing Purposes	Resolution complete.
09/09/2026	Director Corporate Services	Draft Asset Management Plan – Buildings and Structures	Public exhibition closes 21 October 2026
09/09/2026	Director Corporate Services	Draft Asset Management Plan – Open Spaces	Public exhibition closes 21 October 2026

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 14/06/2023	Quarmby, Bruce	Reports to Council	Management of Crown Reserve 96390 - Lot 244 DP44910

RESOLUTION 2023/109

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen
Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

1. **That Council notes the information contained within this report.**
2. **That Council resolves to formally request that the Department of Crown Lands formally appoint Coonamble Shire Council as the Crown Reserve Manager for the Reserve 96390.**
3. **That Council resolves that as the purpose for the Crown Reserve is for the provision of Emergency Services, that the Reserve is to be classified as Operational Land.**
4. **That following the appointment of Council as the Crown Reserve Manager for the Reserve 96390. That Council resolves to proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the Reserve 96390, being Lot 244 DP 44910 for the purpose of the provision of emergency services in accordance with sections 186 and 187 of the Local Government Act 1993 and in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.**
5. **That Council makes an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire the land described as part Lot 244 by compulsory process under section 186(1) and 187 of the Local Government Act 1993 of provision of emergency services in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.**
6. **That Council does not acquire the mineral rights over the land to be acquired.**
7. **That Council resolves that the land is to be classified as operational land in accordance with section 31 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993.**
8. **That Council resolves for the purposes of section 30 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991, that Council agrees to the land being acquired for compensation, set at the market value of the land, as agreed by the General Manager and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands.**
9. **That Council resolves.**

a) **to delegate to the General Manager or his delegate the power to do anything further as necessary to give effect to the compulsory acquisition including obtaining any necessary approvals and publishing any necessary notices in the Gazette.**

b) **That authority be granted to the General Manager to affix the Common Seal of the Council to any documentation required to give effect to this resolution.**

In Favour: Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Pat Cullen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

25 Aug 2023 11:52am Quarmby, Bruce
Letter written to crown lands seeking appointment as crown reserve manager. Public works to be engaged to acquire the land

18 Mar 2024 8:02pm Quarmby, Bruce
Council has been appointed Crown Land Manager , acquisition of land to proceed.

04 Jul 2024 9:25am Quarmby, Bruce
NSW Public Works have been approached to handle the acquisition of the land

17 Jan 2025 10:20am Quarmby, Bruce
Made follow up contact with Public works to progress the issue.

25 Apr 2025 9:46pm Quarmby, Bruce
Following advice of staffing changes at the NSW Public Works, management have been in contact with NSW Public Works to restart/progress the required works.

03 Jun 2025 6:26pm Quarmby, Bruce
Further contact has been made with the NSW Public Works. From these discussions the process has been restarted with Council staff following recommended course of action. For Council's information this action focuses on finalising the proposed road closures currently sitting with the NSW Public Works.

31 Aug 2025 11:18am Quarmby, Bruce
Discussions remain ongoing with Public Works and Crown Lands.

12 Jan 2026 7:39pm Quarmby, Bruce
The process remains ongoing.

25 Mar 2026 1:47pm Payne, Rebecca
Communications ongoing with Public Works. The process was delayed due to Public Works staff turnover.

30 Jun 2026 9:22am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Complete, Resolution 2 - Complete, Resolution 3 - Complete, Resolution 4 - Working with public works to acquire the land. , Resolution 5 - Ongoing , Resolution 6 - Complete, Resolution 7 - Ongoing, Resolution 8 - Ongoing , Resolution 9a - Ongoing , Resolution 9b - Ongoing

14 Jul 2026 9:20am Payne, Rebecca
Outstanding items progressing.

22 Sep 2026 9:46am Payne, Rebecca
Working with surveyors and public works.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 15/04/2026	O'Connor, Lee	Planning and Sustainability	Signage Audit Update

RESOLUTION 2026/50

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council:

1. **Receive and note the signage audit update report.**
2. **Endorse option 2 of this report, which proposes the upgrading of the existing sign structures at the seven (7) current entrance sign locations along with adding two (2) new structures at entrance points on Tooraweenah Road and Carinda-Coonamble Road.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Ahmad Karanouh

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

CARRIED 8/0

02 Jun 2026 5:28pm Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Noted, Resolution 2 - In progress.

22 Sep 2026 9:48am Payne, Rebecca
There is no operational budget for the two new structures. Looking for funding opportunities.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 15/04/2026	Hill, Greg	Governance and General Manager	Coonamble Artesian Bore Baths - Land Tenure Options (Crown Land VS Acquisition)

RESOLUTION 2026/41

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse
Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That council:

1. **Proceed with the acquisition of the land.**
2. **Request a further report be presented to Council at an appropriate stage of the project outlining:**
   - **updated project costs and funding position**
   - **detailed assessment of land acquisition costs, including native title implications**
   - **long-term operational and asset management considerations**
   - **a recommended position on land tenure (retain Crown land or proceed with acquisition).**
3. **Note that Council will continue to engage with NSW Crown Lands and relevant stakeholders regarding appropriate tenure arrangements for the site as the project progresses.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Crs Steven Butler and Phillipa Goldsmith

CARRIED 7/2

02 Jun 2026 5:21pm Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Noted , Resolution 2 - Ongoing , Resolution 3 - Noted
08 Sep 2026 9:21am Payne, Rebecca
Report for resolution two to go to October Council Meeting.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 13/05/2026	Murphy, Kerrie	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescission Motions	Cr Ahmad Karanouh- Notice of Motion -Relocation of Horse trough and Cobb & Co Carriage

RESOLUTION 2026/58

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh
Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the General Manager investigate

1. **The relocation of the Old Horse Trough in the roundabout at the intersection of Castlereagh and Tooloon Streets, Coonamble, to a more central location in the main street precinct.**
2. **The relocation of the replica Cobb & Co Carriage, currently housed at the Coonamble Museum to Smith Park, adjacent to the Visitor Information Centre**
3. **A report to be presented to Council following the investigations on:**
    a) **Preferred location of both assets**
    b) **Cost to relocate both assets to their new location**
    c) **Cost to provide suitable, safe and secure housing for both assets**
    d) **Any perceived risks with the relocation of both assets**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

15 May 2026 2:35pm Payne, Rebecca - Reallocation
Action reassigned to Murphy, Kerrie by Payne, Rebecca - Hey Kerrie, Can you please manage this action? Thanks Bec
02 Jun 2026 5:36pm Payne, Rebecca
Resolutions in progress.
08 Sep 2026 9:23am Payne, Rebecca
Update report going to September Council Meeting.
22 Sep 2026 9:51am Payne, Rebecca
Refer to resolution 2026/205 - Resolution complete.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 17/06/2026	O'Connor, Lee	Planning and Sustainability	Sons of the Soil Hotel - Purchase Enquiries

RESOLUTION 2026/110

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

1. **Commence a formal Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the future use and occupation of the Sons of the Soil Hotel building;**
2. **Develop and publicly advertise EOI documentation outlining:**
   - **Available information relating to the building;**
   - **Council objectives and priorities;**
   - **Assessment criteria; and**
   - **Submission requirements;**
3. **Establish assessment criteria that considers:**
   - **Economic and community benefit;**
   - **Proposed use of the building;**
   - **Financial capacity;**
   - **Deliverability and proposed timelines; and**
   - **Alignment with Council's strategic objectives; and**
4. **Receive a further report following the completion of the EOI process outlining submissions received and recommendations for Council consideration.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

30 Jun 2026 9:39am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Completed, Resolution 2 - Completed , Resolution 3 - Ongoing, Resolution 4 - EOI process due to complete 24 July.
22 Sep 2026 9:51am Payne, Rebecca
Report went to September meeting on the EOI. Resolutions complete.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 17/06/2026	O'Connor, Lee	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescission Motions	Notice of Motion -Councillor Ahmad (Al) Kranouh- Coonamble Shire Mural Art Trail: proposed mural at Smith park

RESOLUTION 2026/87

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh
Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council endorse the following:

1. **The painting of a mural on the bore shed at Smith Park during the 2026/27 financial year.**
2. **The mural depicts Nevelle Owen taking a photograph of children playing at the Warrana Creek Water Recreational Reserve near the weir.**
3. **An information sign accompany the mural explaining the significance and history behind the artwork.**
4. **The General Manager provide a report back to Council detailing:**
   - **a. the proposed mural design;**
   - **b. the wording and information to be included on the signage and**
   - **c. estimated project costs**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

30 Jun 2026 9:37am Payne, Rebecca - Reallocation
Action reassigned to O'Connor, Lee by Payne, Rebecca - Hey Lee, for your action please. Thanks Bec
22 Sep 2026 9:52am Payne, Rebecca
This resolution is on hold. Report going to October Council Meeting on the relocation of Bore 3.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 8/07/2026	Hill, Greg	Confidential Matters	Contract for Sale-Yarran Street-Legal Advice

RESOLUTION 2026/121

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

Receive and note the report.

1. **Receive and note the report regarding the Contract for Sale of Lots 85 and 87 DP6393, 70–78 Yarran Street, Coonamble.**
2. **Note the outcome of negotiations undertaken with the Purchaser in accordance with Resolution 2026/1.**
3. **Council request the General Manager to provide a project plan with a strategic relevance, timeline and costing back to Council.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

22 Sep 2026 9:56am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Complete, Resolution 2 - Complete, Resolution 3 - Not yet started

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 8/07/2026	Bell, Mick	Confidential Matters	Coonamble Swimming Pools management

RESOLUTION 2026/122

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Receive and note the report.

1. **That Council endorse the proposal for Lee and Co to continue with the operation of the Coonamble pool until June 2029 utilising the one year plus one year option.**
2. **That Council endorse the proposal from Lee and Co to also undertake the operation of the Gulargambone pool from this Summer 2026 until June 2029.**
3. **That Council endorse the variation to the existing contract to include the operations of the Gulargambone pool until June 2029.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

22 Sep 2026 9:55am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Complete, Resolution 2 - Complete, Resolution 3 - Complete

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 8/07/2026	Maundrell, Jenni	Governance and General Manager	Pecuniary Interest Returns

RESOLUTION 2026/128

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That all Councillors and designated persons provide completed disclosure of interest forms to the General Manager by 30 September 2026, for these returns to be publicly tabled at the next Council meeting.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

08 Sep 2026 9:31am Payne, Rebecca
Sent out reminders to designated persons who have not submitted their returns.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/08/2026	O'Connor, Lee	Planning and Sustainability	Youth Transition Accommodation - Management Options

RESOLUTION 2026/167

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council accepts the following item, 11.6 - Youth Transition Accommodation - Management Options, as Supplementary Business.

RESOLUTION 2026/168

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council authorise the General Manager to select a lessee and/or Community Housing Provider and negotiate arrangements to manage the three council-owned Youth Transition homes in Coonamble and Gulargambone.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

Absent: Cr Adam Cohen

CARRIED 8/0

08 Sep 2026 9:35am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Completed , Resolution 2 - in progress.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/08/2026	Maundrell, Jenni	Governance and General Manager	2026 LGNSW Annual Conference

RESOLUTION 2026/159

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That Council:

1. **Endorse the attendance of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager at the 2026 Local Government NSW Annual Conference to be held in Wollongong from 22 to 24 November 2026.**
2. **Authorise the General Manager to arrange early bird registration for endorsed delegates prior to 30 September 2026, where practicable.**
3. **Authorise the General Manager to approve the attendance of additional councillors wishing to attend the Conference, subject to budget availability and in accordance with Council's *Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy.***
4. **Invite councillors to submit any proposed motions for the 2026 LGNSW Annual Conference to the General Manager by 2 September 2026.**
5. **Note that costs associated with attendance, including registration, travel, accommodation and associated expenses, will be met from the adopted councillor expenses budget.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

22 Sep 2026 10:01am Payne, Rebecca
Registering the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager. Resolution completed.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/08/2026	Churchill, Karen Hill, Greg	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescission Motions	Notice of Motion - Cr Karen Churchill-Street and Public Lighting

RESOLUTION 2026/148

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council request the General Manager to:

1. **Request Essential Energy to provide GIS data identifying the location of all streetlights within the Coonamble Shire, including pole identification numbers, light type and illumination levels (lux), for integration into Council's GIS mapping system.**
2. **Undertake a community survey inviting residents to identify locations where street, pathway and public space lighting is considered inadequate. The information collected be cross-referenced with Essential Energy's GIS data to identify lighting coverage and potential gaps.**
3. **Undertake a night-time inspection of identified locations, using the GIS mapping and community feedback to assess lighting performance and prioritise areas requiring improvement.**
4. **Where deficiencies relate to road corridor lighting managed by Essential Energy, request Essential Energy to progressively install additional streetlights, with an initial target of up to ten (10) new lights per year, subject to funding and approval.**
5. **Where deficiencies relate to Council-owned footpaths, parks and public open spaces, investigate and pursue grant funding opportunities to progressively upgrade public lighting infrastructure.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

08 Sep 2026 9:40am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - In progress, Resolution 2 - Not started , Resolution 3 - Not started , Resolution 4 - Not started , Resolution 5 - Not started

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/08/2026	Garnsey, Margaret Hill, Greg	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescission Motions	Notice of Motion -Cr Margaret Garnsey-Reallocation of capital works budget to Quambone Swimming pool

RESOLUTION 2026/149

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council

1. **Request the General Manager to provide a report to Council as soon as practicable addressing:**
   a. **The condition of the Quambone Swimming Pool amenities building and its suitability for the proposed upgrade.**
   b. **The estimated cost of the proposed works and whether they can be completed within the available budget of $26,959. If the full scope cannot be delivered within this allocation, the report is to identify the priority works that can be completed.**
   c. **Whether the works can commence following the conclusion of the 2026/27 swimming season and be completed by 30 June 2027.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

08 Sep 2026 9:43am Payne, Rebecca
Waiting on insurance claim response.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/08/2026	Quarmby, Bruce	Governance and General Manager	Draft Long-Term Financial Plan

RESOLUTION 2026/157

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse
Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Receive and note the report.

1. **That Council receive and note the contents of the draft Long-Term Financial Plan.**
2. **That the draft Long-Term Financial Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days, with submissions invited for a period of at least 42 days.**
3. **That Council receive a further report following the completion of the public submission period, with a view to adopting the draft Long-Term Financial Plan.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

08 Sep 2026 9:41am Payne, Rebecca
Draft LTFP on public exhibition until 23 September.
22 Sep 2026 10:02am Payne, Rebecca
DRAFT LTFP will go to the October Council Meeting.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 9/09/2026	O'Connor, Lee	Planning and Sustainability	Report on Proposed Relocation of Historic Horse Trough and Replica Mail Coach

RESOLUTION 2026/205

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council:

1. **Not proceed with the relocation of the Old Horse Trough from the roundabout at the intersection of Castlereagh and Tooloon Streets, Coonamble.**
2. **Agree to an interpretive panel being installed in an appropriate location at the Tooloon/Castlereagh Street intersection to enhance the appreciation of the Old Horse Trough and its contribution to the current tourism offering.**
3. **Undertake further investigation before making a final decision on the relocation of the replica Royal Mail Carriage from the Coonamble Museum to an area adjacent to the Visitor Information Centre in Smith Park.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

22 Sep 2026 10:04am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Complete, Resolution 2 - Complete, Resolution 3 - In progress

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 9/09/2026	O'Connor, Lee	Planning and Sustainability	Connecting with TAFE in Coonamble Shire

RESOLUTION 2026/204

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That the General Manager be authorised to write to the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education on behalf of the Mayor regarding:

1. **Council's concerns around TAFE NSW services to the community**
2. **Suggested solutions for reactivating the local campus as a hub for lifelong local learning and skill development.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

22 Sep 2026 10:03am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 and 2 completed. Letter sent.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 9/09/2026	Payne, Tony	Planning and Sustainability	Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan

RESOLUTION 2026/206

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher
Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council:

1. **Endorses the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 (Attachment 1) for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.**
2. **Invites submissions from the community and key stakeholders during the exhibition period.**
3. **Receives a further report following the exhibition period detailing any submissions received and recommending adoption of the final Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse
Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

22 Sep 2026 10:07am Payne, Rebecca
On public exhibition until 7 October.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 9/09/2026	O'Connor, Lee	Confidential Matters	Expressions of Interest to Purchase Sons of the Soil Hotel

RESOLUTION 2026/180

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

That council:

1. Endorse option 1 contained in the report.

2. authorise the General Manager to enter into negotiations to finalise the sale of the Sons of the Soil Hotel.

3. Receive a report detailing the outcome of negotiations.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

22 Sep 2026 10:06am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Complete, Resolution 2 - Complete, Resolution 1 - In progress

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 9/09/2026	Loughland, Madison	Confidential Matters	Tender RFT260820ML Supply and Delivery of Tipper Truck and Plant Trailer

RESOLUTION 2026/179

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

1. **Receive and note the Tender RFT260820ML Supply and Delivery of Tipper Truck and Plant Trailer report.**
2. **That Council award Tender RFT260820ML Supply and Delivery of Tipper Truck and Plant Trailer to Tracserv Pty Ltd Dubbo for their offer of an Isuzu FVR 170-300 and FWR single-axle plant trailer.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

22 Sep 2026 10:06am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 and 2 complete. PO has been raised.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 9/09/2026	Quarmby, Bruce	Finance	Financial Reports for Year Ended 30/06/2026

RESOLUTION 2026/186

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

1. **That Council receive and note the Financial Reports for Year Ended 30/06/2026 report.**
2. **That the Mayor, a Councillor, the General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the necessary Statement by Council on the Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2026.**
3. **That Council's Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2026 be referred for audit.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

22 Sep 2026 10:09am Payne, Rebecca
Statements signed and completed.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 9/09/2026	Hill, Greg	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescission Motions	Notice of Motion - Cr Paul Wheelhouse - Capital Upgrades in 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 Financial Years

RESOLUTION 2026/181

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council

1. **Allocate the $790,000 provided under the 2026/27 "Sealed Road Extension Program" to gravel resurface the unsealed sections of the Gulargambone–Quambone Road, with priority given to the sections in the worst condition, subject to final assessment and costing.**
2. **Request the General Manager, or his delegate, to prepare concept designs and cost estimates for the bitumen sealing of Dubbo Lane and McCullough Street, Coonamble, for Council's consideration as part of the 2027/28 budget process.**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

22 Sep 2026 10:09am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Noted for adjustment in September QBR. , Resolution 2 - In progress.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 9/09/2026	Lloyd, Stuart	Finance	DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

RESOLUTION 2026/188

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

1. **Receive and note the Draft Asset Management Plan – Buildings and Structures report.**
2. **That Council receive and note the contents of the draft Buildings and Structures Asset Management Plan**
3. **That the draft Buildings and Structures Asset Management Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days, with submissions invited for a period of at least 42 days**
4. **That Council receive a further report following the completion of the public submission period, with a view to adopting the draft Buildings and Structures Asset Management Plan**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

22 Sep 2026 10:10am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Complete, Resolution 2 - Complete, Resolution 3 - On public exhibition until 21 October 2026, Resolution 1 - Report will go to November meeting.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 9/09/2026	O'Connor, Lee	Planning and Sustainability	Naming of Artesian Bathing Experience for Marketing Purposes

RESOLUTION 2026/203

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith
Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council adopt a name for the facility from the options provided.

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

01 Oct 2026 09:04am Payne, Rebecca
Councillors went with option three - Coonamble Artesian Waters.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 9/09/2026	Lloyd, Stuart	Finance	DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - OPEN SPACES

RESOLUTION 2026/189

Moved: Cr Adam Cohen
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

1. **Receive and note the Draft Asset Management Plan – Open Spaces report.**
2. **That Council receive and note the contents of the draft Open Spaces Asset Management Plan**
3. **That the draft Open Spaces Asset Management Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days, with submissions invited for a period of at least 42 days**
4. **That Council receive a further report following the completion of the public submission period, with a view to adopting the draft Open Spaces Asset Management Plan**

In Favour: Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

22 Sep 2026 10:12am Payne, Rebecca
Resolution 1 - Complete, Resolution 2 - Complete, Resolution 3 - On public exhibition until 21 October 2026., Resolution 1 - Report will go to November meeting.

10.3 GOVERNANCE AND PEOPLE MONTHLY REPORT

Author: **Executive Manager Corporate Governance**

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Governance and People monthly report for October 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Council with strategic-level update on governance, workforce management, work health and safety, and enterprise risk management.

The overall position for the reporting period (September 2026) is:

- Council's governance framework continues to be strengthened through the systematic review of policies and procedures.
- Current WHS priorities indicate a need to strengthen the consistency and assurance of critical controls, particularly Safe Work Method Statements, road safety systems and occupational health requirements.
- Council's enterprise risk management arrangements are progressing through the completion of the Statewide Mutual maturity review, improvement of the risk registers and development of a more strategic reporting approach.
- No information identified during the reporting period provides a sufficient basis to change the rating of a strategic risk.

Operational matters are included only where they are relevant to organisational capacity, control effectiveness, compliance or Council's strategic risk profile.

BACKGROUND:

The Governance and People portfolio supports Council's oversight of governance and compliance, workforce sustainability, work health and safety, and enterprise risk management.

This report focuses on:

- significant trends and changes;
- delivery of adopted plans and organisational priorities;
- emerging or escalating issues;
- weaknesses in important controls;
- matters approaching or outside Council's risk appetite; and
- issues requiring Council awareness or oversight.

Council's strategic risk register identifies relevant enterprise risks concerning workforce sustainability, governance and compliance, continuity of critical services, emergency readiness and community confidence. Council's adopted risk appetite is

particularly conservative where an issue may compromise safety, cause material non-compliance, damage the environment or disrupt critical services.

REPORT:

1. Governance

Governance work during the reporting period focused on strengthening information governance, transparency, integrity controls and organisational assurance.

Privacy and information governance

Council's Privacy Management Plan has undergone a comprehensive review against current Information and Privacy Commission guidance. The revised plan strengthens governance and accountability arrangements relating to mandatory notification of data breaches, privacy impact assessments, public registers, contractors and data sharing, complaints and internal review, and the use of cloud services, AI and automated decision-making.

This is a material governance improvement because it updates Council's framework for managing personal information in an increasingly digital operating environment. It also clarifies responsibilities across Council and strengthens the connection between privacy, information security, records management, procurement and incident response.

Council has also continued to manage access to sensitive information under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*. The strategic focus has been on ensuring that decisions are legally sound, procedurally fair and appropriately balance transparency with privacy, confidentiality, legal privilege and other public-interest considerations.

Transparency of Council decision-making

Work has continued to improve transparency in relation to matters previously considered in closed Council meetings. Council has established an annual review process for past confidential reports to identify whether the grounds for withholding information remain applicable and whether information can appropriately be released.

This supports accountable decision-making by recognising that confidentiality should continue only for as long as the relevant statutory grounds remain applicable. It also strengthens Council's broader approach to proactive disclosure and public access to government information.

Integrity and disclosure arrangements

Annual disclosure-of-interest processes are being administered for councillors, designated persons and relevant committee members. Council's current governance documentation also provides structured arrangements for councillors to disclose and manage pecuniary, significant non-pecuniary and less-than-significant non-pecuniary conflicts of interest in relation to Council business.

The strategic objective is not merely the collection of disclosure forms. It is to ensure that private interests are identified early, conflicts are actively managed and Council decisions remain impartial, transparent and capable of withstanding public scrutiny.

Governance and assurance reporting

The Governance operational risk register has been reviewed as part of work to improve the connection between operational controls, strategic risks and reporting to

management, Council and the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. Relevant governance risks include:

- ineffective or inconsistently applied decision-making, delegation and oversight arrangements;
- information governance, privacy, records and access-to-information failures; and
- risks associated with the organisational use of artificial intelligence.

Work is also progressing in conjunction with the ARIC on a common reporting format for ARIC, executive and Council risk reporting. The intended outcome is greater visibility of risk trends, control effectiveness, key risk indicators and matters outside appetite, rather than reporting primarily on activities completed.

No material governance breach, regulatory intervention or failure of Council's decision-making framework was identified from the information reviewed for this reporting period. The current work program is directed principally towards strengthening preventive controls, transparency and future assurance.

2. Workforce Management and Human Resources

Staffing and recruitment activity

Measure	Previous Month	Current Month
Total staff establishment (FTE and headcount)	98.58 + 24 cas.	100.98 + 25 cas.
Budgeted positions	118.58	118.58
Filled positions	3 + 4 cas.	1 + 3 cas.
Vacant positions	23	19
Active recruitments (roles advertised or in progress)	8	3
Appointments finalised this month	3 + 4 cas.	1
Upcoming appointments (offers accepted, not yet commenced	0	2 + 1 cas.

Breakdown of vacant positions

Department	Number of Vacancies
General Manager (Executive Services)	0
Corporate Services	4
Infrastructure	9
Sustainable Communities and Planning	5
Governance and People	1

3. Work Health and Safety

Council has a Low appetite for health and safety risk. Its Risk Appetite Statement does not tolerate unsafe workplaces, foreseeable and preventable serious harm, or incidents arising from failed internal processes.

The current WHS program is focused on improving the consistency and reliability of several important preventive controls.

Safe systems of work

Safe Work Method Statements are being reviewed with crews against updated standards. Consultation is also continuing to achieve consistent traffic guidance systems and safe work methods across relevant crews.

Occupational health controls

Work is progressing to identify positions requiring occupational vaccinations, determine the relevant vaccination requirements and establish a register for ongoing monitoring.

This is a control-development issue rather than evidence of a current appetite exceedance. Once established, the framework should provide greater assurance that occupational health controls are matched to role-based exposure and are monitored consistently.

WHS outlook

No information considered for this report establishes that Council is operating outside its Low WHS risk appetite.

4. Risk Management

Council's risk management activity is progressing from framework and register development towards more consistent assessment, assurance and strategic reporting.

The enterprise risk management maturity review facilitated by Statewide Mutual has commenced, and work on Council's strategic and operational registers is progressing. An ARIC member is also developing a common risk reporting template for management, Council and ARIC.

The intended outcome is a reporting approach that distinguishes between:

- operational activities and treatments;
- changes in strategic exposure;
- emerging or escalating risks;
- weaknesses in key controls;
- movements in key risk indicators;
- risks approaching or outside appetite; and
- matters requiring executive, Council or ARIC oversight.

Strategic risk outlook

No operational information reviewed this month provides a sufficient basis to change an existing strategic risk rating.

5. Portfolio Outlook

The overall Governance and People portfolio remains focused on strengthening organisational capability, control consistency and assurance.

Reporting area	Strategic position	Forward focus
Governance	No material governance failure or compliance breach identified.	Prioritise high-risk framework gaps, monitor audit findings, and embed the modern slavery management plan.
Workforce Management	Workforce sustainability remains conditionally within appetite.	Monitor vacancy duration, turnover, workers compensation and effects on critical capacity.
Work Health and Safety	No confirmed appetite exceedance; assurance is still developing in some control areas.	Verify consistent implementation of safe systems, improve psychosocial trend information and implement occupational health controls.
Risk Management	No strategic rating change identified.	Respond to maturity review findings, improve KRI reporting.

Forward priorities

Priorities for the next reporting period are to:

- continue the risk-based review of Council's policy and procedure framework;
- progress implementation of the modern slavery management plan;
- monitor workforce indicators and identify any emerging capacity trend;
- continue standardisation and verification of critical WHS controls;
- establish the occupational vaccination register and monitoring arrangements;
- consider and prioritise the findings of the enterprise risk management maturity review; and
- implement the common strategic risk reporting template when available.

10.4 MONTHLY RECORDS SYSTEM ACTIVITY REPORT

Author: **Executive Manager Corporate Governance**

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Monthly Records System Activity Report for the September 2026 reporting period.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a monthly overview of activity recorded within Council's Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS).

During the reporting period, Council staff completed 382 tasks across Magiq workflows. This included 254 tasks completed on time and 128 tasks completed after the due date.

The dedicated Service Request report shows that Council recorded 425 new service request documents and completed 530 service request tasks. Of these, 292 were completed on time and 238 were completed late. There were 136 pending service request tasks and 0 overdue service request tasks recorded in the Service Request report.

BACKGROUND:

Council uses its EDRMS, Magiq, to record correspondence, workflow actions, internal tasks and customer service requests.

This report is intended to provide Council with a practical monthly snapshot of activity completed and underway, rather than focusing only on outstanding tasks.

REPORT:

All tasks – 30 day activity snapshot

	Previous month	Current month
Number of documents recorded	491 *Note: this was the number of tasks registered, not the total number of documents*	2,102 *Note: total number of documents recorded*
Pending or overdue	109	285

Service Request activity

Customer requests comprise a significant component of overall system activity.

Requests received through customer service channels include customer service requests, enquiries, complaints, feedback and telephone messages.

These requests are reviewed and actioned by relevant officers as part of Council's ongoing service delivery and customer response processes.

Customer Service tasks – activity snapshot

	Previous month (legacy)	Current month
Number of service request documents recorded	425	103
Number completed (may include older tasks)	530	129
Pending	136	42
Overdue	0	0

10.5 ANNUAL DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS 2025/2026

Author: **Executive Assistant**

Executive Manager Corporate Governance

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures:
1. **Collacted Annual Disclosure of Interests by Councillors**
2. **Collacted Annual Disclosure of Interests by Executive**
3. **Collated Annual Disclosures of Interests by Designated Persons**
4. **Collated Annual Disclosures of Interests by ARIC**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Annual Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons 2025/2026 report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pecuniary interest returns must be made by all Councillors and designated persons in accordance with statutory obligations. Annual Disclosures by Councillors and designated persons must be lodged by 30 September each year.

BACKGROUND:

Council's adopted Code of Conduct states that within three (3) months of the end of each financial year (i.e., by 30 September), Councillors and designated persons are required to disclose their personal interests in publicly available returns of interest. These operate as a key transparency mechanism for promoting community confidence in Council decision making, whether by councillors or by staff or others under delegation.

REPORT:

The Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) requires Councillors, the General Manager, Directors and people nominated by the Council as "Designated Persons" to complete Annual Disclosures of Interest Returns.

The Annual Disclosure of Interests and other matters to be disclosed in the returns are prescribed by Schedule 1 of the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* (the Model Code of Conduct), which is contained within the form *Disclosure of interests by councillors and designated persons.* The information collected is for the purpose of complying with the Model Code of Conduct and will be kept by the General Manager in a register of returns. Further, the information contained in the returns is open access information under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act); the returns will be made public by way of tabling at a Council meeting and publishing returns on the Council website. Note, returns published on the website will be redacted of addresses and signatures.

Councillors and Executive

Name	Position	Comments
Councillors		
Butler, Steven	Deputy Mayor	Lodged
Churchill, Karen	Councillor	Lodged
Cohen, Adam	Councillor	Lodged
Fisher, Paul	Councillor	Lodged
Garnsey, Margaret (Marg)	Councillor	Lodged
Goldsmith, Phillipa (Pip)	Councillor	Lodged
Karanouh, Ahmad (Al)	Councillor	Lodged
Keady, Daniel	Mayor	Lodged
Wheelhouse, Paul	Councillor	Lodged
Executive Staff		
Hil, Greg	General Manager	Lodged
Maundrell, Jennifer	Executive Manager Governance and People	Lodged
Murphy, Kerrie	Director Infrastructure	Not lodged
Payne, Anthony (Tony)	Director Sustainable Communities and Planning	Lodged
Quarmby, Bruce	Director Corporate Services	Lodged

Designated Persons

Position	Comments
Planning & Compliance Technical Officer	Lodged
Executive Manager Operations	Lodged
Systems & Network Administrator	Lodged
Manager People & Culture	Lodged
Manager Assets	Lodged
Building Certifier	Lodged
Manager Economic Development & Tourism	Lodged
Manager Utilities	Lodged
Regulatory Officer	Lodged
Quarry Manager	Lodged
Community Development Manager	Lodged
Manager Finance & Procurement	Lodged
Manager Waste, Recycling & Employment Initiatives	Lodged
Manager WHS & Risk	Lodged

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Independent Members

Name	Position	Comments
Caelli, Meredith	Independent member	Not lodged
Earl, Ross	Independent member / Chair	Lodged
Fleming, Earl	Independent member	Lodged

Returns are required to be tabled at the following meeting after 30 September. The annual disclosures are also available on council's website.

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

Disclosure of Interests by Councillors and Designated Persons

Made under clause 4.21 of Council's Code of Conduct

2025/2026

Disclosures by councillors and designated persons return

1. The pecuniary interests and other matters to be disclosed in this return are prescribed by Schedule 1 of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Code of Conduct).

2. If this is the first return you have been required to lodge with the general manager after becoming a councillor or designated person, do not complete Parts C, D and I of the return. All other parts of the return should be completed with appropriate information based on your circumstances at the return date, that is, the date on which you became a councillor or designated person.

3. If you have previously lodged a return with the general manager and you are completing this return for the purposes of disclosing a new interest that was not disclosed in the last return you lodged with the general manager, you must complete all parts of the return with appropriate information for the period from 30 June of the previous financial year or the date on which you became a councillor or designated person, (whichever is the later date), to the return date which is the date you became aware of the new interest to be disclosed in your updated return.

4. If you have previously lodged a return with the general manager and are submitting a new return for the new financial year, you must complete all parts of the return with appropriate information for the 12-month period commencing on 30 June of the previous year to 30 June this year.

5. This form must be completed using block letters or typed.

6. If there is insufficient space for all the information you are required to disclose, you must attach an appendix which is to be properly identified and signed by you.

7. If there are no pecuniary interests or other matters of the kind required to be disclosed under a heading in this form, the word "NIL" is to be placed in an appropriate space under that heading.

8. "*" means delete whichever is inapplicable.

Important information

This information is being collected for the purpose of complying with clause 4.21 of the Model Code of Conduct.

You must not lodge a return that you know or ought reasonably to know is false or misleading in a material particular (see clause 4.23 of the Model Code of Conduct). Complaints about breaches of these requirements are to be referred to the Office of Local

Government and may result in disciplinary action by the council, the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The information collected on this form will be kept by the general manager in a register of returns. The general manager is required to table all returns at a council meeting.

Information contained in returns made and lodged under clause 4.21 is to be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, the *Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018* and any guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner.

You have an obligation to keep the information contained in this return up to date. If you become aware of a new interest that must be disclosed in this return, or an interest that you have previously failed to disclose, you must submit an updated return within three months of becoming aware of the previously undisclosed interest.

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

STEVEN BUTLER
Name

as at 10-9-26 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]
Signature

10-9-26
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Coonamble NSW 2829	Home owner
[redacted] Rd Coonamble	Rural Property

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
FARMER	[redacted] Rd	ASHFORD AG
	ASHFORD AG	ST, NA BUTLER
STORE OWNER	CANTT HARDWARE	BUTTI PTY LTD

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee

3. *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June *[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]*

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date / *any time since 30 June	Name of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Coonamble Bowling Club	Chairman	Chairman	Sporting club

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PEROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?

☐ Yes ☑ No

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Description of position

H. DEBTS

Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June

NAB.

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY

1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time

2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

Disclosure of Interests by Councillors and Designated Persons

Made under clause 4.21 of Council's Code of Conduct

2025/2026

Disclosures by councillors and designated persons return

1. The pecuniary interests and other matters to be disclosed in this return are prescribed by Schedule 1 of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Code of Conduct).

2. If this is the first return you have been required to lodge with the general manager after becoming a councillor or designated person, do not complete Parts C, D and I of the return. All other parts of the return should be completed with appropriate information based on your circumstances at the return date, that is, the date on which you became a councillor or designated person.

3. If you have previously lodged a return with the general manager and you are completing this return for the purposes of disclosing a new interest that was not disclosed in the last return you lodged with the general manager, you must complete all parts of the return with appropriate information for the period from 30 June of the previous financial year or the date on which you became a councillor or designated person, (whichever is the later date), to the return date which is the date you became aware of the new interest to be disclosed in your updated return.

4. If you have previously lodged a return with the general manager and are submitting a new return for the new financial year, you must complete all parts of the return with appropriate information for the 12-month period commencing on 30 June of the previous year to 30 June this year.

5. This form must be completed using block letters or typed.

6. If there is insufficient space for all the information you are required to disclose, you must attach an appendix which is to be properly identified and signed by you.

7. If there are no pecuniary interests or other matters of the kind required to be disclosed under a heading in this form, the word "NIL" is to be placed in an appropriate space under that heading.

8. "*" means delete whichever is inapplicable.

Important information

This information is being collected for the purpose of complying with clause 4.21 of the Model Code of Conduct.

You must not lodge a return that you know or ought reasonably to know is false or misleading in a material particular (see clause 4.23 of the Model Code of Conduct). Complaints about breaches of these requirements are to be referred to the Office of Local

Government and may result in disciplinary action by the council, the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The information collected on this form will be kept by the general manager in a register of returns. The general manager is required to table all returns at a council meeting.

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You have an obligation to keep the information contained in this return up to date. If you become aware of a new interest that must be disclosed in this return, or an interest that you have previously failed to disclose, you must submit an updated return within three months of becoming aware of the previously undisclosed interest.

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

KAREN CHURCHILL

Name

as at 4 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]

Signature

12-8-26

Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted]	1/2 Share 1/2 Share 1/4 Share

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Expert Worker Contract Sprayer Driving Instructor	Self	
2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June		
Name and address of settlor		Name and address of trustee
NIL		
3. *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June *[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]*		
NIL		

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
NIL	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
NIL		

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date / *any time since 30 June	Name of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
NIL			

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PEROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?	
☐ Yes	☐ No

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Description of position
NIL	

H. DEBTS

Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June

Pepper Finance
Toyota Finance

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY

1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time

NIL

2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property

NIL

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES

NIL

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

Disclosure of Interests by Councillors and Designated Persons

Made under clause 4.21 of Council's Code of Conduct

2025/2026

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Adam Cohen

Name

as at 15/09/2026 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]

Signature

15/09/2026

Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
N/A	
[redacted] Coonamble	Owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Clontarf founding	Coonamble High School	Nill
Lee and Co	Coonamble Post	Lee and Co

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
None Nill	

3. *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June *[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]*
Clontarf
Lee and Co
Shire

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
N/A Nill	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
Nill		

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Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date / *any time since 30 June	Name of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Lee and Co Operations Pty	owner	owner	Pool operations Cleaning NDIS Youth work.

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PEROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?

☐ Yes ☑ No

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Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Description of position
Nill	

H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June
Nill

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Nill

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
Director and owner of lee and Co Operations which provides Contracted Services to Coonamble Shire Council
Pool operations and Cleaing

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

PAUL FISHER
Name

as at 30TH JUNE 2026 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]
Signature

9/9/26
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
N/A	

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
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	N/A	

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
N/A	

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N/A.

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
N/A	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
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☐ Yes	☐ No

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J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
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COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Margaret Garnsey
Name

as at 22.07.2026 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]
Signature

22.07.2026
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Quambone NSW 2831	50% Owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
*Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Primary Producer	Self Employed	Moblar Partnership
Bookkeeping	Self Employed	Moblar Partnership (trading as Quambone Business Services)

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
*Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of ~~trustee~~
N A	

3. *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
*Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June
[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council
Coonamble Shire Council

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C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
NIL	

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Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Coonamble Shire Council		

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National Australia Bank
property mortgage

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Phillipa Goldsmith
Name

as at 05/07/2026 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]
Signature

05/07/2026
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Gilgooma NSW 2829	Joint owner
[redacted] Gilgooma NSW 2829	Joint owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Farmer	Self employed	Urungie Partnership
Consultant	Self employed	n/a

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
Nil	

3. *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June *[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]*
Nil

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
Nil	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
Nil		

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Destination Network Country & Outback (DNCO)		Company Secretary	Tourism development

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☐ Yes	☑ No

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Rabobank
Regional Investment Corporation
Rural Assistance Authority
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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

AHMAD KARAWOUH
Name

as at COONAMBLE **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]
Signature

30-9-2026
Date signed

29 Old Bathurst Road, Woodford Owner

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Coonamble	Owner
Coonamble	Owner
Coonamble	owned BY wife
Coonamble	owner
Coonamble	owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

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*Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
cafe owner	GLOBAL VILLAGE 64 CASTLEREAGH ST	ALS CASTLEREAGH DINER

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Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee

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My own Business + Rent From Property

C. GIFTS	
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Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date / *any time since 30 June	Name of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PEROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?	
☐ Yes	☒ No

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
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H. DEBTS

Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY

1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time

[redacted] Coonamble
Coonamble
Coonamble
Coonamble
Coonamble

2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property

as above

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

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Made under clause 4.21 of Council's Code of Conduct

2025/2026

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Daniel Keady

Name

as at 8/7/26 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]

Signature

8/7/26

Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Abigail Bay	Owner
[redacted] Coongamble	Owner
[redacted] Barbah	Owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
*Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Farmer		DUFFY KENNY & SONS.

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
*Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee

3. *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
*Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June
[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]

Mayoral allowance.

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C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken

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H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June
Rabobank.
Regional Investment Corporation.

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

PAUL ANTHONY WHEELHOUSE
Name

as at _____ **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]
Signature

09 September 2026
Date signed

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Coonamble	Home address
[redacted] Coonamble	Business Address
[redacted] Coonamble	Leased Block
[redacted] Coonamble	Rental House
[redacted] Coonamble	Block opposite [redacted]
24 Castlereagh Street coonamble	Main Street property

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
*Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Concreting Business	Wheelhouse Concrete & ~~Construction Wilga Street~~ Coonamble Owner	Paul Anthony Wheelhouse
Truck Hire: Livestock and gravel Cartage	Wheelhouse Concrete & ~~Construction Wilga Street~~ Coonamble	Paul Anthony Wheelhouse

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
*Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
NIL	

3. *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
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[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]

Cattle Owned	Leased out on adjistement	Paul Anthony Wheelhouse
[redacted] coonamble	Rental Property	Paul & Cathy Wheelhouse

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SHIRE COUNCIL

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
NIL	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
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Coonamble Football Club	President	Member	Football
Coonamble Rodeo Association		Member	Rodeo
Coonamble Aquatic Club	President	Member	Aquatic Club

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Wheelhouse Concrete & Construction	Owner

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H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June
Woodhams Fuels Coonamble
Grays Auto Coonamble
Moodys Motors Coonamble
Coonamble Shire Council Quarry
East Coast Cement Newcastle
Falcon Cement Newcastle
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NIL
J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
NIL

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Gregory Robert Hill
Name

as at 8/9/2026 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]
Signature

8/9/2026
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Kogarah	owner
Strathalbyn, SA	owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Coonamble Shire Council General Manager	80 Castlereagh St Coonamble NSW 2829	Employee

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
Nil	

3. *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June *[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]*
Nil

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
Nil	

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Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
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ANZ Bank Australia

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

_____Jennifer Maundrell_____
Name

as at __30 June 2026_____ **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

_____ [redacted] _____
Signature

_____11. of. 2026_____
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / ~~*at any time since 30 June~~	Nature of Interest
[redacted], Coonabarabran, NSW, 2357	Joint owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June ~~*Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June~~		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Manager	Coonamble Shire Council	NA

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June ~~*Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June~~	
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
NIL	

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One-third share of the Estate of the late Francis Edwin Maundrell

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
NIL	

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Westpac Bank
TM Bank
Wisr Finance
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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

TONY PAYNE
Name

as at 14/7/2026 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]
Signature

14/7/2026
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] COOPERS GULLY NSW	PROPERTY OWNER

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND PLANNING	COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL	NIL
MANAGER CERTIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE	BEGA VALLEY SHIRE COUNCIL	NIL

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
NIL	NIL

3. *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June *[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]*
NIL

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C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
NIL	NIL

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
NIL	NIL	NIL

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date / *any time since 30 June	Name of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PEROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?	
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G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Description of position
DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION (DEPA)	DELEGATE

H. DEBTS

Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June

ANZ BANK

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY

1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time

[redacted] COOPERS GULLY, COONAMBLE

2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property

NIL

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES

NIL

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

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2025/2026

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

BRUCE QUARMBY

Name

as at 13 JULY 2026 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

Signature

13 JULY 2026

Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
NIL	

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
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Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICE	COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL	
	80 CASTLEREAGH ST	
	COONAMBLE NSW 2829	

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
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BANK ACCOUNT INTEREST

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
NIL	

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Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
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UNITED SERVICES UNION	MEMBER

H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June
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NIL

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
NIL

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

_____LOUISE ABRAHALL_____
Name

as at _29 SEPTEMBER 2026_ in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

[redacted]
Signature

__29 SEPTEMBER 2026_____
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Gulargambone NSW 2828	Joint Owner
[redacted] Coonamble NSW 2829	Husband's property

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
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Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Planning & Compliance Technical Officer	Coonamble Shire Council	

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
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NIL

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NIL	

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NIL
J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
NIL

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Mick Bell

_____

Name

as at _____15 July 2026___ **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

_____

Signature

15/7/2026

_____

Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Narromine NSW 2821	Owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
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N/A	

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Australian Airports Association Canberra ACT	Non-pecuniary	Director	

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Mohammad Bhuiyan
Name

as at _____ in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

[redacted]
Signature

20-07-2026
Date signed

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Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
Nill	

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J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
I am a tenant of a council-owned property and participate in the Council's salary sacrifice arrangements for my rent. I also participate in the Council's Vehicle Lease Back Scheme for a council-owned vehicle. These are part of my standard employment conditions and salary package.

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Thelma Leonard

Name

as at 14.09.2026 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]

Signature

14.09.2026

Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Coonamble, NSW, 2829	Joint Owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Manager – HR	Coonamble Shire Council	

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
NIL	

3. *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June *[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]*
Nil

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
Nil	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
Nil		

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date / *any time since 30 June	Name of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Coonamble Junior Rugby League Football Club Inc		Treasurer	
Coonamble Aboriginal Sporting Club Inc		Treasurer	
Coonamble Touch Association		Treasurer	

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PEROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?	
☐ Yes	☒ No

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Description of position
Nil	

H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June
Nil

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Nil
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property
Nil

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
Nil

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

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Made under clause 4.21 of Council's Code of Conduct

2025/2026

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Stuart Edward Lloyd
Name

as at 29/06/2026 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]
Signature

30/09/2026
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Coonamble, NSW 2829	Owner/Occupier

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Manager of Assets	Coonamble Shire Council	NIL

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
NIL	NA

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NIL

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
NIL	NA

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
NIL	NA	NA

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date / *any time since 30 June	Name of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
NIL	NA	NA	NA

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☐ Yes	☒ No

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
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NIL	NA

H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June
House Mortgage – CBA
Personal Loan – CBA
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J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
NIL

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Lindsay Mathieson

Name

as at 14/09/2026 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]

Signature

14/09/2026

Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Gilgandra	Part owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Certification	Coonamble Shire Council	
Builder	LMB	
General Duties	Fire and Rescue NSW	

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
NIL	

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NIL

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
NIL	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
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E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
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NIL			

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NIL
J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
NIL

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

__LEE O'CONNOR_____
Name

as at ___5 OCT 2026____ **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

_____ [redacted]
Signature

___5/10/26_____
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] COONAMBLE	OWNER
[redacted] COMBARA	OWNER

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June		
Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Coonamble Times/Western Plains App	Self – Managing Director	Locolee Pty Ltd

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Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
n/a	

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nil	

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CWA Evening Branch Coonamble	member	n/a	
NSW Farmers	Member	n/a	
Wanderers Tennis Club	Member	n/a	

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☐ Yes	☒ No

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

_AJAY PANDYA_____
Name

as at Coonamble Shire Council_____ in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

[redacted] _____
Signature

30/09/2026
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
NIL	

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
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Business	Sapsorb Water Services Pty Ltd	

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
NIL	

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NIL			

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

MARIE ROSÉ
Name

as at 8-7-26 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]
Signature

8-7-26
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
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Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
Regulatory officer	Coonamble Shire	

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Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee

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C. GIFTS	
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D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken

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Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date / *any time since 30 June	Name of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PEROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?	
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Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June
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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

MR JOSEPH SABA
Name

as of the 29th June 2026, in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

[redacted]
Signature

Tuesday, 29 September 2026
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] SCONE	JOINT FREEHOLD OWNER – INVESTMENT PROPERTY
[redacted] SWAN BAY	JOINT FREEHOLD OWNER – INVESTMENT PROPERTY

B. SOURCES OF INCOME		
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QUARRY MANAGER	COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL 80 CASTLEREAGH STREET COONAMBLE NSW 2829	NIL

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June *Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June	
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NIL	NIL

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Rental income from investment property located in Scone, NSW.
Rental income from investment property located in Swan Bay, NSW.

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
NIL	NIL

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SABA CIVIL MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTANCY PTY LTD TURRAMURRA NSW 2074	DIRECTOR	MANAGING DIRECTOR	CIVIL ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

AZITA SOBHANI

Name

as at __30 June2026___ **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

Signature

_____17 September 2026_____

_____*Date signed*

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Coonamble NSW 2829	Owner

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DIRECTOR	NOBILITIES LTD - [redacted] COONAMBLE	N/A

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None	

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NOBILITIES LTD	DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	PROVISION OF YOUTH EDUCATIONAL AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS.

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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Deborah Tatton
Name

as at 07/09/2026 **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]
Signature

07/09/2026
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Armidale NSW 2360	Part Owner

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Finance Manager	Coonamble Shire Council	

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Regional Australia Bank - Home Loan
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Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

Janette Whitehead
Name

as at _____ in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

[redacted]
Signature

8/8/26
Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] Goomalling Wulguru Townsville Western Australia	Residential owner Owner

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Hillat Aboriginal Corporation		Director	

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USU	Member

H. DEBTS

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N. L

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[redacted] Leonatte. Robert. Jointly Shared Family Home.

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6. If there is insufficient space for all the information you are required to disclose, you must attach an appendix which is to be properly identified and signed by you.

7. If there are no pecuniary interests or other matters of the kind required to be disclosed under a heading in this form, the word "NIL" is to be placed in an appropriate space under that heading.

8. "*" means delete whichever is inapplicable.

Important information

This information is being collected for the purpose of complying with clause 4.21 of the Model Code of Conduct.

You must not lodge a return that you know or ought reasonably to know is false or misleading in a material particular (see clause 4.23 of the Model Code of Conduct). Complaints about breaches of these requirements are to be referred to the Office of Local

Government and may result in disciplinary action by the council, the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The information collected on this form will be kept by the general manager in a register of returns. The general manager is required to table all returns at a council meeting.

Information contained in returns made and lodged under clause 4.21 is to be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, the *Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018* and any guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner.

You have an obligation to keep the information contained in this return up to date. If you become aware of a new interest that must be disclosed in this return, or an interest that you have previously failed to disclose, you must submit an updated return within three months of becoming aware of the previously undisclosed interest.

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by:

ANDREW DAVID WOOLLEY

Name COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

as at _____ **in respect of the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026**

[redacted]

Sign

14/07/2026

Date signed

A. REAL PROPERTY	
Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Nature of Interest
[redacted] GILGANDRA NSW 2827	HOME OWNER OCCUPIER

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
*Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time since 30 June

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (If applicable)
NIL		

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
*Sources of income I received from a trust since 30 June

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
NIL	

3. *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June
*Sources of other income I received at any time since 30 June
[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]

I OWN A BUSINESS AND I WORK FOR DOWNER DEFENCE ON BEHALF OF SG FLEET AND INTERLEASING. I HAVE MANAGED AND OWNED THIS BUSINESS "AJS SWEEPER AND TECHNICAL SERVICES" SINCE NOVEMBER 23RD 2017.

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C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
NIL	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
NIL		

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date / *any time since 30 June	Name of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
NIL			

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PEROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?		
☐ Yes	NIL	☐ No

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June	Description of position
NIL	

H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time since 30 June
NIL

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY
1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time
NIL
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property
NIL

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
NIL

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters

by Ross David Earl [redacted] in respect of the period from **01/07/25 to 30/06/26**

Signed:

Date: 3rd August 2026

A. Real Property	
Address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date/*at any time during the return period	**Nature of interest**
[redacted] Mudgee	Joint Owner with Wife

B. Sources of income		
1 *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:		
Description of occupation	**Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)**	**Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)**
Executive Officer ARIC Committee ARIC Committee ARIC Committee ARIC Committee ARIC Committee Acting Geneal Manager Consultant	Far North West Joint Organisation. Baranald Shire Council Narromine Shire Council Coonamble Shire Council Warrumbungle Shire Council Gilgandra Shire Bogan Shire Council Premium Management Resources	

2 *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:	
Name and address of settlor	**Name and address of trustee**
Nil	

3 *Sources of other income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period: [*Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received*]	
Sale Of Cattle from small property	

C. Gifts	
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period	**Name and address of donor**
Nil	

D. Contributions to travel		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period **Nil**	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken

E. Interests and positions in corporations			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date/*at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
NRMA Regional Development Orana Premium Management Resources	Shareholder Board Member Director	 Treasurer Principal	

F. Were you a property developer or a close associate of a property developer on the return date?
☐ ☐ No

G. Positions in trade unions and professional or business associations	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date/*at any time during the return period	Description of position
Nil	

H. Debts
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date/*at any time during the return period
Nil

I. Dispositions of property
1 Particulars of each disposition of real property by me at any time during the return period as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time
Nil
2 Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me, being dispositions made at any time during the return period, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property

J. Discretionary disclosures
Nil

30/6/25 to 30/6/26.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FORM

REQUIRED TO BE LODGED UNDER CLAUSE 4.21 OF THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS IN NSW

NSW GOVERNMENT | Office of Local Government

Disclosure of pecuniary interests and other matters by *[full name]* Graeme Leslie Patrick FLEMING as at *[return date]* ~~30/6/25~~ 3/8/26 in respect to the period from 30/6/25 to 30/6/26

Signed: [redacted]
Date: 3/8/26

A. Real Property

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Nature of interest
[redacted] ORANGE NSW	Joint owner

B. Sources of income

1. Sources of income I:
   - reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June, and
   - received from an occupation at any time since 30 June:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
CONSULTANT ARIC Chair	Self Employed Chair - Lachlan, Cirgenong, Coonamble & Warrumbungle Councils	361° Graeme Fleming Consulting

2. Sources of income I:
   - reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June, and
   - received from a trust since 30 June:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
OLYMPIC TRUST	Graeme Fleming
Orange 2800	[redacted] Orange NSW

3. Sources of other income I:
   - reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June, and
   - received at any time since 30 June:

Sources of other income
[Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received]
NSW Councils & Organisations - Consultancy & ARIC Fees.
Superannuation Payments.

C. Gifts

Description of each gift I received at any time since 30 June	Name and address of donor
Nil	—

D. Contributions to travel

Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time since 30 June	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Names of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel was undertaken
NSW Councils & Organisations - Consultancy & ARIC Fees	Various over 12 Mths	NSW & Qld.

E. Interests and positions in corporations

Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
IRONBARK NATIONAL P/L.	Director - Self managed Super fund	Director & member	Self Managed Super fund.

F. Property development

Were you a property developer or a close associate of a property developer on the return date?

[Yes/No] NO.

G. Positions in trade unions and professional or business associations

Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) at the return date/at any time since 30 June	Description of position
N/A.	

H. Debts

Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debts at the return date/at any time since 30 June
[name] National Australia Bank.

I. Disposition of property

1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me (including the street address of the affected property) at any time since 30 June as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time
[details] N/A.

2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me (including the street address of the affected property), being dispositions made at any time since 30 June, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property
[details] N/A.

J. Discretionary disclosures

[details] N/A.

10.6 REVIEWED PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Author: **Executive Manager Corporate Governance**

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures: **1. Draft Privacy Management Plan 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Place the draft Privacy Management Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and invite public submissions during that period.**
2. **Receive a further report following public exhibition seeking adoption of the final Plan and addressing any submissions received.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council's Privacy Management Plan has been comprehensively reviewed against the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (PPIP Act), the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* (HRIP Act), the Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government and current guidance from the Information and Privacy Commission NSW.

The draft retains the statutory protections and local government requirements contained in the current Plan while providing clearer responsibilities and more practical guidance for managing personal and health information.

Key improvements include:

- clearer privacy responsibilities across Council;
- privacy impact assessment requirements for higher-risk projects;
- strengthened controls for contractors, data sharing, cloud services and digital systems;
- safeguards for artificial intelligence and automated decision-making;
- expanded data breach response arrangements;
- clearer processes for public registers, access, amendment, complaints and internal reviews; and
- practical forms and checklists to support implementation.

The draft modernises Council's privacy framework without changing its underlying commitment to protecting personal and health information. Public exhibition will provide the community with an opportunity to comment before the Plan is returned to Council for adoption.

BACKGROUND

Section 33 of the PPIP Act requires Council to prepare and implement a Privacy Management Plan. The Plan must address Council's compliance practices, internal

awareness, privacy internal reviews and the Mandatory Notification of Data Breach Scheme.

Council's current Plan was adopted in 2013 and reviewed in May 2024 following the commencement of mandatory data breach notification requirements. The present review updates the Plan to reflect current regulatory guidance, technology and information-handling risks.

REPORT:

The draft Plan retains the substantive protections in the current Plan, including:

- the Information Protection Principles and Health Privacy Principles;
- public register and suppression requirements;
- rights of access and amendment;
- privacy complaints and internal reviews;
- statutory exemptions and confidentiality requirements;
- contractor, CCTV and community engagement arrangements; and
- data breach obligations.

The principal changes are summarised below.

Area	Improvement
Governance and accountability	Clarifies responsibilities for Council, the General Manager, Privacy Contact Officer, Public Officer, ICT, managers, workers and service providers.
Privacy by design	Introduces privacy impact screening and documented Privacy Impact Assessments for proposals presenting material privacy risks.
Information handling	Provides practical controls covering collection, access, security, use, disclosure, retention and disposal.
Public access and complaints	Clarifies public register, suppression, access, amendment, complaint and internal review processes.
Data breaches	Strengthens reporting, containment, assessment, notification, recordkeeping, testing and post-incident review arrangements. Council's separate publicly available Data Breach Policy will continue to apply.
Digital technology and AI	Introduces controls for cloud services, artificial intelligence and automated decisions, including transparency, security, human oversight and review.
Contractors and data sharing	Strengthens contractual, security, breach-reporting, subcontracting, offshore access and secure deletion requirements.
Implementation and assurance	Adds practical forms and checklists, role-based awareness, access reviews, contractor assurance and corrective-action monitoring.

The draft is written in plain language and is structured around how Council collects, holds, uses, shares and protects information. It also removes outdated material and avoids reproducing fixed statutory penalties that may change over time.

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN:

Focus	Strategic Area
Our Community	N/A
Our Economy	N/A
Our Assets	N/A
Our Country	N/A
Our Leadership	Our Integrity

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	N/A
Economic	N/A
Governance	Positive

Financial Resource Implications:

There are no material immediate financial implications.

Implementation will require staff time for awareness, privacy impact assessment, access reviews, contractor assurance, data breach exercises and monitoring. These activities are expected to be managed primarily within existing resources and applied proportionately to Council's privacy risk.

Projects involving higher-risk technology, cloud services, surveillance, data sharing or artificial intelligence may require specialist legal, privacy, procurement or cybersecurity advice. Any expenditure would be considered through the relevant project and budget approval process.

Policy / Legal and Statutory Implications:

The draft supports Council's compliance with the principal legislation governing personal and health information, public access, records, surveillance and data breaches.

Following final adoption, the Plan should be provided to the NSW Privacy Commissioner, published on Council's website and made readily available to councillors, staff, contractors and the community. Council must also maintain its

separate, publicly accessible Data Breach Policy and the registers required under the mandatory data breach scheme.

Risk Management – Business Risk/Work Health and Safety / Public:

The draft strengthens controls over the collection, access, use, disclosure, storage and disposal of personal and health information. It particularly addresses risks relating to:

- unauthorised access or disclosure;
- inadequate collection notices;
- data breaches;
- contractors, cloud platforms and data sharing;
- surveillance, AI and automated decision-making;
- public registers and suppression requests; and
- inconsistent complaint, review and corrective-action processes.

The principal implementation risk is that the Plan's requirements are not consistently embedded across Council. This will be managed through clear accountability, awareness, privacy impact assessment, access reviews, contractor assurance, incident testing and monitoring of material risks and overdue actions.

There are no direct adverse work health and safety implications. The draft provides stronger protection for employee health information, workplace records and information relating to safety or vulnerability.

Options:

1. Endorse the draft Plan and recommended progression to public exhibition (recommended).
2. Request further amendments before progression.
3. Retain the current adopted Plan (not recommended).

Council Seal Required:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition: No

External Exhibition: Yes

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN
APPROVAL DATE: DD MONTH 2026
REVIEW DATE: DD MONTH 2028
VERSION: 3

Responsible Officer	Executive Manager Governance and People
Directorate	Governance and People

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COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN
APPROVAL DATE: DD MONTH 2026
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1. Purpose and scope

This Plan explains how Coonamble Shire Council manages personal and health information, complies with NSW privacy law, supports councillors and workers to make sound privacy decisions, and enables individuals to access, correct or complain about the handling of their information.

1.1 Statutory status

Section 33 of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (PPIP Act) requires Council to prepare and implement a Privacy Management Plan. The Plan describes Council's policies and practices for complying with the PPIP Act and *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* (HRIP Act), how those practices are communicated, internal review procedures, and procedures and practices for Part 6A mandatory notification of data breaches.

If this Plan is inconsistent with legislation, a binding privacy code, public interest direction, order or court decision, the higher authority prevails. The Plan does not create or remove legal rights or obligations beyond those applying at law.

1.2 Application

- Councillors, employees, agency staff, volunteers, committee members, contractors, consultants and service providers handling information for Council.
- All Council functions, facilities, businesses, services, projects, websites, applications and systems.
- Personal and health information in any format, including paper, email, audio, images, CCTV, databases, mobile devices, cloud services, backups and information inferred through analytics or AI.

1.3 Commitment

- Privacy by design and default.
- Lawful, necessary and proportionate handling.
- Data minimisation and need-to-know access.
- Clear notice and accountable decision-making.
- Security throughout the information lifecycle.
- Respectful, accessible complaint and review pathways.

2. Legal framework and definitions

2.1 Principal legislation and instruments

- *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (PPIP Act).
- *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* (HRIP Act).

- Information and Privacy Commission *Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government*.
- *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act).
- *Local Government Act 1993*, *State Records Act 1998*, *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022*, *Workplace Surveillance Act 2005, Surveillance Devices Act 2007* and any other laws applying to Council functions.

2.2 Definitions

Term	Meaning
Collect	Acquire information, whether actively sought, directly received or otherwise obtained.
Data breach	Unauthorised access to or disclosure of personal information, or loss in circumstances likely to result in unauthorised access or disclosure.
Disclose	Make information known to a person or body that did not already know it and is not authorised to receive it.
Eligible data breach	A breach satisfying Part 6A of the PPIP Act, including that a reasonable person would conclude the access or disclosure is likely to result in serious harm.
Health information	Information of a kind defined in section 6 of the HRIP Act, including information about health, disability and health services.
Personal information	Information or an opinion about an individual whose identity is apparent or can reasonably be ascertained, subject to exclusions in section 4 of the PPIP Act.
Sensitive information	Information requiring heightened safeguards due to its content or potential impact, including health, financial, identity, cultural, political, religious, trade union and sexual activity information.
Use	Handle information within Council for a purpose.

3. Privacy governance and accountability

3.1 Responsibilities

Role	Responsibilities
Council and General Manager	Set expectations, approve the Plan and ensure reasonable capability and resources.
Privacy Contact Officer (Executive Manager Governance and People)	Provide advice; coordinate access, amendment, complaints and internal reviews; liaise with the IPC; maintain registers; oversee assurance; review high-risk proposals.
Public Officer (Executive Manager Governance and People)	Support statutory access and public register processes and act as alternate where designated.
ICT Lead (System and Network Administrator)	Implement information and cyber security, access controls, logging, backup, recovery and technical breach response.
Executive Leadership Team	Own business-area privacy risks and oversee compliance, training and remediation.
Managers	Apply this Plan, approve role-based access, ensure records and notices are adequate, and escalate incidents.
All officials and workers	Use information only for authorised duties, protect it, use approved systems and report suspected breaches immediately.
Contractors and providers	Meet contractual privacy, security, records, return/destruction and incident obligations.

3.2 Privacy impact assessment

Privacy impact screening must occur at the concept stage of any proposal that handles personal or health information. A documented Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is required where the proposal is likely to have a material privacy impact, including surveillance, biometrics, data matching, substantial data sharing, cloud migration, high-volume collection, AI or automated decision-making.

- Map information flows, purposes, legal authority and affected people.
- Assess necessity, proportionality, notice, consent where relevant, access, accuracy, security, retention, sharing, transborder and re-identification risks.
- Identify heightened impacts on children and vulnerable people.
- Consider less privacy-intrusive alternatives and consult where appropriate.
- Document controls, residual risk, accountable approval and review date.

- Repeat the assessment if scope, information, vendor or technology materially changes.

3.3 New policies, forms and contracts

Business units must consult this Plan when developing policies, forms, services, agreements and systems. The Privacy Contact Officer should review high-risk collection notices, data-sharing arrangements, contracts and projects. Complex matters may be referred for legal, cyber security or specialist advice.

4. Information Council holds

Council holds personal and health information reasonably necessary to perform its statutory and service functions. Examples are illustrative, not exhaustive.

People/function	Examples
Residents, ratepayers and owners	Identity and contact details, property, rates, payments, requests, complaints, claims, permits, applications, submissions and correspondence.
Planning, building and regulation	Applications, plans, submissions, inspection material, photographs, recordings, notices, evidence and enforcement records.
Community services	Library and booking records, grants, events, access needs, surveys, mailing preferences and community support.
Councillors and committees	Contact details, disclosures of interests, expenses, training, conduct matters and meeting participation.
Employees, applicants and volunteers	Recruitment, payroll, banking, leave, health, workers compensation, performance, conduct, training and emergency contacts.
Digital services and security	Online forms, account identifiers, network and device logs, CCTV, access-control logs and incident records.
Integrity and legal	Complaints, public interest disclosures, investigations, legal advice, claims, subpoenas and protected information.

4.1 Unsolicited information

When unsolicited personal or health information is received, Council will consider whether it could lawfully have been collected and whether retention is necessary. Information not required will be securely destroyed or de-identified where lawful and consistent with records obligations. If retained, the storage, use, disclosure, access and security principles apply.

4.2 Publicly available information

Information in a publicly available publication may be excluded from the PPIP Act definition of personal information. This does not mean all information available somewhere online may be freely reused. Council must verify the source, purpose, accuracy, legal authority and any confidentiality, safety, copyright or other restrictions before use or disclosure.

5. Compliance with the IPPs and HPPs

Council applies the 12 Information Protection Principles and 15 Health Privacy Principles, subject to lawful exemptions and the Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government.

Principle	Council practice
Lawful purpose, IPP/HPP 1	Identify the Council function, authority and need. Do not collect information merely because it may later be useful.
Direct collection, IPP/HPP 2	Collect directly unless consent or a lawful exception applies, or direct collection of health information is unreasonable or impracticable.
Notice, IPP/HPP 3	At or before collection, explain Council identity, purpose, recipients, mandatory or voluntary supply, consequences, storage and access/correction pathways.
Relevant and non-intrusive, IPP/HPP 4	Collect accurate, relevant and not excessive information using proportionate methods.
Retention and security, IPP/HPP 5	Use risk-based physical and digital safeguards; retain and dispose under authorised records rules and legal holds.
Openness and access, IPP/HPP 6-7	Explain holdings and provide access without unreasonable delay or expense, subject to lawful limits.
Amendment, IPP/HPP 8	Correct or annotate information so it is accurate, relevant, current, complete and not misleading.
Accuracy before use, IPP/HPP 9	Use current authoritative records and verify material facts where decisions may significantly affect a person.
Limited use, IPP/HPP 10	Use for the collection purpose, a directly related purpose, with consent or another lawful basis.
Limited disclosure, IPP/HPP 11	Disclose with consent, reasonable expectation and related purpose, or another lawful authority. Verify identity and disclose the minimum necessary.

Special/transborder limits, IPP 12; HPP 14	Apply special statutory restrictions to sensitive information and transfers outside NSW. Assess recipient protections, location, contracts and controls.
Identifiers/anonymity/linkage, HPP 12-15	Use identifiers only where necessary; offer anonymity where lawful and practicable; obtain express consent for health-record linkage unless otherwise authorised.

5.1 Collection notices

A transaction-specific collection notice must be provided at or before collection and tailored to the information flow. A general website privacy statement does not replace a collection notice. Appendix B provides a template.

5.2 Practical security measures

- Use approved systems, accounts and storage. Do not use personal email, consumer file sharing or unapproved AI for Council personal information.
- Use BCC for bulk external email unless visibility is expected and lawful. Check recipients and attachments before sending.
- Protect passwords and authentication codes; lock screens and secure paper records.
- Grant least-privilege access and promptly amend or remove access when duties change or employment ends.
- Use secure transfer and maintain auditable records for high-risk access and disclosure.
- Apply authorised retention and secure disposal. Do not retain convenience copies beyond need.
- Provide contractors only the minimum information and access necessary.

6. Public registers and suppression

A public register is a register of personal information required by law to be, or made, publicly available or open to public inspection. Council will maintain an internal schedule specifying each register, enabling law, statutory purpose, access method, responsible unit and restrictions.

6.1 Access to public registers

1. Confirm that the record is a public register and identify its statutory purpose.

2. Obtain sufficient particulars of the intended use. Council may require a statutory declaration.

3. Assess whether the proposed use relates to the purpose of the register or its enabling Act.

4. Disclose only the minimum information required. Bulk access, sale, scraping or access to a substantial part of a register requires heightened assessment.

5. Record the decision, information disclosed and any conditions.

6.2 Council registers

Depending on current legislation and Council holdings, public registers may include records relating to Council land, approvals, disclosures of interests, development consents and certificates, building certificates, licences and impounding. The responsible officer must verify current legislative requirements before access is given. The rates record is not a public register merely because Council holds it.

6.3 Suppression

Under section 58 of the PPIP Act, a person may seek suppression where non-suppression would affect a person's safety or wellbeing. Section 739 of the Local Government Act may also apply to certain residential address information. Council will assist the applicant, accept relevant evidence, restrict access while assessing urgent risk, weigh any countervailing public interest, give reasons and explain review pathways.

7. Access to and amendment of information

A person may ask whether Council holds personal or health information about them, request access, or seek amendment. Council will use the simplest suitable administrative, PPIP Act, HRIP Act or GIPA Act pathway and explain the chosen process.

7.1 Identity and authority

- Verify identity proportionately and avoid retaining unnecessary identity evidence.
- A representative must establish their identity and authority, such as written authority, guardianship or power of attorney.
- Consider third-party information, privilege, confidentiality, safety, investigation material and other legal restrictions.
- Where full access is unavailable, consider lawful redaction, partial access, a summary or supervised inspection.

7.2 Amendment

Council will assess whether information is accurate, relevant, current, complete and not misleading for the purpose for which it is held. Where a requested amendment is not made, Council will provide reasons and, where required, permit a statement of the requested correction to be associated with the record. Relevant recipients may be notified of a correction where appropriate.

8. Privacy complaints and internal review

8.1 Informal complaints

Minor concerns may be resolved promptly under Council's complaints arrangements where the person agrees. Informal handling does not remove the right to seek formal internal review within the statutory time limit. Staff must not discourage or obstruct an application.

8.2 Internal review

A person may apply for internal review if they consider Council has breached an IPP, HPP, applicable privacy code or public register provision. The application should be written, include an Australian address for notices, describe the conduct and ordinarily be lodged within six months after the person became aware of it. Council may accept a late application.

1. Register and acknowledge the application.
2. Notify the NSW Privacy Commissioner as soon as practicable.
3. Appoint a suitably senior and independent reviewing officer with no conflict of interest.
4. Gather records, provide procedural fairness, consider IPC submissions and apply current legislation and guidance.
5. Complete the review within 60 days.
6. Notify the applicant of findings, reasons and action within 14 days after completion, and notify the Privacy Commissioner.
7. Record outcomes, protect confidentiality, implement corrective action and report trends appropriately.

8.3 Outcomes and external avenues

- No further action; apology; access or amendment; change to a practice, system or training; undertaking not to repeat conduct; or other appropriate action.
- A person may complain to the Privacy Commissioner under section 45 of the PPIP Act.
- A person may apply to NCAT where statutory requirements are met. Council will provide current contact information and explain applicable review avenues.

9. Mandatory notification of data breaches

Council must maintain and publish a standalone Data Breach Policy under section 59ZD of the PPIP Act. This Plan describes its relationship with Council's broader privacy framework and does not replace that policy.

9.1 Reporting and response

All suspected loss, unauthorised access or unauthorised disclosure must be reported immediately to the Privacy Contact Officer and ICT lead through Council's incident process. Staff must safely contain within their authority, preserve evidence and avoid deleting relevant records.

1. Triage and contain the incident.
2. Assess reasonably and expeditiously under Part 6A, having regard to IPC guidelines, information sensitivity, security, affected individuals and likely serious harm.
3. Mitigate harm and correct control failures.
4. Notify the Privacy Commissioner and affected individuals as soon as practicable if an eligible data breach has occurred, unless a statutory exemption applies.
5. Where direct notification is not reasonably practicable, issue public notification and maintain the Public Notification Register as required.
6. Maintain the internal eligible data breach register and complete a post-incident review.

9.2 Contractors and multiple agencies

Contracts must require immediate incident reporting, evidence preservation, access to relevant logs, containment, assessment support, notification cooperation and remediation. Council remains responsible for its statutory obligations for information held on its behalf. Where more than one agency is involved, Council will coordinate roles while ensuring its own obligations are met.

9.3 Publication and review

Council's Data Breach Policy and Public Notification Register must be readily discoverable on its website. The Data Breach Policy should be reviewed in accordance with its document control provisions and after a material incident or exercise. Council will periodically test its response arrangements.

10. Digital services, cloud, AI and automated decision-making

10.1 Cloud and digital platforms

Before approval, Council will assess data location, subcontractors, access, encryption, logging, retention and deletion, backup, incident response, export, legal access risk and exit arrangements. Controls and approval must be proportionate to sensitivity and scale.

10.2 Generative AI

- Do not enter personal, health, confidential, privileged, security-sensitive or protected information into an AI service unless the service and use case are formally approved and controls documented.
- Complete privacy impact screening and a PIA where personal information or a material decision is involved.
- Verify outputs for accuracy, completeness, bias and inappropriate disclosure. Capture validated records in Council's records system.
- Do not use personal information to train or fine-tune a model without clear authority, necessity, approval and appropriate notice.
- Maintain meaningful human oversight for decisions affecting rights, services, compliance or enforcement.
- Be transparent where AI materially affects a service, communication or decision, subject to lawful security limits.

10.3 Automated decision-making

Where automated decision-making uses personal information, Council will explain the system purpose, information used, decision type, material effect, safeguarding, sharing, access and correction pathways and how a person can seek effective human review. Council will test accuracy and fairness, monitor impacts and retain an appropriate audit trail.

11. Contractors, data sharing and related bodies

11.1 Contract controls

- Defined purpose, permitted handling and minimum access.
- Compliance with privacy, records and Council requirements.
- Security, personnel, subcontracting, offshore access, secondary use and model-training restrictions.
- Immediate breach reporting and cooperation with Council and regulators.
- Audit, assurance, continuity, export, return, deletion and exit rights.
- Continuing confidentiality and privacy obligations after termination.

11.2 Data sharing

Before sharing information, Council will document purpose, authority, necessity, minimum fields, recipient, security, retention, onward disclosure, notice, accuracy, breach handling and review arrangements. High-risk or recurring sharing should be supported by an agreement and PIA. De-identified or aggregated information is preferred where it meets the purpose, but re-identification risk must be considered.

12. CCTV, engagement and special information handling

12.1 CCTV and surveillance

Council may use CCTV and authorised surveillance for lawful purposes including safety, asset protection, incident management, crime prevention and investigation. Images,

recordings and metadata may be personal information and must be handled under this Plan, surveillance legislation and Council's applicable CCTV policies.

- Use surveillance only for a defined, necessary and proportionate purpose.
- Provide prominent notice where required and practicable.
- Limit and audit access to authorised personnel.
- Retain for the authorised period or while required for a legal hold, incident or proceeding.
- Record lawful disclosure to police, insurers, investigators or other recipients.
- Complete privacy screening for new or materially changed surveillance.

12.2 Engagement, submissions, petitions and events

Collection notices will explain foreseeable publication or inclusion in business papers. Council will ordinarily remove unnecessary contact details, signatures and sensitive information before publication, while considering the GIPA Act, meeting requirements, safety, confidentiality, copyright and defamation. Surveys and outreach will use anonymous or aggregated information where suitable and avoid collecting unnecessary sensitive information.

12.3 Complaints, investigations and PIDs

Complaint, investigation and public interest disclosure material must be restricted to authorised personnel. Council will balance notice and access requirements with lawful confidentiality, safety, procedural fairness, investigation and PID protections. The exclusion of some PID information from the PPIP Act does not remove Council's security, records and protection obligations.

12.4 Councillor and workforce information

Health, payroll, recruitment, conduct, performance, workers compensation, disclosure-of-interest and similar records require heightened access controls. Workplace surveillance must comply with the Workplace Surveillance Act, applicable notices and Council policies.

13. Exemptions, confidentiality, misuse and offences

13.1 Exemptions and code modifications

The PPIP Act, HRIP Act, regulations, privacy codes and public interest directions contain exemptions or modifications that may apply in defined circumstances. Examples potentially relevant to Council include legal proceedings, law enforcement, public revenue, investigations, subpoenas and warrants, statutory authority, serious threats and circumstances where compliance would prejudice the individual's interests.

The Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government modifies specified IPPs and public register provisions, including for defined local-government activities. It is not a blanket exemption. The responsible officer must consult the current legislation and Code, ensure all

conditions are met and document material reliance. Complex or contested matters should be referred to the Privacy Contact Officer and, where appropriate, for legal advice.

13.2 Public interest directions

Before relying on a direction, Council must verify that it is current, covers the proposed conduct and that all conditions are met. Material reliance must be documented.

13.3 Confidentiality

Privacy and confidentiality overlap but are not identical. Confidentiality may arise from legislation, contract, equity, legal professional privilege, Council policy or circumstances. Authority to disclose confidential information does not necessarily authorise disclosure of personal information, and vice versa. Both questions must be considered.

13.4 Misuse and offences

Council officials, contractors and agents must not intentionally access, use, disclose or offer to supply personal or health information except as authorised for official duties. Unauthorised conduct may constitute misconduct, breach of contract, a privacy or computer offence, and may lead to disciplinary, civil or criminal action. Fixed penalty amounts are not reproduced because current legislation prevails.

- Report suspected deliberate misuse immediately through an authorised channel.
- Preserve evidence, manage any data breach and make required referrals.
- No person may threaten, intimidate, misrepresent or improperly pressure another person to prevent an access request, privacy complaint or internal review.

14. Training, assurance, monitoring and review

14.1 Training and dissemination

- Provide privacy induction to employees, councillors, volunteers and relevant contractors.
- Provide periodic refresher training on secure handling and breach reporting.
- Provide role-specific training for customer service, HR, planning, compliance, records, ICT, procurement, communications and complaint handling.
- Maintain training records and notify relevant personnel of material updates.
- Publish the Plan on Council's website and make it readily accessible internally and on request.
- Promote privacy awareness, including during Privacy Awareness Week.

14.2 Assurance

- Periodic business-unit review of forms, notices, holdings, access, retention and risks.
- Role-based access reviews for high-risk systems and repositories.
- Contractor and vendor assurance proportionate to risk.

- Sampling of information proposed for publication.
- Review complaints, access requests, incidents, near misses and trends.
- Test data breach response arrangements and track corrective actions.
- Report material privacy risks and overdue actions to ELT.

14.3 Review

The Privacy Contact Officer will review this Plan at least every two years and earlier following legislative or regulatory change, material IPC guidance, a significant incident, audit finding, major change in Council functions or adoption of high-risk technology. Following adoption, Council will provide the Plan to the NSW Privacy Commissioner and publish it.

15. Contacts and related resources

Organisation	Contact
Coonamble Shire Council	80 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble NSW 2829 | PO Box 249, Coonamble NSW 2829 | 02 6827 1900 | council@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au | www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au
Privacy Contact Officer	Executive Manager Governance and People, via Council contact details
Information and Privacy Commission NSW	1800 472 679 | ipcinfo@ipc.nsw.gov.au | www.ipc.nsw.gov.au
NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal	1300 006 228 | www.ncat.nsw.gov.au

15.1 Related Council documents

- Data Breach Policy and Public Notification Register.
- Code of Conduct and Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct.
- Public Interest Disclosures Policy.
- Records management, information security, acceptable use, CCTV/surveillance, GIPA, complaints, procurement and contract management documents.

15.2 External guidance considered

- IPC Guide to making Privacy Management Plans and Privacy Management Plans Checklist, May 2026.
- IPC guidance and resources for the Mandatory Notification of Data Breach Scheme.

- IPC guidance on generative AI, automated decision-making, data sharing and Privacy Impact Assessments.
- Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government.
- NSW Ombudsman complaint management and procedural fairness guidance, where applicable.

Appendix A: Public register access declaration

Use this form where Council requires particulars of the intended use of personal information from a public register. A statutory declaration may be required depending on the request and Council's assessment.

Field	Applicant response
Applicant name and organisation (if applicable)	
Postal address	
Contact details	
Register and information requested	
Individual/s concerned	
Detailed intended use	
How the intended use relates to the purpose of the register	
Amount and format requested	
Proposed copying, publication, linkage, sale or further disclosure	
Declaration	I declare that the information supplied is true and that information obtained will be used only for the stated purpose and subject to any conditions imposed by Council.
Signature and date	

Appendix B: Privacy collection notice template

Coonamble Shire Council is collecting your [describe information] for [list the specific purpose/s] under/for [legal authority (eg name of Act) or Council function]. Providing [identify the type of information] is [required/voluntary]. If it is not provided, [state consequence/s]. Council will use the information for [list use/s] and may disclose it to [list any specific recipients] for [list purpose/legal basis]. Council will store it in [system/location]. You may request access to or correction of your information by contacting the Privacy Contact Officer on 02 6827 1900 or council@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au. [Add any publication, cloud/offshore, AI, matching, surveillance or other material handling information.]

Collection notice checklist

- Specific lawful purpose and authority identified.
- Each field necessary and proportionate.
- Uses, recipients and publication stated.
- Mandatory/voluntary status and consequences stated.
- Storage and access/correction pathways stated.
- Notice provided at or before collection and in an accessible form.

Appendix C: Access or amendment request

Field	Applicant response
Applicant name	
Postal address	
Contact details	
Request: confirmation / access / amendment	
Information or record sought	
Date range and business area	
Preferred access format	
Requested amendment and reasons	
Supporting evidence	
Identity verification arrangements. Note: Council will advise what evidence is proportionate. Do not email identity documents unless requested through an approved channel.	
Representative and authority, if applicable	
Signature and date	

Appendix D: Privacy internal review application

Field	Applicant response
Applicant name	
Postal address for notices	
Contact details	
Date conduct became known	
Conduct or decision complained about	
Information involved	
Why privacy requirements may have been breached	
Impact	
Outcome sought	
Related reference and attachments (list)	
Signature and date	

Lodge with: Privacy Contact Officer, Coonamble Shire Council, PO Box 249, Coonamble NSW 2829, or council@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au. Contact Council for assistance or an accessible format.

Appendix E: Privacy impact screening checklist

Question	Yes / No / Notes
New types or volumes of personal or health information?	
Children, vulnerable people or sensitive information?	
Surveillance, biometrics, matching, profiling, AI or automated decisions?	
External provider, cloud, subcontractor or offshore access?	
Material impact on rights, services, reputation or safety?	
Reliance on consent and is it valid?	
Less privacy-intrusive alternative available?	
Notices, security, retention, access and breach arrangements defined?	
Full PIA required, with approver and date?	

Appendix F: Data breach immediate action card

If personal or health information may have been lost, accessed or disclosed without authority:

1. Report immediately to the Privacy Contact Officer and ICT lead.
2. Contain safely within your authority, such as recalling email, revoking links, recovering documents or disabling compromised access.
3. Preserve evidence. Do not delete emails, logs, files or devices.
4. Record what happened, when, systems, people, information types, recipients and actions.
5. Do not contact affected people, media or other parties unless authorised by the response lead.
6. Support assessment, notification, remediation and post-incident review.

Report every suspected breach, even if it appears minor, was quickly contained or involves a contractor.

10.7 DRAFT CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER

Author: **Executive Manager Corporate Governance**
Director Corporate Services

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures: **1. Draft Customer Service Charter**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Place the draft Customer Service Charter on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and invite public submissions during that period.**
2. **Receive a further report following public exhibition seeking adoption of the final Charter and addressing any submissions received.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The draft Customer Service Charter sets out the service standards customers can expect when dealing with Council and provides a consistent approach to customer service across all Council service areas.

The Charter establishes commitments relating to:

- respectful, clear and professional communication;
- ownership and follow-through of enquiries;
- acknowledgement of correspondence and complaints within two working days;
- a response or progress update within 10 working days;
- return of telephone calls within two working days;
- appropriate recording and management of service requests; and
- keeping customers informed where a matter takes longer than expected.

The standards are intended as usual service targets. Different timeframes may apply where matters are urgent or complex, further information is required, operational demands intervene, or legislation, Council policy or a formal process imposes another timeframe.

The Charter also explains customers' responsibilities when dealing with Council and establishes a fair and proportionate approach to managing unacceptable behaviour.

Public exhibition will provide the community with an opportunity to comment before the Charter is returned to Council for adoption. The draft Charter's commitments, service standards and mutual expectations are set out in the attached document.

BACKGROUND

Council does not currently have a consolidated Charter setting out its customer service commitments across the organisation.

The draft Charter has been prepared to provide a clear and practical framework for Council's interactions with residents, ratepayers, businesses, visitors, community groups and other customers. It applies across Council and is not limited to staff working at the front counter or answering the main telephone line.

REPORT:

The draft Charter is based on Council's four values:

- service;
- transparency;
- accountability; and
- respect.

It explains Council's overall commitment to providing responsive, inclusive and professional services. It also sets out practical service standards for telephone, in-person, written and digital enquiries, service requests, feedback and complaints.

The principal elements are summarised below.

Area	**Commitment**
General service	Act professionally, honestly and respectfully, provide accurate information and take a helpful, solutions-focused approach.
Telephone enquiries	Answer calls promptly where possible, aim to resolve matters at first contact, take accurate messages and return calls within two working days.
In-person enquiries	Provide a welcoming and respectful environment, acknowledge customers promptly and advise of expected waiting times.
Written and digital correspondence	Acknowledge correspondence within two working days and provide a response or progress update within 10 working days.
Service requests	Record requests appropriately, prioritise urgent and public safety matters, and keep customers informed of progress and outcomes.
Feedback and complaints	Acknowledge complaints within two working days and provide an outcome or status update within 10 working days.
Customer responsibilities	Ask customers to provide accurate information, work constructively with Council and treat staff and others respectfully.
Unacceptable behaviour	Allow abusive, threatening, aggressive or persistently unreasonable conduct to be managed under Council's policies and procedures. Any restriction on contact must be reasonable, proportionate, appropriately approved and reviewed.

The Charter does not require every enquiry, complaint or service request to be resolved within 10 working days. Where a final response cannot be provided within the target period, Council is expected to give a meaningful progress update and an updated timeframe.

Timeframes may also vary because of urgency, complexity, the need for further information, statutory requirements or operational demands. Where legislation, Council policy or a formal process establishes a different timeframe, that timeframe will apply.

Public exhibition will allow the community to comment on whether the proposed commitments and service standards are clear, reasonable and responsive to community expectations.

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN:

Focus	Strategic Area
Our Community	Caring for Community
Our Economy	N/A
Our Assets	N/A
Our Country	N/A
Our Leadership	Our Integrity

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	N/A
Economic	N/A
Governance	Positive

Financial Resource Implications:

There are no material immediate financial implications associated with placing the draft Charter on public exhibition.

Implementation will require staff awareness, appropriate recording and management of customer interactions, monitoring of service standards and review of systems or processes that make the standards difficult to achieve. These activities are expected to be managed primarily within existing resources.

Policy / Legal and Statutory Implications:

There is no statutory requirement requiring Council to adopt a Customer Service Charter. The Charter will, however, provide an organisation-wide framework for customer service commitments and support clear, fair and consistent interactions with the community.

The Charter recognises that legislation, Council policy or a formal process may establish different response requirements. Where this occurs, the applicable statutory or formal timeframe will take precedence.

Following public exhibition, submissions will be considered and the final Charter will be reported to Council for adoption.

Risk Management – Business Risk/Work Health and Safety / Public:

The Charter is intended to reduce risks associated with:

- inconsistent customer service practices;
- unclear responsibility for enquiries and service requests;
- avoidable delays or failures to provide progress updates;
- poor recording or transfer of customer matters;
- unclear expectations about response times;
- inappropriate or unclear communication; and
- inconsistent management of unacceptable customer behaviour.

There is an implementation risk if the Charter's service standards are not consistently applied across Council. This will be managed through staff awareness, manager oversight, appropriate recording of requests and complaints, monitoring of service performance and identification of systems or processes that prevent standards from being met.

The Charter also supports a safe and respectful environment for customers and staff. It recognises that customers may be frustrated or dissatisfied while allowing abusive, threatening, aggressive or persistently unreasonable conduct to be managed under Council's policies and procedures. Any restriction on contact must be reasonable, proportionate and appropriately approved and reviewed.

Options:

- Endorse the draft Charter and recommended progression to public exhibition (recommended).
- Request amendments before progression to public exhibition.
- Not proceed with the draft Charter.

Council Seal Required:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition: No

External Exhibition: Yes

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARTER

1. Introduction

Coonamble Shire Council (Council) is committed to delivering high-quality, customer-focused services that are responsive, inclusive and professional.

This Customer Service Charter outlines our commitment to the community and establishes the standards you can expect when interacting with Council. It supports a culture of continuous improvement and places our community at the centre of everything we do.

2. Our purpose

We exist to serve the Coonamble Shire community.

We deliver essential services, manage and maintain community assets, and care for our people, places and environment so our community can live well today and into the future.

Through responsible stewardship, strong governance and reliable service delivery, we support community wellbeing, local opportunity and long-term sustainability across our Shire.

3. Our customers

Our customers are anyone who interacts with Council, including residents, ratepayers, businesses, visitors, community groups, contractors, councillors and Council staff.

4. Vision and mission

Vision

To support a connected, resilient and thriving Coonamble community by delivering reliable, high-quality services that meet our community's needs now and into the future.

Mission

To deliver essential local government services through professional, accountable and transparent practices, supporting community wellbeing, local opportunity and sustainable outcome for our Shire.

5. Our values

Our values guide how we work, how we serve our community, and how we make decisions:

- Service – We deliver reliable, responsive and practical outcomes and follow through on our commitments.
- Transparency – We communicate openly, clearly and honestly, and explain our decisions.
- Accountability – We take responsibility for our actions, decisions and outcomes and act with integrity.
- Respect – We treat all people with fairness, dignity and courtesy, and value diverse perspectives.

6. Our commitment to you

We will:

- Treat you with courtesy, dignity and respect.
- Communicate clearly, listen to your needs and respond appropriately.
- Provide accurate, timely and professional service.
- Take ownership of enquiries and work towards practical solutions.
- Follow through on commitments and be accountable for outcomes.
- Explain decisions, processes and timeframes in a clear and transparent way.
- Respect your privacy and handle personal information confidentially.
- Provide accessible and inclusive services for all members of our community.
- Make our processes as simple and efficient as possible.
- Keep you informed of progress and any delays.
- Seek and use feedback to improve our services.

7. Service standards

Service	We will:
General	• Act professionally, honestly and respectfully. • Provide accurate and relevant information. • Focus on solutions with a positive and helpful approach.
Telephone enquiries	• Answer calls promptly where possible. • Aim to resolve enquiries at first contact. • Take clear and accurate messages. • Return calls within two working days.
In-person enquiries	• Provide a welcoming and respectful service environment. • Acknowledge you promptly and advise of any wait times. • Ensure our customer service areas are accessible and professional.
Written and digital correspondence (excludes social media)	• Acknowledge correspondence within two working days. • Provide a response or progress update within 10 working days. • Use clear, concise and plain language. • Provide a contact officer where relevant. • Inform you if further time is required.
Service requests	• Record requests in our system and provide a reference number where possible. • Prioritise urgent and public safety matters. • Investigate and respond within appropriate timeframes. • Keep you informed of progress and outcomes.

These are our usual service targets. Timeframes may vary depending on urgency, complexity, required information, statutory requirements, and operational demands. If we cannot meet a target, we will keep you informed and provide an updated timeframe. Where legislation, Council policy or a formal process sets a different timeframe, that timeframe applies.

8. Community engagement, expectations and accountability

Working with our community

We are committed to inclusive, accessible and fair service delivery. We will:

- Provide equitable access to services and information.
- Respect diversity and individual needs.
- Support community participation in Council activities and decision-making.

Your responsibilities

To help us provide the best service, we ask that you:

- Treat staff and other customers with courtesy and respect.
- Provide accurate and complete information.
- Work with us to resolve issues constructively.
- Resect the rights, privacy and safety of others.

Unacceptable behaviour

We are committed to a safe and respectful environment for customers and staff. We recognise that people may be frustrated or dissatisfied and will respond fairly and respectfully. Abusive, threatening, aggressive or persistently unreasonable conduct may be managed under Council policies and procedures. Any restriction on contact with Council will be reasonable, proportionate and subject to appropriate approval and review.

Feedback and complaints

We value feedback and use it to improve our services. Contact us to provide feedback or make a complaint:

- In person, by phone, email or in writing, or online.

Our commitment

We will:

- Acknowledge complaints within 2 working days.
- Provide an outcome or status update within 10 working days.
- Keep you informed if further investigation is required.
- Explain the outcome and advise you of available review options.

External review options are available through bodies such as the NSW Ombudsman and ICAC.

Contact us

Administration Office
8:30am to 5:00pm weekdays
80 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble, NSW, 2829

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PO Box 249, Coonamble, NSW, 2829

Phone: 02 6827 1900
Email:
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10.8 COONAMBLE ARTESIAN WATERS-PROJECT UPDATE

Author: General Manager

Authoriser: General Manager

Annexures:
1. Determination of Compensation
2. Final Valuation Report

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive and note the Coonamble Artesian Waters-Project Update report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Progress has continued on the Coonamble Artesian Waters project in recent months, including advancement of the land acquisition, water licensing, Development Application lodgement, detailed design activities and operational planning.

The project is now transitioning from concept planning into the approvals, procurement and delivery phase. Key milestones are progressing in accordance with the GHD project delivery program, with Council continuing to work towards project completion by 30 June 2027.

BACKGROUND:

Coonamble Artesian Waters project as a key tourism and community infrastructure initiative for the Shire.

The project is supported by $5.5 million in NSW Government funding through the Regional Tourism Activation Fund (RTAF) together with Council's co-contribution of $1.25 million, providing a total project budget of $6.75 million.

Council continues to progress the project through detailed planning and design, water licensing, land acquisition, statutory approvals and preparation for construction and operation.

REPORT:

The compulsory acquisition process for the Coonamble Artesian Waters site has been completed, with the acquisition gazetted on 24 July 2026. Compensation was determined at a market value of $44,100, payable to the State of NSW (The Crown). Council has received and paid the invoice.

The proposed purchase of water through water broker Waterfind has been deferred following discussions with WaterNSW and DCCEEW. Council's original bore application classified the water use as irrigation. However, discussions identified that Council's future plans include the potential to connect the bore, via a rising main, to the Coonamble Water Treatment Plant to supplement the town's potable water supply.

As a result, Council is seeking to source the required 126 ML from its existing town domestic water supply licences, which have sufficient available entitlement. The necessary application has been prepared and submitted to access water under Council's existing domestic water supply arrangements.

Bore metering and telemetry works are also progressing. A purchase order has been issued, and installation works are being programmed. These works are required to meet the bore licensing conditions.

The Development Application has been lodged, with a potential hearing and determination by the Regional Planning Panel expected in late October or early November 2026.

The General Manager met with the NSW Government funding representatives on Wednesday, 16 September 2026, to discuss the project and its delivery timeframe. Council will submit a revised project timeline identifying 30 June 2027 as the proposed project completion date. Updated supporting documentation will also be provided, including revised cash flow, project deliverables and details of the proposed staging of the project.

A verbal update will be provided at the Council meeting should any further information become available.

Value NSW

Determination of Compensation
Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991

Value NSW reference: R-0006321

Authority's reference: 26.093

Acquiring Authority: Coonamble Shire Council

Claimant: The State of NSW (The Crown)

Particulars of land acquired: Lot 1 DP 1290114 being part of the land comprised in folio 212/754199 and Easement of an area 2,345m^2 marked 'X' shown over Lot 2 DP 1290114 being part of the land comprised in folio 212/754199

Date of acquisition: 31/07/2026

Determination of compensation: Forty-Five Thousand, One Hundred Dollars $45,100.00

The above determination comprises:

Market value	Section 55 (a)	$45,100.00
Special value	Section 55 (b)	Not Applicable
Severance	Section 55 (c)	Not Applicable
Disturbance	Section 55 (d)	Nil-paid
Disadvantage resulting from relocation	Section 55 (e)	Not Applicable
Increase in the value of other land	Section 55 (f)	Not Applicable
Decrease in the value of other land	Section 55 (f)	Not Applicable

Any liability for the GST is a factor in the market for property and is therefore embedded in the land's market value as defined in section 56 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991. The policy of the NSW Valuer General is that all disturbance amounts are to be determined GST inclusive, unless the Former Owner is registered for GST. If the Former Owner is registered for GST disturbance amounts are determined GST exclusive, as an input tax credit may be claimed.

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Value NSW

The determination of compensation has not taken into account any:

1. Native title interest in land; or,
2. Interest held by an Aboriginal land council as a result of an undetermined claim under s. 36 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

The Acquiring Authority may be separately liable for any compensation or damages arising from the compulsory acquisition of such interests.

The valuation report R-0006321 that was considered in making this determination is annexed. For more information on the report, please contact the Just Terms Compensation Unit via email at Just_Terms@dpie.nsw.gov.au or telephone 1300 136 226.

Rod Gillett
Certified Practicing Valuer,
Value NSW
as delegate of the Valuer General
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Recommendation of Compensation

Prepared by Value NSW

Coonamble Racecourse Casswell Street Coonamble 2829

VNSW Reference	R-0006321
Date of Gazette	31 July 2026
Former Owner	The State of New South Wales
Former Owner's Interest	Registered Proprietor
Acquiring Authority	Coonamble Shire Council.
Type of Acquisition / Interest Acquired	Partial Acquisition and Easement

Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure acknowledges that it stands on Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, and we show our respect for Elders past, present and emerging through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work, seeking to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically.

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1 PART A: Executive Summary

VNSW Reference	R-0006321
Property Address	Coonamble Racecourse Casswell Street Coonamble 2829 (the Parent Parcel)
Acquired Land	The Gazette notice identifies the acquired interest in land as follows: Lot 1 DP 1290114 being part of the land comprised in folio 212/754199 Easement marked 'X' shown over Lot 2 DP 1290114 being part of the land comprised in folio 212/754199 (the Acquired Land)
Public Purpose	The acquisition is for the purpose of The Local Government Act 1993. More specifically, the Coonamble Artesian Bore Bath project (the Public Purpose).
Summary	The acquired land, Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 1290114 and an easement for access (40 Wide) over part of Lot 2 in Deposited Plan 1290114 are part of the Coonamble Racecourse precinct. The Parent Parcel (Lot 212 DP754199) had an area of 90.51 hectares. The acquired land has an area of 7.93 hectares and the acquired easement for access has an approximate area of 2,345m^2.
Date of Gazette	31 July 2026
Date of Inspection	27 May 2026
Former Owner	The State of New South Wales
Former Owner's Interest	Registered Proprietor
Acquiring Authority	Coonamble Shire Council.

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VNSW Reference	R-0006321
Basis of Assessment	The Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (the LAJTC Act). The recommendation for the assessment of compensation is prepared in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991. As this assessment involves the acquisition of Crown Land and there is agreement to the proceed under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991, the determination may proceed under the provisions of Section 29(4) of The Act. Therefore, the only heads of compensation applicable are Section 55(a) Market Value and Section 55(d) Disturbance. Therefore, all other heads of compensation are 'Not applicable'.

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Compensation Summary	
Section 55(a) Market Value	$ 45,100.00
Section 55(b) Special Value	Not Applicable
Section 55(c) Severance	Not Applicable
Section 55(d) Disturbance	$ Nil-paid
Section 55(e) Disadvantage Resulting from Relocation	$ Not Applicable
Section 55(f) Increase/Decrease in the Value of Any Other Land	$ Not Applicable
Total	$ 45,100.00

Any liability for GST is a factor in the market for property and is therefore embedded in the land's Market Value as defined in Sec 56 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991. The policy of the NSW Valuer General is that all disturbance amounts are to be determined GST inclusive, unless the Former Owner is registered for GST. If the Former Owner is registered for GST disturbance amounts are determined GST exclusive, as an input tax credit may be claimed. In this instance, as the former landowner is not registered for GST, all disturbance amounts have been determined GST inclusive.

Signatures	
Catherine Griffiths AAPI CPV **Valuer / Primary Valuer**	Rod Gillett FAPI CPV **Senior Managing Valuer / Authorising Valuer**
Date of Report	27/08/2026

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2 Qualifying Statements

This Recommendation is for the private and confidential use of the party to whom it is addressed and for the specific purpose for which it has been requested. No responsibility is accepted for any third party who may use or rely on the whole or any part of the content of this valuation. Furthermore, neither the whole nor any part of this report may be included in any publication or document without prior consent.

Only a signed original copy of this Recommendation should be relied upon. It should be noted that this report is not intended as a structural, maintenance, contamination or pest control report.

The valuers involved in the preparation of this Recommendation do not have pecuniary interests in the subject property that would conflict with the valuation of the property.

This report may have been prepared, in part, in reliance of information and/or material supplied by the owner or former owner of the relevant land the subject of this report. Value NSW is entitled to accept that any relevant material provided by the owner or former owner is factually correct. Notwithstanding, if information/material relied upon for this report is identified as false, incorrect or misleading, Value NSW reserves any entitlement to review or amend a prior Recommendation.

Town planning provisions have been obtained from NSW ePlanning Portal and/or relevant online statutory resources. To verify the accuracy of the information provided, a Planning Certificate should be obtained.

Native Title

We have been advised by Craig Barnes, of Landsas (acting for the acquiring authority) that native title was determined to be extinguished by the Federal Court of Australia.

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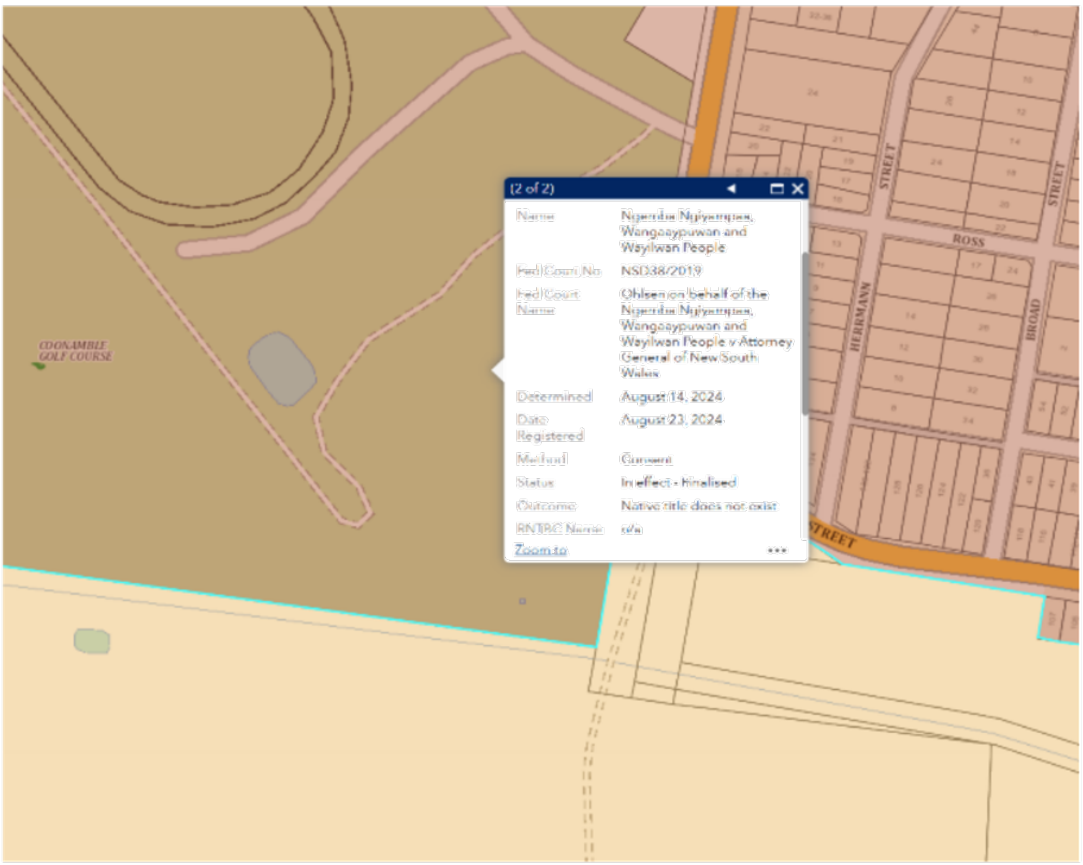

Source: Landsas

Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

I have not been instructed regarding whether the acquired land may be subject to any Aboriginal land claims under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. Accordingly, this determination of compensation does not include any valuation of the rights or interests that may be held by an Aboriginal land council in the acquired land. The acquiring authority may be liable for compensation or damages arising from the effect of the compulsory acquisition.

3 Purpose of Report

To provide a recommendation of compensation in relation to the compulsory acquisition of an interest in land in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (LAJTC Act).

Relevant definitions as set out in Section 4 of the LAJTC Act include:

Interest in land is defined as:

(a) a legal or equitable estate or interest in the land, or

(b) an easement, right, charge, power or privilege over, or in connection with, the land.

Land includes any interest in land.

3.1 Defined Terms

The following defined terms are used throughout this report:

The **Acquired Land** as noted in the Gazette Notice is Lot 1 DP 1290114 being part of the land comprised in folio 212/754199

The **Acquired Easement** as noted in the Gazette Notice is Easement marked 'X' shown over Lot 2 DP 1290114 being part of the land comprised in folio 212/754199
The **LAJTC Act** refers to the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

The **Former Owner** refers to The State of New South Wales

The **Acquiring Authority** refers to Coonamble Shire Council.

4 Acquisition Particulars

4.1 Former Owner's Details

The Former Owner is the Registered Proprietor.

A search of the Australian Business Register (ABR) identified the Former Owner is registered for GST, as identified in the following extract of the ABR website:

ABN details

Entity name:	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
ABN status:	Active from 01 Jul 2019
Entity type:	State Government Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Registered from 01 Jul 2019
Main business location:	NSW 2150

4.2 Acquiring Authority Details

The Acquiring Authority is identified as Coonamble Shire Council.

4.3 Gazette Notice

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

LAND ACQUISITION (JUST TERMS COMPENSATION) ACT 1991

NOTICE OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND AND INTEREST IN LAND

Coonamble Shire Council declares with the approval of Her Excellency the Governor that the land and interest described in the Schedule below is acquired by compulsory process in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 for purpose of the Coonamble Artesian Bore Bath Facility.

Dated this 24th day of July 2026

Greg Hill
General Manager

Schedule

Lot 1 DP 1290114 being part of the land comprised in folio 212/754199

Easement marked 'X' shown over Lot 2 DP 1290114 being part of the land comprised in folio 212/754199

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5 Details of Acquisition & Public Purpose

5.1 Acquisition

Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 1290114 and an easement for access (40 wide) over part of Lot 2 in Deposited Plan 1290114.

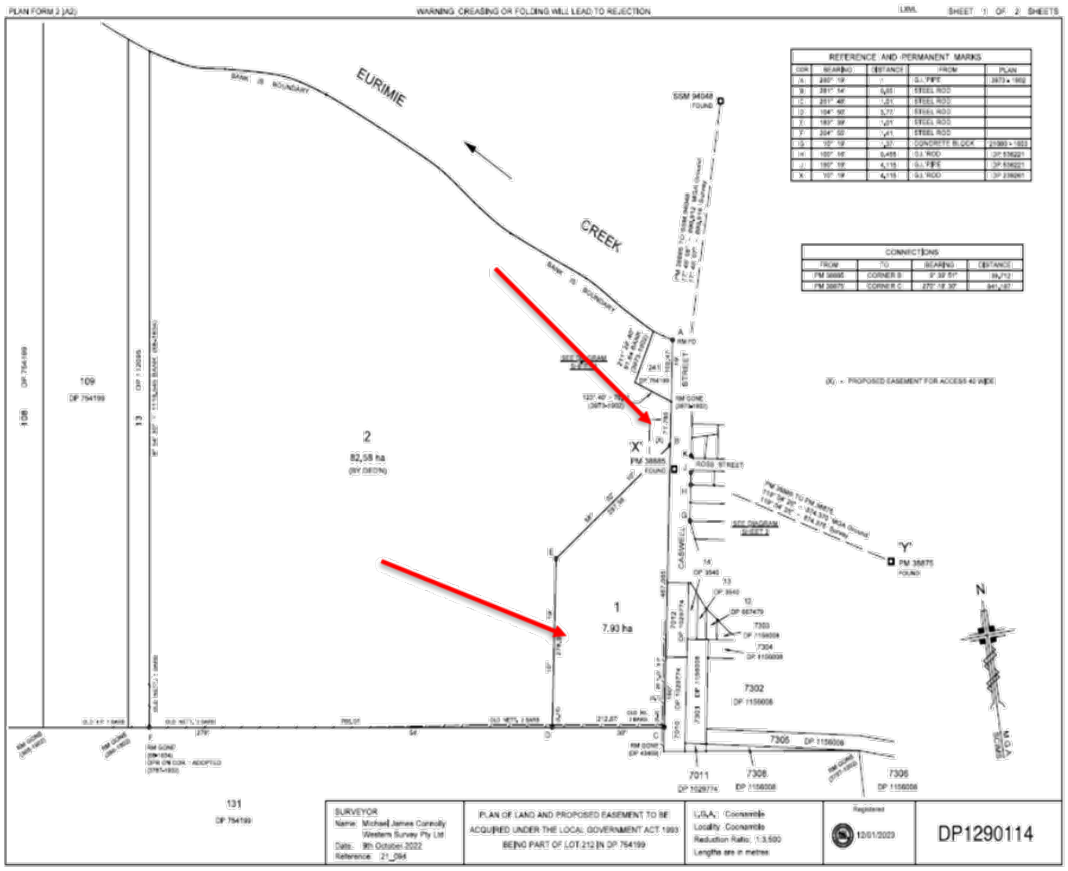

Figure 1 - Plan of Acquisition. Source: Coonamble Shire Council

5.2 Public Purpose

Coonamble Shire Council have acquired land and an easement at Coonamble Racecourse, for the purposes of providing an Artesian Bore Bath which is identified as Stage 1 of the project.

A NSW Government Tourist activation Grant will be funding the majority of this project, therefore timelines are imperative to meet funding requirements. The stages identified below allow works to commence while later stages are being designed. This project is a part of Council's Operational Plan deliverables. The successful respondent must be able to provide resources to deliver stages simultaneously if required to meet deadlines provided by Council and the funding body. Council has the right to engage for one or more stages below or discontinue services after each stage.

Figure 2 - Project Overview Plan. Source: Coonamble Shire Council

Stage 1 design and specifications -Artesian bore, reticulation, artesian pools, wetlands and reuse, Road Design (including design, traffic impact assessment and TfNSW approvals for an intersection at the Castlereagh Highway), Sewer Design (incl. Pump Station), Water reticulation, Irrigation, electrical and telecommunication, Lighting, site location for modular buildings (Managers residence, tools shed, site office, amenities, and cabins (a mix of 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom)

Stage 2 design and specifications - Caravan Park amenities, civil works, electrical and telecommunication, camp kitchen, Playground, landscaping, fencing,

Stage 3 identified on masterplan - It is envisioned that this design will occur later as funding becomes available and will be a separate architectural tender. The location will need to be identified on the master plan, and services are designed for the eventual construction of a Function Centre (Rustic) (with amenities, events space, and treatment room(s)), access road, parking, electrical and telecommunication. (Commercial/civic space)

5.3 Terms of Acquired Easement

The terms of the easement for access are on the terms set out in Part 11 of Schedule 4A of the *Conveyancing Act 1919*.

1

The body having the benefit of this easement may —

(a) by any reasonable means pass across each lot burdened, but only within the site of this easement, for the purpose of exercising or performing any of its powers, authorities, duties or functions, and

(b) do anything reasonably necessary for passing across each such lot, including —

- entering the lot burdened, and
- taking anything on to the lot burdened, and
- carrying out work within the site of this easement, such as constructing, placing, repairing or maintaining trafficable surfaces, driveways or structures.

2

In exercising those powers, the body having the benefit of this easement must —

(a) ensure all work is done properly, and

(b) cause as little inconvenience as is practicable to the owner and any occupier of the lot burdened, and

(c) cause as little damage as is practicable to the lot burdened and any improvement on it, and

(d) restore the lot burdened as nearly as is practicable to its former condition, and

(e) make good any collateral damage.

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6 Expert Advice Relied Upon

We advise that no other expert advice has been relied upon within our recommendation of compensation.

7 Property Details

7.1 Title

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          NEW SOUTH WALES LAND REGISTRY SERVICES - TITLE SEARCH
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FOLIO: 212/754199
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            SEARCH DATE        TIME              EDITION NO     DATE
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LAND
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LOT 212 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 754199
   LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA COONAMBLE
   PARISH OF COONAMBLE    COUNTY OF LEICHHARDT
   (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PORTION 212)
   TITLE DIAGRAM CROWN PLAN 68.1834

FIRST SCHEDULE
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THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES                                (RP AT418665)

SECOND SCHEDULE (2 NOTIFICATIONS)
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1   LAND EXCLUDES MINERALS AND IS SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS AND
    CONDITIONS IN FAVOUR OF THE CROWN - SEE CROWN GRANT(S)
2   AT292638  CROWN LAND MANAGER: COONAMBLE RACECOURSE AND
              RECREATION LAND MANAGER: SEE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE
              12/9/1986 FOLIO 4544

NOTATIONS
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DP1290114 PLAN OF ACQUISITION
DP1290114 PLAN OF PROPOSED EASEMENT

UNREGISTERED DEALINGS: NIL

        ***  END OF SEARCH  ***



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Schedule of Notations		Description
1	Land excludes minerals and is subject to reservations and conditions in favour of the Crown-see Crown Grants(s)	This is a common notation on title and does not affect market value.
2	AT292638 Crown Land Manager: Coonamble Racecourse and Recreation Land Manager: See Government Gazette 12/9/1986 Folio 4544	This is a notation that advises the dedication to Coonamble Racecourse and Recreation Land Manager as Crown Land Manager on 12 September 1986
	DP1290114 Plan of Acquisition	Subject acquisition
	DP1290114 Plan of Proposed Easement	Subject acquisition

This valuation has been completed subject to the above easements identified on Title.

7.1.1 Title Plan

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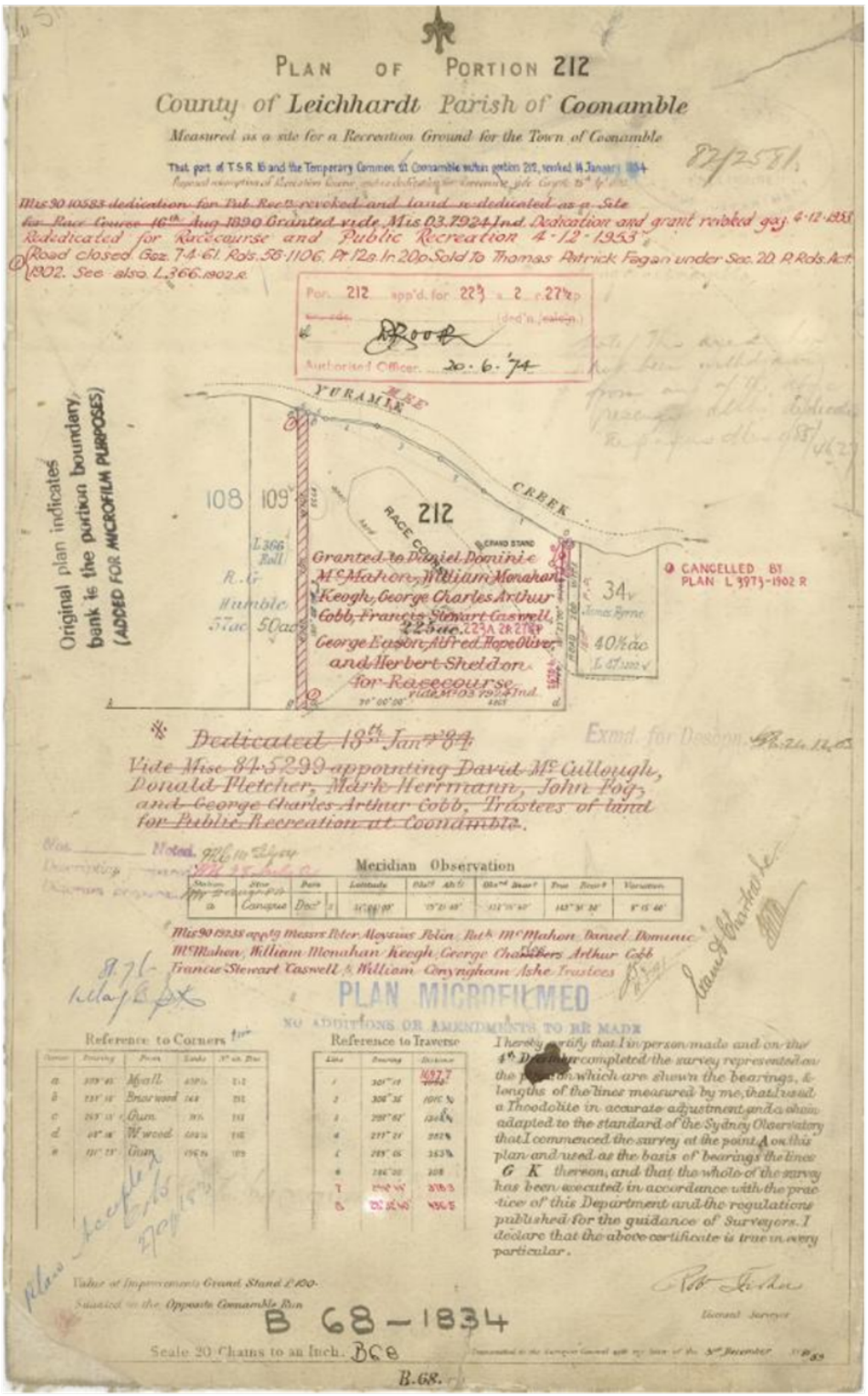

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7.2 Occupancy Details

There are no current leases on the site, however the Parent Parcel is occupied by the Coonamble Racecourse and Coonamble golf greens and fairways. Coonamble Shire Council is the Crown Land Manager for part of the Parent Parcel as shown below in excerpt from Government Gazette 19 December 2025.

CROWN LAND MANAGEMENT ACT 2016
APPOINTMENT OF CROWN LAND MANAGER

Pursuant to clause 3.3 of Part 3 to the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, the persons specified in Schedule 1 hereunder are appointed, for the terms of office specified in that Schedule, as Crown land manager of the land referred to in Schedule 2.
It is a condition of the appointment that the performance of duties as Crown land manager must be in compliance with the code of conduct adopted under section 440 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Hon. Stephen Kamper MP
Minister for Lands and Property

Schedule 1

Coonamble Shire Council (ABN: 19 499 848 443)

For a term commencing the day of this notice

Schedule 2

Part Reserve No.: 520089
Reserve Purpose: Public Recreation, Racecourse
Notified: 4-Dec-1953

Notes: Appointment of Coonamble Shire Council as Crown Land Manager over area outlined in red on diagram

File Reference: R520089/MGT001/001

[NSWGG-2025-529-12] NSW Government Gazette 19 December 2025

7.3 Location

Coonamble is a town in the Orana region of New South Wales, Australia, located on the central-western plains along the Castlereagh Highway.

Coonamble is located approximately 575 kms northwest of Sydney, 165 kms north of Dubbo and 100kms north of Gilgandra. It is the regional hub for wheat growing and sheep and wool. The acquired and easement land is located approximately 1.5 kms north west of the town centre with access directly off the Castlereagh Highway.

Most services are available in Coonamble with larger retail, medical facilities and tertiary education institutions located in Dubbo.

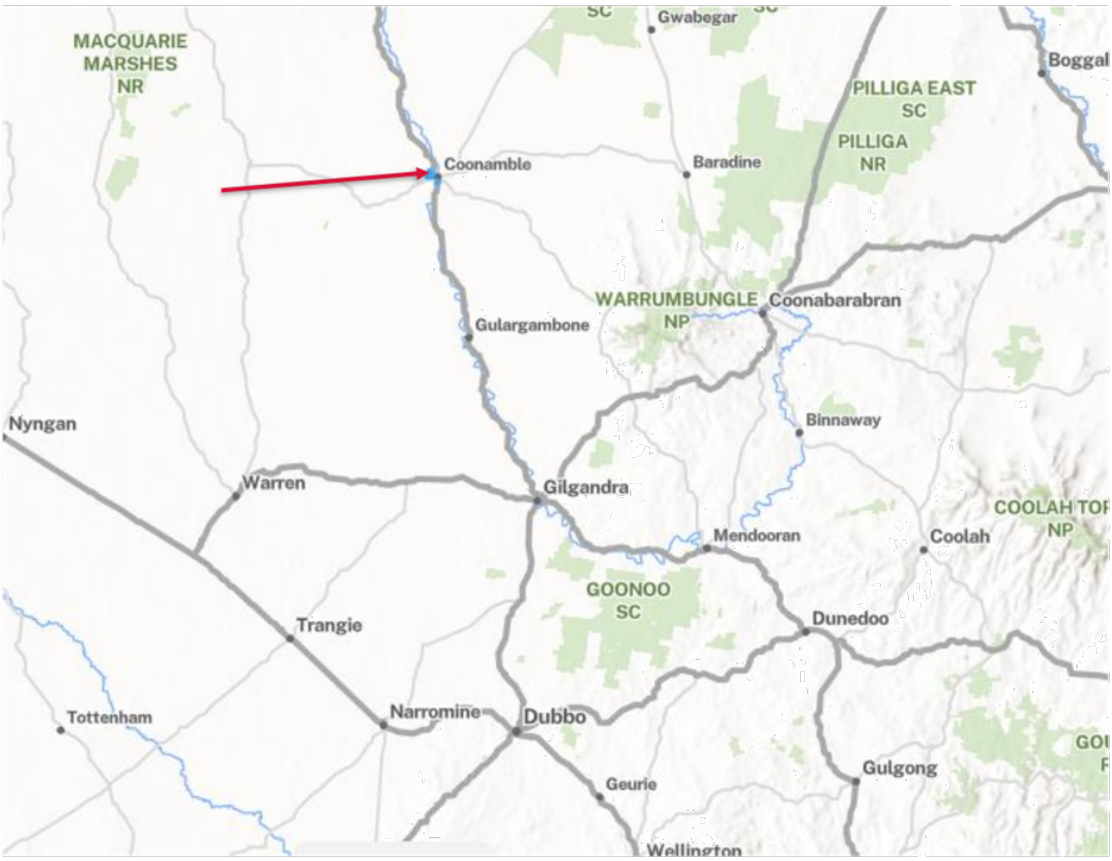

Figure 3 - Location Map. Source: SDT Explorer Map

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Road outside racecourse

Coonamble main street

7.4 Planning Controls

The Parent Parcel is zoned RE2 Private Recreation under the Coonamble Shire Council local Environment Plan 2011.

The land use tables relating to the above zones are reproduced below/overpage.

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Figure 4 - Land Zoning Map. Source: NSW ePlanning Spatial Viewer

Zone RE2 Private Recreation	
1 Objectives of zone	• To enable land to be used for private open space or recreational purposes. • To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses. • To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

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Zone RE2 Private Recreation	
2 Permitted without consent	Environmental facilities; Environmental protection work
3 Permitted with consent	Airstrips; Aquaculture; Camping grounds; Caravan parks; Charter and tourism boating facilities; Community facilities; Eco-tourist facilities; Entertainment facilities; Food and drink premises; Function centres; Helipads; Heliports; Information and education facilities; Kiosks; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Registered clubs; Roads; Roadside stalls; Sewerage systems; Signage; Tourist and visitor accommodation; Water recreation structures; Water supply systems
4 Prohibited	Bed and breakfast accommodation; Farm stay accommodation; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 3

7.4.1 Current Use

The current use of the Parent Parcel is as a Racecourse and Golf Course.

The current use of the Parent Parcel is considered to be a permitted use under the relevant planning instrument.

7.4.2 Other Planning Controls

Other Planning Controls	
Minimum Lot Size	Not defined
Maximum Building Height	Not defined
Floor Space Ratio	Not defined

7.4.3 Heritage

We are not aware of any heritage issues impacting the Parent Parcel.

7.4.4 Development Applications

We have made enquiries with Coonamble Shire Council and advise there are no approved applications recorded against the Parent Parcel.

7.5 Environmental Issues

The Parent Parcel is not impacted by environmental constraints.

Other Notations	Biodiversity and Watercourse (being Eurimie Creek to adjoining northern boundary of the Parent Parcel),

7.6 Site Description

The Parent Parcel is an irregular shaped lot with initial gentle topography. It is sparsely vegetated. The site then rises to a small peak and then levels.

7.6.1 Road Frontage and Access

The Parent Parcel has frontage to the bitumen sealed Caswell Street (also known as the Castlereagh Highway). The site has earthen verges and drains and access to the site is via an unsealed driveway.

Road frontage to Caswell Street

Entry and road frontage

7.6.2 Services

The land is serviced with electricity, town water, telephone and town sewerage.

7.7 Property Improvements

The Parent Parcel is improved with a grass racetrack, water tanks and associated buildings, as well as a golf course with grassed areas and sand greens. The acquiring authority advises that the improvements of the Parent Parcel are maintained by the Coonamble Racing Club and the Coonamble Golf Club. The improvements were not inspected and are not located on the acquired land.

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Racecourse buildings

Sand green

7.8 Acquired Land Description

The acquired land is an irregular shaped vacant parcel that is mostly cleared. It has a slight rise to the western and north western boundaries and is otherwise generally level.

View from entry to south

View towards the south western boundary

View to north

Part of acquired easement entry area

8 PART B: Rationale

8.1 Relevant Matters

The following comprises the relevant matters to be considered in determining amount of compensation as set out in Section 55 of the LAJTC Act.

In determining the amount of compensation to which a person is entitled, regard must be had to the following matters only (as assessed in accordance with this Division) —

(a) the market value of the land on the date of its acquisition,

(b) any special value of the land to the person on the date of its acquisition,

(c) any loss attributable to severance,

(d) any loss attributable to disturbance,

(e) the disadvantage resulting from relocation,

(f) any increase or decrease in the value of any other land of the person at the date of acquisition which adjoins or is severed from the acquired land by reason of the carrying out of, or the proposal to carry out, the public purpose for which the land was acquired.

However, as this acquisition involves Crown Land and the parties have formally agreed to the Compulsory Acquisition, this acquisition is to proceed under Section 29(4) of the LAJTC Act and where only Section 55(a) Market Value and Section 55(d) Disturbance are applicable.

Treasurer's Direction 469.02.

Where lands under the administration of the Minister for Crown Lands are appropriated by a Government Authority, the authority shall be required to pay compensation on the basis of a valuation determined by the Valuer General. Consequently, this recommendation of compensation comprises the market value s55(a)LAJTC Act, and an amount for disturbance s55(d) LAJTC Act, limited to the Crown Administration Fee. A 'Government Authority' referred to above only includes State Government agencies. Therefore, Treasurer's Direction 469.02 does not directly apply in this instance, as Coonamble Shire Council (the acquiring authority) is a Local Government authority. However, as this compulsory acquisition involves Crown Lands, this valuation and recommendation of compensation has had regard to Treasurer' s Direction 469.02 by operation of Section 29(4) of the LAJTC Act.

8.2 Our Approach

The Recommendation of Compensation has been assessed on the basis of the LAJTC Act 1991 and having regard to Treasurer's Direction 469.02.

The determination is proceeded under the provision of Section 29(4) of the LAJTC Act 1991, the only heads of compensation applicable are Section 55(a) Market Value and Section 55(d) Disturbance.

A summary of the relevant matters within our approach is as follows:

Relevant Matters	
Section 55(a) Market Value	Applicable
Section 55(b) Special Value	Not Applicable
Section 55(c) Severance	Not Applicable
Section 55(d) Disturbance	Applicable
Section 55(e) Disadvantage Resulting from Relocation	Not Applicable
Section 55(f) Increase/Decrease in the Value of Any Other Land	Not Applicable

9 Section 55(a) Market Value

Compensation under Section 55(a) Market Value is set out in Section 56 of the LAJTC Act. Section 56 is reproduced below:

56 Market value

(1) In this Act —

Market value of land at any time means the amount that would have been paid for the land if it had been sold at that time by a willing but not anxious seller to a willing but not anxious buyer, disregarding (for the purpose of determining the amount that would have been paid) —

(a) any increase or decrease in the value of the land caused by the carrying out of, or the proposal to carry out, the public purpose for which the land was acquired, and

(b) any increase in the value of the land caused by the carrying out by the authority of the State, before the land is acquired, of improvements for the public purpose for which the land is to be acquired, and

(c) any increase in the value of the land caused by its use in a manner or for a purpose contrary to law.

(2) When assessing the market value of land for the purpose of paying compensation to a number of former owners of the land, the sum of the market values of each interest in the land must not (except with the approval of the Minister responsible for the authority of the State) exceed the market value of the land at the date of acquisition.

(3) If—

(a) the land is used for a particular purpose and there is no general market for land used for that purpose, and

(b) the owner genuinely proposes to continue after the acquisition to use other land for that purpose,

the market value of the land is taken, for the purpose of paying compensation, to be the reasonable cost to the owner of equivalent reinstatement in some other location. That cost is to be reduced by any costs for which compensation is payable for loss attributable to disturbance and by any likely improvement in the owner's financial position because of the relocation.

For the purposes of this Recommendation of Compensation, market value is considered applicable.

9.1 Highest and Best Use

The highest and best use of the land is considered to be the current use.

9.2 Valuation Methodology

This valuation has been undertaken using the Direct Comparison method and adopting the estimated per ha/m^2 to the assessment of compensation for market value.

We have relied upon sales in the area readily available for our direct comparison.

9.3 Direct Comparison Method

According to the International Valuation Standards (IVS) 2022, the Market Approach (also referred to as Direct Comparison) '*provides an indication of value by comparing the asset with identical or comparable (that is similar) assets for which price information is available*'.

9.4 Market Evidence

The following market evidence has been accumulated for this assessment. The analysis of the market evidence is based upon our own research and professional judgement.

Sales of nearby similar sized rural zoned properties have been analysed due to the paucity of sales of RE2 Private Recreation Zoned properties.

Sale 1: "Nabiac" 638 Castlereagh Highway Coonamble 2829

Sale Price	$940,000	**Land Area**	93.2 hectares
Contract Date	08/02/2024	Vendor	Murray
Settlement Date	21/03/2024	**Purchaser**	C A Gray Pty Limited
Title Particulars	Lot 21 DP701540		

Description:

Irregular shaped parcel with almost level topography. Access off bitumen sealed road and located approximately 5.5 kms northwest of Coonamble Post Office and 4 kms north of the acquired land.

Improved by a timber clad circa 1950s dwelling in fair condition, two sheds and a cattleyard.

Zoned RU1 Primary Production

Standard rural services/utilities available and no environmental constraints identified. Surrounding development comprises of a mix of improved and vacant hobby farms and farming properties.

Sold in an open market transaction by AJF Brien Real Estate Coonamble.

Analysis: Improvements estimated as $275,000, resulting in analysed land value of $665,000. Shows $7,136/ha.

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Sale 2: 361 Quambone Road Coonamble 2829

Sale Price	$500,000	**Land Area**	80.66 hectares
Contract Date	09/02/2024	Vendor	Cleary, Cleary
Settlement Date	22/03/2024	**Purchaser**	Ralston
Title Particulars	Lot 361 DP1222285		

Description:

Irregular shaped parcel with generally level contour. Access is from bitumen sealed road and is located approximately 3kms west of Coonamble town centre and 3 kms south west of the acquired land.

The land is vacant-nil improvements.

Zoned RU! Primary Production

Standard rural services available and no environmental constraints identified. Surrounding development is similar farming enterprises.

The property sold privately in an arm's length transaction.

Analysis: Land value of $500,000 only, shows $6,199/ha

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Sale 3: "Mayfield" Quambone Road Gulargambone 2828

Sale Price	$620,000	Land Area	98.525 hectares
Contract Date	02/10/2024	Vendor	Ryan
Settlement Date	20/12/2024	Purchaser	Jordison, Smith
Title Particulars	Lots 1 & 2 DP132900 Lots 10 & 15 DP752598		

Description:

Irregular shaped parcel that is mostly level and comprises of 4 separate lots. Access is from a gravel road. Located approximately 4.5 kms north of Gulargambone town centre and 40 kms south of the acquired land.

Improved by a main timber clad dwelling, a secondary dwelling in poor condition, shed and silos.

Zoned RU1 Primary Production

Standard rural services available and no environmental constraints identified. Surrounding development comprises hobby allotments and larger rural holdings and the Castlereagh River creates the north eastern boundary of the property.

Sold in an open market transaction by Halcroft and Bennett Real Estate Coonamble.

Analysis: Improvements estimated as $150,000, resulting in analysed land value of $470,000, shows $4,770/ha.

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Sale 4: Gular Rail Road Gulargambone 2828

Sale Price	$550,000	Land Area	99.65 hectares
Contract Date	15/07/2025	Vendor	Goldman, Goldman
Settlement Date	26/08/2025	Purchaser	Hodgson. Hodgson
Title Particulars	Lots 6,59,69,72 in DP752598		

Description:

Irregular shaped parcel that is mostly level and comprises of four lots. Access is via a tar sealed road and located approximately 1.6 kms of Gulargambone town centre and 40 kms south of the acquired land. The Castlereagh River forms the eastern boundary.

Improved by a fibrous cement clad dwelling in poor condition and a shed.

Zoned RU1 Primary Production

Standard rural services available and no environmental constraints identified. Surrounding development comprises mixed rural and hobby farm allotments and the Gulargambone silos.

Sold in an open market transaction by Halford and Bennett Real Estate Coonamble.

Analysis: Improvements estimated as $120,000, resulting in analysed land value of $430,000, shows $4,315/ha.

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Sale 5: 9812 Pilliga Road Gilgooma 2829

Sale Price	$1,400,000	Land Area	384.5 hectares
Contract Date	08/05/2026	Vendor	McNamara, McNamara
Settlement Date	19/06/2026	Purchaser	Chapman, Chapman
Title Particulars	Lot 16 DP754263		

Description:

Irregular shaped allotment which is generally level and cleared with scattered trees. Access from Pilliga Rd which is bitumen sealed. Located approximately 45 kms north east of Coonamble.

Improved by circa 1950s clad large dwelling and smaller one bedroom ancillary dwelling in good condition although dated. Iron shed.

Zoned RU1 Primary Production.

Bushfire risk and biodiversity constraints. Standard rural utilities connected. Surrounding development is similar rural farms and property has a rural outlook.

Sold in an open market transaction by Halcroft and Bennett Real Estate Coonamble.

Analysis: Improvements estimated as $465,000, resulting in analysed land value of $935,000, shows $2,432/ha.

9.5 Market Evidence Adjustment to Valuation Date

Sales 1 ,2 and 3 occurred in 2024 and it is considered the market has slightly improved since in that time, so adjustment for market movement of 5% has been made to those sales.

9.6 Market Evidence Reconciliation

Sale No.	Address	Sale Price	Sale Date	Site Area (ha)	Land Rate ($/ha)	Analysed Improvements Value	Analysed Unimproved Rate ($/ha)
1	638 Castlereagh Hwy Coonamble	$940,000	8/02/2024	93.20	$10,086	$275,000	$7,135
2	361 Quambone Rd Coonamble	$500,000	9/02/2024	80.66	$6,199	$0	$6,199
3	"Mayfield" Gulargambone	$620,000	2/10/2024	98.525	$6,293	$150,000	$4,770
4	Gular Rail Rd Gulargambone	$550,000	15/07/2025	99.650	$5,519	$120,000	$4,315
5	9812 Piliga Rd Gilgooma	$1,400,000	8/05/2026	384.50	$3,641	$465,000	$2,432

Sale	Comparison to Parent Parcel
Sale 1	Slightly larger site in an inferior location. Similar access, topography, shape and constraints- sale shows that subject must be of a lower value rate due to location.
Sale 2	Smaller site in an inferior location. Similar access, topography, shape and constraints- sale shows that subject must be of a lower value rate due to location.
Sale 3	Larger site in a far inferior location. Similar topography, inferior access and shape being comprised of four individual lots- sale shows that subject must be of a higher value rate.
Sale 4	Larger lot is a far inferior location. Similar constraints, topography and access. Inferior shape consisting of four individual lots- sale shows that subject must be of a higher value rate
Sale 5	Much larger lot is a far inferior location. Similar topography and access, inferior shape and constraints- sale shows that subject must be of a higher value rate.

The above comparisons have been used in the below adjustment table to assist in deriving an appropriate land value and rate per square metre for the subject Parent Parcel.

			Adjustments										
Sale No.	Market Movement	Market Adjusted	Location	Size	Building	Entitlement	Shape	Frontage/ Access	Views/ Aspect	Constraints	Vegetation	Total Adjustment %	Adjusted Rate
1	5%	$7,492	10%	5%		-25%						-10%	$6,743
2	5%	$6,509	10%	-5%								5%	$6,834
3	5%	$5,009	20%	10%		-25%	20%	5%				30%	$6,512
4		$4,315	20%	10%		-25%	20%					25%	$5,394
5		$2,432	30%	60%		-25%	20%			20%		105%	$4,985

Valuation Calculations

The adjusted sale land values of rural zoned lots of a similar size reflect a range of $4,985 to $6,834 per hectare for the Parent Parcel.

I have adjusted the subject Parent Parcel value rate to sales to reflect its physical attributes, lack of building entitlement and location relatively close to the town centre, adopting a rate of $5,500 per hectare/ $0.55 square metre.

The adjusted sale land value rate per square metre for the Parent Parcel to enable calculating the land value of the acquired proportionate land is shown in the Market Value assessments below.

Valuation Calculations-Part Lot	
Land Area (ha)	7.93
Adopted Rate ($/ha)	$5,500
Calculated Value	$43,615
Adopted Market Value	**$44,000**

Valuation Calculations-Easement	
Land Area (m^2)	2345.00
Adopted Rate ($/m^2$)	$0.55
Calculated Value	$1,290
Value Reduction Percentage	15%
Calculated Reduction	$193
Total	**$1,097**
Adopted Market Value - s55(a)	**$1,100**

10 Section 55(b) Special Value

Compensation under Section 55(b) Special Value is set out in Section 57 of the LAJTC Act. Section 57 is reproduced below:

57 Special value

In this Act —

Special value of land means the financial value of any advantage, in addition to market value, to the person entitled to compensation which is incidental to the person's use of the land.

For the purposes of this Recommendation of Compensation, special value is not considered applicable.

11 Section 55(c) Loss Attributable to Severance

Compensation under Section 55(c) Loss Attributable to Severance is set out in Section 58 of the LAJTC Act. Section 58 is reproduced below:

58 Loss attributable to severance

In this Act —

Loss attributable to severance of land means the amount of any reduction in the market value of any other land of the person entitled to compensation which is caused by that other land being severed from other land of that person.

For the purposes of this Recommendation of Compensation, loss attributable to severance is not considered applicable.

12 Section 55(d) Loss Attributable to Disturbance

Compensation under Section 55(d) Loss Attributable to Disturbance is set out in Section 59 of the LAJTC Act. Section 59 is reproduced below:

59 Loss attributable to disturbance

(1) In this Act—

loss attributable to disturbance of land means any of the following—

(a) legal costs reasonably incurred by the persons entitled to compensation in connection with the compulsory acquisition of the land,

(b) valuation fees of a qualified valuer reasonably incurred by those persons in connection with the compulsory acquisition of the land (but not fees calculated by reference to the value, as assessed by the valuer, of the land),

(c) financial costs reasonably incurred in connection with the relocation of those persons (including legal costs but not including stamp duty or mortgage costs),

(d) stamp duty costs reasonably incurred (or that might reasonably be incurred) by those persons in connection with the purchase of land for relocation (but not exceeding the amount that would be incurred for the purchase of land of equivalent value to the land compulsorily acquired),

(e) financial costs reasonably incurred (or that might reasonably be incurred) by those persons in connection with the discharge of a mortgage and the execution of a new mortgage resulting from the relocation (but not exceeding the amount that would be incurred if the new mortgage secured the repayment of the balance owing in respect of the discharged mortgage),

(f) any other financial costs reasonably incurred (or that might reasonably be incurred), relating to the actual use of the land, as a direct and natural consequence of the acquisition.

(2) Subject to the regulations, a reference in this section to a qualified valuer is a reference to a person who—

(a) has membership of the Australian Valuers Institute (other than associate or student membership), or

(b) has membership of the Australian Property Institute (other than student or provisional membership), acquired in connection with his or her occupation as a valuer, or

(c) has membership of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors as a chartered valuer, or

(d) is of a class prescribed by the regulations.

For the purposes of this Recommendation of Compensation, loss attributable to disturbance is considered applicable.

In this instance disturbance is limited to the Crown Land Administration Fee of $918 which has been advised as paid.

12.1.1 Section 59(1)(a) Legal Costs

We have been advised that the Crown Land Administration fee of $918 was paid on 4 February 2026.

12.1.2 Section 59(1)(b) Valuation Fees

This is not applicable.

12.1.3 Section 59(1)(c) Financial Costs - Relocation

The Former Owner is not required to relocate as part of the acquisition. Therefore, compensation under s59(1)(c) is not applicable.

12.1.4 Section 59(1)(d) Stamp Duty

The Former Owner is not required to relocate as part of the acquisition. Therefore, compensation under s59(1)(d) is not applicable.

12.1.5 Section 59(1)(e) Financial Costs – Discharge of Mortgage

The Former Owner is not required to relocate as part of the acquisition. Therefore, compensation under s59(1)(e) is not applicable.

12.1.6 Section 59(1)(f) Any Other Financial Costs

We are not aware of any other financial costs reasonably incurred (or that might reasonably be incurred), relating to the actual use of the land, as a direct and natural consequence of the acquisition, nor has the Former Owner made a claim for such. Therefore, compensation under s59(1)(f) is not applicable.

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12.1.7 Summary of Compensation under s55(d)

Loss Attributable to Disturbance	
Section 59(1)(a)	$ Nil-paid
Section 59(1)(b)	Not Applicable
Section 59(1)(c)	Not Applicable
Section 59(1)(d)	Not Applicable
Section 59(1)(e)	Not Applicable
Section 59(1)(f)	Not Applicable
Total	**$ Nil**

Our recommendation of compensation having consideration of TD469.02, under s55(d) is therefore Nil

13 Section 55(e) Disadvantage Resulting from Relocation

Compensation under Section 55(e) Disadvantage Resulting from Relocation is set out in Section 60 of the LAJTC Act. Section 60 is reproduced below:

60 Disadvantage resulting from relocation

(1) In this Act—

Disadvantage resulting from relocation means non-financial disadvantage resulting from the necessity of the person entitled to compensation to relocate the person's principal place of residence as a result of the acquisition.

(2) The maximum amount of compensation in respect of the disadvantage resulting from relocation is $75,000.

Note— Schedule 1A provides for the amendment of this section to enable the maximum amount of compensation to be increased by regulation and for the automatic indexation of the maximum amount in line with inflation.

(3) In assessing the amount of compensation in respect of the disadvantage resulting from relocation, all relevant circumstances are to be taken into account, including—

(a) the interest in the land of the person entitled to compensation, and

(b) the length of time the person has resided on the land (and in particular whether the person is residing on the land temporarily or indefinitely), and

(c) the inconvenience likely to be suffered by the person because of his or her removal from the land, and

(d) the period after the acquisition of the land during which the person has been (or will be) allowed to remain in possession of the land.

(4) Compensation is payable in respect of the disadvantage resulting from relocation if the whole of the land is acquired or if any part of the land on which the residence is situated is acquired.

(5) Only one payment of compensation in respect of the disadvantage resulting from relocation is payable for land in separate occupation.

(6) However, if more than one family resides on the same land, a separate payment may be made in respect of each family if—

(a) the family resides in a separate dwelling-house, or

(b) the Minister responsible for the authority of the State approves of the payment.

(7) If separate payments of compensation are made, the maximum amount under subsection (2) applies to each payment, and not to the total payments.

For the purposes of this Recommendation of Compensation, disadvantage as a result of relocation is not considered applicable.

14 Section 55(f) Increase/Decrease in the Value of Any Other Land

Compensation under Section 55(f) Increase/Decrease in the Value of Any Other Land is set out in Section 55(f) of the LAJTC Act. Section 55(f) is reproduced below:

Any increase or decrease in the value of any other land of the person at the date of acquisition which adjoins or is severed from the acquired land by reason of the carrying out of, or the proposal to carry out, the public purpose for which the land was acquired.

For the purposes of this Recommendation of Compensation, an increase/decrease in the value of any other land is not considered applicable.

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15 Compensation Summary

Compensation Summary	
Section 55(a) Market Value	$ 45,100.00
Section 55(b) Special Value	Not Applicable
Section 55(c) Severance	Not Applicable
Section 55(d) Disturbance	$ Nil- Crown Land Admin fee paid
Section 55(e) Disadvantage Resulting from Relocation	Not Applicable
Section 55(f) Increase/Decrease in the Value of Any Other Land	Not Applicable
Total	$ 45,100.00

Any liability for GST is a factor in the market for property and is therefore embedded in the land's Market Value as defined in Sec 56 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991. The policy of the NSW Valuer General is that all disturbance amounts are to be determined GST inclusive, unless the Former Owner is registered for GST. If the Former Owner is registered for GST disturbance amounts are determined GST exclusive, as an input tax credit may be claimed.

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16 Recommendation of Compensation

We recommend the compensation payable for the interest of The State of New South Wales in relation to the compulsory acquisition of Lot 1 DP 1290114 being part of the land co at Coonamble Racecourse Casswell Street Coonamble 2829 by Coonamble Shire Council., subject to the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991, as at the date of Gazette on 31 July 2026 to be:

$45,100

Signatures	
Catherine Griffiths AAPI CPV **Valuer / Primary Valuer**	Rod Gillett FAPI CPV **Senior Managing Valuer / Authorising Valuer**
Date of Report	27/08/2026

Version	Issue Date
Final	27/08/2026

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17 PART C: Issues Response Paper

This Issues Response Paper does not form part of the preceding Recommendation for Compensation but is attached for convenience.

17.1 Synopsis of Claim by Former Owner

The Department is making a claim for compensation for the registered owners' interest in the land. Under section 55 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991, the Valuer General will determine the amount of financial compensation for the interest in that land. In order to provide procedural fairness and judicial process to acquisitions of Crown land, we request that a preliminary valuation report is issued to the Department and the acquiring authority for review and comment prior to the report being finalised by the Valuer General.

17.2 Value NSW Response to Claim by Former Owner

No response required

17.3 Synopsis of Acquiring Authority's Contention

17.4 Value NSW Response to Acquiring Authority's Contention

17.5 Issues Raised Post Preliminary Report by Former Owner

Response received by email from Sara Young on 18 August 2026- *Our Valuation Services team has reviewed the preliminary report and confirmed that it is acceptable to Crown Lands.*

17.5.1 Value NSW Response

Response not required.

17.6 Issues Raised Post Preliminary Report by Acquiring Authority

17.6.1 Value NSW Response

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18 Annexures

- Title Search
- Deposited Plan
- Planning NSW Zoning Report

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18.1 Title Search

NEW SOUTH WALES LAND REGISTRY SERVICES - TITLE SEARCH

FOLIO: 212/754199

SEARCH DATE	TIME	EDITION NO	DATE
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LAND

LOT 212 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 754199
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA COONAMBLE
PARISH OF COONAMBLE COUNTY OF LEICHHARDT
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS PORTION 212)
TITLE DIAGRAM CROWN PLAN 68.1834

FIRST SCHEDULE

THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES (RP AT418665)

SECOND SCHEDULE (2 NOTIFICATIONS)

1 LAND EXCLUDES MINERALS AND IS SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS AND CONDITIONS IN FAVOUR OF THE CROWN - SEE CROWN GRANT(S)
2 AT292638 CROWN LAND MANAGER: COONAMBLE RACECOURSE AND RECREATION LAND MANAGER: SEE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE 12/9/1986 FOLIO 4544

NOTATIONS

DP1290114 PLAN OF ACQUISITION
DP1290114 PLAN OF PROPOSED EASEMENT

UNREGISTERED DEALINGS: NIL

*** END OF SEARCH ***

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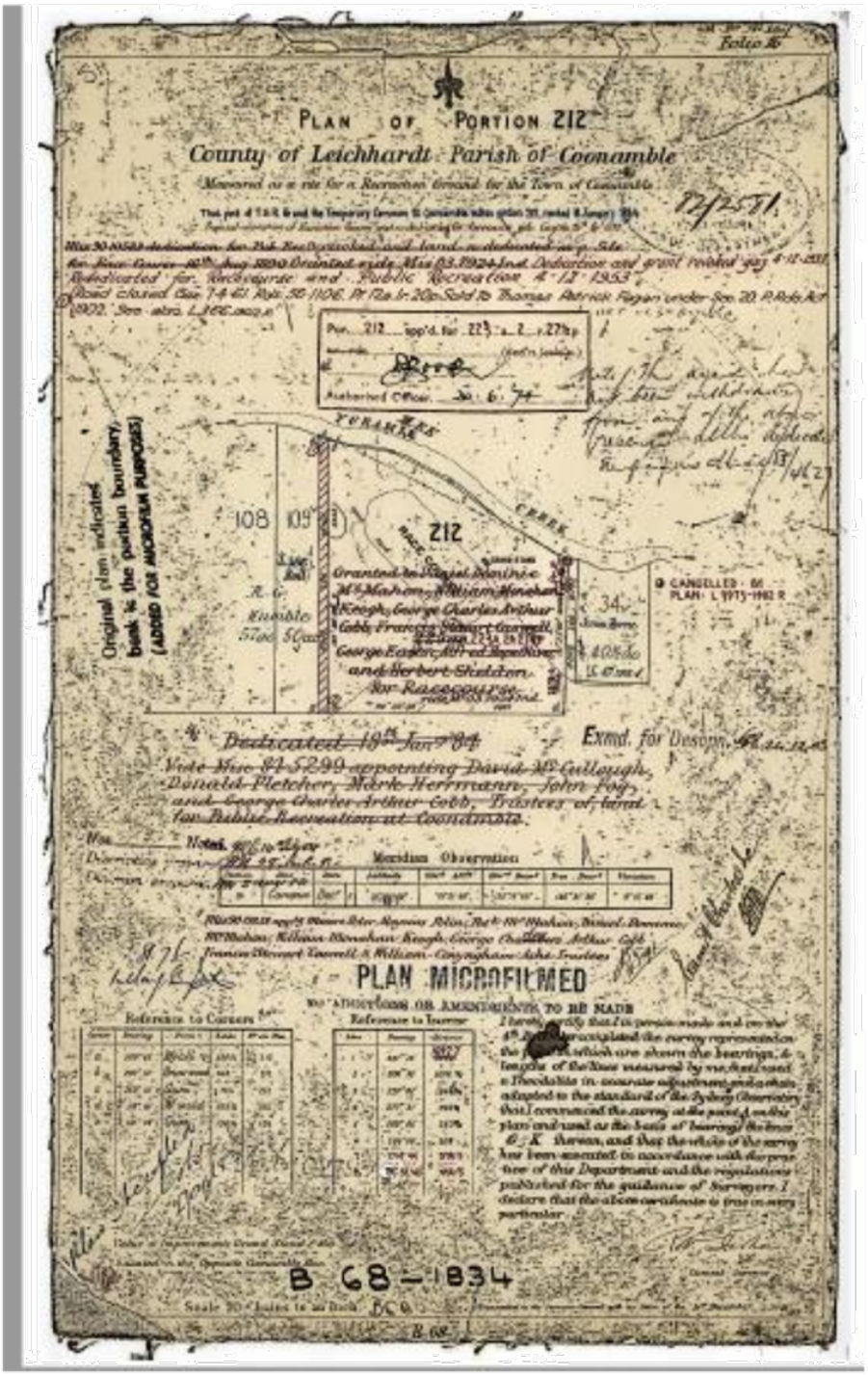
18.2 Deposited Plan



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18.3 Planning NSW Zoning Report

NSW GOVERNMENT

Property Report

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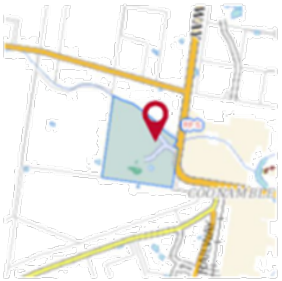

Property Details

Address:	CASWELL STREET COONAMBLE 2829
Lot/Section /Plan No:	212/-/DP754199
Council:	COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

Summary of planning controls

Planning controls held within the Planning Database are summarised below. The property may be affected by additional planning controls not outlined in this report. Please contact your council for more information.

Local Environmental Plans	Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011 (pub. 23-9-2011)
Land Zoning	RE2 - Private Recreation: (pub. 24-2-2023)
Height Of Building	NA
Floor Space Ratio	NA
Minimum Lot Size	NA
Heritage	NA
Land Reservation Acquisition	NA
Foreshore Building Line	NA
Riparian Lands and Watercourses	Waterways Map
Terrestrial Biodiversity	Biodiversity

Detailed planning information

State Environmental Planning Policies which apply to this property

State Environmental Planning Policies can specify planning controls for certain areas and/or types of development. They can also identify the development assessment system that applies and the type of environmental assessment that is required.

This report provides general information only and does not replace a Section 10.7 Certificate (formerly Section 149)

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- State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021: Excluded (pub. 21-10-2022)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021: Land Application (pub. 2-12-2021)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008: Land Application (pub. 12-12-2008)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021: Land Application (pub. 26-11-2021)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021: Land Application (pub. 2-12-2021)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021: Land Application (pub. 2-12-2021)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production) 2021: Land Application (pub. 2-12-2021)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021: Land Application (pub. 2-12-2021)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Resources and Energy) 2021: Land Application (pub. 2-12-2021)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Sustainable Buildings) 2022: Land Application (pub. 29-8-2022)
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021: Land Application (pub. 2-12-2021)

Other matters affecting the property

Information held in the Planning Database about other matters affecting the property appears below. The property may also be affected by additional planning controls not outlined in this report. Please speak to your council for more information

1.5 m Buffer around Classified Roads	Classified Road Adjacent
Crown Land	Crown Land
Government Property Index:Lot Area	902606 sqm
Land near Electrical Infrastructure	This property may be located near electrical infrastructure and could be subject to requirements listed under Transport and Infrastructure SEPP 2021 Clause 2.48. Please contact Essential Energy for more information.
Local Aboriginal Land Council	COONAMBLE
Regional Plan Boundary	Central West and Orana

This report provides general information only and does not replace a Section 10.7 Certificate (formerly Section 149)

10.9 COONAMBLE PRESCHOOL REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CARPARK

Author: General Manager

Authoriser: General Manager

Annexures:
1. Cble Preschool letter 17/9/26
2. Cble Preschool letter 24/8/26
3. Cble Preschool carpark design

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Coonamble Preschool Request for Financial Assistance for Carpark report.
2. Agree in principle to relocate the proposed Coonamble Preschool carpark from the Preschool property at 45B Dubbo Street to Tully Park Reserve, Lot 1 Section 23 DP758282, Coonamble, being NSW Crown land under the care and control of Council.
3. Agree that Council design and construct the carpark on Tully Park Reserve at Council's cost, including the required pavement, sealing, drainage, line marking and associated works, with the design to be developed in consultation with Coonamble Preschool and Coonamble Children's Services.
4. Agree that, subject to the necessary planning and statutory approvals for the Tully Park carpark, Council no longer require Coonamble Preschool to construct the approved carpark on its property at 45B Dubbo Street.
5. Agree that Council meet the reasonable costs incurred by Coonamble Preschool to amend Development Application DA019/2025, the Construction Certificate and associated tender documentation resulting directly from relocation of the carpark to Tully Park Reserve, including relevant approval and consultancy fees.
6. Note that the existing agreement between Council and Coonamble Preschool for the use of Tully Park will remain unchanged unless an amendment is subsequently identified as necessary to facilitate the carpark.
7. Note that $510,000 previously identified for the Preschool carpark is currently held within Council's Internal Governance Reserve, Development Fund, and approve these funds being made available towards Council's design and construction of

the Tully Park carpark and the costs identified in Recommendation 5.

8. **Authorise the General Manager to progress the necessary design, approvals, procurement and construction arrangements to deliver the Tully Park carpark.**

9. **Note the separate request from Coonamble Children's Services regarding formalising its occupation of other Crown land under Council's management, including investigation of a potential transfer of ownership or, alternatively, a long-term lease arrangement, and that this matter will continue to be progressed separately.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Coonamble Preschool is undertaking a significant redevelopment and extension of its facility at 45B Dubbo Street, Coonamble. The approved Development Application DA019/2025 and subsequent Construction Certificate currently provide for a carpark to be constructed within the Preschool property.

Council had previously identified $510,000 towards the proposed Preschool carpark. These funds were subsequently transferred to Council's Internal Governance Reserve, Development Fund.

Council staff met with representatives of Coonamble Preschool on Monday 7 September 2026 to discuss the proposed carpark and alternative arrangements. Following discussions, both parties agreed that a better long-term outcome would be to locate the carpark on the adjoining Tully Park Reserve, Lot 1 Section 23 DP758282, Coonamble.

Tully Park Reserve is NSW Crown land under the care and control of Council. Locating the carpark on Tully Park would allow the Preschool to remove the carpark from its own redevelopment site, providing additional land within the Preschool property for its operations and future use.

The Preschool subsequently wrote to Council on 17 September 2026 seeking confirmation that Council would construct the Tully Park carpark, including sealing and line marking; remove the requirement for the carpark to be provided on the Preschool site; reimburse costs associated with amendments to the DA, Construction Certificate and tender documentation; and retain the existing Deed of Lease for Tully Park.

It is recommended that Council construct the carpark on Tully Park Reserve at Council's cost, subject to the necessary Crown land, planning and statutory requirements. The $510,000 currently held in Council's Internal Governance Reserve, Development Fund, would be made available towards delivery of the project.

BACKGROUND

Coonamble Preschool is progressing a substantial redevelopment of its facility at 45B Dubbo Street, Coonamble.

The approved plans for the redevelopment provide for a 15-space carpark within the Preschool site. The construction documentation identifies the project as being

located on Lot 14 DP724610 and shows the proposed carpark along the eastern side of the property.

The Preschool project has progressed beyond Development Application approval and has obtained Construction Certificate approval. The Preschool advised in its correspondence dated 17 September 2026 that it intends to proceed to tender for the building contract in the coming weeks.

During Council's 2025/26 budget process, $510,000 was identified for Council's proposed contribution towards construction of the Preschool carpark. The amount was subsequently transferred to Council's Internal Governance Reserve, Development Fund, rather than being expended at that time.

Council staff met with Preschool representatives on Monday 7 September 2026 to further discuss the location and delivery of the carpark.

As a result of those discussions, both parties agreed that locating the carpark on the adjoining Tully Park Reserve would provide a better outcome than constructing it within the Preschool property.

The Preschool has confirmed that Tully Park was its originally preferred location for the carpark and has now requested Council's formal agreement to progress this option.

REPORT:

Proposed Tully Park Carpark

Tully Park Reserve, Lot 1 Section 23 DP758282, Coonamble, is NSW Crown land under the care and control of Coonamble Shire Council.

Following the meeting on 7 September 2026, it is proposed that Council take responsibility for the design and construction of a new carpark on Tully Park Reserve.

The final layout and design would be developed in consultation with Coonamble Preschool and Coonamble Children’s Services to ensure the carpark appropriately services the Preschool and surrounding community facilities.

The works are expected to include site preparation, pavement construction, appropriate stormwater drainage, sealing, line marking, accessible parking and other associated works required by the approved design and relevant standards.

The Preschool's letter specifically seeks confirmation that Council will undertake works on Tully Park including sealing and line marking, with the design developed jointly with the Preschool and Child Care Centre.

Locating the carpark on Tully Park would mean the carpark currently shown within the Preschool's approved development would no longer be required, subject to the necessary amendments to the development consent and Construction Certificate.

Benefits of Relocating the Carpark

Relocating the carpark provides an opportunity to achieve a better long-term outcome for both Council and the Preschool.

The proposed arrangement would:

- remove the need for the Preschool to construct a substantial carpark within its own property;

- retain more of the Preschool property for children's services, outdoor areas and potential future development;
- locate the parking on Council-managed public land where it may also support broader use of Tully Park and surrounding community facilities;
- allow Council to retain greater control over the design, construction and ongoing management of the carpark; and
- provide a clear separation between the Preschool building contract and Council's civil construction responsibilities.

The carpark would become infrastructure located on Crown land managed by Council rather than an asset constructed on privately held Preschool land.

Planning and Approval Requirements

The current Development Application and Construction Certificate provide for the carpark to be constructed within the Preschool site.

Relocation to Tully Park will therefore require amendments to the relevant planning and construction documentation and would require separate approvals for works on the Crown reserve.

The Preschool has requested that Council reimburse the costs resulting from the relocation, including amendments to the Development Application, Construction Certificate and tender documentation together with associated approval and consultancy fees.

As the relocation is now being proposed as the preferred Council and Preschool outcome, it is considered reasonable that Council meet the reasonable and directly attributable costs associated with making these amendments.

Existing Tully Park Lease

Coonamble Preschool currently has a agreement with Council relating to its use of Tully Park.

The Preschool has requested that the current agreement remain unchanged as part of the proposed carpark arrangements.

At this stage, it is proposed that the existing agreement remain in place. However, the agreement should be reviewed as part of the detailed design and approval process to ensure the proposed carpark does not require any amendment to the existing arrangements.

Separate Crown Land and Children's Services Tenure matter

Coonamble Children's Services currently occupies part of the northern end of Tully Park Reserve, with the area being used for its outdoor and playground facilities associated with the adjoining children's services facility.

Children's Services has indicated that it is considering further development and improvement of this area in the future to support its ongoing operations and the provision of children's services.

Given the existing use of the northern portion of Tully Park Reserve and the potential for future development, the design and location of the proposed Preschool carpark should take into account both the current and future needs of Coonamble Children's Services. The carpark should be planned so that it does not unnecessarily restrict the future development or use of the area.

Children's Services has also been in discussions with Council regarding formalising its occupation and longer-term tenure of the Crown land it currently uses. Greater security of tenure would provide certainty for future investment in the site and may assist Children's Services when seeking grant funding for future improvements.

Children's Services has indicated a preference for Council to investigate whether ownership of the relevant Crown land could ultimately be transferred to the organisation. If a transfer is not available or cannot be achieved in the short term, a long-term lease or other appropriate tenure arrangement should be considered.

This tenure matter is separate from the proposed Tully Park carpark. However, the two matters should be considered together when determining the final carpark location and layout to ensure Council achieves a coordinated long-term outcome for Tully Park, Coonamble Preschool and Coonamble Children's Services.

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN:

Focus	Strategic Area
Our Community	Caring for Community
Our Economy	Building our Social Capital
Our Assets	Our Assets
Our Country	N/A
Our Leadership	Stepping up to Help

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	N/A
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial Resource Implications:

An amount of $510,000 was previously identified during Council's 2025/26 budget process for the Coonamble Preschool carpark and is currently held within Council's Internal Governance Reserve, Development Fund.

Rather than providing the $510,000 as a direct financial contribution towards a carpark on the Preschool's property, it is proposed that Council use these funds towards the design and construction of the carpark on Tully Park Reserve.

Council would also meet reasonable costs directly resulting from the relocation of the carpark, including amendments to DA019/2025, the Construction Certificate, tender documentation and associated approval and consultancy fees.

A detailed cost estimate will be prepared once the preferred layout and design have been established.

Should the total estimated project cost exceed the available $510,000 allocation, a further report will be presented to Council identifying the additional funding required before construction is committed.

If the total project cost is less than $510,000, the remaining funds should remain within the Internal Governance Reserve unless otherwise resolved by Council

Policy / Legal and Statutory Implications:

Tully Park Reserve is NSW Crown land under Council's care and control. Council will need to ensure the proposed carpark is consistent with the reserve's purpose and Council's obligations as Crown Land Manager.

The necessary planning, Crown land and other statutory approvals will need to be confirmed before construction commences.

The current approval for the Preschool redevelopment provides for the carpark to be constructed on the Preschool property. Appropriate amendments will therefore be required to remove the onsite carpark requirement and reflect the alternative parking arrangements on Tully Park.

Council will also need to ensure its procurement of the design and construction works complies with Council's procurement framework and relevant legislative requirements

Risk Management – Business Risk/Work Health and Safety / Public:

Relocating the carpark to Tully Park creates planning, financial, project delivery and Crown land management risks that will need to be managed through the design and approval process.

The principal risks include delays to the Preschool redevelopment while approval documentation is amended, the final cost of the Tully Park carpark exceeding the available allocation, obtaining the necessary approvals for construction on Crown land, and ensuring safe vehicle and pedestrian movements between the carpark and Preschool.

Council will be responsible for ensuring appropriate WHS arrangements are established for construction of the carpark and that the completed facility meets relevant accessibility, traffic, drainage and public safety requirements.

The project therefore not proceed to construction until the final design, approvals, cost estimate and procurement arrangements have been confirmed.

Options:

Council may proceed with the recommended approach and construct the carpark on Tully Park Reserve at Council's cost, using the existing $510,000 allocation towards the project.

Alternatively, Council could require the Preschool to retain and construct the carpark within its approved development site and determine whether the $510,000 is provided as a financial contribution towards the broader Preschool redevelopment.

This is the alternative specifically requested by the Preschool should Council not agree to the Tully Park proposal.

The recommended approach is to construct the carpark on Tully Park Reserve. This provides an opportunity for Council to deliver a public asset on Crown land under its management while allowing the Preschool to make better use of its property as part of its redevelopment.

Council Seal Required:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition: No

External Exhibition: No

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September 17th, 2026

Dear Coonamble Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of Coonamble Preschool Management Committee regarding the ongoing negotiations with Council for the proposed carpark facility for the Coonamble Preschool Rebuild Project (per approved Development Application DA019/2025).

Following a meeting with Council staff on Monday the 7th of September 2026, we note Council's recent change in position which was previously stated as providing support for the project by way of carrying out the construction of the carpark works. We reiterate that Council has advised that they are no longer willing to complete these construction works.

The project, subsequent to the DA approval, has since obtained Construction Certificate approval, and we intend to go to Tender for the Building Contract in the coming weeks.

The approved design includes a carpark on the Preschool site. This carpark was required to be included on site at Council's mandate, despite originally being designed to be located on Tully Park and being the Preschool's preference.

In investigating the implications to the project by potentially relocating the onsite carpark per the current design to the neighbouring Tully Park, we seek confirmation from Council of the following:

- Council will carry out works to Tully Park including sealing, and line marking. The design of this should be undertaken in conjunction with the Preschool and the Child Care Centre;
- Council's stance that a carpark be provided on the current Preschool site be rescinded;
- Council will reimburse the preschool for required amendments to the DA, and subsequent CC and tender documentation including approval fees and consultancy fees; and

- That the current Deed of Lease between Council and the Preschool for the use of Tully Park will remain as is.

Should Council decide that they are unable to commit to the above resolutions, we ask that Councillors consider that the $510,000 previously committed by Council for the construction of the required on-site car park be reallocated to and redirected as a direct financial capital contribution towards the new Preschool project.

We appreciate Council's frank communication and willingness to resolve the matter with the best outcome for all parties. We understand that the position of Council has changed, however this is not without significant financial and time costs to the Preschool.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hodgson — Director

Jessica Lovel — President

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August 24th,2026

Subject: Coonamble Preschool Formal Request for Council to Undertake Carpark Construction - Estimated Cost $510,000

Dear Coonamble Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of the Management Committee at the Coonamble Preschool regarding Stage 3 of our rebuild project, the external construction of our carpark. As per our correspondence from May 2025, our service requested financial assistance towards the external construction of the carpark, estimated to cost $510,000. Jessica Lovel and I attended the May Council Meeting to discuss this with councillors and left with assurance that the cost would be carried over to a future budget.

Recently, we have commenced the tender process for our entire project, which includes rebuilding our entire preschool facility. While seeking confirmation from Council as to how they would like to proceed with this contribution, it has come to our attention that formal documentation processes were not followed, and council staff cannot confirm Council's contribution.

We kindly ask that at your next meeting you revisit this matter and move a required motion to support our project, particularly Stage 3- the carpark. Following this, we kindly ask that council promptly confirms how they would like us to present this in our tender documentation. Our project manager has suggested that the Coonamble Shire Council are called up as nominated sub-contractors to operate under the Head Building Contractor. This seems most feasible as there will be crossover of works in the carpark area such as services and fencing. A timely response would be appreciated as we had planned to issue tenders by August 31st. A new timeline will see us issue tenders following the September council meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are so excited to provide the children and families of our community with a new and improved community-based preschool service in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

HHodgson

Heidi Hodgson
Director
Coonamble Preschool

REFER LANDSCAPE DESIGN & DOCUMENTATION
LEGEND
TURF
GARDEN
SOFTFALL
TIMBER SEATING
SAND PIT
LOOSE DIRT
CONCRETE PATHWAY
CONCRETE HARDSTAND
DECOMPOSED GRANITE
PROPOSED TREE
EXISTING TREE
HARDSTAND
PATH
PROPOSED GARDEN SHED
NATURE / WATER / SAND PLAY AREA
GARDEN BED
VEGETABLE GARDEN
CHICKEN COOP
OUTDOOR STAFF SPACE
PORCH
PROPOSED BUILDING
VERANDAH
SERVICES AREA
SERVICES
BIKE TRACK
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DATE 29/09/2025
SCALE 1:300 (A3)
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SHEET 05 OF 36
OUR REF 0093.CC
PROJECT
PROPOSED CENTRE-BASED CHILDCARE FACILITY
COONAMBLE PRE SCHOOL ASSOC. INC
45B DUBBO STREET, COONAMBLE
BLOOMFIELD ELLIOTT ARCHITECTS
NOMINATED ARCHITECT C ELLIOTT NSW ARB 9364

11 PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

11.1 PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY UPDATE

Author: **Compliance and Support Officer**
Administration Officer
Authoriser: **Director Sustainable Communities and Planning**
Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Planning and Compliance Department Monthly Update report for September 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Planning and Compliance department continues to deliver core statutory functions across development assessment, regulatory enforcement, companion animal management, and environmental compliance.

Activity during September 2026 reflected steady development enquiry, ongoing regulatory investigations, and continued operational pressures relating to illegal dumping and EPA compliance requirements.

BACKGROUND:

The Planning and Compliance Department is responsible for:

- Assessing development applications, construction certificates, complying development certificates, building information certificates and occupation certificate applications.
- Administering *Local Government Act* approvals.
- Managing companion animal impoundment and regulation.
- Responding to regulatory matters including illegal dumping, environmental compliance and development control and land use.
- Ensuring Council meets statutory obligations under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, *Local Government Act 1993*, and associated Regulations.

REPORT:

This report summarises departmental activity for September 2026.

Regulatory Services

Companion animal activity from 20 August 2026 until 21 September 2026:

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	1	0
Returned to Owner	1	0

Transferred to Council's facility	0	0

Impounding Activities:	**Dogs**	**Cats**
Animals in pound at start of month	6	0
Incoming Animals	**Dogs**	**Cats**
Abandoned or Stray	6	0
Surrendered	28	0
Total Animals in Pound	**40**	**0**

Outgoing Animals	**Dogs**	**Cats**
Released to Owner	2	0
Euthanised	1	0
Released to Rehoming Organisation	30	0
Sold	0	0
Found Deceased	0	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen from Pound	0	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	**33**	**0**
Animals in Pound at end of Month	7	0

Two (2) dog attacks were reported during this reporting period, with one (1) dog attack still under investigation.

Planning Services

The following is a summary of applications determined under delegated authority during September 2026:

Application Number	Description of Works	Address of Proposed Works	Approved Date
Development Applications			
DA013/2026	Rural Subdivision (8 lots into 2 lots)	Lots 8-9, 15, 24 DP 753471 and Lots 23, 36, 38, 41 DP 753487 9917 Merri Merri Road Quambone	01/09/2026
DA019/2026	New Dwelling	Lot 17, DP 4230 14 Calga Street Coonamble	26/08/2026
DA021/2026	New Swimming Pool	Lot 21, DP 701540 638 Castlereagh Highway Coonamble	25/08/2026
DA025/2025	Alterations and Additions Coonamble Golf Club	Lot 241, DP 754199 Caswell Street	14/09/2026

		Coonamble	

Building Information Certificates			
	NIL		

Construction Certificates			
CC021/2026	New Swimming Pool	Lot 21, DP 701540 638 Castlereagh Highway Coonamble	25/08/2026

Occupation Certificates			
	NIL		

Subdivision Certificates			
SC006/2026	Rural Subdivision (consolidation of 9 lots into 3 lots)	Lots 18-21, 30-31, 52-53, DP 754243 and Part Lot 1, DP 1297131 Castlereagh Highway Wingadee	16/09/2026

Local Government Approvals			
LA010/2026	S68 Part F7 Mobile Food Vending Approval	Cowchillah Event Castlereagh Street Coonamble	25/09/2026

Planning Portal applications status report:

Type	Reference Number	Submitted Date	Address	Development Description	Workflow Status
BIC	BIC-51541	14/04/2026	68 Castlereagh Street Coonamble	Building Information Certificate for unapproved works	Additional Information Requested
DA	PAN-676021	16/09/2026	20 Bertram Street Coonamble	Modification of DA004/2023	Additional Information Requested
DA	PAN-668398	21/08/2026	98 Carinda Road Coonamble	Alterations and Additions to existing building	Under Assessment
DA	PAN-664414	20/08/2026	53 Back Gular Road Coonamble	Upgrade of CSC Depot & Fuel Storage	Under Assessment
DA	PAN-659861	10/08/2026	18 Hooper Drive Coonamble	New Industrial Shed	Under Assessment
DA	PAN-656083	13/07/2026	1-3 Bourbah Street Gulargambone	New Commercial Shed	Additional Information Requested

DA	PAN-649579	02/07/2026	5-7 Railway Street Coonamble	Commercial Building Extensions	Additional Information Requested
DA	PAN-623641	04/06/2026	64 Box Ridge Road Gulargambone	4.99 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)	Under Assessment with WRPP
DA	PAN-634230	28/04/2026	Caswell Street Wingadee	Coonamble Artesian Bore Bath	Under Assessment with WRPP
DA	PAN-630288	14/04/2026	68 Castlereagh Street Coonamble	Change of Use	Under Assessment
DA	PAN-494496	06/03/2026	3-7 Sydney Street Coonamble	Terminus Hotel Cabin expansion	Additional Information Requested
OC	CFT-870558	15/12/2025	1683 Billeroy Road Coonamble	New residential dwelling	Additional Information Requested
SC	CFT-1009992	12/08/2026	923 Warrena Road Coonamble	Rural Subdivision Certificate	Under Assessment

Saleyards

One prime cattle sale was held on 23 September 2026 with 1,296 cattle sold through the Coonamble Regional Livestock Market at the time of this report. August expenditure includes all yearly insurances and rates levied.

Saleyards income and expenditure

	August	September	Year to Date
Income	0	195	195
Expenditure*	7,533	8,613	39,650

Truck wash income and expenditure

	August	September	Year to Date
Income*	8,671	45	19,353
Expenditure	1,535	2,517	4,214

* Please note that income for the truck wash is not reconciled until after the end of each month.

11.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH REPORT

Author: **Manager Economic Development & Growth**

Authoriser: **Director Sustainable Communities and Planning**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Economic and Development Growth report for September 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council's Economic Development and Growth (EDG) team are focused on initiatives aimed at:

- Assisting the growth and retention of local business and population.
- Attracting diverse, sustainable and responsible new industry and development.
- Building the profile of the Coonamble LGA to attract investment, industry, news residents and tourism.

BACKGROUND:

The EDG portfolio includes both economic development and tourism components.

Council's Manager EDG was on leave throughout September. The Event Coordinator returns to the role from maternity leave part-time (3 days) from Monday 12 October 2026.

Key projects and activities included in Council's strategic and operational plans are being progressed as outlined below.

REPORT:

A. Economic Development

1. Sons of the Soil site (SOTS) redevelopment –

- Supporting General Manager with fire recovery response and next phase of sale process.

2. Housing Action Plan

a) Planning staff have almost completed the mapping of vacant government properties in Coonamble using Survey123 app.

b) The Draft Housing Action Plan is in development.

Next steps:

a) Complete mapping of vacant government housing stock and liaise with registered Community Housing Providers to reactivate unoccupied homes.

c) Finalise the draft Housing Action Plan for Council consideration.

3. CBD Masterplan / Reactivation

- Working with Projence to map out a strategy that brings together existing and emerging projects, links to other plans and strategies, and has a clear implementation pathway.

Next steps:

- Internal and external consultation to commence ASAP.

4. Coonamble Main Street Enhancement (budgeted)

- No change since last report noting absence of staff.

5. Heritage Review for Local Environment Plan (grant-funded)

- Preparing information to distribute to owners of properties recommended for listing as a required step before Council can consider adopting the revised Schedule 5 to add to the Local Environmental Plan.

- Information received for interpretive panels.

Next Steps:

a) Design, production and installation of three (3) interpretive panels (Tin Town, Smith Park, Limerick St) is proceeding through Regional Art Trail funding.

b) Council staff to work with heritage consultant to send property records to owners for checking/adjustment before final changes made to Heritage Schedule.

c) Report to come back to Council (possibly November) to adopt and endorse final report and listing so a Planning Proposal can be submitted to NSW Planning.

6. Dental Services (staff time only at this stage)

- Liaising with Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council (CLALC) regarding potential options involving dental clinic space and equipment.

Next steps: Await further clarification from CLALC on future of dental clinic.

7. Health Services Gap Analysis & Stakeholder Roundtable (staff time only)

- Secured previous Analysis document completed in 2010.

Next steps:

- 2026 Health Roundtable on hold due to limited EDG staff resources.
- Continue to liaise with health services to facilitate a local roundtable post-September 2026.

8. Business & Investment Support (staff time only)

- Responding to inquiries from private and community-owned businesses.
- Responding to enquiry regarding site for new Fire Station.
- Digital Solutions Program – Two workshops to be offered as part of Small Business October. Confirmed for Monday 26 October 2026 at Coonamble Bowling Club. Afternoon Session from 1:45pm: Cyber Security 101 - https://calendly.com/digital-solutions-workshops/build-your-brand-in-canva-coonamble
- Evening Session from 6:00pm: Build Your Brand - https://calendly.com/digital-solutions-workshops/build-your-brand-in-canva-coonamble
- Drought and disaster preparedness – awaiting outcome of Small Network grant application.

Next steps:

- Advertise Digital Solutions Workshops to local small business.
- Continue to link businesses to government-funded sources of advice and support.
- Provide relevant local information and facilitate connections to progress investment proposals.
- Advocate on behalf of local business and community.
- Promote next round of Business Activation Fund to local businesses.
- Await outcome of Drought Busters project funding application.

9. *Workforce Development & Training*

- Targeted Workforce Development Trial – Working with Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and other Council staff on a proposal to attract government funding for a targeted trial.

  Conducted initial phone survey of major private employers re training needs and skill gaps. Employing businesses from key sectors invited to attend Power Hour breakfast planning session on Wednesday 21 October 2026.

- Security training – supporting Manager Waste, Recycling and Employment Initiatives to encourage local delivery of security officer training. 11 people have registered.
- Tin Town Project development – supported Manager Waste, Recycling and Employment Initiatives for potential project funding.

Next steps:

- Promote and co-ordinate Power Hour Business Breakfast on Wednesday 21 October 2026 with DPIRD.

10. Youth Transition Accommodation – Coonamble and Gulargambone

- Provided information to Housing NSW. Lease negotiations being finalised by General Manager.

B. Tourism & Events

1. Tourism Signage: (budgeted)

- Flagpoles and banners: Poles have been supplied and flags have been delivered. Request for installation of new flagpoles has been made with Council's Infrastructure department.
- Shire Entrance Signage: The design for the new Shire entrance signage has been completed. The installation will be scheduled in accordance with the signage company's availability.
- RV Friendly Camping at Showground: QR code for payment/donation for staying at the RV Friendly site continues to draw in donations, with a total of 42 bookings.
- Information & Exhibition Centre: New Open/Closed signage is being designed.

2. Real Country Regional Tourism Collaboration

- Real Country Destination Strategic Plan adopted.
- Real Country project, Warrena Creek Reserve development business case adopted in principle.
- Real Country gift hampers created and sold over the Christmas period and still available for purchase at our Information & Exhibition Centre.
- Instagram account: @thisisrealcountry active with engagement increasing.

Next Steps:

- Creation of Warrena Creek Reserve Masterplan with the incorporation of the Real Country infrastructure works.
- Creation of Warrena Creek Reserve Plan of Management.

3. Country Heartline – Regional Drought Resilience Program Grant consortium project

This is a collaborative initiative between Bogan and Warren Shires, led by Warren Shire staff, with a similar objective to the Real Country Regional Tourism partnership involving Coonamble, Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Shires. After the installation of the signage this completes the funded part of this project, which has now been acquitted by Warren Shire.

Next Steps:

- Work with Bogan & Warren Shires on social media plan and new business onboarding plan which will need to be funded by each Shire.

4. Neville Owen Collection – Digitisation

The Neville Owen Collection of photographs and negatives is held by Coonamble Shire Council on behalf of the Coonamble district community, having been bequeathed by Mr Owen prior to his passing in 2020.

A Significance Assessment of the Collection has been completed in previous years, followed by a Preservation Needs Assessment.

The next steps are to have the Collection digitised so it can then be made available to the wider community.

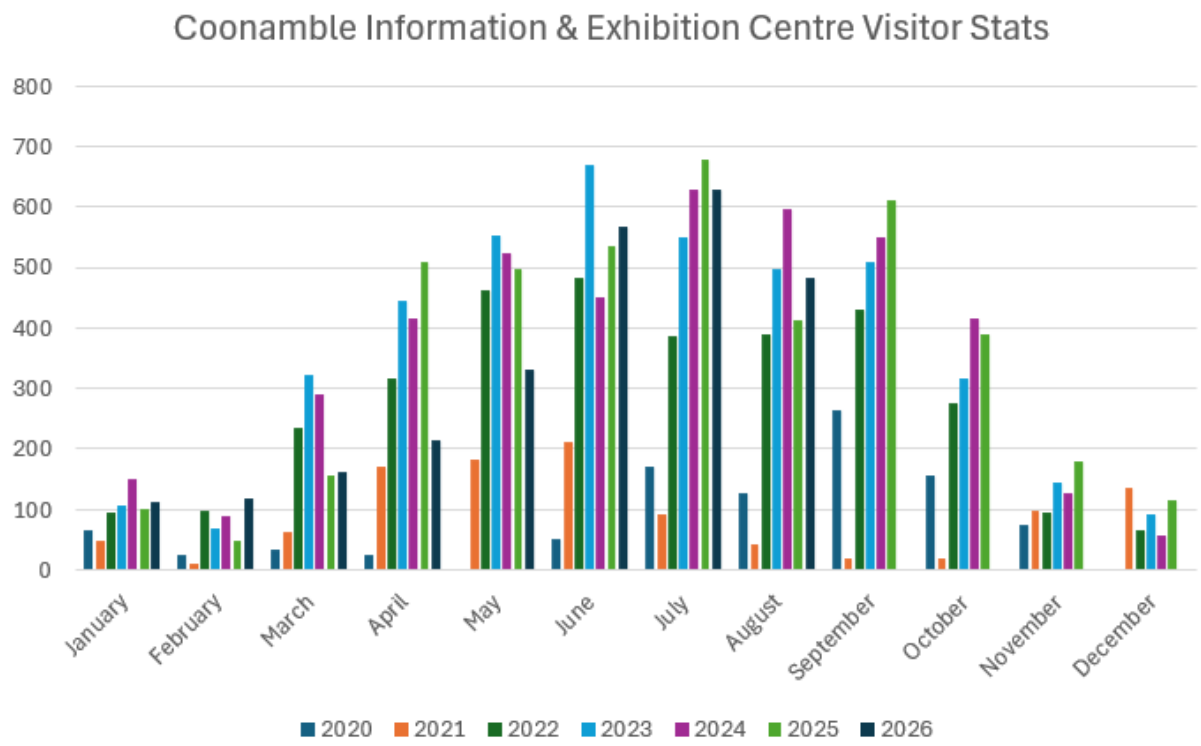
Council has been advised that they have been successful in both grant applications - National Library Community Heritage Grants which was submitted in May and Royal Australian Historical Society (RAHS) which was submitted in June.

Next steps:

- Commence processes involved for completing these two grants.

5. Coonamble Information and Exhibition Centre

- The Coonamble Information and Exhibition Centre has welcomed 536 visitors from 19 August 2026 to 22 September 2026. September final numbers are not reflected in the graph due month not concluded at time of this report.



6. Cowchillah

EVENT: Saturday 3 October 2026

At the time of reporting, Council is in the final days of organisation of the Cowchillah event in Coonamble's main street.

Ticket sales are going well, while tickets are free, the booking process captures valuable attendee data that will assist with future event planning, marketing, and audience analysis.

As raised in last Council meeting, the Coonamble RV Camping area was extended from Saturday 3 October to allow for more space available for campers and caravans.

A post event report will be provided to Council at the November meeting.

7. Coonamble Mural Trail (budgeted)

a) Neville Owen artwork – Bore Shed Smith Park

- Investigating options, concept, implementation opportunities and constraints, and costings.

b) Quambone Park mural

- Unsolicited offer received from artist Ann Golledge to refresh/update the existing Macquarie Marshes-themed mural in the local park in honour of her mother and her brother Sean. Anne painted the original approx. 20 years ago which needs renewal. Anne will undertake the work for cost of materials only with the result being more a vibrant and appealing display.

Next steps:

a) An initial concept idea has been developed for the Neville Owen artwork. Based on this concept, an Expression of Interest (EOI) will be issued to artists, inviting them to develop and submit their own artistic interpretation of the initial concept. Once an artist has been selected, the proposed artwork concept will be developed further and submitted to Council.

b) Ann completed the artwork on Sunday 13 September. Once a few minor repairs to the corners of the frame have been made then the artwork will be

reinstalled. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ann for offering to update this mural and are excited for it to be again displayed for the community & visitors to enjoy into the future.

8. Coonamble Artesian Waters Operations & Marketing Plan (budgeted)

- See separate report. Jenny Rand will attend meeting to present her report.

Next steps: TBC

9. Coonamble Museum – Reactivation

- Progressing with plan supplied to July Council meeting.
- Approached 2 x external consultants for cost estimate and potential approach.
- Approached 2 x experienced museum advisers already employed within local government. Second adviser due to visit 21 October 2026.
- Documentation review and re-drafting is underway including Collections Management Policy, Museum Plan of Management so far covering facility repairs, access and booking, volunteers, and collection and cataloguing.
- RFQ prepared for internal painting before upgrades can begin. Painting cannot commence until building is watertight.

Next Steps:

- Stocktake and relocation of items in external laundry/toilet block to be undertaken before building is demolished for drainage works to be undertaken.
- Finalise policies and plans for future management of Museum and present to November meeting.

10. Warrena Creek Weir – Planning & Redevelopment

- Draft Plan of Management sent to Crown Lands and placed on public exhibition by Environmental Services staff. Submissions close 9 October.
- The priority list of projects identified as part of the Real Country Business Case also needs review, followed by scoping and costing, to enable applications for grants to proceed.

Next steps:

- Receive feedback, adjust Draft POM, bring to Council for endorsement.
- Review and report on Priority Projects for Warrena Weir to gain Council endorsement and pursue grant opportunities.

11.3 REVIEW OF THE COONAMBLE SHIRE HERITAGE STUDY

Author: **Administration Officer**
Manager Economic Development & Growth

Authoriser: **Director Sustainable Communities and Planning**

Annexures:
1. **Coonamble Community-Based Heritage Study 2010**
2. **CSC Reflections Report 1**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Adopt the review of the Community Based Heritage Study 2010 as a draft to consider the proposed 113 heritage places and 2 heritage conservation areas, and**
2. **Endorse a private consultation first with relevant owners followed by a public consultation in accordance with the Community Participation Plan.**
3. **Following the above, a further report is to be prepared for Council to consider final listings and amendments to the Coonamble Local Environmental Plan.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This review updates the 2010 Community Based Heritage Study (CBHS) for the Coonamble Local Government Area (LGA). The review, undertaken by David Scobie Architect using NSW Heritage Office principles, confirms the original study was thorough and compliant with guidelines and recommends formalising heritage protections through the Local Environmental Plan (LEP).

Key outcomes:

- 132 places were recorded in the inventory;
- 113 places are recommended for LEP listing;
- 3 places are proposed for State heritage listing; and
- 2 heritage conservation areas are recommended.

BACKGROUND

In 2008-09 Council engaged Heritage Architect Ray Christisson to complete a Community Based Heritage Study of the Coonamble LGA. The Study included a Thematic History of the Shire, incorporating community input to record stories and significant events and places from the 1790s to 1975.

Following receipt of this Study, follow up work stalled – this review is intended to revise the prior draft lists and move forward with adoption of the review and consultation.

Council received heritage funding to review the prior Community Based Heritage Study 2010 with a view to revising listed heritage items in the Local Environmental Plan. This review is now complete, and the report is presented for consideration.

REPORT:

David Scobie Architect reviewed the prior Community Based Heritage Study 2010 (CBHS) based on the heritage principles of the NSW Heritage Office.
The document review included the following:

a) Thematic History

A Thematic History was drafted for the CBHS – these usually accompany a Heritage Study as they reflect on the history and development of an area, split across a number of common themes including building settlements, working, educating, governing, cultural life and Aboriginal culture. For Coonamble, these themes were the Explorers, the Aboriginal reserves, the 1920 flooding of the Castlereagh River, the Bush Nursing and Hospital services, the fire within the business district and the arrival and departure of railway services.

b) Community Based Heritage Study

The process of drafting this included a reference group of volunteers who assisted in identifying places of significance across Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone and the rural precincts. Each nominated heritage place was visited and documented using the standard Heritage Office inventory format. A full street-level survey of Coonamble's central business district was also completed, identifying commercial-area heritage items and creating formal inventory records for those buildings.

c) Levels of Significance

The author assigned each nominated place a heritage significance level—none, local, or State—with all listed items required to meet at least local significance. Items of higher value may also be recognised as State or even National significance.

From the above, 132 places were recommended to be included in the heritage inventory. The Heritage Inventory is not a formal listing but rather includes historic information and a summary of the building or site and its significance at the time of writing. The inventory is kept by Councils for future reference and can be given to property owners.

Following further analysis, of the above 132 places, 113 were recommended to be heritage listed in the Coonamble LEP and 3 places proposed for state heritage listing. In addition, certain central areas in Coonamble and Gulargambone were recommended to have a conservation area.

This list is included in the Community Based Heritage Study on page 36 (attachment to this report) and the proposed heritage conservation areas are shown below, taken from David Scobie's review.

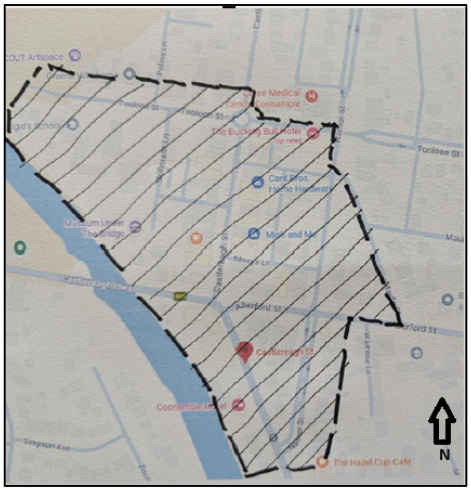


Figure 1: Coonamble proposed heritage conservation area

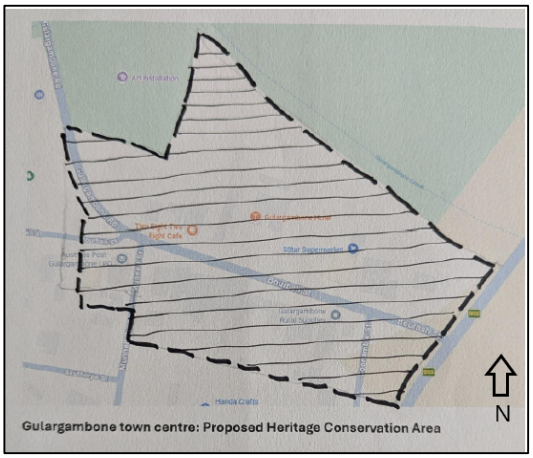


Figure 1: Gulargambone proposed heritage conservation area

Mr Scobie's summary of the prior Study concluded that "the process and findings were thorough, compliant with the guidelines and included sound recommendations and advice to Council. The advice was consistent with that generally provided to NSW Councils and Shire regional Councils in particular".

From here, it is recommended that Council adopt the review as a draft to consider the 113 places and 2 heritage conservation areas and endorse a private consultation with owners followed by a public consultation. This allows individual listings to be discussed with owners prior to wider consultation being carried out.

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN:

Focus	Strategic Area
Our Community	N/A
Our Economy	N/A
Our Assets	Our Assets
Our Country	Sustainable Care for Country
Our Leadership	N/A

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive

Governance	Positive

Financial Resource Implications:

Financial implications include staff time to prepare and liaise with property owners and follow up. Future grant opportunities will be explored through the Heritage branch of NSW Environment and Heritage.

Policy / Legal and Statutory Implications:

Council has an obligation to ensure the Local Environmental Plan is regularly reviewed to ensure its content is achieving the objects of the Act under section 3.21 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Heritage listings are included in Schedule 5 of Local Environmental Plans.

Risk Management – Business Risk/Work Health and Safety / Public:

Nil.

Options:

Council has the option to not progress with the above work.

Council Seal Required:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition: No

External Exhibition: Yes

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Appendix A Coonamble Draft LEP Heritage Schedule

1. Introduction

1.1 Background to the study

The Coonamble Shire Council is developing a new Local Environmental Plan in accordance with NSW Department of Planning guidelines. As part of this process a Community-Based Heritage Study was commissioned by Coonamble Shire Council. Ray Christison of High Ground Consulting was engaged to co-ordinate the Heritage Study and prepare a Thematic History. The study was commenced in November 2008.

This study was undertaken in accordance with Heritage Branch, Department of Planning Guidelines for Community-Based Heritage Studies. In accordance with these guidelines the general aims of the study were to:

- Prepare a history of the Coonamble Shire using the NSW historic themes,
- Work with the community to identify places and items of significance in the story of Coonamble Shire,
- Describe these heritage items and assess their condition,
- Prepare summary inventory sheets for each heritage item, including a statement of significance,
- Prepare a study report, including recommendations for management and promotion of the heritage of Coonamble Shire.

1.2 The study area

The study area covers the Coonamble Shire. This includes Town of Coonamble, the villages of Gulargambone and Quambone, and the localities of Combara, Gilgooma and Wingadee. The Coonamble Shire sits within the Darling Plains Heritage Region. This region was defined in 1996[1]. The Heritage Office briefly defined the Darling Plains region as follows:

> *Broken country separates New England from the level Darling Plain to the west. Defined by aridity on its western boundary, signified by the shift from woodland to scrub and bushland, it extends over the plains draining rivers to the Darling, including subregions such as Liverpool Plains and the Pilliga Scrub.*[2]

The shire extends from the Warrumbungle Range in the east to incorporate a long section of the Castlereagh River. It extends in the west to the Merri Merri Creek and Macquarie Marshes. These areas were traditionally home Wayilwan and Gamilaraay people.

European occupation of the area has been characterised by extensive pastoral activity, including wool growing and beef cattle raising, and agriculture such as wheat growing.

[1] Heritage Office, 1996. *Regional Histories*. p.13
[2] Heritage Office, 1996. *Regional Histories*. p.15

1.3 The study process

The study commenced in November 2008 with initial consultations regarding process being undertaken with Coonamble Shire Council staff and members of the Coonamble Heritage and Historical Museum Committee.

Initial actions undertaken included:

- Articles and notices placed in the Coonamble Weekly newspaper advising of the Heritage Study and inviting expressions of interest from members of the public.
- The Heritage Study was promoted through ABC Local Radio.
- Letters sent to the National Trust of Australia (NSW), Engineering Heritage Australia and the Art Deco Society of New South Wales requesting lists of items in the Coonamble Shire maintained by these organisations.

A Thematic History was prepared and submitted to the Coonamble Heritage and Historical Museum Committee. This history drew on previously published local histories, general histories and local primary sources.

During the study community meetings were held across the shire to introduce the Heritage Study and identify potential heritage items. Meetings were held as follows:

- Gulargambone Library
- Coonamble CWA
- Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council

Discussions were also held with interested community members in relation to potential heritage places located at Quambone and Gilgooma. Places identified by the community and the Heritage Study Co-ordinator were inspected by the Co-ordinator.

1.4 Authorship

This study was undertaken by Ray Christison, Heritage Consultant of High Ground Consulting, 116 Hassans Walls Road, Lithgow NSW 2790.

1.5 Study Limitations

In general the community and property owners who were aware of the Heritage Study were very supportive of the process. It proved very difficult to disseminate information throughout the Shire. Dissemination of information was aided by the efforts of Councillor Barbara O'Brien in Gulargambone and by the members of the Coonamble CWA. As with all studies covering extensive rural localities it proved quite difficult to identify all pastoral and agricultural heritage items.

1.6 Acknowledgements

The very generous work and assistance of a number of people who made completion of this study possible must be acknowledged. The following people provided particular assistance to the process:

- Lee O'Connor and Amanda Glasson, Economic Development Officers, Coonamble Shire.
- Barbara O'Brien, Councillor, Coonamble Shire.

The following community members provided invaluable assistance to the Heritage study Co-ordinator:

- Helen Cant, Coonamble CWA
- Alison Kennedy, Coonamble CWA
- Don Mackenzie, Gilgooma
- Gloria and Eric Fernando, Coonamble
- Doreen Best, Gulargambone Historical Society

We also wish to acknowledge the support of the many property owners and managers who have generously offered access to their properties and information to support this study.

2. The Community-Based Heritage Study

2.1 Study outline

The Community-Based Heritage Study Co-ordinator undertook the following actions to complete the study.

Thematic History
A Thematic History of Coonamble Shire was prepared using information sourced from local archives and published histories.

Historical Timeline
An historical timeline of the story of Coonamble Shire has been prepared. This will provide an overview of important milestones in the story of the region.

Historic Themes Analysis
The thematic history was used as a basis to identify the National and New South Wales Historic Themes demonstrated in the story of Coonamble Shire. A table was prepared to identify the relationship between these historic themes and individual heritage items. This is included in **Section 3**.

Identification and assessment of heritage items
The study co-ordinator worked closely with the Working Party and with local communities to identify places of heritage significance. All places were visited and a record created for each using the standard SHI recording format.

Street Survey
A comprehensive street survey of the central business district of Coonamble was undertaken to identify heritage items in the commercial area.

2.2 SHI data format

The State Heritage Inventory (SHI) software package for Coonamble Shire were sent by the Heritage Branch to High Ground Consulting in 2009. Data entry was undertaken by High Ground Consulting. The SHI format dictates the type of information that should be collected on each site.

2.4 Existing heritage items

Schedule 5 of Coonamble Shire Local Environmental Plan 1997 lists the following heritage items:

LEP No.	Heritage Item	Property Description	SHI No.
1	Macquarie Marshes	Approximately 148,000 ha, located 10 km south-west of Carinda and comprising generally the Marshes and areas subject to inundation between "Warwick Farm" in the north and "Yanganbul" in the south.	1430017
2	Museum (formerly Police Station)	Aberford Street, Coonamble	1430010

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LEP No.	Heritage Item	Property Description	SHI No.
3	Coonamble Post Office	Castlereagh Street, Coonamble	1430011
4	Railway Station	Railway Street, Coonamble	1430012
5	Sexton's Hut at Coonamble Cemetery	Memorial Drive, Coonamble	1430013
6	Commercial Hotel	Cnr. Castlereagh & Aberford Streets, Coonamble	1430001
7	Church of England Church	Cnr. Aberford & Namoi Streets, Coonamble	1430014
8	Coonamble Shire Chamber	80 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble	1430015

During the Community-Based Heritage Study a list of heritage items was developed through the consultation and nomination process, and through review of National Trust (NSW) Industrial Heritage Committee lists of regional items. Letters were also sent to the Art Deco Society of NSW and Engineering Heritage Committee seeking advice regarding places identified by these groups. No response was received from either organisation.

This study identified 133 items with potential heritage significance. These sites were visited in the course of the study and 123 were formally recorded. Following assessment and analysis 81 of these items have been recommended for inclusion in the proposed Coonamble Shire LEP Heritage Schedule. A number of buildings in the business districts of Coonamble and Gulargambone have also been identified as items of contributory value in proposed Heritage Conservation Areas.

The total proposed list of Coonamble Shire Heritage items is included as **Appendix A** to this report.

2.5 Aboriginal Heritage

The Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council were invited to participate in the Heritage Study Working Party . A number of places of particular significance to the Aboriginal community of Coonamble have been included in the study. Attempts were made to contact the Wayilwan Local Aboriginal Land Council at Gulargambone but no response was received.

2.6 Levels of Significance

The Co-ordinator identified and assigned levels of significance (none, local, or State) for each item. All places that are listed, or will be listed as Heritage items, must be at least of Local Significance. Beyond this, items can be considered to be of State, or even National significance. State Significance is important as it attracts more prestige, including placement on the NSW Heritage Office Web site, and will give the item more access to funding through loans and grants.

There is currently a program by the NSW Heritage Office to identify items for the State Heritage Register that illustrate particular historical themes. At some time in the future Coonamble Shire may be asked to nominate the items they, and the community, believe are of State Significance. Accordingly this level of significance has been examined for each item and recommendations made.

The criteria to decide this State Significance are subjective, but the place must at least be of broader importance than at the Local level. Other considerations to take into account are the level of integrity of form and material, the rarity or representativeness, their importance in the archaeological field with potential to yield important information, and/or having an established provenance so that the history can be understood and interpreted.

2.7 Inventory of nominated items

The following list contains all 132 places and items investigated, their address and the date on which they were visited. These places were proposed for inclusion in the community-based heritage study by Heritage Study Working Party members, property owners and community members, or identified by the Heritage Study Co-ordinator. The order is generally alphabetical within 'type' of place.

A. ABORIGINAL SITES

Place	Address	Date Visited
Camp ground	Limerick St, Coonamble	23 July 2009
Tin Town	off Namoi St, Coonamble	23 July 2009

B. ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

Place	Address	Date Visited
Bourbah Inn site	Gulargambone Quambone Rd, Bourbah	8 April 2009
Ceelnoy Sawmill site	Ceelnoy Road, Pilliga West	Sept 2005
Chinese Dam, Teridgerie Creek	Ventura, Gilgooma	15 May 2009
Coonamble No.1 Bore site	McCullough St, Coonamble	29 April 2010
Cresling Chinese tank	Old Cresling, Gilgooma	15 May 2009
Cresling Homestead site	Old Cresling	15 May 2009
Cresling Woolshed site	Old Cresling	15 May 2009
Gilgooma telephone line remnant	Old Cresling	15 May 2009
Gumin Homestead site	National Park Rd, Gumin Gumin	4 Sept 2009
Stone paved causeway	off Castlereagh Highway, Buggil	13 May 2009
Yarranville house site	Old Cresling	15 May 2009
Yarranville well site	Old Cresling	15 May 2009

C. BANKS & COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Place	Address	Date Visited
A.J.F. O'Brien & Sons	42 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Bank of New South Wales (former)	43 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Bank of New South Wales	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008

Place	Address	Date Visited
(former)		
Bank of New South Wales (original)	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Commercial Bank (former)	68 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
CBC Bank (former)	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Government Savings Bank (former)	Aberford St, Coonamble	13 May 2009
Rural Bank (former)	22 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008

D. CAFES

Place	Address	Date Visited
Monterey Café (former)	61-63 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008

E. CEMETERIES & BURIAL SITES

Place		
Coonamble General Cemetery	Back Gular Road, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble Memorial Arboretum	Cnr. Warrena & Auburn Sts, Coonamble	1 July 2009
Gulargambone General Cemetery	Muriman St, Coonamble	18 Dec 2008
Quambone General Cemetery	Quambone Rd, Quambone	30 June 2009
Sexton's Hut, Coonamble General Cemetery	Memorial Drive, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008

F. CHURCHES

Place	Address	Date Visited
All Saints Anglican Church	Yoolundry St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Catholic Church (former)	Warrie St., Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Tooloon St, Coonamble	12 May 2009
Gulargambone Pioneers' Memorial Church	Cnr. Munnell & Armitree Sts, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
St Barnabas Anglican Church	24 Namoi St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
St Paul's Anglican Church	Mungie St, Quambone	30 June 2009
St Peter's Uniting Church	14 Namoi St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	Mungie St, Quambone	30 June 2009

G. EXPLORATION SITES

Place	Address	Date Visited
Oxley monument	Gulargambone Quambone Rd, Bourbah	2 July 2009
John Oxley Memorial Picnic Area	Castlereagh Highway, Gulargambone	20 July 2009

H. GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Court House & Police Station	Cnr. Aberford & Namoi Sts, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble Fire Station	95 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble Historical Museum	164 Aberford St, Coonamble	13 May 2009
Coonamble Post Office	Cnr. Castlereagh & Aberford Sts, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble Shire Chambers	Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Gilgooma Post Office (former)	Pilliga Road, Gilgooma	15 May 2009
Gulargambone Police Station	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	20 July 2009
Gulargambone Post Office	Cnr. Bourbah & Munnel Sts, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Quambone Post Office (former)	Cnr. Tucca & Buckimbe Sts, Quambone	30 June 2009
Warrumbungle National Park Visitor Centre	off John Renshaw Parkway, Warrumbungle National Park	18 June 2008

I. HEALTH

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Hospital Soldiers' Memorial Chapel	Castlereagh Street, Coonamble	20 Feb 2009
Quambone Bush Nursing Home (former)	Cnr. Gilgunnia & Mungie Sts, Quambone	21 July 2009
Quambone Community Health Centre	Cnr. Mungie & Buckimbe Sts, Quambone	21 July 2009

J. HOMESTEADS & ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Avoca Homestead Group	Avoca, Stock Route 39, Bourbah	8 April 2009
Geanmoney Homestead	Back Gular Rd, Coonamble	10 Dec 2008
Mount Tenandra Homestead Group	Tooraweenah Rd, Mt Tenandra	25 April 2010
Nebea Homestead Group	Baradine Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Nebea Homestead	Nebea Urawilkie Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010

Place	Address	Date Visited
(original)		
Old Tooloon Homestead	Emby Rd, Tooloon	10 Dec 2008
Talegar Homestead	Talegar, Talegar Lane, Talegar	25 Nov 2009
Woodlands Homestead Group	Woodlands Rd, Coonamble	24 Feb 2010

K. HOUSES & HUTS

Place	Address	Date Visited
House	9 Charles St, Coonamble	24 Feb 2010
Quambone School House	Mungie St, Quambone	21 July 2009
St Barnabas Rectory	Aberford St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008

L. HOTELS & INNS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Bucking Bull Hotel	22-24 Tooloon St, Coonamble	13 May 2009
Commercial Hotel	70 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Sons of the Soil Hotel	46-54 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Terminus Hotel	25 Railway St, Coonamble	14 May 2009

M. INDUSTRIAL

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Power House (former)	Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Ginty's Garage	7 Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008

N. IRRIGATION

Place	Address	Date Visited
Nebea Station Bore	Nebea, Baradine Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Nebea Woolshed Bore	Nebea Urawilkie Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Woodlands Irrigation Pumps	Woodlands Rd, Coonamble	24 Feb 2010

O. MEMORIALS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble War Memorial	Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble War Memorial Ambulance Station	91 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Gilgooma War Memorial Gates	Pilliga Rd, Gilgooma	15 May 2009
Gulargambone War Memorial	Coonamble Rd, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008

Place	Address	Date Visited
Tully Park Gateway	Cnr. Dubbo & McCullough St, Coonamble	23 July 2009

P. NATURAL PLACES

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Waterhole	Aberford St, Coonamble	23 July 2009
Terrigal Creek Wildlife Viewing Platform	Gibson Way, Macquarie Marshes	30 June 2009

Q. PARKS & RECREATION

Place	Address	Date Visited
Alan Walker Memorial Baths	Munnell St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Coonamble Showground	Castlereagh St, Coonamble	30 June 2009
Cattle Pavilion	Coonamble Showground	30 June 2009
Poultry Pavilion	Coonamble Showground	30 June 2009
Sheep Pavilion	Coonamble Showground	30 June 2009
Coonamble Turf Club Grandstand	Castlereagh Highway, Coonamble	24 August 2009
Gulargambone Racecourse & Showground Grandstand	off Munnel St, Gulargambone	20 July 2009
McDonald Park	Aberford St, Coonamble	30 June 2009
Quambone Racecourse & Showground	Warren Rd. Quambone	21 July 2009
Quambone Recreation Ground	Mungie St, Quambone	21 July 2009

R. PUBLIC HALLS & SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Combara Community Hall	Combara	20 July 2009
Coonamble CWA Rooms	Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble School of Arts (former)	59 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Gulargambone War Memorial Hall & Mechanics Literary Institute	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Majestic Theatre (former)	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Quambone District War Memorial Hall & Library	Mungie St, Quambone	30 June 2009
Plaza Theatre	66 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
St Barnabas Church Hall	26 Namoi St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
St Patrick's Hall	Tooloon St, Coonamble	12 May 2009

S. RAILWAY & ROAD TRANSPORT

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Railway Station	Railway St, Coonamble	13 May 2009
Concrete Horse Trough	Coonamble Showground	30 June 2009

T. SCHOOLS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Intermediate High School building	Aberford St, Coonamble	20 July 2009
Old Coonamble School House	Talegar, Talegar Lane, Talegar	25 Nov 2009
Quambone Public School	Mungie St, Quambone	30 June 2009
St Brigid's School	Tooloon St, Coonamble	12 May 2009

U. SHOPS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Bakery (former)	24 Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Easson's Emporium	51-55 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Feehan's Building	32-38 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Hermann's Store (former)	73-83 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Leonard's Boot & Shoe Repair (former)	69 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Leonard's Building	35-41 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Mac's Building	40 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Quambone General Store	Cnr. Tucca & Buckimbe Sts, Quambone	30 June 2009
Shop	24 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Shop	56 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Shop	71 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Shops	60-63 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Shops (Gallery)	21 Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Shop (Pete's Pumps)	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Shops	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Star Supermarket	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008

V. WOOLSHEDS & SHEARERS' QUARTERS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Avoca Shearers' Quarters	Avoca, Stock Route 39, Bourbah	8 April 2009
Avoca Woolshed	Avoca, Stock Route 39, Bourbah	8 April 2009
Mount Tenandra Woolshed Group	Tooraweenah Rd, Mt Tenandra	25 April 2010

Place	Address	Date Visited
Nebea Shearers' Quarters	Nebea Urawilkie Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Nebea Woolshed	Nebea Urawilkie Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Pincham Woolshed	John Renshaw Parkway, Warrumbungle National Park	20 Feb 2008
Woodlands Woolshed	Woodlands Rd, Coonamble	24 Feb 2010

W. SUNDRY

Place	Address	Date Visited
Nebea Station Store	Nebea, Baradine Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Tooloon Barn & Stable	Emby Rd, Tooloon	10 Dec 2008

3. Historic Themes Analysis

3.1 Introduction

The relationship between an item and its historical context underlies the heritage assessment of the significance of a place. Historical themes, or story lines, provide a context within which a place or item can be better understood.

State historical themes have been prepared by the Heritage Council of NSW. These link to Australian themes prepared by the Australian Heritage Commission. Local themes may then be added. For example take the relevant historical story line of **Economic Development.** The Australian Theme is 'Developing local, regional and national economies.' The NSW Heritage Council Theme is 'Pastoralism', a relevant local theme may be '*The wool industry*'. Examples illustrating this theme include Avoca Woolshed, Nebea Homestead, Nebea Woolshed and shearers' quarters, Talegar Homestead, Woodlands Homestead and Woolshed.

3.2 Gap analysis using historic themes

By preparing a matrix of Australian, State and local themes it is possible to see where the gaps exist in the listed heritage examples. In the same way it is possible after the study to recognise strong local themes. For example, if a person were telling the story of community spirit in a rural area such as Coonamble Shire, they might look for examples of places that illustrate the national theme of 'Developing Australia's cultural life', coupled with the NSW Theme of Social institutions eg. *'CWA Room, Masonic hall, Literary Institute, public hall, historical society collection, or community centre.'*

At the beginning of this study this area was a 'gap'. That is there were no listed places that illustrated this 'theme' at all. At the end of the study however places that illustrated the theme locally included: Combara Community Hall, Coonamble School of Arts (former), Coonamble CWA Rest Rooms, Gulargambone War Memorial Hall and Mechanics Literary Institute, Quambone War Memorial Hall, St Barnabas' Church Hall and St Patrick's Hall.

3.3 Correlations

Nominated places were compiled into the matrix of themes resulting in the tables on the following pages. With just a quick perusal certain information comes to hand. For example there is a predominance of places related to agriculture, commerce, events, pastoral pursuits, accommodation, and cemeteries. A number of places illustrate more than one theme and therefore occur more than once.

Examples include:

Monterey Café (former): Ethnic Influences: Greek/Kytheran influence; Commerce: Cafes, Leisure: Refreshments and entertainment.

Nebea Homestead: Pastoralism: Wool industry; Migration: Emigrating from one district to another within Australia.

Quambone Bush Nursing Home (former): Health: Medical facility; Birth and death: Birthing and motherhood.

3.4 Thematic usages

- The inclusion of an example against one theme does not exclude its consideration against one or more of the other themes. The physical development of an item can be shaped by more than one historical process or theme during its existence.
- Aboriginal histories can be analysed using any theme(s) relevant to the place or object being considered – it is not necessary to restrict analysis to the theme of 'Aboriginal cultures and interactions with other cultures' only.
- The theme of 'Domestic Life' can be used to explore the historical contexts for interior or private, domestic spaces and objects.
- The theme of 'Agriculture' can be used for the intensive cultivation of exotic trees for purposes other than timber production.

3.5 Table showing correlation between National, State and Local themes

The following table places all the examples that have been nominated in the study within their thematic category. Whether or not these places become 'listed' places their inclusion here serves to show how the theme can be illustrated in this LGA.

Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local theme	Notes	Examples
1 Tracing the natural evolution of Australia,	Environment - naturally evolved	Educational or scientifically import Site Landmark Warrumbungle National Park	*There are two aspects to this theme:* *(1) Features occurring naturally in the physical environment which have significance independent of human intervention* *(2) Features occurring naturally in the physical environment, which have shaped or influenced human life and cultures.*	**Coonamble Waterhole** **Terrigal Creek Wildlife Viewing Platform**
2 Peopling Australia	Aboriginal cultures and interactions with other cultures	Traditional sites Fringe Dwellers	*Aboriginal cultural identities and practises, past and present; with demonstrating distinctive ways of life; and with interactions demonstrating race relations.*	**Coonamble Waterhole** **Camp Ground, Coonamble** **Tin Town site***
2 Peopling Australia	Convict	Emancipated convict	*Activities relating to incarceration, transport, reform, accommodation and working during the convict period in NSW (1788-1850) –*	-
2 Peopling Australia	Ethnic influences	German connections Greek/Kytheran influence Chinese connections	*Activities associated with common cultural traditions and peoples of shared descent, and with exchanges between such traditions and peoples.*	**Herrmann's Store (former)** **Monterey Café (former)** **Chinese Dam, Teridgerie Creek** **Cresling Chinese Tank**

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Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local theme	Notes	Examples
2 Peopling Australia	Migration	Emigrating from one district to another within NSW	*Activities and processes associated with the resettling of people from one place to another*	**Nebea Homestead**
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Agriculture	Irrigation	*Activities relating to the cultivation and rearing of plant and animal species, usually for commercial purposes, can include aquaculture*	**Nebea Bore** **Woodlands Irrigation pumps**
		Flour mill		
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Commerce	Banks	*Activities relating to buying, selling and exchanging goods and services*	**Bank of NSW (former), Coonamble** **Bank of NSW (former), Gulargambone** **Bank of NSW (original), Gulargambone** **CBC Bank (former), Gulargambone** **Commercial Bank (former), Coonamble** **Government Savings Bank (former), Coonamble** **Rural Bank (former)**
		Main streets		**Bourbah Street, Gulargambone** **Castlereagh Street, Coonamble**
		Town Store		**A.J.F. O'Brien & Sons** **Eason's Emporium (former)** **Feehan's Building** **Herrmann's Store (former)** **Leonard's Boot & Shore Repair (former)** **Leonard's Building** **Mac's Building** **Shops, Coonamble**
		Village enterprises		**Bakery (former), Gulargambone** **Shop (Pete's Pumps), Gulargambone** **Shops, Gulargambone** **Star Supermarket, Gulargambone** **Quambone General Store** **Shops, Gulargambone**

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Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local theme	Notes	Examples
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Communication	Postal	*Activities relating to the creation and conveyance of information Post office,*	**Bourbah Inn Site* Gilgooma Post Office (former) Gilgooma telephone line remnant* Gulargambone Post Office Quambone Post Office (former)**
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Environment - cultural landscape		*Activities associated with the interactions between humans, human societies and the shaping of their physical surroundings*	**Coonamble Memorial Arboretum McDonald Park**
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Events	Royal Visit 1928 War memorials	*Activities and processes that mark the consequences of natural and cultural occurrences*	**McDonald Park Coonamble Hospital War Memorial Chapel Coonamble War Memorial Coonamble War Memorial Ambulance Station Gilgooma War Memorial Gates Gulargambone War Memorial Quambone District War Memorial Hall & Library**
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Exploration	Exploration routes	*Activities associated with making places previously unknown to a cultural group known to them.*	**Oxley Monument Oxley Rest Area**
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Fishing		*Activities associated with gathering, producing, distributing, and consuming resources from aquatic*	**-**
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Forestry	Forestry	*Activities associated with identifying and managing land covered in trees for commercial timber purposes.*	**Ceelnoy Sawmill site**
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Health	Ambulance Station Medical facility	*Activities associated with preparing and providing medical assistance and/or promoting or maintaining the well being of humans*	**Coonamble War Memorial Ambulance Station Coonamble Hospital War Memorial Chapel Quambone Bush Nursing Home (former) Quambone Community Health Centre (former)**
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Industry	Flour milling	*Activities associated with the manufacture, production and distribution of goods*	**-**

Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local theme	Notes	Examples
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Mining		*Activities associated with the identification, extraction, processing and distribution of mineral ores.*	-
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Pastoralism	Pastoral homesteads Wool industry Pastoral & Agricultural Societies	*Activities associated with the breeding, raising, processing and distribution of livestock for human use* *Examples* *Pastoral station, shearing shed, slaughter yard, stud book, photos of prize-winning stock, homestead, pastoral landscape, common, fencing, grassland, well, water trough, , wool store*	**Avoca Homestead Group** **Cresling Homestead site*** **Geanmoney Homestead** **Mount Tenandra Homestead** **Nebea Homestead Group** **Nebea Original Homestead** **Old Tooloon Homestead** **Talegar Homestead** **Woodlands Homestead & gardens** **Yarranville house site*** **Avoca Shearers' Quarters** **Avoca Woolshed** **Chinese Dam, Teridgerie Creek** **Cresling Chinese Tank** **Cresling Woolshed site*** **Mount Tenandra Woolshed & Shearers' Quarters** **Nebea Shearer's Quarters** **Nebea Woolshed** **Old Tooloon Barn & Stable** **Pincham Woolshed** **Woodlands Woolshed Group** **Coonamble Showground Cattle Pavilion** **Concrete horse trough** **Poultry Pavilion** **Sheep Pavilion** **Gulargambone Racecourse & Showground Shearers' Quarters** **Quambone Racecourse & Showground**
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Science		*Activities associated with systematic observations, experiments and processes for the explanation of observable phenomena*	-
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Technology	Electricity Irrigation	*Activities and processes associated with the knowledge or use of mechanical arts and applied sciences*	**Mount Tenandra Homestead** **Woodlands Irrigation Pumps**

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Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local theme	Notes	Examples
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Transport	Coaching road/stop Road transport Rail transport	*Activities associated with the moving of people and goods from one place to another, and systems for the provision of such movements*	**Bourbah Inn Site*** **Concrete horse trough, Coonamble Showground** **Stone paved causeway*** **Ginty's Garage, Gulargambone** **Coonamble Railway Station**
4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Towns, suburbs and villages	Villages	*Activities associated with creating, planning and managing urban functions, landscapes and lifestyles in towns, suburbs and villages*	**Gilgooma Post Office** **Gulargambone** **Quambone General Store**
4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Accommodation	On stations Shearers' quarters Early travel inn Public houses Residences	*Activities associated with the provision of accommodation, and particular types of accommodation – does not include architectural styles – use the theme of Creative Endeavour for such activities* *Examples include Terrace, apartment, semi-detached house, holiday house, hostel, bungalow, mansion, shack, house boat, caravan, cave, humpy, migrant hostel, homestead, cottage, house site (archaeological)..*	**Avoca Homestead Group** **Cresling Homestead site** **Geanmoney Homestead** **Mount Tenandra Homestead** **Nebea Homestead Group** **Nebea Old Homestead** **Old Tooloon Homestead** **Talegar Homestead** **Woodlands Homestead** **Avoca Shearers' Quarters** **Mount Tenandra Woolshed & Shearers' Quarters*** **Nebea Shearers' Quarters** **Woodlands Woolshed Group** **Bourbah Inn site*** **Bourbah Inn Site*** **Bucking Bull Hotel** **Commercial Hotel** **Sons of the Soil Hotel** **Terminus Hotel** **Quambone School House** **St Barnabas Rectory**
4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Utilities	Electricity generation Public facilities Water infrastructure	*Activities associated with the provision of services, especially on a communal basis Examples Water pipeline, sewage tunnel, gas retort, powerhouse, County Council office, garbage dump, windmill, radio tower, bridge, culvert, weir, well, cess pit, reservoir, dam, places*	**Coonamble Power House (former)** **Majestic Theatre (former), Gulargambone** **Mount Tenandra Homestead** **Coonamble Fire Station** **Chinese Dam, Teridgerie Creek** **Coonamble No.1 Bore site***

Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local theme	Notes	Examples
				Cresling Chinese Tank **Yarranville well***
4 Building settlements, towns and cities	Land tenure	Large stations	*Activities and processes for identifying forms of ownership and occupancy of land and water, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Fence, survey mark, subdivision pattern, land title document, boundary hedge,*	**Avoca Homestead group** **Mt Tenandra Homestead** **Nebea Homestead** **Talegar Homestead** **Woodlands Homestead**
5 Working	Labour	Shearing	*Activities associated with work practices and organised and unorganised labour* *Examples* *Trade union office, bundy clock, time-and-motion study (document), union banner, union membership card, strike site, staff change rooms, servants quarters, shearing shed, green ban site, brothel, kitchen, nurses station, hotel with an occupational patronage*	**Avoca Shearers' Quarters** **Avoca Woolshed** **Mount Tenandra Woolshed & Shearers' Quarters*** **Nebea Woolshed** **Pincham Woolshed** **Woodlands Woolshed Group**
6 Educating	Education	Public school Catholic education	*Activities associated with teaching and learning by children and adults, formally and informally.*	**Coonamble Intermediate High School Building** **Old Coonamble School House** **Quambone Public School** **Quambone School House** **St Brigid's School**
7 Governing	Defence	Recruiting marches	*Activities associated with defending places from hostile takeover and occupation*	-
7 Governing	Government and administration	Local government	*Activities associated with the governance of local areas, regions, the State and the nation*	**Coonamble Municipal Chambers**
7 Governing	Law and order	Court house Police station	*Activities associated with maintaining, promoting and implementing criminal and civil law and legal processes* *Examples* *Courthouse, police station, lock-up, protest site, law chambers, handcuffs, legal document, gaol complex, water police boat, police vehicle, jail, prison complex (archaeological), detention centre, judicial symbols*	**Coonamble Court House & Police Station** **Coonamble Museum** **Gulargambone Police Station**
7 Governing	Welfare	Housing	*Activities and process associated with the provision of social services by the state or philanthropic organisations*	-

Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local theme	Notes	Examples
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Leisure	Town Hotels – refreshments and entertainment	*Activities associated with recreation and relaxation* *Examples*	**Bucking Bull Hotel** **Commercial Hotel** **Monterey Café (former)** **Sons of the Soil Hotel** **Terminus Hotel**
		Cinema	*Resort, ski lodge, chalet, cruise ship, passenger rail carriage, swimming pool, dance hall, hotel, caravan park, tourist brochures, park, beach, clubhouse, lookout, common, bush walking track, Aboriginal Christmas camp site, fishing spot, picnic place, swimming hole.*	**Majestic Theatre (former), Gulargambone** **Plaza Theatre (former)** **Quambone District War Memorial Hall & Library**
		Community life		**McDonald Park, Coonamble** **Quambone District War Memorial Hall & Library** **Quambone Recreation Ground** **Tully Park Gateway, Coonamble**
		Warrumbungle National Park		**Pincham Woolshed** **Warrumbungle National Park Visitor Centre**
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Domestic life	Station life	*Activities associated with creating, maintaining, living in and working around houses and institutions.*	**Avoca Homestead Group** **Cresling Homestead site** **Geanmoney Homestead** **Mount Tenandra Homestead** **Nebea Homestead Group** **Nebea Old Homestead** **Old Tooloon Homestead** **Talegar Homestead** **Woodlands Homestead**
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Creative endeavour	Music	*Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works;*	-
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Religion	Practising Anglicanism	*Activities associated with particular systems of faith and worship*	**All Saints Anglican Church, Gulargambone** **St Barnabas Anglican Church, Coonamble** **St Barnabas Church Hall** **St Paul's Anglican Church, Quambone**
		Practising Presbyterianism		**Gulargambone Pioneers' Memorial Church** **St Peter's Presbyterian Church (former), Coonamble** **Catholic Church (former), Gulargambone**

Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local theme	Notes	Examples
		Practising Roman Catholicism		**Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Coonamble** **St Patrick's Hall** **Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Quambone**
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Social Institutions	Community hall Church Hall School of arts CWA	*Activities and organisational arrangements for the provision of social activities* *Examples* *•CWA Room, Masonic hall, School of Arts, Mechanic's Institute, museum, art gallery, RSL Club, public hall, historical society collection, public library, community centre, Aboriginal mission hall or school room*	**Combara Community Hall** **Quambone District War Memorial Hall & Library** **Coonamble School of Arts (former)** **Gulargambone War Memorial Mechanics Institute** **St Barnabas Church Hall** **St Patrick's Hall** **Coonamble School of Arts (former)** **Gulargambone War Memorial & Mechanics Literary Institute** **Coonamble CWA Rooms**
8 Developing Australia's cultural life	Sport	Horseracing & Rodeo Swimming Recreation Ground	*Activities associated with organised recreational and health promotional activities*	**Coonamble Showground** **Coonamble Turf Club Grandstand** **Gulargambone Racecourse & Showground Grandstand** **Quambone Racecourse & Showground** **Alan Walker Memorial Baths** **Quambone Recreation Ground** **Gilgooma War Memorial Gates** **Quambone Recreation Ground**
9 Marking the phases of life	Birth and Death	Birth & motherhood Operating and maintaining cemeteries and burial grounds - Town or Village Cemetery	*Activities associated with the initial stages of human life and the bearing of children, and with the final stages of human life and disposal of the dead.* *Examples* *Birth control clinic, maternity hospital, nursery, baby clinic, baptism register, circumcision equipment, and Hospice, nursing home, funeral parlour, grave furnishings, cremation site, cemetery,*	**Quambone Bush Nursing Home** **Coonamble General Cemetery** **Coonamble Memorial Arboretum** **Gulargambone General Cemetery** **Quambone General Cemetery** **Coonamble Hospital War**

Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local theme	Notes	Examples
		Memorial - other	*burial register, disaster site, memorial plantings, shipwreck with loss of life.*	**Memorial Chapel** **Coonamble War Memorial** **Coonamble War Memorial Ambulance Station** **Gilgooma War Memorial Gates** **Gulargambone War Memorial**
9 Marking the phases of life	Persons	Assoc. persons	*Activities of, and associations with, identifiable individuals, families and communal groups*	**Alexander Buckley VC** **Edward Flood** **George James Gibson & Edith Aldridge** **Sir Edward Hallstrom** **Jessie Lloyd** **Harry Harbord Morant**

4. Characteristics of Coonamble Shire cultural heritage sites

4.1 Shire Wide Characteristics

Coonamble Shire presents a picturesque and varied landscape ranging from Warrumbungle Ranges in the south-east and the well-watered country to the north of the range, to the Pilliga Forest that covers the Shire's eastern boundary, and the rich plains along the Merri Merri Creek and Castlereagh River. The north-western boundary of the shire is marked by the Macquarie Marshes. The Shire host good grazing country and productive croplands. Sections of Brigalow woodland also remain in the Shire.

Settlement patterns have been defined by watercourses that cross the region. The Castlereagh River winds from the south of the shire to the north and the Macquarie River flows into the extensive Macquarie Marshes in the west. The marshes have been described as follows:

> *The Marshes comprise a mosaic of semi-permanent wetlands including two major areas, the South Marsh and the North Marsh. The Marshes include extensive areas of reed swamp, river red gum woodlands coolibah woodlands and water couch grasslands. All these wetland types provide essential habitat for many species of waterbirds and other species of wildlife.*[3]

The Coonamble Shire was first settled by Europeans from the south with early tracks and waggon ways leading towards Mudgee and Dubbo. Early Inns and settlements developed at river crossings with the river crossing place near the large water hole at Coonamble eventually developing into the area's largest settlement. Gulargambone grew to dominate the eastern end of the Shire and Quambone the west. The break up of large runs for closer settlement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and the establishment of soldier settlement schemes after World War I and World War II led to population increases. The development of the Dubbo to Coonamble railway through the shire in the early 20th century led to dramatic growth in agriculture.

The impact of these developments is reflected in the diverse built heritage of the shire. Coonamble and Gulargambone also contain substantial mid 20th century buildings and many Inter-war buildings reflecting the design styles of the Moderne era. Building materials used in the shire included timber slab, milled timber, brick and corrugated iron. The built heritage of the shire reflects the varied use of these materials.

4.2 Heritage Resources

What are the heritage resources of the shire today? What remains to tell the story of the former land use, settlement patterns and transport systems? What archaeological and architectural resources and materials can be seen and interpreted in Coonamble Shire? The answer to these questions lies partly in the list of places that this community based heritage study has sought to include on its inventory.

[3] Whitehead, J., 2004. *Tracking and Mapping the Explorers Vol.2*. p.133

The inventory is not a complete list, rather it seeks to be comprehensive, including some examples for each relevant historical theme. The heritage of a place is a continually changing asset. What we see today that makes the character of a place special may well be the 'heritage' of tomorrow.

There are at least six categories of items in Coonamble Shire that are of exceptional interest.

4.2.1 Homesteads and woolsheds

The Pastoral and Agricultural landscape of Coonamble Shire has undergone constant change since the 1830s. The story of the shire illustrates a continuum of change from large pastoral lease-holdings to substantial freehold properties that were gradually broken up through the late 19th and early to mid 20th centuries. Most early Pastoral holdings had a myriad of outbuildings and functioned effectively as small villages with store, housing of various types, schooling, wool shed, and private cemeteries. Many of these places today retain fine examples of great timber craftsmanship in both major and minor constructions, and reflect the energy and perseverance of strong individuals. Some notable examples can be found at Avoca, Geanmoney, Mount Tenandra and Nebea. Closer settlement created smaller holdings around locations such as Gilgooma and Gulargambone. The woolsheds at Avoca, Nebea, Strathmore and Woodlands help to represent changes in the scale of pastoral activity.

Plate 4.1: Woodlands Homestead.

Plate 4.2: Nebea Woolshed.

4.2.2 Coonamble business district

The town of Coonamble developed around a waterhole in Castlereagh River at its confluence with Warrena Creek. Business establishments initially developed on the eastern side of the river with development later shifting to the western bank. Development accelerated after the construction of the railway line from Dubbo to Coonamble in 1902.

Coonamble's business district reflects three principal eras of development. A number of substantial Edwardian buildings were constructed after the opening of the railway from Dubbo and many Art Deco and Inter-War style buildings were constructed in the wake of the disastrous fire that occurred in February 1929. The prosperous decades following the Second World War saw the construction of a number of post-modern buildings.

Plate 4.3: The former Bank of NSW.

Plate 4.4: The Plaza Theatre.

4.2.3 Gulargambone townscape

The town of Gulargambone developed from the 1860s after William Skuthorpe established an inn on Gulargambone Creek. Various sections were surveyed and sold from the late 1870s and the town finally proclaimed in March 1885. Gulargambone grew rapidly in the early 10th century but has declined since the 1970s. It maintains an impressive collection of early 20th century and inter-war commercial buildings. Community effort has led to the development of the iconic 2828 café and gallery in the former Majestic Theatre. This project has created an impetus for improvement of Bourbah Street.

Plate 4.5: The former Majestic Theatre.

Plate 4.6: Rustic Inter-War commercial buildings.

4.2.4 Transport corridors

The region's rivers have traditionally created corridors for the movement of people and trade. Crossing places and sources of water have also provided sites for human settlement. The big water hole at Coonamble has seen human activity for many millennia. When Europeans entered the region from the 1820s they travelled along the lines of rivers and also established settlements at suitable crossing places. A number of these settlements grew into villages and townships. Coaching routes also followed the rivers and changing stations were established at regular intervals. A unique legacy of

these routes exists in the remnants of a stone causeway located at Buggil on the former coaching route between Coonamble and Walgett.

Plate 4.7: A section of the stone causeway located at Buggil.

4.2.5 Cemeteries & isolated graves

Rituals of death are most prominently displayed in cemeteries. These places also provide indications of both the faith and wealth of an area's inhabitants. Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone have well-established General Cemeteries with many fine monuments. Small family graveyards are scattered around the shire.

Plate 4.8: A beautifully carved cloaked urn in the Quambone General Cemetery.

4.2.6 Water management

The Shire's agricultural and engineering history includes the commercial and landscape impact of irrigation systems developed from the mid19th century. These systems are associated with harvesting the region's rivers and creeks, and the exploitation of the Great Artesian Basin. The physical evidence of these systems includes the dam constructed by Chinese workers on Teridgerie Creek, a tank excavated by Chinese contractors on Old Cresling, bores on Nebea Station, The site of Coonamble No.1 Bore and early irrigation pumps located at Woodlands.

Plate 4.9: Chinese dam on Teridgerie Creek.

Plate 4.10: early irrigation infrastructure at Woodlands.

4.3 Statement of Significance

The following statement of significance for Coonamble Shire was prepared using the criteria described in the NSW Heritage Office guidelines 'assessing heritage significance':

(a) The area is important in the course or pattern of NSW cultural or natural history

Coonamble Shire presents a culturally significant landscape, which generally comprises cleared farming land, but contains significant natural landscapes of exceptional beauty and diversity such as sections of the Warrumbungle National Park, Pilliga Forest and Macquarie Marshes. There are also locations within the former shire such as Tin Town that have cultural significance to Aboriginal people.

Changes in the patterns of European settlement and transport routes are major themes of the story of Coonamble Shire. Patterns of early settlement were dictated by the availability of surface water and tended towards river and creek frontages and villages were often established at river crossings and the intersection of transport routes. The landscape contains evidence of the large runs of the 19th century that were broken up for closer settlement. This includes the homestead and woolshed complexes at Avoca and Nebea. The impact of closer settlement and changes in transport are evident in the establishment and decline of villages such as Gilgooma and Quambone, and in the mid 20th century growth of Coonamble and Gulargambone.

(b) The item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons.

Many important figures are associated with this district and its development. These include: Explorers Oxley and Evans, Pastoralists George Gibson and Edith Aldridge and Edward Flood, Pioneer woman Jessie Lloyd, poet and renegade Harry Harbord Morant, and John Buckley VC. Coonamble was also the birthplace of industrial entrepreneur and philanthropist Sir Edward Hallstrom.

(c) The area contains items important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics, or high degree of creative or technical achievement

Many buildings within the shire demonstrate the creative endeavour of architects and also the ingenuity of vernacular builders. The shire's homesteads also demonstrate the pastoral wealth of the 19th and 20th centuries. Coonamble's Federation, Edwardian and Art Deco architecture provide powerful testament to the economic energy created by the construction of the Dubbo to Coonamble railway in 1902. The predominance of Inter-War design in the Castlereagh Street business district also provides testament to the results of the fire that occurred in 1929. The preserved commercial buildings of Gulargambone present a unique time capsule representing the character of an early to mid 20th century main street and help to mark the development that accompanied closer settlement.

(d) The area has special associations with a particular community or cultural group

Particular groups of people such as community organisations, churches and others have also left a tangible legacy in the built environment of Coonamble Shire. The shire contains evidence of the long occupation of the area by Aboriginal people of the Wayilwan and Gamilaraay nations. Evidence of successive waves of immigration can be seen in the built heritage of English, Scottish and Irish settlers, and in the structures associated with immigrants of German descent. Chinese construction gangs have also left a legacy of civil works in the rural landscape.

(e) Has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW cultural or natural history

The industrial and engineering heritage of the district, in particular the remnants of the early water management infrastructure and large timber buildings such as Avoca, Mount Tenandra, Nebea and Woodlands Homesteads, and Avoca and Nebea Woolsheds provide information on the history of the area. The pastoral and agricultural heritage of the Coonamble Shire are evidence of the great economic forces that forged the Australian nation. Relics of former roads and settlement places such as the stone culvert at Buggil and the Bourbah Inn site provide information on the patterns of settlement and transport within the area.

5. The Heritage System

A significant amount of information is provided by the Heritage Branch, Department of Planning advising people on ways to conserve the places from the past (our heritage) that we all value. While this report does not attempt to present all that heritage information this section contains some basic information and some references that will be of assistance to those wishing to know more.

5.1 The Heritage Act

This Act was proclaimed in 1977 and major changes to it were made in April 1996 and March 2010. The Heritage Act is available on the web site www.heritage.nsw.gov.au. The Heritage Act caters for the recording of information about Heritage places on its data base known as the SHI (State Heritage Inventory), provides detailed information on all aspects of heritage work, provides monetary support in the form of grants and loans, and works on promotion and education about heritage issues.

5.2 Heritage Branch, Department of Planning

The Heritage Branch, services the NSW Heritage Council, both of which were created by the Heritage Act. The Heritage Council and Heritage Branch administer the Act and so carry out all the work noted in the above paragraph. It is also the body one can refer to, at a State level, if one has any specific 'heritage' concerns. Naturally it would be expected that one would first contact the Coonamble Shire Council and speak to the Environment and Sustainability staff there. The Heritage Branch also produces and updates a number of comprehensive manuals on Heritage matters. In particular: The NSW Heritage Manual', 'Local Government Heritage Guidelines' and 'The Maintenance of Heritage Assets'. This information and much more is available as downloads from the Heritage Branch web site.

5.3 Heritage Branch web site

This is a very valuable resource if the reader wishes to have more detailed information on the heritage system at hand. If one has access to a computer www.heritage.nsw.gov.au is really worth a visit. It is on this site that the results of this study will eventually be displayed in the form of data about individual sites. Such data, the inventory of heritage sites, forms a great cultural resource where the reader can look for specific sites, carry out research and make comparisons with other sites.

5.4 The Burra Charter

The Burra Charter is a guiding document that was written in the heritage town of Burra in South Australia, based on the knowledge and experience of members of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). It is Australia's charter that guides conservation and management of cultural places. It is often summarised into the expression '*do as little as possible, but as much as necessary*'. It can be viewed on the following web site www.icomos.org/australia

5.5 Existing planning controls

5.5.1 Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 1997

Part3 Clause 24 of the Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 1997 contains a number of standard provisions relating to the protection of heritage items. These are as follows.

> ***24 Heritage items***
>
> *(1) A person must not, in respect of a building, work, relic, tree or place that is a heritage item:*
> *(a) demolish or alter the building or work, or*
> *(b) damage or move the relic, or*
> *(c) excavate for the purpose of exposing the relic, or*
> *(d) damage or despoil the place or tree, or*
> *(e) erect a building on or subdivide land on which the building, work or relic is situated or that comprises the place, or*
> *(f) damage any tree on land on which the building, work or relic is situated or on the land which comprises the place,*
> *except with the consent of the Council.*
>
> *(2) The Council must not grant consent to a development application required by subclause (1) unless it has taken into consideration the extent to which the carrying out of the proposed development would affect the heritage significance of the item and any stylistic or horticultural features of its setting.*

Schedule 2 of this Local Environmental Plan (LEP) provides a list of heritage items. These are as follows:

LEP No.	Heritage Item	Property Description	SHI No.
1	Macquarie Marshes	Approximately 148,000 ha, located 10 km south-west of Carinda and comprising generally the Marshes and areas subject to inundation between "Warwick Farm" in the north and "Yanganbul" in the south.	1430017
2	Museum (formerly Police Station)	Aberford Street, Coonamble	1430010
3	Coonamble Post Office	Castlereagh Street, Coonamble	1430011
4	Railway Station	Railway Street, Coonamble	1430012
5	Sexton's Hut at Coonamble Cemetery	Memorial Drive, Coonamble	1430013
6	Commercial Hotel	Cnr. Castlereagh & Aberford Streets, Coonamble	1430001
7	Church of England Church	Cnr. Aberford & Namoi Streets, Coonamble	1430014
8	Coonamble Shire Chamber	80 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble	1430015

5.6 General questions on the listing of heritage places

One of the central questions that the community based study seeks to find out is: 'are there culturally significant heritage places in Coonamble?' By consulting with community groups and property owners, visiting relevant sites where

possible, and researching their significance it is possible to decide if there are places of significance that should be listed.

The process of this study is described in **Section 2** of this report.

There are two primary levels of significance:

- Places of Local significance, *and*
- Places of State significance.

It is a subjective process to decide which places are of local and which are of State significance. Experience in assessing significance, the particular place's integrity and originality, and comparisons with other places help to guide this process. It is only at the end of the study that places of State Significance stand out. Even so, the opinions on State Significance are the opinions of the writer, the heritage consultant, in this case. It is not a definitive list by any means. Additional items may well be relevant especially as time and knowledge alter our view of such matters.

5.7 Statutory Heritage Listings

There are many ways in which a property can be listed but only two of these provide statutory control over the place or item. These two listing types are:

- Local Heritage Items
- State Heritage Items

5.7.1 Local LEP listing

Items of local significance can be included in an LEP Heritage Schedule. The LEP provides specific protection to listed and unlisted heritage items. The current LEP lists eight items.

5.7.2 State Government Agency Listing

New South Wales Government Agencies are required to maintain lists of heritage items in their ownership. Prior to this study the Coonamble Railway Station and yard group was the only item listed on a State Government Agency register.

5.7.3 State Heritage Register Listing

Items of State Significance may be listed on the NSW State Heritage Register. These are places of special significance in the story of New South Wales that are believed to require special protection. Currently the Coonamble Railway Station and yard group is the only item in the Coonamble Shire listed on the NSW Heritage Register. The following additional items have been identified by this study as having State Heritage Significance.

- Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Coonamble Historical Museum
- St Brigid's School, Coonamble

5.8 Non-Statutory listings

5.8.1 The Register of the National Estate

This list was compiled and maintained by the former Australian Heritage Commission. It is a list of places of significance that were nominated for many reasons and by a variety of interested parties. This list is generally being replaced by the far more selective Australian Heritage Database. Two places in Coonamble Shire are listed on the Register of the National Estate as follows:

Place ID	Item	Location	Category
1430010	Coonamble Historical Museum	164 Aberford Street, Coonamble	Indicative Place
447/448/ 105853	Warrumbungle National Park	John Renshaw Parkway	Natural

5.8.2 National Trust Register

The National Trust of Australia is not part of government. It is an independent non-profit organisation, supported by a large community base. It is the premier independent heritage and conservation organisation in the state, and the major operator of house museums and historic properties open to the public. The National Trust of Australia actively works towards conserving and protecting heritage by showcasing heritage places, providing educational material, and through the active participation of its many members carrying out such tasks as evaluating Council and developer actions, writing letters and reports and attending meetings that have a bearing on the future of heritage places.

The National Trust Register contains over 7000 listed places state wide including gardens, trees, bridges and buildings. Being on this register does not involve any statutory power, but is a prestigious listing that will often lend weight to decisions made by Councils when considering the future use, preservation and conservation of a place.

The Warrumbungle National Park is listed by the National Trust. We have been unable to obtain a list of other properties identified by the National Trust in Coonamble Shire.

5.8.3 National Parks Listings

The National Parks and Wildlife Service maintains its own list of places of Heritage significance including places on their National Park and elsewhere. Local branches of National Parks are in Coonabarabran and Dubbo NSW. To date the National Parks and Wildlife Service has undertaken studies of the following heritage places located within national parks in the Coonamble Shire:

- Pincham Woolshed, John Renshaw Parkway, Warrumbungle National Park
- Inn and sawmill sites, Pilliga National Park

5.8.4 Special Interest Listings

There are some specialised lists that collect information on a number of 'like' places. For example the Engineering Heritage Australia Register, and the

Institute of Architects 20th century buildings register. No buildings or places in Coonamble Shire have been identified as being listed on any of these registers.

5.9 A new Coonamble Shire LEP

A new LEP is being prepared by Coonamble Shire Council. Department of Planning guidelines require that the new LEP contain a relevant Heritage Schedule and standard heritage provisions. The Heritage Schedule should contain the schedule of items recommended in this study. Where places recommended for inclusion in this schedule are privately owned agreement of the owners must be sought.

5.10 Discussion on LEP Heritage Schedule listings

The following table contains those places of special heritage significance recommended to be added to the future LEP Heritage Schedule. Order shown is according to type, and alphabetical within that. This does not imply any ranking.

This list will be revised after Council carries out a public and private advertising program. It should include:

1. Letters to all owners informing them of the recommendation and indicating the incentives that Council will introduce and or retain, and;
2. Public advertising and exhibition process through newspaper or Council newsletter articles, on exhibition at libraries, Council Chambers, public halls and other appropriate community locations.

5.11 Items to be recorded only

All items and places included in this study, but not included in the Heritage Schedule should remain recorded on the SHI format for archival purposes.

5.12 Proposed LEP Heritage Schedule

The following 113 items are recommended for inclusion in the Heritage Schedule of the new Coonamble Shire LEP, provided there is no formal objection by the owners during the adoption process. Refer to SHI data for additional information and details.

The list is included in **Appendix A** in the Heritage Schedule format required by the Department of Planning.

A. ABORIGINAL SITES

Place	Statement of Significance
Coonamble Waterhole	The Coonamble waterhole has been a focus of human occupation for thousands of years. It has particular importance for the Aboriginal people of the Coonamble district. It also provided the focus for the development of Coonamble in the 19th century and has continued to be at the heart of the town, helping to define the character of the place. The waterhole has significance for the Aboriginal and European occupants of the Coonamble district. It has been a source of water and food, and a place of recreation for thousands of years. It is also representative of the sites that have formed a focus for human activity and have helped to define landscape use and occupation. The waterhole has local historical and social significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.

Tin Town, Coonamble	Tin Town was a place of residence and gathering for Aboriginal people in the Coonamble area from the mid 19th century and has a special place in the story of the district. It represents the initial government requirements to allow access to lands for traditional use and the gradual marginalisation of Aboriginal people during the 19th century. The place is important to the Aboriginal people of the area and is also part of the historic pastoral infrastructure of Coonamble. Tin Town has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

B. ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

Place	Statement of Significance
Bourbah Inn site	The Bourbah Inn site is a remnant of the early days of road transport and settlement in the Gulargambone district. It is representative of the inns established in rural localities across New South Wales in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and has some potential to provide information on these establishments. The site has local historical and technical/research significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Ceelnoy Sawmill site	Ceelnoy Sawmill operated from the 1920s until the 1990s. As on of the last sawmills operating within the Pilliga Forest. It is one of the few sawmilling complexes remaining within the Pilliga Forest and contains the remains of a sawmilling system. The sawmill complex has local historical, historical association, social and technical/research significance. It also has a high local level of rarity.
Chinese Dam, Teridgerie Creek	The Chinese dam on Teridgerie Creek is one example of the dam building activity that was common in the northwest during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It provides physical evidence of the work of Chinese labourers who travelled the region undertaking work to support the pastoral industry. The dam has the potential to provide some information on the dam building undertaken by gangs of Chinese labourers in the late 19th century. The Teridgerie Creek dam is one of few recorded in the northwest and is representative of the work of Chinese labourers in the region and of efforts to conserve water on 19th century pastoral runs. The dam has local historical and technical/research significance, rarity and representativeness, and a moderate degree of integrity.
Cresling Chinese tank	The Chinese tank on Cresling is one example of the dam and tank building activity that was common in the northwest during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It provides physical evidence of the work of Chinese labourers who travelled the region undertaking work to support the pastoral industry. The tank has the potential to provide some information on the dam building undertaken by gangs of Chinese labourers in the late 19th century. The Cresling tank is one of few recorded in the northwest and is representative of the work of Chinese labourers in the region and of efforts to conserve water on 19th century pastoral runs. The tank has local historical and technical/research significance, rarity, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Stone paved causeway	The flagstone causeway located near the Castlereagh Highway just north of the Wingadee Come By Chance Road appears to be a surviving element of early roadmaking. It is also a rare survivor of the era of horse drawn coach transport. The causeway has the potential to provide information on the construction of small causeways to cross boggy watercourses in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is a rare surviving example of a 19th century roadmaking and is representative of the extensive coaching routes that crossed New South Wales until well into the 20th century. The causeway has local historical and technical research significance, rarity and representatveness. It also has a high degree of integrity.

C. BANKS

Place	Statement of Significance
Government Savings Bank (former)	The former Government Savings Bank building in Aberford Street, Coonamble is a remnant of the savings bank that preceded the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. It is also one of the few buildings in the Coonamble business district that survived the 1929 fire. The bank is a local example of the Inter-War Georgian Revival Style of architecture that was popular amongst financial institutions in the 1920s. It is a rare example of a branch constructed by the Government Savings Bank in the 1920s. The bank building has local historical and aesthetic significance, rarity, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

D. CEMETERIES & BURIAL SITES

Place	Statement of Significance
Coonamble General Cemetery	Coonamble General Cemetery has been the principal burial place for residents of Coonamble and District since 1912. It is representative of the development of Coonamble during the 20th century. The cemetery is typical of late Victorian cemeteries, containing monuments fashioned from various materials that demonstrate changes in monument design over a period of almost 100 years. It has local historical and aesthetic significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Coonamble Memorial Arboretum	The Coonamble Memorial Arboretum was the site of the town's first burial ground that operated until 1912. The surrounds of the ground also hosted Coonamble's first formal racecourse and showground. The site is an important element of the 19th century development of Coonamble. It is the burial place of many of Coonamble's early residents and has been developed as a memorial to the pioneers of the district. The arboretum has local historical, historical association and social significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Gulargambone General Cemetery	The Gulargambone General Cemetery was developed in 1881 as a district cemetery. It was part of the late 19th century development of Gulargambone and district. The cemetery has been the burial ground for Gulargambone district residents for over 120 years. It has local historical and social significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Quambone General Cemetery	The Quambone General Cemetery is associated with the development of Quambone in the early 20th century. The cemetery contains headstones and monuments dating from the late Victorian and Edwardian eras through to the late 20th century. It also contains a number of vernacular grave markers and monuments. The elements of the cemetery represent various eras of monument design and the place is representative of cemeteries developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The cemetery has been the burial place for residents of the Quambone district for approximately 100 years. Quambone General Cemetery has local historical, aesthetic and social significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Sexton's Hut, Coonamble General Cemetery	Coonamble General Cemetery has been the principal burial place for residents of Coonamble and District since 1912. The Sexton's Hut has been part of the cemetery infrastructure since that year. It is a pleasing example of the Victorian Carpenter Gothic style of architecture applied to a small functional building. The building is a very rare regional example of a Federation era cemetery caretaker's building and is representative of the development of Coonamble during the 20th century. It has local historical and aesthetic significance, rarity, representativeness, and a high degree of integrity.

E. CHURCHES

Place	Statement of Significance
All Saints Anglican Church, Gulargambone	All Saints Anglican Church was constructed in 1911 to support the work of the Anglican Bush Brothers in Gulargambone. It has associations with the Anglican residents of the Gulargambone district and has direct associations with the work of Anglican Saint Oliver Feetham and the Bush Brothers. The church is a Federation Carpenter style building typical of Anglican Churches constructed in the northwest of New South Wales in the early 20th century and has been used as a place of worship by the Anglican residents of Gulargambone for almost 100 years. The church has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Gulargambone Catholic Church (former)	The former Gulargambone Catholic Church was constructed in Coonamble in 1892 and relocated to Gulargambone in 1938. The building functioned as a Roman Catholic church in Coonamble and Gulargambone for over 90 years. The church is a Victorian Carpenter Gothic style building and is a rare surviving example of this style within the north-western region. It has associations with the Roman Catholic residents of the Coonamble and Gulargambone districts. The church has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, rarity, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Coonamble	The Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been the parish church for Coonamble since 1938. It has been a place of worship for the Roman Catholic residents of Coonamble for 71 years. The church has associations with the Roman Catholic residents of the Coonamble district and with the work of the Sisters of St Brigid in Coonamble. It is a rare regional example of the Inter-War Spanish Mission Style and is a landmark in Coonamble. It is also representative of the development of Coonamble in the mid 20th century. The church has state historical association and aesthetic significance, local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, rarity and representativeness, and a high degree of integrity.
Gulargambone Pioneers' Memorial Church	The Gulargambone Pioneers Memorial Church was constructed in 1938 to celebrate the sesquicentenary of European settlement in Australia. The church's campanile is a relic of the original Presbyterian church constructed in Gulargambone in 1886. It has associations with the Presbyterian residents of the Gulargambone district. The church the only brick-walled church building in Gulargambone and is a rare local example of Inter-War Gothic Revival architecture. It has been used as a place of worship by the Presbyterian residents of Gulargambone for over 70 years and is representative of the development of Gulargambone in the mid 20th century. The church has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
St Barnabas Anglican Church, Coonamble	St Barnabas Anglican Church was the second Anglican church constructed on its site in Coonamble. It has functioned as Anglican church for Coonamble for 100 years. The church has been associated with the practice of Anglicanism in Coonamble since 1908 and the site on which is stands since 1876. The building is a grand example of the Federation Carpenter Gothic style of architecture and has a matching lych gate and campanile. St Barnabas Church has functioned as a place of worship for Anglicans since 1908. It has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
St Paul's Anglican Church, Quambone	St Paul's Anglican Church was constructed in 1899 and has served as a place of worship for the Anglicans of the district since that date. The church has associations with the Anglican residents of the Quambone district. It is a Federation Carpenter style building typical of Anglican Churches constructed in the northwest of New South Wales in the early 20th century and has been used as a place of worship by the Anglican residents of Quambone for over 100 years. The church has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance,

Place	Statement of Significance
	representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
St Peter's Uniting Church, Coonamble	St Peters Uniting Church was the second Presbyterian church constructed in Coonamble. It has functioned as a church for over 90 years. The building has been associated with the practice of Presbyterianism and the practices of the Uniting Church in Coonamble since its construction in 1917. It is a modest example of the Federation Gothic style of architecture. The building has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Quambone	Sacred Heart Catholic Church Quambone was constructed in 1905 and has served as a place of worship for the Catholics of the district since that date. The church has associations with the Roman Catholic residents of the Quambone district, having been used as a place of worship for over 100 years. It is a Federation Carpenter Gothic style building that is representative of the development of Quambone in the late 19th and early 20th century. The church has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

F. EXPLORATION SITES

Place	Statement of Significance
Oxley monument	The Oxley Monument site has direct associations with the journey of John Oxley and his party across the region in 1818. The monument is representative of the 1818 journey of John Oxley and his party. It has local historical significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
John Oxley Memorial Picnic Area	The Oxley Picnic Area was developed as part of Bicentennial celebrations in 1988 to commemorate the 1818 exploratory journey of John Oxley and his party. The site memorializes the journey and provides travelers with an opportunity to view a section of the country traversed by this group. The monument and shelter are representative of the 1818 journey of John Oxley and his party. The place has local historical significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.

G. GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Place	Statement of Significance
Coonamble Historical Museum	The former Coonamble Police Station served as the law enforcement centre for Coonamble and district from 1860 to 1969. This was the building from which bushrangers Thurston and Angel escaped in 1885, having shot Constable Mitchell who died the following day. It also held Jimmy Governor in transit to Dubbo for trial. They are also the oldest buildings in Coonamble. The buildings have associations with the NSW Police and in particular with the death of Constable Mitchell. They also have associations with bushrangers Thurston and Angel and Jimmy Governor. The main building was designed in a restrained form of the Victorian Georgian style. The police buildings have state historical and historical association significance, local aesthetic significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Coonamble Post Office	Coonamble Post Office was constructed in 1881 to serve the growing town and district of Coonamble. It has been extended and modified a number of times to accommodate postal innovations and increases in demand. The building has been in almost constant use since its construction. The Coonamble Post Office building represents a combination of Victorian Georgian Revival and Federation Free Style architecture. The building is representative of the development of

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	postal services in the Coonamble district between 1881 and the present. The post office has local historical and aesthetic significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Coonamble Shire Chambers	The Coonamble Shire Chambers were constructed in 1929 to replace the original chambers destroyed by fire in 1929. The building has served as Shire Chambers for the Wingadee and Coonamble Shires, and was extended in 2001 to continue in this role. The building is representative of the development and operation of local government in the Coonamble district. It has local historical significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Gilgooma Post Office (former)	The former Gilgooma Post Office was constructed in 1920 to serve the village of Gilgooma. The Post Office also hosted the Gilgooma manual telephone exchange. The premises are associated with the development of the village during the early 20th century. The building is a local example of the Edwardian style of architecture. The former post office has local historical and aesthetic significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Gulargambone Police Station	The Gulargambone Police Station was constructed prior to 1920 to serve the growing town of Gulargambone. The building is representative of the development of Gulargambone in the early 20th century. It has local historical significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Gulargambone Post Office	The Gulargambone Post Office was constructed in 1912 to serve the village of Gulargambone and district. The Post Office hosted the Gulargambone manual telephone exchange from 1912 until 1986. The premises are associated with the development of the village during the early 20th century. The building is a local example of the Edwardian Bungalow style of architecture. It has local historical and aesthetic significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Quambone Post Office (former)	The former Quambone Post Office was constructed in 1900 to serve the village of Quambone and district. The Post Office also hosted the Quambone manual telephone exchange. The premises are associated with the development of the village during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The building is a local example of Victorian Italianate style of architecture. It has local historical and aesthetic significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

H. HEALTH

Place	Statement of Significance
Coonamble Hospital Soldiers' Memorial Chapel	The Coonamble Soldiers' Memorial X-Ray Ward was constructed as a memorial to residents of the Borough of Coonamble and Wingadee Shire who served in World War I. For almost 30 years it served as the venue for Anzac Day remembrance services in Coonamble. It was also the first purpose built structure housing an x-ray unit in the Coonamble district. The former X-Ray Ward is a pleasing example of the Inter-War Free Classical style of architecture. It carries a plaque listing their names and was the venue for Anzac Day remembrance services for many years. It is a rare example of a medical facility constructed specifically as a memorial and is representative of utilitarian structures built as practical memorials to the men of Australia who served their country in World War I. It has local historical, aesthetic, and social significance, rarity and representativeness. It has a moderate degree of integrity.
Quambone Bush Nursing Home (former)	The former Quambone Bush Nursing Home was constructed in 1928 to accommodate the Quambone Bush Nursing Association. The Association operated from these premises until a new building was constructed in 1968. It is a Californian Bungalow style building with Arts and Crafts influences and is a rare surviving example of Bush Nursing Association

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	facility within the northwest of New South Wales. The building functioned as the principal health facility for the residents of Quambone for 40 years between 1928 and 1968. It has local historical, aesthetic and social significance, rarity, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

I. HOMESTEADS & ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

Place	Statement of Significance
Avoca Homestead Group	The Avoca homestead group was constructed in stages from the 1880s. It has direct associations with the development of the pastoral industries of the Gulargambone district. It has associations with pastoralist William Moore Connell and his descendents and is an attractive example of a late 19th century homestead group featuring various design influences, including Victorian Italianate and Victorian Carpenter Gothic styles. The group has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and technical/research significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Geanmoney Homestead	The Geanmoney homestead is a surviving homestead constructed on the Castlereagh in the 1870s. It is an element of the early pastoral history of the region, and particularly the development of runs along the western side of the Castlereagh. It is also an excellent example of a 19th century homestead. The homestead has associations with pastoralist Patrick McMahon and the McMahon family. Geanmoney is an attractive example of a vernacular 19th century homestead with high hipped roof, encircling skillion verandah and board and batten walls set on bedlogs. It demonstrates construction techniques used in 19th century rural buildings in the northwest of New South Wales. The homestead has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and technical/research significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Mount Tenandra Homestead Group	The Mount Tenandra homestead dates back to the 1870s and has undergone a number of modifications and additions since that time. It reflects the story of the occupation of the Mount Tenandra run and various changes in technology that have occurred since it was first constructed. The homestead also served as a staging point for mail coaches travelling through the area south and west of the Warrumbungle Range. The homestead group has associations with previous owners of the run including William Kennedy, O.E. Friend. It demonstrates the ongoing expansion and adaptation of a late 19th century homestead, revealing aspects of vernacular design, Edwardian style and mid 20th century functional design. The homestead has the potential to provide information about the construction, modification and ongoing management of homesteads built during the 1870s. The group has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and technical/research significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Nebea Homestead Group	The Nebea homestead complex was developed from the 1880s in a bend of Nebea Creek. It is a relatively intact example of the types of homestead complexes developed in region during the late 19th century. The complex has associations with various owners of the property since the 1870s, particularly the Ronald and Lampe families and also has the potential to provide information about the construction, modification and ongoing management of lat e19th century homestead complexes. It has local historical, historical association and technical/research significance, rarity, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Nebea Homestead	The original Nebea homestead was the first permanent dwelling erected on Nebea. It is typical of residences constructed on pastoral properties in the Coonamble region during the mid to late 19th century

Place	Statement of Significance
(original)	and has associations with ownership of the run by W.M. Ronald & Co. The homestead has associations with various owners of the property since the 1870s, particularly the Ronald and Lampe families. It also has the potential to provide information about the construction, modification and ongoing management of homesteads built during the 1870s. It has local historical, historical association and technical/research, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Old Tooloon Homestead	Old Tooloon Homestead was built in the early years of the 20th century to replace a homestead destroyed by fire in 1900. It is a very good example of Victorian Italianate style design applied to a rural dwelling in a hot climate. The homestead has associations with the Fisher family owned the property from 1897 and is representative of homesteads constructed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It has local historical, historical association and aesthetic significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Talegar Homestead	Talegar Homestead is a fine example of inter-war bungalow style design applied to a rural dwelling in a hot climate. It has associations with the Fisher family who have owned the property since 1897 and is a very gracious example of the inter-war bungalow style applied to a pastoral homestead. It is also representative of such dwellings constructed in the mid 20th century. The dwelling has local historical, historical association and aesthetic significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Woodlands Homestead Group	The Woodlands homestead group was constructed in stages from the 1870s and represents the ongoing development of a holding separated from James Walker's Koonambil run in the mid to late 19th century. It has direct associations with the development of the pastoral and agricultural industries of the Coonamble district. The group contains a number of late 19th century vernacular buildings and a very handsome Edwardian homestead building constructed with locally milled timbers. It also has associations with the McKay, Tobin and Larkin families and demonstrates construction techniques used in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and technical/research significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.

J. HOUSES & HUTS

Place	Statement of Significance
Quambone School House	The Quambone School House was constructed in 1909 as part of the development of a dedicated Public School in Quambone and has housed teachers since that date. The school house is an Edwardian Bungalow that features a number of design characteristics that are regarded as typical of the later Californian Bungalow style. It is representative of the development of Quambone in the early 20th century. The building has local historical and aesthetic, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.

K. HOTELS & INNS

Place	Statement of Significance
Bucking Bull Hotel	The Bucking Bull Hotel was constructed as a single storey building in the 1880s and extended with a second storey added in 1924. It is the oldest surviving hotel in Coonamble and the only such establishment dating from the 19th century. The former Club House Hotel is an interesting local example of the Federation Arts and Crafts Style. It is representative of the redevelopment of Coonamble's business district from the 1880s. The hotel has local historical and aesthetic significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.

Place	Statement of Significance
Commercial Hotel	The Commercial Hotel has been a Coonamble landmark since 1912 and has featured large in the life of the town. It is one of the surviving elements of the commercial centre of Coonamble dating from the early years of the 20th century. The hotel is an example of the Federation Free Style of architecture and is a landmark building, occupying a prominent corner at the intersection of Coonamble's main streets. The building is also representative of the development of Coonamble in the early years of the 20th century following the completion of the Dubbo to Coonamble branch line railway. It has local historical and aesthetic significance, rarity, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Sons of the Soil Hotel	The Sons of the Soil Hotel was constructed in 1930 to replace the original Tattersall's hotel that was destroyed in the 1929 Castlereagh Street fire. It was built in reinforced concrete to comply with new building regulations and to safeguard the building against the effects of the region's reactive soils. The hotel is a rather unique example of the Art Deco Style applied to a country hotel. It makes extensive use of latticed steelwork in decorative and structural elements. The building is representative of the redevelopment of Coonamble's business district following the 1929 fire. It has local historical and aesthetic significance, rarity, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Terminus Hotel	The Terminus Hotel is the oldest surviving hotel in Coonamble and has direct links to the opening of the Dubbo to Coonamble Branch Line Railway in 1903. The hotel was constructed using adzed slabs and shingle roof set on a bush timber frame. While this has been clad over much of the original fabric of the building survives. The structure has the potential to provide information on the construction and modification of slab-walled buildings during the 20th century. It is a very rare example of a hotel built using adzed slabs that has been continuous use as a hotel since its construction. It is also representative of the development of Coonamble in the early years of the 20th century following the completion of the Dubbo to Coonamble branch line railway. The building has local historical and technical/research significance, rarity, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

L. INDUSTRIAL & FORESTRY

Place	Statement of Significance
Coonamble Power House (former)	The Coonamble Power House was the first civic electricity generating facility constructed in the Coonamble Shire area. It is also representative of the changing role of local government in the area during the 20th century. The powerhouse is a very attractive example of early 20th century industrial architecture that combines Federation Free Classical and Arts and Crafts style influences. It is also a rare example of an early 20th century brick-fronted industrial building in the Coonamble district and is a rare surviving example of a council owned power generation facility. The power house is representative of the provision of electricity supply by local councils during the early 20th century. It has local historical and aesthetic significance, rarity, representativeness, and a high degree of integrity.
Ginty's Garage	The former Ginty's Garage is one element of the Inter War development of Gulargambone. It currently functions as a retail outlet and is part of the surviving commercial infrastructure of the town and is one of Gulargambone's inter war Arts and Crafts style commercial buildings. The building is representative of the development of Gulargambone and the growth in the use of motor vehicles in the mid 20th century. It has local historical and aesthetic significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

M. IRRIGATION

Place	Statement of Significance
Nebea Woolshed Bore	During the early 20th century a number of bores were sunk on Nebea to provide additional water to improve the carrying capacity of the run. This was typical of developments undertaken across the region at this time as pastoralists sought to enhance their prospects of surviving drought. These developments were supported by the construction of additional dams and in-ground tanks. The Nebea Woolshed bore is representative of this process. It also has the potential to provide information about the development and placement of bores within the Great Artesian Basin during the early 20th century. The bore had local historical and technical/research significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Woodlands Irrigation Pumps	The Woodlands irrigation plant was one of the first irrigation installations established in the Coonamble area and one of the earliest on the Castlereagh. It is a very rare example of a relatively intact early 20th century agricultural pumping station and has the potential to provide information on early 20th century irrigation infrastructure. It has local historical and technical/research significance, rarity, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

N. MEMORIALS

Place	Statement of Significance
Gilgooma War Memorial Gates	The Gilgooma War Memorial Gates have direct associations with the role of the Gilgooma district in the First World War. It is also representative of the development of the village of Gilgooma and its recreation ground. The memorial records the names of men of the district who served and those who died in the service of their country during the First World War. It was unveiled by Lieutenant Col. C.M. Featherstonhaugh D.S.O. The memorial occupies a prominent location at the site of the entrance of the former Gilgooma Recreation Ground. It is also a pleasing example of a monument erected using local skills and resources. The Gilgooma War Memorial Gates serve as a focus for the local community in recognizing the service of the people of the district in World War I. It also has special significance to the families memorialised on its plaques. The social significance of the monument is evident in the actions of the community to have it retained in place. The memorial has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, rarity and representativeness. It also has a high degree of integrity.
Gulargambone War Memorial	The Gulargambone War Memorial has direct associations with the role of the Gulargambone district in the First and Second World Wars. It is also representative of the development of the village of Gulargambone up to 1952. The memorial occupies a prominent location in Gulargambone and is a pleasing example of a quality monument by a small community. The Gulargambone War Memorial serves as a focus for the local community in recognizing the service of the people of the district in Australia's wars. It also has special significance to the families memorialised on its marble plaques. The memorial has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Tully Park Gateway	The Tully Park gateway was erected in 1944 in moderne style using reinforced concrete. It is representative of the development of the recreation and community facilities of Tully Park around the site of the Coonamble No.1 Bore. The gateway has local aesthetic significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.

O. NATURAL PLACES

Place	Statement of Significance
Terrigal Creek Wildlife Viewing Platform	The Terrigal Creek Viewing Platform was constructed in 2001 to commemorate 100 years of reservation in the Macquarie Marshes. It provides visitors to the marshes with an opportunity to view and interpret local birdlife. The platform has local historical and social significance and a high degree of integrity.

P. PARKS & RECREATION

Place	Statement of Significance
Coonamble Showground Cattle Pavilion	The Cattle Pavilion at the Coonamble Showground appears to have been constructed in the 1950 and represent an improvement in facilities that have been used at the showground since the 1920s. The pavilion was constructed using vernacular carpenter style construction methods and are a pleasing example of this style. The showground buildings, including the cattle pavilion, have the potential to provide information on the construction of carpenter style buildings in the mid 20th century. The Cattle Pavilion is representative of the development of the pastoral industry of the region in the 20th century. The building has local historical, aesthetic and technical/research significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Coonamble Showground Poultry Pavilion	The Poultry Pavilion at the Coonamble Showground appears to have been constructed very early in the 20th century and extended much later. A Poultry and Horticultural Club was formed in 1899 and was presumably responsible for the construction of the building. The showground buildings, including the poultry pavilion have the potential to provide information on the construction of carpenter style buildings in the early 20th century and have local technical/research significance. The Poultry Pavilion is representative of the development of the pastoral industry of the region in the 20th century. The building has local historical and technical/research significance, and a moderate degree of integrity.
Coonamble Showground Sheep Pavilion	The Sheep Pavilion at the Coonamble Showground was possibly constructed between 1911 and 1920. The Coonamble Sheep Breeders Association was formed in 1911 and was presumably responsible for the construction of the shed. The pavilion was constructed using vernacular carpenter style construction methods and is a very handsome example of this style. The showground buildings, including the sheep pavilion have the potential to provide information on the construction of carpenter style buildings in the early 20th century and have local technical/research significance. The Sheep Pavilion is representative of the development of the pastoral industry of the region in the 20th century. The building has local historical, aesthetic and technical/research significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Coonamble Turf Club Grandstand	The Coonamble Turf Club Grandstand is one of the oldest surviving examples of social infrastructure in Coonamble. It was constructed as part of the development of the Coonamble Race Course in the early 1880s and has served as the main grandstand since that time. The grandstand was constructed over 130 years ago and has been associated with Turf Club since its formation. With its fine timberwork and complex roof structure the grandstand is an example of the Victorian Carpenter Gothic style. The grandstand is one few surviving 19th century grandstands within the region and is representative of the development of the sport of horseracing in Coonamble in the late 19th century. The structure has local historical, historical association and aesthetic significance, rarity, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.

Place	Statement of Significance
Gulargambone Racecourse & Showground Grandstand	The Gulargambone Racecourse and Showground Grandstand was constructed on the newly dedicated Gulargambone Showground in 1911-1933. It has been part of the sporting life of the town for almost 100 years and is representative of the development of local horseracing. The grandstand is an example of the Federation Carpenter Gothic Style and is one of few carpenter style grandstands surviving in the region. It has local historical and aesthetic significance, rarity, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
McDonald Park	McDonald Park was developed in the early 20th century as a memorial to Coonamble proprietor and member of Parliament Hugh McDonald. It was also the place at which HRH Edward Prince of Wales was officially welcomed to Coonamble in 1920. The park has associations with Hugh McDonald, after whom it is named, and with HRH Edward Prince of Wales who visited the place in 1920. It is also representative of the development of civic and recreation facilities in Coonamble in the early 20th century. The park has local historical and historical association significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Quambone Racecourse & Showground	The Quambone Racecourse is associated with organisations such as the Marthaguy Picnic Race Club and the Quambone Polocrosse Club, which are longstanding district institutions. It is also centre for social and sporting activity in the Quambone district. The racecourse is representative of the development of Quambone in the late 20th century. The racecourse and its buildings have local historical association and social significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Quambone Recreation Ground	Quambone Recreation Ground has been a centre for sporting and recreational activities in the Quambone district since 1938. Its development was linked to the installation of a town water supply in 1938. It has served as a centre for social and sporting activity in Quambone since that time. The recreation ground has local historical and social significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

Q. PUBLIC HALLS & SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Place	Statement of Significance
Combara Community Hall	The hall was constructed as part of the development of the village that occurred after the opening of the Dubbo to Coonamble Railway Line in 1903. The hall has been a centre for social activities in Combara since the 1920s. It is representative of the development of Combara in the early 20th century. The building has local historical and social significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Coonamble CWA Rooms	The Coonamble CWA Rooms were constructed on land donated by meat magnate T.A. Field of Warrana to meet the needs of the women of the Coonamble district. It has provided rest and meeting rooms since 1937. The building has served as a women's space since its construction in 1937. It is representative of civic improvements undertaken in Coonamble in the first half of the 20th century. The building has local historical, historical association and social significance, and representativeness. It also a high degree of integrity.
Gulargambone War Memorial Hall & Mechanics Literary Institute	The Gulargambone War Memorial Hall and Mechanics' Literary Institute carries the legacy of the Mechanics' Institute that was formed in Gulargambone in 1897. It is also a memorial to those who served in World War II. The building was modified from an earlier General Store and is one element of the development of Gulargambone that occurred after the Second World War. The hall has served as a social hub for Gulargambone since the 1950s. It is also a memorial for those who served in the Second World War. The building is representative of the development of the cultural life of Gulargambone from the late 19th

Place	Statement of Significance
	century and also of the development of the town in the 1940s and 1950s. It has local historical and social significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Majestic Theatre (former)	The former Majestic Theatre was constructed as a cinema and public hall in the early 1920s. Movies were screened in the building until 1968. Community action has revived the near derelict Majestic Theatre and established it as an award winning tourist and community facility with a very positive reputation. The building is an early local example of construction using reinforced concrete. It is representative of the development of Gulargambone in the early 20th century. The building has local historical, social and technical/research significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Quambone District War Memorial Hall & Library	The Quambone & District War Memorial Hall & Library have been vital elements of the community infrastructure of Quambone since 1912, hosting community events, cinema and a library. The hall also memorialises district residents who served in the defence forces in World War I. The hall was built by the Quambone Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows and has associations with this organisation. The hall and library are important elements of the social infrastructure of Quambone and district and are representative of the development of Quambone in the early to mid 20th century. The group has local historical, historical association, social significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Plaza Theatre	The Plaza Theatre was constructed in 1930 to replace the Monarch Picture Theatre that was destroyed in the 1929 fire. The building served as Coonamble's cinema until 1982. It is an interesting example of the blending of the Inter-War Free Classical and Inter-War Arts and Crafts styles of architecture. The building is representative of the redevelopment of Coonamble after the 1929 fire. It has local historical and aesthetic significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
St Barnabas Church Hall	St Barnabas Church Hall is the oldest church building in Coonamble. It has functioned as a Sunday School and meeting room for various social groups, as well as being the location at which Highgate College first conducted classes. The hall has been associated with the practice of Anglicanism in Coonamble since 1882. It also has associations with various lodges including the Masonic, Orange, Templars and Oddfellows, and the Highgate College. The building is a rare local example of the Victorian Carpenter Gothic style of architecture that has functioned as a meeting place for various social institutions in Coonamble. The building has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, rarity, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
St Patrick's Hall	St Patrick's Hall and Supper Room are one element of the development of Coonamble in the early to century and is also a testament to the strength of the Roman Catholic community in the town. The pair of buildings is part of the group of Roman Catholic church and community buildings located in Tooloon Street, Coonamble. They are directly associated with the development and practice of Roman Catholicism in Coonamble. St Patrick's Hall and Supper Room are important local examples of the Federation Carpenter Gothic Style. They are the only surviving elements of the group of Carpenter Gothic religious buildings that once lined Tooloon Street. The buildings have local historical, historical association, aesthetic and social significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

R. RAILWAY & ROAD TRANSPORT

Place	Statement of Significance
Coonamble Railway Station	The Coonamble railway Station was built in 1902 as part of a thrust by the Government of the day to assist with passenger and grain transport and aid economic recovery following from the 1896 drought. Coonamble Railway Station Building is typical of the functional and modest designs introduced by Chief Rail Engineer Henry Deans. The line is associated with many individuals who came to Coonamble via the rail, some taking the train to the 'end of the line', and to other groups of people such as men & women, leaving and returning from the Great War. Coonamble Railway Station Building is a good example of the pioneer station buildings constructed by the Railways from 1897 to around 1904 and is the only remaining unchanged example in brickwork. Coonamble Railway Station Building has a special and strong association with past members of the community of Coonamble who stove hard from 1881 to 1902 to have the rail extended to this town. It also has a strong association with existing older members of the community for whom the rail was the main transport link to the south until it closed in 1974. The building has state aesthetic and technical/research significance and rarity, and local historical, historical association and social significance and representativeness The building has a high degree of integrity.
Concrete Horse Trough	The concrete horse trough at the Coonamble Showground appears to have been constructed in the 1920s or 1930s and is part of the historical infrastructure of the showground. The trough demonstrates an innovative use of reinforced concrete and is representative of the development of the Coonamble Showground in the 20th century. The horse trough has local historical and technical/research significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.

S. SCHOOLS

Place	Statement of Significance
Coonamble Intermediate High School building	Government education commenced in Coonamble in the 1870s and various buildings have housed state educational activities. The Coonamble Intermediate High School building reflects the growth of the town and surrounding areas in the 1920s and is an important element of the educational infrastructure of the town. The Coonamble Intermediate High School building is an interesting example of the blending of the Inter-War Georgian Revival and Mediterranean styles of architecture. The building has local historical, aesthetic and social significance, rarity, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Old Coonamble School House	Government education commenced in Coonamble in the 1870s and various buildings have housed state educational activities. The old school building is one of the earliest structures used for this purpose. Since 1946 it has served as a shed on the Talegar run. The building has the potential to provide information on the construction of early school buildings in the region. It is the oldest surviving school building in the region and is representative of schools built for state education in the 19th century. The building has local historical and technical/research significance, rarity, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Quambone Public School	
St Brigid's School	St Brigid's Catholic School, Coonamble has local historical significance as an element of the development of the town in the mid 20th century. It is also connected with the work of the Brigidine Order in Coonamble, the first Brigidine educational venture established in Australia. The school is an example of the Inter-War Mediterranean Style of architecture combined with the design principles adopted for

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	Roman Catholic schools in the 1930s. It is representative of schools built by the Roman Catholic Church in the early to mid 20th century, and is also representative of the work of the Brigidine Sisters in Coonamble. St Brigid's School has state historical and historical association significance, local aesthetic and social significance, rarity and representativeness, and a high degree of integrity.

T. SHOPS

Place	Statement of Significance
Quambone General Store	The Quambone General Store was constructed during the early stages of development of the village and has served the village for over 110 years. It is a local example of Victorian era retail establishment and is representative of the development of the village in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The building has local historical and aesthetic significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

U. WOOLSHEDS & SHEARERS' QUARTERS

Place	Statement of Significance
Avoca Woolshed	The Avoca woolshed was constructed in 1880 as a blade shed and later converted for machine shearing. It was originally used for shearing by owners of various runs around Merri Merri. It has direct associations with the development of the pastoral industries of the Gulargambone district. The shed has associations with pastoralist William Moore Connell and his descendents. It is an attractive example of a late 19th century woolshed constructed using local materials and demonstrates construction techniques used in 19th century rural buildings. It also demonstrates the workflow of late 19th century sheds. The woolshed has local historical, historical association, aesthetic and technical/research significance, rarity and representativeness. It also has a high degree of integrity.
Nebea Woolshed	The Nebea woolshed is one of a number of large blade sheds erected in the Castlereagh region in the 1880s. It was later modified as a machine shed and operated until the 1970s. The shed demonstrates aspects of the development and decline of the wool industry in the region during the 19th and 20th centuries. It has associations with various owners of the property since the 1880s, particularly the Ronald and Lampe families. The woolshed has the potential to provide information about the construction, modification and ongoing management of wool industry structures built during the 1880s. It has local historical, historical association and technical/research significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity.
Woodlands Woolshed	The Woodlands woolshed group appears to date from the 1880s. It is an interesting example of a small woolshed and outbuildings constructed using milled timber in the blade shearing era, and demonstrates the ongoing adaptation of these early buildings. The group has the potential to provide information about the construction, modification and ongoing management of wool industry structures built during the 1880s. It has local historical and technical/research significance, rarity, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

V. SUNDRY

Place	Statement of Significance
Nebea Station Store	The Nebea station store is a simple but elegant rural structure designed as a place from which to issue supplies for use on the property. It is an important element of the Nebea homestead complex and is representative of utilitarian structures constructed on rural

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	properties in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It has local historical and historical association significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.
Tooloon Barn & Stable	The Tooloon barn & stables are one of the few surviving 19th century elements of one of the early runs on the eastern side of the Castlereagh River. They also have associations with the McMahon and Fisher families possibly dating back to the 1880s and are representative of rural service buildings constructed in the late 19th century. The building has local historical and historical association significance, representativeness and a moderate degree of integrity.

5.13 Recommendations for State Heritage Register listings

In addition to the items in Coonamble Shire currently on the State Heritage Register the following places are recommended to be nominated to the NSW Heritage Branch Department of Planning as places of State significance:

1. Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2. Coonamble Historical Museum
3. St Brigid's School, Coonamble

5.14 General management recommendations

The co-ordinator has formulated general management recommendations to cover many of the broad circumstances that will arise on each site. To what extent the management strategy needs to be applied to the heritage item, or its curtilage, varies from place to place. In some cases this is obvious, while in others it is important to define the extent of the item or area to which the above policy applies. If there is doubt the Council's Heritage Advisor's advice should be sought in the particular case.

5.15 Notification to owners

Owners of potential items should be notified in writing. Before a new LEP is completed, each owner should be advised if their place was recommended for listing in the new LEP. At this stage some owners may write and ask for their place to be withdrawn from any listing. If this occurs the SHI data information should still be retained by council.

6. Proposed Conservation Zones

It is proposed that two urban Conservation Zones be established in the Coonamble Shire. These should encompass the business districts of Coonamble and Gulargambone.

The purpose of each zone is to establish a mechanism to retain the heritage character of the Coonamble and Gulargambone commercial districts and to develop a dialogue between property owners and Council in relation to alteration of building exteriors. This should be achieved by utilising the compulsory Heritage Conservation clauses in the Department of Planning draft LEP template.

The compulsory Heritage Conservation clauses of the draft LEP template have a stated objective to 'conserve the heritage significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas including associated fabric, settings and views'. These clauses contain the following provisions relevant to heritage conservation areas:

(2) Requirement for consent

Development consent is required for any of the following:

(a) demolishing or moving a heritage item or building work, relic or tree within a heritage conservation area.

(f) erecting a building on land on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area.

(g) subdividing land on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area.

(4) Heritage impact assessment

The consent authority may, before granting consent to any development on land;

(b) within a conservation area, require a heritage impact statement to be prepared that assesses the extent to which the carrying out of the proposed development would affect the heritage significance of the heritage item or heritage conservation area concerned.

The two Conservation Zones are described below. Each zone would include a number of items identified for individual listing as well as items that are considered to contribute to the character and significance of the zone.

A separate schedule of items that contribute to the character of each zone should be prepared.

6.1 Coonamble Conservation Zone

The proposed Coonamble Conservation Zone should encompass designated buildings within the following precinct:

- The southern side of Aberford Street between Castlereagh and Namoi Street.
- Both sides of Castlereagh Street between Aberford and Tooloon Streets.
- Both sides of Tooloon Street between Castlereagh and Namoi Streets

- The western side of Namoi Street between Aberford and Castlereagh Streets.

6.2 Gulargambone Conservation Zone

The proposed Gulargambone Conservation Zone should encompass designated buildings within the following precinct:

- Both sides of Bourbah Street between Coonamble Road and Munnell Street.

7. Proposed Management Strategies

The purpose of this section is to identify management strategies and make recommendations by which the Council can assist in the management and conservation of the significant cultural heritage places that have been highlighted by this study. These planning tools will generally be contained within the model provisions of the Heritage Provisions for LEP. They are noted here as being particularly useful or relevant to Coonamble Shire.

7.1 Development Control Plans

Coonamble currently has a comprehensive Development Control Plan (DCP) that includes provisions for heritage development (refer to **Section 4.5**). It is recommended that the controls included in this DCP should be translated into Development Control Plans prepared as supporting documents to the new LEP.

Recommendations:
New Development Control Plans to include comprehensive guidelines for heritage development.

7.2 Consultation with owners

The owners of Heritage Items should be consulted before any additional listings are made and at the same time told about any incentives that the Council has available now or may adopt in the future. i.e. acceptance of listing may be conditional upon Council providing incentive.

At the conclusion of this study Council should consider the development of a package or brochure to be sent to each owner confirming the status of heritage places and encouraging them to take advantage of the assistance provided by Coonamble Shire Council and the Heritage Branch.

Recommendations:
Owners of heritage items be kept informed on available funding assistance and other incentives (tax, rates etc) that may assist them.
Owners of heritage items continue to have access to information on appropriate conservation measures.

7.3 Site specific management recommendations

For items covered by the SHI forms there is generally a clause that allows for site specific recommendations, and the extent that the recommendation applies to should be specified if necessary, (eg whole of building, whole site, or just part of it). These recommendations are listed below:

Archaeological recommendations:

i) Notify the Planners about any process that will substantially alter the landscape, e.g. dam, road widening, altered agricultural practices, trench digging, quarrying ... or is potentially a threat to the archaeological site.
ii) Seek advice if any of the above threats are likely to occur in the vicinity of the item, and have the threat assessed. If a study is necessary it should be along Conservation Plan guidelines.

iii) Encourage active recording of information for cemeteries and isolated graves.

All sites: historical and archaeological sites

iv) Keep buildings in good order.
v) Record, photograph, research any changes.
vi) Ensure that new owners are advised of the Cultural significance of the site.
vii) Encourage collections of moveable heritage to stay together with the building or place eg. furniture with homestead, plant with woolshed.
viii) Produce, or make available publicly, interpretive information that will enable people to appreciate the sites.
ix) Draw up conservation plans. or interim Management Plans for important sites.

7.4 Management Plans

Where the building or place is of State significance, or is a complex site requiring more detailed and tailored management, a Conservation Management Plan should be drawn up. This can be a document from a few pages to many volumes. It is generally carried out by a heritage professional, or group of professionals.

The costs of such documents are not inconsiderable and if the place is of State Significance the Heritage office provides financial assistance on a pro-rata basis.

Recommendation :
Council to assist owners with guidelines and/or contacts to draw up Conservation Management Plans for items that are formally listed as State Significant.

7.5 Interim Management Plans

With all places of State Significance a Conservation Management Plan is recommended. However if this document presents a difficult cost burden to owners it may have to be postponed until resources such as grants can be accessed. In the mean time it is important that owners and Council alike are aware of what such a level of Heritage listing will mean in their future plans, and assist owners through the services of their Heritage Adviser, heritage experienced Planner or other heritage professional to draw up an agreement as an interim management strategy.

This 'plan' should be a user friendly document that is contained in no more than a four or five page document, using every day language, and enabling the owner's rights and the Heritage Place to be protected.

Recommendation :
Council to participate with owners in preparing an Interim Heritage Management Agreement for all items that are formally listed as State Significant.

7.6 Mapping, location and curtilage

Heritage listed places should be connected to the Council's Property system, which will automatically provide a prominent method (eg an icon) to indicate the presence of an heritage item. This will alerting the council officer using the program where there is a heritage item, or that there is a heritage item in the vicinity. This will enable more effective management and awareness of heritage items.

Recommendation:
Map all Heritage Inventory Items electronically and show their location on the LEP map.

7.7 Access to Heritage Items

Care should be taken to generally protect heritage items from unwanted visitation. Public access should only be with willing owners consent, even if public assistance is given to the item.

Occasionally grants are made conditional upon public access being provided, and in that case, access would naturally be acceptable to the owner, as part of accepting the grant. Sometimes conservation of an item depends strongly on minimal or only supervised contact (as with many Aboriginal sites or Archaeological sites) and where visitors would interfere with the normal workings of a property.

Recommendation:
Access to Heritage sites must not be taken for granted and should be always carefully considered with reference to the owners consent and opinions and needs and the sensitivity of the particular place.

7.8 Recording

The information gathered for this study has been being collected and stored in the software package known as SHI at the office of High Ground Consulting. It will be passed on to Coonamble Shire Council and the Heritage Branch Department of Planning at the conclusion of the study.

All of the information on listed items or proposed listed items can be given to the Heritage Branch in this format and stored on their computer system. It will then be made available via public internet access.

Recommendation:
Allow the State Heritage Inventory (SHI data) records to be made publicly accessible.

8. Glossary of abbreviations

SHI	State Heritage Inventory
LGA	Local Government Area
CD	Computer disc
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
SHR	State Heritage Register
CMP	Conservation Management Plan
DCP	Design or Development Control Plan

9. Definitions

For words such as 'Conservation' and 'Restoration' refer to the Burra Charter. The Burra Charter includes a full list of definitions of specific terms used in heritage management, eg.

- *Conservation* means all the processes of looking after a *place* so as to retain its *cultural significance.*
- *Restoration* means returning the existing *fabric* of a *place* to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material.
- *Reconstruction* means returning a *place* to a known earlier state and is distinguished from *restoration* by the introduction of new material into the *fabric*.

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Bourbah	Avoca Woolshed	Avoca, Stock Route 39	Local
Bourbah	Bourbah Inn Site*	Gulargambone Quambone Road	Local
Bourbah	Oxley Monument	Gulargambone Quambone Road	Local
Buggil	Stone paved causeway*	Off Castlereagh Highway	Local
Combara	Combara Community Hall		Local
Coonamble	Bucking Bull Hotel	22-24 Tooloon Street	Local
Coonamble	Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Tooloon Street	State
Coonamble	Commercial Hotel	70 Castlereagh Street	Local
Coonamble	Concrete horse trough	Coonamble Showground	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble CWA Rooms	Castlereagh Street	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble General Cemetery	Back Gular Road	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble Historical Museum	164 Aberford Street	State
Coonamble	Coonamble Hospital Soldiers Memorial Chapel	Castlereagh Street	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble Intermediate High School building	Aberford Street	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble Memorial Arboretum	Cnr. Warrena & Auburn Streets	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble Post Office	Cnr Castlereagh & Aberford Streets	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble Power House (former)	Castlereagh Street	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble Railway Station	Railway Street	State
Coonamble	Coonamble Shire Chambers	Castlereagh Street	
Coonamble	Coonamble Showground Cattle Pavilion	Coonamble Showground	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble Showground Poultry Pavilion	Coonamble Showground	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble Showground Sheep Pavilion	Coonamble Showground	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble Turf Club Grandstand	Castlereagh Highway	Local
Coonamble	Coonamble Waterhole	Aberford Street	Local
Coonamble	Geanmoney Homestead	Back Gular Road	Local
Coonamble	Government Savings Bank (former)	Aberford Street	Local
Coonamble	McDonald Park	Aberford Street	Local
Coonamble	Plaza Theatre	66 Castlereagh Street	Local
Coonamble	St Barnabas Anglican Church	24 Namoi Street	Local
Coonamble	St Barnabas Church Hall	26 Namoi Street	Local
Coonamble	St Brigid's School	Tooloon Street	State
Coonamble	St Patrick's Hall	Tooloon Street	Local
Coonamble	St Peters Uniting Church (former)	14 Namoi Street	Local

Coonamble	Sexton's Hut, Coonamble General Cemetery	Memorial Drive	
Coonamble	Sons of the Soil Hotel	46-54 Castlereagh Street	Local
Coonamble	Terminus Hotel	25 Railway Street	Local
Coonamble	Tin Town Site*	Off Namoi Street	Local
Coonamble	Tully Park Gateway	Cnr. Dubbo & McCullough Streets	Local
Coonamble	Woodlands Homestead Group	Woodlands Road	Local
Coonamble	Woodlands Irrigation Pumps	Woodlands Road	Local
Coonamble	Woodlands Woolshed	Woodlands Road	Local
Gilgooma	Chinese Dam, Teridgerie Creek*	Ventura, Pilliga Road	Local
Gilgooma	Cresling Chinese Tank*	Old Cresling	Local
Gilgooma	Gilgooma Post Office (former)	Pilliga Road	Local
Gilgooma	Gilgooma War Memorial Gates	Pilliga Road	Local
Gulargambone	All Saints Anglican Church	Yoolundry Street	Local
Gulargambone	Catholic Church (former)	Warrie Street	Local
Gulargambone	Ginty's Garage	7 Bourbah Street	Local
Gulargambone	Gulargambone General Cemetery	Muriman Street	Local
Gulargambone	Gulargambone Pioneers Memorial Church	Cnr. Munnell & Armitree Streets	Local
Gulargambone	Gulargambone Police Station	45 Bourbah Street	
Gulargambone	Gulargambone Post Office	Cnr. Bourbah & Munnell Streets	Local
Gulargambone	Gulargambone Racecourse & Showground Grandstand	off Munnell Street	Local
Gulargambone	Gulargambone War Memorial	Coonamble Street	Local
Gulargambone	Gulargambone War Memorial Hall & Mechanics Literary Institute	Bourbah Street	Local
Gulargambone	John Oxley Memorial Picnic Area	Castlereagh Highway	Local
Gulargambone	Majestic Theatre (former)	28 Bourbah Street	Local
Macquarie Marshes	Macqaurie Marshes	Gibson Way	Local
Mount Tenandra	Mount Tenandra Homestead Group	Tooraweenah Road	Local
Pilliga West	Ceelnoy Sawmill site*	Ceelnoy Road	Local
Quambone	Quambone Bush Nursing Home (former)	Cnr. Gilgunnia & Mungie Streets	Local
Quambone	Quambone & District War Memorial Hall & Library	Mungie Street	Local
Quambone	Quambone General Cemetery	Gilgunnia Street	Local
Quambone	Quambone General Store	Cnr. Tucca & Buckimbe Streets	Local
Quambone	Quambone Post Office (former)	Cnr. Tucca & Buckimbe Streets	Local
Quambone	Quambone Public School	Mungie Street	Local
Quambone	Quambone Racecourse & Showground	Warren Road	Local

Quambone	Quambone Recreation Ground	Mungie Street	Local
Quambone	Quambone School House	Mungie Street	Local
Quambone	Sacred Heart Catholic Church	Mungie Street	Local
Quambone	St Pauls Anglican Church	Cnr. Buckimbe & Mungie Streets	Local
Talegar	Old Coonamble School House	Talegar Lane	Local
Talegar	Talegar Homestead	Talegar Lane	Local
Tooloon	Old Tooloon Homestead	Emby Road	Local
Tooloon	Tooloon barn & stable	Emby Road	Local
Urawilkie	Nebea Homestead Group	Baradine Road	Local
Urawilkie	Nebea Homestead (original)	Nebea Urawilkie Road	Local
Urawilkie	Nebea Station Store	Baradine Road	Local
Urawilkie	Nebea Woolshed	Nebea Urawilkie Road	Local
Urawilkie	Nebea Woolshed Bore	Nebea Urawilkie Road	Local

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Via Email

Date: 26/02/2025

Dear Lee and Tony

RE: Coonamble Reflections – A Heritage review 2025/6

In response to the brief and following the site visit, the first report is presented to Council.

We look forward to your consideration and responses.

Regards

David Scobie

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Coonamble Reflections – A Heritage review

Summary: *The project is for the review of the Coonamble Community-Based Heritage Study completed in 2014 with the aim of identifying key sites for inclusion in the Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011. The project also aims to identify sites suitable for interpretation.*

Our appreciation of the full project scope is as follows;

1. Review the documents associated with the 2014 CCBH Study
    i. Written report indicating integrity and recommended additional analysis, a gap analysis – missing sites against the Historic themes & those warranting visitation
2. Identify the sites which remain intact and review the sites listed in the study against the current heritage listing criteria
    i. Written and illustrated report
3. Identify the top 10 sites and those recommended for interpretation
    i. Written and illustrated report
    b. Conduct a detailed site visit to undertake a community workshop and inspect the sites
4. Identify those sites which warrant inclusion on the Coonamble LEP
    i. Written report
5. Provide a design concept for interpretation of heritage sites within the Coonamble Shire

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Our appreciation of the scope is as follows;

1. Review the previous heritage study plus any additional relevant documents and provide a written report indicating any shortcomings in the report, its analysis and recommendations.

Document review

a. Thematic History

The initial Heritage study was prepared by Ray Christison in 2009 and 2010. The study followed the standard procedures and protocols established by the NSW Heritage Office for Community based Heritage Studies.

The first stage was completed by Ray in 2009 and presented to Council in 2010 and provided a Thematic History of Coonamble Shire. The report established a range of local contacts, researchers and written records which provided a solid foundation for the work. As noted in the history, the intention is not be definitive but to cover the local timeline: 1790s – 1975 and then the historic themes established by the Heritage Office, including building settlements, working, educating, governing, cultural life and aboriginal culture.

The distinctive issues and events included are the Explorers, the Aboriginal reserves, the 1920 flooding of the Castlereagh River, the Bush Nursing and Hospital services, the fire within the business district and the arrival and departure of railway services.

b. Community based Heritage Study

The process included a reference group of volunteers who assisted in identifying places of significance across Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone and the rural precincts. The generous assistance of staff and community members is acknowledged in the report.

Local contact was extensive and included articles and notices placed in the Coonamble Weekly newspaper advising of the Heritage Study and inviting expressions of interest from members of the public. The Heritage Study was promoted through ABC Local Radio and letters were sent to the National Trust of Australia (NSW), Engineering Heritage Australia and the Art Deco Society of New South Wales requesting lists of items from their areas of interest.

Following the identification of the local historic themes and the collection of a list of nominated places, each site was visited and record created for the place. The standard format provided by the Heritage Office was utilised.

A comprehensive street survey of the central business district of Coonamble was undertaken to identify heritage items in the commercial area and suitable inventory forms as records created for the buildings.

c. Levels of significance

The Study co-ordinator identified and assigned levels of heritage significance (none, local, or State) for each item/place which was nominated. All places that are listed, or will be listed as Heritage items, must be at least of Local Significance.

Beyond this local level, items can be considered to be of State, or even National significance.

State Significance is important as it attracts more prestige, including placement on the NSW Heritage Office Web site, and will give the item more access to funding through loans and grants. It is however difficult to obtain state listing due to both the high bar required and the detailed time and effort in the research.

To make the level required for listing, the place must reach at least of one of the following criteria:

Key Criteria for NSW Heritage Listing:
The study coordinator evaluated the places/ items based on the following:

- ***Historical Significance (Criterion A):*** *The item is important in the course/pattern of NSW's cultural or natural history.*
- ***Associative Significance (Criterion B):*** *The item has strong association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in NSW's history.*
- ***Aesthetic/Technical Significance (Criterion C):*** *The item demonstrates high degree of creative or technical achievement.*
- ***Social/Cultural Significance (Criterion D):*** *The item has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW for social, cultural, or spiritual reasons.*
- ***Research/Scientific Significance (Criterion E):*** *The item has the potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW's cultural or natural history.*
- ***Rarity (Criterion F):*** *The item possesses uncommon, rare, or endangered aspects of NSW's cultural or natural history.*
- ***Representativeness (Criterion G):*** *The item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of NSW's cultural or natural places or environments.*

Proposed listings

The study recommended an Inventory with the listing of 132 places within the Shire. The range was grouped into the historic themes within the report.

The listing is provided for reference:

A. ABORIGINAL SITES

Place	Address	Date Visited
Camp ground	Limerick St, Coonamble	23 July 2009
Tin Town	off Namoi St, Coonamble	23 July 2009

B. ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

Place	Address	Date Visited
Bourbah Inn site	Gulargambone Quambone Rd, Bourbah	8 April 2009
Ceelnoy Sawmill site	Ceelnoy Road, Pilliga West	Sept 2005
Chinese Dam, Teridgerie Creek	Ventura, Gilgooma	15 May 2009
Coonamble No.1 Bore site	McCullough St, Coonamble	29 April 2010
Cresling Chinese tank	Old Cresling, Gilgooma	15 May 2009
Cresling Homestead site	Old Cresling	15 May 2009
Cresling Woolshed site	Old Cresling	15 May 2009
Gilgooma telephone line remnant	Old Cresling	15 May 2009
Gumin Homestead site	National Park Rd, Gumin Gumin	4 Sept 2009
Stone paved causeway	off Castlereagh Highway, Buggil	13 May 2009
Yarranville house site	Old Cresling	15 May 2009
Yarranville well site	Old Cresling	15 May 2009

C. BANKS & COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Place	Address	Date Visited
A.J.F. O'Brien & Sons	42 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Bank of New South Wales (former)	43 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Bank of New South Wales	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008

Place	Address	Date Visited
(former)		
Bank of New South Wales (original)	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Commercial Bank (former)	68 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
CBC Bank (former)	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Government Savings Bank (former)	Aberford St, Coonamble	13 May 2009
Rural Bank (former)	22 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008

D. CAFES

Place	Address	Date Visited
Monterey Café (former)	61-63 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008

E. CEMETERIES & BURIAL SITES

Place		
Coonamble General Cemetery	Back Gular Road, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble Memorial Arboretum	Cnr. Warrena & Auburn Sts, Coonamble	1 July 2009
Gulargambone General Cemetery	Muriman St, Coonamble	18 Dec 2008
Quambone General Cemetery	Quambone Rd, Quambone	30 June 2009
Sexton's Hut, Coonamble General Cemetery	Memorial Drive, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008

F. CHURCHES

Place	Address	Date Visited
All Saints Anglican Church	Yoolundry St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Catholic Church (former)	Warrie St., Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Tooloon St, Coonamble	12 May 2009
Gulargambone Pioneers' Memorial Church	Cnr. Munnell & Armitree Sts, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
St Barnabas Anglican Church	24 Namoi St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
St Paul's Anglican Church	Mungie St, Quambone	30 June 2009
St Peter's Uniting Church	14 Namoi St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	Mungie St, Quambone	30 June 2009

G. EXPLORATION SITES

Place	Address	Date Visited
Oxley monument	Gulargambone Quambone Rd, Bourbah	2 July 2009
John Oxley Memorial Picnic Area	Castlereagh Highway, Gulargambone	20 July 2009

H. GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Court House & Police Station	Cnr. Aberford & Namoi Sts, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble Fire Station	95 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble Historical Museum	164 Aberford St, Coonamble	13 May 2009
Coonamble Post Office	Cnr. Castlereagh & Aberford Sts, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble Shire Chambers	Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Gilgooma Post Office (former)	Pilliga Road, Gilgooma	15 May 2009
Gulargambone Police Station	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	20 July 2009
Gulargambone Post Office	Cnr. Bourbah & Munnel Sts, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Quambone Post Office (former)	Cnr. Tucca & Buckimbe Sts, Quambone	30 June 2009
Warrumbungle National Park Visitor Centre	off John Renshaw Parkway, Warrumbungle National Park	18 June 2008

I. HEALTH

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Hospital Soldiers' Memorial Chapel	Castlereagh Street, Coonamble	20 Feb 2009
Quambone Bush Nursing Home (former)	Cnr. Gilgunnia & Mungie Sts, Quambone	21 July 2009
Quambone Community Health Centre	Cnr. Mungie & Buckimbe Sts, Quambone	21 July 2009

J. HOMESTEADS & ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Avoca Homestead Group	Avoca, Stock Route 39, Bourbah	8 April 2009
Geanmoney Homestead	Back Gular Rd, Coonamble	10 Dec 2008
Mount Tenandra Homestead Group	Tooraweenah Rd, Mt Tenandra	25 April 2010
Nebea Homestead Group	Baradine Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Nebea Homestead	Nebea Urawilkie Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010

Place	Address	Date Visited
(original)		
Old Tooloon Homestead	Emby Rd, Tooloon	10 Dec 2008
Talegar Homestead	Talegar, Talegar Lane, Talegar	25 Nov 2009
Woodlands Homestead Group	Woodlands Rd, Coonamble	24 Feb 2010

K. HOUSES & HUTS

Place	Address	Date Visited
House	9 Charles St, Coonamble	24 Feb 2010
Quambone School House	Mungie St, Quambone	21 July 2009
St Barnabas Rectory	Aberford St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008

L. HOTELS & INNS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Bucking Bull Hotel	22-24 Tooloon St, Coonamble	13 May 2009
Commercial Hotel	70 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Sons of the Soil Hotel	46-54 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Terminus Hotel	25 Railway St, Coonamble	14 May 2009

M. INDUSTRIAL

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Power House (former)	Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Ginty's Garage	7 Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008

N. IRRIGATION

Place	Address	Date Visited
Nebea Station Bore	Nebea, Baradine Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Nebea Woolshed Bore	Nebea Urawilkie Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Woodlands Irrigation Pumps	Woodlands Rd, Coonamble	24 Feb 2010

O. MEMORIALS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble War Memorial	Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble War Memorial Ambulance Station	91 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Gilgooma War Memorial Gates	Pilliga Rd, Gilgooma	15 May 2009
Gulargambone War Memorial	Coonamble Rd, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008

Place	Address	Date Visited
Tully Park Gateway	Cnr. Dubbo & McCullough St, Coonamble	23 July 2009

P. NATURAL PLACES

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Waterhole	Aberford St, Coonamble	23 July 2009
Terrigal Creek Wildlife Viewing Platform	Gibson Way, Macquarie Marshes	30 June 2009

Q. PARKS & RECREATION

Place	Address	Date Visited
Alan Walker Memorial Baths	Munnell St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Coonamble Showground	Castlereagh St, Coonamble	30 June 2009
Cattle Pavilion	Coonamble Showground	30 June 2009
Poultry Pavilion	Coonamble Showground	30 June 2009
Sheep Pavilion	Coonamble Showground	30 June 2009
Coonamble Turf Club Grandstand	Castlereagh Highway, Coonamble	24 August 2009
Gulargambone Racecourse & Showground Grandstand	off Munnel St, Gulargambone	20 July 2009
McDonald Park	Aberford St, Coonamble	30 June 2009
Quambone Racecourse & Showground	Warren Rd. Quambone	21 July 2009
Quambone Recreation Ground	Mungie St, Quambone	21 July 2009

R. PUBLIC HALLS & SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Combara Community Hall	Combara	20 July 2009
Coonamble CWA Rooms	Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Coonamble School of Arts (former)	59 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Gulargambone War Memorial Hall & Mechanics Literary Institute	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Majestic Theatre (former)	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Quambone District War Memorial Hall & Library	Mungie St, Quambone	30 June 2009
Plaza Theatre	66 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
St Barnabas Church Hall	26 Namoi St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
St Patrick's Hall	Tooloon St, Coonamble	12 May 2009

S. RAILWAY & ROAD TRANSPORT

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Railway Station	Railway St, Coonamble	13 May 2009
Concrete Horse Trough	Coonamble Showground	30 June 2009

T. SCHOOLS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Coonamble Intermediate High School building	Aberford St, Coonamble	20 July 2009
Old Coonamble School House	Talegar, Talegar Lane, Talegar	25 Nov 2009
Quambone Public School	Mungie St, Quambone	30 June 2009
St Brigid's School	Tooloon St, Coonamble	12 May 2009

U. SHOPS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Bakery (former)	24 Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Easson's Emporium	51-55 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Feehan's Building	32-38 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Hermann's Store (former)	73-83 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Leonard's Boot & Shoe Repair (former)	69 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Leonard's Building	35-41 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Mac's Building	40 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Quambone General Store	Cnr. Tucca & Buckimbe Sts, Quambone	30 June 2009
Shop	24 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Shop	56 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Shop	71 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Shops	60-63 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	9 Dec 2008
Shops (Gallery)	21 Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Shop (Pete's Pumps)	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Shops	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008
Star Supermarket	Bourbah St, Gulargambone	18 Dec 2008

V. WOOLSHEDS & SHEARERS' QUARTERS

Place	Address	Date Visited
Avoca Shearers' Quarters	Avoca, Stock Route 39, Bourbah	8 April 2009
Avoca Woolshed	Avoca, Stock Route 39, Bourbah	8 April 2009
Mount Tenandra Woolshed Group	Tooraweenah Rd, Mt Tenandra	25 April 2010

Place	Address	Date Visited
Nebea Shearers' Quarters	Nebea Urawilkie Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Nebea Woolshed	Nebea Urawilkie Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Pincham Woolshed	John Renshaw Parkway, Warrumbungle National Park	20 Feb 2008
Woodlands Woolshed	Woodlands Rd, Coonamble	24 Feb 2010

W. SUNDRY

Place	Address	Date Visited
Nebea Station Store	Nebea, Baradine Rd, Urawilkie	24 April 2010
Tooloon Barn & Stable	Emby Rd, Tooloon	10 Dec 2008

Gap analysis

The study included a gap analysis which revealed that the listings at the time of the study, held substantial gaps across a series of important themes.

These included pastoral life – no substantial rural properties with their complexes of homesteads, shearing sheds and outbuildings; cultural life was not represented by community halls, a CWA premises, a theatre or Café; Aboriginal life was not represented and domestic life was not represented as no houses were on the list.

An excellent summary table was provided in the report to correlate the themes and the nominated places.

One page from the table is offered as follows to illustrate the value of such relationships in drawing attention to the relationships between places and communities and their evolution:

Coonamble Shire Community-Based Heritage Study 2008-2010

Australian Theme	NSW Theme	Local theme	Notes	Examples
2 Peopling Australia	Migration	Emigrating from one district to another within NSW	*Activities and processes associated with the resettling of people from one place to another*	**Nebea Homestead**
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Agriculture	Irrigation	*Activities relating to the cultivation and rearing of plant and animal species, usually for commercial purposes; can include aquaculture*	**Nebea Bore** **Woodlands Irrigation pumps**
		Flour mill		
3 Developing local, regional and national economies	Commerce	Banks	*Activities relating to buying, selling and exchanging goods and services*	**Bank of NSW (former), Coonamble** **Bank of NSW (former), Gulargambone** **Bank of NSW (original), Gulargambone** **CBC Bank (former), Gulargambone** **Commercial Bank (former), Coonamble** **Government Savings Bank (former), Coonamble** **Rural Bank (former)**
		Main streets		**Bourbah Street, Gulargambone** **Castlereagh Street, Coonamble**
		Town Store		**A.J.F. O'Brien & Sons** **Eason's Emporium (former)** **Feehan's Building** **Herrmann's Store (former)** **Leonard's Boot & Shore Repair (former)** **Leonard's Building** **Mac's Building** **Shops, Coonamble**
		Village enterprises		**Bakery (former), Gulargambone** **Shop (Pete's Pumps), Gulargambone** **Shops, Gulargambone** **Star Supermarket, Gulargambone** **Quambone General Store** **Shops, Gulargambone**

d. The summary offered six groups of items in an attempt to encapsulate the distinctive local character and history:

1. Homesteads and woolsheds
2. The Coonamble business district
3. The Gulargambone townscape
4. Transport corridors
5. Cemeteries & Lone graves
6. Water Management

Across this list, the report recommended that 113 items/places be added to the Coonamble LEP and 3 places be considered for State listing.

e. Conservation zones/areas
The report proposed that Conservation area listings be provided for the Coonamble central business area and the Gulargambone streetscape.

f. Statutory matters
The implications from Clause 5.10 of the LEP, of inclusion within the items and heritage conservation areas, are as follows:

5.10 Heritage conservation
Note.
Heritage items (if any) are listed and described in Schedule 5. Heritage conservation areas (if any) are shown on the Heritage Map as well as being described in Schedule 5.

*(1) **Objectives** The objectives of this clause are as follows—*
(a) to conserve the environmental heritage of Coonamble,
(b) to conserve the heritage significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas, including associated fabric, settings and views,
(c) to conserve archaeological sites,
(d) to conserve Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal places of heritage significance.

*(2) **Requirement for consent** Development consent is required for any of the following—*
(a) demolishing or moving any of the following or altering the exterior of any of the following (including, in the case of a building, making changes to its detail, fabric, finish or appearance)—
(i) a heritage item,
(ii) an Aboriginal object,
(iii) a building, work, relic or tree within a heritage conservation area,
(b) altering a heritage item that is a building by making structural changes to its interior or by making changes to anything inside the item that is specified in Schedule 5 in relation to the item,
(c) disturbing or excavating an archaeological site while knowing, or having reasonable cause to suspect, that the disturbance or excavation will or is likely to result in a relic being discovered, exposed, moved, damaged or destroyed,
(d) disturbing or excavating an Aboriginal place of heritage significance,
(e) erecting a building on land—
(i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or
(ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance,
(f) subdividing land—
(i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or
(ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance.

*(3) **When consent not required** However, development consent under this clause is not required if—*
(a) the applicant has notified the consent authority of the proposed development and the consent authority has advised the applicant in writing before any work is carried out that it is satisfied that the proposed development—
(i) is of a minor nature or is for the maintenance of the heritage item, Aboriginal object, Aboriginal place of heritage significance or archaeological site or a building, work, relic, tree or place within the heritage conservation area, and
(ii) would not adversely affect the heritage significance of the heritage item, Aboriginal object, Aboriginal place, archaeological site or heritage conservation area, or
(b) the development is in a cemetery or burial ground and the proposed development—
(i) is the creation of a new grave or monument, or excavation or disturbance of land for the purpose of conserving or repairing monuments or grave markers, and
(ii) would not cause disturbance to human remains, relics, Aboriginal objects in the form of grave goods, or to an Aboriginal place of heritage significance, or
(c) the development is limited to the removal of a tree or other vegetation that the Council is satisfied is a risk to human life or property, or
(d) the development is exempt development.

*(4) **Effect of proposed development on heritage significance***
The consent authority must, before granting consent under this clause in respect of a heritage item or heritage conservation area, consider the effect of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the item or area concerned. This subclause applies regardless of whether a heritage management document is prepared under subclause (5) or a heritage conservation management plan is submitted under subclause (6).

*(5) **Heritage assessment***
The consent authority may, before granting consent to any development—
(a) on land on which a heritage item is located, or
(b) on land that is within a heritage conservation area, or
(c) on land that is within the vicinity of land referred to in paragraph (a) or (b),
require a heritage management document to be prepared that assesses the extent to which the carrying out of the proposed development would affect the heritage significance of the heritage item or heritage conservation area concerned.

*(6) **Heritage conservation management plans***
The consent authority may require, after considering the heritage significance of a heritage item and the extent of change proposed to it, the submission of a heritage conservation management plan before granting consent under this clause.

*(7) **Archaeological sites** The consent authority must, before granting consent under this clause to the carrying out of development on an archaeological site (other than land listed on the State Heritage Register or to which an interim heritage order under the Heritage Act 1977 applies)—*
(a) notify the Heritage Council of its intention to grant consent, and
(b) take into consideration any response received from the Heritage Council within 28 days after the notice is sent.

*(8) **Aboriginal places of heritage significance***
The consent authority must, before granting consent under this clause to the carrying out of development in an Aboriginal place of heritage significance—
(a) consider the effect of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the place and any Aboriginal object known or reasonably likely to be located at the place by means of an adequate investigation and assessment (which may involve consideration of a heritage impact statement), and
(b) notify the local Aboriginal communities, in writing or in such other manner as may be appropriate, about the application and take into consideration any response received within 28 days after the notice is sent.

*(9) **Demolition of nominated State heritage items***
The consent authority must, before granting consent under this clause for the demolition of a nominated State heritage item—
(a) notify the Heritage Council about the application, and
(b) take into consideration any response received from the Heritage Council within 28 days after the notice is sent.

*(10) **Conservation incentives***
The consent authority may grant consent to development for any purpose of a building that is a heritage item or of the land on which such a building is erected, or for any purpose on an Aboriginal place of heritage significance, even though development for that purpose would otherwise not be allowed by this Plan, if the consent authority is satisfied that—
(a) the conservation of the heritage item or Aboriginal place of heritage significance is facilitated by the granting of consent, and
(b) the proposed development is in accordance with a heritage management document that has been approved by the consent authority, and
(c) the consent to the proposed development would require that all necessary conservation work identified in the heritage management document is carried out, and
(d) the proposed development would not adversely affect the heritage significance of the heritage item, including its setting, or the heritage significance of the Aboriginal place of heritage significance, and
(e) the proposed development would not have any significant adverse effect on the amenity of the surrounding area.

In summary, the listed heritage places are protected by requiring works which would alter their character to be assessed by Council for their effects on the heritage significance. Generally, this is for demolition, subdivision and major alterations. The assessment is through a statement of heritage impact – a standard format which may be self-created by an owner, by a consultant or by Council and their advisors.

Within the heritage conservation areas, the issues generally relate to the external character of places and buildings.

An exemption process, known as 5.10(30 – refer in the above clauses, for simple works considered as maintenance and works which will replace like-for-like elements and the removal of elements not considered as significant, is available for all properties and places.

The proposed Heritage Conservation Areas:

While mapping was not included in the original Heritage Study Report, the following general descriptions were offered:

Coonamble

- The southern side of Aberford Street between Castlereagh and Namoi Street;
- Both sides of Castlereagh Street between Aberford and Tooloon Streets;
- Both sides of Tooloon Street between Castlereagh and Namoi Streets;
- The western side of Namoi Street between Aberford and Castlereagh Streets.

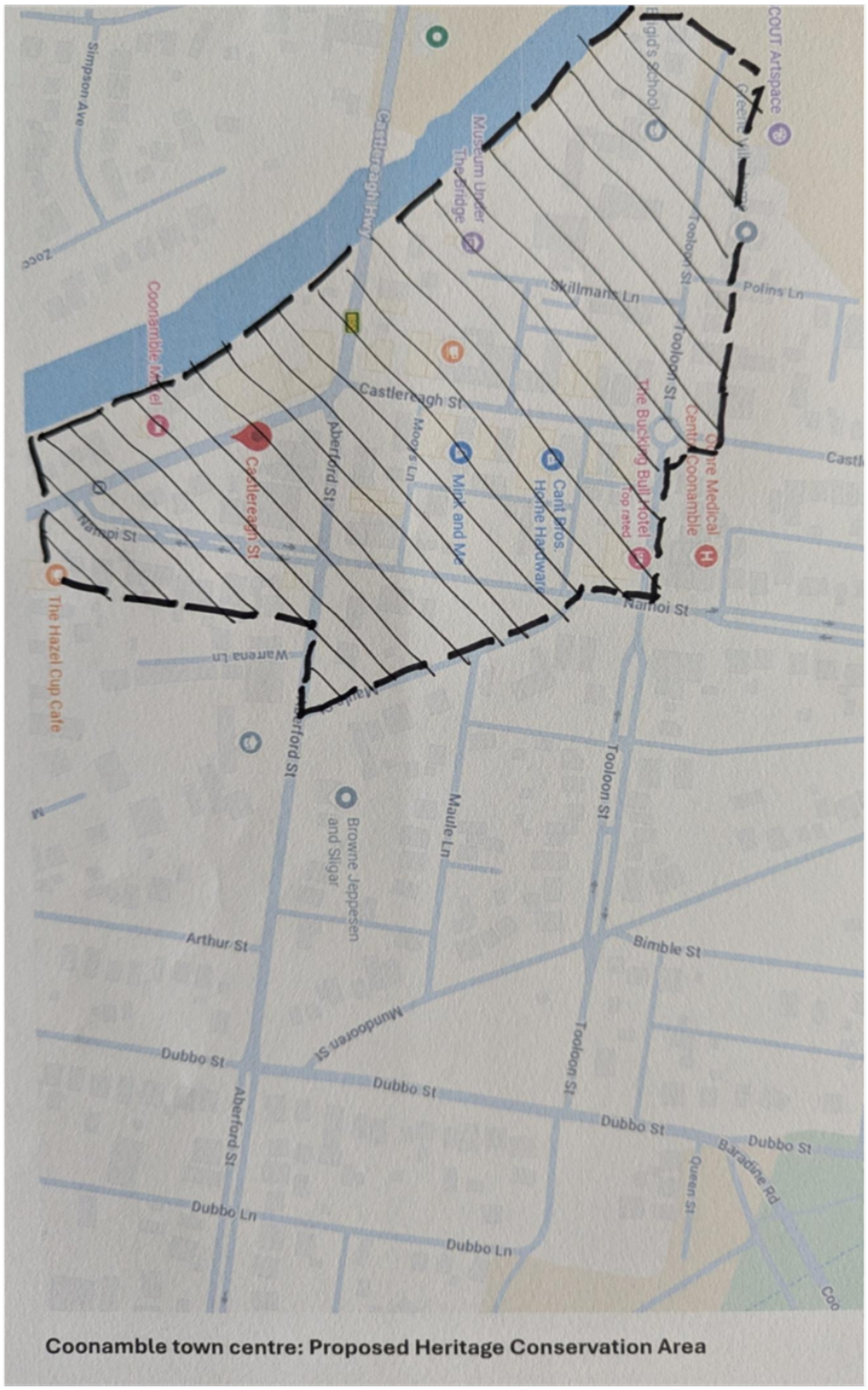
Gulargambone

- Both sides of Bourbah Street between Coonamble Road and Munnell Street.

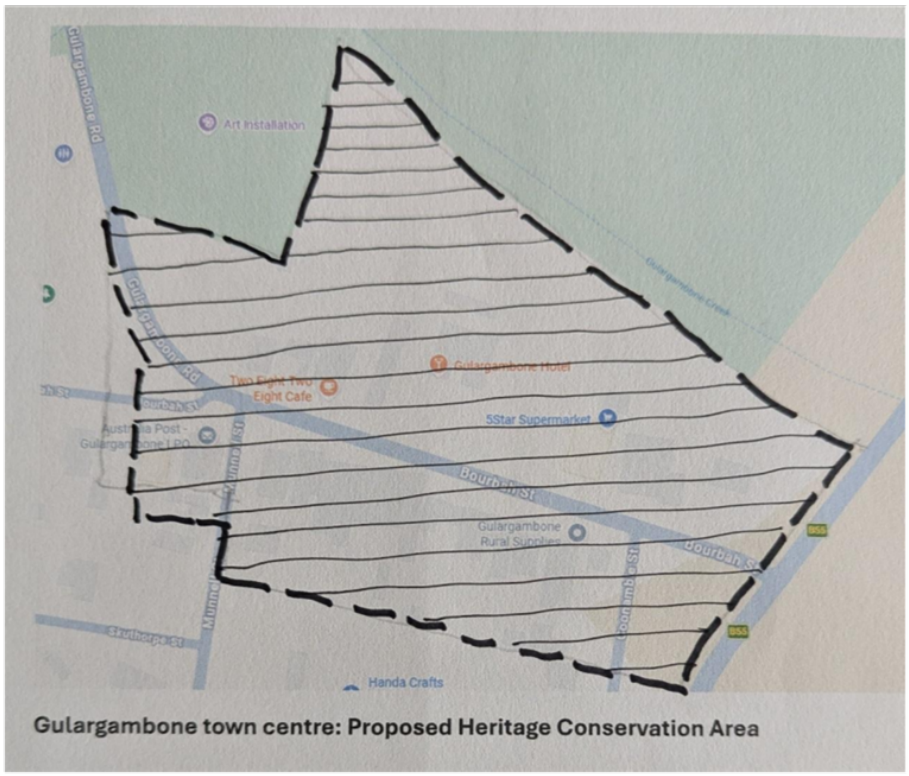
These areas and boundaries have been reviewed based upon the initial site visit.

There are several key issues which are considered when determining the appropriate locations for boundaries:

- The significant and contributory buildings need to be included;
- The key streetscapes need to be included and this may mean taking the boundary down a rear property boundary and not down the centre of a street so as to include both sides of a street;
- Excluding those elements which clearly do not contribute and mor than that – places which clearly detract and are uncharacteristic to the traditional character.



Coonamble town centre: Proposed Heritage Conservation Area



Gulargambone town centre: Proposed Heritage Conservation Area

g. Management recommendations

i. Suitable Heritage clauses would be required to be included within the development control plan, so as to guide Owners and control development;

ii. Owners should have access to heritage advice, information and heritage grants to assist in conservation works.

iii. The listing format provided for each place offers a range of advice and recommendations on the management of the place, including the following:

Archaeological recommendations:

i) Notify the Planners about any process that will substantially alter the landscape, e.g. dam, road widening, altered agricultural practices, trench digging, quarrying ... or is potentially a threat to the archaeological site.

ii) Seek advice if any of the above threats are likely to occur in the vicinity of the item, and have the threat assessed. If a study is necessary, it should be along Conservation Plan guidelines.

iii) Encourage active recording of information for cemeteries and isolated graves.

All sites: historical and archaeological sites

iv) Keep buildings in good order.

v) Record, photograph, research any changes.

vi) Ensure that new owners are advised of the Cultural significance of the site.

vii) Encourage collections of moveable heritage to stay together with the building or place e.g. furniture with homestead, plant with woolshed.
viii) Produce, or make available publicly, interpretive information that will enable people to appreciate the sites.
ix) Draw up Conservation Strategies, Heritage Asset Action Plans or Conservation Management Plans for complex & important sites.

h. Mapping & recording

i. All places and Heritage Conservation Areas endorsed for listing would be mapped on the NSW Planning Portal within the Heritage layer and available to all parties;
ii. Once endorsed and gazetted, the listing detail, as vetted by the NSW Heritage Office to meet privacy requirements, would be available on the State Heritage Inventory system – as is standard practice for all NSW Local Governments with endorsed heritage lists.

i. Access

i. As a precautionary measure for privacy, safety and security, the report recommended *that access to Heritage sites must not be taken for granted and should be always carefully considered with reference to the owner's consent and opinions and needs and the sensitivity of the particular place.*

Commentary, Assessment and Review matters

2. Endorsement

The 2010 report is considered to have been carried out in full compliance with the brief and in the spirit of identifying and conserving the history and heritage of Coonamble.

The advice to Council for the listing of 113 places was not followed through at the time. The known consequences are that the places are not being fully protected using the standard means available to all NSW local Councils.

- It is not known whether any places on the list have been lost or have decayed during the intervening period. Site work and contact with owners through the property record system will enable this verification;
- In terms of the gap analysis, there appears to be a shortfall in the number of residential dwellings on the nomination list, following a review of the town centres of Coonamble and Gulargambone;
- In terms of the two town centres, the extent of the proposed Heritage Conservation Areas requires mapping to ensure that the included places are appropriate, equitable in terms of places excluded and that significant trees and the river character are included;
- Following the mapping and inclusions with the boudaries, the number of individual property listings may be reduced as their protection would be enabled by the inclusion within the Heritage Conservation Areas.

The availability of heritage grants to local Councils has not been made available to owners of heritage places within the Shire and this has placed a greater burden on Councils an owner and on the community for the maintenance and enhancement of heritage places.

a. Current listings

At the time of the 2010 study there were 8 sites listed by a combination of State Agencies, the Heritage Office and Council.

At the present time there are 18 items with 1 item on the State list – the Coonamble Railway Station and yard group and the following 17 on the local list held by Council and Agencies. The current list follows:

Church of England Church	COONAMBLE NSW 2829
Commercial Hotel	Corner Castlereagh and Aberford Streets COONAMBLE NSW 2829
Coonamble High School - Buildings B00A, B00Q, B0CA, B0CB and B0CC	15C Aberford Street COONAMBLE NSW 2829
Coonamble Post Office	Castlereagh Street COONAMBLE NSW 2829
Coonamble Railway Station	Railway Street COONAMBLE NSW 2829
Coonamble Railway Station and Yard Group	Railway Street COONAMBLE NSW 2829
Coonamble Shire Chamber	80 Castlereagh Street COONAMBLE NSW 2829
Gulargambone Police Station	45 Bourbah Street GULARGAMBONE NSW 2828
Macquarie Marshes - marshes and areas subject to inundation (approximately 148,000ha)	10km south west of B/W Warrick Farm and Yanganbul COONAMBLE NSW 2829
Museum (former Police Station)	Aberford Street COONAMBLE NSW 2829
North Macquarie Marsh Channel	Macquarie River QUAMBONE NSW 2831
North Macquarie Marsh Channel Culvert No 1 And Main Channel Regulator	Macquarie River QUAMBONE NSW 2831
Quambone Public School - Buildings B00A and B00J	17 Mungie Street QUAMBONE NSW 2831
Sexton's Hut	Memorial Drive (Coonamble Cemetery) COONAMBLE NSW 2829
TAFE NSW Coonamble Campus	45 Dubbo Street COONAMBLE NSW 2829
Tenandra Weir	Marthaguy Creek QUAMBONE NSW 2831
Tenandra Weir Block Dam And Valve	Marthaguy Creek QUAMBONE NSW 2831

Within this list, there are 8 items which are currently listed on the Coonamble Local Environmental Plan. This list is the same list as existed when the 2010 study was commenced.

Item name	Address	Property description
Museum (former Police Station)	Aberford Street	Lot 8, DP 1151542
Church of England Church	Corner Aberford and Namoi Streets	Lot 103, DP 1090482
Coonamble Post Office	Castlereagh Street	Lot 70, DP 748321
Commercial Hotel	Corner Castlereagh and Aberford Streets	Lot 12, DP 523657
Coonamble Shire Chamber	80 Castlereagh Street	Lot 11, DP 523657; Lot 1, DP 324575
Macquarie Marshes—marshes and areas subject to inundation (approximately 148,000ha)	10 km south west of Carinda—between Warwick Farm and Yanganbul	
Coonamble Railway Station and yard group	Dubbo-Coonamble railway	
Sexton's Hut	Memorial Drive (Coonamble Cemetery)	Lot 7018, DP 1032587

3. Summary

Based on the review of the Thematic history - 2009 and the Community based Heritage Study – 2010, the process and findings were thorough, compliant with the guidelines and included sound recommendations and advice to Council. The advice was consistent with that generally provided to NSW Councils and Shire regional Councils in particular.

Recommendations for next steps

a. Council reviews this report and offers feedback to address their queries;
b. The Consultant to review the list and any issues related to listing for Council;
c. Consistent with the Brief, the Consultant prepares designs for the interpretation panels for a selected list of 10 places including but not limited to Tin Town and the Gulargambone & Coonamble heritage conservation areas;
d. Following the responses, Council adopts the proposal as a Draft for the review of the extant 113 places and 2 heritage conservation areas and endorses a private consultation with owners followed by a public consultation;
e. Council reviews the appropriate Management recommendations including the use of Standard Clauses in the LEP and DCP which are appropriate for similar rural Councils;
f. Council investigates the funding opportunities from Heritage NSW in relation to the three-year heritage grants which are available to support the use of a Heritage Advisor and the establishment of a Coonamble Local Heritage Fund for assisting owners with grants towards appropriate conservation works and paint colour schemes for listed items and contributory items in the heritage conservation areas;
g. Following the consideration of all responses, Council adopts the Draft proposal for the listings and staff prepare a Planning Proposal for the formal listings and inclusion within the LEP.

David Scobie
Architect and Heritage Consultant

26/02/2026

11.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Author: **Community Services Manager**

Authoriser: **Director Sustainable Communities and Planning**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Community Development report for September 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

September focused on preparations for the Spring School Holiday Program, strengthening youth services, and progressing key community initiatives across the Shire. The holiday program has been finalised in collaboration with local service providers, bringing together Council-led activities and partner programs to deliver a coordinated range of recreational and creative opportunities across Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.

Two additional casual Youth Workers commenced at the Gulargambone Youth Centre, strengthening service continuity, operational capacity and management oversight. The expanded staffing arrangements will also support activities across both weeks of the school holiday period.

Grant activity during the month included acquittal of the $12,000 Autumn/Winter Holiday Break grant and continued planning for the Carers Celebration, supported by $4,000 in funding.

An application has also been submitted to FRRR's *Strengthening Rural Communities* program to supplement the $19,000 raised through a Royal Agricultural Society charity brunch, coordinated with the support of United Way Australia. The additional funding is intended to support continuation of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library through to the end of March 2027.

Longer-term funding for the Imagination Library remains uncertain, with more than 300 local families currently benefiting from the service. Recent discussions indicate that a State Government announcement may be made on Monday, 5 October, which may provide greater clarity regarding the program's future. This report outlines the program's background and the steps being taken to support its continuation, subject to the outcome of the current grant application and any further State Government funding announcement.

Library activities during the month also included regional collaboration, community engagement and preparation of the State Library Zonal meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Community Development supports programs, activities and initiatives that strengthen local engagement, promote wellbeing and provide opportunities for residents, particularly young people, seniors, families and carers.

Recent priorities include youth and school holiday programs, facility improvements, grant funding, staffing and engagement with residents and service providers throughout the Shire.

REPORT:

Gulargambone Youth Centre staffing and operations

Recruitment of two (2) additional casual Youth Workers has been completed. Both successful applicants completed the required interviews and pre-employment medical assessments, followed by onboarding on 9 September 2026. Their first shift at Gulargambone Youth Centre was on Thursday, 10 September 2026.

Both staff members attended an orientation with the Community Development Manager and Community Development Officer (CDO). The CDO also attended their first shift at the Youth Centre to provide practical guidance, explain operational requirements and support their transition into the role.

Centre Operations

The team is establishing the systems, procedures and structured activity program required to support consistent after-school operations. The Youth Workers bring complementary experience in youth coaching, soccer, fitness training and nutrition, strengthening the Centre's capacity to offer a varied program.

Throughout the recruitment period, the Youth Centre continued to operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with approximately 7 to 14 young people attending each session. With recruitment now finalised, an expansion to four days per week is being considered in response to steadily increasing community demand and the availability of additional staff.

Young people have engaged particularly well in the following activities and session offerings:

- Basketball;
- Cricket;
- Soccer skills and fitness activities with Mel;
- General recreational activities; and
- Food and refreshments provided during sessions.

Food and refreshments remain an important component of the Youth Centre program, particularly as some young people report not having eaten lunch before attending.

Behaviour at the Centre has remained positive, with no significant behavioural issues reported during the reporting period.

The Centre is now equipped with computers for use by Youth Workers, improving access to correspondence and administrative systems. This is particularly important given the limited mobile reception at the facility and the staff's need to complete routine operational tasks.

In preparation for the hotter months, further equipment is required, including a chest freezer for storing food and ice blocks. These improvements will support anticipated increased use of the Centre during the summer school holidays as well as its ongoing term-time program.

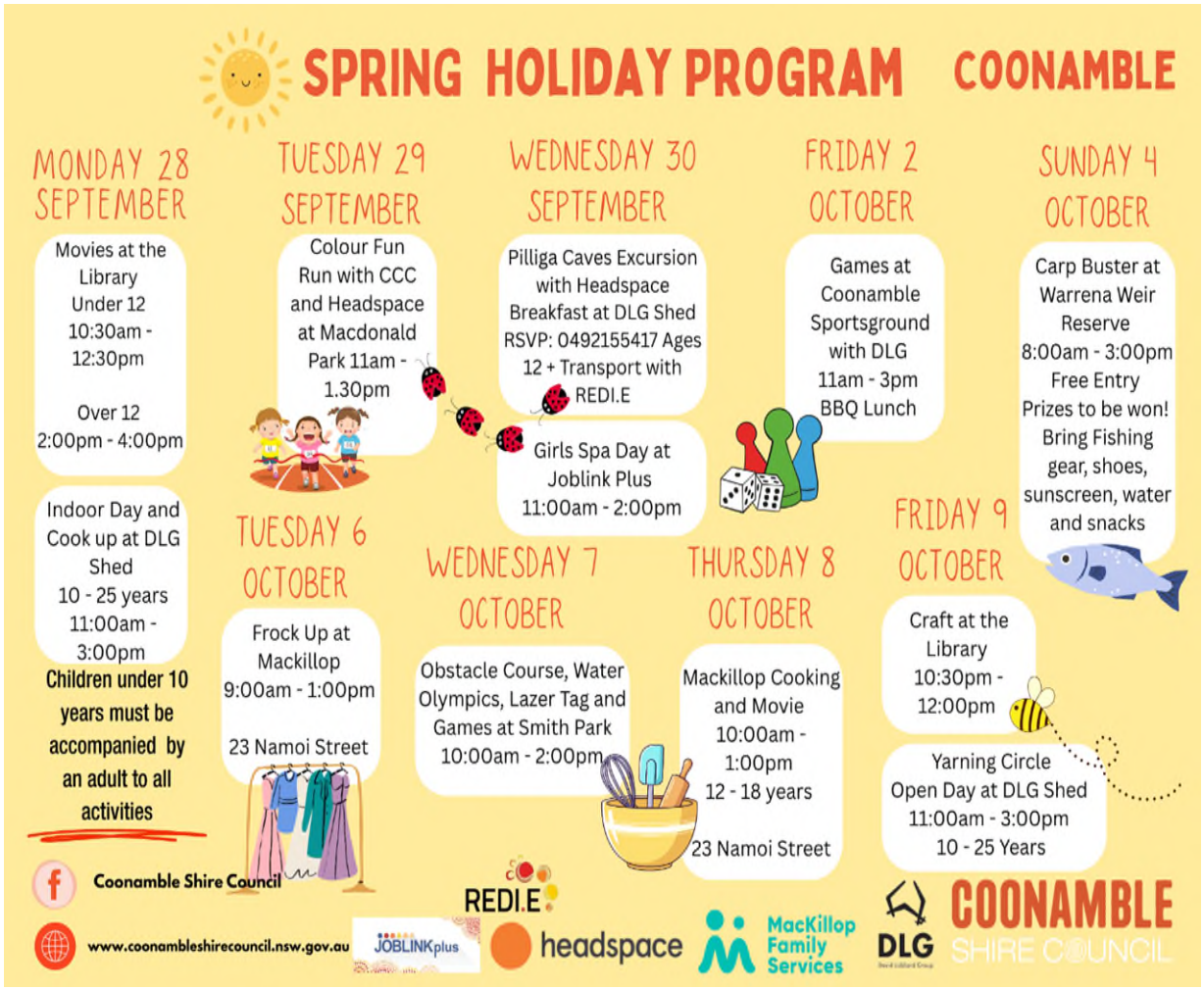
Spring School Holiday Program

Planning for the Spring School Holiday Program has progressed well, with the activity calendar finalised in consultation with participating services and providers across the Shire.

Program flyers were released for community circulation on 18 September 2026. Activities are scheduled to commence on 28 September 2026.

Council's coordination role has brought together Council-led activities and contributions from local services to provide a balanced holiday program. A key feature will be an inflatable obstacle course at Smith Park, offering an activity suitable for a broad range of ages. Children under 10 years must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Joblink Plus, Headspace, First Light and DLG will provide complementary activities, creating a varied and family-friendly day. The combined program will offer opportunities for young people to participate in recreational activities and connect with the services involved.

Delivery of the obstacle course requires coordination across Council's work health and safety, Parks and Gardens and Community Development functions, together with participating service providers. The Community Development Manager, CDO and Librarian are coordinating these arrangements to support safe and effective event delivery.


SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM COONAMBLE
MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
Movies at the Library
Under 12
10:30am - 12:30pm
Over 12
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Indoor Day and Cook up at DLG Shed
10 - 25 years
11:00am - 3:00pm
Children under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult to all activities
TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
Colour Fun Run with CCC and Headspace at Macdonald Park 11am - 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
Pilliga Caves Excursion with Headspace
Breakfast at DLG Shed
RSVP: 0492155417 Ages 12 + Transport with REDI.E
Girls Spa Day at Joblink Plus
11:00am - 2:00pm
FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER
Games at Coonamble Sportsground with DLG
11am - 3pm
BBQ Lunch
SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER
Carp Buster at Warrena Weir Reserve
8:00am - 3:00pm
Free Entry
Prizes to be won!
Bring Fishing gear, shoes, sunscreen, water and snacks
TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER
Frock Up at Mackillop
9:00am - 1:00pm
23 Namoi Street
WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER
Obstacle Course, Water Olympics, Lazer Tag and Games at Smith Park
10:00am - 2:00pm
THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER
Mackillop Cooking and Movie
10:00am - 1:00pm
12 - 18 years
23 Namoi Street
FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER
Craft at the Library
10:30pm - 12:00pm
Yarning Circle
Open Day at DLG Shed
11:00am - 3:00pm
10 - 25 Years
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DLG
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SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM QUAMBONE
Friday 2 October
MTM FM – HIGH ENERGY DANCE PARTY!
Disco
at Quambone Hall.
10:30am - 1:30pm
Grab a mate and your best dancing moves and come join us!
Refreshments provided.
Wednesday 7 October
GAMES DAY!
-Scavenger Hunt.
-Rob the Nest.
-Keep the Balloon up and more!
-Mystery Box Prizes
10:00am - 1:00pm
Lunch Provided
Children under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult to all activities
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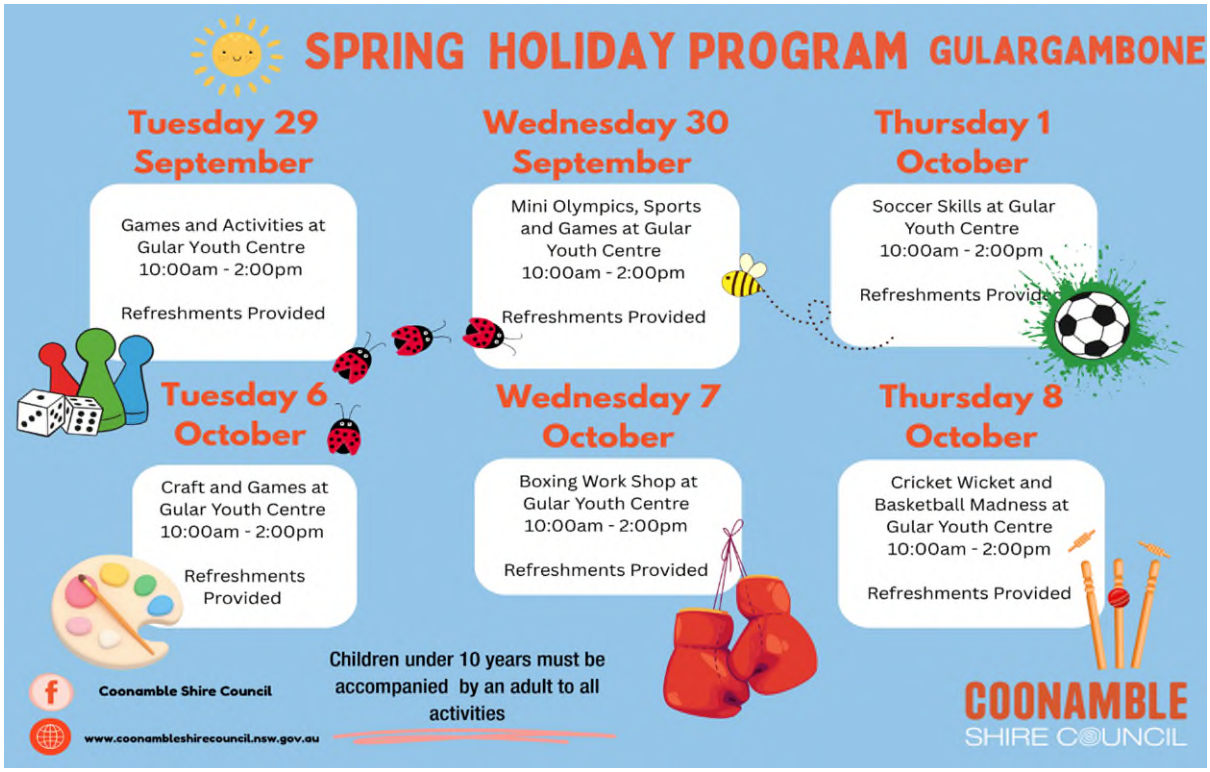

Carers Celebration Event

Planning is progressing for Council's Carers Celebration following confirmation of $4,000 in grant funding to support the event.

The event will be held and catered at Coonamble Bowling Club, providing carers and the people they care for with an opportunity to connect, share experiences and access information in an informal, supportive setting that recognises their contribution to the community.

The program is being developed to include:

- A guest speaker;
- Volunteer speakers from diverse backgrounds sharing their lived experience of caring;
- Practical self-care information and strategies;
- Information about local services, agencies and other support pathways available to carers and the people they support; and
- Opportunities for networking and informal discussion.

NATIONAL CARERS WEEK

12–18 OCTOBER 2026

Caring for the Carer

SELF-CARE, SUPPORT & CELEBRATION

Join us for a special morning tea celebrating the remarkable contribution carers make to our community.

Tuesday
14 October 2026

Coonamble Bowling Club

10:00am – 12:00pm
Light snacks, tea and coffee provided

WHAT TO EXPECT

MORNING TEA & REFRESHMENTS
Relax and enjoy a welcoming morning tea.

GUEST SPEAKERS
Informative and inspiring presentations.

LOCAL PROFESSIONALS & SUPPORT SERVICES
Meet local services and learn about supports available in our community.

SELF-CARE ADVICE
Practical tips and strategies to support your wellbeing.

CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY
Meet others, share experiences and feel supported.

Caring for Others Starts with Caring for Yourself

National Carers Week is a time to recognise and celebrate the millions of Australians who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends.

Carers and the people they care for are all welcome.

Come along to connect, learn about local supports and celebrate the important role carers play in our community.

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NATIONAL CARERS WEEK

LIBRARY SERVICES

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has operated in the Coonamble Local Government Area (LGA) since 2021, initially with State Government funding through to 2025. From 2025, the State Government continued to fund existing participants, while Council agreed to fund newborn enrolments during the 2025-2026 financial year.

Due to budget constraints, Council support for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library was withdrawn in the 2025-2026 financial year.

Delivered in partnership with United Way Australia, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to children aged 0-5 years, regardless of family income, culture, religion or background. Books and delivery are free for families. The program aims to foster an early interest in reading and learning, encourage parents and children to read together and strengthen family relationships. It also supports school readiness by helping children develop a foundation for learning before they enter kindergarten. It is the only program currently available locally that provides this universal monthly book service.

United Way Australia approached the Royal Agricultural Society to seek support for the program. Its annual Charity Brunch at the Royal Easter Show raises funds for grassroots initiatives that address significant issues in rural NSW communities, providing an opportunity to support the continuation of local Imagination Library programs.

In 2026, the Charity Brunch supported Imagination Library programs in Brewarrina, Coonamble, Walgett and Gilgandra.

Each community contributed items for the fundraising auction. Coonamble's contribution included locally made and sourced products, including a table runner by Sooty Welsh, Gilgooma meat rubs, CWA jams and preserves, and Coonamble wooden platters.

More than 180 people attended the Charity Brunch, which raised $50,060. Of this amount, $19,142 was allocated to Coonamble, providing a substantial contribution towards maintaining the program for local children and families for the immediate term until December 2026. An application to FRRR's Strengthening Rural Communities program seeks to extend delivery to the end of March 2027.

United Way has also advised that there will be announcements from the NSW Government about future support to the program. Without further funding, the program will cease locally once available funds are exhausted. 319 children are currently enrolled across Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone so discontinuation of the program would therefore affect a significant number of local families.

Bi-Annual Zone Meeting

Council's Librarian attended the biannual meeting of the Central West Zone. The Zone extends from Moree in the north to Bathurst/Orange in the south, and from Broken Hill in the west to Lithgow in the east. The meetings are held twice per year and the Librarian endeavours to attend at least one in person. The meetings provide valuable assistance, information and are a great source of support.

Through attendance and via networking, relationships are built with other librarians in the zone. Ideas, experiences and resources are also shared.

The meetings help staff stay informed about current library practices, trends and opportunities for professional development and allows for collaboration with other libraries.

Census Pop Up

Representatives from the CENSUS held a pop-up information session at the library which was attended by 15 people.

North-West Librarian Network Meeting

The librarians of the Northwestern Library network meet on a quarterly basis. At the most recent meeting, the following matters were discussed:

- **EResources**: With an eye on budget, the Librarians discussed e-resourcing availability on our Northwestern Library app to members. Discussions were held regarding a more intensive campaign to promote e-resources in each LGA.
- **State Library Subsidy**: To receive the State Government Subsidy funding, each Council must complete several documents and submit to the State Library. The Librarian is working with Council's Finance Department to complete this by the deadline of 9 October 2026. A one-off payment of $5000 has been granted to all libraries with a LGA population under 11,000. This funding is conditional and will need to be reported on in the following subsidy application for 2027/2028.

Library Statistics

	August 2026	
Service	**Coonamble**	**Gular**
Loans	312	39
New Memberships	27	3
Wi-Fi (logins)	49	136
Internet (people)	123	
Internet (hours)	142.26	
Kids Comp (children)	65	
Junior Visits	98	
Adult Visits	467	

Manual Statistics

Coonamble	# of People – August 2026
Library Visits	565
Reference Enquiries	27
Technology Enquiries	48
Local History	9

Activity Statistics

Coonamble	# of People – August 2026
Senior Craft	8
Seniors Cinema	18
Other	37

CONCLUSION

Overall, September has been a productive month, with positive progress across youth services, school holiday programming and community support initiatives. Overall, September has been an extremely fast paced month, with positive progress across youth services, school holiday programming and community support initiatives. The recruitment of two casual Youth Workers will strengthen the ongoing operation of the Youth Centre and allow the Community Development Officer to focus more heavily on program development, monitoring and community engagement.

Attendance at the Youth Centre at Gulargambone attendance remains consistent, with strong participation in recreational activities and positive behaviour from attendees.

The successful acquittal of the $12,000 Autumn/Winter Holiday Break grant concludes the previous program, while planning for the Spring and Summer programs continues.

The successful $4,000 Carers Celebration funding will also provide an important opportunity to recognise local carers, promote available supports and strengthen community connections.

Overall, activities remain focused on delivering safe, inclusive and meaningful opportunities for young people, carers and the broader community.

11.5 WASTE RECYCLING EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES REPORT

Author: **Manager Waste, Recycling & Employment**

Authoriser: **Director Sustainable Communities and Planning**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Waste, Recycling and Employment Initiatives report for September 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Council with an update on waste, recycling, resource recovery, employment initiatives, community projects and operational matters during September 2026. Key activities include the successful operation of the TOMRA Cleanaway Return and Earn facility, continued cardboard recovery initiatives, workforce recruitment and training, community feedback on bulky waste services and facility operating hours, landfill cell development, asbestos management, regional collaboration and ongoing security and compliance matters across the Shire.

BACKGROUND:

Council continues to progress a range of waste and employment initiatives across the Shire, including landfill upgrades, recycling services, community clean-up projects, grant-funded programs, plant and fleet maintenance, workforce development and stakeholder engagement. These activities support improved service delivery, compliance, resource recovery, environmental outcomes and local employment pathways.

REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of current waste, recycling, environmental, resource recovery, employment and operational activities, and to identify matters requiring further monitoring, budget consideration or future reporting.

Container Deposit Scheme Facility

The automated TOMRA Cleanaway Return and Earn facility is now operational and receiving positive feedback from the community. While some commissioning challenges and infrastructure adjustments within the shed have been required, these matters are being addressed as the facility transitions into full operation. The long-term benefits of the facility for the community, resource recovery outcomes and Council's recycling objectives are expected to significantly outweigh these short-term impacts.

The official opening of the TOMRA Cleanaway Return and Earn facility is scheduled for Friday, 16 October 2026.

Employment and Workforce

Recruitment for permanent waste staff positions has now been completed, with employment contracts currently being finalised.

Operationally, there remains an ongoing need for casual employees to assist with:

- Annual leave coverage
- Sick leave replacement
- Community projects
- Seasonal operational demands

Paper Resources Baling Project

The cardboard baling program continues to deliver positive outcomes.

The first shipment of cardboard bales was transported from the Waste Facility during September. The cardboard rebate has now increased to $130.00 per tonne plus GST meaning Council received $638.82 in rebate income while simultaneously reducing the volume of cardboard being deposited into landfill.

Gulargambone Cardboard Recovery Trial

Interest from Gulargambone businesses in participating in recycling initiatives continues to grow.

The Gulargambone Supermarket Manager has been proactive in leading discussions surrounding cardboard recycling opportunities. Several local businesses are now participating in a trial collection program.

Expected benefits include:

- Reduced cardboard disposal to landfill
- Increased recycling recovery rates
- Reduced pressure on kerbside waste services
- Improved cost recovery through commodity rebates

A dedicated cardboard-only bin has been provided in the supermarket car park. The trial operates in conjunction with existing fortnightly waste collection services and will conclude at the end of October.

A full costing and evaluation report will be presented to Council in November.

Community Feedback – Bulky Waste Collection

Community members continue to request the return of Council's free bulky waste collection program.

Councillors will recall the successful trial undertaken prior to Christmas 2024 across Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone. Community participation was extremely positive and demonstrated strong community demand for accessible bulky waste disposal services.

The bulky waste collection trial cost Council approximately $70,000 to deliver across the three communities. The program resulted in significant volumes of unwanted household items being removed from private properties and appropriately disposed of, improving community amenity, supporting residents with larger household clean-ups and reducing the risk of illegal dumping.

A detailed report will be presented to November Ordinary Council meeting for Council to consider:

1. provide a bulky waste collection service during December/January 2026/27:

    - Four weeks in Coonamble.
    - Two weeks in Gulargambone.
    - Two weeks in Quambone.

2. investigate the introduction of two (2) waste disposal vouchers per rateable property per year, with vouchers to be issued alongside the 2027 rate notices.

Waste Facility Operating Hours Survey

A community survey reviewing waste facility operating hours was undertaken during September.

<u>Coonamble</u>

Feedback demonstrated strong support for:

- Reopening the facility on Fridays
- Extending operating hours during daylight savings
- Additional weekend accessibility

Many residents indicated that Friday access would allow households and tradespeople to finalise clean-up activities before the weekend.

<u>Gulargambone</u>

Residents generally support current operating days but raised concerns regarding summer afternoon operating hours.

Strong support was received for:

- Earlier opening times during warmer months
- Saturday morning operations during summer
- Investigation of a Return and Earn facility in Gulargambone

A detailed report will be presented to November Ordinary Council meeting for Council to consider:

1. Management review survey outcomes and investigate reopening Friday operations.

2. Review staffing requirements and budget implications associated with service changes.

Walgett Shire Council Engagement

Discussions continue between representatives of both Councils regarding waste management programs, resource recovery opportunities and future collaborative initiatives

Scrap Metal Recovery Program

Representatives from Infrabuild/OneSteel recently inspected Council's scrap metal stockpile. Subject to market pricing, it is anticipated that the stockpile will be processed and removed prior to the Christmas shutdown period. This will improve site presentation while generating additional resource recovery income.

Mattress and Tyre Disposal

Bingo Industries has now assumed operations previously managed by JKW.

Council's first load of tyres and mattresses has been booked for removal during October under the existing NET Waste arrangements. While this service remains an operational cost to Council, it continues to reduce stockpiles and improve environmental outcomes.

DrumMUSTER

Agricultural chemical drum volumes continue to increase, and a collection is anticipated prior to Christmas.

Additional staff training will be required in:

- DrumMUSTER operations
- Community Recycling Centre administration
- Weekly compliance reporting requirements

Landfill Cell Development

Construction of safety fencing around the new landfill cell is underway.

While progress has slowed due to staffing changes, required materials have been ordered and installation will continue.

It is proposed that commissioning of the new landfill cell occur in 2027. This approach will:

- Maximise the remaining capacity within the current cell
- Allow completion of weighbridge software installation
- Enable comprehensive staff training
- Provide a full twelve months of operational data collection before commissioning

This staged approach will ensure operational readiness and more accurate reporting of future landfill deposits.

Asbestos Management

Following significant remediation and compliance works, the EPA Prevention Notice has been removed from the Coonamble Waste Facility.

Discussions with the EPA regarding future requirements remain ongoing.

Recommendation

In relation to the proposed NSW Government Free Asbestos Collection Trial for 2027, it is recommended that Coonamble Shire Council does not participate at this stage.

Given the absence of an EPL and the current lack of detailed program information, participation may expose Council to operational, safety and compliance risks. It is recommended that licensed facilities undertake any future trial programs until proven systems and processes are established.

Bin Basket Program

Council has successfully secured funding for 20 public bin baskets. Installation will commence following completion of a public bin infrastructure audit.

This initiative is expected to assist in reducing litter and improving public amenity across the Shire.

Security and Vandalism

Council continues to experience property damage and theft across waste facilities.

Recent incidents include:

- Fence damage at Gulargambone and Quambone facilities
- Fuel theft from the Coonamble compactor
- Theft of scrap metal from stockpiles
- Unauthorised entry to operational sites

All incidents have been reported to NSW Police.

It is recommended that Council investigate the installation of security camera systems across all waste management facilities to reduce theft, vandalism and unauthorised access.

Records Destruction Service

Several local businesses have recently approached Council regarding the secure disposal of archived financial and business records. This service remains available through the Waste Facility and can be arranged by contacting the Waste Manager for process details and pricing.

Employee Recognition

Employee of the Month September 2026 - **Mark Cowper**

Mark is recognised for his outstanding contribution across multiple operational areas including:

- Landfill maintenance
- Weighbridge operations
- Kerbside collection services
- Staff leave coverage

Mark's versatility, commitment and willingness to assist across all operational areas continue to make him a valuable member of the Waste Team.

Tin Town Employment Project Training

Training undertaken and scheduled includes:

- Literacy Support Programs
- Wake Up Shake Up

- ChemCert Accreditation
- Plant Operations
- Chainsaw Operations
- White Card Training
- First Aid Certification

These programs continue to improve employment readiness and workplace capability outcomes.

Community Partnership Recognition

The Waste Team recently received positive feedback from the Department of Communities and Justice regarding assistance provided to a local family experiencing hardship.

The collaborative effort enabled the removal of accumulated waste from a residential property, improving safety, amenity and living conditions for children residing at the address.

Council's involvement demonstrates the positive impact local government services can have when supporting vulnerable families within our community.

Conclusion

The Waste and Recycling section continues to deliver strong operational outcomes, with significant progress being made in recycling initiatives, staff recruitment, infrastructure improvements and regional partnerships.

The successful operation of the TOMRA Cleanaway facility, expansion of resource recovery programs, workforce development activities and ongoing community engagement initiatives position Council well for continued improvements in environmental and service outcomes across the Shire.

Waste Management Services

The tables below provide the revenue and expenditure for all waste disposal facilities in the Coonamble Shire.

Return and Earn – 2026/2027

Site	SEP		Year to Date	
	Items	Amount	Items	Amount
Coonamble	184754	$ 18,475.40	338,883	$ 33,888.30
Quambone	18348	$ 1,834.80	24,091	$ 2,409.10
Total			**362,974**	**$ 36,297.40**

11.6 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN

Author: **Community Development Officer-Disability Inclusion Action Plan**

Authoriser: **Director Sustainable Communities and Planning**

Annexures: **1. DRAFT DIAP**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Notes that the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 was placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with Council's resolution from the September 2026 meeting.**
2. **Notes that no submissions were received during the public exhibition period.**
3. **Adopts the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030.**
4. **Authorises the General Manager to undertake administrative and editorial amendments to the document that do not alter the intent of the Plan (if required).**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) 2026-2030 was placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days following Council's endorsement at the September 2026 meeting. The exhibition period provided an opportunity for members of the community, stakeholders, service providers, disability advocates and other interested parties to review the draft plan and make submissions.

No submissions were received during the exhibition period.

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 has been developed in accordance with the requirements of the Disability Inclusion Act 2014 (NSW) and establishes Council's strategic framework for advancing disability inclusion across the organisation and community over the next four years.

As no submissions were received and no amendments are proposed, the purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030.

BACKGROUND

The Disability Inclusion Act 2014 (NSW) requires all NSW local councils to prepare and implement a Disability Inclusion Action Plan that addresses barriers experienced by people with disability and promotes greater inclusion and participation within the community.

Council considered a report on the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 and resolved to place the draft document on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and invite submissions from the community and relevant stakeholders.

The draft plan was developed through consultation with people with disability, carers, service providers, community organisations, disability advocacy groups and Council staff. It also incorporated a review of Council's previous Disability Inclusion Action Plan, demographic information and relevant legislative and policy requirements.

The exhibition process has now concluded, and the plan is presented to Council for adoption.

REPORT:

Discussion

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 outlines Council's commitment to improving access, inclusion and participation for people with disability across the Coonamble Shire community.

The plan addresses the four mandatory focus areas identified under the Disability Inclusion Act 2014 (NSW):

- Developing positive community attitudes and behaviours.
- Creating liveable communities.
- Supporting access to meaningful employment.
- Improving access to mainstream services through better systems and processes.

The draft plan was publicly exhibited for 28 days through Council's usual community engagement channels.

At the close of the exhibition period, **no submissions were received** from community members, organisations or stakeholders.

The absence of submissions indicates that no concerns, objections or suggested amendments were raised regarding the content of the draft plan. Given the extensive consultation undertaken during the development phase and the lack of feedback received during public exhibition, staff consider the document suitable for adoption in its exhibited form.

Upon adoption, the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 will guide Council's disability inclusion initiatives and actions over the life of the plan and assist Council in meeting its legislative obligations.

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN:

Focus	Strategic Area
Our Community	Caring for Community
Our Economy	Building our Social Capital
Our Assets	Our Assets
Our Country	N/A
Our Leadership	Our Ongoing Improvement

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial Resource Implications:

Implementation of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 will continue to be undertaken through a combination of existing operational budgets, future budget considerations and external grant funding opportunities where available.

The adoption of the plan does not create any immediate additional budget implications beyond those already identified within the exhibited document. Actions requiring significant additional resources will be considered through future budget development processes or external funding opportunities.

Policy / Legal and Statutory Implications:

Adoption of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 supports Council's compliance with:

- *Disability Inclusion Act 2014 (NSW).*
- *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).*
- *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).*
- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth).*
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The adoption of the plan will ensure Council maintains a current Disability Inclusion Action Plan as required under the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014 (NSW).*

Risk Management – Business Risk/Work Health and Safety / Public:

Failure to adopt and implement a current Disability Inclusion Action Plan may result in:

- Non-compliance with legislative requirements.
- Reduced opportunities to improve accessibility and inclusion outcomes.
- Reputational risk to Council.
- Missed opportunities to strengthen community participation and service accessibility.

Adoption of the plan mitigates these risks by providing a structured framework for continuous improvement and disability inclusion across Council operations and services.

Options:

Option 1 (Recommended)

Adopt the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030.

Advantages

- Meets legislative requirements.
- Provides Council with a contemporary framework for disability inclusion.
- Reflects consultation undertaken during development of the plan.
- No submissions were received requiring consideration or amendment.
- Supports improved accessibility, participation and inclusion outcomes across the community.

Disadvantages

- Some actions may be dependent on future funding availability.

Option 2

Decline to adopt the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030.

Advantages

- Nil identified.

Disadvantages

- May result in Council not maintaining a current Disability Inclusion Action Plan.
- Creates a potential compliance risk.
- Delays implementation of identified accessibility and inclusion initiatives.
- May negatively impact community inclusion outcomes.

Community Consultation Outcome: No submissions were received during the public exhibition period. Following adoption, the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 will be published on Council's website and communicated through Council's standard communication channels.

Conclusion:

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 establishes Council's strategic direction for disability inclusion over the next four years and fulfils Council's obligations under the Disability Inclusion Act 2014 (NSW).

The draft plan was exhibited for 28 days in accordance with Council's resolution. No submissions were received during the exhibition period and therefore no amendments are proposed.

The plan is considered ready for adoption and Council's endorsement is recommended.

Council Seal Required:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition: No

External Exhibition: Yes

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Disability Inclusion Action Plan

2026 - 2030

When something is ***accessible***, everyone can use it.

When something is ***inclusive***, everyone can take part.

When everyone is included, everyone feels ***welcome***.

Access and inclusion are for everyone.

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Exhibition period	Sept - Oct 2026
Revision required	2030

Policy review

This policy shall be reviewed at four (4) yearly intervals at least, to ensure it meets all statutory requirements and the needs of council. It may also be reviewed at other times as determined by council.

Revision history

Version	Adopted by Council	Resolution No.	Responsible Officer
1	8/02/2017	.....	.....
2			Tony Payne, Carmen Falvey

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Acknowledgement of Country

Coonamble Shire Council acknowledges the Wailwan and Gamilaraay peoples of the lands on which it meets and operates, and recognises their continuing connection to lands, waters and Country. Council pays its respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Acknowledgement of Contributions

Coonamble Shire Council wish to acknowledge and thank all contributors that have led and supported the development of our Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026 - 2030 (referred to hereafter as the DIAP, or the Plan). Your contribution ensures that the DIAP responds in the best possible ways to the needs of people with disability in our communities.

Among those who generously provided their expertise, lived experience, local knowledge, and hopes for the future were: people with disability and their families, carers, and friends; providers of formal disability and aged care services; disability advocacy organisations; human and community service providers; and Council staff.

Moving forward, the implementation and review of this and future DIAPs will be led and supported by Council's Internal Working Group (IWG), which is composed of staff with specific technical and functional expertise from across the organisation. Council will continue to build inclusive participation mechanisms into our consultation process, to ensure our work remains relevant and responsive to local needs.

Acronyms

DIAP – Disability Inclusion Access Plan

CSC – Coonamble Shire Council

IWG – Council's Internal Working Group

CSP – Community Strategic Plan

DIP – NSW Disability Inclusion Plan

ADS- Australia's Disability Strategy

NDIS – National Disability Insurance Scheme

IP&R – Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

ABS – Australian Bureau of Statistics

DCJ – NSW Department of Communities and Justice

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A message from the General Manager

Welcome to Coonamble Shire Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) 2026 – 2030.

I am pleased to share our updated DIAP with you — a plan that reflects Council's commitment to growing a more inclusive, connected, and accessible Coonamble Shire. It is a promise to keep working with our community and business partners to build a Shire where everyone belongs, where everyone is welcomed, and where everyone can thrive. There is much to be done, but we have a strong community spirit, and we know that even small changes can have a big impact.

This plan was shaped with the generous contributions of community members who shared their time, insights, lived experiences, and aspirations for the future of our community. To each of you: thank you.

Australia's Disability Strategy ultimately aims to improve the planning, design and delivery of policies, services and infrastructure at every level of government, but the DIAP goes one step further. This plan seeks to build on our existing strengths, to foster and advocate for a community and environment that supports people with disability of all ages so that they can be included in social and economic life to the extent of their ability; to be able to contribute as valued members of their community; and to achieve liveable outcomes. It is an opportunity for Council to work with our community partners to provide innovative solutions to respond to local challenges.

Put simply, when something is accessible, everyone can use it. When something is inclusive, everyone feels that they belong. And when we design with the principles of inclusion, everyone benefits. It's how we make sure every person can be part of our vibrant community life.

Warmly,

Greg Hill

General Manager, Coonamble Shire Council

(Suggested text only- Greg is welcome to write something else!

See key project messages for prompts)

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Policy and legislative context

International context

The *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (UNCRPD), ratified by Australia in 2008, acknowledges that people with disability have the same human rights as those without disability. The Convention commits participating governments to ensure these rights can be exercised and that barriers are removed. It requires mainstream services to be provided in a way that does not directly or indirectly prevent people with disability fully participating.

National context- the Australian government

In line with Australia's commitments under the UNCRPD, *Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031 (ADS)* is Australia's national disability policy framework. The Strategy outlines a plan for continuing to improve the lives of people with disability in Australia.

The strategy's vision is for an inclusive Australian society that ensures people with disability can fulfil their potential as equal members of the community. The strategy is based on the social model of disability, which recognises that societal attitudes, practices and structures can be disabling and act as barriers to full participation. These can prevent people from fulfilling their potential and exercising their rights as equal members of the community. The social model of disability is described in more detail on page 12.

The strategy is based on improving seven outcome areas:

- Employment and financial security
- Inclusive homes and communities
- Safety, rights and justice
- Personal and community support
- Education and learning
- Health and wellbeing
- Community attitudes

The *National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)* is an Australian Government initiative that provides funding and support to individuals aged 8 – 64 years with permanent and significant disabilities, helping them participate in everyday activities and improve their quality of life. The Scheme goes some way to addressing several of the outcomes at an individual level, but more needs to be done to address the broader societal barriers to inclusion.

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All levels of government play a role in the provision of services, supports and infrastructure for people with disability. Governments are obliged to provide services to all citizens. They also need to make reasonable adjustments to ensure people with disability can access those systems and services.

The following additional pieces of federal legislation and strategic plans provide a framework and basis for disability inclusion action planning:

- *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*
- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*
- *National Autism Strategy 2025 - 2031*
- *Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability 2023*
- *Australian Standard (AS 1428) – Design for Access and Mobility (Access to Premises Standards Buildings) Standards 2010*
- *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002*
- *Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0*

NSW state government

The *NSW Disability Inclusion Plan* (DIP) *2026–2029* is a four-year, whole-of-government strategy to promote inclusion, accessibility, and social and economic participation for people with disability across New South Wales.

The NSW DIP sets the priority areas for government action which are reflected in the DIAPs of NSW government departments and other public authorities in NSW, including local councils. This ensures a unified purpose and clear goals across all levels of government.

The *Disability Inclusion Act 2014* focuses on the accessibility of mainstream services and facilities to promote community inclusion for people with disability. It mandates all NSW Councils to have a DIAP that outlines the specific actions each will take at a local level to improve access and inclusion for people with disability.

Other relevant state legislation includes:

- *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*
- *NSW Government Sector Employment Act 2023*

Diagram 1 on page 8 demonstrates where this Plan fits within the state, national and global legislative and policy context for disability action planning.

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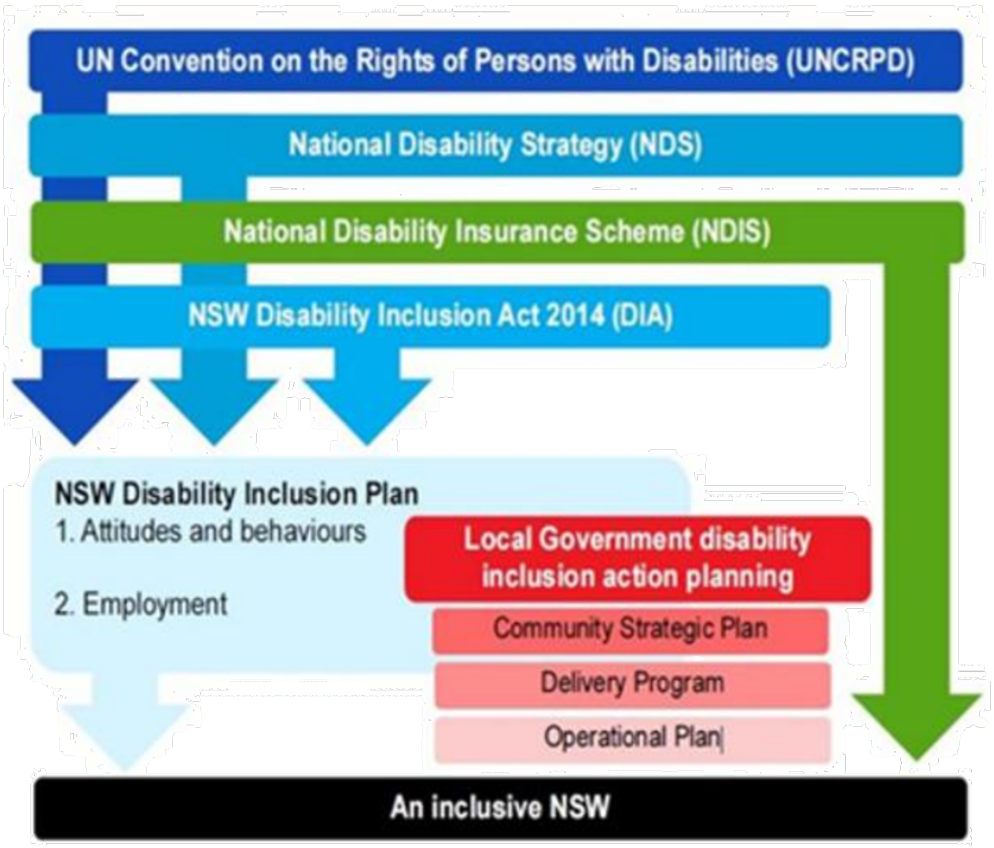
Diagram 1: Legislative and policy context for Disability Inclusion Action Planning



Local government

Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

Local Government plays an important role in creating an environment which is inclusive of all people, through its planning role and through its involvement in many community activities and services. Communities look to local government to provide innovative solutions to respond to local issues.

A Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) can be considered a tool for councils to set inclusion priorities and goals in partnership with their communities, and to put a disability lens over all planning and activities, conscious that even small changes can have a big impact on people with disability. Planning for disability inclusion benefits not only people with disability but councils themselves, as organisations and employers, as well as the wider community.

The DIAP forms part of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework (see Diagram 2, page 9). The IP&R Framework guides the way councils plan, document and report on their activities. In addition to developing a DIAP, local councils are required to consider disability action planning in the development of their other IP&R documents. Central to the IP&R Framework are the Community Strategic Plan (CSP), Delivery Program, and Operational Plan.

Other plans and strategies that typically sit within a council's IP&R structure include:

- Community consultation and engagement strategies
- Local strategic planning statements
- Environmental strategies
- Tourism development strategy
- Economic development strategy
- Workforce management strategy
- Long-term financial plan
- Asset management plan

Coonamble Shire Council's DIAP outlines the actions that Council will take to support the fundamental rights of people with disability to live full, meaningful lives and to participate fully in our community.

Our DIAP Internal Working Group (IWG) will lead the implementation of our Plan and report against its progress. Implementation and review of the Plan is discussed in further detail on page 49.

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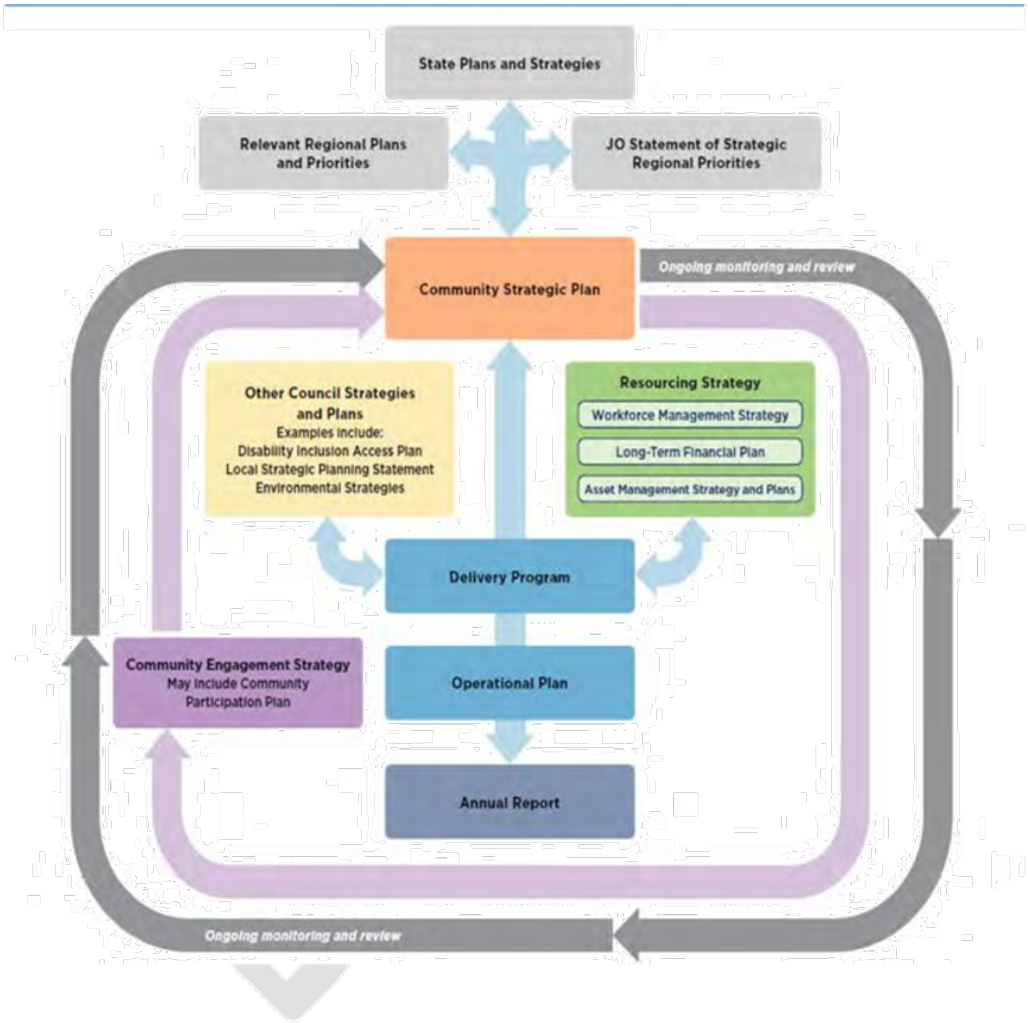
Diagram 2: Coonamble Shire Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework



Guiding Principle- Social Justice

The NSW State Government requires that each Council in NSW, develop its own Community Strategic Plan (CSP). This Plan sits above all other Council plans and policies in the IP&R framework.

The Vision for Coonamble Shire Council's 2035 CSP is *"we are a united, vibrant and capable community, focused on caring for each other and our Country, now and into the future".* The CSP identifies the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future, to promote a positive lifestyle and improve liveability for our residents and visitors. It guides Council's activities for the next ten years and is based on the following principles of social justice:

- **Equity** - Fairness in decision making, prioritising and allocation of resources, particularly for those in need. Everyone should have a fair opportunity to participate in the future of our community. Care should be taken to involve and protect the interests of people in vulnerable circumstances.
- **Access** - All people should have fair access to services, resources and opportunities to meet their basic needs and improve their quality of life.
- **Participation** - Everyone should have the maximum opportunity to genuinely participate in decisions which affect our lives.
- **Rights** - Equal rights should be established and promoted, with opportunities provided for people with diverse linguistic, cultural and religious backgrounds to participate in community life.

Council is committed to serving the community with integrity, efficiency, fairness, impartiality and the encouragement of mutual respect. We promote and strive to achieve an environment of respect and inclusion for all.

Our DIAP has been informed by the principles of social justice and the social model of disability (see page 12). Where DIAP actions align with the CSP's strategic directions and goals, this is indicated within the Plan on pages 30 – 48.

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What is disability?

Disability is a natural part of human diversity and almost everyone at some point in their life will either experience some form of disability or will care for a person with disability. Over 5.5 million people—more than one in five people in Australia—have a disability and this proportion is increasing with an ageing population.

Persons are considered to have a disability if they have a limitation, restriction or impairment, which has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least six months and restricts their ability to do everyday activities.

People with disability are a very diverse group. The term encompasses people with varying types and levels of disability across all socioeconomic and demographic groups. It includes not only people with physical disabilities but also people with less visible disabilities including mental health conditions, sensory, neurodevelopmental, intellectual, physical, psychosocial, head injury, stroke or acquired brain injury.

Every person with disability is unique and will experience their disability in their own way. There can be wide variations of impact on daily living. A disability may affect mobility, the ability to learn things, or the ability to communicate easily. Some people may have more than one disability. A disability may be visible or hidden, permanent or temporary, or have a minimal or substantial impact on a person's abilities. Knowing this can improve our understanding of how experiences of people with disability vary.

Disability may be present from birth, acquired due to illness or accident, or come about with time as a person ages. There is a strong relationship between age and disability: as people grow older there is a greater tendency to develop conditions that cause disability. In the Australian population, 15% of people aged up to 64 live with disability and more than half of the population aged 75 and over is affected by disability.

A disability may affect mobility, the ability to learn things, or the ability to communicate easily. Some people may have more than one disability. A disability may be visible or hidden, permanent or temporary, or have a minimal or substantial impact on a person's abilities.

Disability and Intersectionality

An intersectional approach considers how race, gender, sexuality and ability interact to shape and inform a person's life experiences. It is a way of understanding how multiple forms of inequality or disadvantage can compound themselves and create further barriers to participation and inclusion. Compounding disadvantage can expose people with disability to overlapping forms of discrimination, marginalisation, and exclusion.

The social model of disability

The *Federal Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA)* defines the **medical model of disability** in relation to a person who has:

- total or partial loss of the person's bodily or mental functions
- total or partial loss of a part of the body
- the presence in the body of organisms causing disease or illness
- the presence in the body of organisms capable of causing disease or illness
- the malfunction, malformation or disfigurement of a part of the person's body
- a disorder or malfunction that results in the person learning differently from a person without the disorder or malfunction, or
- a disorder, illness or disease that affects a person's thought processes, perception of reality, emotions or judgment or that results in disturbed behaviour

Notice that this outdated model treats disability as an impairment or a deficiency, the responsibility for which sits solely with the individual.

The **social model of disability** is now the internationally recognised way to view and address 'disability', as per the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). This marks a significant paradigm shift in attitudes towards people with disability and approaches to disability issues.

The social model states that *disability is the result of the interaction between people living with impairments and an environment filled with physical, attitudinal, communication and social barriers.* In this context, disability is the result of the interaction between people living with impairments and the barriers they face in their environment.

Consider this: People with disability purchase consumer goods, have jobs, go on holidays, eat out at restaurants, access information and contribute to society in the same way as those without disability. The difference is that people with disability often come up against significant barriers while trying to do the things many of us take for granted. If the physical, attitudinal, communication and social barriers in the environment are removed, persons living with impairments can participate in society on an equal basis with others.

Disability Inclusion Action Plans can assist councils, along with their communities, to identify and remove barriers to participation.

Inclusion is everyone's responsibility.

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Access and Inclusion

Access means you can go where you need to in the community: into buildings, on transport, in parks and to events.
It means there are toilets you can find and use.
It also means you can find and understand information about important things going on in the local community.

Inclusion means you feel part of the community and are treated with dignity and respect as a valued and equal member of society.
It means you feel welcome in your community and can enjoy the same experiences as others.

The Case for Inclusion

The National Disability Strategy (NDS) has changed the way we look at disability. At the very heart of the NDS is the belief that people with disability should be supported to maximise their individual potential, but that there is also a need for a community-wide shift in attitudes towards people with disability.

By setting an expectation that disability is a natural part of human diversity, communities can be expected to fully include people with disability in all aspects of life.

Inclusion is everyone's responsibility. And the case for an inclusive community is strong:

- Community inclusion isn't just important for wellbeing; it is a human right.
- Persons with different backgrounds, abilities, and interests all bring something unique and can contribute to the richness of society. As a community, we are richer with a diverse range of viewpoints and individual perspectives.
- Increased employment opportunities and outcomes unlock improved economic security, independence and well-being for people with disability and their families. Meaningful employment can provide independence, reduce reliance on benefits and improve the living standards of people with disability. This can have positive health impacts and contribute to a greater sense of self-worth.
- Improved physical access to businesses benefits people with disability, older people, parents or carers with prams and business owners themselves by expanding their business reach.

Conversely, *exclusion* leads to disadvantage and discrimination, which have far-reaching negative impacts across all aspects of life, including health, welfare, education and employment. These impacts are felt beyond the individual, with families and the broader community being negatively impacted by a non-inclusive community.

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Carers

A carer is a person who provides unpaid care and support to someone (usually a family member or friend) who has a disability, mental illness, drug or alcohol dependency, chronic condition, terminal illness or who is frail due to age.

Carers play a vital role in supporting and assisting individuals with a disability to live their best life. The type of support that carers provide can vary from occasional help to regular care, to emotional and administrative support.

Carers make a significant contribution to Australian communities and families and to the economy. They are sometimes referred to as the 'hidden workforce' because:

- There are approximately 958,500 carers in NSW
- Carers provide 11.8 million hours of care per week in NSW
- To replace the care provided by carers in NSW, governments would have to spend more than $25 billion each year

In Australia, in 2022:

- 1.2 million people in Australia were primary carers
- 391,300 carers were under the age of 25, up from 235,300 carers in 2018
- Females (12.8%) were more likely to be carers than males (11.1%)
- 43.8% of primary carers had disability themselves

(ABS 2024; Deloitte 2020; ABS 2022)

Caring for a family member or friend can be very rewarding, but it also has its challenges. Carers are more likely than other Australians to experience a range of health, wellbeing and socioeconomic issues, and many cannot access the support they need.

It is important to recognise the challenges of caring so that carers can seek support when they need it. It is also important for families, communities, service providers, governments and employers to understand the challenges of caring so that the support options available can be continually expanded and improved.

Common challenges that carers experience include health and wellbeing challenges, social isolation and financial hardship.

Carers may require counselling, coaching or respite care to support them in their caring role. Many carers appreciate peer support groups to recognise common issues, feel understood by each other and experience a greater sense of belonging and reduced isolation.

Our DIAP considers the need to improve access and inclusion for carers in our community, and to recognise the contribution they make to our community.

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Abuse, neglect and exploitation

Data from the Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) shows a continued rise in reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of older people and adults with disability across the state. Many of the reports made to the ADC involve domestic and family violence, including coercive control, and can be driven by factors such as economic and housing pressures and social isolation. Worryingly, the abuse often occurs in places where our most vulnerable people should feel safest – in their family, home and community.

The ADC received 707 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from the Western NSW region in 2019-2024 (note that data specific to Coonamble Shire was not available).

- 79% of reports received in this region related to an older person
- 21% related to an adult with disability
- Of reports relating to adults with disability, 55% were female
- Of reports relating to older people- 60% were female
- Of reports about adults with disability, 65% were made by a paid worker
- Of reports about older people
    - 38% came from a paid worker
    - 23% came from the child of the older person
    - 9% were from an older person experiencing abuse
- 76 reports were about an adult who identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Reports about adults with disability most commonly involved a parent as the subject of allegation
- 46% of reports about older people involved family members, mainly adult children followed by the adult's spouse or partner, as the subject of allegation
- The most commonly reported types of abuse towards older people (OP) were verbal abuse, financial exploitation and failure to meet support needs
- The most commonly reported types of abuse towards adults with disability (AWD) were failure to meet support needs, preventing or restricting access to supports or services and verbal abuse.

(Western NSW LGA Stats 2019-2024)

Everyone deserves to feel safe and respected in their home and community. This means having the freedom to make decisions, know what is happening with your finances, staying connected to family and friends, and accessing support when needed. However, the abuse of older people and adults with disability is often poorly recognised and there is a need for increased awareness among the broader community.

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Who are we? Our Coonamble Shire Community

The Coonamble Local Government Area (LGA) is in the Orana Region of Central Northern NSW, approximately 400 km north-west of Greater Sydney and 600 km south-west of Greater Brisbane. It is bounded by the Shires of Walgett to the north, Warrumbungle in the east, Gilgandra to the south and Warren in the west.

Coonamble Shire covers approximately 9,916 square kilometres of rural land, including natural landscapes, farmland, and small communities. Our Shire includes the township of Coonamble and the smaller villages of Gulargambone and Quambone. Most of the LGA's residents live in these settlements, with residents of rural properties accounting for the remaining 11% of the population.

Coonamble is situated on the Castlereagh River, which runs through the town. Water from the Great Artesian Basin is pumped into reservoirs throughout the town for domestic use. Coonamble functions as a service centre for surrounding rural areas. Its main industries are sheep, cattle, and grain farming, as well as local services including in teaching, health, and administration, according to the 2021 ABS Census.

The area experiences extreme weather conditions including drought, flooding and extreme heat and cold.

The LGA is situated on the traditional lands of the Wailwan and Gamilaraay peoples.

Population characteristics

The Coonamble LGA has a total population of 3,732 persons (ABS, 2021):

- Coonamble - 2,666 (71.4%)
- Gulargambone - 528 (14.1%)
- Quambone - 128 (3.4%)
- Remainder of LGA, surrounding rural land - 412 (11%)

Coonamble Shire's population has experienced long-term decline, particularly in townships and villages, while rural areas have grown. There are early signs of an emerging demographic renewal driven by younger families, alongside an ageing population with its inherent implications for increasing support needs and accessible homes and public spaces.

Indigenous profile

In 2021 (ABS Quick Stats), Coonamble LGA had a significantly higher proportion of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents (33.9%) compared to Regional NSW (6.6%), while the non-Indigenous population was much lower (52.3% versus 87.7%).

This highlights the strong cultural presence of Indigenous communities in Coonamble Shire and the need for community involvement in the design and provision of services, programs and physical assets to ensure cultural safety, access and inclusion.

Motor vehicles

8.1% of households did not have a registered motor vehicle, whilst 35% of households had 1 vehicle. Coupled with the inflated cost of living and the physical distance from many specialist health services, this has implications for access.

Wellbeing / Need for Assistance

In the 2021 Census, 7% or residents reported the need for assistance with core activities (self-care, mobility, or communication). This may be due to a disability, long term health condition (lasting six months or more), or old age, but does not include those requiring care for a profound or severe disability.

Coonamble LGA had a marginally higher proportion of residents needing assistance with core activities compared with the Regional NSW and a lower share of people reporting no need for assistance, which suggests a relatively higher prevalence of disability or support needs.

35.1% of residents reported having one or more significant chronic health conditions (for example, heart disease, COPD, dementia, mental health conditions, arthritis, etc.).

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Disability and carers

ABS Health and Disability data for Coonamble Shire (2018) gives us a more accurate picture:

- Persons with disability- 27.8%
- Persons with profound/severe core activity limitation- 8.8%
- Persons with moderate/mild core activity limitation- 13.2%
- Persons who are carers- 20.2%
- Persons aged 15 years and over who are primary carers- 5.9%
- Persons who are non-primary carers- 10%
- Persons with disability aged 15 years and over who need assistance or have difficulty with household chores, meal preparation or property maintenance (accommodation support)- 11.7%
- Persons with disability who need assistance or have difficulty with personal/health care- 15.4%
- Persons with disability aged 16 years and over who need assistance or have difficulty with private transport- 10.2%
- Persons with disability aged 0-64 years whose need for assistance with core activities is fully met- 4%
- Persons with disability aged 0-64 years whose need for assistance with core activities is partly met or not met at all- 1.5%

CSC's Urban Housing Strategy (2026) identified a demand for housing that incorporates liveable design features and offers good access to shops, transport, and services, and for housing that can accommodate varying levels of support. The strategy suggests that aligning local housing provision with accessible, adaptable, and supported housing options will help ensure the needs of residents requiring assistance with everyday activities are met. The significant proportion of older homes across the Shire are unlikely to meet current accessibility standards, with modifications likely required.

What this tells us

- The increased proportion of young families has increased the need for early access to quality childcare and early childhood education. It also implies an increased requirement for allied health therapies such as speech therapy and occupational therapy, as well as early years diagnostic/ assessment services.
- There is a high proportion of carers in the community, indicating a need for formal and informal support services and networks to address the challenges that carers commonly face.
- The increased prevalence of people with disability, and particularly those requiring assistance, creates an increased demand for accessible shops, transport, services, public spaces and amenities.
- There is inadequate suitable housing for older people and adults with disability.

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Developing the Disability Inclusion Action Plan

This Plan seeks to build upon Council's previous Disability Inclusion Action Plan. It provides information on how we are going to make Coonamble Shire a more inclusive and accessible place to live.

This new plan includes some new actions which address emerging issues identified by the community, whereas others are existing actions from the previous plan which have been carried forward, depending on the stage of implementation.

The DIAP is a living document that will have further actions added to it during its four-year life. This will ensure that Council continues to recognise and respond to the rights, needs and values of people with a disability.

Consultation and engagement strategy

Development of this Plan was informed in the first instance by research and available quantitative data.

However, to better understand the barriers to access and inclusion in a local context, and how disability is experienced in the local community, Council undertook a process of community engagement and mixed method consultation to seek feedback about specific issues that affect people with a disability, their families and communities in the local area.

Our commitment to undertaking meaningful consultation and engagement provided a range of opportunities for our communities to engage via surveys, topic-based consultations and many targeted consultations with people with disability, their families and carers, advocacy organisations, community groups, service providers, employment services, and Council staff.

The voices of people with lived experience, representative and advocacy organisations have been critical to the development of this plan.

The survey was available on Council's website, as well as in hard copy from several key community access points across the Shire. An Easy Read/ Plain English adaptation of the survey was also available online or in hard copy. Engagement activities took place in Coonamble, Quambone and Gulargambone. Consultations were conducted in person, over the telephone and via video conferencing. Both formal and informal engagement strategies were utilised to increase accessibility and comfort in participation. Submissions were received by mail, email, and via the electronic surveys.

For the purposes of this project, Council invited the community to consider a broad definition of disability, beyond visible physical presentations, and including chronic physical or mental health conditions, age-related functional decline, neurodevelopmental disorders, etc. Persons did not require a formal diagnosis of disability or to be eligible for the NDIS to identify as having a disability. Several community members expressed their appreciation for the inclusion of these conditions, pointing out that there was still a lack of general lack of

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awareness and understanding of less visible disabilities including: people living with mental health conditions, people on the Autism spectrum and people with an intellectual disability.

Care was taken during the consultation process to acknowledge the challenges that councils inevitably face in developing and delivering upon a Plan that is realistic and achievable, given timeframe and budgetary restraints. Where community-identified projects are included in the Plan that do not currently have an allocated budget, they are listed as *grant-dependant* or *aspirational* goals.

Consultation snapshot (May - June 2026)

- **39** community members responded to the primary survey
  - **23** – online surveys
  - **16** – physical surveys
- **5** community members responded to the adapted Easy Read survey
- **12** community members submitted feedback via email
- **3** community members submitted feedback via telephone
- **11** informal community conversations
- **16** service provision staff* provided feedback in group discussion
- **18** service provision staff* provided feedback individually (via phone, videoconferencing, or in person)
  (*Note that this included staff from disability and ageing services, in addition to broader human and community organisations servicing the Coonamble Shire region.)
- **4** persons representing local community groups provided feedback individually (via phone, videoconferencing, or in person)
- Internal targeted (function-specific) consultations with a selected staff from the following CSC teams:
  - Human resources/ recruitment/ training
  - Communications
  - Community Services/ community development
  - Libraries- Coonamble & Quambone
  - Customer service
  - Economic Growth and Development
  - Outdoor maintenance crew

Overall, we have captured over 120 individual pieces of feedback, which have been de-identified and summarised in this report according to the four DIAP themes. For a more in-depth look at the feedback from the surveys, please see **Addendum A**.

Additionally, six community members with lived experience of disability indicated an interest in participating in Council's consultation process in the future.

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What you told us

Community survey

Survey respondents

- Indigenous persons accounted for 25.6% of respondents (25% for adapted survey)
- The most represented age groups were 25- 44 years and 45- 64 years
- Approx. 75% were women, 25% men (80% and 20% for adapted survey)
- 26.3% of respondents were carers
- All respondents spoke English at home

Types of disability

Original survey respondents had (or cared for someone with) the following disabilities:

- Physical disability – 52.9%
- Age-related functional decline – 32.4%
- Chronic health condition – 32.4%
- Psychosocial disability or mental health condition – 26.5%
- Neurodevelopmental condition (including Autism, ADHD) – 23.5%
- Intellectual or cognitive disability – 20.6%
- Hearing impaired – 17.6%
- Vision impaired – 11.8%
- Neurological disability – 8.8%
- Dementia – 5.9%
- Epilepsy – 2.9%

The adapted Plain English survey showed a different pattern:

- Physical disability – 100%
- Chronic health condition – 80%
- Intellectual or cognitive disability – 60%
- Psychosocial disability or mental health condition - 20%
- Neurodevelopmental condition (including Autism, ADHD) – 20%
- Intellectual or cognitive disability – 20%

(Note that respondents of both surveys could nominate multiple conditions.)

Respondents that completed the Plain English survey reported greater levels of co-morbidity and more significant barriers to participation in community life across all four key action areas.

Positive community attitudes and behaviours

Living in the Coonamble Shire

General consultation told us that the *Coonamble Shire is a strong, resilient and caring community:*

- "We are a proud community, and we go out of our way to help our own."
- "The Coonamble community are very supportive of the disability community- there is always someone looking out for others."

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However, some persons with lived experience of disability (including caring for a person with disability), added:

- "There is a general lack of understanding about invisible disabilities, like Autism."
- "People living with disabilities should be included directly in Council's planning and decision-making processes, as they are the people most affected by accessibility barriers and service limitations... As a wheelchair user living [here], I can provide real-world insight into the challenges faced daily within the community, including transport, accessibility, healthcare access, and social inclusion."
- "I know everyone is just being kind when they offer to lift my chair up steps or into doorways, but I do wish I could do it by myself. I wish those barriers weren't there, so I could feel more independent."
- "Community events are often not designed with disability access in mind, which can exclude people from participating socially and culturally."
- "There is a very narrow perception within the community about what constitutes a disability, or even what access and inclusion means. It's a very individual experience and no two people with disability are the same."

When survey respondents were asked how they felt living in the Coonamble Shire:

- Most people with a lived experience of disability found it difficult to find the support services they need, to find fun activities to participate in, and found it difficult to get around.
- Most reported that people were friendly to them, however there were mixed responses about feelings of safety and inclusion.

Notably, respondents of the adapted survey reported much higher levels of concern for their personal safety and more pronounced feelings of exclusion. They reported greater difficulty getting around, participating in community activities, and finding adequate support.

Inclusion and discrimination

Most respondents reported having felt discriminated against, or left out, at some time, though this was often attributed to barriers to participation in the physical environment, and not necessarily considered to be a deliberate act of discrimination.

The following examples of perceived inclusion or discrimination were given:

- "When I haven't been able to get inside the café to meet my friend. Some people lifted my chair to get me in and out, and I thanked them, but really, I felt humiliated."
- "Left out. If we had a disability friendly playground and pool my daughter would be able to join in."
- "I wasn't considered for a job I think I would have been good at. I would have liked the chance to talk to someone about the adjustments I might need."
- "I feel misunderstood because of my mental health struggles. I feel included and at my best when I have a job and have support, but it's hard to get those things here."
- "People don't understand enough about autism so it's hard to take my son some places. They think he's just being naughty."
- "Sometimes I can't hear what people are saying."

100% of Easy Read survey respondents reported both ableism & disability discrimination.

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Creating liveable communities

Barriers to access and participation

According to survey respondents, the hardest places in the Shire to access were:

- Festivals and events
- Swimming pools
- Parks and playgrounds
- Churches
- Public toilets

The biggest barriers to going places in the community were:

- Footpath condition (or lack of paths) – 73%
- Lack of public transport – 59.6%
- Lack of ramps or lifts – 54.1%
- Cost – 37.8%
- Lack of accessible parking – 29.7%

Feedback from the general consultation echoed those concerns:

- "For many people, living with a disability in a rural area can mean becoming isolated and effectively confined to the home due to inaccessible infrastructure, lack of transport, and limited support services. Improving accessibility, healthcare access, transport, community inclusion, and disability support services would significantly improve quality of life and independence for people living in rural communities."
- "Being in a wheelchair leaves you pretty much stuck at home and unable to go anywhere."

Community members and service providers consulted placed particular emphasis on:

Accessible public toilets

- Many of the toilets are often locked
- Safety concerns for some locations, e.g., in Skillman's Lane when lane is empty
- Risk of vandalism when toilets left unlocked
- Location of accessible public toilets isn't included on town maps
- Some toilets were marked wheelchair accessible but had a hinged door opening outward rather than a sliding door to enter, which is difficult for a wheelchair user to manage on their own
- Accessible toilet near Quambone town hall has an unsuitable path leading to its entry
- Accessible toilet in the park opposite Quambone General Store has a natural drainage area at its entry, which fills with mud when in wet weather
- "There is a suitable accessible toilet at the Coonamble showground, inside the pavilion, but it's almost always locked, and I have to phone someone to come and unlock it for me"- wheelchair user.
- Many male public toilets lack suitable disposal facilities for continence products.

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Accessible parking spaces

- More disability parks are needed across the Shire, particularly close to accessible toilets, health care services, shops and public facilities such as the swimming pools and libraries
- Some people also indicated a need for marked parking for parents with prams
- The Coonamble IGA does not have an accessible parking space and some people with disability felt it wasn't easy or safe to exit the car there during busy times
- The parking space in front of the pharmacy in Coonamble was raised multiple times due to the difficulty accessing the footpath from the street for those in a wheelchair or with restricted mobility

Footpaths and entry to shops/ businesses

- Footpaths were reported to be in poor condition in some places and non-existent outside of the townships' main precincts
- "Footpaths and public spaces are not suitable for wheelchairs or mobility equipment in many areas. Poor accessibility limits independence and makes daily activities difficult or unsafe."
- "There are not many footpaths in Quambone, and the road edges have crumbled away, so it is difficult for people in wheelchairs or walkers."
- "Some local businesses, including shops, cafes, and the post office, are not fully accessible to people with mobility needs."
- "Small business owners would like to fix the entries to their building, so everyone can get in, but it costs too much."

Children's playgrounds

- Several parents caring for a child with disability stressed the importance of having at least one accessible, disability-inclusive playground in the Shire
- "We desperately need an inclusive playground in the Shire. Just somewhere we can meet other families where our own children can also participate."

Swimming pools

- Residents spoke of the need for the need for accessible facilities to be installed at each of the town swimming pools, e.g., hoist, toilets, changing space (that could accommodate an adult). Facilities at the Quambone pool were said to be not only inaccessible, but in urgent need of repair.
- "Local recreational facilities are not always accessible. For example, the local [Coonamble] pool lacks accessible toilets and change rooms, pool access systems such as lifts, and adequate support for people requiring assistance. This limits opportunities for exercise, social interaction, and wellbeing."

Transport

- "Access to transport is a major issue for people with disabilities and carers. Many residents struggle to attend medical appointments, access essential shopping, or travel to nearby towns for services. There are limited public transport options."
- "The cost of fuel and travel can make appointments and daily activities financially impossible for some individuals and families. Limited transport options also increase social isolation and dependence on carers."

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Accessible housing

- "There isn't much suitable housing in the area for wheelchair users, or even older people with walking sticks or walking frames."- wheelchair user.

Internet speed/ connectivity

- "Internet and technology issues contribute to social isolation and reduced access to online services, telehealth, education, and support networks."
- "Reliable internet access is essential in rural communities, particularly for people with disabilities who may already face barriers leaving home."

We also asked the community about accessing Council information, our library services, and what support they would need in the event of an emergency.

Accessible information and services

Survey respondents said the following changes would make Council services easier to use and our information easier to understand:

- Easy Read forms and documents (83.9%)
- Assistance to complete a form (61.3%)
- Text to speech function on website and online forms (61.3%)
- Captions on videos (35.5%)
- Hearing loops at the front counter (29%)
- A small number of respondents indicated that Auslan, Braille or the National Relay Service would be helpful
- Wheelchair users unanimously agreed that a counter at their height would help
- Training in disability and inclusion was suggested for staff across all departments of Council, including public-facing staff
- Some residents suggested Council utilise the community radio more often
- Several respondents found the Council website difficult to navigate

Library services

Survey respondents said the following would make the library easier to use:

- Staff training in disability & inclusion (62.5%)
- Accessible toilet and parking spaces (59.4%)
- Mobility parking (53.1%)
- Signage (34.4%)
- Magnifying screens (31.3%) and text to speech adaptive technology (37.5%)
- Hearing loop (21.9%)
- Resources on disability and inclusion (37.5%)
- Dedicated sensory zones (28.1%) and times (31.3%)
- Artwork or other resources to make the space more culturally inclusive
- Surprisingly, suggestions were made for several items that the library already offers, such as a baby change table, a home delivery service, and a collection of large print books
- Many people indicated they would like support to use the online library ordering system and support to use the computers, a program which library staff have previously offered and found quite popular

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Emergency evacuations

In the event of an emergency or natural disaster, primary survey respondents indicated they would need the following assistance:

- Help to evacuate their home – 62.5% (100% for respondents to the Plain English survey)
- Help to receive and understand important emergency messages – 33.3%
- Other suggestions for assistance included:
  - Help to evacuate animals
  - Transport to place of evacuation
  - A quiet space in evacuation centre to limit dysregulation

Supporting access to meaningful employment

Finding and keeping a job

76.3% of respondents in the primary survey felt there weren't enough jobs for people with disability in the Coonamble Shire, and 43.2% have had trouble finding or keeping employment.

For respondents of the Plain English survey, those figures were both 100% and the following explanations were offered for difficulty maintaining employment:

- "Yes, due to being in a wheelchair."
- "The toilets weren't properly accessible, and I had to leave my job, which was embarrassing and disappointing."
- "The employer could not make the changes I needed to make the job easier for me."

Persons with lived experience offered the following perspectives:

- "I would like to have a job. It's hard to find an accessible workplace."
- "I need adjustments to account for my vision loss, but I have a lot to offer as an employee. I'm not sure I'm ever seriously considered."
- "I'm a primary carer and I have struggled to keep a job. I need a job with more flexibility."
- "People living with disabilities in rural communities deserve equal opportunities for inclusion, employment, independence, and participation in community life."
- "It's difficult for people here with psychosocial disability- it can be difficult to find or keep a job if you have fluctuating mental health challenges and need flexibility in your work."
- "It would be good to have more opportunities to volunteer, or do work experience, to test out what types of jobs might suit us."
- "Council could improve its recruitment process to make it more inclusive."

Survey respondents made the following suggestions for employers:

- Training for staff on how to recruit and manage people with disability
- Accessible workplaces, including toilets and personal workstation/ equipment
- Negotiate flexibility and adjustments according to need, including during the recruitment process
- "Work with job mentor/ agency to match my skills to a job"

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- Or simply this: "Ask us what we might need to do the job, or even to get through the recruitment process. Please don't just assume that we couldn't do the job."

Some potential employers also offered this feedback:

- "I feel like I need some guidance and support when employing a person with disability. Like, can I be supplemented to buy any special equipment the person needs? How do I negotiate adjustments sensitively? I don't want to accidently say or do the wrong thing, but I'm still learning about this, like many of us." – business owner
- "Small businesses can't always afford to employ someone with a significant disability unless there is financial support or the person has a carer with them. The challenge is about safety as well as financial sustainability." – business owner

Improving access to mainstream services through better systems and processes

The community identified the following priorities regarding access to mainstream services:

Access to health services

- "Healthcare access is extremely limited in rural areas. Specialist services are either unavailable or only accessible through long-distance travel."
- "Hospital care and emergency treatment can be difficult to access due to transport limitations and the distance required to travel for care. Delays in emergency services can place vulnerable people at additional risk."
- "There is a major lack of local mental health support services, leaving many people without appropriate care."
- "Hardly any services go to Quambone."
- "People living with disabilities in rural communities face significant barriers that affect independence, health, safety, employment, and quality of life. In Gulargambone, many residents experience ongoing challenges due to limited services, inaccessible infrastructure, and lack of local support systems."
- "There are so many kids here that should have an assessment of ADHD or Autism, but they can't, because it costs too much."
- "It's hard to get an assessment for Autism. And it's hard to get support without a diagnosis."
- "Even if you get on the NDIS, it's hard to access many of the types of supports you need here, like OT or speech therapy."
- "Not only do we desperately need more specialist medical services coming to Coonamble, but we need culturally safe services, or our people just won't feel welcome to go."
- "It is difficult to access aged care assessment and provision services in Quambone"

Transport

- "Distance is a major barrier to accessing many services. Some people don't have their own vehicle or can't afford the fuel to travel into Dubbo. The bus service doesn't run often enough to be a practical option."

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Disability/ aged care facilities

- "There appears to be no places left in the aged care facilities in Coonamble"- anonymous, Quambone resident
- "There aren't enough places locally in Supported Independent Living for people with significant disability or Residential Aged Care Facilities for older people. Young people with disability should never have to live in an aged care home to get the level of care they need. And older people shouldn't need to leave their own communities to get a place in a home"
- "If more money were invested in improving our current housing stock (to make it fit for purpose for people with additional needs), then more older people could age in place in their homes"

Service providers on Council's role as an advocate, enabler or partner

- "It would be good if Council could help us advocate for the services we need. The trust factor in community has suffered from services pulling out of the region or only providing service for the duration of a short funding cycle."
- "We need greater access to services- can Council help identify service gaps to help with not-for-profits' advocacy efforts?"
- "The 'Together Partnership Group' was a pilot program funded by DCJ. It was a useful program as it made all the managers come to Coonamble themselves every month, so we got a lot more buy in from the organisations that service our region by outreach. Disappointed it does not run anymore."
- "Many services say they outreach to our region, and are funded to provide service here, but they tend to only come here occasionally and eventually drop off."

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Our Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030:

- continues to build upon the work of our previous DIAP
- was developed alongside people with lived experience of disability, ensuring its strategies reflect real needs and priorities
- outlines Council's continuing commitment to consider the needs of people with disability in all aspects of our planning and operations
- provides Council with a strategic framework to support people with disability to participate in community life and access Council services and facilities within our Shire
- provides realistic, but challenging goals Council can lead, influence or deliver as part of our core business, in line with our Community Strategic Plan, and the specific actions we will take to achieve these goals
- nominates aspirational projects identified by community as priority projects, which would require additional external funding to deliver
- meets our legislative responsibilities as outlined in the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014

Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026 – 2030

Focus area 1. Promoting positive community attitudes and behaviour

Outcomes	Action	CSP goal link	What we will do	Target population or audience	Year(s)				Responsibility	Outputs & Measures
					1	2	3	4		
Improved disability awareness and organisational capability.	1.1	1, 3	**All Council staff, including leaders and Councillors, receive training on the principles of disability, diversity and inclusion, including the social model of disability.**							
			1.1.1 Update internal 'Diversity and Inclusion' module of induction training and include a component on a range of disability types, the social model of disability & the DIAP.	New Council staff		X			HR	Diversity & Inclusion orientation module is updated.
			1.1.2 New staff & Counsellors complete updated Diversity & Inclusion induction module.	New Council staff & Counsellors		X	X	X	HR	% of new staff and Councillors that have undertaken updated diversity & inclusion induction module in reporting year.
			1.1.3 All staff undertake annual Diversity & Inclusion training.	All Council staff		X	X	X	HR	% of staff and Councillors that have undertaken diversity & inclusion training in reporting year.
			1.1.4 Continue to identify opportunities for staff to access disability, access & inclusion training specific to their roles (management, HR, customer service, compliance officers, planners, will all have specific considerations), including visible & invisible disabilities.	Council staff		X	X	X	HR	Opportunities for further training have been investigated (if provided, provide details).
Improved disability awareness and organisational capability.	1.2	1, 3	**Council staff are aware of inclusive and appropriate language regarding disability and diversity.**							

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Promotion of inclusion and positive community attitudes towards people with disability and mental health conditions, and their carers.			1.2.1 Distribute resources to all staff on inclusive language and communicate its importance.	All Council staff		X	X	X	HR	All staff have received resources on inclusive language.
Improved disability awareness and organisational capability. **Promotion of inclusion and positive community attitudes towards people with disability and mental health conditions, and their carers.**	1.3	3, 17	**Improve internal processes for identifying, managing & responding to disability, access and inclusion issues in the workplace.** 1.3.1 Form an internal Workplace Cultural Improvement and Psychosocial Risk Committee, with representation from across Council departments. 1.3.2 Ensure all staff are made aware that issues of discrimination, access & inclusion can be taken to the Committee.	 All Council staff All Council staff		 X X			 HR, WHS HR	 Workplace Cultural Improvement & Psychosocial Risk Committee has been formed. Staff are aware of the Committee's functions and how to engage.
Improved disability awareness and organisational capability. **Residents have equitable access to Council information & services.**	1.4	1, 3	**Improve accessibility of Council information and services.** 1.4.1 Identify barriers to navigating Council services (phone/website/ in person). Investigate potential ways to improve accessibility and navigation of Council services (e.g., website accessibility, Easy Read forms, Hearing Loops, Auslan, etc.). 1.4.2 Implement identified improvements where feasible & update procedures for use. Train relevant staff to assist customers to navigate Council services. 1.4.3 Communicate service & information accessibility updates to community.	 General public Public-facing Council staff General public		 X X X	 X X X	 X X X	 Admin Admin Comms	 Systems/ processes Investigated. Barriers & potential improvements identified. # & type of improvements implemented in reporting year. Accessibility improvement has been communicated to community.

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Improved disability awareness and organisational capability.	1.5	1, 3	**Council programs & grants consider accessibility & inclusion.** 1.5.1 Ensure that 'accessibility and inclusion' is incorporated into relevant Council Grant Program Guidelines and that funding applications are assessed in accordance with this requirement.	Comm orgs & services		X			Comm Services	Grant guidelines are updated.
Promotion of inclusion and positive community attitudes towards people with disability and mental health conditions, and their carers.	1.6	1, 4	**Council recognises & celebrates disability and diversity.** 1.6.1 Continue to celebrate the International Day of People with Disability (IDoPWD) at least every two years. 1.6.2 Comms activity (media release/ social media post) re IDoPWD (e.g. advertise event, photos of event, profile local person with disability & their achievements, etc.).	General public, persons with disability General public, persons with disability			X X		Comm Services Comms	Council participated in IDoPWD celebration in reporting year. Council has promoted IDoPWD.
Promotion of inclusion and positive community attitudes towards people with disability and mental health conditions, and their carers.	1.7	1, 4	**Council recognises & celebrates carers in the community.** 1.7.1 Council celebrates National Carers' Week at least every 2 years (e.g., morning tea/ lunch/ outing, etc.- *funding dependant*). 1.7.2 Comms activity (media release/ social media post) re National Carers' Week (e.g. advertise event, photos of event, profile local carer, publicly acknowledge & thank carers for the important contribution they make to our community.	General public, carers General public, carers		X X		X X	Comm Services Comms	Council participated in National Carers' Week celebration in reporting year. Council has promoted National Carers' Week.
Promotion of inclusion and positive community attitudes towards people with disability and mental health	1.8	1, 3	**Support the formation of a local Carers Support Group.** 1.8.1 Provide local carers with Carers NSW information. Gauge interest in forming a local social/ support group & identify local champion(s).	Carers		X	X		Comm Services	Council has engaged with Carers to gauge interest in support group. # Carers engaged.

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conditions, and their carers.			1.8.2 Provide in-kind support (e.g. venue, FTE, promotion, morning tea) to form local group during establishment phase, pending sufficient interest.	Carers		X	X	X	Comm Services, Comms	Council has promoted group. Provide details of support provided & project traction.
Promotion of inclusion and positive community attitudes towards people with disability and mental health conditions, and their carers.	1.9	1, 3, 4	**Council participates in initiatives that increase knowledge of & decrease stigma about mental health.** 1.9.1 Council participates in at least one event/ initiative per year that raises awareness and decreases stigma associated with mental health conditions (e.g., mental health month, RU OK day, Movember, Push Up Challenge, etc.). 1.9.2 Comms activity (media release/ social media post) re purpose & importance of the event/ initiative.	General public General public		X X	X X	X X	Comm Services Comms	Council participated in a MH awareness event/ initiative in reporting year. Council has promoted importance of the initiative.
Increased awareness of the importance of inclusion and diversity in our community. **Promotion of inclusion and positive community attitudes towards people with disability and mental health conditions, and their carers.**	1.10	1, 3, 4	**Promote awareness of invisible disabilities.** 1.10.1 Promote 1 awareness raising campaign per year that focuses on awareness, diversity & inclusion for persons with hidden or invisible disabilities (e.g., autism or dementia awareness, Hidden Disabilities Sunflower initiative, etc.). 1.10.2 Explore feasibility of delivering a youth week activity more inclusive of neurodiverse children/ young people (e.g., Lego club, coding workshop, D&D tabletop day). *Activity is funding dependant*.	General public, persons with hidden disabilities. General public, persons with hidden disabilities.		X X	X X	X X	Comms, Comm Services Comm Services, Library, Comms	# & name of hidden disability campaign Council has promoted via website/ social media. Feasibility of running activity has been explored. Grant applied for. Program details & engagement numbers. Activity promoted.
Promotion of inclusion and positive community attitudes towards people with disability and mental health	1.11	1, 4	**Council recognises and celebrates seniors in our community.** 1.11.1 Council celebrates NSW Seniors' Festival at least every 2 years (e.g., morning tea/	Seniors			X	X	Comm Services/ library	Council participated in a Seniors' Week

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conditions, and their carers.			lunch/ outing, etc. *Activity is funding dependant*). 1.11.2 Comms activity (media release/ social media post) re NSW Seniors' Festival activity (e.g. advertise event, photos of event).	Seniors			X	X	Comms	initiative in reporting year. Council has promoted the initiative.
Improved accessible transport options. **Promotion of inclusion and positive community attitudes towards people with disability and mental health conditions, and their carers.**	1.12	3, 8, 10	**Ensure existing accessible parking spaces are available for those who need them- improve education and enforcement of the rules relating to mobility parking.** 1.12.1 Work with local radio and local newspaper to deliver education campaign on the rules of mobility parking & provide information on how eligible persons can obtain a mobility permit. Campaign repeated as necessary. 1.12.2 Enforce mobility parking rules.	General public, vehicle users in town centres General public, vehicle users		X X			Comms Rangers	Awareness campaign has been delivered in reporting year. # of fines for parking in accessible parking without a permit in reporting year.
Disability and diversity are more visible in our community. **Inclusion is incorporated into Council's communication and engagement strategies.**	1.13	1, 4	**Increase the diversity of representation on Council's website and in our communication materials. Ensure language is inclusive.** 1.13.1 Audit Council's communication materials (newsletters, marketing material, publications, digital platforms, etc.) for visual diversity of representation & inclusive language. 1.13.2 Develop bank of photo stock with greater range of diversity in age, ability & cultural background for use in future communications. 1.13.3 Images with more diverse representation are used where appropriate as resources are updated and new material developed.	General public General public General public		X X X	 X X	 X	Comms Comms Comms	Printed material audited. Digital platforms audited. Photo/ resource bank developed & available for use. Council's website & communication materials show greater diversity in representation & language as appropriate.

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			1.13.4 Publicise and promote everyday stories of people of all abilities and share stories that showcase inclusion in our community in a range of formats.	General public			X	X	Comms, Comm Services	People of all abilities and their stories have been shared, as appropriate.
			1.13.5 Consider diversity of representation for future (*grant dependent*) community / public art projects, as appropriate.	General public		X	X	X	EGD, Comm Services	Diversity of representation has been considered in any public art projects.
Increased awareness of accessible features and services.	1.14	1, 3	**Promote community awareness of accessibility improvements.**							
			1.14.1 Communicate accessibility improvements across the Shire via social media, newsletters, local radio or newspaper to inform the community.	General public		X	X	X	Comms, relevant dept.	Accessibility improvements are communicated to public as they are implemented.
Increased awareness of disability, access and inclusion in the business and tourism industries.	1.15	6, 7	**Encourage and support local businesses to improve access and inclusion, including to encourage tourism opportunities.**							
			1.15.1 Deliver education campaign to promote value of improved access & inclusion within the local business & tourism industry (*note- scale of campaign is grant dependent*).	Business & tourism community			X		EGD	# & details of education campaign(s) delivered. Grant opportunities explored.
			1.15.2 Update local version of missed business guide & distribute to local businesses.	Business & tourism community			X		EGD	Guide updated & distributed.
Events are accessible, inclusive and encourage greater participation of people with disability.	1.16	1, 3	**Promote Council activities, events and opportunities to encourage participation and inclusiveness.**							
			1.16.1 Council activities and events are promoted across a variety of platforms and include details of accessibility features (e.g. location of ramps, accessible parking & amenities, etc.).	General public		X	X	X	Comms	Activities & events have been promoted and include details of accessibility features.

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Older people and adults with disability are safe from abuse, neglect and exploitation.	1.17	2, 3	**Build the capability of community members to identify signs of abuse and respond appropriately.** 1.17.1 Make the Australian Disability Commission's resources and online modules available in the library, front counter and on CSC website.	General public		X	X	X		

Focus area 2. Creating Liveable Communities

Outcomes	Action	CSP	What we will do	Target population or audience	Year(s) 1	2	3	4	Responsibility	Measures
Public toilets are well maintained and accessible to everyone.	2.1	9, 10	**Identify opportunities to undertake accessible amenity upgrades in the townships, including safety elements.** 2.1.1 Conduct audit of public toilets across Shire (condition, safety & accessibility elements, signage, open hours, baby changing facilities, etc.).	Whole Shire		X	X	X	DIAP project officer	Shire-wide public toilet audit has been conducted & facilities & areas identified as priority for upgrades/ installation.
			2.1.2 Investigate grant funding opportunities for upgrades.	Whole Shire		X	X	X	?	# Grants applied for.
			2.1.3 Where feasible, identified accessible public toilets are included in works schedule and installed or upgraded.	Whole Shire		X	X	X	?	# amenities installed or upgraded per reporting year.
Public toilets are well maintained and accessible to everyone.	2.2	9, 10	**Ensure clear access to amenities and incorporate improvements into the works schedule.** 2.2.1 Conduct annual Shire-wide audit of toilets (as per 2.1.1) & consider accessibility of entry (sliding automatic vs manual hinged door, drainage, size & suitability of entry platform and pathway, etc.).	Whole Shire		X	X	X	DIAP project officer	Annual Shire-wide public toilet audit conducted.
			2.2.2 Improve path access to Quambone Town Hall accessible toilet.	Quambone		X			Works	Identified improvements have been made to

										Quambone Town Hall toilet entry.
			2.2.3 Improve wet weather access to Quambone Park accessible toilet.	Quambone		X			Works	Improvements made to facilitate drainage in front of Quambone Park accessible toilet.
			2.2.4 Existing baby change table replaced with wall mounted table in Coonamble Library.	Coonamble		X			Works	Change facility improvements made to Coonamble Library toilet.
			2.2.5 Further 'clear entry' barriers identified, and upgrades delivered as necessary (funding dependant).	Whole Shire		X	X	X	Works	# 'clear entry' improvements/ upgrades made to toilets per reporting year.
Public toilets are well maintained and accessible to everyone.	2.3	9, 10	**Ensure existing accessible toilets are available when they are needed.**							
			2.3.1 Investigate the installation of MLAK locks on accessible public toilets.	Residents, visitors with disability		X			DIAP project officer	Feasibility of installing MLAK locks has been investigated.
			2.3.2 If feasible, install MLAK locks on accessible toilets across Shire.	Residents, visitors with disability		X			Works	# & % of accessible toilets across Shire with MLAK locks.
			2.3.3 Develop internal procedure for the use of MLAK toilets, including access to Council-owned keys & have relevant staff trained.	Residents, visitors with disability		X			Admin	Procedure developed for residents & visitors to access MLAK toilets.
			2.3.4 Work with local newspaper & community radio to raise awareness of the initiative & provide information on how to obtain a MLAK key.	Whole Shire		X			Comms	Evidence of MLAK awareness/ promotion campaign.
Public toilets are well maintained and accessible to everyone.	2.4	9, 10	**Ensure public toilets are accessible to persons who require continence aids.**							
			2.4.1 Investigate the installation of bins4blokes disposal bins in men's & unisex public toilets for the safe and discreet disposal of continence products (*grant dependant*).	Whole Shire			X		DIAP project officer	Feasibility of installing continence bins has been investigated.

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			2.4.2 If feasible, install bins4blokes bins across Shire.	Whole Shire			X	Works	# bins4blokes bins installed in public toilets across Shire.
			2.4.3 Promote the initiative to the public.	Residents & visitors			X	Comms	Evidence of public awareness campaign.
Public toilets are well maintained and accessible to everyone.	2.5	9, 10	**Ensure updated information on the accessible features of our public toilets are publicly available.**						
Increased awareness of accessible features and services.			2.5.1 Annually review, update and maintain information about toilets on the National Public Toilet Map (include accessibility details, opening hours, gender, MLAK locks, RH/ LH access, etc.).	Whole Shire, residents & visitors.		X	X	X	DIAP project officer	National Public Toilet Map is reviewed & updated annually.
			2.5.2 Annually review & update accessible toilet details on CSC's town maps.	Whole Shire, residents & visitors.		X	X	X	DIAP project officer	Town maps are reviewed and updated annually.
			2.5.3 Location and accessibility details of public toilets are made available on CSC website & updated annually.	Whole Shire, residents & visitors.		X	X	X	Comms	Location and accessibility details of public toilets are made available on CSC website & updated annually.
Improved accessible transport options.	2.6	3, 8, 10	**Increase accessible parking to ensure appropriate and safe loading space.**						
			2.6.1 Conduct audit of accessible parking spaces across Shire (clear access to curb, traffic safety, signage, etc.).	Whole Shire		X			DIAP project officer	Shire-wide audit of accessible parking has been conducted & priority spaces identified for upgrades/ installation.
			2.6.2 Investigate grant funding opportunities for upgrades.	Whole Shire		X	X	X	?	# grants applied for.
			2.6.3 Identified parking spaces are included in works schedule and installed or upgraded, where feasible.	Whole Shire		X	X	X	Works	# of accessible parking spaces delivered in reporting year.
			2.6.4 Install an additional accessible parking space in Castlereagh St, Coonamble.	Coonamble residents		X			Works	Additional parking space installed in Coonamble's main street.

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			2.6.5 Improve access to footpath and shops from existing accessible park on Castlereagh St, Coonamble.	Coonamble residents			X	Works	Upgrades have been made to existing park in Coonamble's main street to improve access to footpath.
			2.6.6 Install accessible parking space near accessible toilets in Skillman's Lane, Coonamble.	Coonamble residents			X	Works	Accessible parking space has been installed in Skillman's Lane.
			2.6.7 Install accessible parking space near entry to Coonamble library, as part of library upgrade.	Coonamble residents				X Works	Accessible parking space has been installed at Coonamble library.
			2.6.8 Continue to identify opportunities to undertake further accessible parking upgrades in the townships.	Whole Shire		X	X	X ?	Further opportunities for improvement are identified.
Improved accessible transport options.	2.7	8, 10	**Ensure updated information on the location of accessible parking spaces are publicly available.**						
			2.7.1 Annually review & update information about the location of accessible parking spaces across the Shire.	Whole Shire, residents & visitors		X	X	X DIAP project officer	Annual review of Shire-wide accessible parking spaces has occurred.
			2.7.2 Include location of accessible parking spaces on CSC's town maps. Maps updated as necessary.	Residents & visitors		X	X	X DIAP project officer	Town maps have been reviewed and updated.
			2.7.3 Location of accessible parking spaces are available on CSC website & updated as required.	Residents & visitors		X	X	X Comms	Location and accessibility details of public toilets are made available on CSC website & updated annually.
Improved accessible transport options.	2.8	3, 15	**Council advocates for improved accessible public transport options.**						
			2.8.1 Council will continue to advocate for the expansion of public transport services and inclusion of accessible public transport features at a regional and state level.	Residents & visitors		X	X	X Exec	Advocacy undertaken (included in regional forums, plans & strategies) as appropriate.

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Footpaths and open spaces are accessible to everyone.	2.9	10	**Deliver footpath / ramp upgrade and renewal program across Shire.**							
			2.9.1 Continue to identify priority areas for footpath installation or upgrades in township centres & high pedestrian areas across Shire. (*Aspirational project- upgrades are subject to funding availability.)*	Whole shire		X	X	X	Works	Priority upgrades are identified.
			2.9.2 Investigate grant funding opportunities to deliver footpath/ ramp upgrades.	Whole shire		X	X	X	EGD	# grants applied for.
			2.9.3 Where feasible, identified upgrades are included in works schedule and installed or upgraded.	Whole shire		X	X	X	Works	#/ metres of footpath delivered in reporting year.
Public swimming pools are accessible to everyone.	2.10	5, 10	**Identify opportunities to undertake accessible amenity upgrades at local swimming pools.**							
Increased awareness of disability, access and inclusion in the business and tourism industries.			2.10.1 Conduct an audit of local pools' accessibility features for a range of mobility needs.	Whole Shire, visitors & residents.			X		?	Audit undertaken.
			2.10.2 Subject to outcomes of the audit, identify features for priority improvements (*upgrades are aspirational- delivery subject to grant funding*).	Whole Shire, visitors & residents.			X		?	Priority pool accessibility features have been identified.
			2.10.3 Investigate grant opportunities to fund identified upgrades.	Whole Shire, visitors & residents.			X		?	# grants applied for.
			2.10.4 Pool accessibility upgrades are delivered where feasible.	Whole Shire			X		Works	#/ type of upgrades delivered in reporting year.
			2.10.5 Ensure Artesian Bore Bath project is accessible.	Residents, tourists			X		?	Details re accessibility features of bore bath project.
Increased awareness of disability, access and inclusion in the business and	2.11	6, 7	**Encourage the business community to improve physical access to their premises.**							

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tourism industries.			2.11.1 See actions for 1.15.1 & 1.15.2	Business community				EGD	As per 1.15.1 & 1.15.2
Events are accessible, inclusive and encourage greater participation of people with disability.	2.12	1, 3, 4, 7	**Public events accommodate a range of visible and invisible disabilities.**						
			2.12.1 Event organisers consider a range of access & inclusion accommodations, including physical access, hearing and vision related considerations.	Event organisers.		X	X	X	EGD	#/ types of accommodations.
			2.12.2 Details of accessibility features are available with event information (e.g. location of ramps, accessible parking & amenities, etc.).	Residents, tourists		X	X	X	Comms	# of events for which information on accessibility features is available prior to event.
The design, maintenance and management of our parks & playground facilities enable people with disability to fully participate in community life.	2.13	5, 10	**Improve accessibility of parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities, including adequate seating and accessible play equipment.**						
			2.13.1 Conduct an audit of local parks' & playgrounds' accessibility features for a range of mobility & sensory needs.	Whole Shire			X		?	Park & playground accessibility audit has been conducted.
			2.13.2 Subject to outcomes of the audit, identify features for priority improvements (*upgrades are aspirational-delivery subject to grant funding*).				X		?	Priority features for upgrades identified in audit.
			2.13.3 Investigate grant opportunities to fund identified upgrades.				X	X	?	# grants applied for.
			2.13.4 Playground accessibility upgrades are delivered where feasible.				X	X	Works	# of accessible parks or playground upgrades delivered in reporting year. Provide details of upgrades & status of projects.
The design, maintenance and management of our public spaces enable people with disability to fully participate	2.14	5, 10	**The design and management of our public spaces consider the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.**						
			2.14.1 Ensure that reviews of existing Place Plans and	Whole Shire		X	X	X	Planning	Evidence that Plans have considered

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in community life.			Masterplans, and the design of new plans, consider how they support the outcomes of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.						the outcomes of the DIAP.
Council facilities and processes are accessible and support inclusive participation.	2.15	1, 10	**Improve access to Council-owned buildings and public facilities.**						
			2.15.1 Identify barriers to accessing Council-owned buildings *(upgrades are aspirational- delivery subject to grant funding*).	Staff, public		X		DIAP project officer	Barriers to accessing Council=-owned buildings have been identified.
			2.15.2 Investigate grant opportunities to fund identified upgrades.			X	X	X ?	# grants applied for
			2.15.3 Priority accessibility upgrades are incorporated into the Works schedule & delivered where feasible.				X	X ?	# access upgrades delivered.
Council facilities and processes are accessible and support inclusive participation (CUSTOMER SERVICE).	2.16	1, 7, 10	**Our customer service area is accessible & supports inclusive participation.**						
			2.16.1 Install a Cross-the-Counter Hearing Loop system at the customer service counter.	Hearing impaired Residents		X		Admin	Hearing Loop purchased, available at service counter.
			2.16.2 Offer several information resources in large print &/ or Easy Read format.	Vision impaired residents		X	X	X DIAP project officer, Comms	# print resources (posters, brochures) available in modified format.
			2.16.3 Offer assistance with communication via the National Relay Service.	Vision-, hearing-impaired, Communication difficulties,		X	X	X Admin	Communication via the National Relay Service is available
			2.16.4 Offer in-person communication via Australian Auslan by appointment (also available via Relay Service).	Hearing impaired residents		X	X	X EA, admin	Communication via Australian Auslan is offered by appointment.
			2.16.5 Consider feasibility of adjusting forms for readability and/ or availability of staff member to assist with understanding & completing forms.	Whole Shire			X	X Admin	If feasible, describe adjustments offered.

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			2.16.6 Install a wheelchair-suitable (lower) bench at one customer service queue when due for redesign.	Wheelchair users			X	X	Works	Wheelchair suitable bench installed (give status on project if delayed)
			2.16.7 Continue to identify features for priority improvement in customer service area (consider signage, colour contrast, tactile indicators, lighting, sensory factors, door width entry to chambers, etc.).	Whole Shire		X	X	X	DIAP project officer, Admin team.	Improvement areas are identified & considered for improvement where feasible.
			2.16.8 Promote the improved accessibility features to the public (Council website, social media, etc.)	Whole Shire		X	X	X	Comms	Details of improved accessibility features have been promoted.
Council facilities and processes are accessible and support inclusive participation (LIBRARY).	2.17	1, 7, 10	**Our libraries are accessible & support inclusive participation.**							
			2.17.1 Install a Cross-the-Counter Hearing Loop system at the Coonamble library counter.	Hearing impaired Residents		X			Library	Hearing Loop purchased, available at library counter.
			2.17.2 Purchase magnifying screen.	Vision impaired residents		X			Library	Magnifying screen purchased & available for use.
			2.17.3 Purchase text-to-speech pen.	Vision impaired residents		X			Library	Text-to-speech pen purchased & available for use.
			2.17.3 Increase existing range of resources in large print, Easy Read & braille format.	Vision impaired residents			X	X	Library	# / type of print resources available in modified format.
			2.17.4 Increase existing range of audiobooks.	Hearing impaired Residents			X	X	Library	# audiobooks available.
			2.17.5 Improve community awareness of existing accessible library features, e.g. home delivery service, online ordering system, range of modified resources, sensory wall.	Whole Shire		X	X	X	Comms	Library services & resources have been promoted Via Council's website, social media.
			2.17.6 Promote the new/ improved accessibility features to the public (Council website, social media, etc.)	Whole Shire		X	X	X	Comms	New accessibility features are promoted as they become available.

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			2.17.7 Investigate feasibility of running Tech Savvy Seniors community program.	Older people		X			Library	Seniors' tech savvy program run in reporting year (if feasible)
			2.17.8 Investigate opportunity to offer an increased range of programs and resources for people with Autism.	People with Autism		X	X	X	Library	#/ type of programs or resources delivered targeting neurodiversity.
			2.17.9 Continue to identify physical access features for improvements in libraries. Consider signage, colour contrast, tactile indicators, lighting, sensory factors, hall/ door width entry to toilet, ramp entry, height of service bench, etc. (*Library upgrade is aspirational & dependant on significant grant funding.)*	Whole Shire		X	X	X	Library	Opportunities for access improvements are identified. Provide details of any upgrades.
			2.17.10 Investigate funding opportunities for library upgrades.	Whole Shire		X	X	X	?	# grants applied for (or provide status of project)
Council facilities and processes are accessible and support inclusive participation (WEBSITE).	2.18	1, 3	**Council's website is accessible and supports inclusive participation.** 2.18.1 Covered in 1.4.1 & 1.4.2.	Whole Shire		X	X	X	Comms Admin	As per 1.4.1 & 1.4.2

Focus area 3. Supporting access to meaningful employment

Outcomes	Action	CSP	What we will do	Target population or audience	Year(s)				Responsibility	Measures
					1	2	3	4		
Improved disability awareness and organisational capability. **Council supports access to meaningful employment opportunities for people with disability.**	3.1	1, 3, 17	**Council fosters a vibrant, diverse workforce, including people with disability.** 3.1.1 Review and update workforce development strategy to include current guidelines for inclusion.	People from diverse backgrounds, including PwD.		X			HR	Workforce management/ development strategy is updated.

Improved disability awareness and organisational capability. **Council supports access to meaningful employment opportunities for people with disability.**	3.2	1, 3, 17	**Council has inclusive recruitment & onboarding processes.**							
			3.2.1 Review recruitment processes, forms & language for accessibility.	Persons with disability (PwD)		X			DIAP project officer	Recruitment processes, forms & language reviewed for accessibility.
			3.2.2 Update recruitment processes as recommended, including a clear opportunity for candidates to indicate a disability and request suitable adjustments/ accommodations in recruitment & onboarding process.	PwD, staff		X			HR	Recruitment processes have been updated to increase accessibility & inclusion.
			3.2.3 Develop a process for existing employees to indicate a disability and discuss accommodations with their manager.	PwD, staff		X			HR	Current employees have a pathway for declaring a disability and discussing accommodations. # employees with disability.
			3.2.4 HR & hiring managers are provided with information regarding financial support & advice regarding provision of reasonable adjustments/ accommodations.	PwD, staff		X			DIAP project officer, HR	HR & hiring managers are aware of financial supports for reasonable adjustments.
			3.2.5 Redesign onboarding and induction programs to reflect culture, safety, diversity and inclusion (covered by action 1.1.1)	Staff			X		HR	Onboarding and induction program reviewed and updated (as per 1.1.1)
Council supports access to meaningful employment opportunities for people with disability across the Shire.	3.4	1, 3, 17	**Council supports local businesses to increase employment opportunities for people with disability.**							
			3.4.1 Share Inclusive employment information distributed to local businesses.	Business community			X		EGD	Evidence of promotion of inclusive employment to local businesses.
			3.4.2 Encourage local businesses to increase employment opportunities for people with disability.	Business community			X		EGD	#/ type of awareness activities

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			3.4.3 Investigate opportunities to provide local businesses with training re employment of people with disability (*training opportunities may be subject to grant funding*).	Business community			X	X	EGD	# of training activities supported (subject to grant funding)
Council supports access to meaningful employment opportunities for people with disability across the Shire.	3.5	1, 3, 17	**Council provides opportunities for meaningful employment for persons with disability.**							
			3.5.1 Work with local schools to provide opportunities to offer work experience placements within Council for young people with disability.	School-aged PwD		X	X	X	HR	# work experience placements Diversity in roles for placements.
			3.52 Work with local Job Access agency to promote Council job vacancies to persons with disability.	PwD, job seekers		X	X	X	HR	Council vacancies are promoted to Job Access clients.
			3.5.3 Investigate feasibility of employment project with Council's Waste department.	PwD, job seekers			X	X	DIAP project officer, HR	If feasible, provide details of employment project. # PwD employed.

Focus area 4. Improving access to mainstream services through better systems and processes.

Outcomes	Action	CSP link	What we will do	Target population or audience	Year(s)				Responsibility	Measures
					1	2	3	4		
Residents have equitable access to Council information and services. **Improved disability awareness and organisational capability**	4.1	3, 7	**Ensure information can be read and understood by our community regardless of their level of education, language spoken, lived experience of disability.**							
			4.1.1 Train key staff in developing Plain English documents and in web content accessibility.	Comms staff, whole Shire		X	X	X	Comms HR	Key staff have been trained in developing Plain English documents.
			4.1.2 Adapt key documents to Plain English format as feasible.	Comms staff			X	X	Comms	# of Plain English versions of key documents made publicly available.
			4.1.3 Continue to improve accessibility of online	Comms			X	X	Comms	Describe work to improve

			information and systems, including effective search function.						accessibility of Council information.
People with disability are informed, consulted and actively participate in Council decision-making processes. **Residents have equitable access to Council information and services.**	4.2	3, 7	**Persons with disability and their carers are included in emergency preparedness planning.** 4.2.1 Emergency messages are communicated in accessible formats. 4.2.2 Investigate feasibility of supporting a disability inclusive Person-Centred Emergency Planning project. (*Aspirational project requiring external grant funding.*)	PwD PwD, carers		X 	X X	X X	Comms Commy Services	If emergency arises, important and urgent community messages have inclusive & accessible. # grants applied for. If feasible, disability-inclusive emergency planning project delivered in reporting period. # of residents that have a person-centred emergency plan.
People with disability are informed, consulted and actively participate in Council decision-making processes	4.3	7, 17	**Ensure that people with lived experience of disability are consulted and engaged on relevant Council Plans.** 4.3.1 Develop mechanism for consulting persons with disability on key Council projects and Plans (e.g., working group). 4.3.2 Update community engagement guidelines to include best practice inclusive engagement & consultation recommendations.	PwD PwD		 X	X X	X X	IWG, Comm Service Comm Services	Mechanism for consultation has been developed. # and type of consultations. Guidelines have been updated and utilised in community engagement activities.

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Delivering the new Plan

Governance

The implementation of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026–2030 will be overseen by the General Manager and Executive Leadership Team. The Senior Management Team will sponsor and promote the Plan.

Relevant departments will be required to report on progress of implementing actions as part of their regular business reporting. This will inform reports to the Executive team and annual progress reports.

Monitoring and evaluation

The success of our DIAP will be evaluated through qualitative and quantitative measures, including:

- clear outputs and outcomes for each initiative to ensure progress can be tracked and actions successfully completed
- regular engagement with employees who contributed to the development of our DIAP to gather feedback and guide future directions
- feedback on customer satisfaction
- analysing measures and other workforce data to identify trends, areas for improvement and actions needed.

We will regularly review and monitor the progress of the Plan using these indicators. Ongoing engagement with the community and the IWG will occur as required. In the fourth year of the Plan Council will measure community satisfaction through a community survey and through consultation with community.

Reporting

We will regularly measure and report against the actions in this plan. Progress and outcomes will be reported annually as part of Council's Annual Report, which is endorsed by Council and published on Council's website. A copy will be provided to the NSW Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services as required under the NSW Disability Inclusion Act, 2014.

The Plan will be reviewed and updated, alongside our Operational Plan, to ensure that it remains relevant and that appropriate resourcing can be allocated from the annual budget and responsible staff members allocated to each action.

Together, Council will work collaboratively with community, government and our Access Consultative Working Group (*or alternative arrangement?)* to ensure that they continue to play an important role and support this Plan's progress and reporting.

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Funding the Plan

Some of the actions in this plan are about continuing what we do, and some are about implementing new ideas. Some actions won't cost anything, while others will require additional funding. The money to do this will be allocated through the annual budget where possible. However, sometimes it will be necessary to apply for external funding to assist in achieving the desired outcome. Actions that require external funding to deliver are listed in the Plan as *aspirational goals*.

RESOURCES

Relevant legislation, policies and conventions

- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)
  Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) | Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD)
- Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031
  Australia's Disability Strategy | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013
  National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992
  Disability Discrimination Act 1992 - Federal Register of Legislation
- National Autism Strategy 2025 – 2031
  National Autism Strategy 2025–2031 | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
- Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability- Final Report 2023
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- Australian Standard (AS 1428) – Design for Access and Mobility (Access to Premises Standards Buildings) Standards 2010
  Disability (Access to Premises — Buildings) Standards 2010 - Federal Register of Legislation
- Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002
  Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 - Federal Register of Legislation
- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0
  WCAG 2 Overview | Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) | W3C
- NSW Disability Inclusion Plan 2026 – 2029
  NSW Disability Inclusion Plan 2026-2029 | Communities and Justice
- Disability Inclusion Act 2014
  Disability Inclusion Act 2014 No 41 - NSW Legislation
  Disability Inclusion Regulation 2014
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  Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 No 48 - NSW Legislation
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12 INFRASTRUCTURE

12.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS

Author: **Acting Director Infrastructure**

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and note the Infrastructure Services - Works in Progress report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Council with an update of the works in progress in the Infrastructure Directorate. Updates are provided for each Departmental area which includes Utilities, Urban Services and Roads.

BACKGROUND:

Coonamble Shire Council's Infrastructure Department is responsible for the following services and facilities:

- Roads and Bridges
- Kerb and Guttering
- Stormwater
- Water
- Sewer
- Recreation and Open Spaces
- Swimming Pools
- Facility Cleaning
- Cemeteries
- Workshop
- Depots
- Aerodrome
- Plant and Fleet
- Buildings
- Emergency Management

REPORT:

UTILITIES

September was a steady month for Coonamble's water and wastewater services. The water treatment plant (WTP) operated normally throughout the period, reported sewer blockages were attended and cleared, and the weekly water quality sampling

program stayed on schedule with results under control. Alongside routine operations, the sedimentation lagoon changeover was carried out at the WTP, and two improvement workstreams – the Bore 5 project and SCADA optimisation – continued to move forward. The status of each activity is summarised below, with further detail in the sections that follow.

Activity	Status	Summary
Water treatment plant operation	**Normal**	Plant operated normally; town supply maintained throughout the month.
Sewer network – blocked sewers	**Completed**	Reported blockages attended and cleared; services restored.
Weekly water quality sampling	**Under control**	Weekly program delivered; results reviewed and under control.
Sedimentation lagoon changeover	**Completed**	Lagoon changeover carried out at the WTP.
Bore 5 project	**In progress**	Works progressing; coordination ongoing.
SCADA optimisation	**In progress**	Optimisation of plant control and telemetry continuing.

2 Water Treatment Plant Operations

The Coonamble WTP operated normally for the full reporting period. The treatment train – coagulation, sedimentation, dual-media filtration and chlorination – performed as expected, and treated water was supplied to town without interruption. Routine daily operating checks, chemical dosing checks and filter backwashing were carried out as per the daily task list.

Sedimentation lagoon changeover. The sedimentation lagoon changeover was carried out at the WTP during the month. Rotating the lagoons allows settled solids to consolidate in the lagoon taken offline while the alternate lagoon carries the load, which helps protect settled water quality ahead of the filters. Performance of the in-service lagoon will be watched closely over the coming weeks, and the off-line lagoon will be assessed to plan the next stage of sludge management.

3 Sewer Network

Blocked sewer jobs reported during the month were attended and cleared, and affected services were restored. Each job was responded to as it came in so that inconvenience to residents was kept to a minimum. Keeping a record of where blockages occur helps identify any recurring trouble spots, which can then inform Council's preventive sewer cleaning and CCTV inspection planning.

4 Water Quality Monitoring

The weekly drinking water sampling program was completed as scheduled throughout September, with samples delivered to the laboratory under the shared Tuesday delivery roster with Gilgandra Shire Council (SWS-CSC-GSC-ROS-001). Results have been reviewed as they were received and remain under control, with no matters requiring escalation under the Drinking Water Management System during the period.

5 Improvement Works

Bore 5 project. The Bore 5 project remains in progress. Coordination is continuing in line with the project scope of work, with progress tracked so that the project supports Coonamble's supply capacity ahead of the higher summer demand period. Milestone updates will be provided in next month's report.

SCADA optimisation. Optimisation of the plant SCADA and network telemetry systems is under way. Changes are being made in a controlled, staged manner so that plant operation is not disrupted, with the aim of giving operators clearer, more reliable information and tighter control of the treatment process.

URBAN SERVICES

- Preparation work for long weekend events
- Spraying around town
- Broadleaf weed killer on oval and parks
- Getting pools ready for openings.
- General maintenance.
- Slashing town approaches and vacant council owned properties.

Aerodrome

- Slashing and vegetation control.
- Regular inspections.
- Tree removals from riverbank due to infringements to take-off and landing distances

ROADS

Regional and Local Roads Maintenance

Maintenance grading has been carried out on the following roads.

Merri Merri, Quabathoo, Back Gular, Kenilworth Lane, Nelgowrie, Shanklins, Beanbah, Bullagreen, Collie and Gulargambone roads.

Slashing has been happening around the shire with Contractors and council plant involved.

- *Maintenance grading of other Shire roads will continue to provide a safe road travelling surface for the public.*

RMCC

Maintenance is being completed in accordance with the Routine Maintenance Annual Plan (RMAP), (agreed schedule with TfNSW). This includes potholes patching, rest area cleaning, routine inspections, sign repairs and roadside slashing.

- Works are finalising on the Castlereagh Highway intersection with Warren Road, including sealing and line-marking.
- *Pothole patching across the network as reported.*
- *Dish drain maintenance and vegetation control in various town streets.*

Upcoming works:

- *Maintenance grading and shoulder grading on local and regional roads where conditions and resources permit.*
- *Heavy Patching on Pilliga Road.*
- *Heavy patching on Tooraweenah Road.*

12.2 TOORAWEENAH ROAD UPGRADE - MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE

Author: **Acting Director Infrastructure**

Authoriser: **General Manager**

Annexures: **1. September 2026 - Monthly Client Report**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Tooraweenah Road Upgrade Monthly Status report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council resolved to appoint MAAS Civil Pty Limited as the successful contractor at their extraordinary meeting held on 22 January 2026.

Works commenced in May 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Tooraweenah Road is the most direct route from the town of Coonamble to the Warrumbungle National Park.

The section of road to be upgraded commences from the end of the sealed section at Coonamble and continues to the boundary with Gilgandra Shire Council.

The 56.8 km road currently consists of 30.1 km sealed pavement of varying width, followed by 26.7 km of unsealed road with an average width of 7m. The unsealed section includes two short-sealed sections that total 1.3km.

This project is to seal the remaining unsealed section of the road.

REPORT:

The following work has been undertaken since Council's previous update at their Ordinary meeting of Council on 9 September 2026:

Proactive community consultation regarding resident access and impacts is ongoing, including an increase in communications leading into the harvest season.

Changes to road closures and detours are communicated in advance through direct resident emails via the project specific email. The wider community is notified through posts on Facebook via the Coonamble Shire Council Facebook page and media releases as appropriate, this continues to be readily accepted by the property owners.

Monthly meetings are held with the Department of Infrastructure (DOI) and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) are ongoing as part of the funding agreement.

Coonamble Shire Council - Tooraweenah Road Upgrade

Executive Summary Report

September 2026

Activity Summary

Completed This Month (September)	Planned for Next Month (October)
- Continuation of earthworks in Segment 1 and 2. - Earthworks commenced in Segment 3 and 4. - Placement of subbase in Segment 1 (CH56000 - CH57049) - Stabilisation of foundation in Segment 1 (CH56445 - CH57049) - Continuation of box culverts in Segments 5 to 1. A total of 19 box culverts has been commenced as of this report. Backfill on a number of these has commenced. - Commencement of precast and cast in place box culvert headwalls	- Continuation of earthworks in Segment 1, 2, 3 and 4. Focus of generating cut material to construct embankments as required. - Commencement of Earthworks in Segment 11 with haulage of fill. - Continuation of Box Culverts in Segments 1 to 5. Commencement of placement and backfill of precast culvert units. - Continuation of subbase placement. - Commencement of stabilisation of pavement.

Activity Status

Item	Units	Total Quantity	Quantity Commenced	% In Progress	Comments
Reinforced Concrete Box Culverts	Each	39	19	49%	Commencement of backfill and headwall construction during September.
Reinforced Concrete Pipe Culverts	Each	22	0	0%	Not yet commenced - work required to achieve suitable levels to commence pipe culvert construction.
Earthworks (Cut/Fill of Formation)	KM	27	4.5	17%	Earthworks commenced from CH53000 to 57049 at the end of works.
Subbase	KM	27	1	4%	Commencement of Placement of subbase in Segment 1.
Basecourse	KM	27	0	0%	Not commenced.
Spray Seal	KM	27	0	0%	Not commenced.

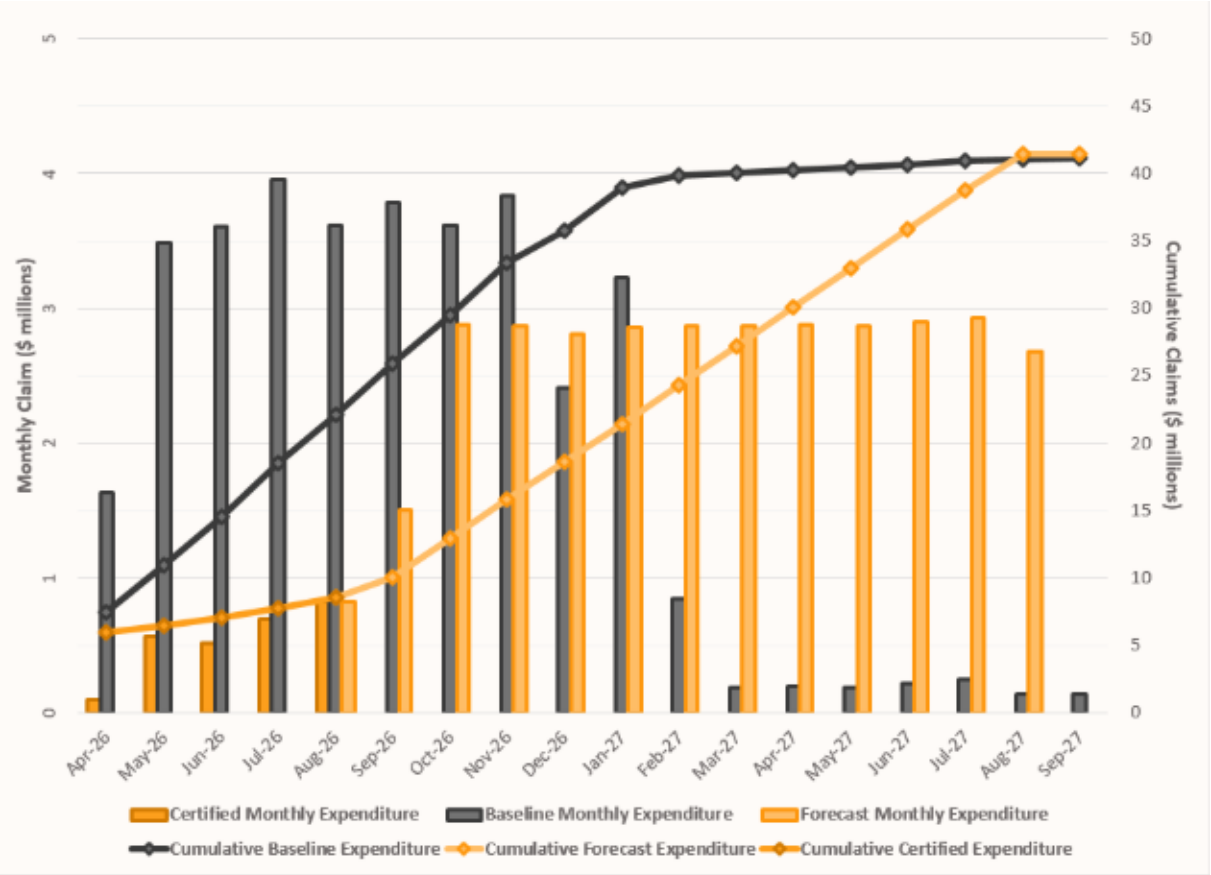
Cost Summary

CSC – Tooraweenah Road Upgrade – Project Budget Summary

Report as at the end of September 30, 2026

	Cost Item		Budget	Certification	Forecast Final Cost (FFC)	Variance
			Current Approved	Certified to Date		From Current Approved Budget
			A	D	F = B + C	J = A - F
CSC - Toowahreenah Rd Upgrade						
1	**Pre-Construction Costs**					
	1.1	Pre-Planning & Development	5,039,002	5,039,002	5,039,002	0
		Total Pre-Construction Costs	**5,039,002**	**5,039,002**	**5,039,002**	**0**
2	**Client-Side Project Management**					
	2.1	Projence - Project Manager	3,316,320	823,492	2,979,566	336,754
	2.2	Rigore - Design	0	0	0	0
	2.3	Access Environmental Planning - Environmental Consultant	0	0	0	0
	2.4	Western Survey - Surveying	0	0	0	0
		Total Client-Side Project Management	**3,316,320**	**823,492**	**2,979,566**	**336,754**
3	**Contractor**					
	3.1	Maas Civil - Contractor	32,146,618	2,008,759	32,791,169	-(644,551)
		Total Contractor	**32,146,618**	**2,008,759**	**32,791,169**	**-(644,551)**
4	**Council Delivered Works**					
	4.1	PM & Contract Management	50,586	0	50,586	0
	4.2	Final Seal of the Works	0	0	0	0
	4.3	Guideposts	22,500	0	22,500	0
		Total Council Delivered Works	**73,086**	**0**	**73,086**	**0**
C	**Contingency**					
	C.1	Contingency	596,963	0	289,166	307,797
		Total Contingency	**596,963**	**0**	**289,166**	**307,797**
		Total CSC - Tooraweenah Rd Upgrade Cost Summary	**41,171,989**	**7,871,253**	**41,171,989**	**0**

The Summary extract of the Project Cost Report has been provided above. Please note above cost summary consists of Actual Costs to 30 June 2026 with forecast figures for September 2026.



Comments:

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- Shift in project cashflow is evident due to wet weather impact to works progress in April, May and June 2026.

This report has been provided in a new format and is a work in progress which will be added to, providing council with additional information as the project progresses.

Local Spend Summary

Local Spend Summary				
Criteria	**Contract Requirement**	**Contractor's Commitment**	**Status as of this report**	**Comments**
Minimum Local Spend	20% of final contract value	46%	Local Spend to Date 48.16% $546,363.41 of $1,134,481.26	Complies with contract commitment.

Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employment	Contractor To Nominate	30%	Local Employment 1.7% (as a % of cumulative project employee hours)	It is anticipated local FTE will increase as the project progresses with the engagement of local subcontractors likely for construction of pavement layers and material stabilisation.

Aboriginal Participation Summary

Aboriginal Participation Summary				
Criteria	**Contract Requirement**	**Contractor's Commitment**	**Status as of June 2026**	**Comments**
Minimum Aboriginal Spend	1.5% of final contract value	6%	Aboriginal Spend 3.77% $42,750.61 of $1,134,481.26	It is anticipated Aboriginal spend will increase through subcontractor engagement of aboriginal businesses as the project progresses.
Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employment	29%	29%	Aboriginal Employment 43% (as a % of cumulative project employee hours)	Complies with contract commitment.

Coonamble Shire Council - Tooraweenah Road Upgrade

Executive Summary Report

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Cost Summary

CSC - Toowahreenah Rd Upgrade - Project Budget Summary

Report as at the end of September 2026

Cost Item			Worksheet Name	Budget Current Approved A	Commitments Committed Costs B	Commitments Uncommitted Costs C	Certification Certified to Date D	Certification Remaining to be Certified E = B - D	Forecast Final Cost (FFC) F = B + C	Previous Months FFC G	Variance From Previous Month's Forecast H = G - F	Variance From Current Approved Budget I = A - F
CSC - Toowahreenah Rd Upgrade												
1	Pre-Construction Costs											
	1.1	Pre-Planning & Development	PPD	5,039,002	5,039,002	0	5,039,002	0	5,039,002	5,039,002	0	0
		Total Pre-Construction Costs		5,039,002	5,039,002	0	5,039,002	0	5,039,002	5,039,002	0	0
2	Client-Side Project Management											
	2.1	Projence - Project Manager	Projence	3,316,320	2,890,935	88,631	823,492	2,067,443	2,979,566	2,979,566	0	336,754
	2.2	Rigore - Design	Rigore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	2.4	Western Survey - Surveying	Surveying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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3	Contractor											
	3.1	Maas Civil - Contractor	MAAS	32,146,618	31,953,408	857,761	2,008,759	29,944,649	32,791,169	32,771,169	(20,000)	(644,551)
		Total Contractor		32,146,618	31,953,408	857,761	2,008,759	29,944,649	32,791,169	32,771,169	(20,000)	(644,551)
4	Council Delivered Works											
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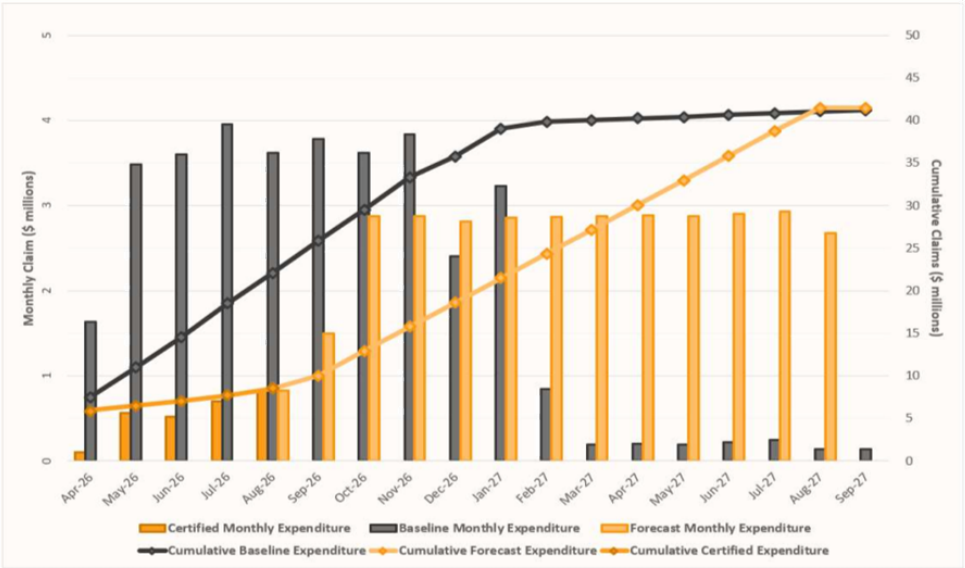
Cashflow Summary



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Time and Progress

- Forecast Construction Completion Net (no delay allowances) - **11 June 2026**
- Forecast Construction Completion Gross (inc. wet weather delay) - **13 August 2027**
- Forecast Contract Completion - **13 August 2027**

The Contractor has supplied an updated Contract Program as of September 2026. This is yet to be formally reviewed. Although not statused, preliminary checks not yet supplied their Program Revision for August 2026. Upon receipt the Principal will review and provide feedback as necessary.

Extension of Time Claims Summary - Wet Weather Delay
There are no current oustanding claims for Extension of Time.

Cumulative EOT for Wet Weather Claimed: 30 Days
Cumulative EOT for Wet Weather Approved: 25 Days
Total Wet Weather Delay Allowance: 54 Days
Remaining Wet Weather Delay Allowance: 29 Days

Note: 5 days for EOT03 have been rejected as the Contractor failed to demonstrate impact to the Contract Program. **Critical Path.**

Risks & Opportunities	
Description	**Control Measures**
RISK	
Significant shortfall of general earthworks materail.	Investigation into pavement design changes to reduce need for as much material import or borrow. Investigation into potential borrow locations with suitable material nearby/adjacent to the site. Thorough review of earthworks and pavement quantities and impact to the project budget is presented in Memo 06 - CSC - TRU - Earthworks ande Pavement Quantity Review.
Agreement of federal milestone revision for appropriate timing of payments.	Updated milestones have been submitted to the Funding body. Ongoing review of these milestones and claim amounts is ongoing.
Contract value escalates due to rise and fall and/or quantities or provisional items.	Sound project governance, and awareness and contractual provisions and their implementation and interpretation. Avoidance of unnecessary delays to the contractor. Accurate estimates of rise and fall provisions and the impact they may have on the contract value.
Impact to Community from works. Access to properties adjacent to the works. Seasonal Harvest generating significant increases in traffic, particularly HV or OSOM movements.	Proactive community correspondence is being completed to seek feedback regarding upcoming harvest requirements of residents on Tooraweenah Road. Feedback will be provided to the Contractor to enable them to facilitate appropriate access and traffic staging to minimise impact to the community.
OPPORTUNITIES	
Possible savings in the construction of earthworks if suitable borrow locations are identified and available for use adjacent to the site. Requires appropriate variation rate agreed with the Contractor negotiated to be of benefit to the project but provide the Contractor with appropriate margin.	
Stakeholder Coordination	**Engagement with Department of Infrastructure/TfNSW**
- Minor complaints were received due to the condition of Tooraweenah Road in areas not yet worked on by the Contractor. Council crews were coordinated to complete required maintenance. Detours remain the responsibility of the Contractor. - Escalation / Complaints Procedure implemented at Council and will be communicated to residents. - Consultation with residents to proactively maintain appropriate access is ongoing. - Proactive community consultation regarding facilitating operational harvest requirements is scheduled for late September/early October 2026. Fridge magnets with project contacts will be circulated with this correspondence.	- Monthly meetings with Department of Infrastructure (DOI) and TfNSW are ongoing. Next meeting is scheduled **8 October 2026** . - Council has received funds for **July 2026** Payment Claim for Commence Construction of **$8,000,000** . - In **October 2026** the Principal will submit a claim for payment of scheduled October 2026 project milestone "Commencement of Subbase (Gravel) Placement (Segments 1 and 2)" for a value of **$8,500,000** .

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Progress Photos

Apron Slab and Culverts Installed at DT17

Commencement of Subbase Placement Seg 1

Earthworks Seg 2

Earthworks Seg 2

Stabilising Seg 1	Stabilising Seg 1

12.3 BORE 3 REPLACEMENT: SECURING BACKUP TOWN WATER SUPPLY

Author: **Project Engineer**

Authoriser: **Acting Director Infrastructure**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Note the status of the Water Access Licence (WAL) application lodged with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) on 11 September 2026 for the drilling of a replacement Bore 3.**
2. **Approve a variation to Council's existing contract with The Impax Group Pty Ltd (currently engaged for the Artesian Bore and Bore 5 works) to include the drilling, construction, development, pump testing and decommissioning works described in the report, for a total amount of $561,660 (incl. GST), subject to the granting of the WAL by DCCEEW.**
3. **Approve the reallocation of $312,000 as part of the November 2026 Quarterly Budget Review, comprising $162,000 from the Water Treatment Plant Capital Renewal budget and $150,000 from the Gulargambone Road Bore Shed Replacement budget, to partially fund the Bore 3 Replacement project, with the balance to be funded from the Water Fund's existing capital works program.**
4. **Authorise the General Manager to execute all documentation necessary to give effect to this resolution, including any variation to the existing contract with The Impax Group Pty Ltd.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Bore 3 is one of Council's town water supply bores and provides critical backup capacity for the Coonamble Urban Local Community (ULC) water supply. The existing bore's casing has failed (is understood to be "shot") and has separated, allowing silt to enter the bore. This has fused/seized the lay flat pump, which was placed under excessive pressure as a result, and the pump can currently only be lowered to a depth of approximately 30m due to the casing being bent below this point. These faults have significantly compromised the reliability, yield and safe operation of this backup supply.

With peak demand season now imminent, and Coonamble ULC's two primary supply bores (Bore 4 and Bore 5) already operating at rates above their assessed long-term sustainable yield, it is critical that a functioning backup bore is in place before peak summer demand. Council has engaged The Impax Group Pty Ltd to prepare a concept design and fee proposal for a replacement Bore 3 and had lodged a Water

Access Licence (WAL) application with DCCEEW on 11 September 2026 to enable the works to proceed. Formal approval of the WAL is still awaited. If the WAL is not granted, the contract variation will not proceed, and the reallocated funds will remain available for future reallocation.

This report recommends that Council approve a variation to Impax's existing contract for the Artesian Bore and Bore 5 works to also deliver the Bore 3 replacement and decommissioning works, and that funding of $312,000 be reallocated from two capital projects via the November Quarterly Budget Review to support the $561,660 (incl. GST) project cost.

BACKGROUND

Bore 3 (GW039452) is located within Lot 7024 DP 1060499, 138 Castlereagh Highway, Coonamble (Smith Park), and is licensed as a town water supply bore under Licence 80CA704187. It shares a pump shed with the "old" Bore 3 (GW004165), which was replaced in 1990 and is no longer in use, but which has evidence of a minor leak in its headworks and has not been decommissioned. This leak has not previously been prioritised for repair or decommissioning given the bore's inactive status; it will now be addressed as part of this project to achieve efficiencies by completing both decommissioning works in a single mobilisation.

Coonamble ULC's drinking water supply is drawn from three bores (Bore 3, Bore 4 and Bore 5) sourcing groundwater from the Pilliga Sandstone aquifer of the Great Artesian Basin. Bore 4 and Bore 5 are prioritised for supply to the Water Treatment Plant, while Bore 3 is typically used for sportsground irrigation and as a backup in the event of an issue with Bores 4 or 5. With Bore 3 currently non-operational, sportsground irrigation needs are being met on an interim basis from the town water reticulation system that does not feed into the irrigation storage tanks at the sportsground, which also means some of the fields won't be able to be watered, and this function will be restored once the replacement bore is commissioned.

Council's Drought Management Plan (Alluvium, 2024) identifies that Bores 4 and 5 are currently operating at rates higher than their assessed long-term sustainable yield, and that Coonamble ULC's water supply is reliant on only two bores to meet high demand, with bore failure identified as a key risk to water security. A new third bore for Coonamble was specifically recommended in that plan to address this risk.

Bore 3's existing casing has failed and is understood to be "shot". The casing has separated, allowing silt to migrate into the bore, which has fused and seized the lay flat pump after it was placed under excessive pressure. The pump can currently only be run to a depth of approximately 30m, as the casing is also bent below this point. Together, these faults significantly compromise the yield, reliability and safe operability of this bore in an emergency, leaving Council without an effective backup supply should Bore 4 or Bore 5 fail, particularly during the high-demand summer period.

REPORT:

Council engaged The Impax Group Pty Ltd, its preferred groundwater drilling services provider, to assess options for a replacement Bore 3. Impax has provided a Concept Plan (dated 14 September 2026) and a Fee Proposal (dated 15 September 2026) covering the drilling and installation of one new stainless-steel town water supply bore to replace Bore 3, and the decommissioning of the two existing bores at the site (current Bore 3, GW039452, and old Bore 3, GW004165).

Scope of works:

- Drilling of a new bore to a depth of approximately 670m using the rotary mud drilling method, fully penetrating the sandstone aquifer to maximise yield and pressure.
- Installation of surface casing (0m-60m), stainless steel pump column and production casing (0m-380m), and slotted stainless steel aquifer casing (370m-670m), pressure cemented in accordance with GABCC and NSW Minimum Construction Requirements for Water Bores.
- Bore development, a 24-hour constant rate pump test and a 12-hour recovery test.
- Full decommissioning of the existing Bore 3 (GW039452) and the old Bore 3 (GW004165) by cement grouting from bottom to top, supervised by an NSW Class 6 Licensed Driller, in accordance with the GABCC and National Uniform Licensing and Drilling Code (NULDC) requirements.

Impax has advised, based on the increased casing diameter and full penetration of the aquifer, that the replacement bore's yield is expected to approximately double that of the existing Bore 3; this estimate will be confirmed through the pump testing program.

A Water Access Licence (WAL) application to permit drilling of the replacement bore was lodged with DCCEEW on 11 September 2026. Formal approval of the WAL is still pending, and drilling cannot commence until it is granted. Given the lead time involved in mobilising a drilling rig and completing the works (including drilling, casing, development and pump testing), it is important that the contractual and funding arrangements are settled now so that works can commence immediately upon WAL approval, to maximise the likelihood of the bore being operational before peak summer demand.

The Impax Group is currently engaged by Council under an existing contract for the Artesian Bore and Bore 5 works. Rather than undertake a new procurement process, it is recommended that the Bore 3 replacement and decommissioning works be delivered as a variation to this existing contract. This approach will save time that would otherwise be spent on a separate tender process, and Impax has advised in its proposal that it will factor in the economies of scale of completing a third artesian bore for Council into its final fee, reducing overall project cost.

Key project challenges identified by Impax, to be managed through the detailed design and construction phase, include the bore's high-visibility location adjacent to the Castlereagh Highway and River, the presence of buried services near the pump shed, limited space for drilling fluid management, and management of development and pump test water discharge. A minimum 10-20m separation from the two existing bores is recommended to avoid the risk of the new bore intercepting either existing bore.

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN:

Focus	Strategic Area
Our Community	N/A
Our Economy	N/A
Our Assets	Our Utilities
Our Country	N/A
Our Leadership	N/A

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Assessment
Social	Positive
Environmental	Positive
Economic	Positive
Governance	Positive

Financial Resource Implications:

The total cost of the project, based on Impax's Fee Proposal (15 September 2026), is summarised below. Actual costs may vary depending on the final drilled depth and any adverse drilling conditions encountered, in accordance with the Schedule of Rates.

Item	Cost (excl. GST)	Cost (incl. GST)
Drilling, construction, development and pump testing of replacement Bore 3	$420,600	$462,660
Decommissioning of existing Bore 3 (GW039452) and old Bore 3 (GW004165)	$90,000	$99,000
Total project cost	**$510,600**	**$561,660**

It is proposed that the total project cost of $561,660 (incl. GST) be funded as follows:

Funding Source	Amount
Reallocation from Water Treatment Plant Capital Renewal budget	$162,000
Reallocation from Gulargambone Road Bore Shed Replacement budget	$150,000
Existing allocation – Coonamble Bore's – Refurbishment/Renewal budget	$249,660
Total project funding	**$561,660**

The balance of the project cost is proposed to be funded from the Water Fund's existing capital works program, as detailed above. Council officers will report back on final project costs and any further budget adjustments required following completion of the works. The reallocation of $162,000 from the Water Treatment Plant Capital Renewal budget and $150,000 from the Gulargambone Road Bore Shed Replacement budget will defer delivery of both projects to the 2027/2028 financial year; project scope will not be reduced, and both will be reprogrammed accordingly in a future capital works schedule.

Policy / Legal and Statutory Implications:

The replacement bore will be drilled, constructed and decommissioned in accordance with the Water Management Act 2000, the conditions of the Water Access Licence to be issued by DCCEEW/WaterNSW, the "Minimum Construction Requirements for Water Bores in Australia" (National Uniform Drillers Licensing Committee), and the "Specification for Construction, Reconditioning and Plugging of Water Bores Tapping Aquifers of the Great Artesian Basin" (GABCC), with particular reference to NSW conditions. All decommissioning work will be supervised by a NSW Class 6 Licensed Driller.

The proposed contract variation with The Impax Group Pty Ltd will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy provisions relating to variations to existing contracts.

Risk Management – Business Risk/Work Health and Safety / Public:

- **Water Supply Security:** Coonamble ULC currently relies on two operating bores (Bore 4 and Bore 5), both operating above their assessed sustainable yield. Without a functioning backup bore, an unplanned failure of either bore during summer could place the town's water supply at serious risk. Delaying the replacement of Bore 3 increases this exposure.
- **Project Timing Risk:** The WAL approval timeframe is outside Council's control. Approving the contract variation and funding now allows works to commence immediately upon approval, minimising further delay before summer.
- **Contractor and Site Risk:** The Impax Group holds appropriate ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 accreditation, and current Public Liability ($20M), Professional Indemnity ($10M) and Workers' Compensation insurance. Site-specific risks (buried services, traffic management for the adjacent highway slip road and parking area, and drilling fluid/water management) will be addressed through a site-specific management plan prior to mobilisation.
- **Financial Risk:** The quoted cost is an estimate based on an assumed drilled depth of 670m; actual costs may vary if adverse drilling conditions are

encountered. This risk is mitigated by the agreed Schedule of Rates and will be monitored by Council officers throughout the works.

Options:

Option 1 (Recommended): Approve the contract variation with The Impax Group and reallocate $312,000 in the November 2026 Quarterly Budget Review to enable works to commence as soon as the WAL is approved, maximising the likelihood of a functioning backup bore before summer.

Option 2: Do not proceed with the replacement of Bore 3 at this time. This option is not recommended, as it would leave Coonamble's town water supply without an effective backup bore heading into summer, at a time when the two operating bores are already assessed as operation above sustainable yield.

Council Seal Required:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal Exhibition: No

External Exhibition: No

133 Confidential Matters

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

133.1 Closed (Public Excluded) Council Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council - 9 September 2026

13.2 Sale of surplus Council land

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - f of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with details of systems and/or arrangements that have been implemented to protect council, councillors, staff and Council property.

13.3 Coonamble Caravan Park Lease Agreement

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

13.4 Confidential - Coonamble Artesian Waters Business Operations & Marketing Plan

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

14 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING