



BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting Wednesday, 9 April 2025

Date: Wednesday, 9 April 2025

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, 9 April 2025 at 9:00 AM.

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1 OPENING MEETING**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 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS****6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 12 March 2025 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 12 March 2025**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE GULARGAMBONE CENTRAL SCHOOL, YALCOGRIN STREET,
GULARGAMBONE
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2025 AT 10:05 AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Daniel Keady, Deputy Mayor Steven Butler, Cr Karen Churchill, Cr Paul Fisher, Cr Margaret Garnsey, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith, Cr Ahmad Karanouh, Cr Paul Wheelhouse

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Gallagher (General Manager), Kerrie Murphy (Director Infrastructure), Barry Broe (Director Community, Planning, Development & Environment), Jennifer Maundrell (Executive Manager Corporate Governance), Deborah Tatton (Manager Finance and minute taker)

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.05 am, advising the attendees of the following:

- The meeting is being livestreamed and/or recorded for on-demand viewing via Council's website and a person's image and/or voice may be broadcast;
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- The recording will be available on Council's website for a minimum of 12 months and retained as a Council record;
- Individuals acting in a disorderly manner can be asked by the Chairperson to leave the meeting under the Council's Code of Meeting Practice;
- The meeting must not be recorded by others without the prior written consent of the Council in accordance with the Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

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3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

RESOLUTION 2025/39

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council receive the apologies of Cr Adam Cohen and Bruce Quarmby (Director Corporate Services)

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

5 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2025/40

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 12 February 2025 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

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

Against: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

CARRIED 7/1

7 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CR P. WHEELHOUSE – Declared a pecuniary interest on item 10.06 – Core and Cluster Project – as a contractor that supplies concrete.

CR P. WHEELHOUSE – Declared a pecuniary interest on Item 10.11 – NOM Yarran St Housing Development – as a contractor that supplies concrete and is a neighbour adjacent to the development.

CR P. WHEELHOUSE – Declared a pecuniary interest on Item 10.20 – NOM Tooraweenah Road project – as a contractor that supplies concrete.

CR M. GARNSEY – Declared a non-pecuniary standing declaration – Item 10.19 – Infrastructure Services Works in Progress Report – being a committee Member of Quambone Resources.

CR P. GOLDSMITH – Declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10.12 – Merchandise to be Sold at Coonamble District Store – as a current supplier of goods sold through the store.

CR D. KEADY – Declared a non-pecuniary interest on Item 10.23 – Effluent Reuse Utilisation Status Report – being a committee member of the Coonamble Jockey Club.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

MAYORAL MINUTE

RESOLUTION 2025/41

Moved: Mayor Daniel Keady

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the report be noted.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL

SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 CASTLEREGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL (CMCC) FEBRUARY 2025 UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2025/42

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That the report and minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council held on 24 February 2025 be received and noted.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

9.2 MINUTES OF AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 26 NOVEMBER 2024

RESOLUTION 2025/43

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh
Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION 2025/44

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That the report be received and noted.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.2 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS/ACTIONS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2025/45

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council notes the information.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS IN QUAMBONE - CR M. GARNSEY

RESOLUTION 2025/46

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council resolves:

1. That resolution 2025/033 titled Community Programs and Events in Quambone that was passed at the meeting of 12th February 2025 be rescinded.
2. That Council resolves to direct the General Manager to ensure that when planning of future community programs / activities across Coonamble Shire that Quambone must be included as part of these programs

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - COMPLETION OF BRIGIDINE SISTERS GARDENS - CR M. GARNSEY

RESOLUTION 2025/47

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council resolves:

1. The resolution 2025/34 titled Completion of Brigidine Sisters Garden that was passed at the meeting of 12th February 2025 be rescinded.
2. That the Brigidine Sisters garden beds be filled with established plants prior to the Sister's forthcoming visit.
3. That the funding for the works at the Brigidine Sisters garden beds be sourced from Council's Urban Services Operational Budget.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.5 NOTICE OF MOTION - PRESENTATION OF COONAMBLE TOWNSHIP - CR M. GARNSEY**RESOLUTION 2025/48**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council resolves:

- 1. The resolution 2025/35 titled Presentation of Coonamble township that was passed at the meeting of 12th February 2025 be rescinded.**
- 2. That public garden beds and open spaces within the Coonamble CBD precinct, be given substantial care and attention as a priority to improve the presentation of these areas to a suitable standard to help promote the town in a positive image for the community and visitors to our community.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 10:29 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse left the meeting due to a declared interest in item 10.6

10.6 CORE AND CLUSTER PROJECT**RESOLUTION 2025/49**

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

- 1. That Council notes the status of the project and Council's role in providing access to suitable land for the project.**
- 2. That Council agrees to contribute the identified land on Calga Street to the project (Lot 11 on DP238281) for a cost of \$100,000 to Orana Support Service on the basis that the land and assets would be returned to Council should the development not occur within a defined time period.**
- 3. That a report be brought back to Council in April 2025 on the costs regarding provision of water and sewage to the boundary**
- 4. That the General Manager be authorised to negotiate with the developer (Orana Support Service) and seek legal advice on the conditions which should be placed in the contract of sale regarding ownership should the development fail.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 10:36 am, Cr Paul Wheelhouse returned to the meeting.

10.7 PLANNING PROPOSAL - RECLASSIFICATION OF COMMUNITY LAND

Motion

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That Council

1. Endorse Planning Proposal PP001/2025 for the reclassification of land known as 20-40 Calga Street, Coonamble and forward it to the Minister for Planning seeking an amendment to the Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011 and request that a Gateway Determination be issued, excluding the delegation Plan making powers, to enable public exhibition of the Planning Proposal Pursuant to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
2. Upon receipt of a Gateway Determination for PP001/2025 under Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, places the Planning Proposal and any supporting material on public exhibition pursuant to any requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, Clause 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION 2025/50

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

A motion was moved at 10:41am that Council suspend standing orders to allow Tina Reynolds from Orana Support Services to discuss the Core and Cluster Project.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION 2025/51

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders at 10:46am.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

Planning Proposal - Reclassification of Community Land

RESOLUTION 2025/52

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council

- 1. Endorse Planning Proposal PP001/2025 for the reclassification of land known as 20-40 Calga Street, Coonamble and forward it to the Minister for Planning seeking an amendment to the Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011 and request that a Gateway Determination be issued, excluding the delegation Plan making powers, to enable public exhibition of the Planning Proposal Pursuant to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.**
- 2. Upon receipt of a Gateway Determination for PP001/2025 under Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, places the Planning Proposal and any supporting material on public exhibition pursuant to any requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, Clause 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.8 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/53

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That Council notes the information in the Community Development report.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.9 ADOPTION OF DRAFT POLICY - OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY MEMBER RECOGNITION POLICY**RESOLUTION 2025/54**

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That Council adopt the Outstanding Community Member Recognition Policy.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH - PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/55**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That Council:

- 1. Notes the Economic Development and Growth report.**
- 2. Agrees to submit an application under the Open Streets Program to fund events in Coonamble's main street, continuing the Vision Splendid theme.**
- 3. Agrees to submit applications under the Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements program for the Quambone waste facility upgrade and the Coonamble Waste facility upgrade.**
- 4. Commits \$105,000 in the FY25-26 Budget as a cash co-contribution for the Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvement, should the application be successful.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

DEFER ITEM 10.11 NOTICE OF MOTION - YARRAN STREET HOUSING ESTATE - CR S. BUTLER TO CLOSED BUSINESS**RESOLUTION 2025/56**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Resolved that Item 10.11 Notice of Motion – Yarran Street Housing Estate be

deferred to closed section of Council to allow discussin on contractual obligations.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 10:59 pm, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith left the meeting due to a declared interest in Item 10.12.

10.12 FORMALISING CRITERIA FOR MERCHANDISE SOLD THROUGH THE COONAMBLE DISTRICT STORE

RESOLUTION 2025/57

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the draft Coonamble District Store application and evaluation forms that include the suitability criteria for new merchandise.**
- 2. Endorse the public exhibition of the draft Coonamble District Store application and evaluation forms for a period of 28 days, providing interested stakeholders at least 42 days in which to comment on the forms.**
- 3. Receive a further report, following the exhibition and submission period, including any submissions made on the draft forms, and a recommendation that addresses any concerns raised within the submissions received.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 11:00am, Cr Phillipa Goldsmith returned to the meeting.

10.13 SIGNAGE UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2025/58

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the information in the signage update report.**

2. Rationalise and remove redundant signage across the Local Government Area.
3. Commission a wayfinding and interpretation audit and develop a package to optimise active travel and tourism opportunities, as identified by the Coonamble Shire Masterplan, to be funded in the 2025-26 budget.
4. Continue in the interim to improve the Shire Local boundary signs and clean up the town entry signs.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 11:02am, Cr Paul Fisher left the meeting.

At 11:04am, Cr Paul Fisher returned to the meeting prior to voting on item 10.13

The meeting was suspended for morning tea at 11.05am and resumed at 11:28am.

10.14 NICKNAME HALL OF FAME REVITALISATION

RESOLUTION 2025/59

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council endorse the action to renew the Nickname Hall of Fame posters and highway billboards, and the production of a commemorative tea towel, funded from the current 2024/25 budget.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.15 PLANNING, REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/60

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That the Planning, Regulatory and Compliance Progress Report be noted.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.16 STATUS OF BORE BATH PROJECT

RESOLUTION 2025/61

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

1. **Notes the status of the Bore Bath Project and work done to date.**
2. **Notes the likely implications on the Grant of the recent Council decision not to rezone the land and not to continue project development on the current project site.**
3. **Note the expenditure to date and the possible funds remaining for planning.**
4. **Agrees to adopt the recommended staged approach to developing a new project, starting with scoping and a project plan.**
5. **Receives regular briefings from Council staff on the status of the project.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.17 NOTICE OF MOTION - LAND ACQUISITION FOR BORE BATH PROJECT - CR S. BUTLER

RESOLUTION 2025/62

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That:

1. Council resolves to start a new project on the golf course site.
2. The process recommended in the related Council report be adopted, starting with a project plan that includes defining the objectives, scope and budget for the project.
3. Subject to funding being available, preliminary site investigations start, to input into the REF, project planning, land acquisition and bore license application.
4. The land requirements for the project be identified based on the project definition and scope.
5. Council begin the process of land acquisition and become Crown Land Manager of this site.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.18 WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT MARCH 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/63**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That the monthly report on waste management activities be noted.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

10.19 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS**RESOLUTION 2025/64**

Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

That:

1. The information be received and noted on the works in progress within Council's Infrastructure Directorate.
2. A report be brought back to Council on the option of installing lighting at the

Gulargambone Sportsground which is to include the feasibility of reusing the decommissioned lights from the Coonamble Showground and determine a source of funding for the project.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 12:12 pm, Cr Paul Wheelhouse left the meeting due to a declared interest in Item 10.20.

At 12.17pm, Cr Ahmad Karanough left the meeting and returned at 12:21pm.

At 12:33pm Cr Karen Churchill left the meeting and returned at 12:38pm.

10.20 NOTICE OF MOTION - TOORAWEEAH ROAD PROJECT - CR S.BUTLER

RESOLUTION 2025/65

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That:

- 1. Council notes and receives the information provided in response to the notice of motion on Tooraweenah Road Project.**
- 2. A detailed report be brought back to a Council meeting once the construction methodology has been finalised with a project timeline with details of different stages and key milestones.**
- 3. The Tooraweenah Road monthly update report be reinstated as part of the regular suite of reports to Council.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 12:40pm, Cr Paul Wheelhouse returned to the meeting.

10.21 MT MAGOMETON QUARRY UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2025/66

Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey

That the information in the report Mt Magometon Quarry Update be received and noted.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

At 12:49pm, Cr Ahmad Karanouh left the meeting and did not return.

10.22 WASTE FACILITY MACHINERY SHED PROCUREMENT PROCESS

RESOLUTION 2025/67

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That the information contained in the Waste Facility Machinery Shed Procurement Process report be received and noted.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.23 EFFLUENT REUSE UTILISATION/OPTIMISATION STATUS REPORT FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS - COONAMBLE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

RESOLUTION 2025/68

Moved: Cr Karen Churchill

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That the information in the report regarding Effluent Reuse Utilisation/Optimisation Status Report for Current and Future considerations be noted.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.24 REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN - 016 - BOGAN, WARREN, AND COONAMBLE**RESOLUTION 2025/69**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

1. Establish a governance framework around the tri-party (Bogan, Warren and Coonamble) arrangement and three Councils establish a project steering committee for the Regional Drought Resilience Plan.
2. That Cr M. Garnsey and the General Manager be appointed to the project steering committee and other Coonamble Shire staff as required.
3. Endorses the Regional Drought Resilience Plan 016 (2024 edition) and note that the document is a living document and can be changed and updated to reflect environmental changes.
4. Advise the Far North West Joint Organisation (FNWJO) that the \$300k under RDPR016 for Bogan, Warren and Coonamble is to be used in a collaborative approach to establish the region as a premier nature- based tourism destination.
5. Defer the FNWJO's recommendation to undertake the following implementation projects as part of the Regional Drought Resilience Funding
 - (a) Project 1 – Water Security Baseline Project
 - (b) Project 2 – Drought Preparedness – Education and Social Revitalisation
6. Advise the Executive Officer of the Far North West Joint Organisation that Council wishes to amend the project deliverables to coincide with the project identified by Bogan, Warren and Coonamble Councils.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.25 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2025/70**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council notes

1. The information contained in the Community Strategic Plan Update report.
2. That community engagement sessions in relation to the Community Strategic Plan will be held at:

- ☐ **Quambone, Tuesday 18 March 2025, 9:30-11:30am**
- ☐ **Coonamble, Wednesday 19 March 2025, 9:30-11:30am**
- ☐ **Coonamble Bowling Club, Wednesday 19 March 2025, 5:30-7:30pm**
- ☐ **Gulargambone, Thursday 20 March 2025, 9:30-11:30am**

With these sessions being advertised on radio and through social media.

3. That Councillors will receive a presentation on the community survey conducted by Taverner Research.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 1:03 pm, Deputy Mayor Steven Butler left the meeting.

10.26 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/71

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council receives and notes the information provided in the rates and charges collections report.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

10.27 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - FEBRUARY 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/72**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council receives and notes the list of investments from 1 February 2025 to 26 February 2025 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, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 6/0

At 1:04pm, Deputy Mayor Steven Butler returned to the meeting.

10.28 REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY**RESOLUTION 2025/73**

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse

That Council:

- 1. Notes the information in this report.**
- 2. Places the draft Investment Policy, as attached to the report, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for the purpose of inviting submissions from the community.**
- 3. Requests the Director Corporate Services to present a further report, together with all submissions received, to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Council's further consideration and adoption of the Investment Policy (with or without changes) at its May 2025 Ordinary Meeting.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.29 UPDATED DONATIONS POLICY**RESOLUTION 2025/74**

Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey

Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill

That Council notes the information in this report and adopts the Donation

Policy with the minor amendment to call for submissions three (3) times per year and report to Council during the February, June and October meeting.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2025/75

Moved: Cr Paul Fisher

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

That Council go into closed session to consider item 10.11 NOM Yarran Street Housing Estate in accordance with section 10A(2) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

At 1:13 pm, Cr Paul Wheelhouse left the meeting and did not return.

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Deferred Item 10.11 Notice of Motion – Yarran Street Housing Estate – Cr S. Butler

At 1:29pm, Cr Karen Churchill left the meeting and did not return.

10.11 NOTICE OF MOTION - YARRAN STREET HOUSING ESTATE - CR S. BUTLER

RESOLUTION 2025/76

Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler

Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

That:

1. **The workshop on the housing project, as per the resolution from the February meeting, be scheduled by the end of March 2025.**
2. **Council seek legal advice on the terms of the contract and options for the future direction of the works and to quantify the commitment from Council.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 5/0

RESOLUTION 2025/77

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 5/0

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 1:51pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 9 April 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON

7 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

MAYORAL MINUTE

File Number: M3
Author: Daniel Keady-Mayor
Authoriser: Daniel Keady, Mayor
Annexures: Nil

I am pleased to deliver the Mayoral report for April.

COUNTRY MAYORS MEETING 28 March 2025.

The General Manager and I attended the Country Mayors Association meeting in Sydney on Friday 28th March 2025. It was an intense agenda covering:

- Chairman's welcome and introduction of the new Chair of the NSW Grants Commission, Ms. Linda Scott and an update from President of LGNSW – Mayor Phyllis Miller OAM – this included a tribute to Mr. Steve Loane OAM.
- Presentation - The Hon. Emily Jane SUVAAL, BN MLC. Chair of the NSW Government Inquiry into the “Ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services”. The Executive Board Recommendation: That the CMA Membership support the Executive Board's endorsement of the 17 recommendations from the “NSW Inquiry into the ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services”. Further, that the CMA advocate for their expeditious implementation was carried unanimously.
- Presentation – TCorp Snr Analyst, Mr. Tom Threlkeld with the Local Government Services Team.
- Presentation - Auditor-General for NSW, Mr. Bola Oyetunji
- Presentation - the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage
- Presentation – NSW Electoral Commissioner Mrs. Rachel McCallum
- Presentation - Chair of IPART, Ms. Carmel Donnelly PSM
- Welcome to new member Councils - Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, Balranald Shire Council, Lake Macquarie City Council and Nambucca Valley

The meeting also endorsed the Executive Board Recommendations:

- a) That the Membership endorse the Executive Board's determination that the CMA submission to 2024 Local Government Financial Sustainability Inquiry be considered the CMA's position regarding FAGs and the return to 1%. Further, that the CMA supports ALGA's campaign: “Put Our Communities First”. Note: The CMA Executive Board resolved at their most recent meeting to write to all Federal political parties, asking for their position on FAGs and outlining CMA's
- b) That the CMA write urgently to the NSW Government and the NSW Grants Commission to immediately review and overhaul the current methodology for the distribution of the Financial Assistance Grants from the Federal Government, as required under the legislation – Local Government (Financial

Assistance) Act 1995 (Commonwealth), to ensure the principles of Horizontal Fiscal Equalization as highlighted in the Act, are correctly applied in NSW and that the funds are distributed to those Councils that need it the most. (submitted from Dungog Shire Council)

Of particular interest to our region.

That the membership endorse the Executive Board's decision to support the existing Orana DAMA (Designated Area Migration Agreement) under the operation of RDAs. Further that, as per the request from RDA Riverina, the CMA writes to both the NSW Minister for Skills, The Hon Steve Whan, MP and Federal Assistant Minister for Immigration, The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, requesting that they keep the Orana DAMA as an inland DAMA in NSW under RDA operation, and support the geographical expansion to include Far West and Northern Inland RDAs.

OLD LANDFILL CLEAN UP

A transformation has occurred over the past 12 months at Coonamble's waste facility site. Waste facility infringement notices outstanding from EPA have all been successfully addressed; with acknowledgement by the EPA recently that all points in the infringement notice of 2018 have been addressed and now compliant.

A Caring for Country Project has helped fund stage 1 of a clean-up of the old landfill site on Wingadee Street. This project runs in two stages of 8 weeks and started last week.

CORE AND CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT

The Core and Cluster Women's Refuge will provide temporary accommodation for women and children up to the age of 18 to leave situations of domestic violence. It is led by Orana Support Service. Council decided at the March meeting to provide land for the project and water and sewer services to the site boundary.

BORE BATH PROJECT

Council has decided that developing a bore bath project remains a key priority, but at the originally proposed site beside the golf course. A project plan has been developed to take the project forward there.

Work to apply to become Crown Land Managers of the project site has begun. Helpful discussions to amend the bore licence application from the previous site have also been held.

Council will submit a variation request to the grant body to seek more time and narrow its scope to match available funding - to include the bore bath, wastewater treatment and some accommodation.

CONSULTATION ON THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Four sessions were held across Quambone, Coonamble and Gulargambone from 18-20 March with a good cross-section of the community attending from school children to seniors. The sessions generated discussion about the local government

area with a lot of great ideas put forward, particularly around road safety and business opportunities. Comments made at the sessions, along with the results from two recent surveys, will help guide the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035.

NICKNAME HALL OF FAME

Coonamble's Nickname Hall of Fame celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Our Tourism team has developed an anniversary tea towel for sale from the Information and Exhibition Centre. This tea towel features the caricatures of all those in the Nickname Hall of Fame. The team has already received pre-orders for this gift idea.

The team is also organising new posters for each of the caricatures around Coonamble and new billboards on the northern and southern entrances to town.

People who wish to nominate new identities for the Nickname Hall of Fame are welcome to do so by completing the application form that is part of the Outstanding Community Member Recognition Policy, available on Council's website.

YOUTH ACCOMMODATION PROJECT

Construction is scheduled soon on the youth accommodation units in Coonamble and Gulargambone, another new major project for the Shire. Funded through a grant from the Regional Youth Investment Program of the Department of Regional NSW, 2*2-bedroom units will be built in Coonamble and 1*3-bedroom unit in Gulargambone.

The units will provide a safe and stable accommodation option for youth who might otherwise find themselves 'couch surfing' or on the street to escape difficult home environments. The idea of building the units came from community consultation with the Coonamble Interagency whose members highlighted to need for such accommodation for young people.

EVENTS CALENDAR

March was a busy time on the events calendar, with the Seniors Week Luncheon and Zoo trip, along with the Coonamble Challenge and Campdraft.

April has shaped up to be just as busy, with a Night on the Town, Youth Week, the Waste2Art competition, school holidays, Anzac Day and several workshops and entertainment events. The forward calendar is below

- 10 April, Flamenco for Everybody
- 25 April, ANZAC Day
- 10 May, Marthaguy Picnic Races
- 7 June, Gulargambone Show
- 6-9 June, Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayoral Minute for April 2025 be noted.

SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL

SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS



9.1 MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

File Number: C6-13

Author: Kylie Kerr-Roads Manager

Authoriser: Kerrie Murphy, Director Infrastructure Services

Annexures:

1. Local Traffic Committee Minutes - 21.11.2024 (under separate cover) [↓](#) 
2. Local Traffic Committee Business Paper - 21.11.2024 (under separate cover) [↓](#) 

PURPOSE

To present minutes and reports from the meeting of the Local Traffic Committee held at Coonamble on 21 November 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Local Traffic Committee is primarily a technical review committee, which is required to advise the Council on matters referred to it by Council.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

CSP I1.1 – Employ a strategic approach to the management of our critical road network.

(b) Financial Considerations

Nil

COMMENTARY

The Traffic Committee met on Thursday 21 November 2024.

The Committee Report and Minutes are attached.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Legal Implications

Local Traffic Committee is a legislative requirement of the NSW Roads Act.

(c) Social Implications

Nil

(d) Environmental Implications

Nil

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

Nil

(f) Risk Implications

Nil

CONCLUSION

The Local Traffic Committee discussed several matters at its meeting on 21 November 2024 and the attached minutes reflect the meeting outcomes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Local Traffic Committee and the recommendations from the minutes of the Meeting held on 21 November 2024 be adopted.

COONAMBLE

SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COONAMBLE ON THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2024, COMMENCING AT 9 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr Richard Drooger (TfNSW Representative)
Mrs Kylie Kerr (Manager Roads)
Mrs Kookie Atkins (Local MP representative)

1. APOLOGIES Sergeant Benjamin Tatton (NSW Police Force)

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting could not officially continue due to the absence of the NSW Police Force. The meeting proceeded in an unofficial capacity so that the items could be considered with the endorsement of these items to be sought out of session.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes confirmed as true and correct.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Nil

4. REPORTS

4.1 NIL

5. INFORMAL MATTERS

5.1 *Slowing down around rural school buses*

Discussed the request from the local bus operator and the options available to raise awareness of safety around school buses. Transport for NSW Representative will investigate funding opportunities for additional school bus route signs.

Recommendation:

That the Local Traffic Committee does not support warning signs that are not a standard sign.

Unanimous support

5.2 *Coonamble Roadhouse traffic management upgrade proposal*

Discussed the proposal from the Coonamble Roadhouse and the options to improve safety and discourage drivers parking illegal on the path. Options include installation of kerb with bollards or bollards only.

5.3 Castlereagh Highway and Aberford Street corner

- Discussed the safety concerns at the intersection of the Castlereagh Highway and Aberford Street. Concerns that vehicles, particularly heavy vehicles are travelling too fast around the corner and at times encroaching onto the wrong side of the road. Transport for NSW representative will suggest to the appropriate department the possibility of a Study and Concept for the intersection.

5.4 Parking and Speed Zone in front of Coonamble Children's Services and Coonamble Preschool (40 km/h zone)

Discussed the request for a 40km/h at the Preschool and other options. The location does not meet the criteria of a 40km/h school zone. The updated Speed Zone Standard expected to be released in early 2025 and may include a more suitable solution for this location.

5.5 Heavy vehicle route clarity and local street restrictions

Information noted.

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5.6 Quambone Road and Castlereagh Highway intersection

Discussed the safety concerns of the interaction between of heavy vehicles and other vehicles at the Quambone Road and Castlereagh Highway intersection.

Recommendation:

That the Local Traffic Committee supports installing a painted island on Quambone Road at the intersection with Castlereagh Highway as a trial.

Unanimous support

5.7 Request to review parking at Medical Centre

Discussion held about the parking at the Medical Centre and the request for additional parking for ambulances attending the practice for emergency incidents. A further report to come back to a future meeting.

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6. ITEMS WITHOUT NOTICE

6.1 NIL

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 13 February 2025

At this juncture, the meeting declared closed at 10:10 am.



AGENDA – LOCAL TRAFFIC MEETING

Meeting 9:00 am Thursday 21 November 2024

Coonamble Shire Council Chambers

1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4. REPORTS

4.1. Nil

5. INFORMAL MATTERS

- 5.1. Slowing down around rural school buses
- 5.2. Coonamble Roadhouse traffic management upgrade proposal
- 5.3. Castlereagh Highway and Aberford Street Corner
- 5.4. Parking and Speed Zone in front of Coonamble Children's Services and Coonamble Preschool (40 km/h zone)
- 5.5. Heavy vehicle route clarity and local street restrictions
- 5.6. Quambone Road and Castlereagh Highway intersection
- 5.7. Request to review parking at Medical Centre

6. ITEMS WITHOUT NOTICE

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 7.1. Thursday 13 February 2025
(second Thursday of February, May, August and November)

8. MEETING CLOSE

Kylie Kerr
Manager Roads

LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (LTC)

The LTC is not a committee within the meaning of the Local Government Act, 1993. The operating arrangements for the LTC are contained in these guidelines.

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2023/Guidelines%20on%20the%20Delegation%20including%20the%20operation%20of%20Traffic%20Committees.pdf>

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2023/trafficdelegation2011.pdf>

Function of a LTC

TfNSW is legislated as the organisation responsible for the control of traffic on all roads in NSW (the Traffic Authority). Traffic is controlled by way of prescribed traffic control devices such as signs, pavement marking and facilities. TfNSW has delegated certain aspects of the control of traffic on regional and local roads to Councils. The guidelines provide the policy and framework for councils to exercise the delegated functions delegated to them by TfNSW including the process and roles of a Local Traffic Committee.

The delegation requires council to seek advice of the NSW Police and TfNSW prior to exercising their delegated functions. This is done via the LTC.

The LTC has no decision-making powers. The LTC is primarily a technical review committee, which is required to advise the Council on matters referred to it by Council. These matters must be related to prescribed traffic control devices and traffic control facilities for which Council has delegated authority. The LTC should consider the technical merits of the proposal and ensure that the proposal meets current technical guidelines.

The Council must refer all traffic related matters to the LTC prior to exercising its delegated functions. Matters related to State Roads or functions that have not been delegated to the elected Council (eg speed limits) must be referred directly to TfNSW. Such matters must not be referred to the LTC for formal advice / voting, however TfNSW may seek the views of the Council on State Road traffic issues via the informal items process.

Members

The LTC is made up of four formal members:

- One representative from council (this can be a Councillor or Council staff)
- One representative from NSW Police.
- One representative from TfNSW.
- The local State Member or their nominee.

Additional advisors can attend an LTC eg RSO's, Engineers, Parking officers etc, however these members don't participate in the voting process.

Agendas and reports

An LTC agenda must be prepared by council and circulated to all members a minimum of one week prior to the meeting. Items provided with less than one weeks notice are considered late items and may be referred to the next meeting or dealt with separately between meetings if any member of the committee requests time to consider the issue.

Council must prepare the minutes of the meeting. Copies of the LTC minutes must be provided to all LTC members for their concurrence prior to the recommendations being presented to the elected council.

Voting

If an organisation which has a voting member sends more than one representative, that organisation is still limited to one vote only.

LTC advice to council on a proposal must show one of the following:

- Unanimous support
- Majority support
- Split vote
- Minority support
- Unanimous decline

There is no mover and seconder when voting.

Traffic Engineering Advice

Councils often require advice on, or investigation of options for, difficult traffic problems. Council may also wish to consider traffic issues, which are outside the Delegation (e.g. installation of speed limits or traffic control signals). As these problems or issues do not require the exercise of delegated functions at that point in time (though they may or may not require it in the future) they should not be dealt with as formal items by the LTC.

Council may take advantage of the knowledge and experience of the LTC members to help them to resolve or clarify an issue. When wishing to utilise the expertise of the LTC members in this manner, Council could either include items on the agenda under a separate Informal Items section or produce a separate agenda. Informal items should be dealt with following the completion of formal LTC items where Council intends to exercise a delegated function. Any outcomes from discussions on informal items cannot be included in the LTC report to the Council. However, Council can use any outcomes from these discussions in their deliberations on such issues.

Special Events

Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events has a separate guideline which includes the role of the LTC.

<https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/documents/business-industry/event-management-guidelines/guide-traffic-transport-management-special-events.pdf>

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COONAMBLE

SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ON WEDNESDAY 08 AUGUST 2024, COMMENCING AT 9 A.M.

PRESENT:

Mr Richard Drooger (TfNSW Representative)
Mrs Kylie Kerr (Manager Roads)
Sgt Ben Tatton (NSW Police Force)
Nina Sands (Community Development Officer)
David Levick (Manager Economic Development and Growth)
Rachell Foodey (Project Coordinator)

1. **APOLOGIES** Councillor Tim Horan (Local State Member Representative)
Mr Paul Gallagher (General Manager)
Mrs Kerrie Murphy (Director Infrastructure)
2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
Minutes were confirmed as true and correct.
3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
 - A request to extend the TGS hours for the Vision Splendid road closure to 9 am to allow for clean-up. Committee supported this request.
4. **REPORTS**
 - 4.1 **2024 Variety B to B Bash**

The purpose of this report is for the Local Traffic Committee to consider the traffic implications associated with the 2024 Variety B to B Bash operating on Coonamble Shire Roads on Sunday 11 August.

Recommendation:
That the Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the 2024 Variety B to B Bash operating on Coonamble Shire Roads on Sunday 11 August 2024 subject to:

 - a. Event organisers submit their event management plan including traffic management plan.
 - b. Event organisers providing copies of their Public Liability Insurance for the event.
 - c. All participants in the event abiding by the NSW Road Rules.
 - d. That no traffic management, advertising or event signs are to be placed in the road corridor.
 - e. Checkpoints must not be set up on or near the road or road related facility or pathway.

Unanimous support

4.2 Coonamble Christmas Party

The purpose of this report is for the Local Traffic Committee to consider the traffic implications associated with implementing a TGS to close Castlereagh Street between Aberford Street and Tooloon Street, for the Coonamble Christmas Party on Saturday 14 December 2024..

Recommendation:

That the Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the traffic management changes as shown for Castlereagh Street, Coonamble from 2:00 pm Saturday 14 December 2024 to 10:00 pm Saturday 14 December 2024 for Coonamble Christmas Party subject to:

- a. Event organisers submit their event management plan including traffic management plan.
- b. Event organisers providing copies of their Public Liability Insurance for the event.
- c. Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) meets the requirements of the Traffic Control at Worksites (TCAWS) Technical Manual.
- d. A Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) being obtained for the event.

Unanimous support

4.3 Coonamble Community NAIDOC Fun Day

The purpose of this report is for the Local Traffic Committee to consider the traffic implications associated with the traffic management changes associated with the Coonamble Community NAIDOC Fun Day walking event from the Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council building on Aberford Street to the Oval on Castlereagh Street (highway) on 26 September 2024.

Recommendation:

That the Local Traffic Committee has no objection to the traffic management changes for the Coonamble Community NAIDOC Fund Day on 26 September 2024 subject to:

- a. Event organisers submit their event management plan including traffic management plan.
- b. Event organisers providing copies of their Public Liability Insurance for the event.
- c. Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) meets the requirements of the Traffic Control at Worksites (TCAWS) Technical Manual.
- d. A Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) being obtained for the event.
- e. The road closures occur in two stages - Aberford Street and second one for the Castlereagh Highway
- f. Notification to the community to provided ahead of the event.

Unanimous support

5. INFORMAL MATTERS**5.1 DV Signs**

Discussed the location of the DV signs and as they are to be installed on private property no recommendation is required from the Local Traffic Committee or approval from Transport for NSW. This is a matter for Council.

6. ITEMS WITHOUT NOTICE

6.1 *None*

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14 November 2024

At this juncture, the meeting was declared closed at 10:10am.

5. INFORMAL MATTERS

5.1. Slowing down around rural school buses

Refer to Annexure One for further information.

5.2. Coonamble Roadhouse traffic management upgrade proposal

Coonamble Roadhouse is proposing to upgrade their external appearance including driveways. They are looking at installing raised garden beds on their property and installing artificial grass on the verges. The challenge is how to discourage drivers from parking on the verge and paths.

Refer to Annexure Two for further information.

5.3. Castlereagh Highway and Aberford Street Corner

Trucks are frequently taking this corner on the wrong side of the road at high speeds, posing a significantly high safety risk. A road safety audit may be required here to assess potential risks and mitigations.

5.4. Parking and Speed Zone in front of Coonamble Children's Services and Coonamble Preschool (40 km/h zone)

In the 40 km/h zone in front of Coonamble Children's Services and Coonamble Preschool, trucks often speed through, endangering both pedestrians and vehicles. Additionally, the reverse-angle parking setup is problematic, as trucks come very close to parked cars, creating a high risk for near-collisions. A shift to parallel parking could improve safety and reduce these incidents.

5.5. Heavy vehicle route clarity and local street restrictions

We should work with the NHVR to update maps and routes for heavy vehicles, ensuring they are clearly marked to prevent entry into local streets. Enhanced signage would reinforce these designated routes and restrict heavy vehicle access where necessary.

Background Information: The whole shire is open to GML and CML vehicles up to road train including all urban streets. It is staff's understanding that it has been like this for a very long time and possibly dates to the 80s when road trains were first introduced west of the Newell Highway. The only urban restriction is at the Castlereagh Hwy and Aberford Street intersection. This means that if you have an AB-Triple Road train operating at GML or CML you can operate it on any road or street in Coonamble Shire.

PBS vehicles up to 2A are approved on all roads.

There are no urban roads approved for SPV so if this type of vehicle wishes to use an urban street they need to apply for a permit.

There are no approved HML urban streets except for Railway Street in Coonamble so a permit is required to use these streets.

It is Council's understanding, to change access for restricted heavy vehicles each street will need to be reviewed to determine suitability for heavy vehicles and then inform the NHVR of the changes and the reasons why. The NHVR will review our

approval changes to ensure our request meets the required of the HVNL. The changes are advertised for 28 days before coming into effect.

5.6. Quambone Road and Castlereagh Highway intersection

Trucks frequently come close to clipping the front of vehicles when turning onto Quambone Road from both directions. Reviewing this intersection in the form of a road safety audit may greatly reduce these near-miss incidents.

5.7. Request to review parking at Medical Centre

Council has received a request to review the parking out the front of the Ochre Medical Centre, 29 Tooloon Street, Coonamble. There are concerns there is insufficient parking for ambulances attending the practice for emergency incidents.

ANNEXURE ONE

5.1 Slowing down around rural school buses

Email from local bus operator

From: [Kerrie Murphy](#)
To: [NRC Buses](#)
Cc: [Cr Phillipa Goldsmith](#); [Paul Gallagher](#); [Kylie Kerr](#)
Subject: RE: Bus Signage
Date: Wednesday, 6 November 2024 11:42:03 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

Thanks for your response Naomi.

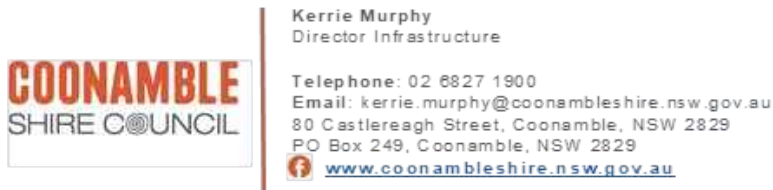
Road safety is a high priority for not only myself, but also Council.

I will get our Manager Roads, Kylie Kerr to speak to you directly about how we can best work together to get a good outcome on this issue.

I will also be reaching out to my contacts in the NSW Police Force to ensure there are regular "visits" by police vehicles to assist in getting the message across to the other users of the road.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Thank you.



From: Naomi Coghill <naomi@nrcbuses.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 11:38 AM
To: Kerrie Murphy <Kerrie.Murphy@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au>
Cc: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith <Phillipa.Goldsmith@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au>; Paul Gallagher <gm@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au>; Kylie Kerr <roadsmgr@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Bus Signage

Good Morning Kerrie

Thank you for your reply.

The original email sent to you was a result of the observation that traffic does not slow down when approaching buses parked on the side of the road dropping off children.

As a bus operator and a resident of the shire this is of concern to me.

It should also be of concern to the Traffic Committee and the Coonamble Shire Council, because part of their remit is to ensure the safety of our road users.

I am hoping to work with you to see if there is a better way of getting the message across to

the road users in our shire.

It seems from the email that was sent to me on 4th November 2024, you would like me to produce a design for the signs and tell you where they should be placed.

I do not have the expertise to advise council in this regard, and so would respectfully request that you have a look at the signage available to you and see if there is anything that would convey the required message. If there is alternative signage, are you able to email me a selection of what is available.

If you come to the conclusion there are no signage solutions available that are better than what we have, I would like to get your view on how dangerous the current situation is and how far we should go to ensure the safety of the children on the bus routes thinking about the following points –

- There are now Road Trains on our roads, especially during Harvest, so the size of the Trucks has changed over the years
- Motor Vehicles and Trucks are not slowing down when they see a bus dropping children off, and they are travelling faster than ever

These two points alone have changed the environment we operate in.

I don't believe this should be put in the too hard basket, I believe we should work together on this one.

I do understand that you have other issues to take care of, however, please give me an indication of where this issue falls in your priority list.

In conclusion, at the moment, I do not have an understanding of the alternative signage available and the parameters that the signs are required to comply with. I do not know where this sits in order of priority of the Council. I believe that the environment today is more dangerous than many years ago. I would like to put before the traffic committee this issue so that they can prioritise it appropriately having regard to the dangers presented to the bus children as road users, and hopefully together we can provide a solution.

Regards
Naomi

NRC BUSES PTY LTD

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From: Kerrie Murphy <Kerrie.Murphy@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 November 2024 12:59 PM
To: Naomi Coghill <naomi@nrcbuses.com.au>
Cc: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith <Phillipa.Goldsmith@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au>; Paul Gallagher <gm@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au>; Kylie Kerr <roadsmgr@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Bus Signage

Good afternoon Naomi

Thank you for your request for service for additional signs for school bus routes and new signs to raise awareness of school buses on rural roads.

Council's practice is to limit driver information signs to those supported by Transport for NSW and align to Austroads and the Australia Design Specification. These sign designs ensure the best impact without introducing new road safety risks. This is achieved through suitable pictures, colours, font size and style of the signs.

Having said that, new sign designs will be considered by Council, if there is something not already available.

The process for new signage is as follows:

- Requests for new signs are first assessed by Staff to determine if there is an approved similar sign that could be used. They will assess the proposed locations for suitability and estimated cost.
- If appropriate, they will then prepare a report to the Local Traffic Committee for their approval. Any new or changed signage must be considered by the Local Traffic Committee.
- The Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee are then provided to Council for their ratification. Council considers the recommendation of the Local Traffic Committee as well as the financial cost associated with purchasing, installing and maintaining the signs. The cost of signs is funded from the rural roads' maintenance budget. If Council agrees with the decision of the Local Traffic Committee for the new signs, the signs are ordered and installed when resources are available.

If you wish Council to consider a new school bus route sign for our rural roads, could you please submit the following information:

- Sketch of the proposed new sign including wording, size and colours.
- Proposed locations to install the new signs. (GPS coordinates or chainage)

The next Local Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14 November 2024 therefore your proposal will need to be to Council no later than Wednesday 6 November 2024 for it to be assessed by staff and a report prepared for the Local Traffic Committee. The following Local Traffic Committee meeting will be in February and submissions required by 27 January.

Your email and this response will also be included as an informal item at the next Local Traffic Committee meeting for their general comment.

Signs proposed to be installed on the Castlereagh Highway will need to be approved by Transport for NSW. This referral to Transport for NSW will be organised by Council.

Council thanks for your suggestion about a social media campaign to raise awareness of school buses and the need to slowdown. Staff are currently developing social media posts around the material you have provided.

Council encourages you to report all incidents of road users disobeying the speed limit to the NSW Police Force. The intel you provide helps them in planning their enforcement activities in the area.

If you require any further assistance please contact Council.



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From: [Coonamble Shire Council](#)
To: [Cr Phillipa Goldsmith](#); [Naomi Coghill](#)
Subject: RE: Bus Signage <https://youtu.be/4vKzWOVFEyg>
Date: Tuesday, 15 October 2024 1:06:50 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image008.png](#)
[image011.png](#)
[image012.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Afternoon Pip and Naomi,

Your email has been forward on to the appropriate person(s) . You will be contacted once they have assessed your enquiry.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Coonamble shire council and quote CRN: 0257.2025.

Kind regards

Montana Ryvers
Coordinator – Customer Administration

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From: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith <Phillipa.Goldsmith@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 11:10 AM
To: Coonamble Shire Council <council@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au>
Cc: Naomi Coghill <naomi.coghill@secombeco.com.au>
Subject: FW: Bus Signage <https://youtu.be/4vKzWOVFEyg>

Hello,

Please see below a customer request. Once actioned, could a response please be provided to both Naomi and me?

Many thanks,
Pip

Pip Goldsmith



Councillor

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From: Naomi Coghill <naomi@nrcbuses.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 15 October 2024 10:16 AM

To: pip@bigpond.com

Subject: Bus Signage <https://youtu.be/4vKzWOVFEyg>

Hi Pip

I have been speaking to Wayne and he has said that you will be emailing the shire a customer request in relation to bus signage on your bus run.

Given the upcoming harvest season, as a councillor, are you able to raise this request in relation to all roads because the trucks and most vehicles do not slow down like they are supposed to when passing a bus with flashing lights.

Please see below from Transport NSW Website-

Bus flashing lights

Drivers should look out for children who are crossing the road or waiting to cross. Lights flash on buses to warn motorists that buses are picking up and dropping off children.

By law, a driver must not overtake or pass a bus with flashing lights at more than 40km/h.

Lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors open, and they keep flashing for about 20 seconds after the doors close. Children are most at risk in the minutes after they get off the bus.

Young children are often unpredictable in their movements. They are still developing the skills that help them to judge the direction of sound and the speed and distance of vehicles.

Due to their large size and mass, buses can cause severe outcomes for other road users in crashes.

Motorists can help reduce the risk of a crash and keep children safe by:

- slowing down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing, unless a lower speed limit applies
- looking out for children crossing the road near bus stops, in [school zones](#) or along bus routes
- giving way to buses when they merge back into traffic.

See Youtube video below – you may request that this be posted on the shire website.

<https://youtu.be/4vKzWOVFEyg>

Note that the 40km limit is an actual speed limit, and that if you go past a bus at 100km per hour would can be fined for going 60km over the speed limit. That's a pretty big fine. That would probably be more convincing for drivers.

I am unsure what would actually work, signs to say that a road has a bus route on it do not appear to

work. The signage that is available and that I have seen on roads is not the most eye catching, and probably does not convey the message that a road that is also a bus route requires that additional amount of caution.

Is there a way that the shire can do signage that conveys a message that it is important to slow down while passing buses?

Your thoughts?

Regards

Naomi

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ANNEXURE TWO

5.2. Coonamble Roadhouse traffic management upgrade proposal

Proposed Design Plan

COONAMBLE ROADHOUSE LANDSCAPING

Coonamble Roadhouse would like to enhance the visual impact of the site to passing motorists. Apart from pride in the site we believe a vision of attractive, well-maintained premises reflects to motorists the quality of the goods and service offered at the site. Thus assisting in inducing passing motorists to stop in Coonamble on their way through.

FOOTPATHS

- Footpaths to be renewed to Council specifications and stained slate grey for a complete and harmonious view
- The area between the Castlereagh St ingress and egress we plan a widened footpath of 2700mm. Customers have historically parked here and it is not feasible for site staff to control. There is a sunken Telstra inspection pit containing NBN cables between the current footpath and the Roadhouse boundary. It is unlikely to be able to get Telstra or NBN to respond, despite attempts being made, so we recommend a rectangle area over the pit be covered in removeable blue metal rather than cement over. We believe this gives the best compromise to safety, accessibility and visual neatness.

ARTIFICIAL TURF

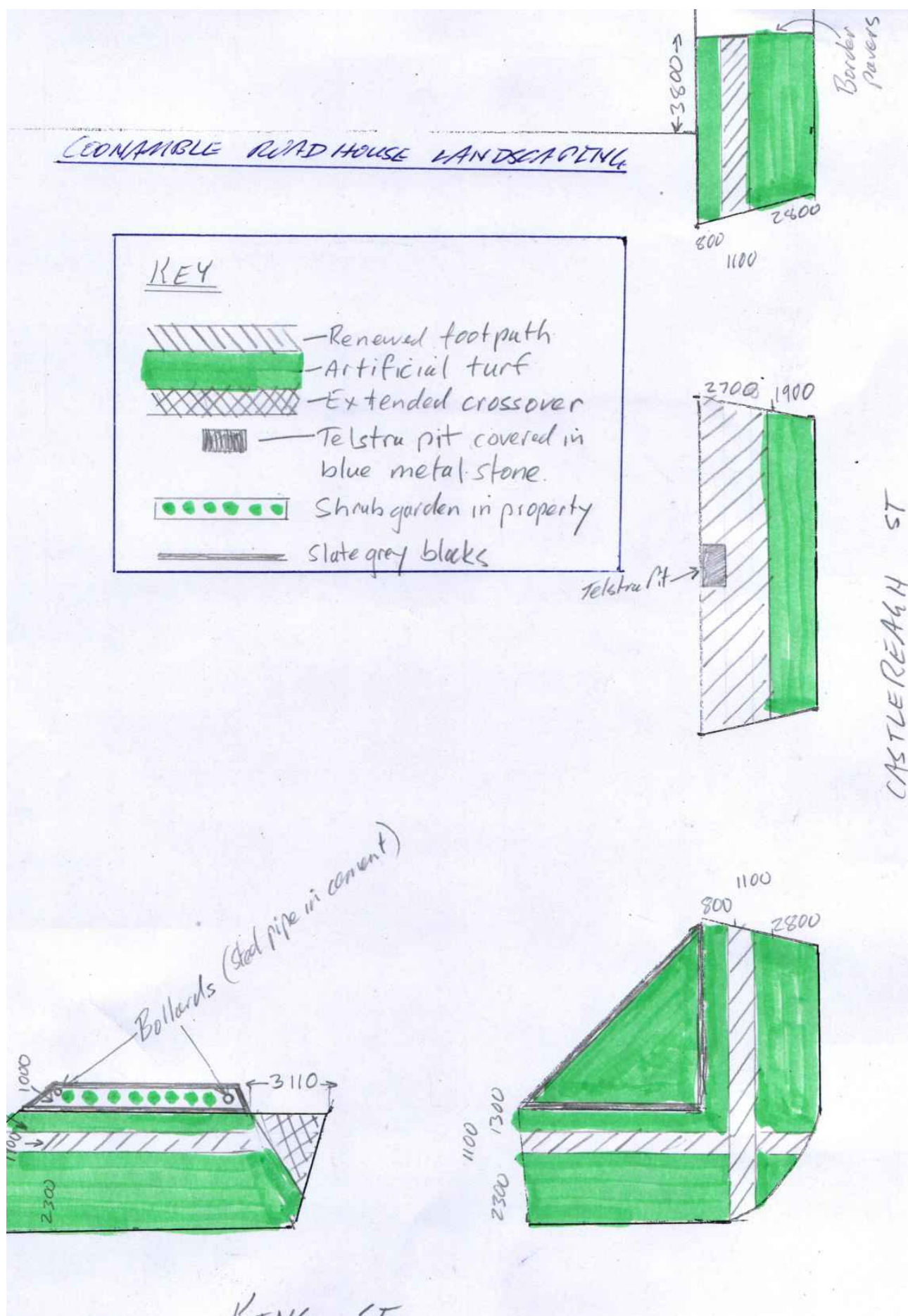
- For the areas marked in green we propose installation of high-quality artificial turf. There is no water access to the blocks north and south of the Castlereagh St egress. So to maximise visual appeal whilst limiting maintenance and install costs we believe quality artificial turf, which is being used increasingly in public spaces, is the best solution

CROSS OVER EXTENSION

- It is proposed that the western crossover on King Street be widened slightly. Larger vehicles exit via the Castlereagh St north crossover. Some smaller vehicles do exit via the King St west crossover. To keep vehicles off the proposed landscaping in this area it is proposed we install to Council specification a widened crossover still keeping well clear of the power pole.

LANDSCAPING ON ROADHOUSE PROPERTY

- For the raised triangular corner, it is proposed that the existing block be replaced with mortared slate grey blocks of similar height. The raised area inside would be covered in artificial turf.
- Adjacent the truck driveway we propose to install a garden bordered by blocks similar to above, plant shrubs most likely a Nandina sub species and install steel bollards at either end as much to provide drivers with border visibility.



10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE

File Number: C20

Author: Paul Gallagher-General Manager

Authoriser: Paul Gallagher, General Manager

Annexures: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Each month a list of correspondence is sent out in the Business Paper to Councillors to ensure that they have not missed any information since the last Business Paper was produced.

Date	Information Sent	Author	In	Out	Sent
03/04/25	Email invite to Councillors for quarry site visit and workshop	General Manager		✓	✓
03/04/25	Email to Councillors regarding nighttime medical air service to Coonamble LGA	General Manager		✓	✓
01/04/25	Email to Councillors regarding SOTS DA	General Manager		✓	✓
31/03/25	Coulton's Catch Up – M Coulton MP 28 March 25	M Coulton	✓	✓	✓
28/03/25	Invitation to Councillors for SOTS update.	Director CPD & E		✓	✓
28/03/25	Slides and legal advice for Councillors workshop	Director CPD & E		✓	✓
26/03/25	Invitation to Councillors for quarry inspection on Monday 31 March 1pm to 3pm	General Manager		✓	✓
26/03/25	Notice of cancellation of quarry inspection on Wednesday 26 March.	General Manager		✓	✓
25/03/25	Email to Councillors– media release from the Country Mayors Association - welcome to the new Grants Commission Chair	CMA	✓	✓	✓
21/03/25	Invitation to Councillors for quarry inspection on Wednesday 26 March 3.00pm to 5.00pm	General Manager		✓	✓
19/03/25	Invitation to Councillors for workshop on Monday 31 March	Director CPD & E		✓	✓
19/03/25	Presentation of community survey results to Councillors on Monday 24	Executive Manager Corporate Governance		✓	✓

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Correspondence Report April 2025 be received and noted.

10.2 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS/ACTIONS UPDATE**File Number:** C17; C20**Author:** Deborah Tatton-Manager Finance & Procurement**Authoriser:** Paul Gallagher, General Manager**Annexures:**
1. Resolution Book - Open [↓](#) 
2. Resolution Book - Closed [↓](#) **PURPOSE**

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

BACKGROUND

Important and significant Council resolutions will be added to the list of items below, and a monthly update on the status will be provided by the responsible officer.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

Adopted Council resolutions should ideally link in with Council's suite of Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework documents.

(b) Financial Considerations

The financial considerations relating to each item mentioned below would have been considered by Council as part of the original report that dealt with the matter.

COMMENTARY

Information about outstanding Council resolutions / actions and completed is shown in the attachment. The report has been adapted to allow for the layout requests from prior meetings.

RECOMMENDATION**That Council notes the information.**

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 <i>Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991</i> . 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 <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> . 8. That Council resolves for the purposes of section 30 of the <i>Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991</i> , 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. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Tim Horan, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Pat Cullen, Barbara Deans, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville <u>Against:</u> Nil <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 9/0</p> 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.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 10/07/2024	Quarmby, Bruce	Reports to Council	Correction of Lands Title Issue for Lot 1 DP 132634
RESOLUTION 2024/171 Moved: Deputy Mayor Bill Fisher Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans 1. That Council receives and notes the information in this report. 2. That Council authorises the General Manager to undertake the necessary actions required to facilitate the transfer of the ownership of Lot 1 DP 132634 from Coonamble Shire Council to that of Essential Energy. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Tim Horan, Bill Fisher, Pat Cullen, Barbara Deans, Terence Lees and Brian Sommerville <u>Against:</u> Nil <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 6/0</p>			
13 Aug 2024 10:47am Quarmby, Bruce Emailed Essential Energy advising them of Council's resolution, will await response. If no response the issue will be followed up by the end of September 19 Nov 2024 5:02pm Quarmby, Bruce Contacted Essential Energy in Oct , awaiting response 17 Jan 2025 9:40am Quarmby, Bruce Follow up email to Essential Energy to receive update on the progress of the lands transfer.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 13/11/2024	Broe, Barry	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Notice of Motion - Heritage Study 2008-2010 (Cr Churchill)
RESOLUTION 2024/268 Moved: Cr Karen Churchill Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey That: 1. Engages a suitably qualified consultant in line with Council's procurement processes to review the Coonamble Shire Community Based Heritage Study 2008-2010 with the aim of amending the Local Environmental Plan to reflect the recommendations of a contemporary Heritage Study. 2. Writes to the property owners regarding the recommended heritage status of their property based on the findings of the revised Heritage Study. 3. Notes that owners of historic buildings of State significance have an option to register their property with the State. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Ahmad Karanouh <u>Against:</u> Nil <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 8/0</p>			
28 Nov 2024 9:08am Broe, Barry - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Broe, Barry from 27 November 2024 to 05 November 2025 - This is subject to funding being allocated in the 25/26 budget, Grant application for \$25,000 has been submitted, as suggested at the December Council meeting 25 Mar 2025 4:56pm Broe, Barry We await the decision on our grant application			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 11/12/2024	Tatton, Deborah	Reports to Council	Updated Donations Policy
RESOLUTION 2024/289 Moved: Cr Paul Fisher Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh 1. That Council notes the information in this report. 2. Endorses the amended Donations Policy to go on public exhibition for at least a period of 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft policy. 3. At the end of the public submission period: 4. Receive a further report following the exhibition period including any submissions made on the amended Donations Policy, or 5. If no submissions are received, formally adopt the Donations without any changes. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 9/0</div> <p>24 Jan 2025 3:45pm Tatton, Deborah On Public Exhibition for 42 days from 6.1.25 28 Feb 2025 9:19am Tatton, Deborah resubmitted to March meeting for adoption after public exhibition 31 Mar 2025 4:36pm Tatton, Deborah formally adopted. Need to identify committee members</p>			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 11/12/2024	Lloyd, Stuart	Reports to Council	Road Opening - Moorimbilla Solar Farm
RESOLUTION 2024/290 Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher That Council notes the contents of the report. 1. That council resolves to approve the opening of the Crown Road designated by land parcel Lot 7007 DP1029777, and all road related upgrades. 2. That council resolves to revise its policy regarding the opening of Crown Roads for public use. 3. That council staff further consult with the developer on the maintenance of the road and the relocation costs associated of the town entrance sign. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 9/0</div>			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 11/12/2024	Broe, Barry	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Notice of Motion - Tourism Signs
RESOLUTION 2024/295 Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher 1. That Council resolves to request the General Manager to give higher priority to the replacement of the damaged or faded regulatory and tourism signs across the Local Government area. 2. That works on the sign replacement program be scheduled to be completed in the first half of 2025, with Quambone a priority within the overall program. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil <u>Absent:</u> Cr Ahmad Karanouh <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 8/0</div>			
24 Jan 2025 4:00pm Broe, Barry - Email An audit of the sites for the signs has been completed and signs are about to be ordered (as of 4 February) 04 Feb 2025 1:39pm Broe, Barry - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Broe, Barry from 25 December 2024 to 30 June 2025 - The target date in the resolution is by the end of the first half of 2025 27 Mar 2025 4:58pm Broe, Barry Signs have arrived!			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 11/12/2024	Broe, Barry	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Notice of Motion - Untidy House Blocks within the village of Quambone
RESOLUTION 2024/296 Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith 1. That Council resolves to request the General Manager to give higher priority to the cleaning up of untidy properties across the Local Government area. 2. That priority areas and properties be addressed in the first half of 2025, with Quambone a priority within the overall program. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil <u>Absent:</u> Cr Ahmad Karanouh <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 8/0</div>			
04 Feb 2025 12:24pm Broe, Barry - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Broe, Barry from 25 December 2024 to 30 June 2025 - The target date in the resolution to complete this is by the end of the first half of 2025 04 Feb 2025 12:25pm Broe, Barry - Email Action Item - Notice of Motion - Untidy House Blocks within the village of Quambone 04 Feb 2025 1:28pm Broe, Barry An audit of Quambone properties has been done and letters will be sent to relevant property owners in accordance with Local Order No 21			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 11/12/2024	Gallagher, Paul	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Notice of Motion - General Manager Performance Review Process
RESOLUTION 2024/299 Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey That Council resolves that: 1. That an informal mid-review be held with Council and the General Manager prior to Friday 20 December on a date and at a time to be agreed between the Mayor and General Manager. 2. That Councillors be provided, through the appropriate Council portal, with the 23 items of confidential information identified by this report, within 7 business days of the December Council meeting, in order to prepare for a successful informal mid-review of the General Manager's performance. 3. That a facilitator be appointed through LGNSW Management Solutions and a date in February be scheduled for the General Manager's formal review, prior to the Christmas break. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Cr Karen Churchill points 1&2 <u>Absent:</u> Cr Ahmad Karanouh			
			CARRIED 7/1
06 Jan 2025 11:41am Quarmby, Bruce - Reallocation Action reassigned to Gallagher, Paul by Quarmby, Bruce - The item relates to the General Manager 06 Feb 2025 8:50am Gallagher, Paul - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Gallagher, Paul from 25 December 2024 to 28 February 2025 06 Feb 2025 8:51am Gallagher, Paul GM met with Mayor to discuss the resolution, GM contract and KPI's were provided to the Mayor, the contract for the SOTS and Yarren Street land were viewed by the Mayor. GM performance review scheduled end of February with LGNSW facilitating the review 01 Apr 2025 11:46am Gallagher, Paul GM performance review undertaken 26 February 2025 with Peter Evans from LGNSW as the facilitator, Council provided access to the printed confidential documents via a folder available from the GM			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Bell, Mick	Set Item	Motion Paul Fisher/Margaret Garnsey
RESOLUTION 2025/15 Moved: Cr Paul Fisher Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey That a report is provided to Council regarding the procurement process surrounding the new shed build at the Coonamble waste facility. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 9/0

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Broe, Barry	Set Item	Motion Margaret Garnsey/Paul Fisher
RESOLUTION 2025/16 Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher That Quambone waste transfer station to be provided with additional bins to allow the waste to be sorted at the time the waste is deposited. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 9/0</p>			
28 Feb 2025 9:42am Broe, Barry This is being actioned, funding for the bins first has to be sourced. Council has a limited number of skip bins 31 Mar 2025 12:04pm Broe, Barry An additional large blue skip bin has been placed at Quambone			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Quarmby, Bruce	Reports to Council	Project proposal - Hello Coonamble
RESOLUTION 2025/24 Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse 1. That Council notes the information contained within this report. 2. That Council requests that Coonamble Shire Council be granted all copyrights to the Hello Coonamble Project and its collateral. 3. That conditional on Council being granted copyright to the production and collateral, Council resolves to agree to fund the "Hello Coonamble Project" to the value of \$50,000. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Cr Karen Churchill <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 8/1</p>			
04 Mar 2025 7:49pm Quarmby, Bruce The necessary budget adjustments have been made as per Council resolution. Staff to write to the Hello Coonamble co-ordinators and commence discussions with regards to the copyright for the production.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Quarmby, Bruce	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Notice of Motion - Incentive to Ratepayers for Maintaining Public Footpaths - Cr P Wheelhouse
RESOLUTION 2025/28 Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill That Council notes the information provided and seeks a further report following investigation into the options available to achieve the outcome of better maintaining public footpaths. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 9/0</div>			
04 Mar 2025 7:52pm Quarmby, Bruce Initial investigations have commenced into similar policies / programs being offered by Council's to achieve this goal 26 Mar 2025 10:44am Quarmby, Bruce Progress in enacting this resolution has been temporarily delayed due lack of availability of key staff.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Quarmby, Bruce	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Notice of Motion - Council to apply for loan to fund extension of Bitumen Roads - Cr P Wheelhouse
RESOLUTION 2025/29 Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher That Council seeks financial modelling and a detailed analysis and report on borrowing funds for sealing roads to be considered as part of the development of the upcoming community strategic and operational plans. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 9/0</div>			
04 Mar 2025 7:54pm Quarmby, Bruce Preliminary investigations into the modelling have commenced. 26 Mar 2025 10:41am Quarmby, Bruce Progress on enacting this resolution has been temporarily delayed due to the availability of key staff.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Murphy, Kerrie	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Notice of Motion - Formation of Priority Quarry Sub Committee - Cr P Wheelhouse
RESOLUTION 2025/31 Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill 1. That Council establishes a quarry committee and associated Terms of Reference for the purposes of facilitating the pending crushing plant renewal at the quarry. 2. The committee will comprise of the Mayor, two Councillors (Cr Wheelhouse, Cr Fisher, alternate member be Cr Butler in the event that Cr Wheelhouse is precluded due to his business interests), General Manager, Director Infrastructure, Director Corporate Services and the Quarry Manager. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 9/0</p>			
01 Apr 2025 12:02pm Gallagher, Paul Committee to consist of the Mayor, Crs Fisher and Wheelhouse, terms of reference to be drafted and meeting scheduled for May 2025 01 Apr 2025 12:09pm Quarmby, Bruce - Reallocation Action reassigned to Murphy, Kerrie by Quarmby, Bruce - More appropriate			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Broe, Barry	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Notice of Motion - Priority Preparation for Bore Baths and intentions for excess water - Cr P Wheelhouse
RESOLUTION 2025/32 Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey That Council notes that a master plan for the Artesian Bore Bath project will be prepared that encompasses the treatment and disposal of wastewater and the appropriate consultation with the EPA will be undertaken. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Cr Daniel Keady <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 8/1</p>			
28 Feb 2025 9:36am Broe, Barry This is an action for the future when the new project is initiated and planning underway 31 Mar 2025 12:02pm Broe, Barry A project plan for the new site has been produced, it includes developing a master plan and wastewater treatment			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Bell, Mick	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Notice of Motion -Coonamble and Quambone Tennis Courts Upgrade - Cr M Garnsey
RESOLUTION 2025/36 Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh That Council notes that Tennis NSW have visited the Coonamble tennis court site and will provide a report on their audit of Council's tennis facilities in the local government area.			
AMENDMENT TO MOTION Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh That a report is provided to Council including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The full costs to bring the tennis courts up to standard; The scope of works provided to the contractor to carry out the works of both facilities and provide full disclosure of the grant expenditure of these works. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Cr Phillipa Goldsmith			
			AMENDMENT BECOMES THE MOTION CARRIED 8/1

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Gallagher, Paul	Reports to Council	Notice of Motion - Community Programs and Events in Quambone - Cr M. Garnsey
RESOLUTION 2025/46 Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher That Council resolves: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That resolution 2025/033 titled Community Programs and Events in Quambone that was passed at the meeting of 12th February 2025 be rescinded. That Council resolves to direct the General Manager to ensure that when planning of future community programs / activities across Coonamble Shire that Quambone must be included as part of these programs <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 8/0
01 Apr 2025 12:30pm Gallagher, Paul ELT and the division planning events advised that they are to ensure that when planning of future community programs / activities across Coonamble Shire that Quambone must be included as part of these programs, This item will be taken off the action list at May meeting			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Broe, Barry	Reports to Council	Core and Cluster Project
RESOLUTION 2025/49 Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher 1. That Council notes the status of the project and Council's role in providing access to suitable land for the project. 2. That Council agrees to contribute the identified land on Calga Street to the project (Lot 11 on DP238281) for a cost of \$100,000 to Orana Support Service on the basis that the land and assets would be returned to Council should the development not occur within a defined time period. 3. That a report be brought back to Council in April 2025 on the costs regarding provision of water and sewage to the boundary 4. That the General Manager be authorised to negotiate with the developer (Orana Support Service) and seek legal advice on the conditions which should be placed in the contract of sale regarding ownership should the development fail. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Ahmad Karanouh <u>Against:</u> Nil <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 7/0</div>			
25 Mar 2025 1:48pm Broe, Barry Legal advice on the conditions has been obtained and will be provided in the April report, along with the estimated costs of providing water and sewer services to the boundary 31 Mar 2025 12:05pm Broe, Barry All 4 elements are being actioned, a report has been prepared for the April meeting on service provision and possible contract clauses			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Broe, Barry	Set Item	Motion Ahmad Karanouh/Margaret Garnsey
RESOLUTION 2025/52 Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey That Council 1. Endorse Planning Proposal PP001/2025 for the reclassification of land known as 20-40 Calga Street, Coonamble and forward it to the Minister for Planning seeking an amendment to the Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011 and request that a Gateway Determination be issued, excluding the delegation Plan making powers, to enable public exhibition of the Planning Proposal Pursuant to the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>. 2. Upon receipt of a Gateway Determination for PP001/2025 under Section 3.34 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>, places the Planning Proposal and any supporting material on public exhibition pursuant to any requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, Clause 4 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 8/0</div>			
27 Mar 2025 4:59pm Broe, Barry The planning proposal has been submitted			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Broe, Barry	Reports to Council	Economic Development & Growth - Progress Report
RESOLUTION 2025/55 Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the Economic Development and Growth report. Agrees to submit an application under the Open Streets Program to fund events in Coonamble's main street, continuing the Vision Splendid theme. Agrees to submit applications under the Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements program for the Quambone waste facility upgrade and the Coonamble Waste facility upgrade. Commits \$105,000 in the FY25-26 Budget as a cash co-contribution for the Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvement, should the application be successful. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 8/0
31 Mar 2025 12:07pm Broe, Barry 2 and 3 have been completed, applications were submitted , 1 is just a noting			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Broe, Barry	Reports to Council	Formalising criteria for merchandise sold through the Coonamble District Store
RESOLUTION 2025/57 Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Endorse the draft Coonamble District Store application and evaluation forms that include the suitability criteria for new merchandise. Endorse the public exhibition of the draft Coonamble District Store application and evaluation forms for a period of 28 days, providing interested stakeholders at least 42 days in which to comment on the forms. Receive a further report, following the exhibition and submission period, including any submissions made on the draft forms, and a recommendation that addresses any concerns raised within the submissions received. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 7/0
03 Apr 2025 1:46pm Broe, Barry Items 1 and 2 completed, Council endorsed them at the March meeting. Item 3 is underway, The policy has been advertised			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Broe, Barry	Reports to Council	Signage Update
RESOLUTION 2025/58 Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith Seconded: Cr Margaret Garnsey That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receives and notes the information in the signage update report. 2. Rationalise and remove redundant signage across the Local Government Area. 3. Commission a wayfinding and interpretation audit and develop a package to optimise active travel and tourism opportunities, as identified by the Coonamble Shire Masterplan, to be funded in the 2025-26 budget. 4. Continue in the interim to improve the Shire Local boundary signs and clean up the town entry signs. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 8/0
At 11:02am, Cr Paul Fisher left the meeting. At 11:04am, Cr Paul Fisher returned to the meeting prior to voting on item 10.13			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Broe, Barry	Reports to Council	Status of Bore Bath Project
RESOLUTION 2025/61 Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the status of the Bore Bath Project and work done to date. 2. Notes the likely implications on the Grant of the recent Council decision not to rezone the land and not to continue project development on the current project site. 3. Note the expenditure to date and the possible funds remaining for planning. 4. Agrees to adopt the recommended staged approach to developing a new project, starting with scoping and a project plan. 5. Receives regular briefings from Council staff on the status of the project. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 8/0
31 Mar 2025 12:14pm Broe, Barry Items 1-4 were not actions, First update under item 5 occurred on 31 March			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Broe, Barry	Reports to Council	Notice of Motion - Land Acquisition for Bore Bath Project - Cr S. Butler
RESOLUTION 2025/62 Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher That: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Council resolves to start a new project on the golf course site. The process recommended in the related Council report be adopted, starting with a project plan that includes defining the objectives, scope and budget for the project. Subject to funding being available, preliminary site investigations start, to input into the REF, project planning, land acquisition and bore license application. The land requirements for the project be identified based on the project definition and scope. Council begin the process of land acquisition and become Crown Land Manager of this site. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 8/0
31 Mar 2025 12:17pm Broe, Barry Items 1-5 have begun			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Murphy, Kerrie	Reports to Council	Notice Of Motion - Tooraweenah Road Project - Cr S. Butler
RESOLUTION 2025/65 Moved: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher That: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Council notes and receives the information provided in response to the notice of motion on Tooraweenah Road Project. A detailed report be brought back to a Council meeting once the construction methodology has been finalised with a project timeline with details of different stages and key milestones. The Tooraweenah Road monthly update report be reinstated as part of the regular suite of reports to Council. 			
<u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Ahmad Karanouh <u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 7/0
01 Apr 2025 10:40am Murphy, Kerrie Monthly Report in April Business Paper. Further report will be provided as per Item 2 when information is to hand.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Bell, Mick	Reports to Council	Waste Facility Machinery Shed Procurement Process
RESOLUTION 2025/67			
Moved: Cr Paul Fisher			
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse			
That the information contained in the Waste Facility Machinery Shed Procurement Process report be received and noted.			
<u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse			
<u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 7/0

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Gallagher, Paul	Reports to Council	Regional Drought Resilience Plan - 016 - Bogan, Warren, and Coonamble
RESOLUTION 2025/69			
Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith			
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse			
That Council:			
1. Establish a governance framework around the tri-party (Bogan, Warren and Coonamble) arrangement and three Councils establish a project steering committee for the Regional Drought Resilience Plan.			
2. That Cr M. Garnsey and the General Manager be appointed to the project steering committee and other Coonamble Shire staff as required.			
3. Endorses the Regional Drought Resilience Plan 016 (2024 edition) and note that the document is a living document and can be changed and updated to reflect environmental changes.			
4. Advise the Far North West Joint Organisation (FNWJO) that the \$300k under RDPR016 for Bogan, Warren and Coonamble is to be used in a collaborative approach to establish the region as a premier nature-based tourism destination.			
5. Defer the FNWJO's recommendation to undertake the following implementation projects as part of the Regional Drought Resilience Funding			
(a) Project 1 – Water Security Baseline Project			
(b) Project 2 – Drought Preparedness – Education and Social Revitalisation			
6. Advise the Executive Officer of the Far North West Joint Organisation that Council wishes to amend the project deliverables to coincide with the project identified by Bogan, Warren and Coonamble Councils.			
<u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse			
<u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 7/0
01 Apr 2025 12:09pm Gallagher, Paul			
Copy of Council report provided to Warren and Bogan Shire Councils., Resolution from Council provided to Warren and Bogan Shire Councils. and that Cr Garnsey is the representative of CSC - her contact details were provided to WSC, Cr Garnsey provided a copy of the notification to the Lead Council (Warren Shire) , FNWJO advised of Council resolution with project changes and endorsement of the plan., No further action at this point in time until Warren Shire call a meeting of the governance body, This item will be taken off the action list at May meeting			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/03/2025	Quarmby, Bruce	Reports to Council	Review of Investment Policy
RESOLUTION 2025/73 Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse That Council: 1. Notes the information in this report. 2. Places the draft Investment Policy, as attached to the report, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for the purpose of inviting submissions from the community. 3. Requests the Director Corporate Services to present a further report, together with all submissions received, to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Council's further consideration and adoption of the Investment Policy (with or without changes) at its May 2025 Ordinary Meeting. <u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith and Paul Wheelhouse <u>Against:</u> Nil <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 7/0</div>			
26 Mar 2025 10:40am Quarmby, Bruce The draft policy has been placed on public exhibition. The closing dates for submissions is the 2 May 2025.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Sobhani, Azita	Reports to Council	Community Development Monthly Report
RESOLUTION 2025/12			
Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh			
Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council receives and notes the information in the Community Development report. 2. That Council authorises the General Manager and Mayor to sign and affix the Council seal for the North Western Library Cooperative Agreement 2025-2030. 			
<u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse			
<u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 9/0
03 Apr 2025 2:19pm Sobhani, Azita - Completion			
Completed by Sobhani, Azita (action officer) on 03 April 2025 at 2:19:21 PM - Complete			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Levick, David	Reports to Council	Economic Development & Growth - Progress Report
RESOLUTION 2025/17			
Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith			
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Steven Butler			
RESOLUTION 2025/17			
That Council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the Economic Development and Growth report. 2. Participate in a workshop after the March Council meeting to discuss the previous work done on the masterplans for the Coonamble CBD and Warrena Creek and to prepare a future program of work and the estimated funding required. 3. Participate in a workshop with staff to collaborate on a business case and project plan for the Yarran St Development. 			
<u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey and Phillipa Goldsmith			
<u>Against:</u> Cr Ahmad Karanouh			
Cr Paul Wheelhouse abstained from the vote			CARRIED 7/1
03 Apr 2025 2:17pm Levick, David			
RESOLUTION 2025/17, That Council: 1. Receive and note the Economic Development and Growth report. NO ACTION REQUIRED., 2. Participate in a workshop after the March Council meeting to discuss the previous work done on the masterplans for the Coonamble CBD and Warrena Creek and to prepare a future program of work and the estimated funding required. WORKSHOP DELIVERED., 3. Participate in a workshop with staff to collaborate on a business case and project plan for the Yarran St Development. WORKSHOP DELIVERED.			
03 Apr 2025 2:30pm Levick, David - Completion			
Completed by Levick, David (action officer) on 03 April 2025 at 2:30:50 PM - All actions completed			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Gallagher, Paul	Reports to Council	Regional Drought Resilience Plan - 016 - Bogan, Warren, and Coonamble
RESOLUTION 2025/18			
Moved: Cr Karen Churchill			
Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith			
That Council defer the Regional Drought Resilience Plan Report pending the outcome of a meeting			

with the General Mangers and Mayors of Coonamble, Bogan and Warren Shire Council.

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**01 Apr 2025 11:59am Gallagher, Paul**

General Managers and Mayors of Coonamble, Bogan and Warren Shire Councils met in Warren and a further report is to be presented to the next meeting following the outcome. This item is now closed and further action is a report on the outcome of the meeting.

01 Apr 2025 12:02pm Gallagher, Paul - Completion

Completed by Gallagher, Paul (action officer) on 01 April 2025 at 12:02:25 PM - This item is complete, a further report is to be presented to the next meeting following the outcome of the meeting with the General Mangers and Mayors of Coonamble, Bogan and Warren Shire Council.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Tatton, Deborah	Reports to Council	Councillor requests for inclusion in the draft 2025/26 Operational Budget.
RESOLUTION 2025/23			
Moved: Cr Ahmad Karanouh			
Seconded: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith			
1. That Council receive and note the contents of the report suggesting items to be considered for inclusion in the draft 2025/26 Budget.			
2. That Councillor suggestions for items to be considered for inclusion in the draft 2025/26 Operational Plan and Budget be returned to Council's Corporate Services Department by 7 March 2025.			
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			
28 Feb 2025 9:21am Tatton, Deborah			
Noted requests which came from the floor. Will wait until 15th March for any additional requests to come through.			
31 Mar 2025 4:37pm Tatton, Deborah - Completion			
Completed by Tatton, Deborah (action officer) on 31 March 2025 at 4:37:45 PM - completed. all requests now received			
Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Murphy, Kerrie	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Notice of Motion - Classification of Tooraweenah Road and Procurement Process for Tooraweenah Road Project - Cr P Wheelhouse
RESOLUTION 2025/30			
Moved: Cr Paul Wheelhouse			
Seconded: Cr Ahmad Karanouh			
That Council notes the information provided in response to the notice of motion on Tooraweenah Road, which details that:			
1. Tooraweenah Road is classified as a Local Road.			
2. Tenderlink is a portal where tendering information is received and stored, with Council being solely responsible for all decision-making.			
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			
01 Apr 2025 10:46am Murphy, Kerrie - Completion			
Completed by Murphy, Kerrie (action officer) on 01 April 2025 at 10:46:05 AM - Information has been noted.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Murphy,	Notices of	Notice of Motion - Completion of Brigidine Sisters Garden - Cr M

Kerrie	Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Garnsey
RESOLUTION 2025/34		
Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey		
Seconded: Cr Paul Wheelhouse		
That Council note the information provided in the response to the Notice of Motion on the completion of the Brigidine Sisters Garden.		
<u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse		
<u>Against:</u> Nil		
		CARRIED 9/0
01 Apr 2025 10:45am Murphy, Kerrie - Completion		
Completed by Murphy, Kerrie (action officer) on 01 April 2025 at 10:45:22 AM - Garden was cleaned up and filled with established plants prior to the Sister's visit in March.		

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12/02/2025	Murphy, Kerrie	Notices of Motions/Questions with Notice/Rescissio	Notice of Motion - Presentation of Coonamble Township - Cr M Garnsey
RESOLUTION 2025/35			
Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey			
Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill			
That Council notes the information provided in response to the Notice of Motion on presentation of the Coonamble township.			
<u>In Favour:</u> Crs Daniel Keady, Steven Butler, Karen Churchill, Adam Cohen, Paul Fisher, Margaret Garnsey, Phillipa Goldsmith, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse			
<u>Against:</u> Nil			
			CARRIED 9/0
01 Apr 2025 10:44am Murphy, Kerrie - Completion			
Completed by Murphy, Kerrie (action officer) on 01 April 2025 at 10:44:25 AM - CBD gardens have been weeded and mulched with dead plants removed. Garden beds were cleaned up prior to visit by Brigidine Sisters. Contractor engaged to provide plan for CBD gardens and quotation for work. This cost will be incorporated into the 25/26 Operational Plan.			

10.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT**File Number: C8****Author: Azita Sobhani-Community Services Manager
Raquel Pickering-Librarian****Authoriser: Barry Broe, Director Community, Planning, Development and Environment****Annexures: Nil****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the activities within Council's Community Development section for the month of March 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Community Development (CD) section focuses on our community and our people and the support that Council offers in the delivery of positive support and outcomes. A short summary of the key areas in the CD section as follows:

- **Youth & Community Services**

Council provides after school activities in Gulargambone and Quambone. Council also delivers school holiday programs in Coonamble and Gulargambone and the Youth Week Program in Coonamble. Council also operates a Youth Forum/Council.

- **Library Services**

Coonamble Shire Council is a member of the Northwestern Library Service (NWLS). The Service covers four local government areas and the libraries within them, i.e. Bogan (Nyngan), Coonamble, Gilgandra and Warren.

The Coonamble Library has two (2) satellite branches located in the villages of Gulargambone and Quambone. The Librarian buys stock that is rotated between all libraries and participates in book exchanges with Gulargambone and Quambone seven times per year. The Gulargambone Library is run under an agreement with the Gulargambone Rural Transaction Centre Committee. The Quambone Library is run by Council staff.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

Community Strategic Plan - P1 Community Services and Wellbeing.

CSP1.1 – Initiate and contribute to effective and needs-based community programs which enhance engagement, cohesion, vibrancy and liveability.

(b) Financial Considerations

There are no financial considerations arising from this report.

COMMENTARY

This report presents a summary of community development activities for the previous month.

Coonamble Shire coordinates and delivers the following community services:

- School Holiday Program – Coonamble, Gulargambone & Quambone
- Youth Centre Gulargambone (After School & Holiday Activity)
- After School Care Quambone
- Library Services (Coonamble, Gulargambone, Quambone)
- Creating, coordinating and supporting events e.g. Seniors Week Luncheon
- Funding events e.g. the Interagency Resilience Day, October Wellbeing Day
- Youth Empowerment Program

Community Development

The Community Development Manager attended various meetings this month, including the Interagency meeting and the Connected Community Strategy paper discussion with the Department of Education. Planning has also commenced for the April holiday programs and Youth Week.

All service agencies were invited to a get-together to plan for the upcoming holiday events and the types of activities they would be able to provide, as the public holidays for Easter and Anzac Day fall during this holiday period, and many staff from services may not be available. The theme will be “our community’s health and wellbeing”, based on discussions with AMS for a day of activities to be held at Smith Park.

SENIORS WEEK FESTIVAL



The Community Development Team held a fun and engaging festival for our seniors this year. As in previous years, Council provided a Seniors Luncheon free of charge, and thanks to the \$5000 grant secured from the Department of Communities and Justice, a bus load of 42 enthusiastic seniors and adults were able to enjoy a fully funded, free day out at the Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo. Without this grant, the trip would not have been possible.

SENIORS GONE WILD

Starting with a comfortable ride with local bus company NRC Buses, we arrived at the Zoo just in time for lunch with the lemurs and spider monkeys. We met up with our amazing volunteer guide, Tony, then it was off to see animals! Starting with the zebras and giraffes we made our way around the zoo, stopping at the rhinoceros, elephant and lion exhibits. Wendy almost got stuck in the rhino cage thanks to her safari hat.



We stopped halfway at the Waterhole Café, where seniors enjoyed a drink, and ice-cream or fruit. While there we were able to check out the meerkats! They were amazing little characters, and their enclosure at the café was right up against the tables and chairs so we got a great show! They looked like they were posing for a calendar. James and Karen enjoyed the show.

After the lions, we were lucky enough to check out the new Platypus Rescue HQ. Tony took us inside where we saw dozens of “vats” where the rescued platypuses are housed before they can be safely returned to their homes.



We then ended our safari back at the Savannah Visitor Plaza, had a cuppa and a sweet treat, bought some souvenirs and made our way back to the bus for our return trip.

Thanks to Tony and Lisa from the Zoo for making it an interesting and informative day. And a big thank you to all the people who came with us – we hope you had a great day out and possibly decide to visit again by yourself in the future.



SENIORS SAFARI LUNCHEON



Our luncheon was yet again a great success with over 130 attendees from the LGA. The National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy staff and members once again joined us. One of their amazing young ladies did the Welcome to Country and then they all helped to serve and clear lunch and dessert. This year, the ladies made sure to mingle with the seniors, sitting with them and engaging.

Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre and Meals on Wheels also joined us again, providing bags full of donations and give-aways to all the attendees. A big thanks to Cathy, Annette and Maddy.

Our entertainer, Royden Donahue, is a firm favourite of ours. Royden has been here for every luncheon bar the

first, and he is requested each year. A great entertainer who knows his audience well (Sweet Caroline got everyone singing!)



We hope that we will be able to offer two large events every year to the seniors within our Shire each year from now on, through grants and the generosity of Council.

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

COONAMBLE APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2025

MONDAY 14 Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service Walkabout Barber and Coffee Van Social and Emotional Wellbeing Day FREE BBQ LUNCH Smith Park 8.30am-3.30pm	TUESDAY 15 Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt with Mission Australia 10am-12noon @ REDi.e Youth Centre	WEDNESDAY 16 Healthy Bites to Eat with MacKillop Family Services 10am-12noon MacKillop Rooms
THURSDAY 17 Easter Egg Hunt 0-5 year olds @ Coonamble Library 10.30am	FRIDAY 18 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY 	MONDAY 21 EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 22 Movies at the Library 10.30am - 12.15pm	WEDNESDAY 23 Fair Dinkum Choices™ Healthy Lifestyle Program Facilitated by Fair Dinkum Choices™ & CAHS Morning tea provided 10am-12noon REDi.e Youth Centre	THURSDAY 24 Movies at the Library 10.30am - 12.15pm
FRIDAY 25 ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL Dawn Service: 6am at cenotaph Morning Service: 10.45am from RSL 11am: service at cenotaph		

The Community Development Team has been working with external stakeholders to provide a great program in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone. The theme for the April holidays is Health and Wellbeing.

We would especially like to thank Mission Australia for making the trek out to Quambone to hold an Easter Egg Hunt and Council After School Care workers for holding a craft morning as well.

Many thanks to REDi.E staff in Gulargambone for again collaborating with Council staff in helping to deliver a great program to Gulargambone. We rely on REDi.E to help us with staffing and venues for all of our Gulargambone activities.

With three public holidays during this holiday period, it has reduced the number of activities. We hope that the activities we do have for our community are well attended and deliver a great deal of enjoyment.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

GULARGAMBONE APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM





MONDAY 14 FUN WITH RED.I.E AT THE YOUTH CENTRE 10AM-3PM	TUESDAY 15 FUN WITH RED.I.E AT THE YOUTH CENTRE 10AM-3PM	WEDNESDAY 16 Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt with Mission Australia 10am-12noon Youth Centre
THURSDAY 17 FREE BBQ AT LIONS PARK MEET AT YOUTH CENTRE TO WALK DOWN 10AM - 3PM	FRIDAY 18 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY 	MONDAY 21 EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY 
TUESDAY 22 SLIME & JEWELLERY MAKING WITH RED.I.E 10AM-3PM	WEDNESDAY 23 MIKSHAKES, THICKSHAKES & HOTDOGS WITH RED.I.E 10AM-3PM	THURSDAY 24 OZ TAG CRICKET @ OVAL MEET @ YOUTH CENTRE TO WALK DOWN 10AM-3PM



FRIDAY 25
ANZAC DAY
10.45am meet @ Post Office and march to cenotaph


HEALTH AND WELLBEING

QUAMBONE APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



MONDAY 14
CRAFT ACTIVITY
AT THE SCHOOL HALL
10AM - 12NOON

THURSDAY 17
MISSION AUSTRALIA
EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT
AT THE QUAMBONE TOWN HALL
10AM - 12NOON



YOUTH WEEK 2025

EASTER
YOUTH WEEK
DISCO

FUN! DANCING! CHOCOLATES!

Join Conamble Shire Council and RED.I.e Youth Services at the Gulargambone Bowling Club to celebrate

YOUTH WEEK 2025

Wednesday 9 April 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult



Gulargambone – thanks to both RED.I.e and Council staff, a disco with Easter Parade has been arranged during Youth Week in Gulargambone. The event will be held on the first day of Youth Week at the Gulargambone Bowling Club.

Council will collaborate with staff to run the event as well as providing food and, of course, chocolates!

We hope to see a number of Gulargambone children with parents attend and enjoy the evening.



CELEBRATING YOUTH WEEK 2025

YOUTH CAN MOVE THE WORLD

The role of youth in advancing positive social change

10am - 2pm Thursday 10th April 2025

Coonamble High School
for youth aged 12-18years

Interactive workshop followed by BBQ lunch

Join us for an interactive session with Erfan Daliri – author, educator and social change consultant – to explore the role of young people in bringing about positive change in your community and the world around you.

Presented by

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Coonamble – We have been able to procure services of an amazing motivational speaker for our youth. Erfan Daliri, who is a social change consultant who has worked with numerous communities, engaging with diverse populations to encourage and affect and implement programs and initiatives for positive change.

The Community Development Team has worked closely with our high schools to deliver a day of engaging, informative and useful knowledge for the students to utilise and benefit from. Headspace has been a valued supporter and has offered to assist and engage on the day both introducing their services and with organising a BBQ lunch at the end of the program.

Thanks to Coonamble High School, we will be holding the event at their Multipurpose Hall on school grounds. The event is open to all youth in Coonamble shire. The school's strong cohort of students from years 8-10 will engage. The event will be

reaching between 50-70 students.

The speaker's vast experience across the country in human rights advocacy, identity & social change, race and motivational speaking promises to present an engaging day for our youth, following up with questions and the possible option of one-on-one time during lunchtime, should students like to approach them.

The Central School in Gulargambone apologised as they had already booked an event out of town for their students on the day and a Friday engagement, a day after the excursion being the last day of the term, had an unpredictable attendance.

FIRST LIGHT – COONAMBLE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM – March 2025

This month, the Youth Empowerment Program has been filled with activity and excitement. The first Junior Youth group officially reached its one-year mark in Coonamble & continues to thrive as it moves into its second year. A new Junior Youth group was formed in February - an exciting milestone in the ongoing expansion of the program. The group is gradually gaining more participants and is on

a steady path toward becoming a sustainable and vibrant space for meaningful engagement. One of the key highlights is that two Youth from the older cohort have officially commenced their training internship and are now actively supporting the facilitation of the new group.

They are eager to become positive role models and contribute meaningfully. To support this, weekly preparatory sessions have been introduced to help them build the capacity and confidence needed to accompany younger peers. In addition to these sessions, they are also regularly attending Junior Youth group sessions - helping to facilitate specific activities and gaining hands-on experience in guiding and inspiring others.



Over the past few sessions, the group has explored the kinds of life goals and careers they might pursue - looking beyond titles or income to reflect on the deeper purpose behind their choices. This helps their cognitive development to be enhanced with a sense of intentionality and meaning so crucial in assisting them to achieve what they set out to.



Here youth go on the "Hot Seat," to reflect on their choice of career, how it impacts them, their skills & the community - and what might happen if one's sole aim is to choose a career based solely on its monetary value. This opened meaningful conversations about sense of purpose behind choices leading to longevity and how one's work impacts others.



The second Junior Youth group here explores how our words and actions can either uplift others or bring them down. It's been a powerful way to reflect on choice of words and its impact on the mind and its development and its effect on those around us. The principle is that by encouraging and helping one another to grow, we ourselves grow in the process.



The Youth Champions have stepped forward, showing a genuine desire to accompany the younger groups and serve as positive role models. With the support of trained facilitators, they receive ongoing training that empowers them to gradually take on responsibilities within the group and move from being assigned tasks, to planning, and delivery of specific activities. This allows them to build experience over time in a way that strengthens their confidence, deepens their sense of purpose, and nurtures their capacity to serve. This approach is gradually building their leadership skills and prepares them to eventually co-lead groups, strengthening both cohorts and nurturing a spirit of service and learning.

LIBRARY SERVICES



Librarians Meeting

The Librarians in the North Western Library cooperative meet quarterly to discuss stock, training and new trends. This meeting is a useful and valuable tool helping with professional development, knowledge sharing, collaboration, chances to improve services, strategic planning and decision making.

Preschool Excursion

The Coonamble Pre School visited the library for an excursion in March. We had the three-year-olds visit us and after reading a couple of books, we enjoyed free play with the sensory wall, kids computers, legos and books. Many thanks to the preschool for visiting us.

Central West Zone and Managers Meetings

The Central West Zone meeting and Managers Meeting were held in Bathurst on 20 and 21 March. The Librarian was unable to attend but participated in the Managers Meeting via Teams. The next meeting will be in Parkes in September.

School Holiday Program and Youth Week 2025

The Librarian has been working closely with the Community Development Manager to plan a great School Holiday Program and Youth Week program. With the inclusion of the many service agencies around Coonamble and Gulargambone we hope that the youth in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone make good use of the activities offered.

LIBRARY STATISTICS (26 February 2025 – 26 March 2025)

Service	Loans	New M/ships	Wi-Fi (hrs)	Internet (people)	Internet (hours)	Kids Comp (children)	Junior Visits	Adult Visits
Coonamble	409	7	55	51	24	71	119	388
Gular	23	0						

- **Manual Statistics** - Coonamble (numbers refer to people attending)

Library Visits	Reference Enquiries	Technology Enquiries	Local History	VIC Enquiries
507	14	42	2	3

- **Activity Statistics** - Coonamble (numbers refer to people attending)

Senior Craft	Pre-School Visits	Seniors Tech	Seniors Cinema	Other
13	13	0	8	16

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

The delivery of community development and integrated planning functions and activities are carried out in accordance with Council's Operational Plan and Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

(b) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

(c) Social Implications

Council's community development section delivers a broad range of support services, activities, and opportunities to all age groups. These services assist in building social cohesion within the Shire.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

The economic implications of community services are positive, in that these services provide employment opportunities, delivering a service to the community and support the local business sector.

(f) Risk Implications

There are no risk implications arising from this report.

CONCLUSION

The updates in this report provide information to Council on the key activities recently undertaken in Council's Community Development section.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the information in the April 2025 Community Development report.


10.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH

File Number: D5

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Authoriser: Barry Broe, Director Community, Planning, Development and Environment

Annexures: 1. Key Data on Grant-Funded Projects (excluding Roads) [↓](#)



PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on recent activities and the progress of projects that contribute to the economic development and growth of the Local Government Area (LGA).

BACKGROUND

The economic development and growth function is tasked with providing effective and efficient delivery of a more diversified economic base for the LGA, enhancing business prospects, growth, productivity, incomes, employment and economic development.

The function facilitates the development of programs and activities that will stimulate economic development by assisting growth and retention of businesses, as well as aiming to reduce barriers and attract diverse, sustainable, and responsible new industry development and improve the profile of the Coonamble LGA to attract investment, industry, new residents, and tourism.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

- ED1.2Develop our economy, including the visitor economy.
- I1.5Adopt successful strategies which maximise our community’s access to quality infrastructure and assets.

(b) Financial Considerations

Activities undertaken as described in this report are within approved operational budget allocations for tourism and economic development activities and capital projects or are funded through grant monies.

COMMENTARY

Economic Development and Growth

The following summarises progress on key initiatives.

Coonamble Main Street Enhancement

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- Weight/load capacity for awnings in Coonamble’s main street determined ☒
- Integrity of awnings in Coonamble’s main street determined ☒
- Building owners advised of outcomes of inspections ☒
- Immediate remedial actions taken ☒

- Paint scheme colour palette received for awning painting project ☒
- Lighting determined to highlight Art Deco streetscape ☐
- CBD Precinct Masterplan developed ☐

Commentary: Remedial work carried out in the main street in readiness for a Night on the Town event. A further report on this area is to be included in a Business Attraction Strategy being developed.

Housing Development

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- EOI seeking interest from developers done ☒
- Housing contract for modular homes signed ☒
- Carry out civil works (services, road, kerb & guttering) ☐
- Manufacture housing components ☐
- Assemble first two houses on site ☐

Commentary: Council is delivering the services to the first two houses and progressing the DA for the subdivision. Simmons Groups has ordered the housing materials and submitted a DA for the first demo house.

Land and Industrial Development

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- Rezoning determined for more industrial land and for improved alignment of zoning to current usage across Coonamble township ☒
- Planning Report drafted for rezoning of the old sheepyards site ☒
- Planning Report drafted for rezoning of the Artesian bore bath project site ☒
- Planning Report drafted for house-keeping rezoning for such areas as the Coonamble Showground ☒
- Some Planning Reports ratified by Council ☒
- Council-ratified Planning Report submitted to the Department of Planning ☒

Commentary: Planning Proposals submitted to the Department of Planning to create an industrial zone at the old Coonamble Sheepyards and re-classify to operational the land at the Limerick Street site.

Youth Accommodation – Coonamble and Gulargambone

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- Advertise RFT for design-and-construction of the youth accommodation units at Coonamble and Gulargambone ☒
- Assess tenders for Youth Accommodation ☒
- Seek further quotations and consider scope adjustments to match budget ☒
- Award contract ☒
- Design work finalised ☐
- Build Youth Accommodation in Coonamble and Gulargambone ☐

Commentary: Contract has been awarded following negotiations post tender process. Cost is now affordable, within the grant funding provision. Designs are being prepared for each specific site. Contracts signed and work expected to begin on site this month. Approval to extend the project completion date to 30 September 2025 and approve the change of scope was successful.

Real Country Regional Tourism Collaboration

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- Real Country Destination Strategic Plan adopted ☒
- Real Country project, Warrena Creek Reserve development business case adopted in principle ☒
- Real Country infrastructure works incorporated into the Warrena Creek Reserve Plan of Management ☐
- Community consulted on the draft Plan of Management for Warrena Creek Reserve, incorporating proposed Real Country developments ☐

Commentary: A three-year Calendar of Events across the three Shires is being finalised to ensure complementarity of event timing in each area.

Coonamble Region Art Trail

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- Artist brief and project brief developed ☒
- Artist liaison confirmed ☒
- Public Art Advisory Panel appointed ☐
- Detailed submissions invited ☐
- Artworks produced and installed ☐

Commentary: The project manager has met with the Economic Development team and Director. Project brief to include design and costings for new Shire entrance signage. Initial consultations with local indigenous artists has taken place for some of the components of the project.

Grants (Community, Planning, Development & Environment led)

Grants completed & awaiting acquittal	Comment
Coonamble Sports Ground Walking Loop	
Australia Day 2025	
Seniors Week 2025	

Further details on the above grants, their dollar value, due dates, and milestones are attached at the end of this report.

Pending grant submissions:

Submission	Amount sought	Announcement date
Quambone Racecourse Upgrades (CRIF)	\$315,510	May 2025
Coonamble Shire Urban Housing Strategy	\$69,916	April 2025
Coonamble Heritage Reflections	\$25,000	May 2025
Open Streets Program (Vision Splendid)	\$350,000	May 2025
Coonamble Waste Management Facilities Upgrade (Landfill Consolidation program)	\$249,840	June 2025
Quambone Landfill Closure and establishment of a Waste Transfer Station (Landfill Consolidation program)	\$244,340	June 2025
Advisory Services and Training (Landfill Consolidation program)	\$17,770	June 2025

Communications

Council continues to maintain its communication with the community through:

- 1 x weekly half-page advertisement, *Weekly Connect* in *The Coonamble Times* – advertising Requests for Quotations, Tenders and Expressions of Interest, policies and other reports currently on public exhibition and upcoming events for the community.
- Paid classified advertising for current tenders, requests for quotations, expressions of interest and positions vacant.
- Posts in the News column on the homepage of Council's website, on various topics as required.
- Posts in the Events Calendar hosted on Council's website.
- Posts on Council's Facebook page, on various topics including all media releases.
- Council's website – sharing all policies, plans and procedures, fees and charges, and documents for public exhibition, in the spirit of open and transparent governance.
- Media releases as required – on road conditions, project milestones, water supply interruptions, etc – distributed to print, radio and TV media across the Central West.

A proposed communications strategy is put forward in a separate report in this business paper.

Website: During March, the Council webpage that attracted the highest number of hits was the Council Contacts page (334 hits), followed by the Employment Opportunities page (313 hits), and the Council Meetings page (283 hits).

The number of those accessing the Livestream of Council's meetings has fluctuated since October 2024

Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025
228	159	164	249	209

Facebook: During March, Council gained 11 new followers on its Facebook page, bringing the total number of followers to 3319, with 68% of followers being women and 32% men. During March, there were 36 posts to Facebook to communicate news and updates on various operational matters. Five posts recorded a reach of more than 1000 people, the highest being that for the illegal dumping of asbestos-containing materials, followed by another for the illegal dumping of rubbish, a job advertisement, the Seniors 'Gone Wild' Taronga Western Plains Zoo trip and the closure of the Smith Park Skate Park due to vandalism.

Media Releases: At the time of preparation of this report, there has been one media releases (since the last meeting in March) in relation to:

- Community invited to share vision of the area's future – 13 Mar 2025

Weekly Connect newspaper advertising: during March, the Weekly Connect has been published four times, highlighting the following topics:

- Community consultation for the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035.
- The Ordinary Meeting of Council in Gulargambone.
- The Seniors Festival activities: the luncheon and zoo trip.
- Council's decision to rezone the old sheepyards for industrial land.

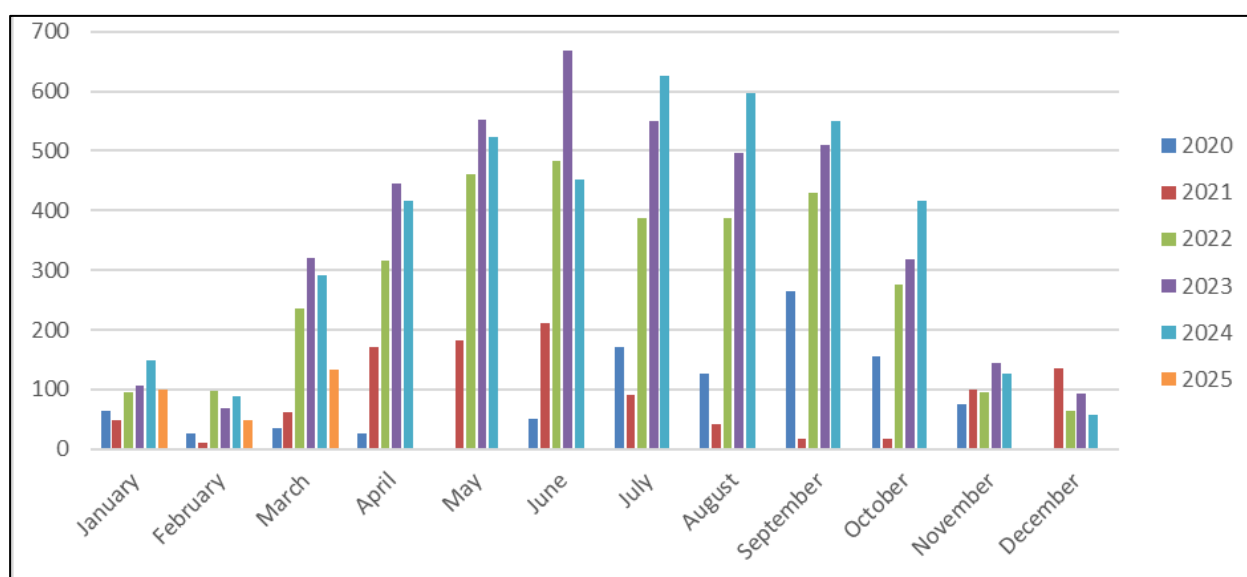
Tourism and visitation

Coonamble Information and Exhibition Centre

Between 25 February and 26 March, the Information and Exhibition Centre welcomed 134 visitors to the Coonamble Shire.

Recorded visitor numbers suggest a persistent decline in travel, a trend not exclusive to Coonamble Shire. Reports indicate a delayed peak tourist season across the region and along popular routes between Victoria and Queensland.

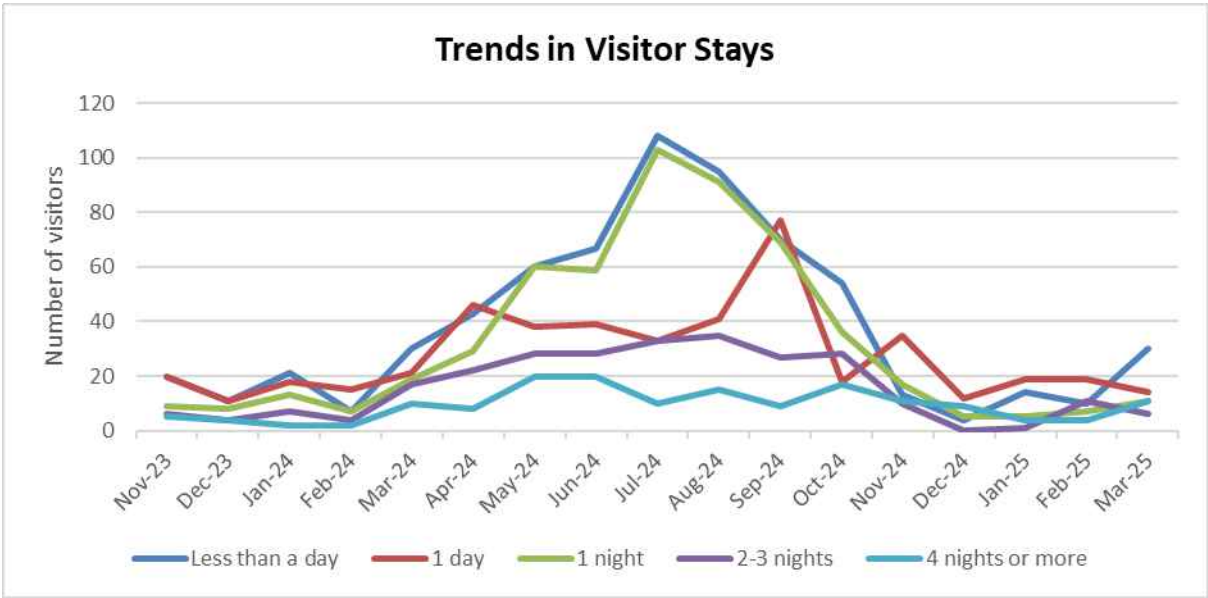
In 2024, domestic travel patterns shifted, with visitor numbers peaking later in the year, from July to October, exceeding previous years' figures. This shift offers hope that travellers are increasingly drawn to the cooler seasons for their trips.



Trends in the length of visitor ‘stays’

When welcoming visitors to the Information and Exhibition Centre, staff inquire about their expected length of stay to provide personalised and relevant recommendations. Recent data indicates a noticeable rise in visitors staying less than a day. The number of visitors planning a full day of activities in Coonamble Shire has fluctuated significantly, though it remained stable during the first three months of 2025. Those intending to stay for 2 to 3 nights saw a decline in January and December, while the proportion of visitors staying four nights or more has remained steady.

According to *Traveller’s Pulse*, a report by Destination Marketing Store, day visitors contributed \$429 million to the Destination Country and Outback region in 2024, ranking among the report’s top 10 research insights. Overnight visitors, however, generated a substantially higher value of \$1.6 billion. This data shows that visitors who stay overnight spend significantly more than those just passing through. Council’s ongoing strategy to enhance tourism infrastructure in Coonamble Shire is aimed at encouraging longer visits.



Visitor spending

Category	Monthly		
	Spend February 2025	vs last year February 2024	vs February 2019
Total	\$749K	+ 14.8%	+ 74.6%
Private Transport	\$251K	+ 11.9%	+ 18.8%
Food Retailing	\$219K	+ 5.4%	+ 103.4%
Tourism, Entertainment, Takeaway Food and Cafes	\$98K	+ 31.7%	+ 257.9%
Discretionary Retail	\$36K	+ 3.0%	+ 151.5%

In February 2025, the total amount spent by visitors in the Coonamble Shire was \$749,000. This figure has increased by 14.8% when compared to February last year

and up by 74.6% compared with February 2019. This indicates a significant overall increase in spending over both the short term (one year) and the longer term (six years).

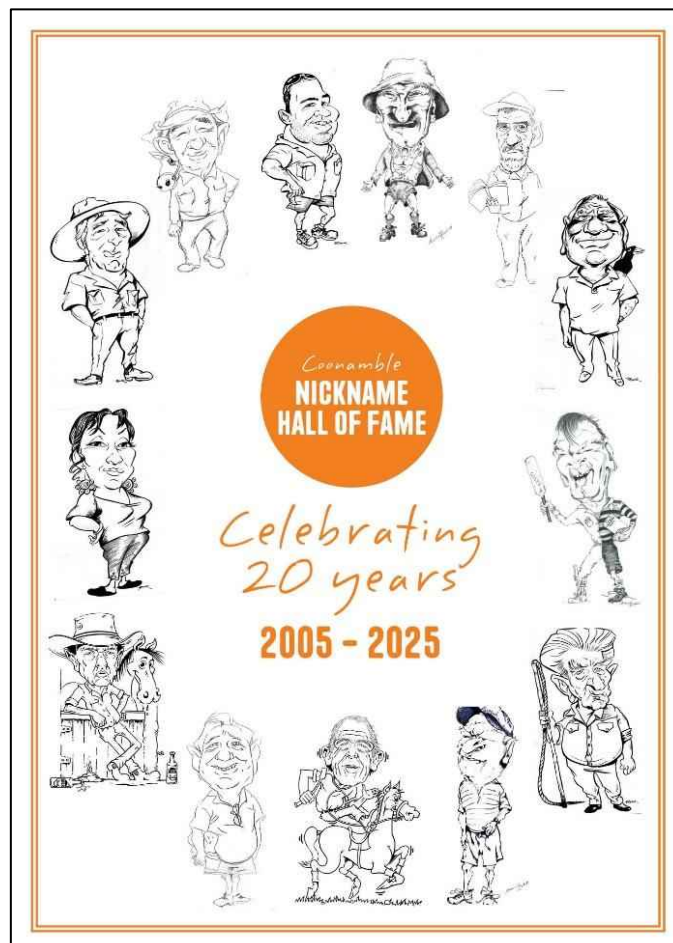
The category of “Tourism, Entertainment, Takeaway Food, and Cafes” has seen significant growth, especially since 2019, where spending has more than tripled. The 31.7% year-on-year increase suggests a strong and consistent increase in dining out and entertainment.

Marketing and promotions

- Coonamble Nickname Hall of Fame

The Nickname Hall of Fame was established in 2005 in collaboration with the Coonamble ‘Streets Ahead’ Committee. The project was created to celebrate and explore the local community’s identity and culture while offering an affordable tourism attraction to encourage travellers to stop, step out of their cars, and explore the town’s CBD.

In 2015, a commemorative tea towel was produced to mark 10 years since the project’s launch. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Nickname Hall of Fame’s establishment. Alongside updated profile designs and roadside promotional signage, a new commemorative tea towel is being developed to mark this milestone. The previous design has been out of stock for some time, and orders are already being accepted for the new 20-year edition.



Events

Completed events:

- 22 February, Welcome to Coonamble Dinner

Each year this event is presented by a cohort of local community groups, in 2025 led by the Rotary Club of Coonamble. Council supported the event through various areas of promotion, coordinating RSVP's and the donation of the lucky door prize, which included locally produced products and merchandise from the District Store at the Information and Exhibition Centre. The event had a record number of attendees and a significant number of new residents.

Upcoming events:

- 5 April, A Night on the Town

Presented by the Coonamble Show Society, this event is an alternative to the annual show for 2025. It will feature an evening of community, cocktails, live music, bars, street food and dancing in Coonamble's main street. The iconic Monterey Café will be transformed into a cocktail bar, while the Plaza Theatre will become the main stage and dance floor. Usual features of the traditional show event will be recognised including local agriculture, the pavilion, and the Young Woman competition.

Coonamble CBD is a key venue identified in the local Coonamble Destination Management Plan adopted in 2020 for the holding of visitor-attracting activities. 'A Night on the Town' strongly supports this priority.

Staff from Events, and Parks and Urban Service have supported this event by providing event planning resources, equipment such as seating and lighting, administrative support and the implementation of increased beautification of the main street.

- Waste 2 Art community art exhibition and competition

Waste 2 Art is an annual community art exhibition and competition. It is a NetWaste initiative, supported by major sponsor SIMS Metal. The exhibition and competition invites schools, community groups, and individuals of all ages to turn rubbish into creative works of art and design.

The project aims to inspire people to reduce, reuse, and recycle 'waste' while shifting perspectives on what we discard. Each year features a specific theme for inspiration, with this year's theme being "The Year of Toys."

Local exhibition winners advance to a regional competition, which is hosted by a different member Council each year. In 2025, the Regional Competition will take place at the Western Plains Cultural Centre in Dubbo, showcasing top entries from participating Councils from the NetWaste network.

Key dates for the Waste2Art Competition and Exhibition:

Entries open: now

Entries close: Friday, 9 May

Artwork delivery: Wednesday 7 May - Friday 9 May to Outback Arts

Official opening: Wednesday, 21st May

Exhibition period: Monday 19 May - Friday 27 June

- 28 March, Disco on the Town (Free kids disco, part of A Night on the Town)
- 10 April, Flamenco for Everybody
- 25 April, ANZAC Day
- 10 May, Marthaguy Picnic Races
- 7 June, Gulargambone Show
- 6-9 June, Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

Policies relevant to activities reported here include the Community Consultation Policy.

(b) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications directly associated to this report.

(c) Social Implications

Projects and initiatives described in this report are undertaken with the objective of delivering social benefits to the Coonamble LGA.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications directly associated with this report.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

Development of the projects proposed for funding through available grants and sponsorship are initiatives to meet objectives of the Community Strategic Plan 2022-32, Delivery Program 2022-2026, Coonamble Shire Masterplan 2020, the Economic Development Strategy 2021, and the Coonamble Destination Management Plan 2020.

(f) Risk Implications

Regular reporting to Council provides an opportunity to communicate and manage any ongoing or unexpected related risks that may emerge.

CONCLUSION

Economic Development and Growth activities and projects continue to progress according to the Economic Development Strategy 2021 and work towards achieving the goals of the Coonamble Destination Management Plan 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council notes the Economic Development and Growth report.



Key Data on Community, Planning, Development and Environment Grant-Funded Projects in Progress
(at 1 April 2025)

Identifier		Value (ex GST)			Milestone Dates			
Name	Code	Grant	Co-contribution	Total	Due Date	M1	M2	M3
Youth Empowerment Program	RYIP-0270	\$989,680	-	\$989,680	30-Sep-25	24-Jan-24	31-Jul-24	24-Jan-25
Youth Accommodation (2 x 2BR and 1 x 3BR units)	RYIP-0270	\$1,584,000	-	\$1,584,000	30-Sep-25	24-Jan-24	31-Jul-24	24-Jan-25
Illegal Dumping Prevention (Baseline Data)	R16Stream1	\$19,080	-	\$19,080	15-Jul-25			
Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Grant	EDAEG55	\$30,000	-	\$30,000	15-Mar-26	15-Jun-25	15-Sep-25	
Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Grant	EDAEG61	\$30,000	-	\$30,000	15-Mar-26	15-Jun-25	15-Sep-25	
Coonamble Region Art Trail	SCCF5-0092	\$235,035	-	\$234,035	28-Feb-26			
Coonamble Artesian & Cultural Experience	RTAF-0068	\$5,500,000	\$1,250,000	\$6,750,000	27-Mar-26	21-Mar-24	20-Sep-24	27-Jun-25
Seniors Week	SF25015	\$5,000	-	\$5,000	30-May-25	16-Mar-25		
Youth Week	YW250045	\$3,412	\$2,588	\$6,000	30-May-25			

10.5 PLANNING, REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE PROGRESS REPORT

File Number: E5

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Annexures: Nil

PURPOSE

To provide information on the activities within Council's Planning, Regulatory and Compliance Services section for the past month. This progress report considers town planning and strategic land use planning, compliance and regulation, environmental management and public health.

BACKGROUND

The Planning, Regulatory & Compliance Services section focuses on all town planning and environmental planning matters including regulation and compliance, public health requirements, waste management, and environmental management considerations.

Strategic Land Use Planning refers to updates to Council's planning instruments and is also included.

The following topics will be included in the Council Report where there is relevant information to report on:

- Compliance and Regulation

The *Local Government Act 1993*, *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* ('EP&A Act') and *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* are the main legislation providing provisions around environmental management. Compliance and regulation enforce individuals, organisations and businesses to comply with the relevant act or regulation. Environmental management can include the atmosphere, built environment, heritage, land, and water.

- Development Application Information

This information refers to development applications lodged in the Coonamble local government area. However, the consent authority is another authority and not Council or its delegated staff/contractors. This can include:

- The Independent Planning Commission for state significant development,
- The Regional planning panel for regionally significant development, or
- A Public authority (other than council) depending on the type of development declared with an environmental planning instrument.

These types of development applications are rare.

- Strategic Land Use Planning

This relates to any potential amendments to Council's planning instruments such as the Coonamble Local Environmental Plan or Council's Development Control Plans. Council staff also attend forums, committees and workshops around strategic land use planning, and this information will be provided to Council for information.

- Environmental Management

Opportunities exist for Council to promote ecologically and environmentally sustainable land use and development, initiatives, and programs. Information under this topic will be reported when opportunities present themselves and can come from government agencies, community groups and environmental advocates.

- Ranger's Monthly Report

This report provides a summary of companion animals (cats and dogs) impounded and other animals. This includes information on how many animals were rehomed and euthanised. Information on dog attacks is also provided.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

P3.1.2. Inspection of Food Premises.

I3.3.1. Implementation Waste Management recommendations.

EN1.1.1. Enforcement of environmental regulations.

EN.1.1.2. Continue to review Local Environmental Plan.

EN.1.1.3. Ensure compliance with NSW Building Certification.

EN.1.1.4 Provide quality over the counter, telephone, and email advice to customers.

EN.1.1.5 Approvals completed within timeframe required.

P2.2.4 Controlling straying animals.

(b) Financial Considerations

There are no direct financial considerations with this report.

COMMENTARY

Development Applications Issued Under Delegated Authority

Information provided within this section of the report provides Council with information on what has been decided for the month under delegated authority and not subject to Council's endorsement or approval.

Individual development applications that require the elected Council's approval will be under its own separate Council business paper report with a recommendation to decide on the application.

Under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act), information in the form of Development Applications and its associated information is prescribed as 'open access information' by Clause 3 of Schedule 1 of the GIPA Act. This also

includes staff's development assessment report that is written prior to an application's determination. This provides a high level of transparency.

The following is a summary of applications determined under delegated authority.

March 2025			
Application Number	Description of Works	Address of Proposed Works	Approved Date
Development Applications			
DA001/2025	Subdivision – Rural (one lot into two lots)	3175 Gulargambone Road, Bourbah	6/3/2025
DA005/2025	23m x 10m Detached Shed	7 Floyd Street, Coonamble	24/3/2025
CDC001/2025	Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings	30 Yarran Street, Coonamble	25/3/2025

Re-zoning of the old sheepyard site

Following Council's approval to proceed with this rezoning, the Planning Proposal was submitted to the state planning department for a gateway determination. At this decision point, the state planning department reviews the merits of the proposal and decides whether it can proceed to public consultation. They also state any conditions that need to be satisfied before the reclassification is approved.

A positive timely decision has already been obtained from the department. It will now proceed to public consultation.

Saleyards

A cattle sale was held on Wednesday 26 March 2025. Income received from the sale was not available at the time of writing this report.

Saleyards

	March	Year to Date
Income	0	92,399.44
Expenditure	1191	79,607.63
		12,791.81 Surplus



Truck Wash

The financial report for February and March 2025 is provided below:

Truck Wash

	Feb	March	Year to Date
Income	4,535	73	46,687.92
Expenditure	1565	695	7264.39
			39,423.53 Surplus



Companion Animals

The Regulatory Officer's report is provided for March. The following is a summary of companion animal statistics.

CORRESPONDENCE	March 2025	YTD 2025
Infringements (Animals)	0	0
Infringements (Other)	0	0

Change of Details	1	2
Microchipped dogs	2	3
Registrations	0	0



Companion Animal Seizure and Impounding Activities - March

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	0	0
Returned to Owner	0	0

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	8	5
Incoming Animals	Dogs	Cats
Transferred from seizure activities	0	0
Abandoned or Stray	9	0
Surrendered	12	2
Total Animals in Pound	29	2

Outgoing Animals	Dogs	Cats
Released to Owner	0	0
Euthanised	3	3
Released to Rehoming Organisation	21	0
Sold	1	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen from Pound	0	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0

Total Animals Leaving Pound	25	3
Animals in Pound at end of Month.	4	2

Dog Attacks

There were no dog attacks reported during March 2025.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

The report provides Council with opportunities to understand governance and policy implications in the environment and strategic land use planning area. There may be risk implications depending on the nature of the enquiry.

(b) Legal Implications

There are no current legal implications arising from this report.

(c) Social Implications

Providing information that is open and transparent to the community will provide positive social implications for the community to understand the work that Council does.

(d) Environmental Implications

The progress report allows for environmental management to be an area of focus for Council and subsequently providing positive environmental benefits. This specifically relates to the area of public health, environmental sustainability, and waste management.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

There may be risk implications depending on the nature of the issue.

(f) Risk Implications

There may be risk implications depending on the nature of the issue.

CONCLUSION

The Planning, Regulatory & Compliance Progress Report has considered town planning and strategic land use planning, compliance and regulation, and environmental management and health since the last meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning, Regulatory and Compliance Progress Report be noted.

10.6 BORE BATH PROJECT

File Number: 1.1

Author: Barry Broe-Director Community, Planning, Development and Environment

Authoriser: Paul Gallagher, General Manager

Annexures: 1. Bore Bath Project Plan [↓](#) 

PURPOSE

To report on the status of the project and proposed next steps in developing it.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has indicated that it wants to continue developing a bore bath project, but at the originally proposed site beside the golf course. A recommended approach to developing this project is put forward in this report along with an update on the key work activities to get the project moving.

BACKGROUND

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The main strategic links are about economic development and tourism.

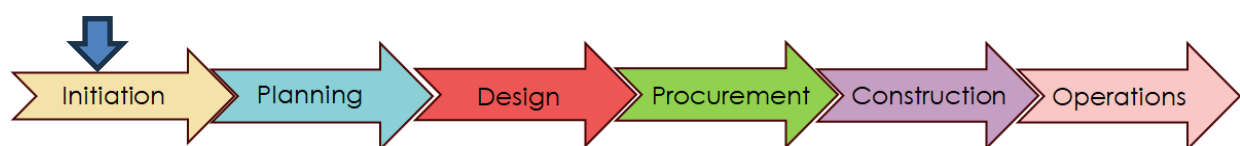
(b) Financial Considerations

Council has secured a \$5.5m grant and allocated \$1.25m in its budget.

COMMENTARY

Project Plan

The project will be developed in logical stages as follows:



The first step as part of the project initiation stage is to produce a project plan and get it approved by Council to set it off on the right footing with clear definition. The plan is attached and covers:

1. Objectives
2. Scope
3. KPIs
4. Benchmarking
5. Cost and budget
6. Key work elements
7. Program and key milestones
8. Funding
9. Project approvals
10. Project Resourcing and Organisation
11. Project Control
12. Communications plan

13. Procurement
14. Risk management

Objectives and Scope

The core purpose is to build a public free to use artesian bore bath facility. The next key priority is some accommodation.

There are two scenarios that are linked to the grant:

- If we keep the grant of \$5.5m – then maintain most of the current scope to satisfy the grant body requirements but reduce the current scope to match the funds available (currently \$6.05m)
- If we lose the grant – de-scope to just a bore bath and essential supporting infrastructure to match Council funds

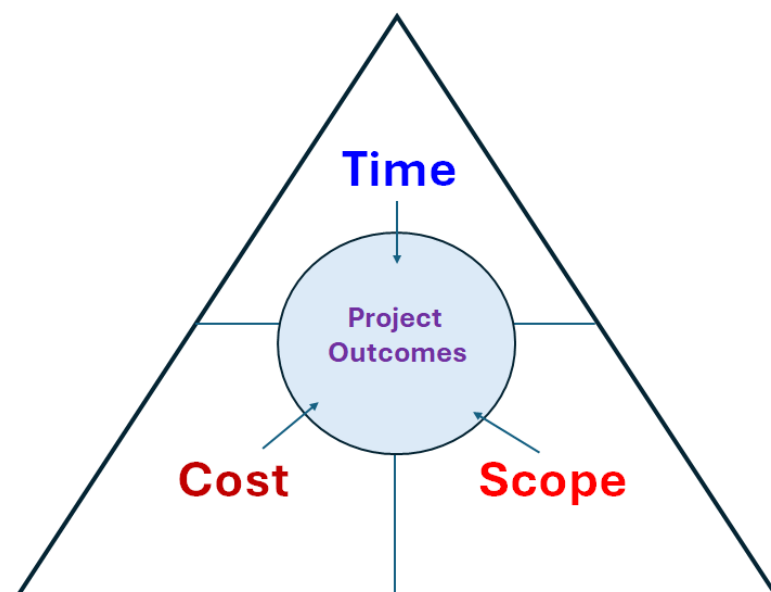
Until the grant variation is submitted and decided on (in May/June), we will not know what funding is available for the project in order to settle on the scope.

Scope

This defines the elements of the project, the facilities, scale and quality. In order of priority the scope is:

1. public bore bath
2. accommodation
3. amenities building (e.g. toilets/shower)
4. RV parking

In project management terms there are three elements that can be varied that affect the project outcomes – Scope, Cost and Time. In combination they are fixed as the constraints and resources available are fixed overall at any given time. There is a set time, cost and scope. This plan and scope are based on finding the best combination of these three variables.



The proposed grant variation request will cover:

- Extra time (to end of 2026)
- Reduced scope (to fit the \$6.05m)
- New site

We will seek to keep the same grant of \$5.5m. The scope must include some accommodation (e.g. cabins), and possibly a basic managers facility and amenities building.

We will build in as much of the original full scope as possible within the budget and time extension requested. We will also be as transparent as possible in the variation request, be realistic and build confidence in our ability to deliver the project.

The variation will attach this project plan and the revised budget and scope.

Bore licence

A very helpful meeting was held with the key assessor in DPIE on 20 March.

The existing application can be amended as follows:

- a new REF
- a basic design of the bore, its location and flow rate
- information on the plan to re-use water (potentially)

The target is to have it submitted by the end of May.

Crown land management

A key issue for the new site is obtaining land tenure. We have been liaising with Crown Lands and have sought formal advice on the process for leasing or acquiring the land at the golf course site and the timeframes involved.

It should be noted that leasing would not be the best long-term solution that gives land tenure certainty for such a major investment and long-term infrastructure facilities. Regarding the alternative option of acquiring the land for the golf course site, previous advice to Council in 2022 stated that it would take at least one year.

The land needed for the project would also need to sub-divided. The actual land needed would first have to be identified and confirmed. The previous 7.93 ha site based on planning in 2021 is shown below and has natural constraints.



The process suggested by Crown Lands is to seek approval to become the Crown Land Manager (CLM) first to get the project going, and in parallel submit an application to acquire the land, which will take longer.

The steps are below:

1. Council requests appointment as Crown Land Manager (CLM) over the section of the reserve Council identifies for the bore bath project, including an interim tenure licence for 12 months to progress project work. The first step is an initial meeting with the Board, being arranged
2. Council engages with the current board of the Coonamble Racecourse and Recreation Land Manager to discuss Council's plans regarding the bore baths project including the proposed subdivision of the reserve for the bore bath project, access, provision of services
3. Council requests the current CLM relinquish management over the bore bath site.
4. The current CLM takes into consideration any potential effects on the current use of the reserve including the current user groups
5. Council submits its request for appointment as CLM in writing, outlining the proposal, include Council's resolution to request appointment and written consent from the current CLM to relinquish management over the identified project site
6. Following consultation with the current CLM and appointment of Council as CLM over part Reserve 520089 the proposed subdivision would be registered to clearly identify the area that Council will manage
7. Council develops and seeks approval for a Plan of Management
8. Once Council is appointed as CLM and has an approved Plan of Management, Council can seek consent for works on the reserve by applying for Landowner's Consent from the Department for construction

Funding

There is around \$550k left out of the \$1.25m Council allocation for the project.

Program

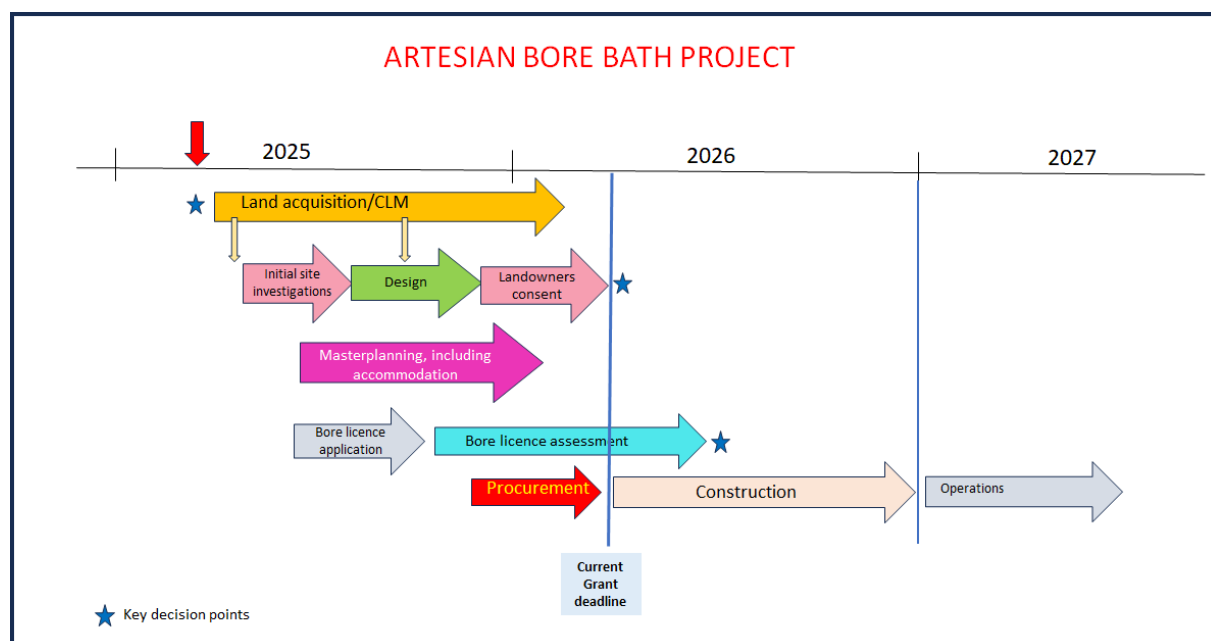
An indicative strategic program is below, based on completing construction by the end of 2026. The critical path activities:

- Start the CLM process and become CLMs as soon as possible (by end of August 2025)
- Do the site investigations and start planning and design in April/
- Start the bore design and wastewater treatment design in April/May
- Submit the bore application mid-year
- Get an approved Plan of Management and subdivide the land (by the end of September)
- Submit a landowner's consent application for the works by the end of October 2025

The process to become Crown Land managers has begun with discussions with Crown Lands in Dubbo and the current CLM. The aim is to get an interim tenure licence soon to allow site investigations and planning to re-start

Consultants are being procured for three work streams:

- Site investigations and REF – start April
- Design of bore, bore bath and wastewater treatment design – start in May
- Master planning for the site layout including accommodation, amenities, landscaping, roads, parking, camping – start May



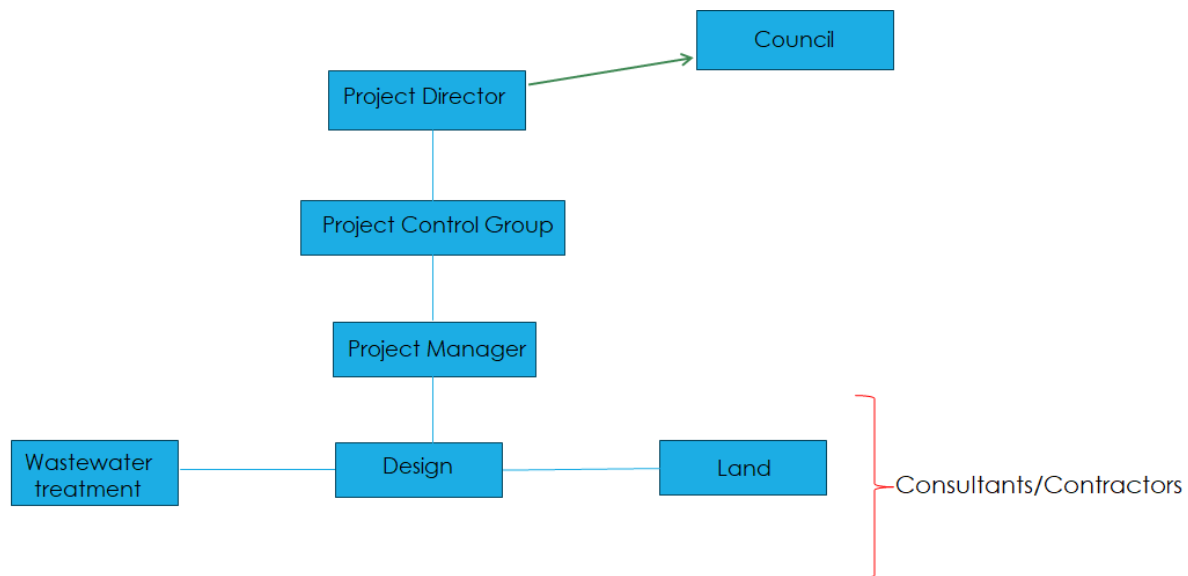
Project organisation and governance

There will be an in-house council Project Control Group (PCG), chaired by the Director Planning, Community Development and Environment. It will include the key

areas involved in the project, e.g. the Planning Manager and Project Manager, key consultant leads.

In terms of overall governance, the Project Director will take key decisions needed that are beyond the project's remit to the Council. These would typically be major changes to scope, time or cost.

Scope and cost changes must be properly managed, documented and authorised. The right processes and systems need to be set up to achieve these outcomes. There is a key role for the PCG in this.



CONCLUSION

Council has decided that it wants to progress developing a bore bath project at the site beside the golf course. A recommended approach to developing this project has been put forward in this report and documented in the attached project plan. Work has already started on the key elements on the critical path.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

The project is a key initiative in the Community Strategic Plan.

(b) Legal Implications

All laws and regulations relevant to the project will be followed. Proper processes and probity need to be adopted in procurement along with development.

(c) Social Implications

There would be major social benefits to the community.

(d) Environmental Implications

The project needs to be designed to have a positive impact on the environment with effective landscaping and green spaces. All project impacts must be mitigated.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

Council would own the assets built on the site. Council will be required to fund future maintenance and renewal costs.

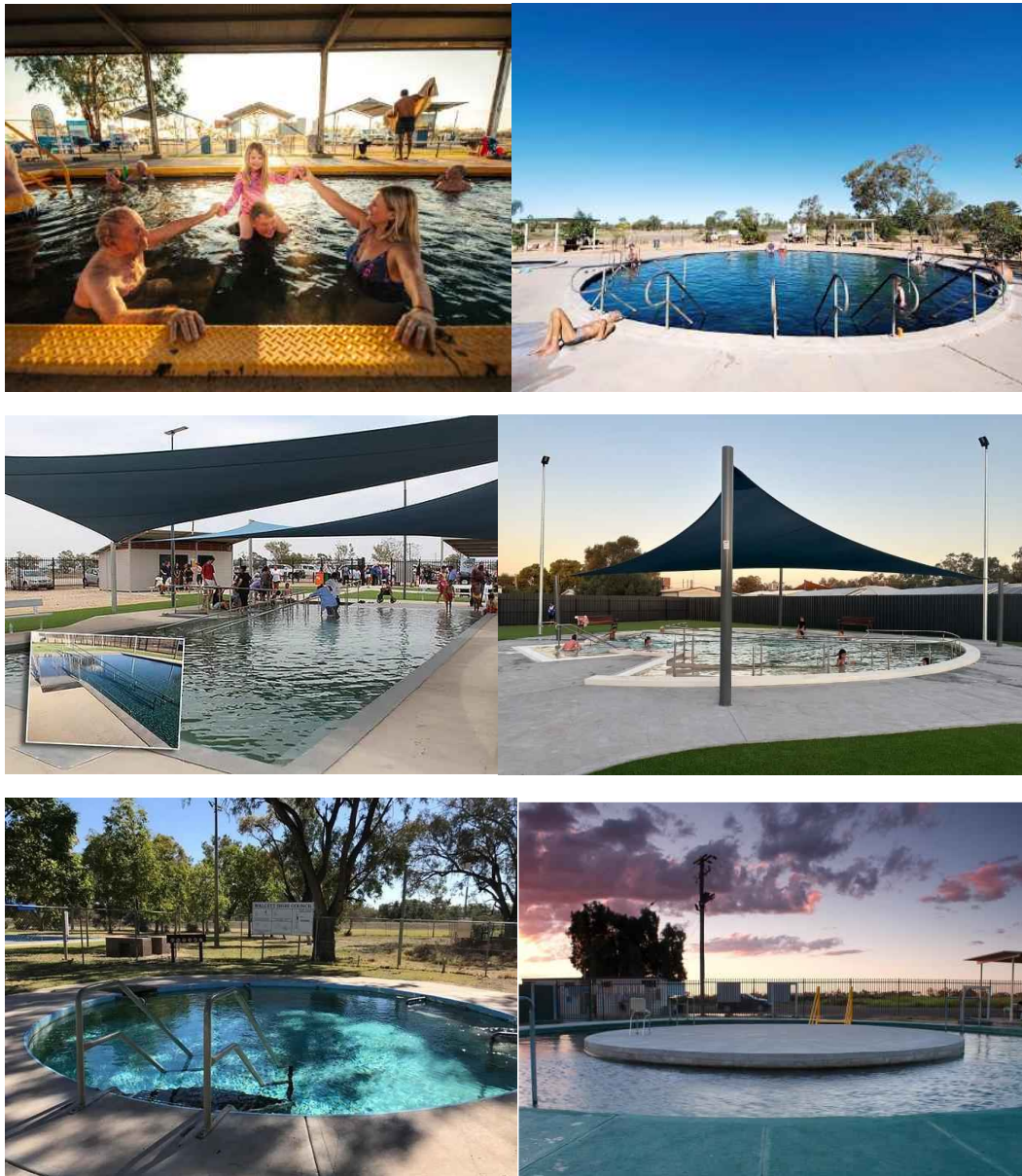
(f) Risk Implications

Like any complex major project there are different risks associated with it that will need to be managed – e.g. cost, land tenure, environmental.

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- 1. Notes the status of the Bore Bath Project**
- 2. Approves the project plan**
- 3. Notes the work already done to get the project progressing on the new site**
- 4. Approves the continuation of the process to become Crown Land Managers and seek an interim tenure licence**
- 5. Approves the process to submit an application to acquire the land**
- 6. Notes the intention to submit a grant variation to the grant body and its scope**
- 7. Notes that a further report will be provided on the strategic opportunities available and potential disposal of the land owned by council on River Road**

**BORE BATH PROJECT
PROJECT PLAN
27 March 2025**



Bore Bath Project Project Plan

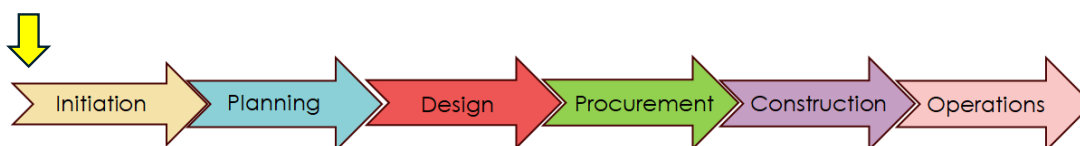
Introduction

Strategic draft program, not detailed

Elements to be covered:

1. Objectives
2. Scope
3. KPIs
4. Benchmarking
5. Cost and budget
6. Key work elements
7. Program and key milestones
8. Funding
9. Project approvals
10. Project Resourcing and Organisation
11. Project Control
12. Communications plan
13. Procurement
14. Risk management

The project will be developed in logical stages as follows:



The first step as part of the project initiation stage is to produce a project plan and get it approved by Council to set it off on the right footing with clear definition.

A good practice project plan or project charter includes the following:

1. Objectives

The core purpose is to build a public free to use artesian bore bath facility. The next key priority is some accommodation.

There are two scenarios that are linked to the grant:

- If we keep the grant of \$5.5m – then maintain the majority of the current scope to satisfy the grant body requirements but reduce the current scope to match the funds available (\$6.75m)
- If we lose the grant – de-scope to just a bore bath and essential supporting infrastructure to match Council funds

Until the grant variation is submitted and decided on (in May/June), we will not know what funding is available for the project in order to settle on the scope.

2. Scope

This defines the elements of the project, the facilities, scale and quality. In order of priority the scope is:

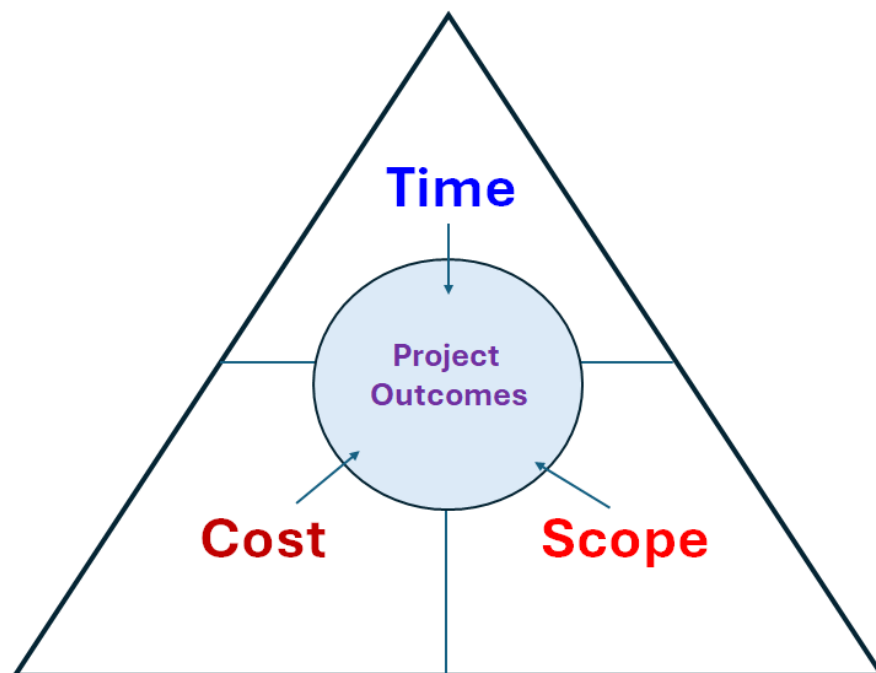
1. **public bore bath**
2. **accommodation**
3. amenities building (e.g. toilets/shower)
4. RV parking

In project management terms there are three elements that can be varied that affect the project outcomes – Scope, Cost and Time.

In combination they are fixed as the constraints and resources available are fixed overall at any given time. There is a set time, cost and scope.

Each individual element can be varied, but this affects the other 2, so if you change one of the 3 variables, it will affect the others. Trade-offs can be made, at the start of the project. For example, if the scope increases (as happens almost always), the cost will go up and it can take longer to build. As the project progresses it becomes harder to vary any of the three elements without adversely affecting the overall project outcomes.

To give the best chance of keeping the grant, we will submit a variation that seeks some additional time (to the end of 2026), reduces the scope to match the funding available, but maintain the core elements of the approved project – namely the bore bath and accommodation.



3. Quality criteria/KPIs

It is important to set the KPIs early and be clear what the actual outcomes are for the project and how success will be measured.

The proposed KPIs are:

- public usage (demand)
- tourism spend and stays
- efficient and effective wastewater treatment and re-use (sustainability)
- Shire attraction and economic development generally

In terms of quality, being clear early on this is vital as it drives the scope and cost, and we need to avoid gold-plating. The facilities will be designed to be fitness for purpose and Value for Money.

4. Benchmarking

Projects typically conduct a review of best and current practice at the start to learn from others, for example how things work, what works well and not so well, technology improvements, standards etc.

A desktop review will continue, and site visits will be organised to as many existing bore baths as possible, starting in Walgett.

5. Key work elements

The major work elements, particularly for the rest of 2025 are:

- Crown Land Management – becoming the CLM asap
- Site investigations – geotechnical, REF
- Design - incorporating wastewater treatment design from the outset, with the bore bath and bore design
- Planning – site masterplan including accommodation
- Bore application
- Land acquisition
- Costing

6. Program and key milestones

The following sets out a strategic indicative program and key milestones.

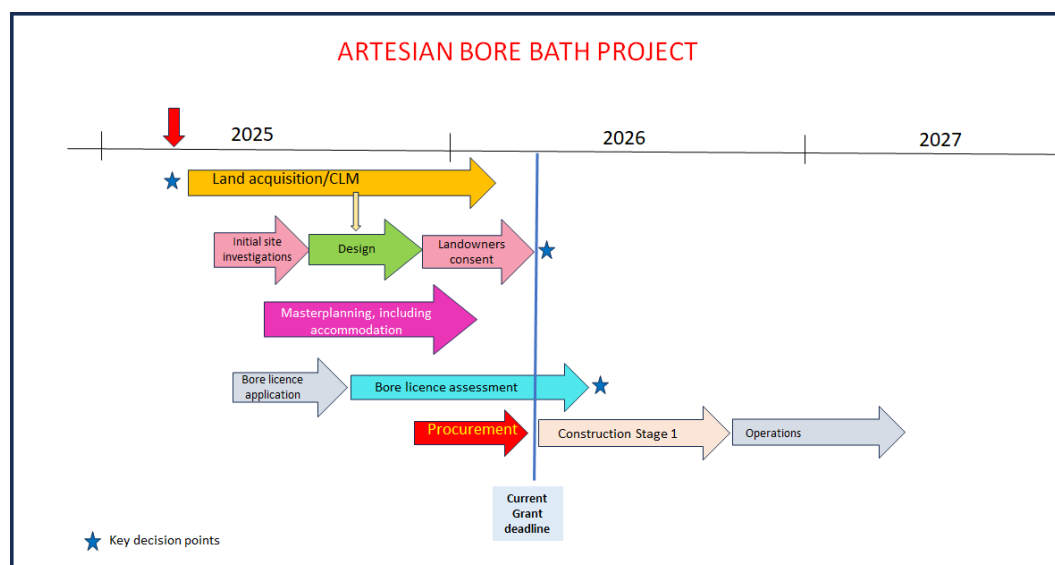
If we keep the grant – the aim should be to start construction before March 2026. This is challenging but achievable if processes are run efficiently and approvals are timely.

Achieving this program may involve taking some cost risks on parallel activities, i.e. starting activities without the certainty of certain approvals being forthcoming. But it is unavoidable because running all activities in sequence cannot deliver the project in any reasonable timeframe.

An indicative realistic program is shown below. It has been derived based on working back from March 2026 to start construction and how the activities would need to be programmed.

What needs to happen to deliver this fast-tracked program is as follows, that establishes the key milestones for the project:

- Start the CLM process and become CLMs as soon as possible (by end of August 2025)
- Do the site investigations and start planning and design in April
- Start the bore design and wastewater treatment design in May
- Start the masterplan for the site layout including accommodation
- Submit the bore application by end May
- Get an approved Plan of Management and subdivide the land (by the end of September)
- Submit landowners consent application for the works by the end of November 2025



If we have to fully fund the project, then a 2–3-year development program should be adopted.

A detailed program (Gantt chart) will be produced once the project is defined in more detail.

7. Cost and budget

This covers the estimated cost of the project and the budget to work to. The budget clearly depends on the grant funding.

If grant funding is lost, work to a \$2.5m budget with the main scope being the bore bath and wastewater treatment.

Council has allocated \$1.25m to the project. Purchasing the land for the old site cost 600k. This should be sold and funds returned to the bore bath project.

8. Funding

There are five main options:

- Grant funding – current state funding of \$5.5m
- Council funds – previously allocated \$1.25m, 550k left
- Sale of land at the River Road site (cost \$600k) - recommended
- A future grant of around \$1million – possibly the Australian Government is the best opportunity
- Private sector investment – further down the track potentially if a PPP is possible

All funding options will be actively pursued.

A variation request will be submitted to the Grant body to attempt to keep the \$5.5m

- The variation request will be based on:
 - Extra time (to end of 2026)
 - Reduced scope (to fit the \$6.75m)
 - New site
- Seek to keep the same grant of \$5.5m (partial grants and staging doesn't really work).
- The scope must include some accommodation (e.g. cabins), and possibly a basic managers facility, not wellness stuff
- Build in as much of the original full scope as possible within the budget and time extension requested
- Be as transparent as possible in the variation request, be realistic and build confidence in our ability to deliver the project.
- Variation should attach the project plan and the revised budget and scope.

9. Project approvals

The timing of the approvals needed drive the whole program. The three main ones are:

- CLM (from Crown Lands, with the agreement of the current CLM. The immediate priority is to seek a 12-month interim tenure)
- Landowners consent to the works (Crown Lands)
- Bore licence (DPIE)

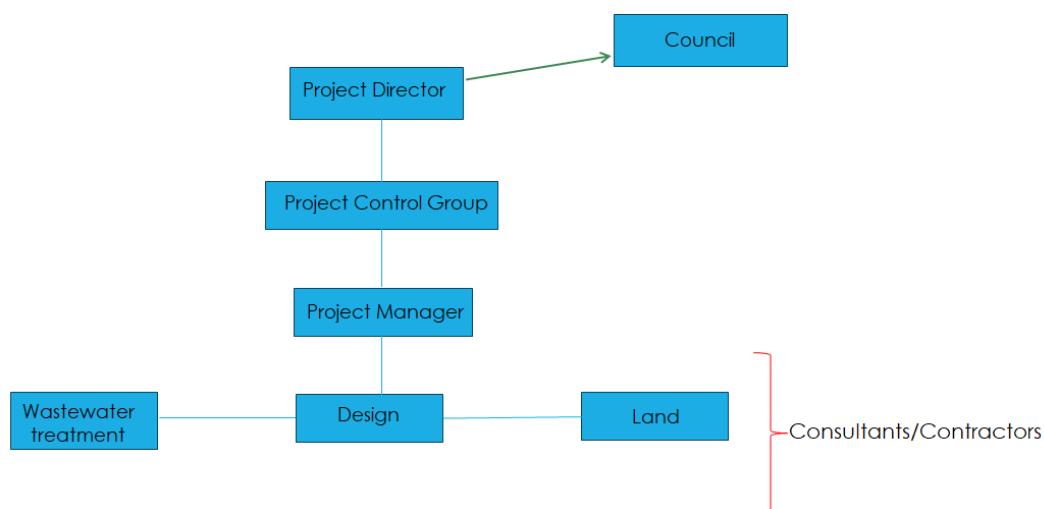
10. Project Resourcing and Organisation

This describes how the project will be resourced, managed and governed.

There will be an in-house council Project Control Group (PCG), chaired by the Director Planning, Community Development and Environment. It will include the key areas involved in the project, e.g. the Planning Manager and Project Manager, key consultant leads.

In terms of overall governance, the Project Director will take key decisions needed that are beyond the project's remit to the Council. These would typically be major changes to scope, time or cost.

The right external resources need to be procured and be part of the project team.



It is also best practice to have project reviews at key stages, e.g. a gateway review before procurement starts.

11. Project Control

Scope and cost changes must be properly managed, documented and authorised. The right processes and systems need to be set up to achieve these outcomes. There is a key role for the PCG in this.

12. Communications plan

A strategy and key communications messages for key stakeholders and the public will be developed. There will be an early project newsletter to all residents, and regular updates in Councils channels such as the Weekly Connect, website and Facebook.

An external reference group of key stakeholders/local interested parties will also be established.

13. Procurement

This involves defining how external consultants and contractors will be sourced, and how the various work elements and stages will be packaged up. The role for any PPP and private sector investment will be further considered but is not necessary to decide on now.

Consultants will initially be procured for the site investigations, bore and wastewater design and land advisory services.

Procurement options

- Design
- Construct
- Operate and Maintain
- Construct and Operate

14. Risk management

An initial plan to manage key risks is shown below.

Risk	Mitigation measure
Access to the site	Adopt the CLM process which will be faster and request interim tenure
State approvals	Build good relationships Brief officers regularly Follow up diligently Provide the right information at the start
Funding	Ensure scope and cost matches available funding
Cost	Define scope as detailed as possible and stick to it Effective project management Robust procurement

	Allow 40% risk and contingency allowance to cover optimism bias*
Community support	Regular comms and updates Plan an effective supported project that meets the community's expectations and involves them

** As risks are managed or do not eventuate the budget provision for risk is reduced.*


A risk register will be used and monitored by the PCG.

10.7 YOUTH ACCOMMODATION PROJECT

File Number: 1.2

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Authoriser: Paul Gallagher, General Manager

Annexures: 1. YA program [↓](#) 

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the Youth Accommodation project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Delivery of the project is continuing with work on both sites scheduled to start in early May and completion due by the end of August.

BACKGROUND

Council was successful in receiving grant funding of \$1.55m through the 'Our Region, Our Voice' Regional Youth Investment Program in December 2022.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

Goal P1: Community Services and Wellbeing

P1.3 Create safe places, spaces and feelings.

(b) Financial Considerations

The tendered price by both tenderers exceeded the grant funding.

COMMENTARY

Background to the grant and original scope

The project originally arose out of community consultation for investment in regional youth to achieve their potential within the region.

Requests came from the community, especially the Coonamble Interagency and Coonamble Domestic Violence Collective, for investment in accommodation to address the needs of youth.

The Grant was \$1.55m for the construction of 2 x 2BR and 3BR pairings of youth accommodation units in Coonamble (46 Yarran Street) and in Gulargambone (31-33 Kirban Street); including \$500,000 to fit out and furnish four units. There is no provision for on-going costs (e.g. running the centre, maintenance costs).

Council will own the buildings but must make them available for five years after they are completed (a condition of the grant), after which time Council will need to determine whether to continue using them for emergency accommodation or for Council's own staff accommodation needs.

They will operate through an accredited crisis accommodation coordinator. the Department of Communities and Justice has advised that only Mission Australia in Coonamble, and Orana Support Services in Dubbo, are accredited to offer such a

service in Coonamble. Council will begin the process to call for Expressions of Interest for a service provider shortly to ensure that a provider is appointed before the units are completed.

Tender process

The procurement process for this RFT was a single stage competitive separable portion tender to open market via TenderLink and newspaper advertisement. The submissions by the two tenderers were far higher than the budget allowance of \$1.65M.

At the 9 October council meeting, it was resolved:

12.1 TEN240929CF - COONAMBLE AND GULARGAMBONE YOUTH ACCOMMODATION

RESOLUTION 2024/242

Moved: Cr Phillipa Goldsmith

Seconded: Cr Paul Fisher

That

- 1. Council rejects all tenders due to insufficient funds to construct both Youth Accommodation Facilities in both Coonamble and Gulargambone.**
- 2. Council authorises the General Manager and the Mayor to enter into negotiations with any person (whether or not the person was a tenderer), with a view to entering into contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender, and**
- 3. Council notes the section of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021:**
 - Clause 178, (4)(a) the council's reasons for declining to invite fresh tender submissions or applications as referred to in subsection (3)(b)-(d);**
 - and (b), the council's reasons for determining to enter into negotiations with the person or persons referred to in subsection (3)(e).**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

Subsequent negotiation

Negotiations occurred with 3 companies and the scope was reduced to two 2-bedroom units in Coonamble and one 3-bedroom unit at Gulargambone. Of the 3 companies 2 were able to deliver the project for the \$1.6M while the third costed the works at \$1.46M.

Selected contractor

The chosen contractor is Valley View Projects, a builder who has several years' experience in construction with the U Panel modular wall system in the Hunter and Sydney areas. In addition to Valley View Projects, Ultimate Housing (owner of the U Panel product) are supporting the project to promote U Panels as a lower cost alternative to traditional build methods and its use as a solution to the housing problem.



Completed house using the U Panel wall system. Panels can be painted or left raw

Description of houses, design and form

The areas of the houses will be 97 square metres Gulargambone and 75 square metres for each of the 2 at Coonamble. The main building components are summarised below:

- Concrete slab & driveway
- External and internal wall systems to be U Panel exposed on both exterior and interior
- Conventional truss roof with hip ends and 450mm eave overhangs. Approximately a 22-degree pitch
- 0.48 BMT Corrugated metal roofing and flashing as appropriate with 90mm slotted quad gutter and R1.3 roofing blanket
- R3.5 Ceiling insulation and R3.5 Insulbloc insulation in the walls



The U-Panel is a high speed patented modular wall system developed in Australia.

There is no need for bricklayers, and it is very fast to install, claimed to be 4 times quicker than bricks or blocks.

Each panel connects without mortar or adhesives. Panels are simply locked together with U Panel's patented key and wedge system using a hammer.

As a dry fit system, U-Panel can be installed in all weather conditions.

U-Panels are made from an innovative concrete mix that reduces CO₂ emissions into the environment. U-CRETE has no sand, aggregate or steel and the mix is made from over 50% recycled Fly Ash and develops over 66 MPa in strength.

Another advantage of U-Panel is that it easy to install services. Panels come pre-plumbed from U Panels factory ready to install. Electrical is done on site by feeding the cables down the open cavity.

Included in the cost are all furniture, flooring, fans, air conditioners, carport.

What is not included is landscaping – but there is an option for Council to draw on the provisional sum the contractor allowed.

House images



Concept image of Gulargambone Unit



Concept floor plan of 3 Bedroom Unit



Concept site location 3 Bedroom Unit



Concept site location 2x 2 Bedroom Unit, Coonamble (Note: flat roof shown, not the planned truss roof design)



Concept front view 2x 2 Bedroom Unit, Coonamble (Note: original flat roof shown, not the planned truss roof design)

Program

The status of the project is that contracts have been exchanged with the builder. The builder has started design finalisation and material purchases. Once a detailed design is complete, a DA will be submitted to council by the builder.

A grant variation has been submitted to change the scope and timeframe. The original grant had a 2-bedroom and a 3-bedroom unit at both the Coonamble and Gulargambone Sites. As this was not affordable within the grant funding the scope has been changed to two 2-bedroom units in Coonamble and a 3-bedroom unit in Gulargambone. The variation has also requested a timeframe extension from the end of June to the end of September 2025. This grant variation was approved on 28 March 2025.

The key milestones (see Figure 1) are:

- Start on site 6 May
- Slab pours end May
- Wall system installation 29 May & 6 June (Coonamble and Gular)
- Roof installation 10 and 17 June
- Windows and doors end June
- Tiling mid-July
- Completion 13 August

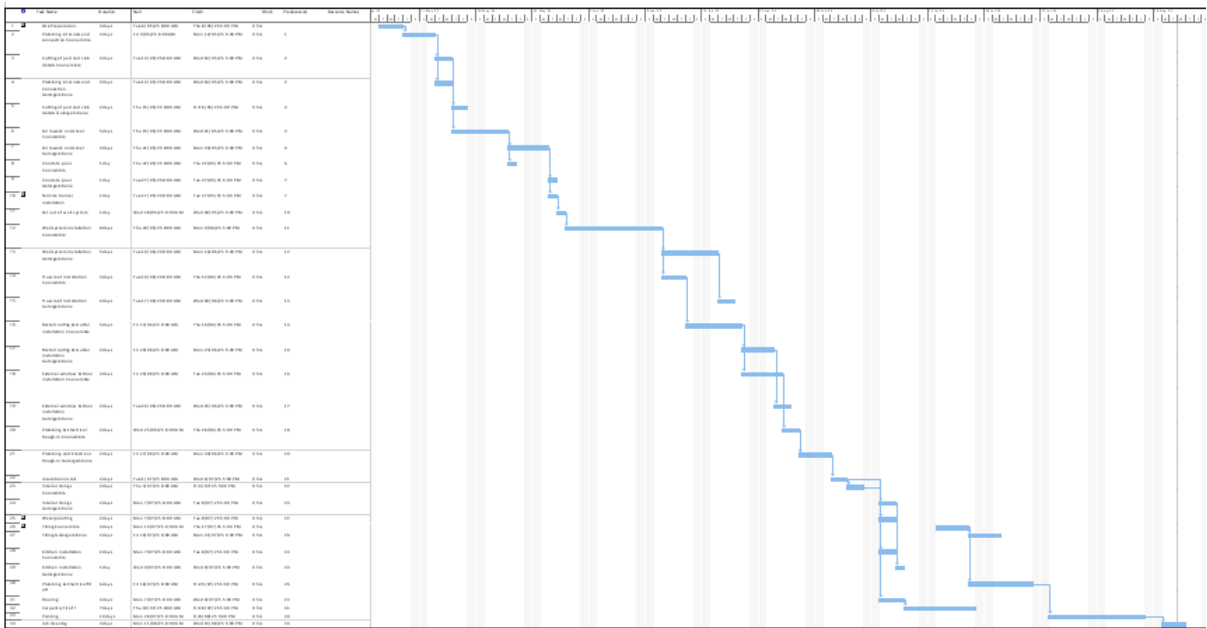


Figure 1 - Contractor supplied Gant chart of proposed construction

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

The tender process was undertaken in accordance with councils Procurement Policy and legislative requirements under section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act).

(b) Legal Implications

Adhering to procurement procedures and policies reduces the likelihood of legal implications.

(c) Social Implications

Not providing the Youth accommodation has a negative impact on social implications.

(d) Environmental Implications

Environmental practices were assessed as part of the selection criteria.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

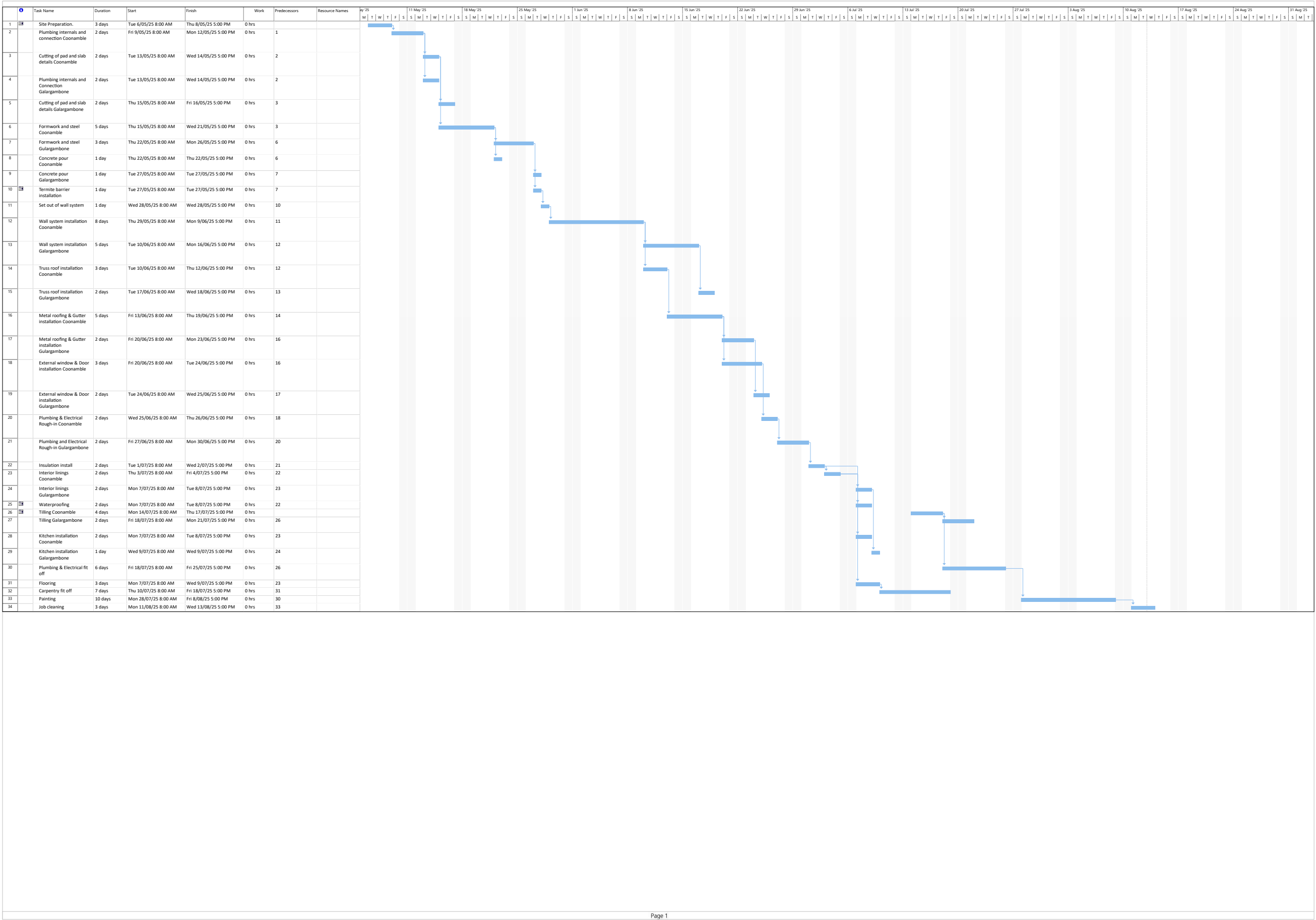
After a period of operation, the units will be returned to council for staff accommodation. If this occurs, council will have additional maintenance and renewal implications.

(f) Risk Implications

Additional delays may impact on completing the build by the grant completion date.

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- 1. Notes the status and program.**
- 2. Notes that a variation to the grant has been approved, giving an extension of time to the end of September 2025, and also approving the scope change**





10.8 COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING STRATEGY

File Number: 75491

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Annexures: 1. Community Connect March 2022 [↓](#) 

PURPOSE

To review the mechanisms by which Council communicates with the community on key initiatives and projects and propose a new approach.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Coonamble Shire Council currently communicates Council decisions, operational updates and calls for supply (tenders, requests for quotations and expressions of interest) using the following media:

- The *Coonamble Times* (*Weekly Connect* half-page paid advertisement), along with occasional displays and classified advertising.
- Facebook.
- Media Releases to local and regional newspapers, radio and television stations.
- Council's website.

When there was sufficient time and human resources, Council also distributed a monthly, double-sided A4 newsletter, *Community Connect*, through unaddressed bulk mail delivery to all addresses in Coonamble Shire.

The constraint to delivering best value for money for Council is the time spent by internal resources on the preparation of these routine communications. Potential solutions may include:

- Maintain the current communications strategy (no savings or immediate benefit).
- Change the size and frequency of the current half-page *Weekly Connect* paid advertisement to a monthly full-page paid advertisement.
- Reintroducing the monthly *Community Connect*, this was delivered by bulk mail to all Shire addresses, would potentially deliver a time saving for current staff. This can increase awareness and direct messaging across the Shire from Council to residents, especially for those not using Facebook or buying the local newspaper.

BACKGROUND

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The draft Community Strategic Plan has a goal of “making and implementing informed decisions with trustworthiness, integrity and probity”, facilitated by a draft strategy of “proactively communicating our decisions, to relevant stakeholders.”

(b) Financial Considerations

There would be a small saving to the communications budget if Council changed from a weekly half-page paid advertisement in the *Coonamble Times* to a monthly full-page paid advertisement, focussed on communicating the good work across Council.

An additional \$8,400 per annum (\$700 per month) would be required to fund reintroduction of the monthly *Community Connect* newsletter as a bulk mailout to all Shire postal addresses. This can be funded within our existing budget for the trial itself.

COMMENTARY

About six hours of time is spent each week on the preparation of the *Weekly Connect* half-page advertisement for the *Coonamble Times*, equating to 288 hours per year.

If Council changed to a *Monthly Connect* full-page advertisement in the *Coonamble Times*, this would equate to about 100 hours per year. There would be a small saving of about \$1,000 in changing from a weekly half-page to a monthly full-page advertisement.

Preparation of the double-sided A4 *Community Connect* for bulk mailout to all households across the Shire would require about 120 hours per year.

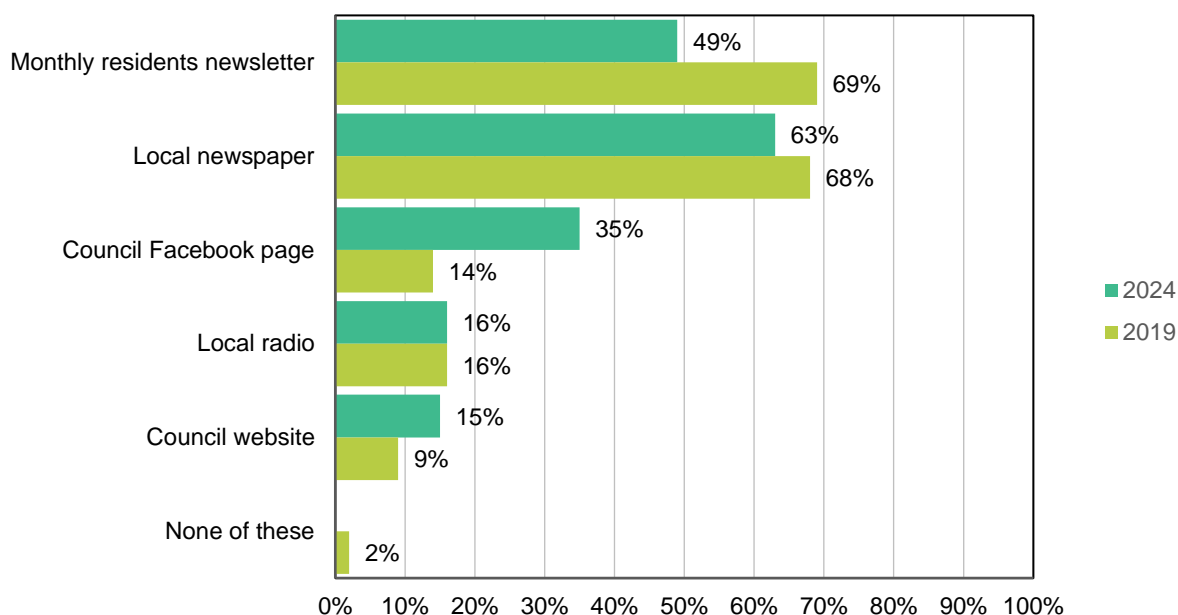
In summary:

Mode	Frequency	Time resource required	Cost
<i>Weekly Connect</i>	Weekly	288 hrs / year	-
<i>Monthly Connect</i>	Monthly	100 hrs / year	-
<i>Community Connect</i>	Monthly	120 hrs / year	+\$8,400 / year

The Customer Satisfaction Survey held in December 2024 (171 respondents) asked the question:

How would you prefer to be informed about any changes to Council services, policies or activities?

Responses showed that a monthly newsletter and the local newspaper were the two preferred methods of being informed (see graph), closely followed by Facebook.

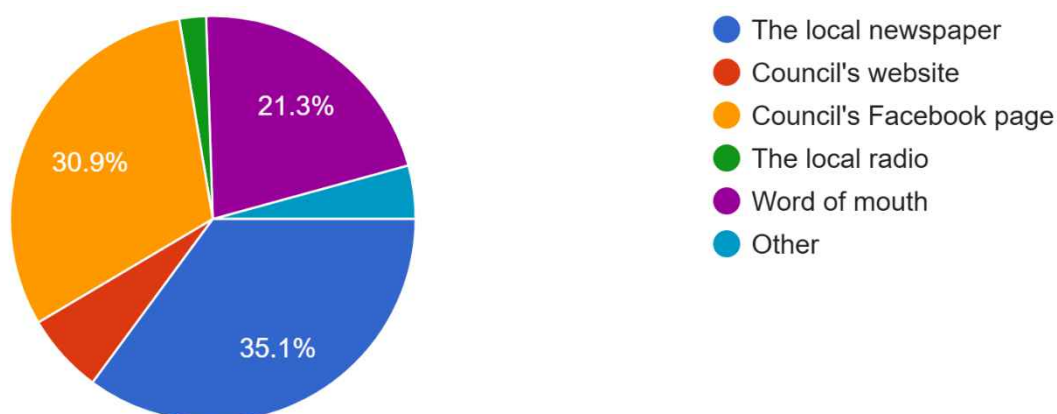


Graph: Responses to the Customer Satisfaction Survey conducted during December 2024, compared to responses in 2019.

In March, Council's survey in relation to the development of the Community Strategic Plan also asked the question:

What is your main source of news about what Council is doing for the community?

Of the 99 respondents, more than one-third sourced Council news from the local newspaper, while just under one-third also relied on Facebook as the source of news.



Graph: Responses to the Community Strategic Plan survey held in March 2025.

Both surveys demonstrate the value of the local newspaper to the community of Coonamble Shire and points to the value of a monthly newsletter delivered by bulk mailout to all households.

Facebook is also considered a significant source of news from Council. In addition to notifications of operational works, media releases are also posted to Council's Facebook.

Each of these media – the local newspaper, Facebook and a monthly newsletter – reach a different audience, that may not otherwise receive news from the other two sources.

It is proposed to reduce the frequency of paid advertising space used by Council in the local newspaper, which effectively reduces the time spent by Council human resources in its preparation – time which could be spent on other Council priorities.

If Council decided to advertise monthly (rather than weekly) in the local newspaper, and to produce a monthly newsletter for monthly bulk mailout, about 220 hours a year of human resource time would be required, compared to the current 288 hours a year to develop only the content for the weekly advertisement. This saving of 68 hours (about nine working days) could be directed towards other Council priorities.

Re-introduction of the *Community Connect* monthly newsletter would cost Council an additional \$700/month. Changing from a weekly half-page advertisement in the newspaper to a monthly full-page advertisement is about the same cost but requires almost one-third the time of staff to prepare.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

There are no governance or policy implications associated with this report.

(b) Legal Implications

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

(c) Social Implications

Reintroduction of the monthly *Community Connect* newsletter to all households across the Shire has the positive effect of increasing connectivity between Coonamble Shire Council and the people it serves.

(d) Environmental Implications

Reintroduction of the *Community Connect* newsletter increases Council's carbon footprint and use of paper.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

There are no economic or asset management implications associated with this report.

(f) Risk Implications

The risk of important Economic Development and Tourism initiatives being slowed while current staff dedicate time to service Council's current communications strategy is moderate.

CONCLUSION

The preferred way forward to ensure the most effective communication with residents and ratepayers is to:

- a) Change the size and frequency of the current half-page *Weekly Connect* paid advertisement to a monthly full-page paid advertisement (*Monthly Connect*); and
- b) Re-introduce the monthly double-sided A4 *Community Connect* newsletter as a bulk mailout to all households (with its associated budget requirement).

It is proposed as a trial for the remainder of 2025 to see how effective it is.

In parallel, we will review and improve the website to make it more user friendly and better used.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approves the proposed communications strategy change from the current half-page Weekly Connect newspaper advertisement to a monthly full-page paid advertisement, and**
- 2. Approves the re-introduction of the monthly double-sided A4 Community Connect newsletter as a bulk mailout to all households and businesses, as a trial for the remainder of 2025.**

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY CONNECT

A newsletter for the interest of residents and visitors

March 2022

Community views sought on business case for Coonamble artesian bathing experience

Council resolved at its March meeting to place the business case for the proposed Coonamble artesian bathing experience on public exhibition.

This will give the community the opportunity to consider the feasibility, business case and concept design presented by consultants, Belgravia Leisure.

A majority of Councillors expressed a desire for the project to proceed in principle.

About eight hectares of Crown Land has been identified for development of the facility near the golf club and jockey club to the west of Coonamble.

However, while agreeing with the business plan in principle, Council is open to consider the development of the artesian bathing experience at an alternative location – especially if this can hasten its completion.

Acquisition of the current site involves a number of steps that could take from eight months to two years.

The feasibility, business case and concept design presented to Council included a number of key points, among which are:

- It is unlikely that the water regulator would approve a free-flowing bore.

- Disposal of waste water is a significant issue to be addressed.

- The development would be staged.
- The facility would be the 'hero' development along the Great Artesian Drive, becoming a significant draw for tourists to visit and stay in Coonamble.

Stage 1 inclusions

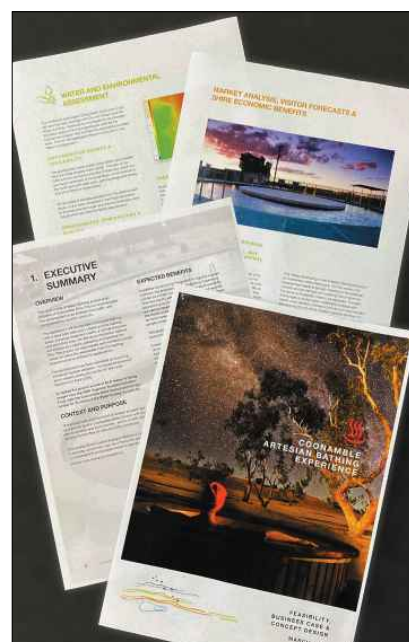
Stage 1 would include:

- An entry, reception and changerooms.
- A main bathing area for up to 25 people.
- Two other pools, each for up to 12 people.
- A cold plunge-pool for up to 4 people.
- A sauna and steam room.
- Four private baths.
- An outdoor deck.
- Three massage treatment rooms.
- 10 eco-cabins to sleep up to 24 people.
- 5 glamping tents to offer accommodation for up to 10 people.
- 20 Recreational Vehicle camping spaces.

Hard copies of the 163-page document are available to view at Council's Administration Office, Coonamble and Gulargambone Libraries, and the Quambone Store.

Electronic copies are available to view and download from Council's website.

Submissions can be made online, by email or in writing to the General Manager up to 22 April, 2022.



■ The business case for the Coonamble Artesian Bathing Experience is now on public exhibition.

Register now for school holiday fun program

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL April School Holiday Program 2022		
Monday 11th Aboriginal Art Workshop w/ Hayden Wood from Bokhara Dreaming Afternoon Tea Provided Gulargambone Youth Centre 10:00am - 1:30pm	Tuesday 12th Easter Hat Making Afternoon Tea Provided Gulargambone Youth Centre 12:00pm - 2:30pm	Wednesday 13th D.I.Y Lava Lamps & Craft Afternoon Tea Provided Coonamble Showgrounds 11:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday 14th Easter Hunt w/ Community Services Join Interrelate Council, REDI.E, Mission Aust. and Mackillop for a family friendly Easter hunt! Under 10's must be accompanied by an adult First Location: Coonamble Shire Library 10:00am - 12:00pm		
Tuesday 19th Gulargambone Youth Centre Bingo Afternoon Tea Provided 11:30am - 1:00pm	Wednesday 20th Youth Homelessness Matters Day Mural painting activity and soup kitchen at Interrelate with Council, REDI.E and Mackillop 538 Castlereagh Street 10:00am - 12:00pm	Thursday 21st Bush Tucker Cooking w/ Joshua Toole from Blackfit Fitness Coonamble Showgrounds 11:00am - 1:30pm
Friday 22nd Disco REDI.E Youth Centre Finger Food Provided 5:00pm - 7:30pm		

The April school holiday fun program will be held again from Monday, 11 April, through to Friday, 22 April, with activities in both Coonamble and Gulargambone.

Coonamble Shire Council and REDI.E Youth Services have organised four days of activities each week of the holidays.

Hayden Wood, from Bokhara Dreaming, will start activities with an Aboriginal Art Workshop at Gulargambone Youth Centre from 10am on the Monday.

Easter hat making, do it yourself laval lamps and crafts, bingo, bush tucker cooking and a disco are all planned.

A special event on Wednesday, 20 April – Youth Homelessness Matters Day – will be mural painting and helping in Interrelate's soup kitchen.

Check Council's website and Facebook posts for the registration form.

Events will be spread across Gulargambone Youth Centre, Coonamble Showground, Interrelate premises and the REDI.E Youth Centre in Coonamble.

MARK THESE DATES

22 March – Tour de OROC Coonamble lunch stop with barbecue at the Coonamble Pool from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

24 - 27 March – Coonamble Challenge and Campdraft 2022.

31 March – Seniors Week celebration at Coonamble Bowling Club.

08 April – 'Eat Street' social event in Coonamble's main street, 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

13 April – Ordinary Meeting of Council in Quambone.

Emergency contacts:

Water & Sewerage 0428 217 420

Other Emergencies 0458 271 881

Regulatory Officer 0427 255 881

Website for all details:

www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au

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COMMUNITY CONNECT

'Outta this world' theme for Seniors Luncheon

Royden Donohue returns to entertain guests at the Seniors Week event on Thursday, 31 March from 11am at Coonamble Bowling Club.

'Outta this world' is the theme of this year's event. Fancy dress is optional, but anything with a 'space' theme is welcome.

The event includes a free luncheon for residents of the Coonamble Local Government area aged 50 years and over.

Bookings are required, and seating is limited to ensure COVID-safe distancing. Phone 6827 1900 by 23 March to book your place. Please give the name of each person attending, along with a mobile contact number. Late bookings may be taken, depending on availability.

And as every senior likes to hear from Mr Spock: "Live long and prosper!"

Angry Anderson to kick off Youth Week

Youth advocate, singer-songwriter and television presenter, Angry Anderson, will be the keynote speaker at the first Youth Council workshop to encourage and inspire the youth of our communities to come together to make a difference.

The workshop will be held at Coonamble Bowling Club on Tuesday, 5 April 2022, with doors opening from 9:45am for a 10am start. It will continue through to noon, with lunch provided afterwards.

The youth council is open to anyone from Year 7 to Year 12 ages.

Catering is being organised, so interested youth are asked to register their attendance by calling Youth Officer, Evelyn Carrol on 0437 303 824 or emailing youthofficer@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au.

The first youth workshop will look at several topics including:

- What are we hoping to achieve?
- What are issues for youth in the community?

- What are ways we can take action for those issues?

The Youth Council itself, once formed, will discuss specific issues for youth in the community; collaborate and brainstorm ideas and actions to address these issues; and develop and organise events and activities for youth and the broader community.



From the Mayor's Desk:

Stakeholders agree on new SES shed design

I have met a number of times with local and regional State Emergency Service members and staff in relation to the new SES shed.

Everyone has now agreed on a design that will meet the local members' needs. With some amendments to

the building, there is a shortfall of approximately \$300,000 after the SES increased their allocation to \$500,000.

Member for Barwon, Roy Butler, is continuing to speak with the Government for a further contribution which, at this stage, seems positive. I also raised the issue with the Premier on his recent visit.

Council will need to consider increasing its contribution to meet any shortfall to ensure the facility is built to meet the demand and needs of its members and the Local Government Area. Once final costings are provided a further report will be provided to Council. It is hoped that works will commence on the new building shortly and be opened in the next six to eight months.

On 23 February, I met with Peter Gibbs, the new CEO at REDI.E. We discussed the youth services issues I raised at the last meeting of which Peter generally agrees.

Peter is only new to the role and has already made changes internally that should see improved outcomes for the youth services they operate in our towns and villages. Recruitment and retention is a significant factor in operating the services, but there is a commitment to employ the staff who will achieve the best outcomes for the youth.

Peter and I will meet regularly, and he is keen to meet with other youth services stakeholders to listen to their concerns and build more positive relationships. Peter and I agree there is a lot more work required in this space.

Council resolved at the March meeting to investigate options to manage better the maintenance of the streets, lanes and public areas, including a kerbside bulk garbage pick-up collection service to be held at least annually.

I have received numerous complaints about the condition of streets and lanes in our town and villages. After a tour of the towns, I have to agree more work needs to be done with a general clean-up.

I understand weather conditions and, of course, budgets have not helped, and our staff do the best they can with what they have, but we must attempt to do better.

Councillor Sommerville and I visited Quambone for a meeting with the Resources Committee in February. Although we were a month early, we both took an opportunity to catch up with a few of the residents and listen to their feedback and concerns, which centred on roads and the tidy-up needed, as mentioned above. We are looking forward to attending the meeting on 16 March.

Should anyone wish to contact me to discuss any concerns or issues, please phone 0488 425 312.

Tim Horan
Mayor

Council distributes donations and other funding

Council has distributed \$25,410 to local community organisations – made available under its Donations Policy – and a further \$75,285 from COVID responsiveness funding provided by the Office of Local Government.

The Donations Policy had allowed applications from local organisations every six months. It was resolved at the March meeting to increase this frequency to every three months.

Those organisations benefiting from a donation in the current round are:

St Barnabas Anglican Parish.....	\$1,500
Gulgambone RTC	\$1,500
Gulgambone Pioneers Memorial Presbyterian Church.....	\$1,500
Gulgambone Jockey Club	\$5,000
Coonamble Meals on Wheels.....	\$3,200
Coonamble CWA (Evening Branch)	\$2,500
Coonamble Community Radio	\$1,500
Quambone Resources Committee.....	\$1,000
Marthaguy Picnic Race Club	\$3,000
Quambone Polocrosse Club.....	\$2,000
Coonamble Auto Club.....	\$500
Coonamble Community Men's Shed.....	\$1,500

The Office of Local Government made \$90,000 available to each regional Council at the end of 2021, with the purpose of increasing the effectiveness of local businesses and community organisations to respond to COVID and other emergencies.

This funding allowed recovery of costs for COVID-related expenses, both back-dated to 1 July 2021 or forecast for any potential projects to make premises and people safer.

Council will soon distribute to all residents a fridge magnet with emergency numbers for a range of services. The cost of production of the magnet and its distribution by mail (\$1,267) have been fully funded from the Office of Local Government grant.

Council also recovered \$13,447 for expenses relating to providing sanitiser, face masks and other personal protective equipment for staff and for use at Council offices and other community facilities.

Council advertised the opportunity for businesses and organisations to apply for funding from mid-December through to the closing date of 18 February, on Facebook, website news, its website Grants Opportunities, in the *Community Connect* newsletter and *Weekly Connect* newspaper advertisement.

Five applications were received, and the following distribution of funds was made:

Coonamble Children's Services	\$20,000
Mobil Coonamble.....	\$15,000
Rotary Club of Coonamble	\$26,325
Gulgambone Pioneers Memorial Presbyterian Church.....	\$10,000
Coonamble Meals on Wheels.....	\$3,960

The next Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council will be held on Wednesday, 13 April 2022, in Quambone

10.9 WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT APRIL 2025**File Number:** G 1-1**Author:** Janelle Whitehead-Manager Waste, Recycling & Employment**Authoriser:** Barry Broe, Director Community, Planning, Development and Environment**Annexures:**
1. Waste summary info - April 2025 [↓](#) 
2. EPA Grant Application [↓](#) **PURPOSE**

To provide information on the activities within Council's Waste, Recycling and Employment Opportunities Section for the last month.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Both delivery of existing operations and system improvements are continuing across the Shire.

Implementation of re-cycling is also continuing to reduce landfill deposits and keep existing resources circulating within the economy, thereby reducing the need to use new resources.

BACKGROUND

Council is continuing to operate and improve the three waste facility sites at Coonamble, Gulargambone, and Quambone, and provide waste collection services.

There are many new initiatives in terms of services and facilities that could be implemented in waste. The focus is on a staged, fundable, and manageable roll-out of initiatives that is well communicated and efficiently delivered.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

All actions and strategies related to waste and the environment.

(b) Financial Considerations

Funding is needed to meet the ongoing operational costs, Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) compliance, purchase of plant and equipment and implementation of any new initiatives.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

An analysis of the following key issues has been undertaken:

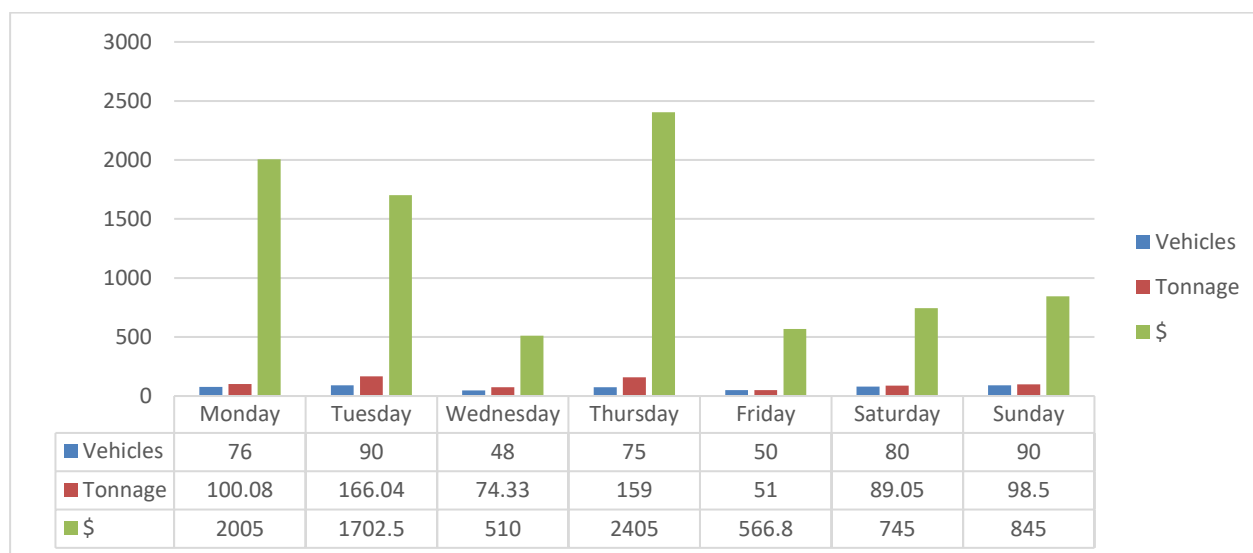
- *Addressing EPA compliance* – plan developed to clean up Stage 1 of the old landfill site using Caring for Country grant funding. A submission to EPA for a \$500k Grant has also now been submitted.
- *Recycling and tidying up* - Working with various contractors to remove a variety of waste products and get income, such as scrap metal, cardboard, eWaste, cash for cans, batteries.
- *Focusing on cost and efficiencies* – e.g. how to operate the 3 stations cost-effectively

Return & Earn

The public continue to support the return and earn 5 days a week from 7am -4pm. Container exchange continues each fortnight. Total so far is 487,190 containers - giving residents cash of \$48,719.

Demand & Income

Coonamble statistics are shown below for the number of vehicles, tonnage and income.



EPA Compliance

A transformation has occurred over the past 12 months at Coonamble waste facility site.

The current waste facility infringement notices outstanding from EPA 2018 have now all been successfully addressed with recognition last week that breaches from all points within the infringement notice from 2018 have been addressed and now compliant

The asbestos pit is now being scoped to deliver an agreed site with regulations and compliance to be met and approved by EPA before operations open the public.

Implementing a cell drainage plan is now a priority to eliminate leaching and water ponding in the active cell (see photo below). The original storage dam also needs attention.

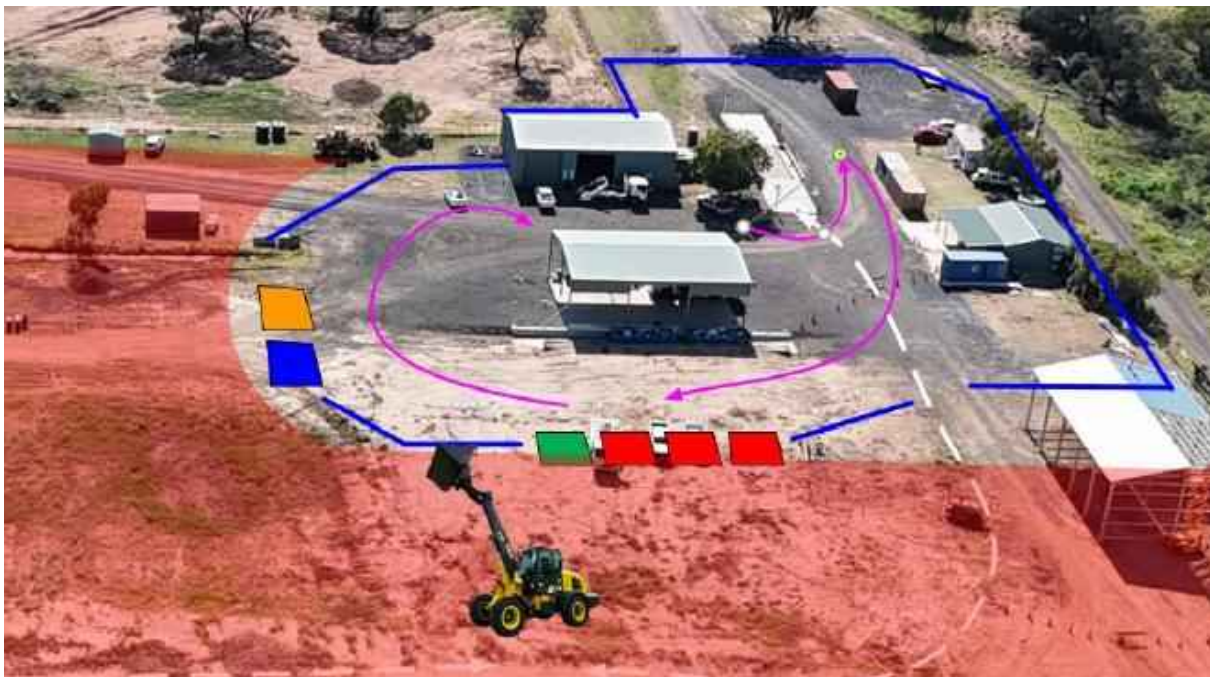
A large mound of waste and rubble containing asbestos also needs a long-term solution and we will seek a grant from EPA to remove this progressively over the longer term. If we leave this huge mound in place, it will undo all the good work cleaning up the rest of the site and leave a poor lasting impression.



The next big step for change

A detailed funding submission has been submitted to the EPA Landfill consolidation and environmental improvements as foreshadowed in the March Council report (see Attachment). This will assist with addressing infringement notices outstanding at the Coonamble waste landfill site, improving safety at the site, improving operational efficiency, better managing the different waste categories and stockpiles, and reducing contamination.

This will contain the public and vehicle movements to a core area shown in blue below.



The grant application also covers Quambone with a similar strategy as shown below.



Motor oils

A new contractor has been sourced through the Netwaste group for the collection of used oils. Residents can empty their used motor oils into the tank provided and the contractor will then come to site to empty it when full.



Weighbridge

The weighbridge is now in operation, and a trial is underway for the next 8 weeks, focusing mainly on heavy vehicles and loads. Staff and the community will work together to discuss how it works and explain the fees and charges. A few issues with the software are being worked through.



Recycling opportunities

Further investigations are continuing into opportunities to remove and get income for cardboard, plastics, orange juice and milk bottles.

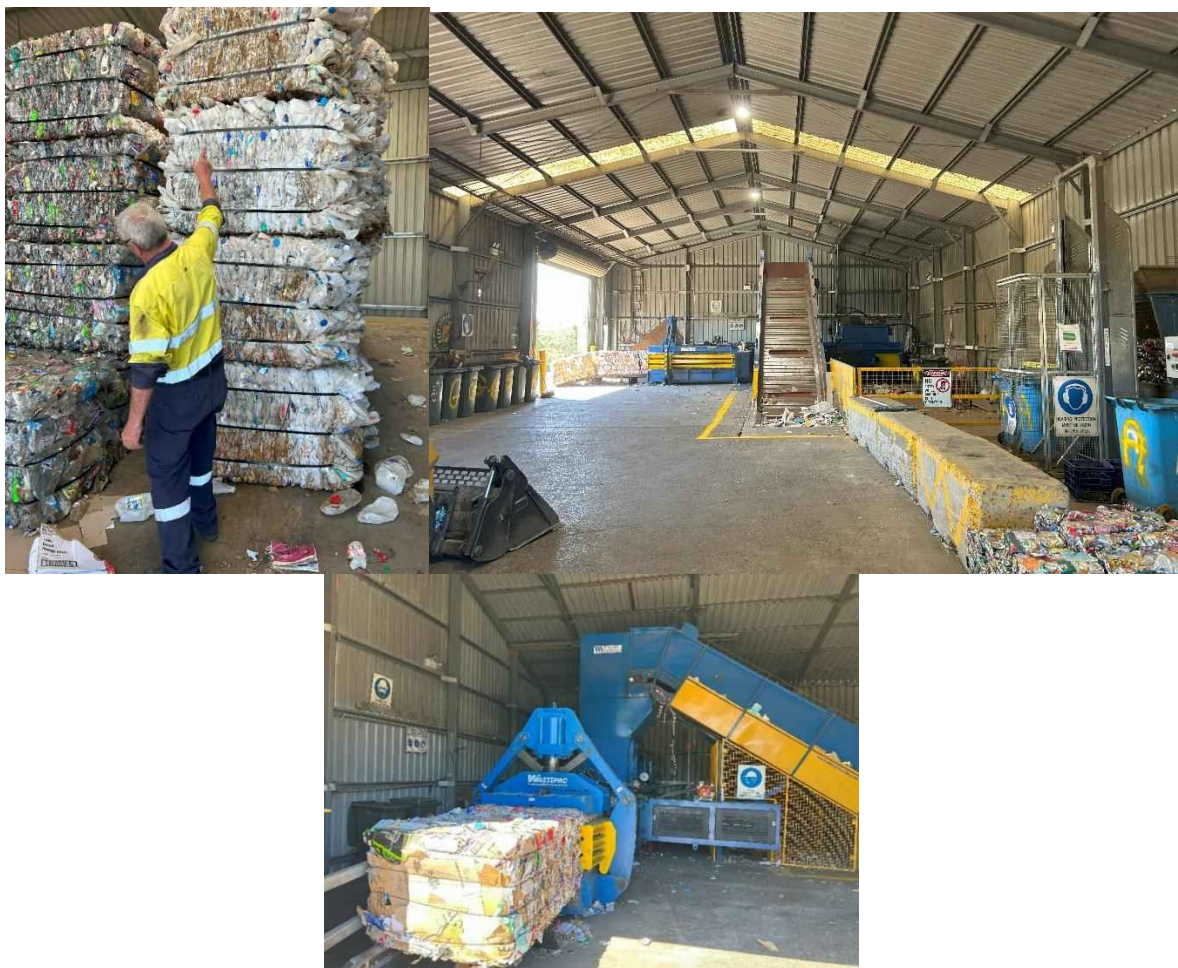


A meeting with the Manager and his NDIS team at Carlinga occurred. They manage the Gilgandra Shire council waste and recycling. There is potential for Gilgandra and Coonamble shire to combine in partnership to address transport and logistics costs for these items. We will investigate markets for cardboard, plastics, milk bottles and orange juice cartons crushing and shredding. Gilgandra turns milk bottles and orange juice 2litre cartons into 700kg bales and transports them to Sydney for sale.

The biggest issue for all regional councils is finding contractors who are willing to take the products, because of the high cost of freight. Gilgandra offers a collection of cardboard and plastics shredding service to local business houses, these are then baled into 700/800 kilo bales for transporting to Sydney to Visy. However, freight and logistics constraints mean that contractors will only come as far as Gilgandra.



Mudgee has their own baler machinery for cardboards paper, and plastics (see photos below). There is an opportunity to explore further 2lt milk containers and orange juice containers.



Concrete crushing

The Netwaste panel contractor finished on site recently crushing concrete bricks, pavers and tiles; all of which we will now be used internally at the waste facilities.



Green waste mulching

A contractor has completed a weeks mulching of the old green waste stockpiles, which addresses a noncompliance order outstanding from EPA. The stockpiles will be used as a mix to our cell cover program .



Scrap metal

Coonamble Shire has partnered with Infrabuild for the next 12 months where they will bale and transport our scrap metal to the Hexham factory. See photos below of our scrap metal being delivered there and processed. Council received \$206 per tonne for the tonnage removed.



Further opportunities include ferrous and nonferrous recyclables. Some of the common examples are steel, cast iron, wrought iron, copper, lead and aluminium. Electrical cords and leads can be stripped for copper, computer and electrical accessories. These are highly sought after when it comes to recycling.





Metal chains on the loaders tyres are being investigated as a possible solution to the amount of tyre punctures being experienced at the cell. The cost of new tyres is \$4k (like the Newcastle model pictured above)

Skip bins



Four (4) Smaller Blue bins have arrived and have been allocated to Gulargambone and Quambone waste facilities for ewaste, white goods and scrap metal. One (1) has been provided at each site to compliment the bigger blue bins already on site. The extra blue skip at Quambone is shown below.

Internal council divisions have also booked out skip bins.



Bin collection issues

Un-paid additional servicing, non-complaint red lid bins and deposits are on the rise. Random audits are ongoing across the Shire. There are many examples still where residents and businesses are putting out more bins than they are paying for.

Lawn clippings , garden waste, concrete, and timber are being put in red bins which are for household waste only. There are also non-red lid bins and bins with no lids. Letters are being sent to those responsible advising of the options to address non-compliance.

**Old landfill site**

Participants who went through the Wake Up Shake Up workshops in October November, December and January are eligible for the Caring for Country Project which has started at the old landfill site on Wingadee Street (see below). This project runs in two stages of 8 weeks. The total funding is \$47k.

The first stage commenced March 31st involving securing the site, preparing a safe work area, site cleanup, removal of vegetation, tree trimming, weed spraying, fence removal and replacement of entrance fence, signage and general clean up.

Participants from VERTO are working with Coonamble waste staff transferring skills building capacity, preparing job ready hands-on experience, including training plant operators.



Customer complaints

Received 7, all actioned the same day

Financial Overview

As requested at the previous meeting, additional summary information is provided on the breakdown of income and expenditure across the three sites. It is contained in the attachment.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

Updated policies and procedures need to be reviewed and updated, especially as more change and new initiatives are implemented, and new staff are employed.

(b) Legal Implications

Council needs to meet all laws and regulations including environmental, safety and health.

(c) Social Implications

Continuous engagement with the community and education is ongoing to explain the required changes and encourage recycling.

(d) Environmental Implications

Council needs to actively work to maintain a clear focus on protecting the environment surrounding each of the landfill sites and waste facilities and achieve EPA compliance.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

Council needs to actively work to avoid financial penalties. Assets must also be well managed to minimise whole of life costs. Also ensuring budgets and resources are reviewed and effectively managed and initiatives are staged in a manageable and fundable way.

(f) Risk Implications

The main risks that must be well managed are health and safety, environmental, costs and public satisfaction with the services.

Fees and charges must reflect the cost of the services being provided – user pays is the key principle.

CONCLUSION

The key activities of the waste operations have continued within the Waste Section for the past month with continuous improvement being implemented across all sites and services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the monthly report on waste management activities be received and noted.

Centre	Income			Expenditure								Net Operating Result as @ 28/03/2025
	Rates (Access Charges)	Gate Takings	Total Income	Waste Collection			Waste Disposal			Total Expenditure		
				Payroll	Plant	Stores, Materials & Contractors	Payroll	Plant	Stores, Materials & Contractors			
Coonamble	\$ 733,947.45	\$ 160,674.58	\$ 894,622.03	\$ 44,314.43	\$ 53,911.64	\$ 502.96	\$ 218,149.75	\$ 106,649.99	\$ 281,874.90	\$ 705,403.67	\$ 189,218.36	
Gulgambone	\$ 117,159.75	\$ 4,643.64	\$ 121,803.39	\$ 7,961.52	\$ 13,171.60	\$ 2,399.28	\$ 16,822.23	\$ 2,435.32	\$ 29,996.24	\$ 72,786.19	\$ 49,017.20	
Quambone	\$ 28,917.42	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 30,767.42	\$ 14,156.59	\$ 20,429.76	\$ 1,596.43	\$ 19,262.00	\$ 6,897.53	\$ 4,649.37	\$ 66,991.68	\$ 36,224.26	
Interest on Access Charge	\$ 14,355.54	\$ -	\$ 14,355.54								\$ 14,355.54	
Total	\$ 894,380.16	\$ 167,168.22	\$ 1,061,548.38	\$ 66,432.54	\$ 87,513.00	\$ 4,498.67	\$ 254,233.98	\$ 115,982.84	\$ 316,520.51	\$ 845,181.54	\$ 216,366.84	



Coonamble Shire Council Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements Grant Application

**LCEI0022R5-S1-2, LCEI0023R5-S1-2
and LCEI0017R5-S3**



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1. Introduction

Coonamble Shire Council (CSC) operates three waste facilities:

- Coonamble Waste Facility & Landfill (CWF)
- Quambone Waste Facility & Landfill (QWF)
- Gulargambone Waste Transfer Station (GWTS)

CSC is consolidating and upgrading its waste operations for operational efficiency, EPA Compliance, and safety reasons.

In consultation with its community, the council has resolved that the 3 locations need to be retained but urgently require upgrading.

Although the small LGA's limited financial resources constrict upgrading, the EPA's Grant program has the potential to make these urgently needed upgrades a reality.

The plan and Grant application, as presented in this document, includes the following objectives.

Core objectives:

1. Closure of QWF Landfill, conversion to Public Waste Transfer Station
2. Improve waste reception processes to review incoming materials and comply with the EPA and Act requirements. Specifically, inspect and intercept problems and hazardous waste not permitted into landfills.
3. Improve waste reception and interception practices to recover and reuse a recyclable item.
4. Introduction of specific controls for intercepting and managing problem waste (Asbestos, dead animals)
5. Controls will be implemented at the Coonamble WF landfill to limit the impact of wind-blown litter on the sites and their surroundings.
6. Upgrade GWTS for improved compliance and safety.

The availability of funds is limited, dictating the timing of the two projects described in this document.

EPA Grant funding support, as requested, will permit CSC to start and complete the projects in under 10 months from funding approval.

Grant Application Description:

Coonamble Shire Council grant applications for critical Waste infrastructure across all 3 current EPA Grant streams.

- Stream 1 – Quambone Landfill closure and Conversion to Waste Transfer Station.
- Stream 2 – Coonamble Landfill improvements
- Stream 3 – Advisory Services & Education

This document describes the two projects associated with the three streams of the EPA LCEI Grant application.



While the preference is to complete both projects together, if there are constraints, Coonamble Shire Council prioritises the upgrading of the Coonamble Waste Management Facility in the first instance, then the closure of the Quambone Landfill and establishment of a Waste Transfer Station in that village.

The rationale is that CWF is the hub of the council's waste management. It is important to get this site functional, safe, and compliant first. CWF needs to be upgraded to receive the additional volume of waste coming from QFW with its conversion to a WTS.

Upgrades to Gulargambone Waste Transfer Station for compliance and safety improvements will be the subject of a later plan.



2. Project 1: Coonamble Waste Facility Upgrades

The CWF site is in poor condition after a long stint under a contractor's control. The council has taken back control of the site in December 2024 and has much to do to make it functional, safe, and compliant.

2.1. Core issues

2.1.1. Compliance

Current processes put the public in control of what we receive and where. With deposition points spread across a broad site area, it is impossible to supervise the public appropriately. We have ongoing issues with contamination in all our stockpiles due to incorrect material being deposited.

The site's contamination issues are the subject of long-standing EPA notices that must be addressed.

The contamination issues represent a health risk and have turned what should have been recyclables into problem waste that needs to be landfilled.

We understand and want to meet our OH&S obligation, our obligations under the Act, and our obligations with the EPA. Unfortunately, our infrastructure, site set-up, and equipment make it difficult to comply.

2.1.2. Safety

As the EPA has acknowledged in its Strategic Plan 2024-29, point 3 is to Enable a safe circular economy. Safe sites generate greater circularity.

The current facility requires the public to visit various stockpiles spread around the site. The spread makes it impossible to supervise their activity as they are often out of site. While on the site, there is a serious risk of harm to the public.

Risks include but are not limited to:

- Exposure to hazardous waste. (Contaminates in one of the many stockpiles)
- Trips, falls, cuts and contact injuries, unobserved by staff (no timely first aid response).
- Scavenging related injuries.
- Contact with operating plant/Machinery. The public is out of vehicles in areas where trucks and machines operate.
- Dangerous behaviour by the public causing harm to themselves or others.
- Contact with waste from other vehicles/customers.
- Falls into deposition pits.
- Snake bites.

We need to implement a revised site that contains the public in controlled, monitored and level areas for their safety and for our staff to be able to regulate their behaviours and what they are depositing.



We must separate operating areas for trucks and machinery away from the public.

Injuries, fatalities, and hazardous materials shut down waste management operations. Closure of this core facility for any of these reasons will have a crippling effect on the waste operations of the CRC. It will lead to illegal dumping and community discontent.

2.1.3. Asbestos and hazardous materials management

There is uncertainty about how the previous site contractor managed hazardous materials like Asbestos, and we are confident that customers have put hazardous materials incorrectly into unmonitored stockpiles.

We don't want to move forward with uncertainty. We want to control the receipt handling and treatment of hazardous materials. Taking control of this process is required in EPA notices for the site.

By creating a facility that permits us to inspect each load for hazardous material and problem waste items, we can ensure that such waste is directed to the CRC or properly contained deposition points.

Asbestos and dead animals must be accepted and managed differently in our facility to avoid being illegally dumped. We do not have an appropriate method to receive and address these materials other than urgently burying them. This is the subject of an enduring EPA notice for CWF.

2.1.4. Fire

Fires are a significant and increasing challenge in the waste industry and for us at our landfills. The frequency of fires in the waste stream is increasingly attributed to batteries. To reduce the fire risk, every measure must be taken to intercept Batteries and E-Waste (often fitted with batteries).

The new facility must facilitate the elimination, where possible, or the interception of these fire-risk items.

2.1.5. Pollution

With a large flat site exposed to wind, we have a significant problem with wind-blown litter blown across the site and into neighbouring properties.

We desperately need to get this under control.

The project includes measures to:

- Capture litter around the landfill working face.
- Reduce the spread and quantity of stockpiles.
- Contain materials in bins, cages, or bays.

2.2. The Coonamble Waste Management Facility site

CWF is the heart of CSC's waste operations, and after many years of neglect, it desperately needs improvement.

We aim to bring the site to best practice standards for compliance and safety.

The two images below of our site show:

- Red are all the deposition areas on site that our community is directed to.
- Yellow is our current landfilling area.
- Blue is the area that our redevelopment project will confine the public to.

With the public contained in the blue area, the rest of the site is reserved for machine and truck movements.



Figure 1: Image of Coonamble Waste Management Facility, from the site's centre, back towards the entry.



Figure 2: Image of Coonamble Waste Management Facility, from the site's centre, away from the entry.

2.2.1. The plan

Figure 3 indicates the systematic arrangements to be implemented at CWF.



Figure 3: The new systematic arrangements to be implemented at the CWF.

Set out notes:

- Contain the public to an area close to the main facility. Bounded by the blue lines.
- Keep all machine operations outside the public area during opening hours (Red Highlighted Areas).
- Establish an LBin PWTS (Red Blocks) in a line using simple gravity barrier systems on compacted ground.
- Expand the LBin capacity by a bay (Green Box) to accommodate green waste reception in the same area.
- Provide a Drop-off Bay and LBin for the receipt of Metals. (Blue Box)
- Provide an Asbestos/Hazardous waste LBin and Bay. (Orange Box).
- Loop the public through cardboard, recycling, and CRC drop-off areas.
- Provide a separate path through the site for trucks.
- Improve reuse recovery using the main shed at the top of the image for storage/sales. Potential for future resale store.

2.2.1.1. Waste Transfer Station Area (for general waste)

To mitigate waste from being deposited in stockpiles all over the site, the plan is to develop a Public Waste Transfer station to keep the public contained.

The Public Waste Transfer Station area will consist of three (3) LBin bays and LBins to provide a capacity that meets our peak user numbers for general waste.

This will provide a deposition point for the public under the supervision of our staff, who can educate the public on how their waste is to be separated.



Figure 4: The proposed Waste Transfer Station area of the facility.



Figure 5: Closer view of the LBin system.



- **Problem Waste:** can be identified by staff who ask the public to take it to the CRC or the appropriate deposition point.
- **Reuse & Recycling:** Staff can identify this by asking the public to take it to the appropriate deposition point.
- **Acceptable general waste** is received in the LBin and, when full, moved to the landfill for machine emptying.
- **Hazardous Waste:** Skilled staff can identify asbestos, chemicals and other hazardous waste in a load. This waste is contained within the LBin. The LBin is easily removed from the public area with the hazard controlled. The load can be quarantined for treatment while the PWTS continues to operate. Other facility designs would require the closure of the PWTS to address this.

2.2.1.2. Waste Transfer Station Area (for green waste)

With the addition of an extra LBin and bay to the proposed line up, the facility will be sufficient to also receive green wastes. The addition of this capacity will eliminate the need to direct the public to a remote area of the site designated for green waste.

Green waste can be delivered into any LBin in the line-up that does not already contain general waste. By having green waste reception in the same area as general waste the following benefits occur:

- The public are contained in the red zone for safety and control.
- Eliminate the potential for contamination of unsupervised green waste stockpiles
- Green waste delivered into the LBin supervised area can be inspected easily for contamination. Contaminated loads can be treated as general waste and directed by to landfill. Fees can be charged as general waste rather than concessional green waste rates.
- The composting value of the green waste is improved due to the interception of contaminants. From a project perspective, this is a simple expansion of the general waste area.

2.2.1.3. Waste Transfer Station Area (for metals)

With the addition of one more LBin and a drop-off bay dedicated to receiving metals, the need for a remote stockpile for the public to visit is eliminated.

- Having a metals LBin in the public deposition area has the following benefits:
- The public is contained in the red zone for safety and control.
- Eliminates the potential for contamination of metal waste stockpiles that are not supervised.
- Metals delivered into the LBin supervised area are inspected easily for contamination. Contaminates can be safely extracted before committing the load to the bulk stockpile.
- The recycling value of the metals is improved due to the removal of contaminants.

This is a simple expansion of the general waste area from a project perspective.



2.2.1.4. Asbestos and hazardous waste

We need to make the deposition of Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Management for these materials safe and accessible for the public in the red area.

Per EPA notices, we need to keep the public away from stockpile areas and better manage the collection and deposition of Asbestos.

The project plan is to establish an LBin with a quarantine membrane to receive and contain these materials pending proper management/treatment.

The LBin contains hazardous wastes, so we can inspect, contain, and move the material without ever needing human contact.

This can be done planned and controlled when staff and equipment are available rather than on an emergency basis.



Figure 6: An LBin fitted with a quarantine membrane to receive and contain hazardous materials.

2.2.1.5. Windblown litter

Site-wide and neighbouring property pollution is a challenge that consumes resources when picking waste from the site and surrounding properties. This hazardous task draws resources away from more critical functions in waste reception and separation. Our desire is to mitigate the pollution occurring in the first place.

While efforts have been made to minimise the landfill's working face size, the site has issues with wind and its exposed flat terrain.

To complement the tightening of the working face, we need to utilise modular Litter Fences that can be easily moved to accommodate changes in wind direction and movement in the working face.

2.2.1.6. Equipment

A telescopic wheel loader with a quick hitch and a nominal capacity of 3 tons of lifting is required on-site to facilitate material handling. The following tasks need to be done with machines:

- operate the LBin Systems,
- load CRC items
- move the LitterFences
- load recyclables, metals, mattresses, and tyres in green waste bulk bins/cages and transport vehicles.

The extended reach of this machine means that we don't need to create any walls or civil structures to facilitate the limited reach of typical wheel loaders. A simple flat floor is safer and more flexible.



Figure 7: Example of the telescopic wheel loader required for the operation of the CWF.

2.2.2. Project program / schedule

The project program or schedule is triggered by grant approval.

A risk to the schedule includes procurement lead times, with the project's due date protected by time buffers to absorb any uncertainty and variation in lead time durations.

Another risk is uncertainty caused by bad weather and other unforeseen circumstances. The schedule is also protected from the impact of these by the use of a project time buffer, from which any particular task of the project can draw additional time. This schedule and its protective buffers are drawn up using Critical Chain Project Methodology. A copy of the schedule is submitted with the grant application.



2.2.3. Project resources and considerations

As most of the equipment needed is manufactured and delivered by vendors off-site, human resource demands on the project execution are limited.

Limited site work is required, so operational disruptions are minimal.

Site works are focused on grading and preparing the customer area with a compacted road surface. Council's works department, or external contractors, will conduct these works.

2.2.3.1. Project team

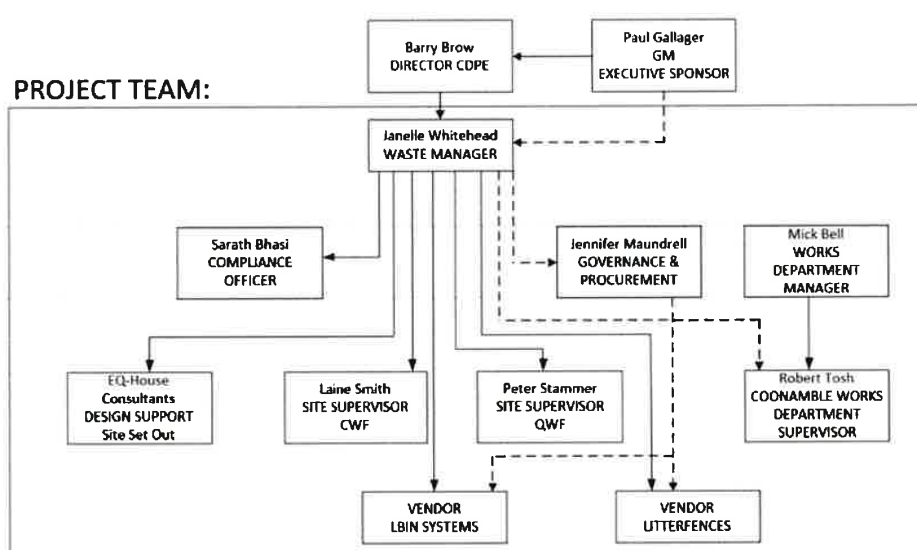


Figure 8: Coonamble Shire Council's project team and lines of communication and responsibility.

2.2.4. Project budget

Please refer to the Budget developed on the provided template and submitted as part of this grant application.

3. Project 2: Quambone landfill closure and new WTS

3.1. Quambone landfill and waste facility

QWF was an unmanned, unfenced, free-access facility for over 15 years. CSC took control of the facility in late 2024, fencing, grading and manning the site.

This project involves the continued remediation of the site, closing the landfill and converting the site into a compliant and safe Public Waste Transfer Station (PWTS).

The sites existence was not publicised or identified with an address. With the project rework of the site the facility will be publicised, increasing awareness and patronage and reducing illegal dumping in the region.



Figure 9: Aerial view of the current Quambone landfill site.

This project is contingent upon securing funding through Stream 1 of the Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements program.

The existing QWF is illustrated in the following images.



Figures 10 and 11: The entrance to the facility (left) and landfill face (right).



Figures 12 and 13: The current system of waste separation involves the use of makeshift containers (left) and a bulk bin (right).



Figure 14: Potentially recoverable metals are mixed with other bulky items, reducing the likelihood of recovery and recycling of these materials from the site. This project, in establishing a Waste Transfer Station, will eliminate this problem.

3.1.1. The plan

The project will include the following core actions:

- Sealing and capping the existing landfill pit.
- Removing or relocating waste stockpiles to CWF or recyclers.
- Establishing an LBin Waste Transfer Station.

3.1.1.1. Proposed site set-out

The proposed site set out is indicated in Figure 15.

The project scope will involve the preparation of a more detailed set-out and Traffic Management Plan.

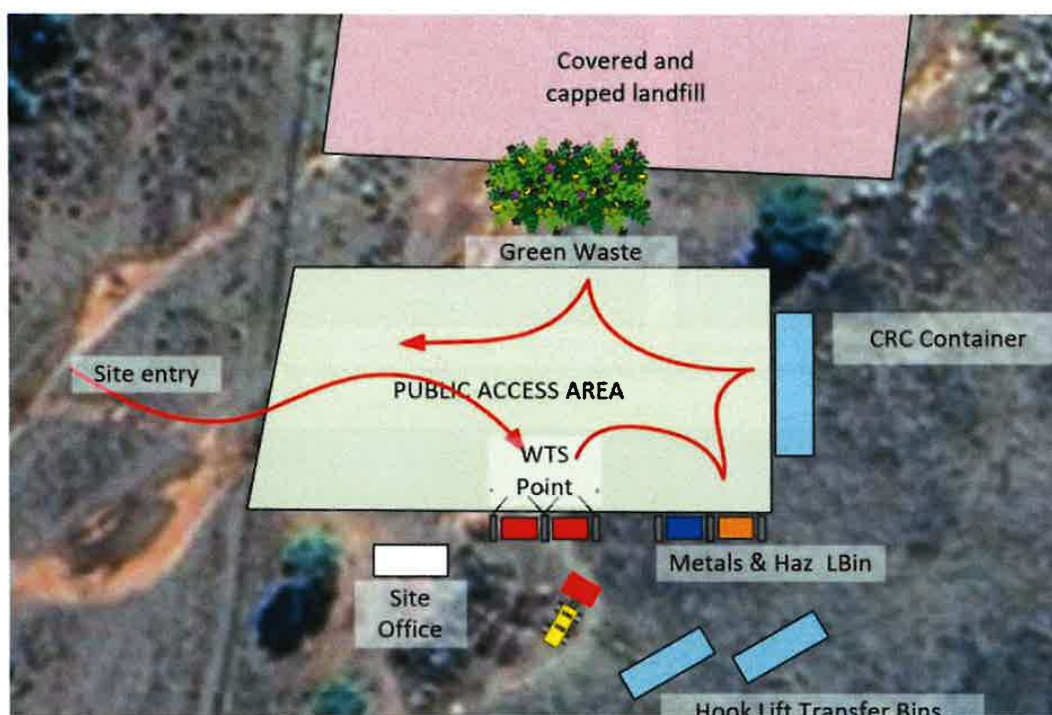


Figure 15: Layout of the proposed Waste Transfer Station adjacent to the covered and capped landfill.

3.1.1.2. Waste Transfer Station

A flat-to-floor LBin Waste Transfer Station is proposed to service the site. This will utilise the gravity barrier systems, which do not require footings or a pad but only a compacted, level surface.

The bay quantities will cater to peak and anticipated demand when the site is open and publicised.

The system allows for inspecting each load, the interception of problem waste, and of reuse and recyclable materials.

The system will eliminate all the major work health and safety issues currently at this site.

The system has been selected over traditional Waste Transfer Station solutions such as Sawtooths and Pushpits for the following reasons:

- Safer than all other typical PWTS typically employed.
- Quick to deploy.
- Low cost.
- Compliance effectiveness.
- Ability to intercept Hazardous and problem waste.
- Improved diversion.
- Reductions in staff manual handling of waste.



Figure 16: An image indicative of the type of system proposed for the Quambone Waste Transfer Station.

3.1.1.3. Machinery and equipment

A small telescopic loader with a nominal capacity of 2.5 to 3t is required to operate the LBin system and load materials for transfer.

The loader will require a quick hitch head to move the LBins and to change to forklift Tynes for loading CRC and recyclable bins to transfer vehicles.

Being a smaller size loader, it can be relocated to other sites as a backup, using a trailer, or to cover other Waste Transfer Stations on a different opening cycle.

The small loader eliminates most manual handling and provides the versatility to manage a range of issues, including:

- Removing and isolating an LBin that contains hazardous waste.
- Removing and isolating an LBin that has a developing fire.
- Managing site roadways.
- Loading transfer vehicles.

A trailer will be required to transport CRC items, recyclable Bins and machinery between Coonamble Shire Council waste facility sites.

3.1.1.4. Asbestos and hazardous Waste

We need to make the deposition of Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Management for these materials safe and accessible for the public.

The project plan is to establish an LBin with a quarantine membrane to receive and contain these materials pending proper management/treatment.

The LBin contains the hazardous wastes in a way that allows us to inspect, contain, and move the material without ever needing human contact. This can be planned and controlled when staff and equipment are available rather than on an emergency basis.



Asbestos in the LBin can be transferred to skip bins for relocation to the Coonamble Waste Management Facility, or the entire LBin can be transported.

3.1.1.5. Waste Transfer Station Area (for metals)

With the addition of one more LBin and a drop-off bay dedicated to receiving metals, the need for a remote stockpile for the public to visit is eliminated.

Having a metals LBin in the public deposition area has the following benefits:

- The public is contained in the controlled area for safety and monitoring.
- Eliminates the potential for contamination of metal waste stockpiles that are not supervised.
- Metals delivered into the LBin supervised area are inspected quickly for contamination.
- Contaminates can be safely extracted before loading the bulk transfer bins.
- The recycling value of the metals is improved due to the removal of contaminants.

Metal waste collected at the Quambone Waste Transfer Station will be aggregated at the Coonamble Waste Management Facility for collection by recycling contractors.

This is a simple expansion of the general waste area from a project perspective.

3.1.1.6. CRC and recyclables container

A specially designed and configured container with roller doors to the side will store out-of-the-weather palletised CRC items and recyclables. The container will be ventilated, and signs will be fitted for the CRC items. The configuration of the container will be as illustrated in Figure 17.



Figure 17: The CRC recyclables container (top) proposed for the Quambone Waste Transfer Station, with a front view (centre) and top view (bottom).



CRC Items collected at Quambone Waste Transfer Station will be consolidated at Coonamble Waste Management Facility for collection by contractors. The CRC containers at this site will need to be loaded, using the wheel loader, to the budgeted dog trailer for transfer to Coonamble Waste Management Facility.

3.1.2. Project program / schedule

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As most of the equipment needed is manufactured and delivered by vendors off-site, human resource demands on the project execution are limited.

Limited site work is required, so operational disruptions are minimal.

Site works are focused on grading and preparing the customer area with a compacted road surface. Council's works department, or external contractors, will conduct these works.

3.1.3.1. Project team

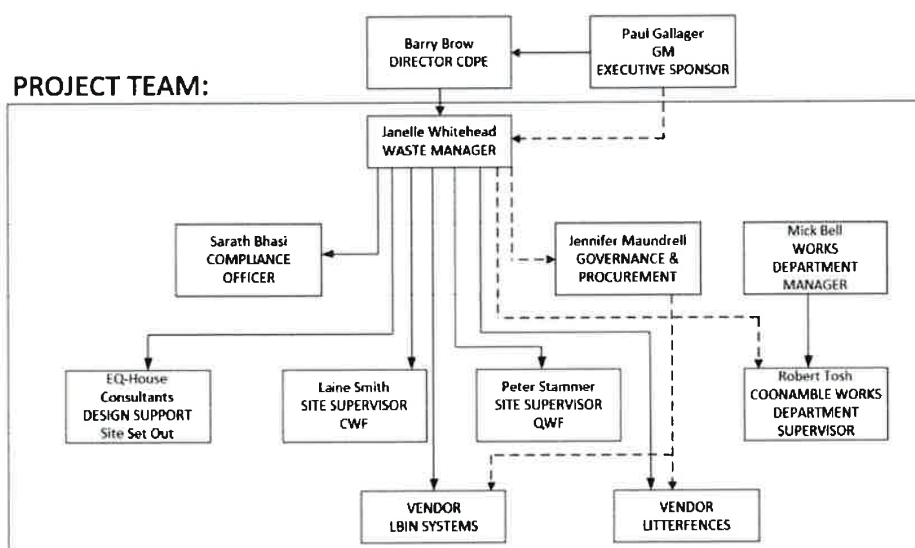


Figure 18: Coonamble Shire Council's project team and lines of communication and responsibility.



3.1.4. Project budget

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4. Project 1 and 2 Design and training support LCEI-17

4.1. Overview

The upgrade of the facilities at Coonamble Waste Management Facility and Quambone Waste Transfer Station requires some expert support from initiation through to completion of projects 1 and 2.

4.2. Initiation support

While analysis has defined the breadth of equipment and work needed for the two projects, the specifics of the site set-out needs to be verified in a considered and informed design process.

This process will resolve not only the site set-out but provide clarity of the sites' Traffic Management Plans.

Mapping and surveying of the sites will inform the design process with contributions from Coonamble Shire Council and contractor staff.

4.3. Training

Once the site and systems are in place, staff need to be trained in how to use the system and how to interact with the community when they attend these sites.

The system is innovative and quite different for staff and the public and it requires nuanced training to cover now only how to use the system but why proper use is so important.

There will also be a need to provide training in the use of machinery at the sites. The confident and capable use of the flexible tools will equip staff to use the tools rather than engaging in risky manual handling of waste.

4.4. Project budget

Please refer to the Budget developed on the provided template and submitted as part of the grant application.

10.10 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS**File Number:** R6**Author:** Kerrie Murphy-Director Infrastructure Services**Authoriser:** Paul Gallagher, General Manager**Annexures:** 1. Works In progress Report April 2025 [↓](#) **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with information on maintenance and other works in progress within Council's Infrastructure Directorate.

BACKGROUND**(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework**

- I1.1 Employ a strategic approach to the management of our critical road network.
- I1.2 Strengthen our strategic approach to the management of our water infrastructure and services.
- I1.3 Improve our strategic approach to the management of our sewerage infrastructure and services.
- I1.4 Strengthen our strategic approach to the management of our urban drainage infrastructure and services.
- I1.5 Adopt successful strategies which maximises our community's access to quality infrastructure and assets.
- P3.1 Provide support to our sporting, recreation and community organisations which drives improved sporting and recreational opportunities for our community.
- P3.2 Improve the quality of our parks, open spaces, sporting, and recreational facilities, including the MacDonald Park Precinct.

(b) Financial Considerations

Provision is made within the 2024/2025 Operational Plan and Budget to fund the associated works and programs listed in this report.

COMMENTARY

This report aims to inform Councillors of the works in progress in the Infrastructure Directorate. Updates are provided for each Departmental area which includes Roads, Water and Sewer and Urban Services. Please note that the attachment is in an updated format with a view to provide additional information to that provided previously. The projects in this report will increase as time goes on, and more valuable information will be provided at that time.

WATER AND SEWER

The Utilities Team have been actively managing a large number of water main and water service leaks and failures within March.

As a result of these water main failures and prioritised repairs, a small section of water main in Park St has been determined as unserviceable due to a large number of breaks within a problematic segment. This segment will be renewed in early April with a new 100mm water main.

Stop valve and hydrant replacements have been ongoing this month which saw four (4) hydrants replaced and three (3) stop valves replaced within the Coonamble reticulation network.

Contractors have been mobilised to the Coonamble Water Treatment Plant to undertake extensive de-scaling works of the pipework. This resulted from a blockage between the outlets of the sedimentation lagoons and the settled water well. Work crews removed the heavy built-up scale and sent the camera inside the cast iron pipe post descaling works to determine the assets condition. It was pleasing to find that the asset was in an acceptable condition taking into consideration the assets age, performance, integrity etc.



Figure 1: De-scaling works at Coonamble WTP

The Utilities Team has been actively managing a moderate number of sewer main (rising and gravity) and sewer service chokes and failures this month.

Another failure occurred during March on the sewage rising main that pumps sewage from the Tooloon Sewage Pump Station to the Sewage Pump Station at the rear of the new SES building (SPS#1). This is the third break within a short period. A budget has been allocated for the replacement of this critical asset within the 2025/26 budget estimates.

The team completely rebuilt two new sewer (boundary shaft/sewer junction) services to alleviate ongoing failures and alleviate potential future sewage blockages

The Gulargambone and Coonamble Sewage Treatment Plants were both operated and maintained satisfactorily within their respective EPA license requirements within March.

Works were completed on the new laboratory room at the Gulargambone Sewage Treatment Plant.

Council received a 72-hour inflow report for the Coonamble Sewage Treatment Plant completed by NSW Public Works in March.

The report provided an extensive report on sample monitoring (strength of inflow), performance assessment, capacity assessment and condition assessment for the existing Coonamble STP.

This report does not only feed into the concept design for the new Coonamble STP (as the existing STP is nearing towards the end of its useful life) but it is also incorporated as a part of Councils soon to be finalised Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan (IWCM).

Water main installation and connection works have been completed for the Stage 1 lots at the Yarran St subdivision (lots facing Yarran St).



Figure 2: Yarran Street Subdivision – water installation connect works

Installation of the sewer, servicing infrastructure for the stage 1 lots at the Yarran St subdivision, have commenced.

Upcoming works:

- *Sewer assets installation at Yarran St subdivision.*
- *Step screen installation at the Coonamble STP*
- *New lab fully operational at Gulargambone STP*
- *Commencement of a stop valve audit/ replacement program (water mains) Coonamble*
- *Water mains replacement Park Street, Aberford Street/Castlereagh Highway, Wingadee Street, Coonamble and Breelong St Gulargambone*

- *Heavy maintenance and security works on Turkeys nest storage dam at Golf Club/Racecourse Coonamble*

URBAN SERVICES

Sporting Fields

Preparation for the winter sports is in progress, with the installation of new goal posts for the soccer and league. Staff are repairing a significant irrigation water leak that is affecting the watering of the ovals.

The ovals are looking fantastic after the work that was done in dethatching, fertilising and topdressing. A turf specialist is coming out to look at the patches on the King Street side of the oval that are struggling where the Athel Pines used to be. It is anticipated that they will advise on how we can get some nutrients back into the soils to improve the surface.

The old lights and poles from the Coonamble Sporting Fields have been located. The old poles are timber and are in a very poor condition. The lights themselves are now obsolete and cannot source parts for.

Upcoming Works:

- *Ongoing maintenance during Winter season including mowing and watering.*

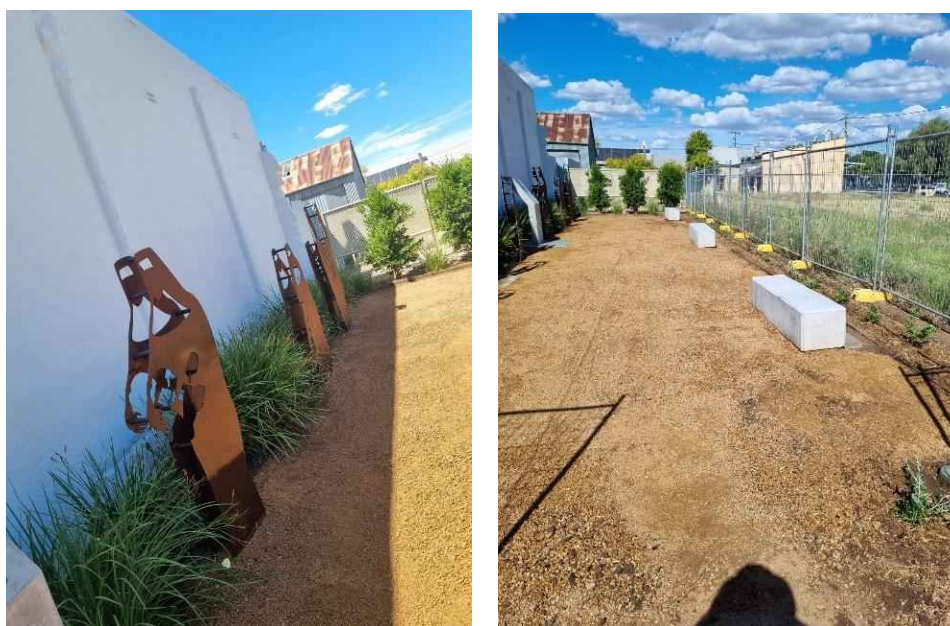
Main Street

A contractor has measured up all the garden beds in the main street, including the intersection with the highway and we are now waiting on a design and plant list and quotation. Once this is received, a budget allocation will be made in the 2025/26 budget to commence works.

Brigidine Garden

The Brigidine garden was finished for the visit by the Brigidine Sisters on 10 March 2025. It has since been vandalised, with what looks like a scooter, damaging the gravel as well as irrigation lines ripped up and damaged and plants being removed.

The solar lights should be installed soon, conditional upon on contractor availability.



Figures 3 and 4: Brigidine gardens on 10 March 2025



Figures 5 and 6: Brigadine gardens after vandalism with scooter damage and plants removed

McDonald Park

The BBQ and shelter has been installed in McDonald Park. The new irrigation system is now online. This was necessary as the previous arrangement of using a spear from the river was identified as not being approved as there was no associated licence with little prospect of one being approved.

Work is currently being undertaken to identify appropriate tree species to be planted in the park as well around the proposed car park. It is envisaged that these will be ordered and installed by end of May.



Figure 7: New BBQ installed in McDonald Park

McDonald Park is still receiving a lot of vandalism including damage to the toilets, irrigation and furniture. Council will continue to monitor the situation.

Upcoming works:

- *Additional tree plantings.*
- *Installation of two (2) standard picnic tables and an accessible picnic table, with shelters.*

Coonamble Showground

A user group meeting was held in March, with all groups represented. The meeting went well with decisions being made unanimously by the groups. These meetings will be scheduled to occur twice a year. The users were encouraged to reach out to Council if they required any assistance between meetings.

There was a successful Campdraft held in March with the grounds being left in a tidy state after the event.

Upcoming events:

- *Hack and Pony*
- *Rodeo*

Swimming Pools

Council Swimming pools will be closing for the winter on 5 April 2025.

Upcoming works:

- *Leak detection over winter months*
- *Replacement of skimmer box at Coonamble 50m pool*
- *Reinstatement of concrete concourse*

McCullough Street Upgrade

The trees have been ordered as well as tree guards. Once the trees are received, they will be planted. An irrigation line was installed prior to sealing of the road.

Cemeteries

The Coonamble columbarium will have works done over the next couple of weeks with pavers being laid, a new hedge planted around the edge and some hedging along the fence line.

Irrigation will be installed as well as sprays for the lawn areas.

Investigations are ongoing regarding the construction of a new concrete beam in the lawn section of the Coonamble Cemetery as we are running out of room in the existing sections.

The Gulargambone community was consulted at Council's Community Strategic Plan consultation sessions and the general consensus was that it was a great idea to have more interment options.

Upcoming works:

- *Paving, hedging and tree planting to occur at Cemeteries*
- *Fencing at Pioneer Cemetery*

Quambone

Resurfacing works on the ends and sides of the Quambone Tennis Courts will commence within the next two weeks. This follows Council's discussions with the appointed contractor, Tuff Group Holdings Pty Ltd, which has been engaged to complete the unfinished works left by the previous contractor.

The resurfacing project aims to enhance the quality, safety, and longevity of the courts, ensuring a superior playing surface for the local community. These works form part of Council's broader commitment to improving sporting infrastructure across the region, providing athletes and recreational players with modern and well-maintained facilities.

The grid has been removed between the pool and tennis court, the void backfilled and fencing reinstated.

Trees have been ordered for the racecourse and it is hoped to have them planted by end of this Month. They will also have tree guards and a new irrigation system. Surplus pots have been delivered to the racecourse for plants.

Upcoming works:

- *Erection of signage around town, including tourist and other regulatory signage*
- *Planting of trees and tree guards and installation of irrigation at Racecourse*
- *Finalisation of turf laying at tennis courts*

Coonamble Sportsground Female Amenities

The Coonamble Sportsground Female Amenities is now complete. This modern facility has been designed to enhance accessibility, safety, and comfort for female athletes, officials, and visitors.

The new building features two spacious women's changerooms, each equipped with three shower cubicles and three toilet facilities. Additionally, the facility includes a fully accessible disabled toilet with an integrated shower, a dedicated mother's room with a change table and toilet, and a referee changeroom complete with its own toilet and shower.

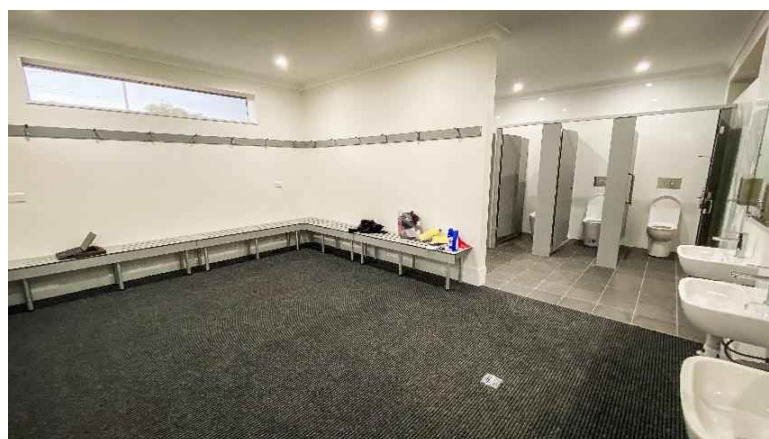


Figure 8: Interior of Women's Changeroom in Coonamble

To further improve accessibility and security, Council has installed a compliant disabled access ramp and state-of-the-art motion sensor lighting around the exterior of the building. These enhancements ensure safe and convenient use of the facility for all visitors, particularly during evening events.

This new development represents Council's ongoing commitment to improving local sporting infrastructure and supporting greater participation in sport for women and families in the community.



Figure 9: Interior of Women's Changeroom in Coonamble – Toilet Facilities



Figure 10: Interior of Women's Changeroom in Coonamble – Shower Facilities

Gulargambone Sportsground Facilities Upgrade

The Gulargambone facilities upgrade is progressing well, marking a significant milestone in the enhancement of local sporting infrastructure.

The construction has advanced steadily, with the external brickwork and roofing now complete. The project has entered the rough-in stage, where essential electrical and plumbing installations are being carried out. These critical works will ensure the facility meets modern standards of functionality and efficiency.

The contractor has demonstrated exceptional project management and efficiency, expressing confidence that the upgrade will be completed well ahead of schedule. While the contractual completion date is set for January 2026, the construction team is targeting an early finish by the end of April 2025. This timeline ensures the facility will be ready just in time for the first scheduled Rugby Union home game, providing athletes and spectators with a greatly improved sporting environment.



Figures 11 and 12: Exterior of Women's Changeroom in Gulargambone

TENNIS NSW AUDIT

Coonamble Tennis Courts

On Saturday, 15 March 2025, Coonamble Shire Council staff met with Ken Wray from Tennis NSW (TNSW) to conduct an official audit of the newly resurfaced tennis courts. The resurfacing work, completed by Tuff Group Holdings Pty Ltd in December 2024, was assessed as part of a broader audit by TNSW. This inspection aims to assist Council in determining the best strategies for public access and utilisation of the courts.

Ken Wray, a Tennis Australia Accredited Coach and Head Coach of the Far West Tennis Academy, provided a detailed assessment of the courts following his inspection. His observations and professional evaluation are summarised as follows (taken from email from Mr Wray):

- The initial concern raised by local tennis club members regarding the perceived lack of sand on the surface was noted during the inspection.
- Upon reviewing the technical specifications of the surface and consulting directly with the contractor, it was clarified that the FastPro HF 18 Synthetic Grass is a distinct type of synthetic court surface. Unlike traditional synthetic grass courts, where the pile stands upright with fine sand filling the gaps, this surface has an 18mm pile that is tightly compacted, with coarse granulated sand embedded at the base, making it less visible.
- This unique surface design is unfamiliar to many regional players, which may have contributed to initial concerns from the Coonamble tennis community.
- Following this clarification, a more thorough evaluation of the courts was conducted. The quality of workmanship was deemed exceptional, with precise seams and lines, as well as excellent finishing around the new net posts.

- To further assess the court's performance, a brief hitting session was conducted with a Far West Academy athlete. The playing experience was found to be excellent. While the surface differs from traditional synthetic grass, it offers a soft feel underfoot and consistent ball bounce, albeit at a slightly slower pace.
- Overall, the new courts were highly regarded, and Ken Wray expressed enthusiasm about bringing Far West Academy athletes to Coonamble for a future training session.
- Following the assessment, discussions were held with present club members to explain these findings and provide reassurance regarding the quality and playability of the new surface.

In addition to the court resurfacing, Council has undertaken further improvements to the surrounding infrastructure. This includes:

- The removal of the old fencing that previously enclosed the clay courts.
- Repairs to the existing perimeter fencing of the newly resurfaced courts, completed to the best possible standard within the remaining project budget.

Council remains committed to ensuring that the upgraded tennis courts provide a high-quality playing experience for the community. Ongoing collaboration with Tennis NSW and local stakeholders will ensure the courts are utilised effectively and maintained to the highest standard.



Figure 13: Ken Wray having a hit on the Coonamble Tennis Courts

Quambone Tennis Courts

Ken Wray from Tennis NSW (TNSW) will be back in the area around 15–16 April 2025. He has expressed interest in returning to observe the completed resurfacing works and assess the courts' overall playability and performance. His professional

evaluation will provide valuable insights into the quality of the surface and how best to maximize community use.

Council looks forward to the completion of these works and appreciates the patience and support of local tennis players and residents during this final stage of resurfacing. Further updates will be provided as the project progresses.

MT MAGOMETON QUARRY

A great deal of work has been done in relation to the 12 Improvement Notices (and the one Matter of Concern) received as a result of the inspection by the Regulator on 21 January 2025.

From the 13 Notices, we have:

- Seven (7) of the Notices have been cleared;
- Three (3) of the Notices have been sought to have the timeframe extended due to the nature of the notices being dependant on contractor availability
- Three (3) of the Notices have ongoing work being carried out

The structural audit on the main support legs of the main conveyor has been undertaken, with work now being done on the structural design to rectify the issue. It is anticipated that the structural rectification work will not be complete prior to early June at this stage.

A training session of staff in relation to the changes to Mine Safety Management Plan was undertaken on 21 March 2025 which was a matter that required addressing in one of the Notices.

Contactors are onsite working on the Crusher plant. The scope of works includes supply and installation wind guards, lanyards, safety boxes and E-stops to conveyors as required, relining of bowl and mantle, flip jaw plates in fixed jaw and replace site glasses as required and maintenance and inspection of entire plant.

The tender documents for Blast and Crushing are currently being advertised, with tenders closing on Tuesday 15 April 2025. It will be a panel contract for a period of three (3), plus an option for a further one (1) year subject to satisfactory performance. The contract will be to crush 100,000tpa and is planned to commence 1 June 2025.

There is also a tender for the drilling and blasting at the Quarry currently open as well as the existing Tender expires in June 2025.

ROADS

Natural Disaster Work

AGRN 987 and 1034 natural disaster restoration works are underway with work on Walla Walla, Yarranville, Goorianawa, McGlynns, Thurloo, Back Gulargambone, Peronne, Back Avoca and Tooraweenah Roads and Talegar and Gadsens Lanes in the last month. Work is currently occurring on Bramble, Billeroy, Thara and Loma Roads. Work is being completed by Council roads crews and three contractor crews.

AGRN 987 November 2021 Natural Disaster deadline for completion of work was the 30 March 2025. Staff are now preparing the final claim submission for these restoration works. The deadline for AGRN 1034 September 22 Natural Disaster event completion of physical works is 30 June 2025 though a request for an extension of time for another nine months will be submitted in May as per the guidelines.



Figure 14: Natural disaster restoration work completed on Billeroy Road

Upcoming works:

- *Flood damage work – Back Gulargambone, Talegar, Fishers, Old Dubbo, Old Wongy and Gilgooma Roads.*

RMCC

Maintenance is being completed in accordance with the RMAP (agreed schedule with TfNSW). This includes potholes patching, rest area cleaning, routine inspections, sign repairs and roadside slashing.

Heavy Patching program for 2024/2025 has been completed.

The resealing program on the highway is scheduled to commenced 11 April and will take a few weeks to complete depending on weather and the contractor's availability.

Unsealed Roads Maintenance

Staff have been busy over the past few months carrying out maintenance on several unsealed roads including Floddenfield Road. The focus has been on natural disaster restoration works during March.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

Maintenance of Council's infrastructure assets is carried out in accordance with Council's adopted management plans.

(b) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

(c) Social Implications

Maintenance works are programmed where practical, to minimise social impacts.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

Works are scheduled in accordance with Council's adopted 2024/2025 Operational Plan and Budget.

(f) Risk Implications

Maintenance works are programmed to minimise the risk to Council and the public.

CONCLUSION

This report provides updated information on the projects and planned works within the Infrastructure Department for Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted on the works in progress within Council's Infrastructure Directorate.

Road and recreational area users are to proceed with caution at all work sites and observe signage to ensure safety.
Speed zones are enforceable with possible short delays.
For all enquiries, please contact Council's Infrastructure Services Department on 6827 1900.

ROADS - URBAN – COONAMBLE, GULARGAMBONE AND QUAMBONE

<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Budget Variation (\$)</i>	<i>Total Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Project Expenditure to date (\$)</i>	<i>Committed (\$)</i>	<i>Total (\$)</i>	<i>% Completion</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Urban Resealing	RERRF	215,000	-	215,000	183,935	4,727	188,662	98%	Completed resealing of Bertram, Forgione. Floyd, Barton, Railway and Quonmoona Streets in Coonamble
Yarran Street Subdivision (corner Reid St)	Council	500,000	-	500,000	2,935	63,014	65,949	15%	Detailed survey complete and DA for subdivision underway; Civil Design Consultant engaged and 100% Plans received; Electrical Design Consultant engaged.

ROADS - RURAL – UNSEALED ROAD NETWORK

<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Budget Variation (\$)</i>	<i>Total Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Project Expenditure to date (\$)</i>	<i>Committed (\$)</i>	<i>Total (\$)</i>	<i>% Completion</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Rural Resheeting	Council	150,000	-	150,000	0	0	0	0	
General Unsealed Road Maintenance	Council	739,952	-	739,952	595,218	74644	669862.58	91%	The following roads have been maintained since 1 July 2024: Billeroy Road, Tooraweenah Rd, Emby Rd, Wingadee Rd, Gilgooma Rd, Bullagreen Rd, Back Gular Rd, Sandy Camp Rd, Quabathoo Rd, Beanbah Rd, Gulargambone Rd, Killara Ln, Orwell South Rd, Nelgowrie Rd, Gibson Way, West Point Rd, Carinda Rd, Walla Walla Rd, Hollywood Ln, Warrabah, Thara Rd, Winnaba, Trafalgar, Toora and Blueys Ln.
Grant Funded Unsealed Roads	RTR 2024-2029	5,727,698	-	7,364,183	88510	123,341	158,486	3%	The following roads have been completed/started since 1 July 2024: Wingadee Road and Urawilkie Road

ROADS - RURAL – SEALED ROAD NETWORK

<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Budget Variation (\$)</i>	<i>Total Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Project Expenditure to date (\$)</i>	<i>Committed (\$)</i>	<i>Total (\$)</i>	<i>% Completion</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Warren Road Upgrade	ROSI/FCR/Council	3,161,943	-	3,161,943	2,487,269	883,683	3,370,952	80%	Work on the last section has commenced.
Box Ridge Road Reconstruction	LRCI	1,859,636	-	1,859,636	2,074,576	62,300	2,136,876	100%	Construction has been completed. Project Completion Report (PCR) is completed

ROADS - RURAL – SEALED ROAD NETWORK (continued)

<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Committed (\$)</i>	<i>Total (\$)</i>	<i>% Completion</i>	<i>Comment</i>
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			<i>Variation (\$)</i>	<i>(\$)</i>	<i>Expenditure to date (\$)</i>				
Tooraweenah Road Upgrade	ROSI	22,962,000	18,200,000	41,162,000	3,213,699		3,213,699	7%	Work is continuing on getting the project to a point where construction can commence with side tracks and vegetation clearing.
Grant Funded Sealed Roads	RTR 2024-2029	2,454,728	-	818,243	317,631	-	317,631	13%	The following roads have been completed/started since 1 July 2024: Box Ridge Road
Pilliga Road Roadworks and Drainage upgrade	Council/LGRG/FCR/Block	1,662,500		1,662,500	63,712	44,698	108,409	10%	Detailed Design Plans received (100%), Bill of Quantities received, ATL (extension of time) approved. Completion required 30 June 2026.
NATURAL DISASTER WORKS – FLOOD DAMAGE									
<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Budget Variation (\$)</i>	<i>Total Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Project Expenditure to date (\$)</i>	<i>Committed (\$)</i>	<i>Total (\$)</i>	<i>% Completion</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Natural Disaster restoration works - REPA AGRN 987	DRFA	7,995,835	6,279,747	6,279,747	3,007,565	532,163	3,539,728	56%	Upper Limit reduced (budget) as some defects have been moved to AGRN 1034. Council has carried out restoration works on Billeroy Road, Bulgan Road, Calga, Tooraweenah Road, Goorianawa Road, Emby Road, Killara Lane, Wiliga Road, Bramble Road, Gilgooma Road, Quabathoo Road, Beanbah Road, Mungery Road, Wattle Creek Road, Gular Road, Yarranville Lane, Conimbia Road, Nelgowrie Road, Nortongong, Memsie Road, Ottendorf Road, Nedgera Road, Haydens Lane, Carinda Road, Walla Walla Road, Keewong Lane, Walla Walla Road, Toora Road, Tooloon Sth Road, Quandong Road, Pilliga Road, and Merri Merri Road.
Natural Disaster restoration works - REPA AGRN 1034	DRFA	4,603,659	-	4,603,659	27,658	436,716	464,374	10%	Final submission for AGRN 1034 has now been approved and restoration work have been commenced/completed on Nortongong Road, Calga Road, Bulgan Road, Thurloo Road, Billeroy Road, Back Gular Road, Walla Walla Road, McGlynns Road, Goorianawa Road, Bramble Road, and Yarranville Road

WATER									
<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget (\$) (2024-25)</i>	<i>Budget Variation (\$)</i>	<i>Total Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Project Expenditure to date (\$)</i>	<i>Committed (\$)</i>	<i>Total (\$)</i>	<i>% Completion</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Coonamble Mains Replacement	Council	200,000	-	200,000	48,803.06	-	48,803.06	20	Wingadee Street, project scope completed. Materials purchased, installation works to commence Sep 2025.
Gulargambone Mains Replacements	Council	100,000	-	100,000	-	-	-	10	Breelong Street, project scope completed.
Quambone Mains Replacement	Council	200,000	-	200,000	-	-	-	10	Gidgerah Street, project scope completed.
SSWP244-Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (IWCM)	Grant/Council	303,900	-	303,900	100,464.00	-	100,464.00	40	Draft Issues paper review completed by Council with external stakeholders. Consultation with external stakeholders ongoing. Flow monitoring being completed. Ground water assessment to commence April 2025.
Gulargambone – installation of constant water quality monitoring equipment and chlorine room upgrades	Council	75,000	-	75,000	-	-	-	10	Costed proposals currently being assessed.
Quambone – installation of constant water quality monitoring equipment and reservoir security upgrades	Council	40,000	-	40,000	31,226.19	-	31,226.19	100	Chemtrol water monitoring equipment installed and operational.
Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone – meter replacement program	Council	43,750	-	43,750	-	-	-	0	Replacement program to commence.
Advanced Operational Support Program	DCCEEW Grant	150,000	-	150,000	150,000	-	150,000	90	Funding Deed for \$150,000 has been signed and executed by DCCEEW. Invoice sent to DCCEEW for Milestone 1. Meeting with DCCEEW conducted onsite. Milestone 2 works program finalised with DCCEEW and Beca H2O. Works to be completed in April 2025. Swim local program to be implemented in April 2025.

SEWER									
<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Budget Variation (\$)</i>	<i>Total Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Project Expenditure to date (\$)</i>	<i>Committed (\$)</i>	<i>Total (\$)</i>	<i>% Completion</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Coonamble Mains Relining	Council	200,000	-	200,000	-	-	-	10	Program finalised, works to be rolled over into 25/26.
Gulargambone Mains Relining	Council	210,000	-	210,000	-	-	-	10	Program finalised, works to be rolled over into 25/26.
Gulargambone Sewage Treatment Plant – Laboratory room installation	Council	72,000	-	72,000	35,425.41	-	35,425.41	25	Lab building installed, services and internal fit out works completed, lab equipment to be purchased.
Gulargambone Sewage Treatment Plant – pressure tank installation	Council	25,000	-	25,000	9,454.55	-	9,454.55	10	Onsite works commenced.
Coonamble STP Upgrade – Concept Design	Council	250,000	-	250,000	121,299.36	-	121,299.36	70	Options study draft report has been issued. Consultation meetings with EPA, DCCEEW and PWA have been conducted. Concept design being completed.

SEWER (continued)

<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Budget Variation (\$)</i>	<i>Total Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Project Expenditure to date (\$)</i>	<i>Committed (\$)</i>	<i>Total (\$)</i>	<i>% Completion</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Coonamble Sewage Treatment Plant – step screen installation at headworks	Council	170,000	-	170,000	-	161,928.00	161,928.00	10	RFQ accepted, external supplier engaged to complete installation and commissioning, works to commence in Feb 2025.
Yarran Street Subdivision Development – sewerage servicing including Sewage Pump Station, Rising/Gravity Main installations. Plus, water mains and water service connections.	Council	950,000	-	950,000	503,108.72	-	503,108.72	55	Contractor completed Sewage Pump Station and Rising Main install, works commenced on water main/water service/gravity sewer main/sewer junctions' installation.
Gulargambone – Sewage Treatment Plant tertiary ponds desludge	Council	250,000	-	250,000	-	-	-	10	Project scoped and options being considered.

URBAN SPACES

<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Budget Variation (\$)</i>	<i>Total Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Project Expenditure to date (\$)</i>	<i>Committed (\$)</i>	<i>Total (\$)</i>	<i>% Completion</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Coonamble Sportsgrounds Female Amenities/Changerooms 6078-2303-0000	SCCF4 + Council	450,000	130,000	580,000	558,224.49	526,198	526,282	80	Rendering has been completed. Tiling and internal fittings works have commenced. On time for March handover
Gulargambone Sportsground Amenities Upgrade 6055-2301-0001	SCCF5 + Council	520,000	100,000	620,000	309,031	565,760	568,105	30	Construction of building is almost complete. Roofing and internal works to begin next.

CEMETERIES

<i>Project</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Budget Variation (\$)</i>	<i>Total Budget (\$)</i>	<i>Expenditure YTD (\$)</i>	<i>Committed (\$)</i>	<i>Total YTD (\$)</i>	<i>% Completion</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Pioneer Cemetery Coonamble new fence and signage	Council	48,000	-	48,000	23,329	23,330	46,659	80	Signage is being drafted, site survey has been done and work will commence shortly

10.11 TOORAWEEAH ROAD UPGRADE - MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE**File Number:** R-8-32-1**Author:** Kerrie Murphy-Director Infrastructure Services**Authoriser:** Paul Gallagher, General Manager**Annexures:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with a status update on the Tooraweenah Road Upgrade Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Project Team have been working on progressing this project in an effort to get some visible work on the ground prior to end of June.

Council has been successful in getting a Tender Exemption granted from the funding body, which is in addition to the additional funding that has now been allocated to the project.

Work is continuing on getting the project to a point where construction can commence with side tracks and vegetation clearing. Council will be undertaking the construction of the dry weather side tracks.

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.

The project originally aimed to provide 56.8 km of sealed road with a 9.9m wide pavement and 7.5m wide seal with guideposts, centreline, and edge marking. The focus is now on the unsealed section, which is approximately 27km long.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

11.1.5 Complete the Tooraweenah Road upgrade project, on time and on budget.

(b) Financial Considerations

The capital cost of the project is funded by the Federal Government's Roads of Strategic Importance Program (ROSI). The funded budget is \$41.2 million.

COMMENTARY**Work completed to date***Location of underground services*

Dial B4U Dig was done as a part of the initial design process and was incorporated into the approved 100% Design. This investigation revealed that there were sections of the construction footprint that contained Telstra services.

The original Tender for the construction of the culverts included the location of these services using non-destructive digging techniques which would enable a determination to be made whether services will require relocating. It became evident in January 2025 that this work was still to be done.

Quotations have now been sought and a contractor engaged to undertake this work. The contractor is currently programming the work.

Procurement of additional culvert units

The initial box culvert order was based on the original design. The order was completed in order to meet a grant milestone.

Council experienced performance issues with the original designer and undertook a peer review of the design as received. It was identified that the original design was grossly under-designed with regards to the hydrology of the area and required further hydrology investigations to be undertaken.

This updated design was assessed with regards to the number of box culverts and it was identified that additional box culverts would be required. It became evident in January 2025 that these additional box culvert units had not been ordered. Quotations for these additional box culverts have now been sought through existing panel tenders and are being manufactured now.

Procurement for the setting out invert levels of culverts – NOT PROGRESSING

Further discussions have been had in this regard and it has been determined that it would be best for the culvert contractor to engage their own source to have this work done. This protects Council with regards to the risk associated with the levels of the invert and the setting out of same. It will also reduce the risk of variations if the contractor has this responsibility.

Identification of additional vegetation removal

There has been clearing of vegetation undertaken for this project previously, however, additional vegetation removal was identified as being required in the final design. This was a result of the vegetation being in conflict with the design of the road.

The original Tender for the construction of the culverts included the identification and removal of this additional vegetation. It became evident in January 2025 that this work was still to be done and was determined that it would be more efficient if Council undertook this work. The contractor that undertook the original REF is currently reviewing this document to ensure it aligns with changes to environmental legislation. They will also be onsite in early April 2025 to identify/assess the additional vegetation required to be removed.

Tender documents for concrete & steel reinforcement supply – NOT PROGRESSING

Further discussions have been had in this regard and it has been determined that it would be best for the culvert contractor to engage to engage their own source to have this work done. This protects Council with regards to the risk associated with the supply and delivery of the concrete and steel reinforcement. It will also reduce the risk of variations if the contractor has this responsibility.

Procurement of site office and amenities, site-compound components

The original Tender for the construction of the culverts included the procurement of a site office and amenities and site compound components for the use of the contractors.

Due to Council undertaking works on this project, it is a requirement for Council to provide amenities as per the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011. It has been determined that Council should purchase the site office and amenities building, as well as other site-compound components including fencing and CCTV for this project. The cost of renting/hiring such facilities for an extended period of time far outweighs the cost of an outright purchase. Council then owns these assets and can recoup the purchase outlay via a plan hire charge against the project through a weekly charge to the Plant fund. Further information about this purchase is available later in this report.

Procurement of on-site lab for materials and compaction testing

The original Tender for the construction of the culverts included the procurement of an on-site lab for materials and compaction testing. In order to ensure quality products, and workmanship, it has been determined that this should be managed by Council.

There needs to be transparency with the testing of the materials and compaction, and it will give Council greater confidence of this if the testing is carried out independently to the Contractor. Discussions are being had with relevant parties on arrangements required to make this happen and further information will be provided to Council once this has been finalised.

Funding sign designs and approvals being sought

It became evident in January 2025 that signage required under the original grant funding deed had not been designed, drafted, approved or installed. The process is that the design of the signage must be approved by the funding body prior to manufacture.

Council has requested the design be drafted and quoted on and is waiting to hear back from the supplier. Once the design has been received, it will be sent to the funding body for approval/amendment and then once the sign has been manufactured and received, it will be installed.

Arranging for spraying of culvert stockpile site

This has been completed and will be monitored.

Identification of staging for road closures and side track proposals

Council is currently identifying and pegging out the culvert locations. This will enable a better understanding of where the side tracks are to be constructed.

Once the box culverts are pegged out and the side track locations identified, an assessment of whether further vegetation removal will be made. This will then allow for side track construction to be programmed and commenced prior to end June 2025.

Public notices regarding road heights

Due to Council raising the road height in some locations, Council is required to give notice under the Roads Act 1993 of this. This involves publishing the proposal in the local newspaper for a least 28 days. The notice is currently being advertised in the local newspaper and on Council's website and Facebook page.

Communications plan

Council officers are currently working on the Communications Plan. Council has also become aware of an app that the Tooraweenah Road residents use to communicate, and contact is being made to seek approval for the use of this app to provide regular updates to the residents via this app. This will be in addition to any communications on other platforms.

Purchase of Site Office and amenities

As raised previously in this report, Council has identified the need to purchase a site office and amenities for the Tooraweenah Road project. Providing amenities for staff is required under the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011. Due to the length of the project, and the number of personnel involved, a large site office, and amenities building has been sourced and can be delivered within eight (8) weeks of ordering. It is anticipated that ordering these facilities now will ensure delivery in early June 2025.

These items will be allocated plant numbers and will be booked to the Tooraweenah Road Upgrade project. The use of these items will be charged against the project to ensure that the item's purchase costs are recouped (from the project) and allow Council to maintain them for their useful life. On completion of this project, the facilities will then be available for use on other projects.

The cost of these items is as follows:

Supply of site building	\$125,000.00
Supply of building service trailer	\$68,580.00
Security fencing	\$10,800.00
CCTV (Annually)	<u>\$7,800.00</u>
Total	<u>\$212,180.00</u>

These items can be purchased from the Plant Fund, however, additional funding from the Plant reserves will be required to allow for these purchases. It is requested that Council transfer an additional sum of \$212,180.00 to the Plant Fund, from Transport Reserves to facilitate the purchase of this equipment.

It was originally thought to allocate funding for this equipment in the 2025/2026 Operational Plan, however, given that we are wanting to commence work prior to end of June 2025, we will need to get this equipment ordered as a matter of urgency.

Grant funding situation

Council received a sum of \$22,962,000 under the Roads of Strategic Importance program for the purposes of upgrading the Tooraweenah Road. The project originally aimed to provide 56.8 km of sealed road with a 9.9m wide pavement and 7.5m wide seal with guideposts, centreline, and edge marking.

Council went to Tender in 2024 for the construction of the box culverts and associated roadworks, with the Tender going to Council at the August 2024 meeting wherein all Tenders were rejected due to the cost being more than funding available.

In September 2024, Council made a submission to the Australian Government via the Mid-Year Economic and Outlook (MYEFO) committee for the following:

- Variation to the scope of work to upgrade the remaining 27km of unsealed section of Tooraweenah Road, within Coonamble Shire Council, for a 1 in 10 year flood
- an additional \$18.21 million
- an extension of time of 248 weeks (April 2029), and
- a tender exemption for Council to carry out all the work by its own resources, supplemented by sub-contracts where necessary. The current funding instrument requires Council to procure all works through a tendering process.

Council was notified in December 2024 that MYEFO had committed an additional \$18.2M to the project, taking the total funding to \$41.2M. Council is in receipt of the approved Variation for the Scope of Works also, limiting work to the 27km unsealed section of Tooraweenah Road.

Discussions with the funding body in early February 2025 revealed that the tender exemption had not been granted with the additional funding, and that this would involve further submissions and discussions. These submissions and discussions took place in mid-February 2025, resulting in the receipt of a formal Tender Exemption dated 21 March 2025. This enables Council to deliver the project flexibly between Council and contractor resources without having to seek further approvals on the delivery model.

Further discussions also revealed that the extension of time had not been considered as a part of Council's submission, however, the funding body has advised that as long as the project is progressing, there is no issue with the extension of time.

The monthly meeting with the project funding body, held in March, indicated that they are very pleased with the progress of the project this calendar year.

Advice has also been received regarding the receipt of an updated Funding Deed. At this stage, there is no Funding Deed available for the additional funds allocated by the Federal Government.

The Director Infrastructure has sought assurances for the certainty of the funding, given that a Federal election has been called, in the absence of a Funding Deed. The funding body has advised that Council needs to apply for the additional funding once the project has progressed to a point where the additional funding is required. This application is in the form of a letter, which the Director Infrastructure has been working on with representatives from the funding body. Once this letter has been approved, a Funding Deed will be furnished to Council.

Once the Tender for the culvert construction has been finalised, Grant Milestones will need to be amended to reflect the project going forward.

Expenditure so far

A summary of expenditure so far is given below:

Grant Funding \$22,962,000.00

Income Received to date: \$3,102,000.00

Expenditure to date from grant funds:

2019/2020	\$7,616.85
2020/2021	\$133,357.71
2021/2022	\$54,540.74
2022/2023	\$1,125,938.40
2023/2024	\$1,728,808.74
2024/2025	\$160,436.18
Total	<u>\$3,213,698.62</u>

Future project development



Initiation

This project came about from a Council request to seal the remaining unsealed section of the Tooraweenah Road to improve travel times, lower vehicle operating costs, increase tourist traffic, improve road safety and increase productivity for business within the area.

Reference to this project in any strategic documentation has not been located to date.

Planning

The original estimate for this project was based on a 'desk-top exercise', finalised in late 2018 for the entire length of the road. This estimate included the following scope of work:

Sealed section

- Road rehabilitation of areas;
- Heavy Patching of areas;
- Bitumen seal;

Unsealed section

- Earthworks to widen road;
- Widening of existing box culverts to match road widening;
- One additional 'large' box culvert.

When funding was announced in May 2019, the project scope was based solely on the 'desk-top' exercise without any design or quantity survey.

Design

The original designer was engaged in July 2022. As of July 2023, multiple variations had been submitted with only 80% design received. Due to the extremely poor performance of this contractor, the contract was terminated. After this, the 80% design was peer reviewed by another company which was when the hydrology issues were identified.

After researching for the best outcome, another designer was engaged to undertake the hydrology assessment and to update the design. The design process was finalised in August 2024 with construction plans issued. Council then took these designs to tender in August 2024.

A further assessment is being undertaken on the drainage structures of private accesses to identify opportunities for savings of time and money. There is potential for savings if pipes can be substituted for box culverts as these can be installed sooner rather than later as the construction method is simpler.

Procurement

Whilst not ideal, procurement of the first set of box culvert units was undertaken based on the original design and to meet a funding milestone of the grant. Once the construction plans were finalised, it was identified that further box culvert units were required. These additional units were included in the original tender document that went to Council in August 2024.

A combination of existing tenders and requests for quotation (RFQ) are being used to facilitate the purchasing of what is required to progress the project at this stage. A Procurement Plan is currently being drafted also, which will further assist this.

Construction

The Project Team are currently discussing the best way forward with regards to staging the commencement of the project. There is work that Council can undertake which will allow for an earlier commencement of work. Staff are currently identifying work zones that need to be restricted at particular times eg. harvest.

Due to the nature of how this project has come about and been managed historically, there are multiple legacy issues that Council is dealing with that should have been identified and actioned in previous phases.

CONCLUSION

Work is continuing on getting the project to a point where construction can commence with side tracks and vegetation clearing.

Council completed maintenance works on the road over the previous months, however, wet weather has led to new damage to the road. Staff are continuing to monitor the road conditions and will intervene when there is an unacceptable safety risk that can be addressed within the available resources and funded from the maintenance budget.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the report be received and noted on the progress of the Tooraweenah Road Upgrade Project.**
- 2. That Council approves a variation to transfer an additional \$212,180.00 from the Transport Reserve to and increase the vote for 2024/25 Plant Fund to cover the costs of the purchase for amenities as listed within this report.**

10.12 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

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Annexures: 1. Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 - Working Draft [↓](#) 

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the development of the new Community Strategic Plan, which needs to be finalised by 30 June 2025.

BACKGROUND

NSW Councils are required to have a Community Strategic Plan (CSP) as part of their Integrated Planning and Reporting Requirement (IP&R). The CSP is the highest-level plan that a Council will prepare. The purpose of the CSP is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to plan strategies for achieving these goals. It guides all remaining strategies and plans and must be developed by Council with and on behalf of the community.

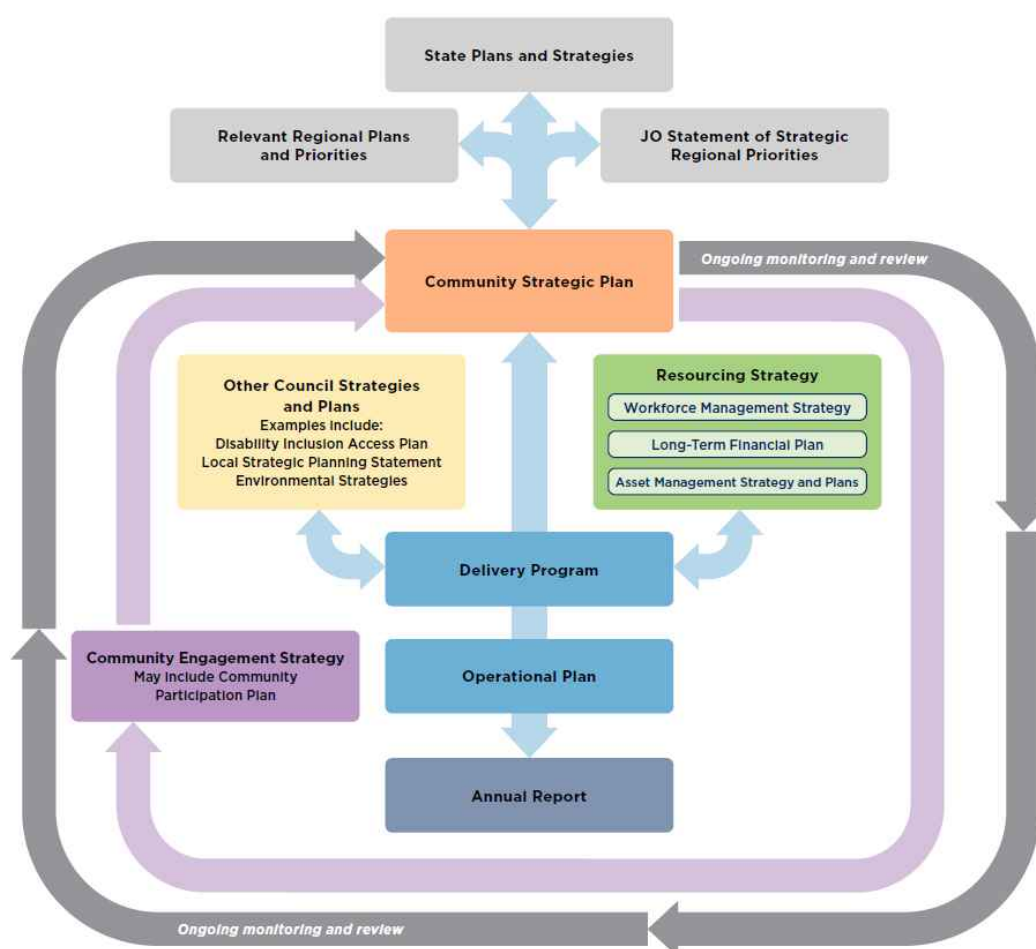


Figure 1: IP&R Framework

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework recognises that most communities broadly share similar aspirations: a safe, healthy and vibrant place to live, a sustainable environment, a caring and engaged community, opportunities for employment, reliable infrastructure, etc. The main difference lies in how each community responds to these needs. The IP&R framework allows NSW councils to draw their various plans together, to understand how they interact and inform each another, and to get the maximum benefit from their efforts by planning holistically for the future.

The main components include:

- Community Strategic Plan.
- Resourcing Strategy.
- Delivery Program.
- Operational Plan.
- Annual Report.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The information contained in this report is focused on developing the new Community Strategic Plan which will also lead to the development of the Delivery Program and ensuing Operational Plans.

(b) Financial Considerations

There are no direct financial considerations arising from this report.

COMMENTARY

The following is a summary of the requirements of section 402 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) regarding the Community Strategic Plan:

- Each local government area is to have a Community Strategic Plan that has been developed and endorsed by the council on behalf of its community.
- The Community Strategic Plan is to identify the main priorities and aspirations for the future of the local government area.
- The Community Strategic Plan must cover a minimum timeframe of 10 years.
- The Community Strategic Plan must establish strategic objectives together with strategies to achieve those objectives.
- The council must review the Community Strategic Plan before 30 June in the year following an ordinary election of council. The council may endorse the existing plan, or develop and endorse a new Community Strategic Plan, as appropriate, to ensure that the area has a Community Strategic Plan covering at least the next 10 years.

Consultation Update

A full report for the consultation and engagement during this process will be provided with the draft Community Strategic Plan. However, the following provides a summary to date on the consultation and engagement that has occurred to date and what is on the agenda during public exhibition.

Date	Tasks
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25 November – 19 December 2024	Community Satisfaction Survey fieldwork
12 February 2025	Councillor workshop on the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, including community strategic plan.
March 2025	Local communication campaign to promote CSP engagement. Survey posted online.
18-20 March 2025	Community consultation pop-up sessions held at Quambone, Coonamble and Gulargambone.

Summary of key consultation areas

Between the two surveys and the community pop-up sessions, around 300 people were engaged. Among the comments provided there were some key themes that came out:

- Words such as “build”, “opportunities”, “grow” and “caring” featured highly in community responses.
- On average, around 95% of respondents agree with the 16 goals set as part of the initial consultation.
- In addition, there were hundreds of comments and further information provided which will help us develop our CSP, Delivery Program and Operational plan.

Draft Community Strategic Plan – 2025 to 2035

Mandatory requirements and corporate touches

The Draft Community Strategic Plan 2025 to 2035 (‘CSP’) includes the mandatory requirements set out section 402 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The survey consultation and online forums have assisted in revising some of the goals, and the subsequent strategies are now being drafted. As a corporate touch, an Acknowledgement of Country is provided along with a Councillors’ Message.

Vision

77.6% of respondents in the CSP survey either agreed or strongly agreed with the following vision statement:

“We are a united, vibrant and capable community, with our thoughts and actions centred on caring for community and caring for country, now and into the future.”

Despite the strong support for the vision statement, a number of comments indicated that the statement could be simplified. The working draft of the CSP is now proposing the following vision statement:

“We are a united, vibrant and capable community, focused on caring for each other and our country, now and into the future.”

Stakeholders

The CSP also outlines the number of stakeholders in delivering the goals and strategies of the CSP. It lists the key stakeholders and their role including:

Type	Explanation
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Partner	Delivers services or projects in partnership with other organisations
Service Provider	Takes full responsibility for delivery services
Regulator	Has statutory responsibilities to ensure compliant service delivery
Funder	Funds other organisations to deliver services through grants or contracts
Advocator	Promotes the interests of the community to other decision-making organisations such as the State Government
Facilitator	Brings stakeholders together to help them understand their common objectives and assists them to plan and achieve them

Outline of sections relating to themes

The five themes are supported by functional areas of Council. As the CSP is a holistic document, some functions will have strategies in more than one theme.

Theme	Function Areas
Our Community	Community Development Economic Growth and Development (incl. Tourism) Parks and Urban Services
Our Economy	Economic Growth and Development (incl. Tourism)
Our Homes and Assets	Roads Utilities Contracts and Special Projects Assets Parks and Urban Services
Our Country	Planning, Regulatory and Compliance Waste, Recycling and Employment Initiatives
Our Leadership	Corporate Governance People and Culture WHS and Risk Management Finance and Procurement

What's next?

The strategies and measures of success are being reviewed ahead of the final draft being presented to Council in line with the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

The Community Strategic Plan is being developed in line with section 402 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework Guidelines (2021) and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework Handbook (2021).

(b) Legal Implications

Local Councils within the State of NSW have no option other than to comply with the IP&R requirements, as it is a legislative requirement.

(c) Social Implications

Once developed and adopted, the Community Strategic Plan will describe the community's vision and aspirations for a period of ten years.

(d) Environmental Implications

The potential environmental implications of the Community Strategic Plan could be positive for the LGA.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

The potential economic implications of the Community Strategic Plan could be positive for the LGA.

(f) Risk Implications

If Council is being seen by the NSW Office of Local Government and the community as not complying with the provisions of the Act and the associated IP&R requirements, there is a risk for Council to suffer reputational damage and the possibility of other measures being implemented to ensure that Council fulfills its obligations.

CONCLUSION

The draft CSP will be presented to Council along with the Delivery Program and Operational Plan. This report is provided to Council as a progress update.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the information contained in the Community Strategic Plan update report.

Moving Forward Together

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

2025 TO 2035



COONAMBLE
SHIRE COUNCIL



Coonamble Shire Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035

Version: Draft

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Coonamble Shire Council acknowledges the Kamilaroi and Wailwan people as the traditional custodians of the land on which it meets and operates, respecting Elders past, present and emerging. We seek at all times to show respect to all people and cultures whose privilege they have to serve within and beyond the Local Government Area.



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about this plan

Our Community Strategic Plan (CSP) has been developed following the September 2024 council elections.



Our CSP guides the future direction of the Coonamble Shire for the next 10 years and describes the community's vision and aspirations for the future.



Coonamble Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the lands in our regions.



Thank you to all the inspired and responsive members of our community who participated in our survey and forums to help achieve the CSP.



Our community continued to engage during the public exhibition period to shape our final CSP, and a Community Engagement Report was delivered.



Councillors' message



**Mayor
Cr Daniel
Keady**



**Deputy
Mayor
Cr Steven
Butler**



**Cr Karen
Churchill**



**Cr Adam
Cohen**



**Cr Paul
Fisher**



**Cr Marg
Garnsey**



**Cr Pip
Goldsmith**



**Cr Al
Karanauh**



**Cr Paul
Wheelhouse**

Welcome to the Community Strategic Plan for 2025 to 2035.

Council knows that our Shire is a great place to live. We understand that to be part of a liveable community, things don't just happen. It requires a community vision, shared ideas and a greater commitment for continuous improvement. After the September 2024 elections, we have embarked on a journey to review the community strategic plan to ensure it is fit for purpose for our region. After much engaging consultation and listening to your comments, we are happy to present the final Community Strategic Plan.

The Community Strategic Plan is the community's plan, open to all stakeholders to take an active role in delivering goals. With our region encompassing the towns of Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone, we are a strong and resilient rural community. We have had several challenging years, particularly focused on continuing to deal with the impacts of natural disasters from drought to flooding, as well as proactively driving opportunities for economic development within the LGA. The consultation has told us that the community has many expectations of us, as your elected Council, and of each other as individuals, businesses, organisations and service partners in our community.

We hope you enjoy and use your Community Strategic Plan and its accompanying framework. We look forward to implementing the strategies to move forward together.

Your Councillors 2025.



introduction

1. INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

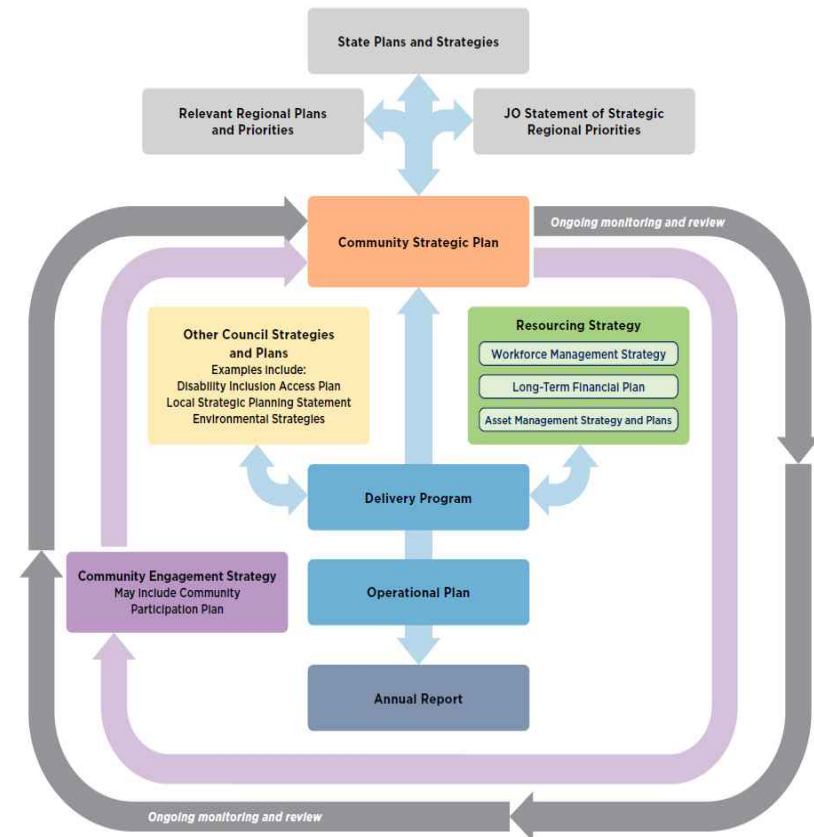
The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework is based on a perpetual planning cycle which encourages an inclusive and transparent approach to the development of a sustainable local government area and responsible civic leadership.

The **Community Strategic Plan (CSP)** is a community document, for the community. It identifies our values, strengths, challenges and opportunities for the future development and growth of the Coonamble Local Government Area.

The **Delivery Program** identifies the principal strategies to be undertaken to implement the outcomes identified in the Community Strategic Plan during the Council's 4-year term of office.

The **Operational Plan** provides detailed actions and targets to measure the implementation of the Delivery Program.

Following a 28-day public exhibition period and before the end of the financial year, Council formally endorses the CSP and adopts the Delivery Program and Operational Plan after taking into consideration any submissions made.



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2. THE COONAMBLE SHIRE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (2025)

Our Coonamble Shire Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2035 is the key strategic document highlight the community's aspirations, goals, the current challenges and future opportunities.

The superseded plan was developed in 2022. Each newly elected Council is required to review the previous CSP, then develop and endorse a strategic plan that identifies the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and identify strategies to achieve them. Strategies that are developed take into consideration the issues and competing pressures that may affect the community and the level of resources that will be realistically available.

Council has a custodial role in initiating, preparing and maintaining the CSP on behalf of the local government area, it is not wholly responsible for its implementation.

We acknowledge our other partners, such as state agencies, organisations and community groups who may also be engaged in delivering the long-term objectives of the CSP.

3. HOW DID WE GET HERE?

The 2022 CSP worked from the bottom up, with the CSP development team undertaking an extensive amount of time reviewing the previous CSP, Council's previous delivery program and operational plan reviews. The resulting plan sought to lay out better ways to do business, provide services, govern, communicate and

to continuously improve processes.

In reviewing the 2022 CSP, Council considered undertook community engagement and consultation, which is documented in a **Community Engagement Report**. We also utilised the State of the Shire Report 2024, the 2024 Community Satisfaction Survey, current statistics, a new CSP focused survey and consultation forums in each town.

The draft CSP is a result of the intensive and extensive engagement that occurred between December 2024 to March 2025. The information provided by those valued people who participated has also influenced the development of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.



Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035

introduction

3. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

GOVERNANCE

Coonamble Shire 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 for all. Council endeavours to inspire our community shared civic pride by valuing and protecting our unique environment, both natural and built, for current and future generations.

In keeping with our values, Council is committed to addressing and resolving customer enquiries and complaints, improving service delivery and increasing customer satisfaction. We will treat all matters diligently and aim to provide a fair and reasonable outcome to both the customer and Council.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

In developing the CSP, our community engagement was guided by the principles of social justice, which are:

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. The process should take particular care to involve and protect the interests of people in vulnerable circumstances.

Access

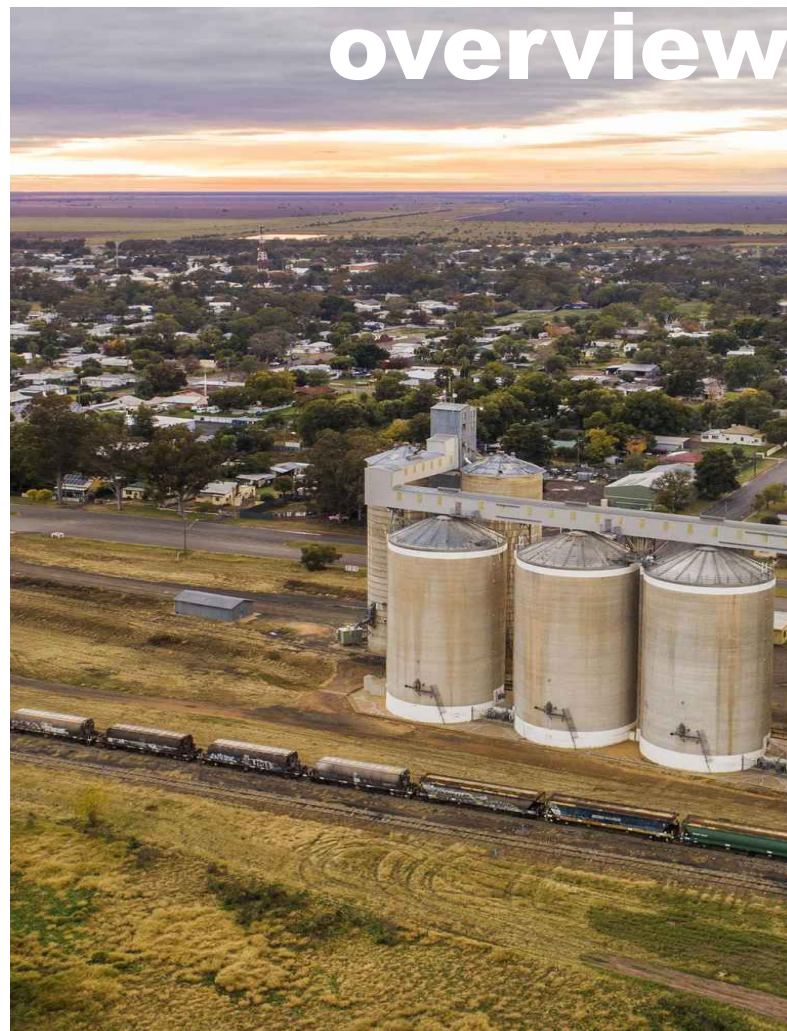
All people should have fair access to services, resources and opportunities to improve their quality of life.

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.



overview of our shire

The Coonamble Local Government Area (LGA) has an area of 9,955 square kilometres and is located on the traditional Indigenous lands of the Wailwan and Kamilaroi people.

Our shire includes the township of Coonamble and villages of Gulargambone and Quambone.

Coonamble LGA is part of the Orana Region of Central Northern NSW and is bounded by the LGAs of Walgett to the north, Warrumbungle in the east, Gilgandra to the south and Warren in the west.

Less than two hours' drive by road from Dubbo and six hours from Sydney.

Coonamble is situated on the Castlereagh River which runs through the town, dividing east from west. Water from the Great Artesian Basin is pumped into reservoirs throughout the town for domestic use. Residents of rural properties account for approximately one-third of the LGA population.

The majority of the district's agricultural resources are devoted to dry and broad-acre farming and grazing.

The Coonamble LGA has a population of 3,732 persons (ABS, 2021).

The area experiences extreme weather conditions including drought, flooding and extreme heat and cold. This has significant impact on the local agricultural industry and subsequently the economic prosperity of the area.

overview of our shire

Coonamble

Coonamble is the central hub of our region, set along the picturesque Castlereagh River among some of Australia's finest agricultural land.

The central hub includes lively cafes, fantastic eateries, boutique shopping and other commercial industries.

Gulargambone

Gulargambone is a village and the jewel in the Coonamble region's crown, 47km south of Coonamble along the banks of the Castlereagh River. Meaning "watering hole for many Galahs" in the local Wailwan language.

Quambone

Quambone is the smallest and quaintest of our region's villages, with a very proud population of 128 people. Located 57km from Coonamble. Quambone is the gateway to the Macquarie Marshes.

Combara

Combara is a small rural location. The Combara Hall hosts many events during the year. Situated on the Warrego Road, it hosts agricultural infrastructure for local farmers.



what we heard?

challenges and opportunities



what we heard?

1. KEY INFORMATION FROM OUR INITIAL ANALYSIS?

Our key stakeholders and community members who participated in our consultation forums, surveys and meetings know that the information we have gathered to set our baseline has been a rigorous exercise. We undertook a review of the superseded CSP which included 22 actions and reviewed them against the 2024/25 Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Key information from our analysis was provided in each of the themes and function areas when we undertook initial consultation to help inform our participants.

We undertook review of current available data from other government agencies, organisations and service providers. This included but not limited to:

- population trends including births, deaths, migration and employment data
- crime and domestic violence statistics
- gaps analysis on medical and health services
- animal control statistics
- number of capital projects delivered including upgrades to facilities
- number of events, public art and tourism projects
- NSW Government data such as Active Kids
- number of attendances in Council's children and youth services
- strategic projects and policies delivered such as the Coonamble Master Plan and Economic Development Strategy
- number of long term economic scoping projects such as the MacDonald Park Master Plan and Artesian Bore Bath Experience
- environmental initiatives through existing organisations, adoption of new policies, resilience in our flood management
- infrastructure data on our roads, water and sewer and other assets

2. WHAT DID CONSULTATION TELL US?

An in-depth summary of the community consultation findings is provided in the **Community Engagement Report** (March 2025).

The information and comments our community have provided will be provided in each of the themes and function areas later in this document.

- We had around **300 people engaged**.
- The online survey/hardcopy survey had **98 participants**.
- Around **100 people came and had a chat** in our drop in sessions.

A broad summary is below:

- Words such as “build”, “opportunities”, “grow” and “caring” featured highly in community responses.
- On average, around 95% of you agree with the 16 goals set as part of the initial consultation.
- In addition, there were hundreds of comments and further information provided which will help us develop our CSP, Delivery Program and Operational plan.

challenges for our future

OUR COMMUNITY

Community Development; Economic Development & Growth (incl. Tourism); Parks & Urban Services

- How do you connect our community when there is disconnect and divisiveness.
- How do people balance work, family and other commitments with gaps in our services?
- How do we keep up with the demands on our community as a result of the “baby boom”.
- How do we ensure our connection to local culture?
- What are we doing about our high crime statistics and how do we address the causes?
- What are we doing about animal control?
- How do we manage and communicate our local disaster preparedness?
- How do we manage the gaps in our medical and health services?
- How do we continue to development of our recreation and sporting spaces?

OUR ECONOMY

Economic Development and Growth (incl. Tourism)

- How do you manage the lack of support to local businesses, including workforce challenges, drought and lack of housing?
- How do we address a skilled labour shortage and workforce challenges?
- How do we create a larger, diverse, sustainable local economy?
- How do we ensure our early childhood services keep pace with demand?
- How do revitalise our main streets?
- How do we address the housing supply issue in our LGA?
- How can Council improve its communication to local business and industry?

OUR COUNTRY

Planning, Regulatory & Compliance; Waste, Recycling & Employment Initiatives

- How can we improve recycling services to be more sustainable?
- How can we reduce the impacts of human activity on the environment to protect it for future generations?
- What can we do to be leaders in the Central West for environmental sustainability?

OUR HOMES AND ASSETS

Roads; Utilities; Special Projects; Assets. Parks & Urban Services

- How do we manage one of the largest unsealed road networks in NSW?
- What can be done with dealing with customer dissatisfaction on our unsealed roads?
- What can be done to manage the quarry better?
- How does Council operate and manage its assets with its limited budget and competing priorities?
- What can be done to manage our ageing water and sewer assets, including private infrastructure?
- How can we deal with the perceptions of water quality?
- How can we ensure people have the homes they need in the region?

OUR LEADERSHIP

Corporate Governance, People & Culture; WHS & Risk; Finance

- How can Council improve its customer service delivery to our community?
- How can Council improve the perception that it does not listen to our community?

**what will we
do?**



what will we do?

1. A PLAN FOR ALL

The Community Strategic Plan brings together the aspirations and priorities of the community. The CSP has been organised to describe the balance and connections between what the community has stated and asked for and what needs to be done.

Information in this section is grouped into the five themes:

- C** – Our Community
- E** – Our Economy
- HA** – Our Homes and Assets
- OC** – Our Country
- L** – Our Leadership

The diagram displayed on the following page includes a summary of all the objectives for each theme. No one theme is more important than the other. We must balance across all themes which will bring the greatest benefit.

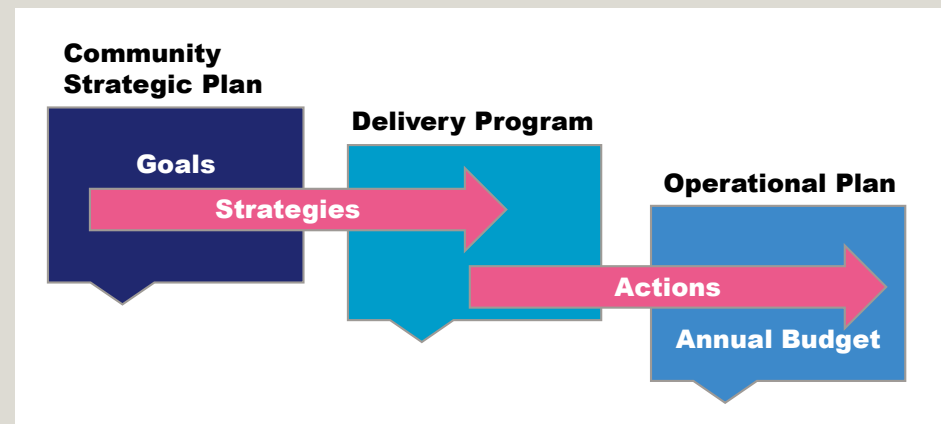
Measures have been applied because it is important to measure our success. Each goal and strategy includes measures to check our progress and provide positive benefits and feedback to the community. Measures will be reported on in the State of the Shire Report, formally referred to as the End of Term Report.

Our CSP displays the five themes which are supported with 9 function areas. It provides ideas of how each of us as an individual, a community organisation, business or industry group and state agency can contribute to the final CSP.

The CSP reinforces the role we all must play in creating and fostering the community we want.

2. DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLANS

The CSP strategies cascade down into the Council's Delivery Program. Unlike the CSP which is the community's document that all government agencies and organisations should implement, the **Delivery Program** is specific to Council and what we can deliver. The Delivery Program outlines timeframes, priorities, funding allocations and who is responsible for implementing Council's actions that contribute towards the Community Strategic Plan. More specific detail is provided in Council's Annual Operational Plan for each financial year.



what will we do?

3. RESOURCING STRATEGY

The Resourcing strategy consists of three components:

1. Long-Term Financial Planning

The Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is a 10-year rolling plan that informs decision-making and demonstrates how the objectives of the CSP and commitments of the DP will be resourced.

2. Workforce Management Planning

The Workforce Management Strategy is a proactive 4-year document that shapes the capacity and capability of the workforce to achieve Council's strategic goals and objectives.

3. Asset Management Strategy

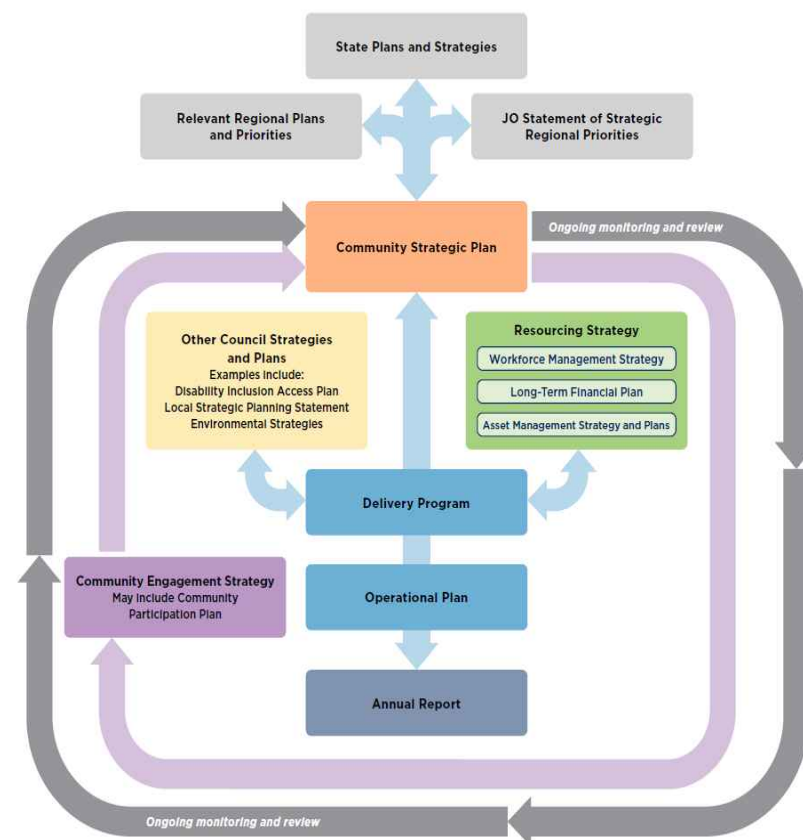
The Asset Management Strategy is to provide the required level of service for the community in accordance with the CSP and in the most cost-effective manner.

The Resourcing strategy clearly articulates how Council will implement and resource the vision of the CSP. Council will work on providing updates of the plans above when they are due.

Existing access to these documents can be found on Council's website:

<https://www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au/council/integrated-planning-and-reporting>

Or via the QR Code:



MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER – OUR GOALS

OUR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2035

OUR VISION:

We are a united, vibrant and capable community, focused on caring for each other and our country, now and into the future

OUR COMMUNITY

CARING FOR COMMUNITY

By 2035...

GOAL 1: We are a united, vibrant, capable and welcoming community.

GOAL 2: We are a healthy community.

GOAL 3: We are a safe, secure and supportive community.

CELEBRATING CULTURE

By 2035...

GOAL 4: We showcase and celebrate our diversity.

RECREATION AND SPORT

By 2035...

GOAL 5: We are a welcoming community of good sports'.

OUR ECONOMY

CULTIVATING OUR WEALTH

By 2035...

GOAL 6: We support a resilient local economy by increasing its diversity and boosting opportunities for entrepreneurship and business.

BUILDING OUR SOCIAL CAPITAL

By 2035...

GOAL 7: We enhance our ability to contribute to and care for our community.

OUR HOMES & ASSETS

OUR ROADS

By 2035...

GOAL 8: Our road network enables our community, industries and economy to thrive in broader contexts.

OUR UTILITIES

By 2035...

GOAL 9: Our approach to sanitation serves our current and longer-term needs.

OUR ASSETS

By 2035...

GOAL 10: We maintain and improve our natural and built assets to help our families, community, economy and environment to thrive.

HOUSING OPTIONS

By 2035...

GOAL 11: We have access to safe, affordable and diverse housing options.

OUR COUNTRY

SUSTAINABLE CARE FOR COUNTRY

By 2035...

GOAL 12: We show informed, fair and inclusive care for our country and community.

GOAL 13: We actively and sustainably 'care for country'.

GOAL 14: We operate a circular economy.

OUR LEADERSHIP

STEPPING UP TO HELP

By 2035...

GOAL 15: We actively serve our community to the best of our ability.

OUR INTEGRITY

By 2035...

GOAL 16: We make and implement informed decisions with trustworthiness, integrity and probity.

OUR ONGOING IMPROVEMENT

By 2035...

GOAL 17: We adopt processes of ongoing improvement and learning in our endeavours.



**vision
by 2035 we are....**

**We are a united, vibrant and
capable community, focused on
caring for each other and our
country, now and into the future**

strategic directions

The community produced a number of important priorities. These are categorised into the five themes for our local government area.

Our Community

Caring for Community – Celebrating Culture – Recreation and Sport

Our Economy

Cultivating our Wealth – Building our Social Capital

Our Homes and Assets

Our Roads – Our Utilities – Our Assets – Housing Options

Our Country

Sustainable Care for Country – Building the Circular Economy

Our Leadership

Stepping up to Help – Our Integrity – Our Ongoing Improvement

delivering the plan

There will be a number of stakeholders involved in delivering the objectives outlined in our Community Strategic Plan, and each will have varying roles and responsibilities. A general outline of how this needs to be coordinated is shown below.

Stakeholder	Partner	Service Provider	Regulator	Funder	Advocator	Facilitator
Coonamble Shire Council	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Elected Members	◆				◆	◆
Residents	◆				◆	
Local Businesses	◆	◆		◆	◆	
Voluntary Groups and Organisations	◆	◆			◆	
Community Organisations	◆	◆			◆	
Local Authorities	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
State Government	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Federal Government	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Developers	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆
Investors	◆	◆		◆		

Partner Delivers services or projects in partnership with other organisations

Service Provider Takes full responsibility for delivery services

Regulator Has statutory responsibilities to ensure compliant service delivery

Funder Funds other organisations to deliver services through grants or contracts

Advocator Promotes the interests of the community to other decision-making organisations such as the State Government

Area of Responsibility (Abbreviation)

General Manager's Office (GM)

Corporate Services (CS)

Infrastructure (I)

Community, Planning, Development &

Environment (CPDE)

Corporate Governance (CG)



10.13 COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN**File Number:** 76163**Author:** David Levick-Manager Economic Development and Growth**Authoriser:** Barry Broe, Director Community, Planning, Development and Environment**Annexures:**
1. Masterplan Delivery Progress [↓](#) 
2. Shire Masterplan [↓](#) **PURPOSE**

1. To determine Council's willingness to implement the remaining Actions of the Coonamble Shire Masterplan 2020-2030.
2. To propose a way forward to implement the Coonamble Shire Masterplan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Coonamble Shire Masterplan was developed through extensive community consultation.

136 actions were identified across 8 areas. Initial progress was made on actions during Financial Year 21-22. See Attachment showing progress in delivery of the Actions.

As a document developed through and ratified by community members in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone, and by the Council that adopted it at the time, ongoing implementation of its actions can be justified.

BACKGROUND**(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework**

Actions of the Coonamble Shire Masterplan impact most of the areas of the Community Strategic Plan.

(b) Financial Considerations

All works within the Coonamble Shire Masterplan were costed in 2020 with a 30% additional contingency. The total value of all actions was \$47 million. Of those actions completed to date, these have been accomplished through Council's Operational Budget and extensive grant funding.

COMMENTARY

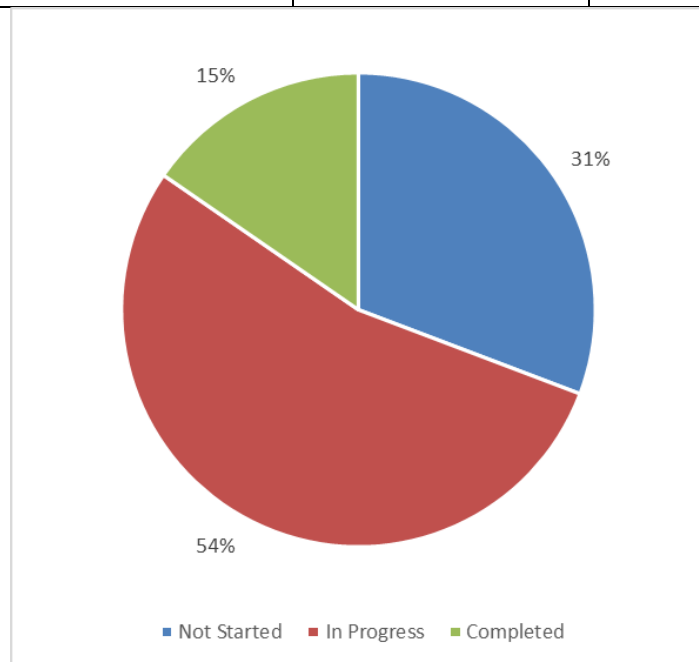
The 119-page Coonamble Shire Masterplan is one of Council's guiding strategy documents and is attached.

The eight areas identified in the document cover the entire Shire and the specific localities of Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone, along with several specific projects relating to the bore bath, town entrance signage, Coonamble's main street, and the Information and Exhibition Centre.

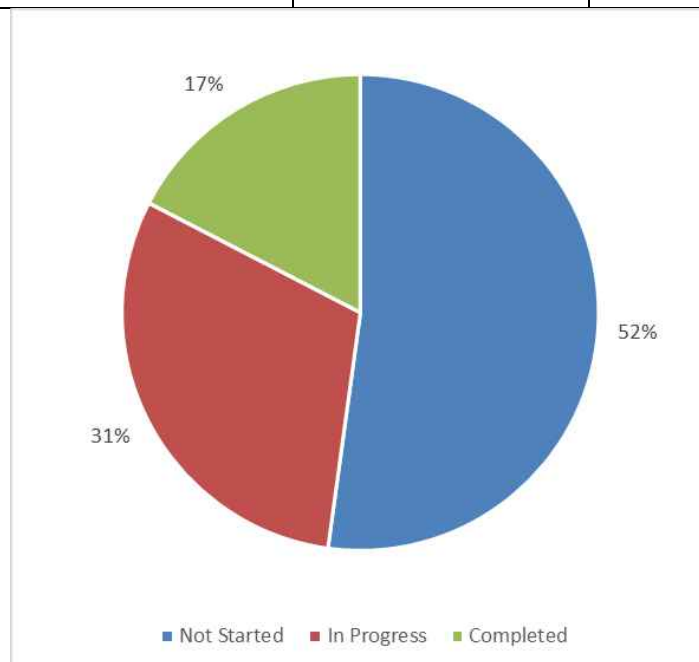
Progress made to date in each of these areas is shown in the following tables and graphs:

Policy and Shire-wide Projects

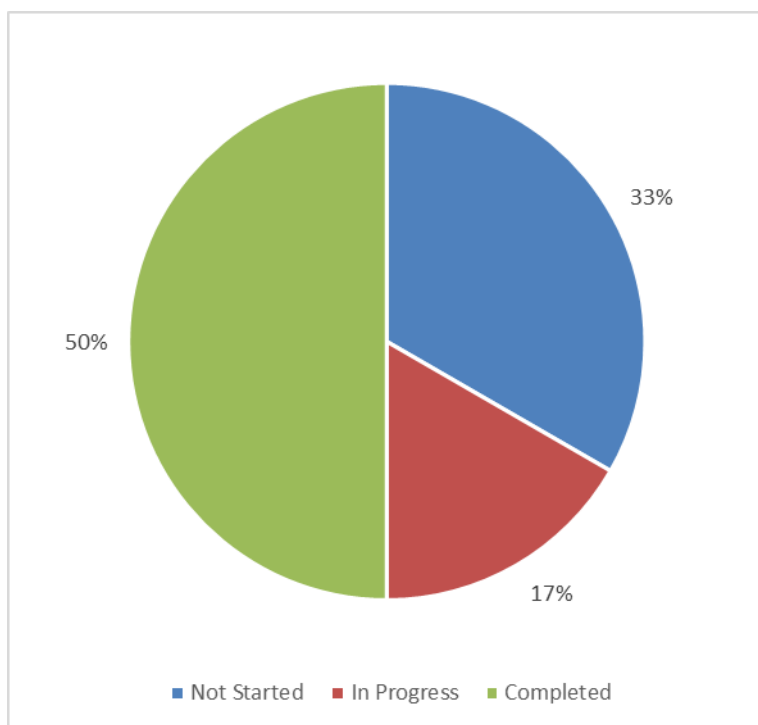
No. of Actions	Not Started	In Progress	Completed
39	12	21	6

**Coonamble Town Masterplan**

No. of Actions	Not Started	In Progress	Completed
23	12	7	4

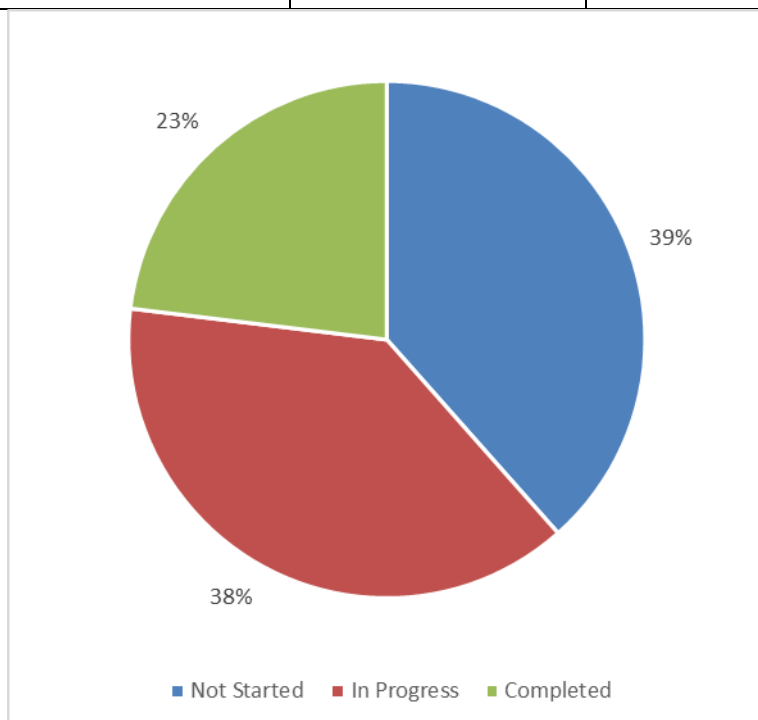
**Town and Village Entrances**

No. of Actions	Not Started	In Progress	Completed
6	2	1	3



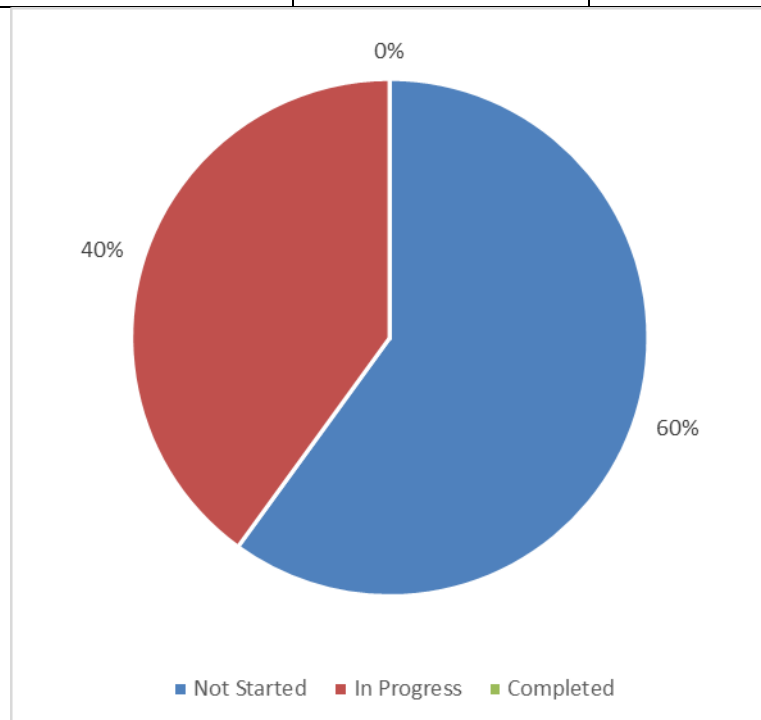
Coonamble Main Street

No. of Actions	Not Started	In Progress	Completed
13	5	5	3



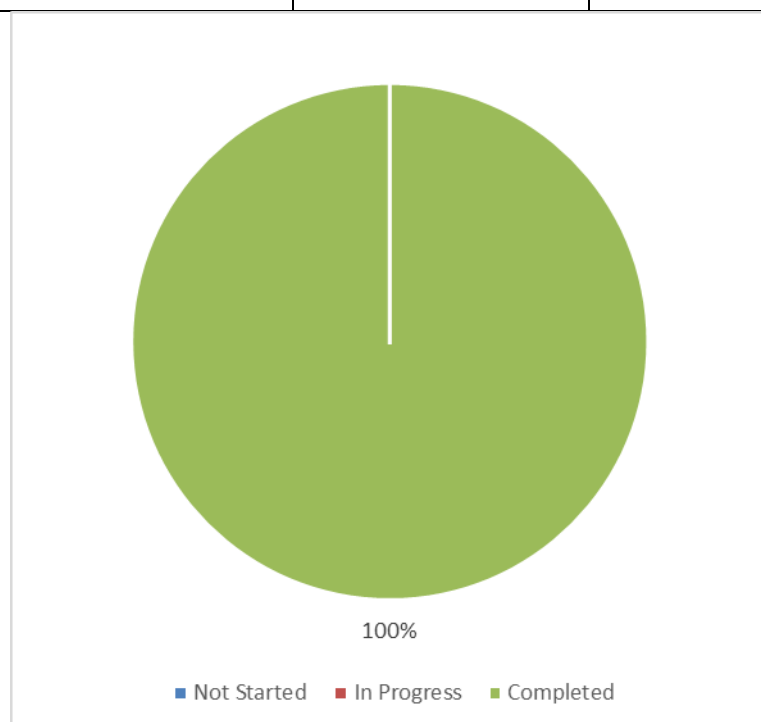
Coonamble Mineral Spa / Bore Bath

No. of Actions	Not Started	In Progress	Completed
5	3	2	0



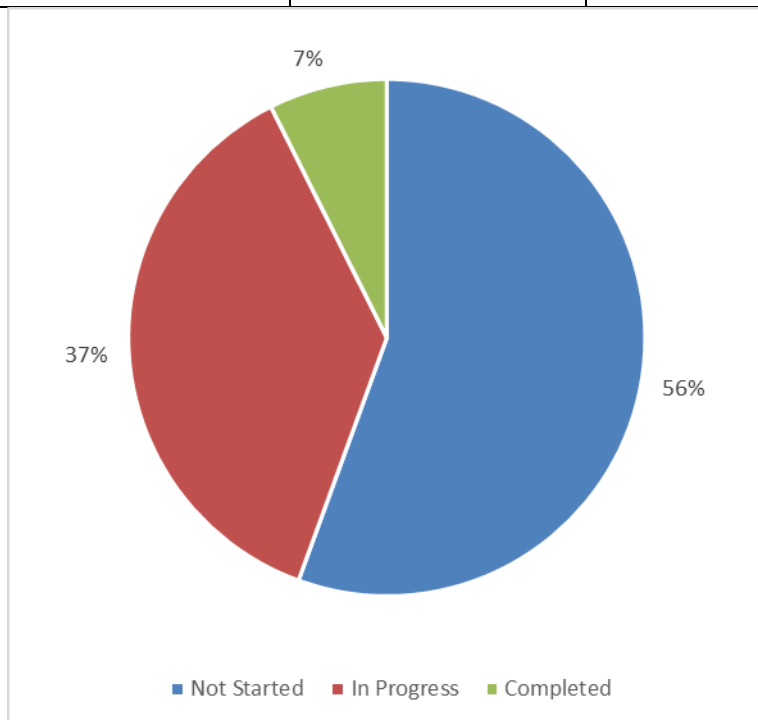
Information and Exhibition Centre

No. of Actions	Not Started	In Progress	Completed
2	0	0	2



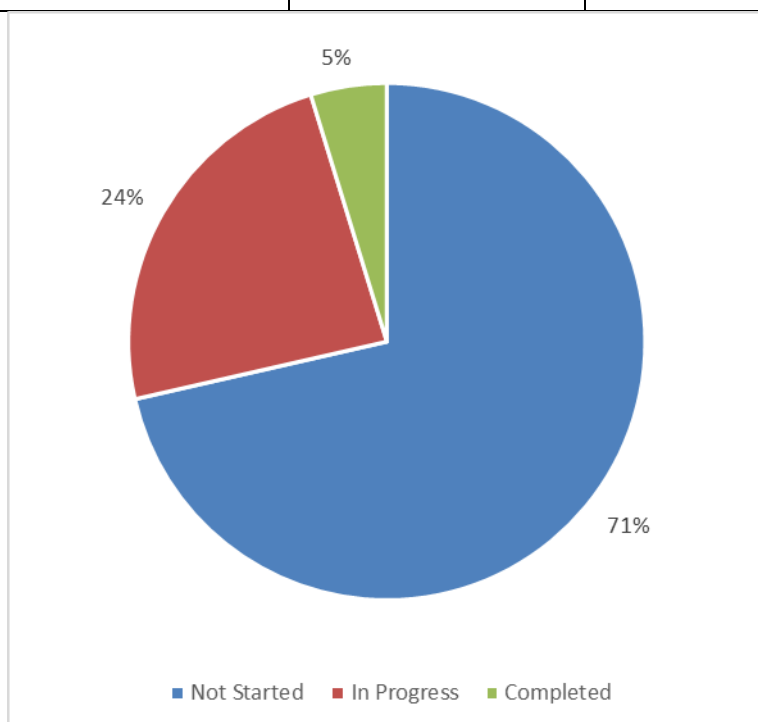
Quambone Masterplan

No. of Actions	Not Started	In Progress	Completed
27	15	10	2



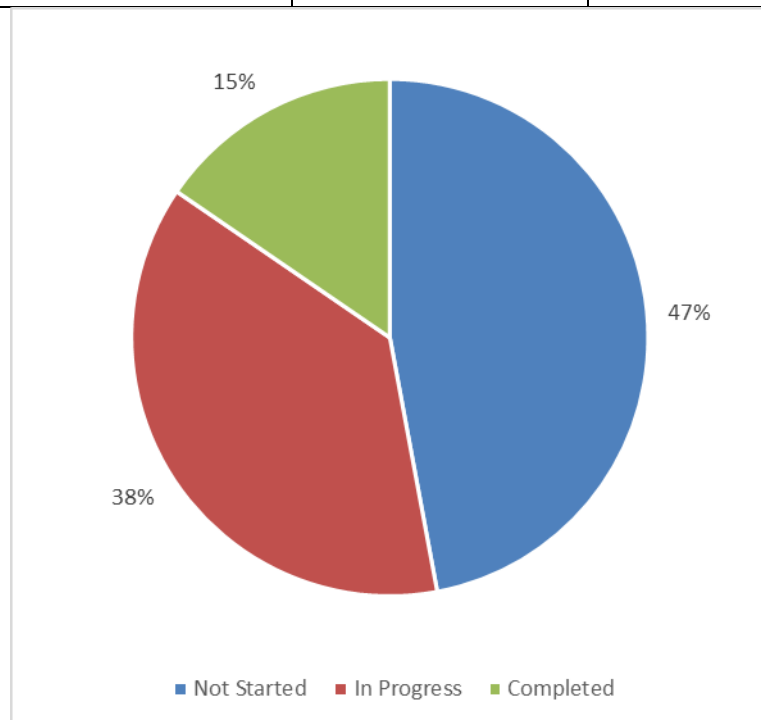
Gulargambone Masterplan

No. of Actions	Not Started	In Progress	Completed
21	15	5	1



Coonamble Shire Masterplan

No. of Actions	Not Started	In Progress	Completed
136	64	51	21
	47%	38%	15%



An optional question was asked in the recent community survey (to develop the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035). This question asked:

Remember the Coonamble Shire Masterplan 2020-2030? Would you like Council to continue pursuing the implementation of its goals? Any other comments on this?

Forty-seven of 103 people responded to this question. Their qualitative responses are attached to this report to inform Councillors' own interpretation of the community sentiment around the Masterplan.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

The Masterplan provides a framework for systematic action by Council, guided by an overall plan.

(b) Legal Implications

None

(c) Social Implications

The delivery of Actions of the Masterplan has significant positive social implications in relation to maintaining those amenities and infrastructure that sustain the social fabric of our communities.

(d) Environmental Implications

Considered within each particular Action's delivery.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

Significant economic implications through the development of some of the proposed Actions. Significant asset management and economic implications in relation to lifecycle costs of additional infrastructure, should it be built, because of the pursuit of some Actions of the Coonamble Shire Masterplan.

(f) Risk Implications

There is a risk that Council overcommits itself financially in the longer term by pursuing infrastructure projects whose continued lifecycle costs become too large a percentage of each year's Operational Budget, necessitating increases in rates, fees and charges.

CONCLUSION

The Coonamble Shire Masterplan guides the development of the Shire's infrastructure and assets. Consistent delivery of the actions of the Masterplan gives Council an opportunity to report frequently and consistently to the residents and ratepayers of Coonamble Shire, on the progress being made in relation to this Masterplan and the services and facilities that are being delivered to the community.

Many of the actions will require grant funding for their delivery, with larger initiatives also requiring development of business cases, costing and detailed design to have them ready for any grant opportunities that arise.

The development of the new Delivery Program for this elected Council's term (through to September 2028) is an opportune time to prioritise the remaining actions of the Coonamble Shire Masterplan and to incorporate them into the three Operational Plans and Budgets of this period.

Funds would need to be budgeted for the development of business cases/plans and detailed design for priority actions (where required) so that grant opportunities can be seized upon as they arise. While the deadline of 2030 may not be feasible for the delivery of all the actions of the Masterplan, a significant number of them could still be made 'shovel-ready' within that timeframe.

Alternatively, Council could put aside the Coonamble Shire Masterplan and consider future projects across the Shire on a case-by-case basis or develop a new or updated plan.

Delivery of large projects would still require the development of a business case and detailed design and costing if grant funding were required for such projects. Without a Masterplan and clear priorities, development would take longer, because the preparation of a business plan and detailed design could only be done after each proposal is considered, and grants could only be applied for after the preparation of a business plan and detailed design.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That a further workshop be held to allow Council to review all the actions in the Coonamble Shire Masterplan and decide on which actions should remain a priority.**

2. That the agreed priority actions of the Coonamble Shire Masterplan be incorporated into the draft Delivery Program 2025-2028.
3. That the draft Operational Plans and Budgets for FY25-26, FY26-27 and FY27-28 include funding for the development of business plans and costings for priority actions of the Delivery Program 2025-2028.
4. That Council pursues grant funding for preparation of business plans and costings for significant priority actions of the Coonamble Shire Masterplan. These priorities will be recommended to Council in a further report for approval.

COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
PRIORITISED SCHEDULE OF WORKS					
REF.	ACTION	DEPT	OP Action Item No.	STATUS	PROGRESS UPDATE (April 2025)
0.00	POLICY AND SHIRE WIDE PROJECTS			○ Not Started ● In Progress ● Completed	
0.01	Develop a Shire policy for commercial use of public open space to manage future risk and ensure equity			○	
0.02	Update Coonamble Shire Management Plans and strategic policy to reflect master-planning exercise			○	To be actioned if there is renewed commitment to the Coonamble Shire Masterplan
0.03	Register Aboriginal cultural heritage on relevant government data bases i.e. AHIMS			○	
0.04	Protect significant trees & remnant vegetation under the LEP Biodiversity provisions for significant vegetation			○	
0.05	Develop a Shire policy to reduce the area of mowing in parks and open space, such as low native plantings under trees, to increase biodiversity, reduce maintenance and maximise habitat			○	
0.06	Create flexible spaces for events with supporting services			●	Focus on utilising the Coonamble Main Street in line with funding guidelines
0.07	Provide future state funding partnership opportunities to establish a programme where the Aboriginal community and broader community work together			●	Currently only during NAIDOC Week and NAIDOC Community Day (September), along with some programs that include Welcome to Country and smoking ceremonies.
0.08	Install street trees to improve shade amenity (including ongoing watering and maintenance) in accordance with the Street Tree Masterplans (annual allocation over 20 years)			●	In Progress: Street Tree Planting Policy - adopted December 2022.
0.09	Provide accessible paths to street edges			●	In Progress: part of the PAMP review; new paths incorporating this feature.
0.10	Provide accessible paths to compliant grades			●	In Progress: as part of the PAMP review
0.11	Install seats every 200m along shared footpaths to improve accessibility options for the aged & others			●	In Progress: installed around Coonamble Sportsground walking loop and along Limerick Street path, the latter seating being vandalised immediately.
0.12	Remove weeds with an ongoing eradication plan (annual allocation over 20 years)			○	
0.13	Remove dead & under-performing trees (annual allocation over 20 years)			●	In Progress: incorporated into the Street Tree Planting Policy - adopted December 2022.
0.14	Rationalise and remove redundant signage			●	In Progress: Beginning in Quambone, also formalised in the Wayfinding project, Resolution 2025/??? March
0.15	Investigate the installation of gross pollutant traps along the Castlereagh River to minimise rubbish entering the river bed			○	
0.16	Review development located within the flood zone to ensure compliance			○	
0.17	Review Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and prioritise works to tie into masterplan proposals			●	Completed FY24-25
0.18	Review current management arrangements for the Aquatic Club to allow access for all to the carpark and amenities, while only Aquatic Club paying members can use the boat access ramp			●	In progress: being addressed in a Masterplan for the Warrena Creek Reserve
0.19	Review playground at Aquatic Club to align with safety standards			●	In progress: being addressed in a Masterplan for the Warrena Creek Reserve

COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
PRIORITISED SCHEDULE OF WORKS					
REF.	ACTION	DEPT	OP Action Item No.	STATUS	PROGRESS UPDATE (April 2025)
0.20	Review current operational arrangement at the Coonamble Aquatic Club to ensure emergency service access			●	In progress: being addressed in a Masterplan for the Warrena Creek Reserve
0.21	Commission Street Tree Masterplans for Coonamble, Quambone & Gulargambone to improve town presentation and provide shade amenity			●	Completed FY23-24
0.22	Review tree pit planting details to align with best practice and guidelines			○	
0.23	Commission Wayfinding and Interpretation Signage package to optimise active travel and tourism opportunities			●	Resolution 2025/?? (March 2025 meeting)
0.24	Develop an Active Travel Plan (Bike Plan & Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan combined) to maximise funding opportunities and benefits for the community			●	Completed FY24-25: Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan renewed, incorporating a Cycleway Plan, adopted August 2024.
0.25	Secure online social media brand platforms to ensure control of content and allow for consistent messaging			●	Completed FY22-23: Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn secured.
0.26	Conduct a "visitcoonamble.com.au" website health-check			●	Completed FY21-22; needs to be reviewed again.
0.27	Develop a strategic tourism marketing plan to identify tourism infrastructure, campaigns, marketing material and a programme of promotional activities to achieve a clear direction for Council and business			●	Completed FY24-25 as the Real Country Destination Strategy Plan
0.28	Source grant funding for identified priorities from the tourism marketing plan			●	In Progress: ongoing.
0.29	Engage with local businesses to develop, promote and participate in tourism campaigns identified in the strategic tourism marketing plan			●	
0.30	Implement a development policy to encourage landowners to preserve and enhance elements contributing to the heritage streetscapes of Coonamble Shire			●	In Progress: A heritage paint scheme has been developed for each business in the Coonamble Main Street.
0.31	Implement a development policy that recognises reactivation of the main street as a priority, per the Economic Development Strategy			●	In Progress: Activation funding has been allocated in FY23-24 and FY24-25; policy in development.
0.32	Investigate options for developing a minimum four-star hotel in conjunction with the Mineral Spa development			○	
0.33	Liaise with the Office of Environment and Heritage for the establishment of a grant system for the preservation of heritage buildings throughout the shire			●	In Progress: Funding sought to renew the current Heritage Study.
0.34	Engage a professional to work with local store owners in each town, to explore opportunities to sell or lease properties innovatively, to encourage more businesses into shopping precincts			○	
0.35	Seek government support to assist in the establishment of Aboriginal tourism businesses in town			○	
0.36	Host a tourism seminar for locals to provide them with tools and contacts to start tourism businesses, including: ecotourism; Indigenous cultural experiences; agri-tourism; farm stays; etc.			●	An initial seminar focussed on agri-tourism has been held. Additional funding will be sought for future training and development.
0.37	Host a workshop for locals in developing and growing on-line businesses as part of their main-street shop			●	Conducted through a Small Business Month grant in FY23-24.
0.38	Investigate opportunities for local power generation			●	In Progress.
0.39	Employ an arts facilitator to work with schools, community groups and individuals in developing public art across the shire			●	In Progress: Partially addressed by the Coonamble Region Art Trail grant-funded project currently in progress.

COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
PRIORITISED SCHEDULE OF WORKS					
REF.	ACTION	DEPT	OP Action Item No.	STATUS	PROGRESS UPDATE (April 2025)
1.0.0	COONAMBLE TOWN MASTERPLAN				
1.0.1	Plant trees in parks and open green space for shade amenity i.e the Showground, Sports Ground, Macdonald Park etc (over 20 years including ongoing watering and maintenance)			●	In Progress: guided by the Street Tree Planting Policy
1.0.2	Re-locate outdoor exercise equipment in Smith Park to create fitness trail opportunities and encourage use			○	
1.0.3	Install additional outdoor equipment in Smith Park to complement existing equipment & create trail opportunities			○	
1.0.4	Install bubbler/ water filling station (adjacent outdoor exercise equipment)			○	
1.0.5	Detail design and installation of Stage 2 of Smith Park river walk with a 1.2m wide concrete path			○	
1.0.6	Commission a Castlereagh River Activation Plan which investigates opportunities for tourism & recreational uses of the river, riverbed and surrounds			●	Considered in the preparation of the Real Country Destination Strategy Plan; noted difficulties for infrastructure due to flooding; Warrena Creek Reserve considered an alternative to meet similar goals of activation and aesthetics.
1.0.7	Install Macdonald Park upgrades, refer to masterplan proposals by GHD			●	In Progress: modified Macdonald Park Masterplan adopted December 2023 (Resolution 2023/160).
1.0.8	Install Electric Vehicle charging points in locations deemed desirable to attract visitors, such as in Skillman's Lane carpark, at the Visitor Information Centre, at the Mineral Spa development, in Quambone and in Gulargambone			●	Completed FY21-22: Charging point installed in Skillmans Lane, Coonamble. Completed FY23-24: Unable to progress along riverbank due to land ownership and erosion issues; developed as a footpath from Macdonald Park, through reserve to Limerick Street, then to Edward Street.
1.0.9	Install 1.2m wide concrete path from Macdonald Park/ Pool along the river to Nebea Street			○	
1.0.10	Install 1.2m wide concrete path from Tin Town to the weir which connects with central blocks of Coonamble			○	
1.0.11	Install 1.2m wide concrete path to perimeter of Sports Ground			●	Completed FY24-25
1.0.12	Design and install a yarning circle near Calga Street to provide opportunities to connect with country and culture			●	In Progress: a contemplation circle is proposed for this location as part of the Coonamble Region Art Trail.
1.0.13	Commission the design of interpretive artwork along shared paths representing Aboriginal daily life in locations such as the Castlereagh River, Tin Town etc			○	
1.0.14	Install interpretive artwork along shared paths adjacent river, interpreting Aboriginal, agricultural and environmental heritage			○	
1.0.15	Upgrade amenity building in Smith Park			○	
1.0.16	Remove old park furniture in Smith Park (seats, bins, table etc)			○	Requires a Smith Park Masterplan so that this area's facilities are considered in context and not developed in a haphazard manner.
1.0.17	Upgrade and provide new picnic amenity to Smith Park: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity			○	Requires a Smith Park Masterplan so that this area's facilities are considered in context and not developed in a haphazard manner.
1.0.18	Provide picnic area in pool grounds: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity			○	
1.0.19	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at every park entrance, path junction and key interpretive locations			●	In Progress: to be formalised in the Wayfinding project, Resolution 2025/?? March

COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
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REF.	ACTION	DEPT	OP Action Item No.	STATUS	PROGRESS UPDATE (April 2025)
1.0.20	Install pedestrian/ cycling node amenity along shared paths (including seat & bubbler)			●	In Progress: seating installed along Limerick Street footpath but was immediately vandalised; seating installed on the footpath around the Coonamble Sportsground; solar lighting installed on some footpaths which has increased usage, particularly by morning or evening walkers/joggers.
1.0.21	Install bins at main park entrances			○	
1.0.22	Install seating facilities			●	In Progress
1.0.23	Upgrade Aquatic Club playground and BBQ facilities			●	In progress: being addressed in a Masterplan for the Warrena Creek Reserve
1.1.0	ENTRANCES				
1.1.1	Commission detail design of planting to entrances to promote Coonamble Shire Council			○	
1.1.2	Design, manufacture and installation of sculptural birds (Coonamble, Quambone and upgrade of Gulargambone existing sculptures)			●	Completed FY21-22: Grant funding was secured and delivered this goal; Gulargambone opted for a standalone galah sculpture, that was funded under the same grant; new entrance sign sculptures to be funded under the Coonamble Region Art Trail project.
1.1.3	Commission detail design of entrance signage to promote Coonamble Shire Council (Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone)			●	Completed FY21-22.
1.1.4	Install trees and understorey planting to entrances of Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone (with ongoing watering and maintenance) in accordance with masterplan			●	In Progress: considered in the context and proposed plantings of the Street Tree Planting Policy - adopted December 2022.
1.1.5	Enhance showground entrance to create a consistent town approach through tree and understorey planting in accordance with Coonamble Street Tree Masterplan			○	
1.1.6	Update town entrance signs in accordance with masterplan (Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone)			●	Completed FY21-22.
1.2.0	MAIN STREET				
1.2.1	Commission investigation and detail design of the reconfiguration of the intersection at the Castlereagh Highway and main street to TfNSW standards to allow better access and sight lines to the main street, ensuring safe crossing points (provisional sum for design & construction budget)			●	In Progress: Concept plans developed.
1.2.2	Remove gallows structures at main street pedestrian crossing and surrounds			○	
1.2.3	Install public amenities in prominent location on main street and provide attractive park-like setting			●	Completed FY21-22: Skillman's Lane carpark was identified as the location for these amenities.
1.2.4	Commission investigation of options and detailed design of main street including parking reconfiguration; mid-block crossing; street tree planting; accessible crossing points, etc (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)			●	In Progress: concept design developed with some components not feasible (ie. parallel park at sides and midle-of-street parking: the street is not wide enough for this).
1.2.5	Create a vibrant [Skillmans] laneway to carpark to enhance connectivity & natural surveillance (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)			○	
1.2.7	Install street furniture (seats, bins, lighting) to main street based on masterplan proposals			○	Overhead electricity for businesses is to be placed underground in the next two to three years by Essential Energy, necessitating excavation of the footpath area; further footpath and seating in abeyance until this work has been completed.

COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
PRIORITISED SCHEDULE OF WORKS					
REF.	ACTION	DEPT	OP Action Item No.	STATUS	PROGRESS UPDATE (April 2025)
1.2.8	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at every main street entrance, park, carpark and key interpretive locations			●	In Progress: to be formalised in the Wayfinding project, Resolution 2025/?? March
1.2.9	Install anti-pigeon roosting wire to under-side of awnings along main street to reduce faeces			●	Completed.
1.2.11	Install additional CCTV to improve rear carpark safety			○	
1.2.12	Develop a programme of street events			●	In Progress: The Coonamble Christmas Street Party in December and Vision Splendid event in October are established events; further funding being sought for Vision Splendid events in 2025, 2026 and 2027.
1.2.13	Provision for RV, trailer and long vehicle parking to rear carpark			●	In Progress: it is possible to park long vehicles in the Skillmans Lane car park, however, entrances are narrow and difficult to negotiate; need further improvement.
1.2.14	Commission detail design of rear carpark based on masterplan proposals (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)			○	
1.2.15	Pursue with RMS the investigation and implementation of a 40km/hour speed zone in Coonamble CBD			●	Implemented in FY24-25.

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PRIORITISED SCHEDULE OF WORKS					
REF.	ACTION	DEPT	OP Action Item No.	STATUS	PROGRESS UPDATE (April 2025)
1.3.0	COONAMBLE MINERAL SPA				
1.3.1	Update entrance to Coonamble Mineral Spa, Racecourse & Golf Course to create a consistent town approach and entrance structure in accordance with masterplan			○	
1.3.2	Commission detail design of Coonamble Mineral Spa/ Conference Facility to promote tourism and a multi-use facility in accordance with the masterplan (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)			●	In Progress
1.3.3	Install 2.5m wide shared concrete path to the main street/ town centre			○	
1.3.4	Protect and enhance remnant vegetation to retain natural setting			○	
1.3.5	Potential location for caravan/ camping			○	
1.4.0	VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE (VIC)				
1.4.1	Commission detail design of the VIC and surrounds to provide tourism opportunities for visitors and the community which celebrates the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage of the district (provisional sum for design & construction budget)			●	Completed FY22-23.
1.4.2	Provide new carpark with accessible parking space and ramp to path to provide accessibility for all and links into the existing Smith Park network, re-align entrance road into VIC to provide safer entry and exit path and provide new bus and RV parallel parking within existing park driveway surface			●	Completed FY22-23.
2.0.0	QUAMBONE MASTERPLAN				
2.0.1	Plant trees in parks and open green space for shade amenity to the pool, sports ground, playground, caravan park etc (over 20 years including ongoing watering and maintenance)			●	In Progress: included in the proposed plantings of the Street Tree Planting Policy - adopted December 2022, with some trees planted near the Quambone School in FY24-25.
2.0.2	Provide pedestrian safe crossing points to RMS standards at the school and playground			●	In Progress: designated crossing points established, however, further safety considerations have been raised.
2.0.3	Install 1.2m wide concrete path to perimeter of Sports Ground			○	Proposal included in a grant application in FY22-23 that was not successful.
2.0.4	Install concrete paths to central blocks of village to provide accessible paths of travel			○	Proposal included in a grant application in FY22-23 that was not successful.
2.0.5	Install outdoor exercise equipment and create fitness trail opportunities			○	
2.0.6	Install bubbler/ water filling station (adjacent outdoor exercise equipment)			○	
2.0.7	Upgrade the playground to include: a tourism kiosk; wi-fi; public amenities; youth zone play equipment and outdoor ping-pong tables for casual hanging out and perching			●	In Progress: public amenities were provided in FY 22-23.
2.0.8	Upgrade amenity building in Sports Ground with new shower and accessible toilet			○	Proposal included in a grant application in FY22-23 that was not successful.
2.0.9	Upgrade tennis court lighting			○	
2.0.10	Repair swimming pool leak			●	Completed: leak repaired in FY23-24.

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PRIORITISED SCHEDULE OF WORKS					
REF.	ACTION	DEPT	OP Action Item No.	STATUS	PROGRESS UPDATE (April 2025)
2.0.11	Upgrade swimming pool amenity facilities			○	
2.0.12	Replace fencing to Sports Ground			○	
2.0.13	Install fencing to rubbish tip to prevent the spread of rubbish and illegal dumping			●	Completed in 22-23; now the subject of a grant submission to establish a Waste Transfer Station and Community Recycling Centre.
2.0.14	Tidy up litter and rubbish through out town, especially around the rubbish tip (annual)			●	In Progress (ongoing): Council staff are ensuring this is a priority in routine operations.
2.0.15	Commission the design of interpretive artwork in the playground representing Aboriginal daily life in the area i.e totems or other representation to complement the existing totems (Stage 2 Wailwan Story Boards)			●	In Progress: considered as part of the Coonamble Region Art Trail.
2.0.16	Install interpretive artwork in the playground			○	
2.0.17	Provide picnic area at the playground: install barbeques, shelter, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity			○	
2.0.18	Provide picnic area in pool grounds and sports ground: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity			○	
2.0.19	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at main park entrance, path junction and key interpretive locations			●	In Progress: to be formalised in the Wayfinding project, Resolution 2025/?? March
2.0.20	Install pedestrian/ cycling node amenity along shared paths (including seat & bubbler)			○	
2.0.21	Install bins at the main park entrances			○	
2.0.22	Install seating facilities			○	
2.0.23	Update entrance to Quambone and Macquarie Marshes turnoff to create a consistent town approach and entrance structure			●	In Progress: new signs recently arrived and to be installed as human resources become available. In Progress: new signs being considered as part of the Wayfinding project, in partnership with the the Real Country partnership of Councils and The Country Heartline partnership of Councils.
2.0.24	Install Macquarie Marshes signage on Castlereagh Highway which is consistent with masterplan			●	
2.0.25	Commission a tourism review of infrastructure requirements to capitalise on the location of the Macquarie Marshes close to Quambone, such as sealed roads, signage etc.			○	Major constraint is the floodway at the Monkeygar Creek crossing along Gibson Way, which is located in Warren Shire.
2.0.26	Update facilities and signage for the Quambone camp site			●	In Progress: to be updated as part of the Coonamble Region Art Trail.
2.0.27	Provide distribution point for tourism brochures at the Quambone camp site			●	In Progress: to be updated as part of the Coonamble Region Art Trail.
3.0.0	GULARGAMBONE MASTERPLAN				
3.0.1	Plant trees in parks and open green space for shade amenity to the pool, sports ground, Lions Park, etc (over 20 years including ongoing watering and maintenance)			●	In Progress: included in the proposed plantings of the Street Tree Planting Policy - adopted December 2022
3.0.2	Upgrade footpath along main street to provide compliant grades and a fully accessible path			○	

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REF.	ACTION	DEPT	OP Action Item No.	STATUS	PROGRESS UPDATE (April 2025)
3.0.3	Upgrade library facilities and upgrade wifi speed for the community and visitors			○	
3.0.4	Install 1.2m wide concrete path to perimeter of Sports Ground			○	Proposal included in a grant application in FY22-23 that was not successful.
3.0.5	Install outdoor exercise equipment to Lions Park and Sports Ground to create fitness trail opportunities			●	In Progress: Exercise equipment (and a children's playground) was installed in the Lions Park in FY21-22; requires shade cloth to increase utility through summer months.
3.0.6	Install bubbler/ water filling station (adjacent outdoor exercise equipment)			○	
3.0.7	Provide picnic area to Lions Park: install barbeques, shelter, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity			●	Completed FY 22-23: Shelter was installed through grant funding; the community provided the barbecues.
3.0.8	Install nature play based playground to Lions Park			●	Completed FY21-22; requires shade cloth to increase utility through summer months.
3.0.9	Install 'Youth Zone' including Parkour style equipment for casual hanging out and perching, with a skate/street art aesthetic to enhance existing facility			○	
3.0.10	Install shared pedestrian cycleway along the river to connect with town centre to provide better activation and connection of ancillary spaces			○	
3.0.11	Commission the design of interpretive artwork along shared river path representing the Aboriginal story of daily life			○	Some artwork created and placed along the 'River Walk' by the Pave the Way to Gular organisers.
3.0.12	Install interpretive artwork along the river path interpreting daily Aboriginal life			○	Some artwork created and placed along the 'River Walk' by the Pave the Way to Gular organisers.
3.0.13	Upgrade amenity building in Sports Ground			●	In Progress: grant funding secured through the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5.
3.0.14	Council to support upgrade of tennis courts to impact surface with new asphalt base			○	
3.0.15	Install white picket oval fence to create a village green			○	
3.0.16	Install 1.2m wide concrete path to connect residential areas, playground and parks with town centre to provide better connection and create a path hierarchy			○	Proposal included in a grant application in FY22-23 that was not successful.
3.0.17	Commission detail design of playground and adjacent fencing in Sports Ground to accommodate user needs (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)			○	
3.0.18	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at main park entrance, path junction and key interpretive locations			●	In Progress: to be formalised in the Wayfinding project, Resolution 2025/?? March
3.0.19	Install pedestrian/ cycling node amenity along shared paths (including seat & bubbler)			○	
3.0.20	Install bins at the main park entrances			○	
3.0.21	Install seating facilities			○	

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Executive Summary

Coonamble Shire Council is pleased to present the Coonamble Shire Council Masterplan. This plan will guide the management and development of Council assets over the next 20 years. The plan is different to most, in that it includes a tourism and branding review, recognising the interlinked nature of seeking to increase the economic viability of the Shire with both physical assets and marketing collateral.

Landscape Architects, sala4D and their colleagues from Manning PR and Vaada graphic design, worked with the community of Coonamble through an in-depth consultation process, on to a presentation of the draft masterplan, to public exhibition and finally, this final masterplan and schedule of works.

The community highly values public open space and the amenity it provides, as well as connection and interaction with their community. They also expressed a desire to be involved in the community and the need to provide better quality amenity for themselves and visitors.

The values expressed by the community led to a number of 'guiding principles for the design' for the various elements of the masterplan, they are:

- **BATHS:** Provide artesian baths experience
- **NATURE:** Provide for nature based tourism
- **TOWN:** Facilitate a vibrant town life
- **SHADE:** Provide more shade
- **HERITAGE:** Enhancement of Aboriginal cultural heritage
- **ART:** Facilitate the inclusion of public art

- **POOL:** Upgrade pool
- **AMENITY:** Provide basic public amenity
- **VISITORS:** Provide amenity that attracts visitors

Individual projects of the masterplan have been prioritised using a scoring tool that ranks importance against a range of criteria. This method maintains transparency and allows funds to be directed towards the most effective projects.

Key projects include:

- **Main Street and CBD**
- **Coonamble Visitor Information Centre**
- **Coonamble Artesian Baths Experience**
- **Town Entrances**

Progress against the schedule of works should be reviewed every 5 years, to reassess priorities and evaluate use, to ensure the community's needs are being met.

This report details the consultation and design process for the masterplan, detailing the design, the component projects, their prioritisation and responses to the public exhibition.

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1.0 Masterplan Purpose

The Coonamble Shire Masterplan will be the guiding plan for investment by Coonamble throughout the local government area, to cater for the existing and future needs of the community. The Masterplan will be a synthesis of existing planning work and community consultation within a holistic design context.

The Masterplan development process has deliver a prioritised schedule of projects that Council will use for scheduling works. This document details the process undertaken in developing the schedule of projects, providing clarity to residents and Council staff in their joint participation in planning and delivery.

The first step is to identify the Values of the community and, from that, determine what the guiding principles for the design will be. This allows future potential projects to be tested for appropriateness and potentially added to the schedule of projects at a later date.

2.0 Design Foundation

2.1 Community Consultation Process

Community consultation is the first step in the planning process, used to elicit the needs and aspirations of the people who will use the place for years to come; the values described by the community become the guiding principles for the design.

Coonamble Shire Council is particularly aware of the importance of community consultation in ensuring a project responds effectively to community needs and will therefore have enduring acceptance and value for the local government area.



Soft Launch consultation in the main street.

To prepare for the community consultation, sala4D was asked to present their consultation methodology to Council on 25th of October, 2019. The strategy was approved for delivery on 19th November 2019.

To promote the project and allow the sala4D team to get to know the community a soft launch was held in Coonamble's main street on the morning of Saturday 26 October 2019, outside the chemist. Conversations and an image selection exercise were carried out about Local Identity: what you like about Coonamble Shire? and Visitor Attraction: why would people come to visit Coonamble Shire? The image results from the soft launch consultation are included in the Appendix and site specific notes are included in the SWOT analysis plans.

The sala4D team returned to Coonamble to conduct three community workshops: Quambone on the afternoon of Sunday 24 November; Gulargambone on the evening of Sunday 24 November; and Coonamble on the evening of Monday 25 November, 2019 and stakeholder interviews during the day of the 25th.

In the recognition that workshops only capture a small section of the community, sala4D also partnered with Council to conduct a survey; available online and in hard copy.

Notes from all elements of the consultation are detailed in the SWOT analysis plans and have informed the guiding principles for design that will be used to guide the Masterplan. The information gathered through this process is critical in the development of the design elements as it gives the design team an insight into the people for whom they will have most impact.

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2.2 Community Design Values

2.2.1 Conceptual Values

To start the workshops sala4D uses a warm-up exercise to remind participants of the value of planning for the whole community and how most people have very similar needs. The answers to the three questions asked at each workshop are listed in the table on the following page.

Workshop participants overwhelmingly mentioned outdoor activities in their response to the question about a favourite childhood memory; this is an important recognition of the **value of public open space and the amenity it provides**.

Participants also highly valued **connection and interaction with their community**; which is a key value showing the types of activities and spaces that should be provided in the Masterplan.

Finally, participants expressed a desire to **be able to be involved and to provide for the needs of their community**; another helpful value to guide the design process.

From the survey question 'Which word best describes your community', the top three results were:

- Friendly
- Resilient
- Supportive

These results reinforce the importance of community and that the public realm should support this value through better amenity.



Survey question results: which words best describe your community?

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CONCEPTUAL VALUES

Fond memory of where you grew up?

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| OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND SETTING | • Playing with friends in our local area |
| | • Riding bikes up the main street |
| | • Building bush cubbies |
| | • Trees to climb |
| | • Playing sport |
| | • Yabbying Warrena Creek |
| | • Family fun |
| | • The rain |
| | • Bike rides for miles |
| | • Easy, care free, mates |
| | • Warrumbungles |
| | • Going to the river and playing |
| | • Monterey Cafe |
| | • Camping |
| | • Fishing |
| | • Fish & chips in Coonamble main street |
| | • High school discos |
| | • School walkathons |
| • Going on holidays | |
| • School - playing sport with friends | |
| • In a small community | |
| • Riding horses everywhere & swimming | |
| • Feeling safe | |
| • Freedom, sporting events & friendships | |
| • Swimming pool: birthday parties & having dinner there as open till 9pm | |
| • Friday night tennis in Quambone | |
| • Street Christmas, all the lights | |
| SPECIAL EVENTS | • Family gatherings & parties |
| | • Visiting cousins |
| | • Family holidays |

When do you feel part of your community?

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| CONNECTION AND INTERACTION | • When your efforts in the community make people smile |
| | • Going outside to talk to others - the shop, pub, school, meetings |
| | • Organising fund raisers for ill friends |
| | • Grocery shopping |
| | • Main street |
| | • Volunteering |
| | • Being involved |
| | • Attending Council meetings |
| | • When something goes wrong |
| | • Having a place to get together |
| | • When people acknowledge what you do |
| | • Organising community functions or Clubs |
| | • Being out & about & social |
| | • Everyday when I chat to people |
| | • Sporting events ie. rugby games |
| | • Grow the community |
| | • Community events especially when the community caters, The Show |
| | • Opening my shop |
| | • Giving to schools & sporting clubs |
| | • Australia Day |
| | • Community projects |
| | • All the time: work, home, sport, volunteering |
| | • Working with groups of like minded people |
| | • Being with family & friends |
| | • When I came to Coonamble from Sydney |
| | • Knowing so many residents |
| | • Funerals |
| | • Always, every day |
| | • Attending community meetings & functions |
| | • When the community make you feel part of it |

If you could do one thing for your community, what would it be?

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| BETTER AMENITY
BE INVOLVED AND PROVIDE | • Promote what is on offer & improve on it |
| | • To make Coonamble the best town to live & work |
| | • Increase Coonamble's footprint in regional NSW |
| | • Encourage people to shop locally |
| | • Build youth opportunities |
| | • Clean the town up especially the front yards |
| | • Stop our population & economic decline |
| | • Make it safe everywhere |
| | • Council listen to what the people of Coonamble want & need |
| | • Promote the town & district |
| | • Build the right projects ie. bore baths |
| | • Wave a wand to get the finances to do the projects that are wanted |
| | • Be involved |
| | • Help with community projects |
| | • Get everyone together |
| | • Welcome to 'Wailwan' Country at Macquarie Marshes |
| | • Open a grocery shop/ supermarket in the main street |
| | • Better access to the community thought the roads |
| | • Sustainability: financial, environmental & social |
| | • Provide better education & health services |
| | • Give us all jobs to make us feel needed & have self respect |
| | • Build a labour intensive large scale business that draws on all our local resources & employs lots of people |
| | • Set up tourist activity to bring tourists so they spend |
| | • Make it safe to live here, remove the drugs |
| | • Make the community proactive |
| | • Plant more trees & beautify the main street |
| | • Help from Council |
| | • Accommodate car parking |
| | • Keep it friendly & safe, reduce crime, |
| | • Tennis courts re-surfaced- all 7 of them |
| | • Fill all the empty shops |
| | • Remove Council red tape |
| | • Have a beach party in the river bed |
| • Increase regular art activities for all ages | |
| • Encourage people to move here | |
| • Make it rain | |

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2.2.2 Image Values

sala4D then moved to an image page exercise designed to uncover subconscious preferences, free from the burden of vocabulary. The image page exercise results are shown on the next few pages.

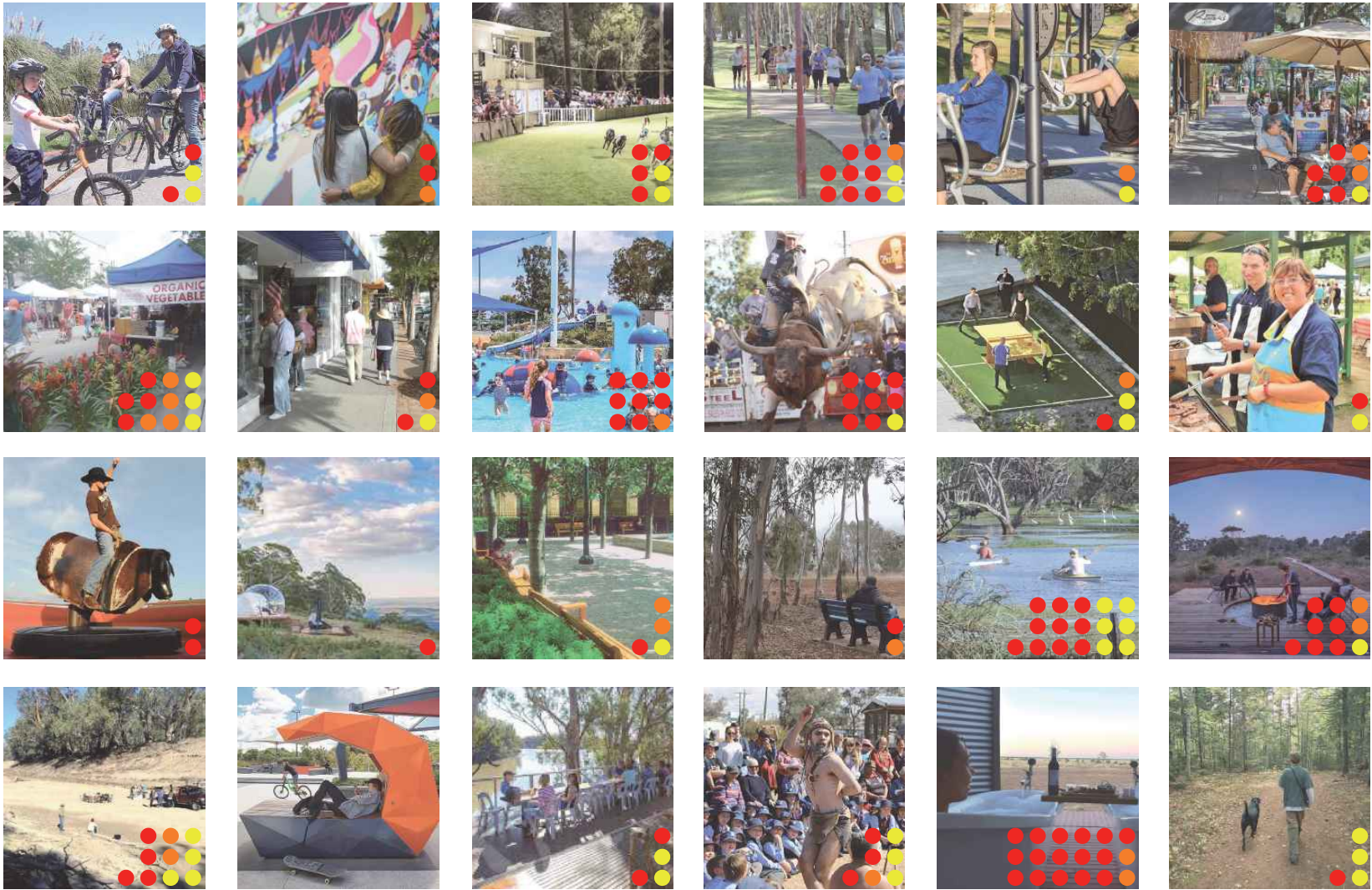
The exercise was repeated in each of the three towns with the yellow dots representing Quambone, orange dots Gulargambone and red dots Coonamble. These results revealed the following ideals from participants:

- Activity (what you can do): a desire for
 - Artesian baths experience
 - Nature based experiences
 - Vibrant town life
- Design and Aesthetic (what it looks like): a desire for
 - Shade trees
 - Enhancement of cultural heritage
 - Public art reflecting community values
- Amenity (what it provides): a desire for
 - Upgraded pool facilities
 - Basic public amenity (paths, seats, bins, bbqs, wayfinding signage, shade)
 - Provision of amenity that attracts visitors (toilet blocks, local produce shops, RV parking)



Gulargambone community consultation workshop

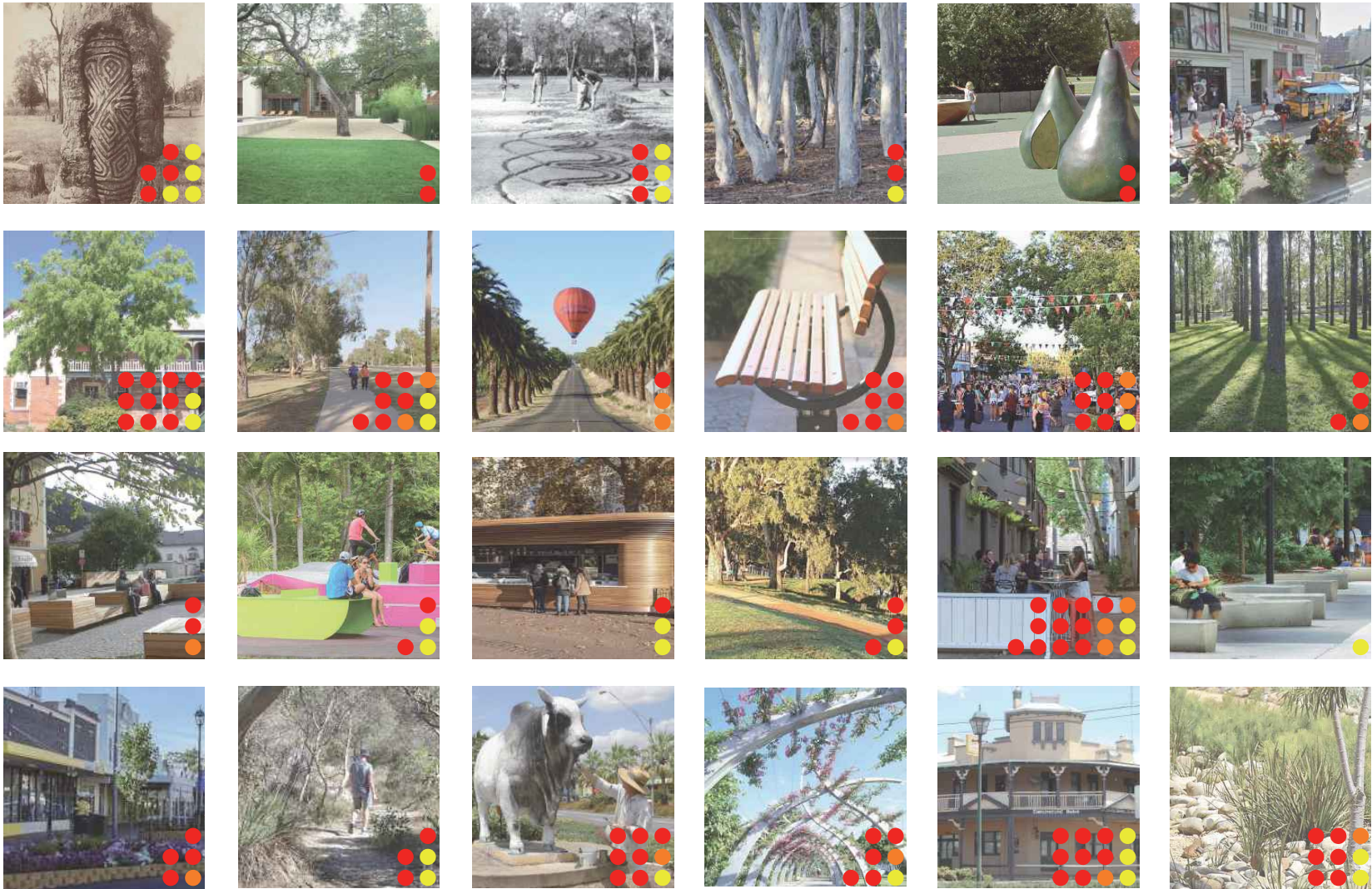
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**Activity -
what you can do**

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Design and Aesthetic -
what it looks like

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2.2.3 SWOT Analysis

The final exercise in each workshop was a site analysis SWOT exercise with the workshop participants identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in each location. These findings are included in the SWOT Analysis plans on the following pages.

The main results from the consultation SWOT analysis, combined with on-site analysis and comments from various stakeholders are:

Quambone

- Aboriginal heritage and the Macquarie Marshes are Quambone's greatest asset
- Quambone should look & feel like Quambone
- Area known for being social & fun in non-drought and social & support in drought
- Caravan parks & campsite visitor amenities need upgrading to support tourism
- Basic public amenity i.e. toilets, signage, pedestrian crossings, footpath linkages are needed to support the local community

Gulargambone

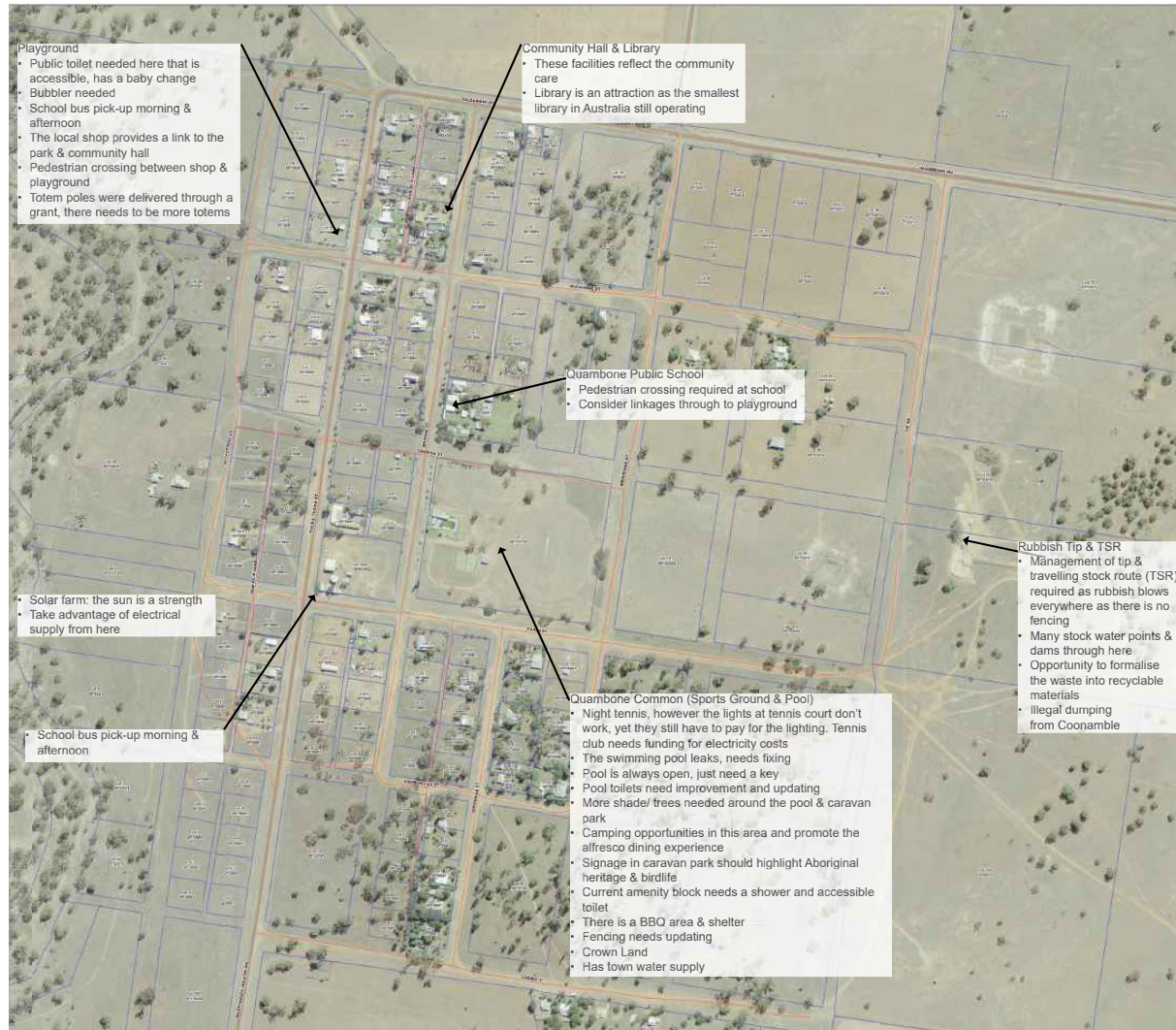
- Passion for the river needs to come through/ be celebrated
- Lions Park is a popular place as it is shaded by trees, has a strong connection to place, used for Australia Day celebrations, has good linkages with the main street and river

- Need for interpretive & directional signage throughout with opportunities to integrate art trails and other town features/ points of interest
- More tree planting to create shade, but long term watering and management needs to be considered

Coonamble

- Create an inviting, comfortable main street with opportunities to meet, stay & socialise with better connectivity to parking and toilet facilities
- Upgrade the pool to provide better entrance, parking, shade, slides for older kids & longer opening hours
- McDonald Park to provide better amenity and linkages to the river, Tin Town, the weir and the main street / town centre
- Artesian bore baths support the local community, but also provide a significant visitor attraction with longer stay opportunities
- More trees and shade are needed as the community love being outside
- Explore opportunities to connect the river with Aboriginal cultural history, tourism and shared footpath linkages
- Create town entrances that celebrate the unique environment and wildlife of the local government area
- Investigate opportunities to promote Aboriginal cultural tourism

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QUAMBONE IN GENERAL

- Town entrances to be tidied up as people remember the rubbish as part of their experience
- Need for bubblers
- Roads and access to Quambone needs improvement
- Free community wifi needed: in shop or publically accessible, perhaps a tourist kiosk?
- Mission Aboriginal housing located in Cooma Street and it needs infrastructure & other support
- Town signage needed throughout including Wailwan
- Doctor visits once a month to the Community Hall (Aboriginal health services)
- There is no local bus only a school bus and community transport
- There are about 12 children at the school
- An important local event is the Camp oven cook-off
- Marthagay Picnic Races is the local race club and meeting
- Quambone Racecourse hosts races, pistol club & polo crosse
- The marshes & Aboriginal heritage are a great asset and strength of the area
- Sandy Camp was an original Wailwan camp
- Willy Retreat offers opportunities to learn
- Quambone means place of water; 5 bones or stream branches
- Should build a boardwalk through the marshes
- There needs to be a sign on the Castlereagh Highway to Macquarie Marshes
- There is great community care
- Need for TAFE/ local education support to provide training & jobs
- Isolation issues for the elderly as there is no bush nurse or doctors
- Generators are often required for power
- Consider toilet linkage & logistics, especially for the school
- No police
- No drug or alcohol support
- Better access to petrol station so caravans don't have to unhook
- For a 2 month period, 2-3 people visit/ day and are looking for somewhere to stay
- The peace & quiet are an attraction because the coast is too busy and the camp site is free
- Wiki campsite is described as 'primitive' as only has a tap & toilet
- Aboriginal heritage & the marshes is Quambone's greatest asset
- Bushranger history: John Dunn was captured at Apple Tree Flat
- Quambone should look & feel like Quambone
- Youth facilities are needed
- Area known for being social & fun in non-drought and social & support in drought



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Quambone - SWOT Analysis

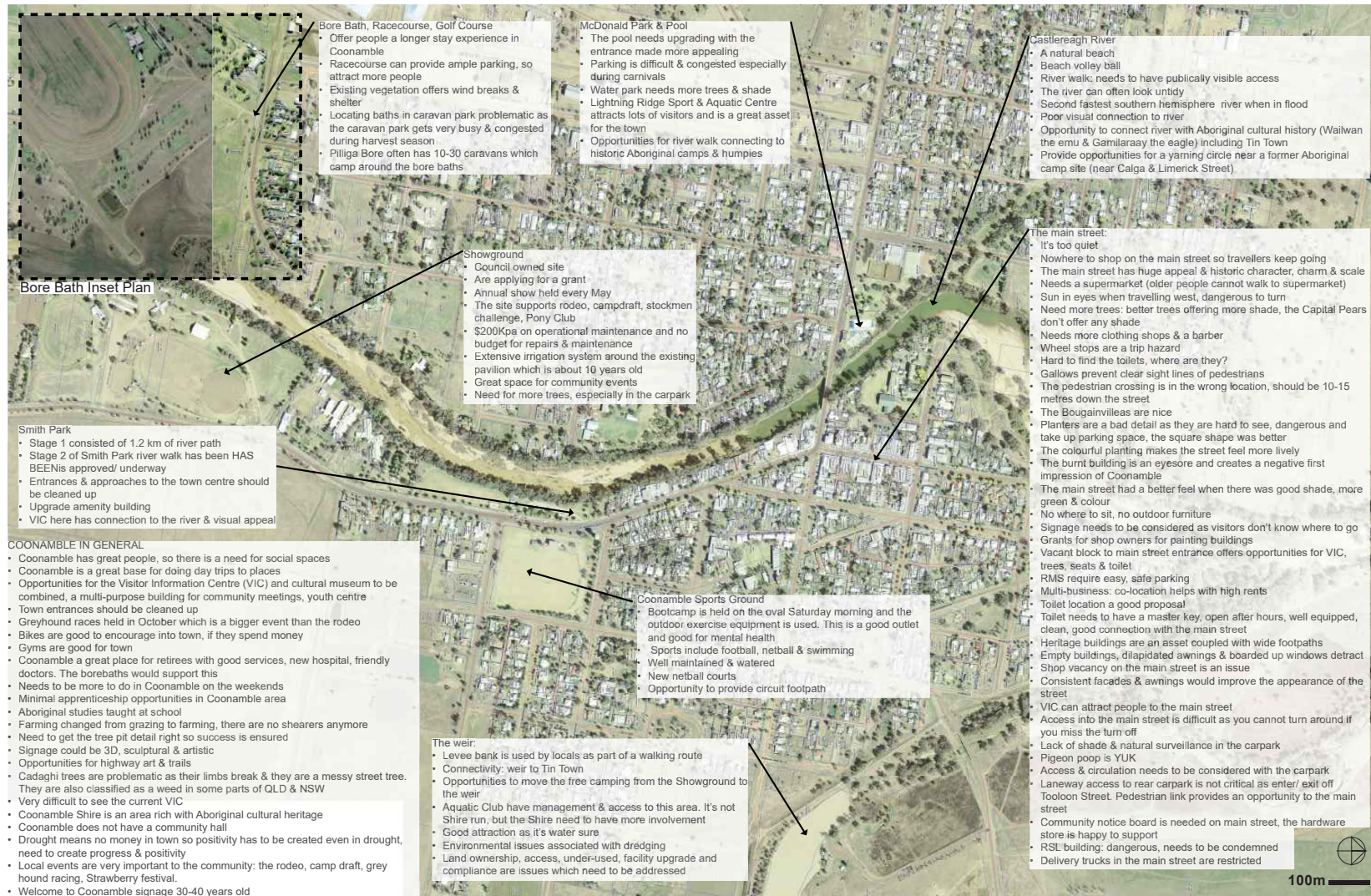
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Coonamble - SWOT Analysis

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2.2.4 Survey Results and Analysis

The results from the survey are listed in the appendix. There were 84 responses to the survey in total, with a relatively even spread of responses from the age brackets over 21, with none from those aged 75 or over. Approximately 55% of responses were from people that live in town, 89% live in or near Coonamble town itself, the rest live near Gulargambone.

The key results from questions that relate specifically to the masterplan are:

- Community events are very important, such as the Rodeo, Rain Dance, races, funerals etc. It is likely that the significance to the community is more about getting a lot of people together than what the event actually is.
- The natural environment is highly valued by the community and is recognised as being unique and significant. This includes the river, sweeping plains, birds and animals etc.
- The community is proud with the strong community spirit of people around them. They recognise the value of being community focused and caring for each other.
- Shade, seating, play amenity, toilets, RV parking, a supermarket and more shops will make the main street more comfortable.

2.3 Brand Story Development

The brief for the masterplan also required the development of branding elements for the local government area, including a review of the Shire Council logo and the tourism logo.

Manning PR joined sala4D in the consultation workshops to discuss these points and start to develop their product. The survey was a critical resource in the development of their rationale and recommendations. Other study methods used by Manning PR included recording interviews with community members and town analysis through still photography and video.

Manning PR's 'brand story' developed out of the consultation results and included in the appendix.

2.3.1 On-line Survey

Each question was designed to extract information that would either determine or support the outcomes of the brand story, logo development, and urban design.

Demographics – it was hoped that a broad age bracket residing across the region would complete the survey.

Tourism – we were interested to find out if locals did have visitors to stay and how often as this would give them a greater understanding of what tourist attractions were currently on offer and what their visitors were hoping to do while they were in the region.

Description words – by asking the locals what words represented their community, we can make sure we're using similar words to describe their home, to enhance some attachment to the brand story and logo.

Image boards – imagery often inspires a strong connection with a landmark or activity and also offers the opportunity to think of attractions that aren't necessarily in place yet. The total results of the visitor attraction and local identity image boards are shown on the following pages and indicate a strong connection to the river, the rodeo and heritage and a belief that the local government area assets are artesian water, scenery, events and cultural heritage.

Logo recognition and attraction – we gave everyone the opportunity to give their thoughts on both the current Council and Tourism logo.

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History

Indigenous History
Generations of farming families
Sport history
Yarns
Characters
Buildings and infrastructure

Industry

Agriculture
Town trade
Tourism
Events
Ag support services
Health
Education
Sport

Indigenous Heritage

Sand carvings
Tin Town
Bush tucker and medicine
Characters

Infrastructure

Landscape, mountains, marshes and river
Historic buildings
Art and sculptures
Pools and sporting grounds
Smallest library and biggest rodeo

Natural Attributes

River - dry and flowing, water security
Landscape - beautiful no matter the season
Wildlife - birds, galahs, emus,
Stock - horses, cattle, sheep
Smell of rain on scorched earth

People/Community

Grit, resilience, spirited, proud
Dry humour, go-getters carry the town
Active, enthusiastic, supportive, loyal
Friendly, generous, caring & compassionate
Pulling together in tough times
Protective, family

Future

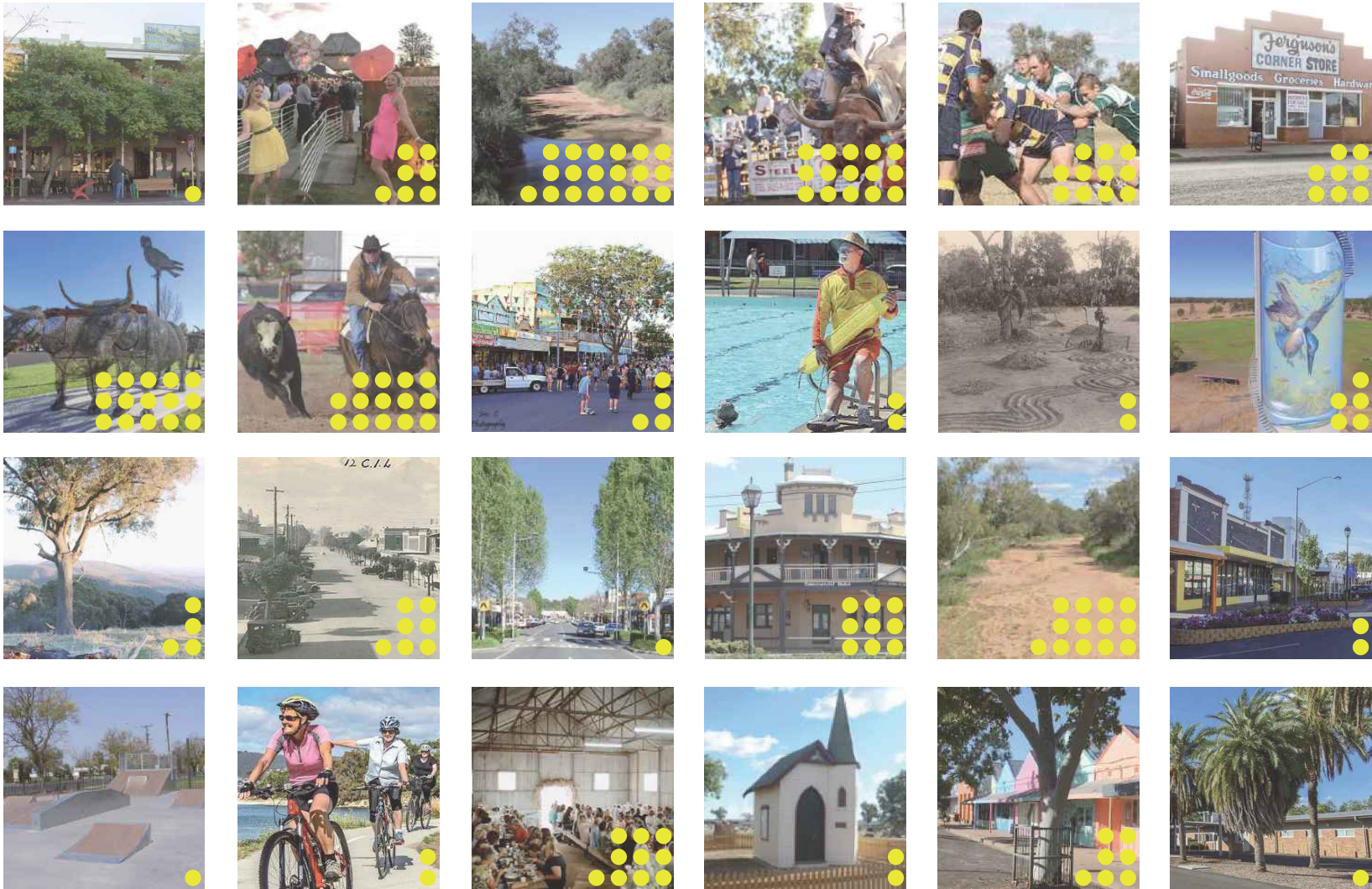
Young families returning
Business opportunities online, for women
Cheap place to live and raise family
Somewhere you can make a home, not just live here
Small community where you can make a big difference/contribute
No pollution, space for family to grow

Activities

Water skiing
Rodeo/campdrafting
Funerals, community pays respects & rallies
Memories/marriage
Harvest
Show, Gold Cup races, Anzac Day
Sporting events

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Local Identity -
what do you like about Coonamble Shire?

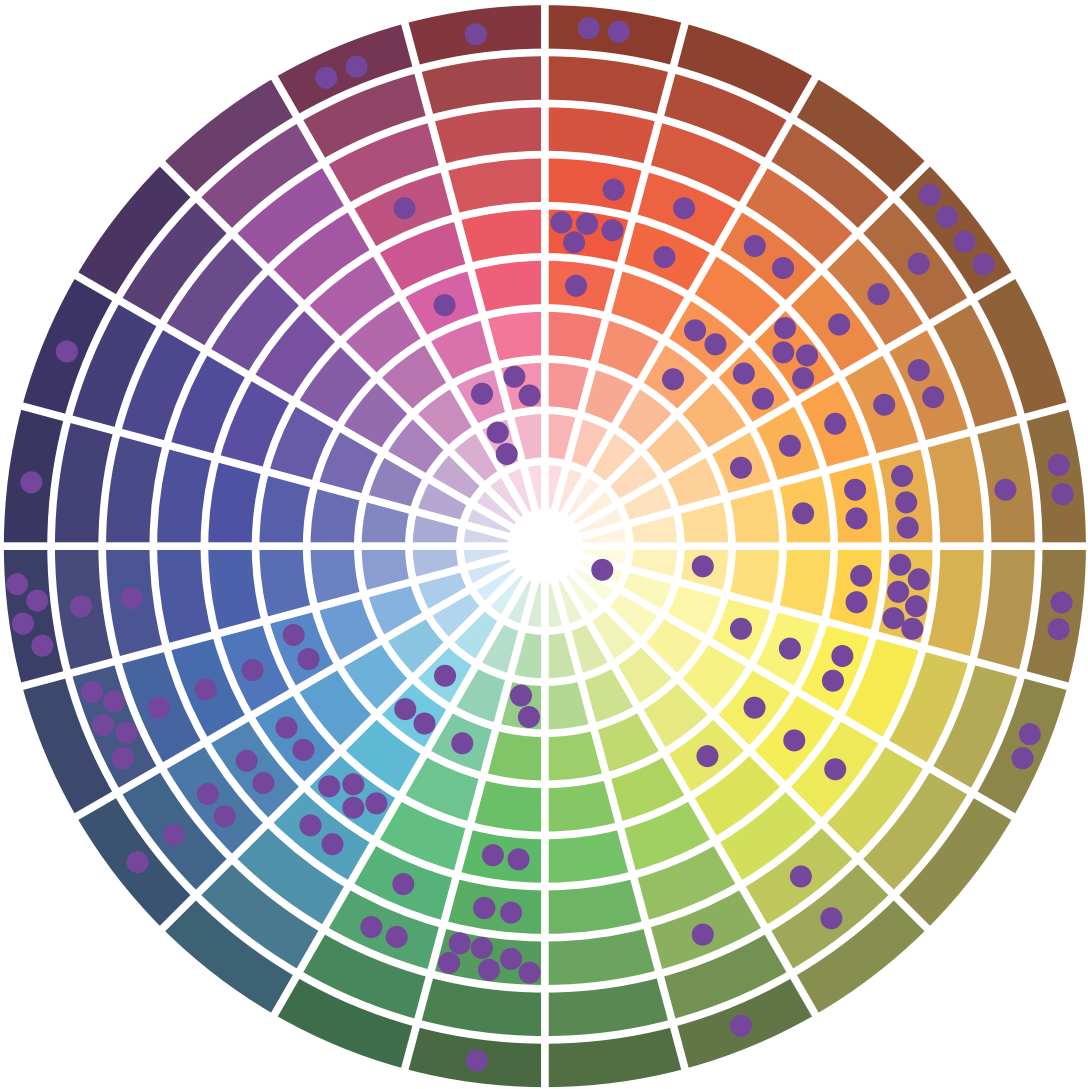
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2.3.2 Colour Wheel

The colour wheel allowed respondents to choose colours that speak to them and gives them involvement in the potential colour choice of any new logos.

The colour wheel results are shown to the left.

The results of this exercise have informed the colours chosen for the branding and logos, presented in section 4.0.

2.3.3 Video

The video footage captured was used to present the final brand to Council and the Community. Following feedback, it was agreed that targeted video campaigns be pursued following the development of a strategic tourism marketing plan.

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<p>3.0 Principles for Design</p> <p>3.1 The Brief</p> <p>Principles Objectives identified by the brief for the Coonamble Shire Masterplan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revitalise Coonamble• Provide and inviting street presence for locals and visitors and to establish Coonamble local government area as a preferred visitor stopover point• Reflect the heart and soul of the community• Deliver well-designed public places that bring economic, social and environmental benefits to enhance the daily lives of our community• Create a theme and brand	<p>3.2 Guiding Principles for Design</p> <p>Based on the findings from the community consultation, the following guiding principles were developed for use in the design of the Coonamble Shire Masterplan. They form a useful rationale that grounds the project in the values of the community and provides a basis for future design should the project be added to.</p> <p>Guiding principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BATHS: Provide artesian baths experience• NATURE: Provide for nature based tourism• TOWN: Facilitate a vibrant town life• SHADE: Provide more shade• HERITAGE: Enhancement of Aboriginal cultural heritage• ART: Facilitate the inclusion of public art• POOL: Upgrade pool• AMENITY: Provide basic public amenity• VISITORS: Provide amenity that attracts visitors
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BATHS

Provide artesian baths experience



NATURE

Provide for nature based tourism



TOWN

Facilitate a vibrant town life



SHADE

Provide more shade



HERITAGE

Enhancement of Aboriginal cultural heritage



ART

Facilitate the inclusion of public art



POOL

Upgrade pool



AMENITY

Provide basic public amenity



VISITORS

Provide amenity that attracts visitors

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Aims, Principles and Outcomes

Aim		What is being achieved (outcome)			How it's achieved (process)	
Creates productive, sustainable + liveable places for people through leadership + the integration of design excellence		Productivity Enhances economic productivity + living affordability	Sustainability Fosters environmental responsibility	Liveability Cultivates healthy, cohesive + inclusive communities	Leadership Demonstrates visionary leadership + governance	Design Integrates design excellence
Design principles about place: productivity + sustainability						
Enhancing Enhances local economy, environment + community	+	✓	✓	✓		✓
Connected Connects physically + socially	✕	✓	✓	✓		✓
Diverse Diversity of options + experiences	✱	✓	✓	✓		✓
Enduring Sustainable, enduring + resilient	∞	✓	✓			✓
Design principles about people: liveability						
Comfortable Comfortable + welcoming	👤👤👤			✓		✓
Vibrant Vibrant, with people around	⚖️	✓		✓		✓
Safe Feels safe	👤👤			✓		✓
Walkable Enjoyable + easy to walk + bicycle around	👣		✓	✓		✓
Principles about leadership and governance						
Context Works within the planning, physical + social context	🎯				✓	✓
Engagement Engages with relevant stakeholders	“”			✓	✓	✓
Excellence Excellence, innovation + leadership	✓	✓			✓	✓
Custodianship Considers custodianship + maintenance over time	🔄		✓		✓	✓

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Guiding Principles for Design Plus and how they align with Other Principles used in the scoring matrix for the Schedule of Works.

Guiding Principles for Design +

Guiding Principles	Other Principles - benefits					
	Tourism	Health	CPTED	Multi-use	Operational	Environment
BATHS: Provide artesian baths experience	✓	✓		✓		
NATURE: Provide for nature-based tourism	✓			✓		✓
TOWN: Facilitate a vibrant town life	✓			✓		
SHADE: Provide more shade	✓	✓		✓		✓
HERITAGE: Enhancement of Aboriginal cultural heritage	✓			✓		✓
ART: Facilitate the inclusion of public art	✓			✓		
POOL: Upgrade pool	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
AMENITY: Provide basic public amenity	✓	✓	✓	✓		
VISITOR: Provide amenity that attracts visitors	✓	✓		✓		

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4.0 The Masterplan

A masterplan such this is designed to be used by Council to programme future works throughout their community, and to garner State and Federal Government funding where possible. A horizon of 20 years is placed on project delivery, with review expected at least every 10 years, preferably every 5 years, to assess performance and priorities.

The documentation includes a full list of (present day) costed projects, that are also prioritised using a rudimentary scoring system. This is not designed to be prescriptive, more, as an assistance where decisions are difficult.

The Masterplan has been developed by sala4D using the Guiding Principles for Design, other design requirements and best practice urban design methods. The Masterplan was presented to Council for review by council staff and Councillors and then placed on public exhibition for comment.

Comments received have been incorporated where appropriate and a summary of all comments can be found in the appendix.

The theme that the team kept in mind while working on the project was:

“Revitalising a lovely place to be....”

The concept for the Masterplan, used as a design aesthetic, when required, was:

“Three birds, three towns, one lovely place to be.”

The Masterplan is presented as subsections based on the brief from Council being:

- The Visitor Information Centre

- Town Masterplans
- Entrances
- Main Street
- Artesian Bore Baths
- Tourism and Branding

4.1 The Visitor Information Centre

Do to funding time constraints, architectural firm PW Studio was engaged to design the new Visitor Information Centre, in parallel and in consultation with the masterplanning process.

A location on the northern end of Smith Park was agreed upon by Council and the set-out confirmed on-site. The exiting carpark and entrance off the Castlereagh Highway require some realignment to ensure safe circulation but otherwise the site required little demolition. Services need to be extended to the site.

Two design concepts were presented, with Council choosing one with a stylised emu foot as its spatial organiser and rationale.

The Emu is the totem of the Aboriginal communities of the region, the Wailwan and Kamilaroi, with stories of the Milky Way being an emu that changes over time.

The Visitor Information Centre links the imagery of the various masterplan components, providing visitors with subconscious cues that help them recognise Coonamble Shire Council and its services.



Design inspiration for The Emu Foot Design for the Coonamble Visitor Information Centre by PW Studio.

Concept design development and imagery, following pages.

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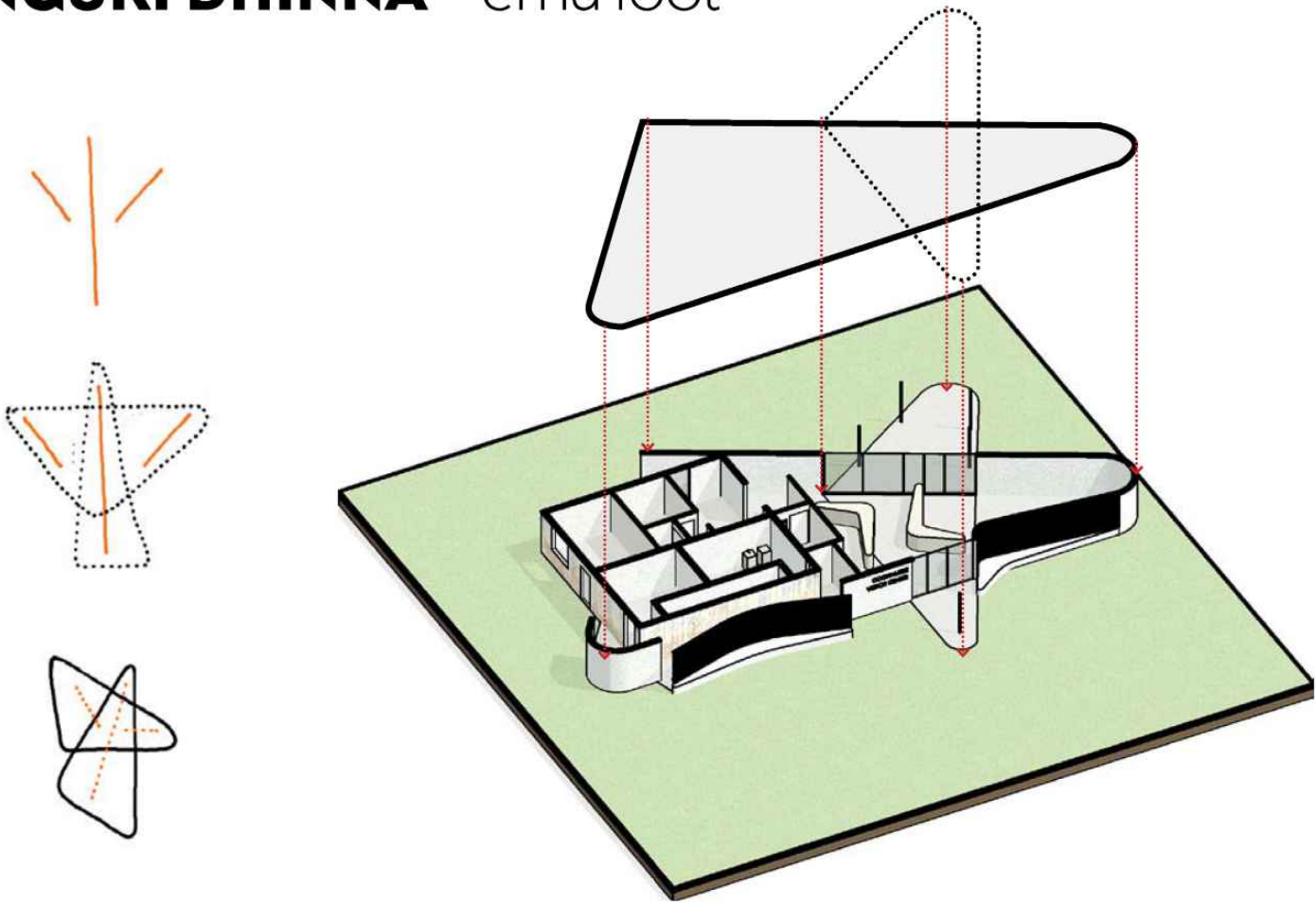
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THE EMU HAS LANDED



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THE ENTRY TOE



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SBW , STUCCO BLOCKWORK WALL



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4.2 Town Masterplans

The adopted town masterplans are shown on the following pages. These are guiding documents for each community, designed to work for each locality but as a united whole for all Coonamble.

There are common projects in each town, such as entrance planting and sculptures, or establishing walking paths. There are also some very specific projects, relative to each town, such as the Quambone playground upgrade incorporating the Wailwan culture and the Gulargambone recreation oval upgrade.

The top projects from each town masterplan are:

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- Commission a Castlereagh River Activation Plan which investigates opportunities for tourism & recreational uses of the river, riverbed and surrounds
- Install Macdonald Park upgrades, refer to masterplan proposals by GHD
- Install 1.2m wide concrete path from Macdonald Park/ Pool along the river to Nebea Street
- Install 1.2m wide concrete path from Tin Town to the weir which connects with central blocks of Coonamble
- Upgrade Aquatic Club playground and BBQ facilities

- Detail design and installation of Stage 2 of Smith Park river walk with a 1.2m wide concrete path
- Upgrade and provide new picnic amenity to Smith Park: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity
- Provide picnic area in pool grounds: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity
- Design and install a yarnning circle near Calga Street to provide opportunities to connect with country and culture
- Commission the design of interpretive artwork along shared paths representing Aboriginal daily life in locations such as the Castlereagh River, Tin Town etc

Quambone

- Provide picnic area in pool grounds and sports ground: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity
- Upgrade swimming pool amenity facilities
- Repair swimming pool leak
- Upgrade tennis court lighting
- Provide picnic area at the playground: install barbeques, shelter, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity

- Update facilities and signage for the Quambone camp site
- Install Macquarie Marshes signage on Castlereagh Highway which is consistent with masterplan
- Commission the design of interpretive artwork in the playground representing Aboriginal daily life in the area i.e totems or other representation to complement the existing totems (Stage 2 Wailwan Story Boards)

Gulargambone

- Install shared pedestrian cycleway along the river to connect with town centre to provide better activation and connection of ancillary spaces
- Provide picnic area to Lions Park: install barbeques, shelter, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity
- Install 'Youth Zone' including Parkour style equipment for casual hanging out and perching, with a skate/street art aesthetic to enhance existing facility
- Council to support upgrade of tennis courts to impact surface with new asphalt base
- Install 1.2m wide concrete path to connect residential areas, playground and parks with town centre to provide better connection and create a path hierarchy

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- Upgrade footpath along main street to provide compliant grades and a fully accessible path
- Install nature play based playground to Lions Park
- Commission the design of interpretive artwork along shared river path representing the Aboriginal story of daily life

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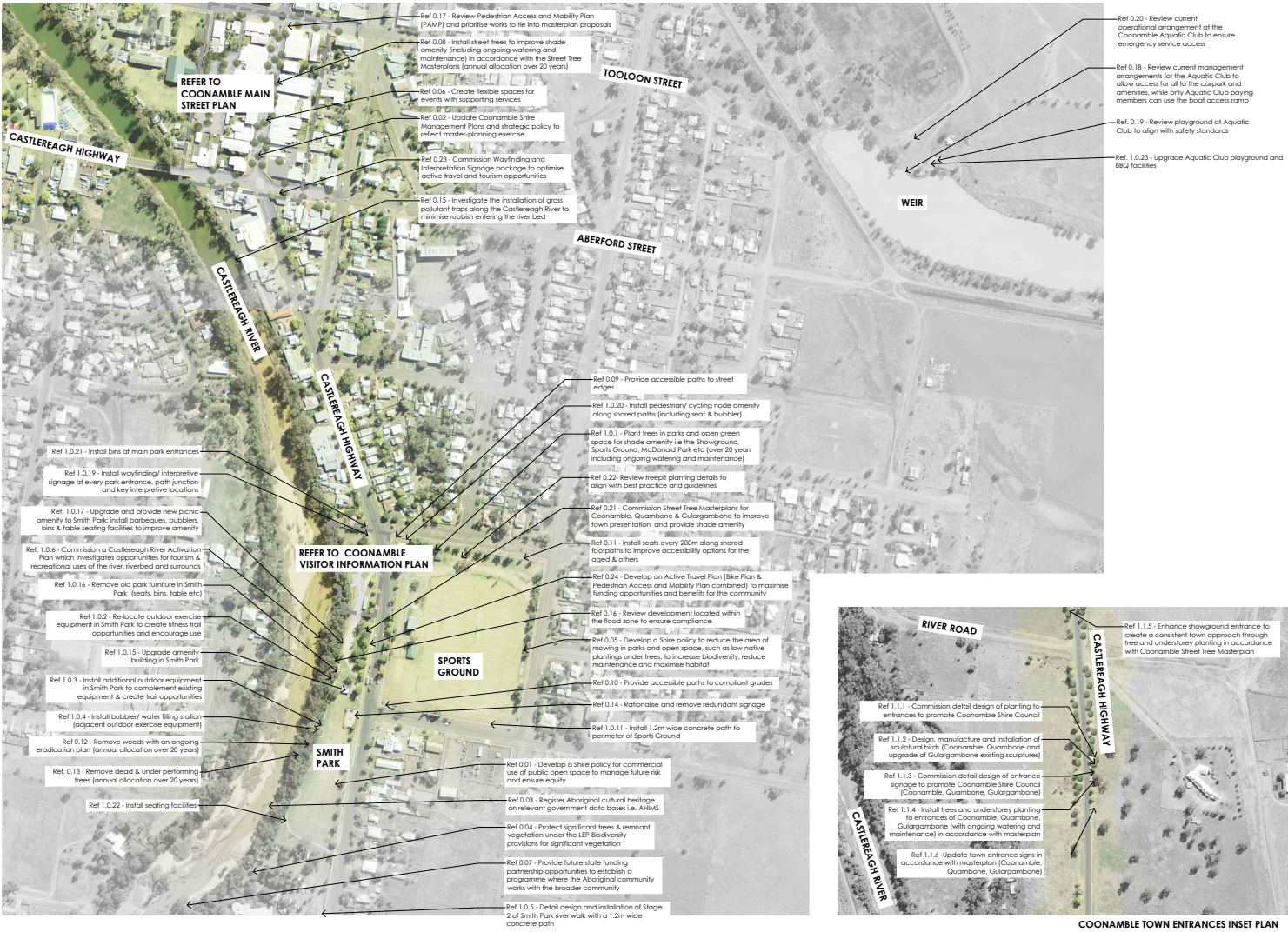
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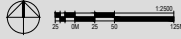
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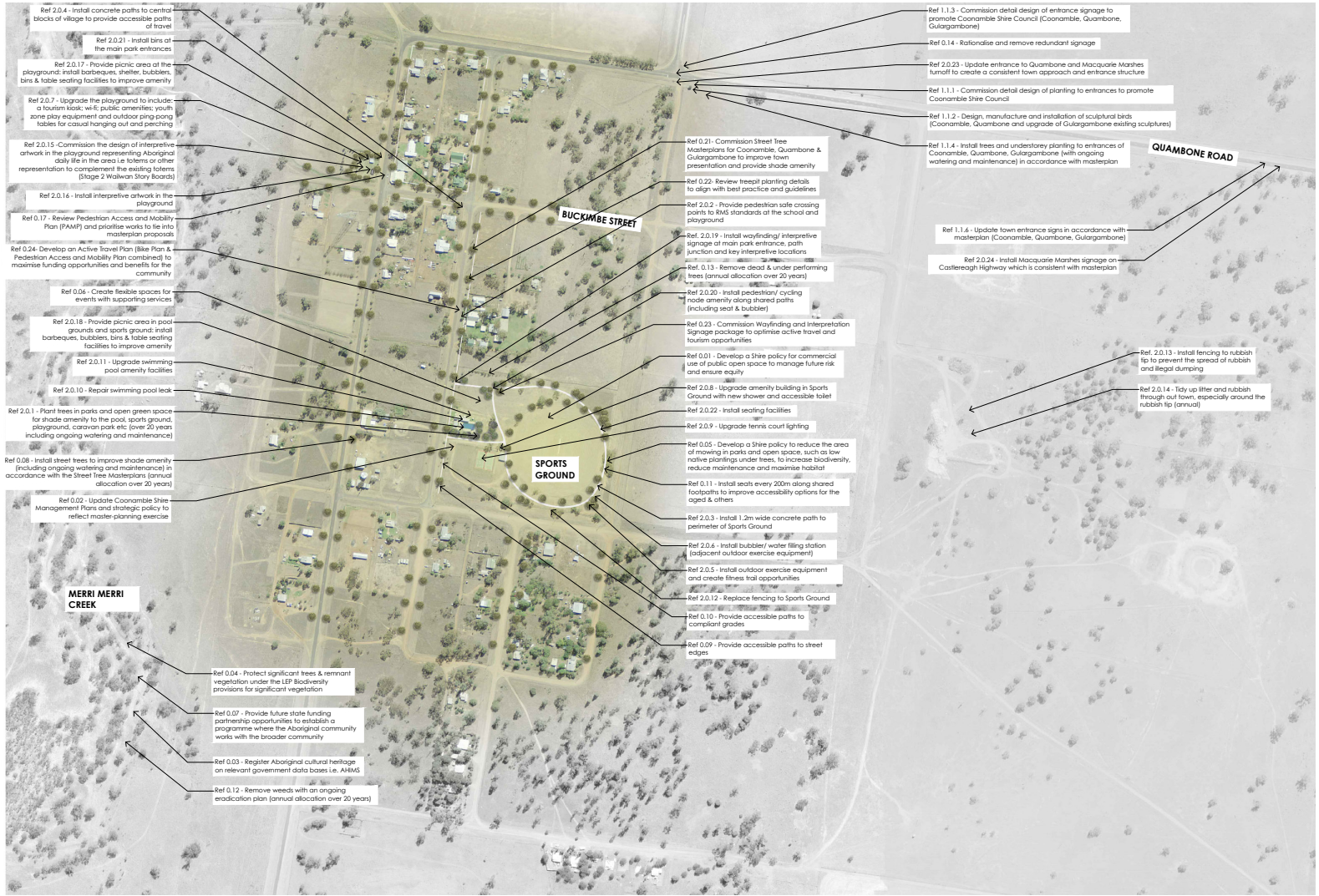
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4.3 Entrances

Design for the entrances to the three towns of Coonamble Shire sought to find a unifying element, so visitors recognise they are each part of Coonamble, while maintaining individual identity.

The concept of: *“Three birds, three towns, one lovely place to be”* provided the design rationale required to achieve something unifying yet unique.

Gulargambone already had sculptures of Galahs on the entrances to town, Quambone is already represented by the Egret for the Macquarie Marshes nearby and the whole Shire, and Coonamble Town, should be represented by the Aboriginal Totem for the area, the Emu.

The exact design of each of the subsequent sculptures requires detailed design, however the concept is illustrated in the following illustration. It is envisaged that similar sculptures of Emus should be used at the Visitor Information Centre, in the main street and at the entrance to the Artesian Bore Baths, to assist in wayfinding and branding of the Shire's assets.

All town entrances require tree planting with species that will survive the harsh conditions that can be expected. Many of the native species are quite iconic in appearance and very beautiful when designed appropriately.

The species chosen for the entrances to Coonamble is the Weeping Myall, *Acacia pendula*, with its iconic grey/green flowing foliage, seen in surrounding areas of bush.

Species for Gulargambone and Quambone await further detailed study.

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Existing conditions



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Ref 1.1.6 - Update town entrance signs in accordance with masterplan (Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone)

Ref 1.1.1 - Commission detail design of planting to entrances to promote Coonamble Shire Council

Ref 1.1.2 - Design, manufacture and installation of sculptural birds (Coonamble, Quambone and upgrade of Gulargambone existing sculptures)

Ref 1.1.4 - Install trees and understorey planting to entrances of Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone (with ongoing watering and maintenance) in accordance with masterplan

Ref 1.1.3 - Commission detail design of entrance signage to promote Coonamble Shire Council (Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone)

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4.4 Main Street

The Coonamble main street and CBD have been identified by the Council as requiring an upgrade, with the aim to revitalise business and a sense of town pride.

The consultant team identified a number of core issues with the structure of the main street that are impacting on visitor and local foot traffic. Consolidation of real estate ownership among a small group results in higher rents that discourage small businesses entering town, causing a cycle of decline. This masterplan cannot influence private real estate matters, but it is worth noting that they influence the impact street improvements can bring.

A key problem with the main street is the 'drive-by' nature of the street's relationship with the Highway, which is only exacerbated by recent works aimed at improving walkability. The new works reduce views into the main street and thereby limit potential to capture visitors to town.

The 2006 CBD Revitalisation Project recognised a similar problem but sought to resolve it by blocking off part of the highway and building a roundabout at the intersection of Namoi and Aberford Streets. This will not work, as A-tripple road trains need to negotiate the intersections.

The Project recognised the importance of a supermarket to the viability of the main street and CBD; this continues to be a request of locals, especially those living on the eastern side of town that walk to town to get their groceries, such as the elderly and those on low income.

Revitalisation Project

- Post Office and banks are highly visited – link these if possible
- Almost 17% of survey respondents (2006) walked to town; above average at the time of publication – something to build on through better linkages and more comfortable walking environments
- 70% of general household expenditure travelled outside the Shire – principally to Dubbo. – retail opportunity for basic goods.
- Conclusion – the food and grocery sector is the most viable... in order to achieve a sustainable and viable town centre, it is critical that... the town centre be anchored by a modern supermarket...
- Figures show that the the town centre has oversized stores that are under-trading, suggesting a reduction in retail floorspace in the town centre with a core of attractive and viable stores – showing an opportunity for adaptive reuse.



Reference material used in the masterplanning process, including the 2006 Coonamble CBD Revitalisation Project

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The consultant team developed the following table of Main Street Design Principles for urban design improvements that have been incorporated where possible into the final masterplan actions.

Main Street Design Principles

Improved Pedestrian Activity	Economic Incentives	Improved Streetscape	Tourism Promotion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a slow speed traffic environment (40km/hr) • Improve accessibility and safety esp. for the elderly • Maintain simple intuitive parking arrangements for clarity and easy management • Create a comfortable street that encourages people to stop and stay • Improve access and convenience for shoppers and service users 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate the CBD by encouraging new business • Target private and public investment towards conservation of heritage character • Improve connectedness of local business and promote local enterprise and produce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an accessible and attractive entrance providing focus and interest • Reduce pedestrian pavement temperatures through tree planting & awnings • Improve street furniture and lighting to enhance social activity, events and alfresco dining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage active frontages to buildings which protect their heritage • Design adaptable infrastructure to support everyday convenience to special events • Provide space for future community and Aboriginal cultural heritage events • Reference local historic use of materials in contemporary streetscape design

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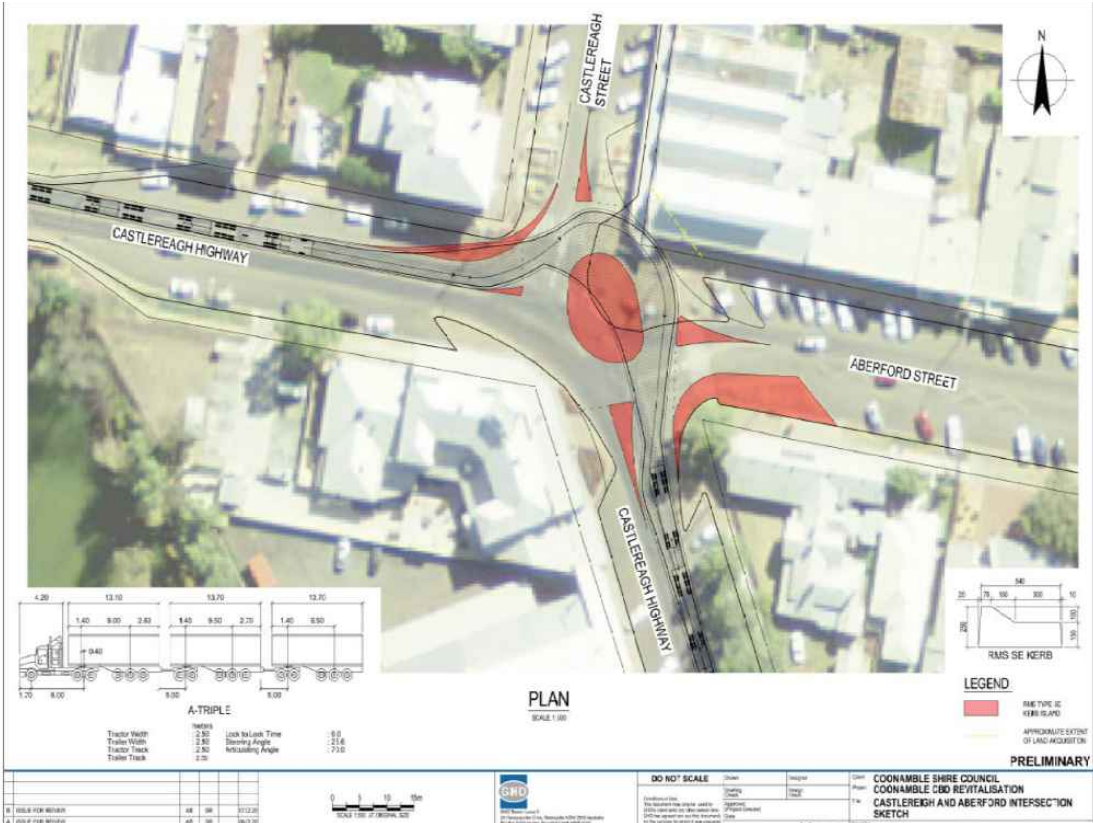
4.4.1 Intersection

The consultant team engaged GHD traffic engineers to test options for the intersection of the Highway and Castlereagh Street (the main street), with the idea that a roundabout in this location would serve to slow traffic on approach to the main street and provide more chance of encouraging visitors to continue straight into the main street, rather than turning left on the Highway.

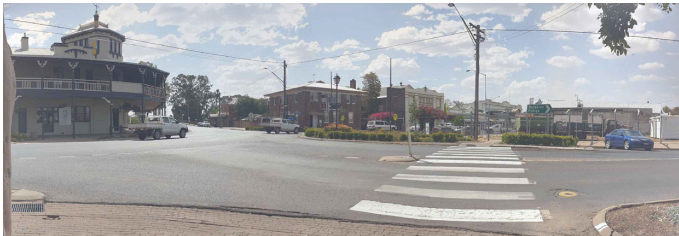
The engineers found that a flat roundabout is indeed possible; with the benefit of creating an intersection where drivers must slow and decide on their ongoing path of travel. The roundabout would also significantly open views to the main street.

The final resolution of Council was to further investigate the feasibility of the reconfiguration of this intersection and commission the detailed design of the most appropriate reconfiguration.

GHD study of the Castlereagh Steet/Castlereagh Highway intersection with the view to creating an intersection as a point of decision making.



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Existing conditions

Ref 1.2.4 - Commission investigation of options and detailed design of main street including parking reconfiguration; mid-block crossing; street tree planting; accessible crossing points, etc (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)

Ref 1.2.1 - Commission investigation and detail design of the reconfiguration of the intersection at the Castlereagh Highway and main street to TNSW standards to allow better access and sight lines to the main street, ensuring safe crossing points (provisional sum for design & construction budget)

Ref 1.2.2 - Remove gallows structures at main street pedestrian crossing and surrounds

Ref 1.2.7 - Install street furniture (seats, bins, lighting) to main street based on masterplan proposals

Ref 1.2.15 - Pursue with RMS the investigation and implementation of a 40km/hour speed zone in Coonamble CBD

Ref 1.2.3 - Install public amenities in prominent location on main street and provide attractive park-like setting



Artist impression

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4.4.2 Parking and Street Arrangement

There is a strong desire from the community to create a shady main street in Coonamble that attracts people and provides for them to stop and linger.

The design workshop with the Councillors decided that a renewed parking layout would be taken to the public for the masterplan exhibition, utilising parallel parking on the edges of the main street, with 90deg parking in the centre of the street, much like streets in Melbourne or Parkes. It is understood that the regulations around this type of arrangement are changing, which would allow this to fit within Castlereagh Street without the realignment of a kerb. Nevertheless, the parking arrangement is seen as a positive option for the following reasons:

- It creates a low speed environment, which is better for pedestrians
- Parallel parking eliminates the problems of vehicle rear overhang over footpaths, with no wheel-stops required
- The centre parking lane can be used for loading or large vehicle parking
- The centre parking lane provides adequate opportunity for streets trees and other plantings, to make the street greener and cooler
- The parking arrangement allows for slightly more car parking
- The arrangement provides a flexible, event friendly structure

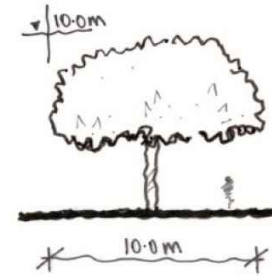
- The square arrangement of the kerbs provides for more efficient use of pavement space, eliminating large angled pieces of kerb suited to 45deg parking
- Kerb ramps and accessible parking spaces are easier to provide

4.4.3 Street Trees

Street tree species were discussed at the Councillor workshop and it was agreed that the most appropriate species is *Melia azedarach*, the White Cedar.

This species has been used in the street previously and has the following positive attributes:

- A broad umbrella canopy that is perfect for a street environment
- New cultivars ('Elite') have fewer berries than the unmodified species
- It is native to western NSW
- Drought hardy
- Vivid green canopy with golden yellow leaves in late Autumn and attractive flower in summer



Melia azedarach 'Elite' general size and form



Melia azedarach 'Elite' flower



Melia azedarach 'Elite' full foliage

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4.4.4 Skillman's Lane and Mid-block Crossing

A key move in the revitalisation of the main street is increasing the connectivity and attractiveness of the carpark to the west of the street at the rear of the shops.

Skillman's Lane is currently a vehicle priority accessway with difficult to negotiate pedestrian amenity. The transformation of the lane to a pedestrian only space with planting and art on the walls will increase ease of use of the carpark connection and encourage use of the carpark.

The introduction of a mid-block 'wombat' crossing extending from the laneway across the street will further enhance the attractiveness of the carpark for use by shoppers. The elimination of level changes such as kerb ramps will encourage use by those with reduced mobility.

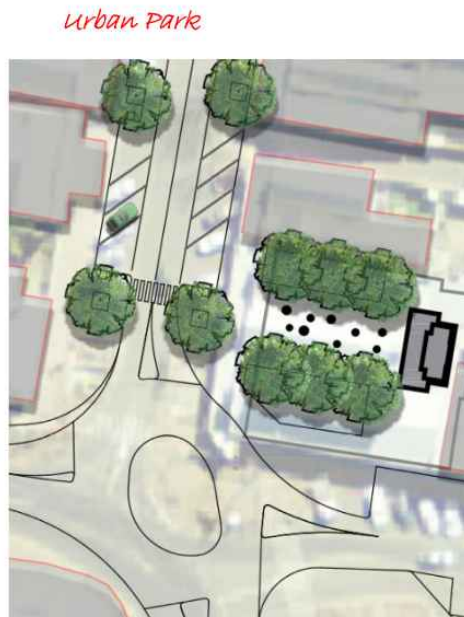
The lane offers opportunities to establish nearby cafes with seating spilling into the lane, or for the pub adjacent to open onto this space as well.

An artist's impression of what the lane could become is shown on the following page.

4.4.5 Urban Park

An investigation of the benefits offered through the creation of an urban park was undertaken as part of the analysis for the recommendation of best location(s) for the toilet amenity. Two locations were recommended, being in the carpark at the end of Skillman's Lane and within a new urban park. The park option for the toilet was decided against by

Councillors but the benefits of the creation of a park should not be forgotten. As a result, the carpark was the recommended location for the toilet amenity.



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Existing conditions



Artist impression

- Ref 1.2.7 - Install street furniture (seats, bins, lighting) to main street based on masterplan proposals
- Ref 1.2.5 - Create a vibrant laneway to carpark to enhance connectivity & natural surveillance (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)
- Ref 1.2.11 - Install additional CCTV to improve rear carpark safety
- Ref 1.2.4 - Commission investigation of options and detailed design of main street including parking reconfiguration; mid-block crossing; street tree planting; accessible crossing points, etc. (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)
- Ref 1.2.8 - Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at every main street entrance, park, carpark and key interpretive locations
- Ref 1.2.15 - Pursue with RMS the investigation and implementation of a 40km/hour speed zone in Coonamble CBD

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4.5 Artesian Baths Experience

The Masterplan brief sought to establish an understanding of the opportunities offered by the establishment of some artesian ‘Bore Baths’ in Coonamble, as an attractor of tourists.

The design team reviewed a range of existing similar facilities, along with the opportunities offered by a facility that provided more than just a simple bathing experience.

The result is a masterplan of a bathing facility that can be staged to include accommodation, spa and conference facilities; something that is not offered in the region and could provide a draw for more than just bathing tourists.

It was felt important by the team that terminology other than ‘bore baths’ be used so that they may appeal to a wider market; therefore the name Coonamble Mineral Spa was adopted for the concept and design stage.

Other Town's Bath Facilities

Lightning Ridge



- Estimate \$500K
- Two open-air pools with basic amenity

Piliga



- Estimate \$400K
- One pool under roof with basic amenity

Moree



- Reported \$7-8mill
- Resort style pool facilities
- Multiple open-air pools (non-artesian)
- Water slide

Opportunity - Resort with Conference facilities

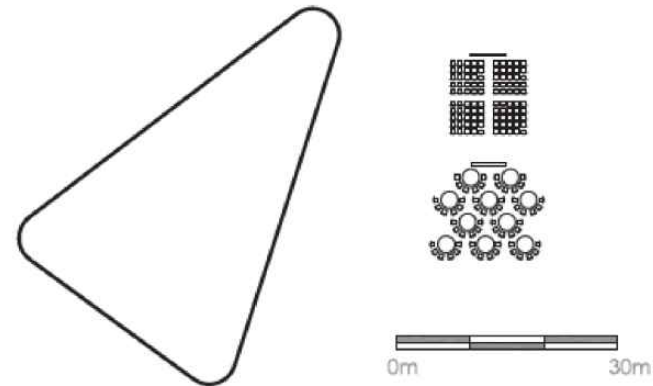
Billabong Retreat



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Coonamble Artesian Baths Experience

- Desired conference facilities for 50 – 80 people
- 50 people cabaret style
- 100 people theatre style
- Multi-purpose room fits with resort concept
- Visitor Information facilities can be easily integrated with resort amenities
- Golf club could integrate with resort



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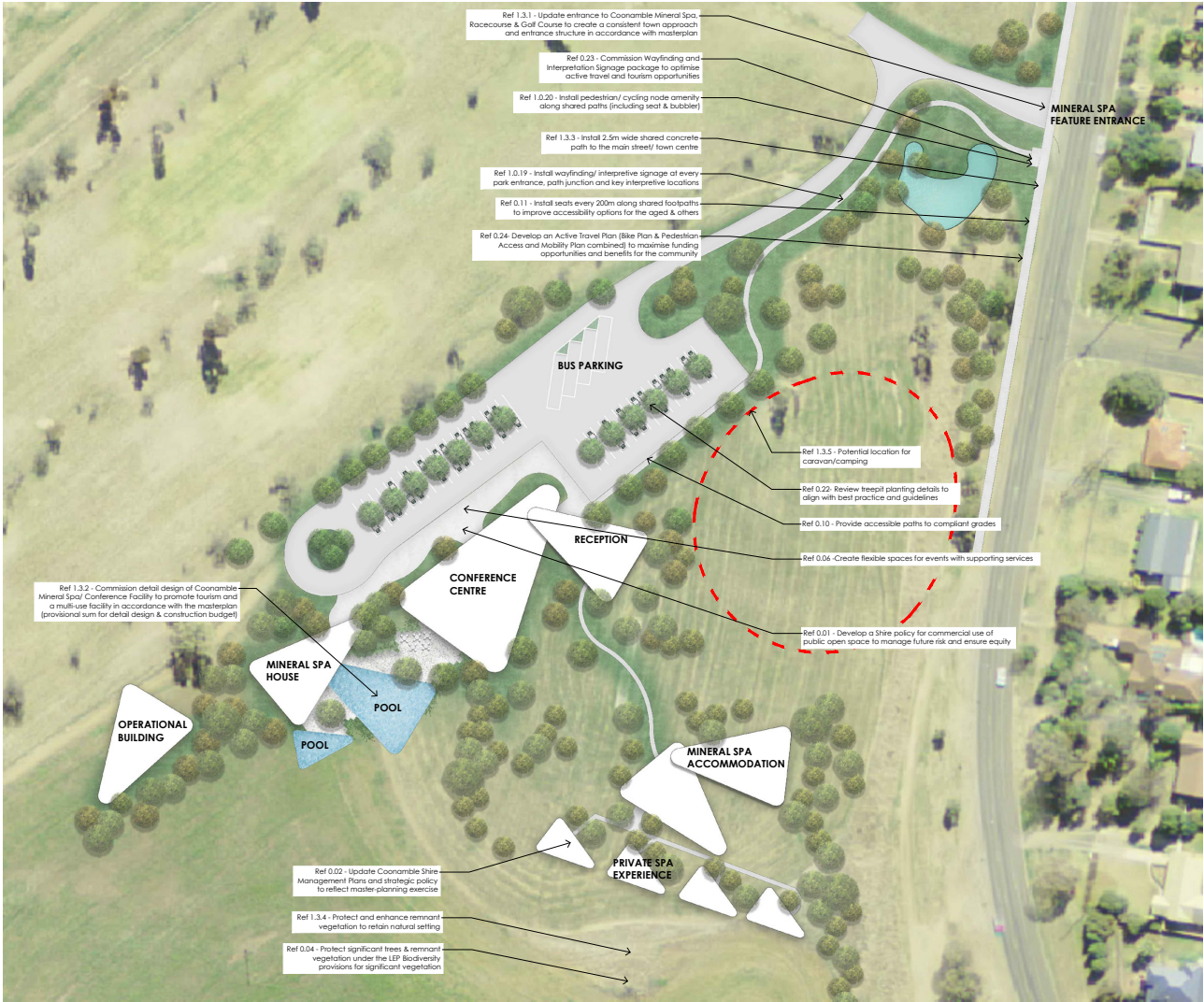
Existing conditions



Artist impression

- Ref 1.3.4 - Protect and enhance remnant vegetation to retain natural setting
- Ref 1.3.3 - Install 2.5m wide shared concrete path to the main street/ town centre
- Ref 1.3.2 - Commission detail design of Coonamble Mineral Spa/ Conference Facility to promote tourism and a multi-use facility in accordance with the masterplan (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)
- Ref 1.3.1 - Update entrance to Coonamble Mineral Spa, Racecourse & Golf Course to create a consistent town approach and entrance structure in accordance with masterplan
- Ref 1.3.5 - Potential location for caravan/camping

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4.6 Tourism

Council sought to review the visitor economy and branding as part of the masterplanning process. This created the opportunity to achieve an interlinked product that encompassed the built form, electronic and print media.

The design team agreed that the concept of birds representing the Shire worked on these multiple platforms, so continued to investigate the opportunities this offered.

The review of the tourism product revealed numerous opportunities and the branding exercise revealed elements the community holds dear and those that are ready for an update.

To follow is a summary of the tourism review and opportunities to grow the sector, with these incorporated as actions in the Schedule of Works.

4.6.1 Tourism Review

Coonamble's tourism industry is still in its infancy; with the development of digital marketing, the ease of travel, and the desire for more authentic travel experiences, the Coonamble Shire is ready for the next phase in its tourism growth.

Current Products

Coonamble Shire

- From the mountains to the marshes
- Nature, Agriculture, Indigenous Culture
- Community Events

Coonamble

- Museum Under the Bridge
- Nakadoo Shed & Horse Drawn Tours
- Outback Arts Gallery
- Nickname Hall of Fame

Gulargambone

- Two Eight Two Eight
- Bourbah Street Murals
- Corrugated Iron Galahs

Quambone

- Quambone Library
- Marshes Bird Viewing Platform
- Macquarie Marshes Nature Reserve

The visitors guide mentions two Quick Facts on its first page regarding the Castlereagh River as an upside down 'dry' riverbed that runs underground, and that Coonamble Shire is situated within the Great Artesian Basin area.

Current Services

- Galleries and museums
- A range of accommodation options
- Horse-drawn tours and hire

- Nearby natural wonders
- Day trips and trails
- Parks and gardens
- History and heritage
- Aboriginal heritage
- Recreational activities
- Dine in or takeaway options
- Retail and services
- Great big adventures (a Dubbo initiative to encourage travellers to tour the region)

Current Marketing

- Individual business marketing
- Google
- Visit NSW
- Tripadvisor
- Website
- Visitor guide in visitor centres
- Information pamphlets available in the local visitor centre

Current Information Services

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- www.visitcoonamble.com.au
- Coonamble Visitor Information Centre, 84 Castlereagh Street
- Gulargambone Visitor Information Centre, Two Eight Two Eight
- Quambone General Store

Tourism Products 2020 and Beyond

The following resources were referred to and used to ensure Coonamble Shire's tourism products reflect the research gathered by Australia's tourism data.

- NSW Government Statewide Destination Management Plan, Feb 2019
- NSW Government Visitor Economy Industry Action Plan 2030, Aug 2018
- Central NSW Visitor Profile Fact Sheet, Year Ending 2019
- Destination NSW Domesticate 2018, TNS Australia's annual syndicated study into the Australian travel market.

4.6.2 Tourism Opportunities

Supporting that it is worth investing in tourism attractions, there was a 9% increase in domestic overnight visitation to the Coonamble region, with a spend of \$1.3 billion, an increase of 17.4% on the previous year.

From June 2014 to June 2019, domestic visitors,

nights and expenditure in the region recorded the following changes: up 72.7%, up 61.9% and up 98.9% respectively.

The majority of visitors to the region came for the purpose of a Holiday (37%), followed by Visiting Friends and Relatives (35%) and Business (19%). All three categories spend money on food, retail and activities during their visit.

Around 20% of the domestic overnight visitors were aged 50-59 years, followed by 15 – 29 years old (19%) which suggests that tourism marketing and attractions need to take this broad age range into consideration.

'Unaccompanied traveller' (27%) was the most common travel party amongst visitors to the region followed by 'adult couple' (26%) and 'friends and relatives travelling together' (23%) so potential tourism attractions should provide memorable experiences and opportunities for connection between friends, partners and solo travellers.

Destination NSW Domesticate 2018 study into the Australian travel market states that 'getting away from the crowds is more important than ever before. Key motivators include 'to relax' and 'to try something new', 'getting away from the crowds' has become more important for intrastate and interstate travellers.

While Sydney is the top destination people intend to visit in the next year (46%), Regional NSW is the rates highly (40%). Regional NSW also tops Australian places for visitation in 2017 (39%) ahead of Sydney (38%). Regional NSW also holds the highest level of repeat visitation – a third of visitors

made between 1 – 3 trips in the past 12 months.

Destination NSW suggests that regional destinations are key draw-cards for what Australians are seeking from their holidays, but some improvements can be made in how the offer is presented and communicated to prospective visitors:

- Improving knowledge of Australia's heritage and indigenous experience is vital to drive interest
- Authentic night-time experience that showcase the destination beyond daylight hours
- There is no such thing as a 'typical' regional holiday. Visitors are driven mainly by what they can do there - create experiences to develop your brand.

Missing Heroes

- Artesian Baths - Links nature, indigenous culture, health and wellbeing, education, events, corporate offering, family fun, couples retreat, adventurer's opportunity to rest
- Guided walks of the riverbed or riverbank
- Indigenous Experiences
- Sand sculpture activities and events
- Bush medicine and food activities
- Night Sky - Imagery and photo opportunities
- Wildlife and Farm Animals
- Farmstays, national parks, imagery

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- Links nature, indigenous culture, family, agriculture
- Retail - With the establishment of #buyfromthebush encouraging people to support regional and remote small businesses, fans of products, craftspeople and artists will see the shopper keen to visit these locations and meet these people.

As a first step in consolidating ideas around Coonamble's future marketing platform, a Coonamble Brand Story was developed, and can be found in Appendix 3.

4.6.3 Tourism Recommendations

Key recommendations included in the Prioritised Schedule of Works include:

- Secure online social media brand platforms
- Conduct a visitcoonamble.com.au website health check
- Develop a Strategic Tourism Marketing Plan

COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN	
TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES	
Coonamble	
Product Offerings	
Nature & Adventure	Vast open spaces Walking & hiking including river walk & Nickname Hall of Fame walk Expansive night sky Watersports Biking Bird watching Access to Pilliga Nature Reserve
History & Heritage	Long & rich history Colonial heritage Museum Under the Bridge
Events	Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft – largest in the Southern hemisphere Exciting and authentic local events, such as picnic races, greyhound races and markets
Journeys & Touring Routes	Street art trail Riverbed walk or Riverbank walk Great Big Adventures
Family	Water sports – swimming, kayaking, water skiing, fishing River-bed activities during dry season Bushwalking Access to Warrumbungle Observatory Wide open spaces and great picnic spots National Parks Variety of family friendly accommodation including farmstays
Indigenous Experiences	Tin Town Artworks and street art
Short Breaks	Easy access by road Range of accommodation options Events & festivals calendar, with many diverse, local events Nature & adventure activities
Business Events	Range of accommodation options Meeting spaces

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN	
TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES	
Gulargambone	
Product Offerings	
Nature & Adventure	Walking & hiking including River Walks Street art & sculpture walk Biking Bird watching Access to Warrumbungle National Park
History & Heritage	Long & rich history Indigenous history
Events	Gulargambone Campdraft Exciting and authentic local events, such as Gold Cup Races and markets
Journeys & Touring Routes	Gulargambone street art trail
Family	River-bed activities Bushwalking Access to Warrumbungle Observatory Wide open spaces and great picnic spots Family friendly accommodation Playground & skatepark
Indigenous Experiences	River Walk Street art by local indigenous artists
Short Breaks	Easy access by road Events & festivals calendar, with many diverse, local events Nature & adventure activities

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN	
TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES	
Quambone	
Product Offerings	
Nature & Adventure	Vast open spaces Access to wildlife filled marshes Biking Bird watching Swimming
History & Heritage	Long & rich history
Family	The smallest library in NSW Playground & pool facilities
Indigenous Experiences	River Walk Street art by local indigenous artists

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4.7 Branding

The consultant team conducted a thorough review of the existing corporate and tourism logos for Coonamble Shire Council; with the following being adopted by Council.

BRAND BACKGROUND

RETIRED LOGO



RETIRED TOURISM LOGO



from the mountains to the marshes

The retiring Coonamble Shire Council logo was designed many years ago during a time when there was discussion of an amalgamation. It's purpose was to demonstrate Coonamble's superiority to surrounding shires.

The logo font represented Coonamble 'moving forward' at speed and the imagery represents the dynamic economic confidence with particular focus on the agricultural industry.

NEW CORPORATE LOGO



NEW TOURISM LOGO

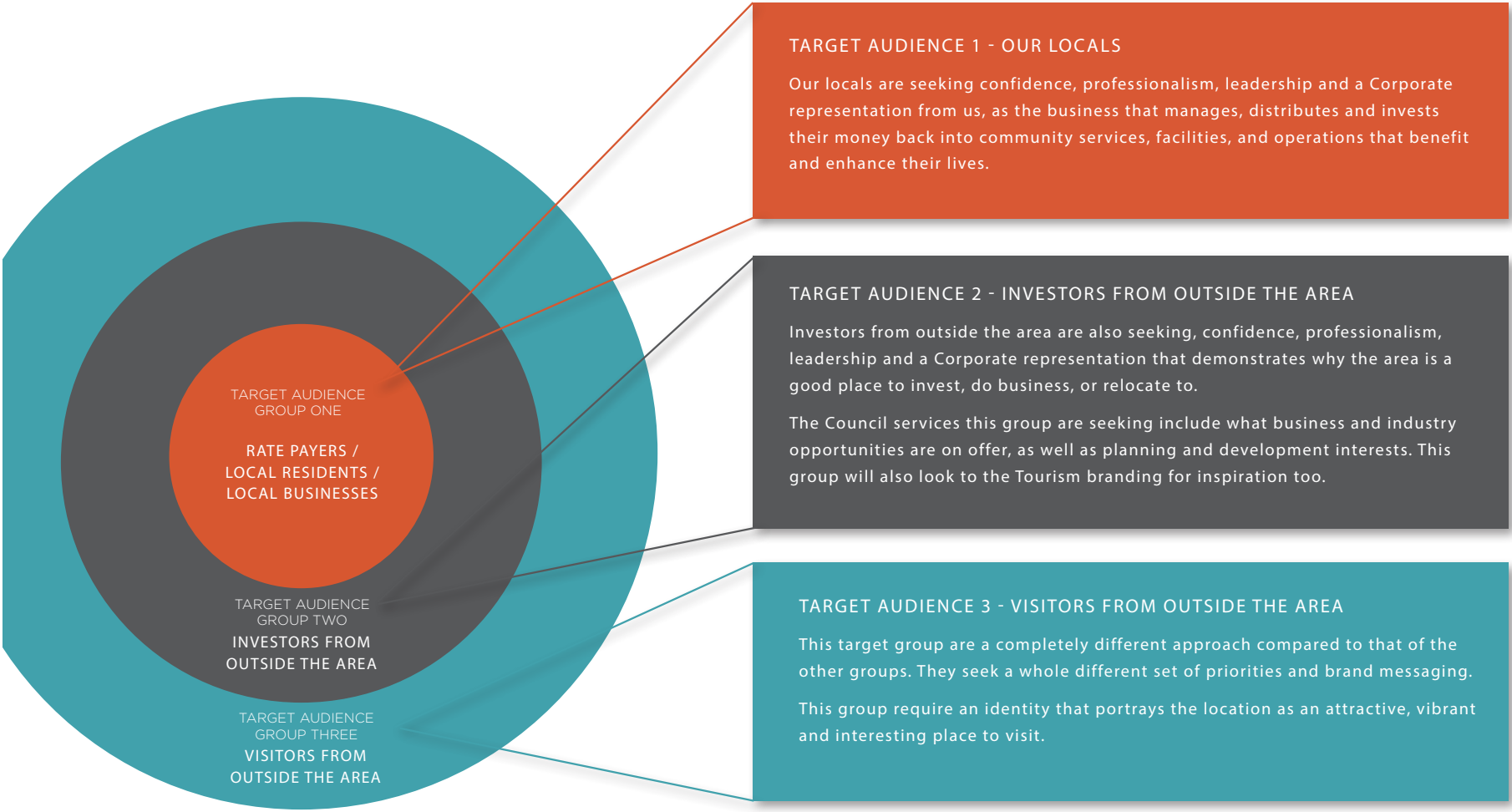


In June 2020, Coonamble Shire Council adopted a Masterplan for the Local Government Area which outlined a vision to guide growth and development over the next 20 years. The Masterplan process identified what is important to our community and how the character and quality of our LGA can be conserved, improved, and enhanced.

Branding was included in the Masterplan, and as a result a new corporate logo and refreshed tourism logo was adopted.

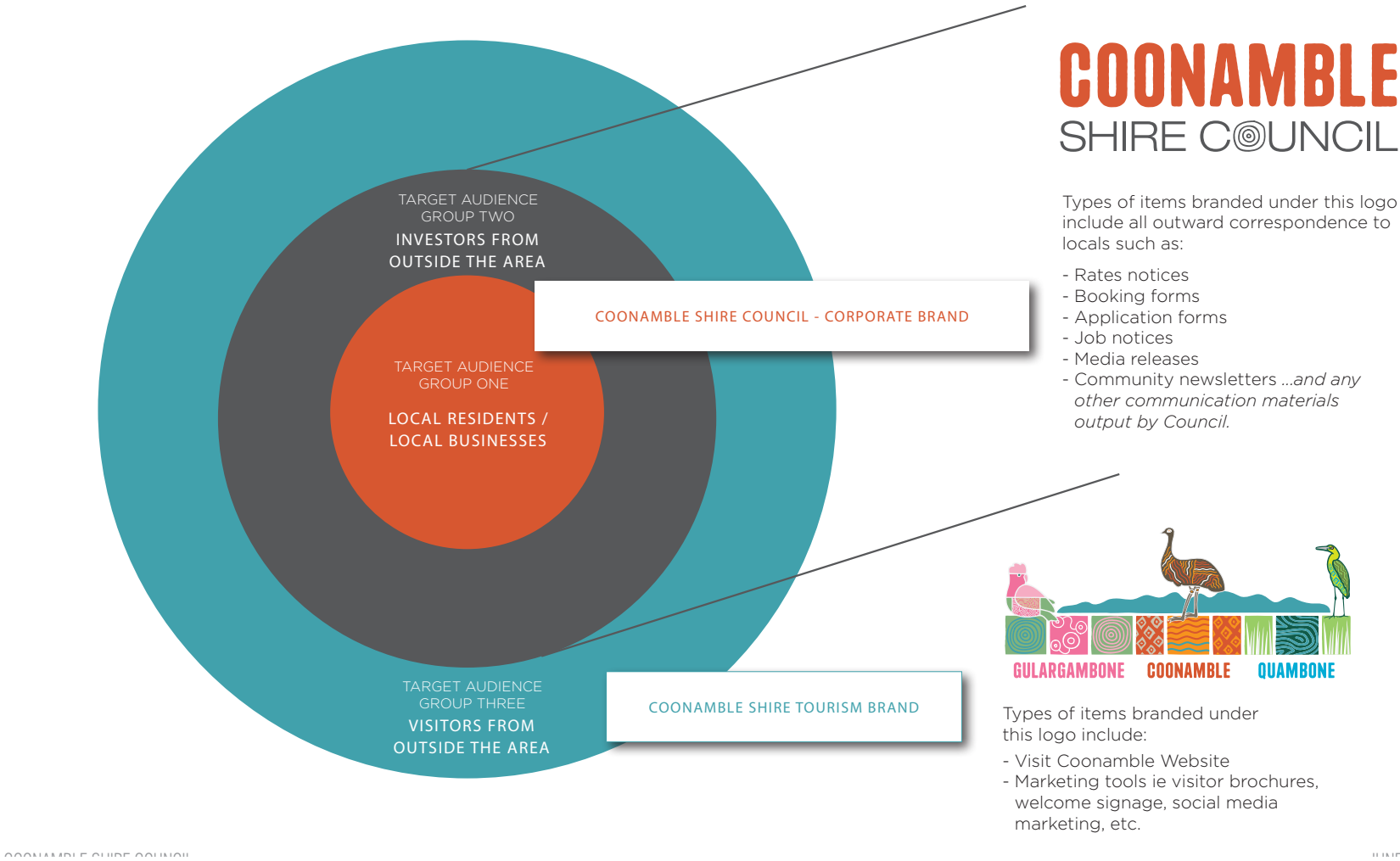
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BRAND AUDIENCES - SNAPSHOT



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BRAND AUDIENCES AND LOGO REPRESENTATION



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BRAND USAGE

- Use the Coonamble Shire Council Corporate logo if:
- Council is the lead organisation delivering the service
 - You are communicating or promoting a Council service or facility to local residents
 - Council is contributing the most funding
 - Council is the accountable body



CORPORATE LOGO

- Use the Coonamble Shire Council Tourism logo if:
The communication piece is targeted at a range of external audiences particularly attracting people to visit the region including Gulargambone and Quambone.



TOURISM LOGO

- Use the Coonamble Shire Council Corporate logo co-branded with the Tourism logo if:
The publication is targeted at a range of internal and external audiences such so those looking to invest in or move to the region.



CO-BRANDING - Council Tourism Service / Event

- Use the Coonamble Shire Council Corporate logo co-branded with an external service brand if the project is a joint venture, partnership or sponsorship arrangement.



Example purposes only.

CO-BRANDING - External Service / Event

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COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL CORPORATE BRAND		
COLOUR OPTIONS AND THEIR USES		
<p>CMYK USED FOR PRINTED MATERIALS e.g. corporate templates, manuals, reports, flyers, brochures, banners, signage</p> <p>RGB USED FOR ONSCREEN PRESENTATIONS Microsoft word applications, PowerPoint presentations & other documents viewed electronically.</p> <p>FULL COLOUR LOGO</p>	 <p>POSITIVE</p>	 <p>COLOUR REVERSE</p>
Documents reproduced in black and white (no colour).		
MONOTONE LOGO		
<p>Screen printing or applications where only 1 colour can be used. Also best for faxes.</p> <p>SOLID LOGO</p>	 <p>POSITIVE</p>	 <p>WHITE REVERSE</p>
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COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM BRANDS

BRAND SNAPSHOT



MASTER LOGO



TOWN LOGOS



CO-BRANDING

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5.0 Prioritised Schedule of Works

It is important for Council to be able to decide which projects within the overall plan are of higher value to the community and therefore should be pursued as a priority, against those that can be scheduled later.

All separable projects contained in the Masterplan are noted on the plans, corresponding to the Schedule of Works, which has a project cost estimate associated with it.

To assist in prioritising, the project team has developed a scoring tool that can be used for proposed projects in the plan, and any other projects that might be raised in the future. A simple check for the project complying with each principle provides a total score, which can then be weighed against other projects.

The Schedule of Works showing prioritisation scoring is included in the following pages, with the cost estimate included in Appendix 3.

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN																			
PRIORITISED SCHEDULE OF WORKS																			
REF.	ACTION	PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN											OTHER				PRIORITY SCORE	COUNCIL QUICKWINS	PROPOSED DELIVERY TIMEFRAME
		Baths	Nature	Town	Shade	Heritage	Art	Pool	Amenity	Visitors	Tourism	Health	CPTED	Multi-use	Operational Benefit	Environment			
0.00	POLICY AND SHIRE WIDE PROJECTS																		
0.01	Develop a Shire policy for commercial use of public open space to manage future risk and ensure equity			X						X	X			X	X		5		
0.02	Update Coonamble Shire Management Plans and strategic policy to reflect master-planning exercise	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	12		
0.03	Register Aboriginal cultural heritage on relevant government data bases i.e. AHIMS		X			X					X				X	X	5		
0.04	Protect significant trees & remnant vegetation under the LEP Biodiversity provisions for significant vegetation				X				X							X	3		
0.05	Develop a Shire policy to reduce the area of mowing in parks and open space, such as low native plantings under trees, to increase biodiversity, reduce maintenance and maximise habitat								X						X	X	3		
0.06	Create flexible spaces for events with supporting services			X		X				X	X			X			5		
0.07	Provide future state funding partnership opportunities to establish a programme where the Aboriginal community works with the broader community		X			X	X				X	X					5		
0.08	Install street trees to improve shade amenity (including ongoing watering and maintenance) in accordance with the Street Tree Masterplans (annual allocation over 20 years)				X				X							X	3		
0.09	Provide accessible paths to street edges		X						X			X		X			4		
0.10	Provide accessible paths to compliant grades		X						X			X		X			4		
0.11	Install seats every 200m along shared footpaths to improve accessibility options for the aged & others								X			X		X			3		
0.12	Remove weeds with an ongoing eradication plan (annual allocation over 20 years)								X						X	X	3		
0.13	Remove dead & under performing trees (annual allocation over 20 years)								X						X	X	3		

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN PRIORITISED SCHEDULE OF WORKS																
REF.	ACTION	PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN								OTHER					PRIORITY SCORE	COUNCIL QUICKWINS
		Baths	Nature	Town	Shade	Heritage	Art	Pool	Amenity	Visitors	Tourism	Health	CPTED	Multi-use	Operational Benefit Environment	PROPOSED DELIVERY TIMEFRAME
0.14	Rationalise and remove redundant signage							X						X	2	
0.15	Investigate the installation of gross pollutant traps along the Castlereagh River to minimise rubbish entering the river bed	X						X						X	X	4
0.16	Review development located within the flood zone to ensure compliance	X									X			X	X	4
0.17	Review Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and prioritise works to tie into masterplan proposals							X			X		X			3
0.18	Review current management arrangements for the Aquatic Club to allow access for all to the carpark and amenities, while only Aquatic Club paying members can use the boat access ramp							X	X	X				X		4
0.19	Review playground at Aquatic Club to align with safety standards							X	X	X				X		4
0.20	Review current operational arrangement at the Coonamble Aquatic Club to ensure emergency service access							X						X		2
0.21	Commission Street Tree Masterplans for Coonamble, Quambone & Gulargambone to improve town presentation and provide shade amenity			X				X						X		3
0.22	Review treeplanting details to align with best practice and guidelines			X				X						X	X	4
0.23	Commission Wayfinding and Interpretation Signage package to optimise active travel and tourism opportunities	X			X	X		X	X	X			X			7
0.24	Develop an Active Travel Plan (Bike Plan & Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan combined) to maximise funding opportunities and benefits for the community							X	X	X	X		X			5
0.25	Secure online social media brand platforms to ensure control of content and allow for consistent messaging	X	X	X	X	X			X	X				X		8
0.26	Conduct a "visitcoonamble.com.au" website health-check	X	X	X	X	X			X	X				X		8
0.27	Develop a strategic tourism marketing plan to identify tourism infrastructure, campaigns, marketing material and a programme of promotional activities to achieve a clear direction for Council and business	X	X	X	X	X			X	X				X		8

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0.28	Source grant funding for identified priorities from the tourism marketing plan	X	X	X		X	X			X	X				X		8		
0.29	Engage with local businesses to develop, promote and participate in tourism campaigns identified in the strategic tourism marketing plan	X	X	X		X	X			X	X				X		8		
0.30	Implement a development policy to encourage landowners to preserve and enhance elements contributing to the heritage streetscapes of Coonamble Shire			X		X			X	X	X				X	X	7		
0.31	Implement a development policy that recognises reactivation of the main street as a priority, per the Economic Development Strategy			X		X	X		X	X	X			X		X	8		
0.32	Investigate options for developing a minimum four-star hotel in conjunction with the Mineral Spa development	X	X						X	X	X						5		
0.33	Liaise with the Office of Environment and Heritage for the establishment of a grant system for the preservation of heritage buildings throughout the shire			X		X			X	X	X				X	X	7		
0.34	Engage a professional to work with local store owners in each town, to explore opportunities to sell or lease properties innovatively, to encourage more businesses into shopping precincts			X					X	X	X				X	X	6		
0.35	Seek government support to assist in the establishment of Aboriginal tourism businesses in town		X			X	X			X	X				X		6		
0.36	Host a tourism seminar for locals to provide them with tools and contacts to start tourism businesses, including: ecotourism; Indigenous cultural experiences; agri-tourism; farm stays; etc.	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X				X		9		
0.37	Host a workshop for locals in developing and growing on-line businesses as part of their main-street shop			X											X		2		
0.38	Investigate opportunities for local power generation			X											X		2		
0.39	Employ an arts facilitator to work with schools, community groups and individuals in developing public art across the shire						X		X	X	X						4		
1.0.0	COONAMBLE TOWN MASTERPLAN																		
1.0.1	Plant trees in parks and open green space for shade amenity i.e the Showground, Sports Ground, Macdonald Park etc (over 20 years including ongoing watering and maintenance)				X				X					X		X	4		

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1.0.2	Re-locate outdoor exercise equipment in Smith Park to create fitness trail opportunities and encourage use								X			X		X			3		
1.0.3	Install additional outdoor equipment in Smith Park to complement existing equipment & create trail opportunities								X			X		X			3		
1.0.4	Install bubbler/ water filling station (adjacent outdoor exercise equipment)								X			X					2		
1.0.5	Detail design and installation of Stage 2 of Smith Park river walk with a 1.2m wide concrete path		X						X	X	X	X		X			6		
1.0.6	Commission a Castlereagh River Activation Plan which investigates opportunities for tourism & recreational uses of the river, riverbed and surrounds		X	X		X	X			X	X			X			7		
1.0.7	Install Macdonald Park upgrades, refer to masterplan proposals by GHD			X				X	X	X	X			X		X	7		
1.0.8	Install Electric Vehicle charging points in locations deemed desirable to attract visitors, such as in Skillman's Lane carpark, at the Visitor Information Centre, at the Mineral Spa development, in Quambone and in Gulargambone			X						X	X				X		4		
1.0.9	Install 1.2m wide concrete path from Macdonald Park/ Pool along the river to Nebea Street		X			X			X	X	X	X		X			7		
1.0.10	Install 1.2m wide concrete path from Tin Town to the weir which connects with central blocks of Coonamble		X			X			X	X	X	X		X			7		
1.0.11	Install 1.2m wide concrete path to perimeter of Sports Ground		X						X			X		X			4		
1.0.12	Design and install a yarning circle near Calga Street to provide opportunities to connect with country and culture		X			X				X	X			X			5		
1.0.13	Commission the design of interpretive artwork along shared paths representing Aboriginal daily life in locations such as the Castlereagh River, Tin Town etc		X			X	X			X	X						5		
1.0.14	Install interpretive artwork along shared paths adjacent river, interpreting Aboriginal, agricultural and environmental heritage		X			X	X			X	X						5		
1.0.15	Upgrade amenity building in Smith Park								X	X	X			X			4	✓	

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1.0.16	Remove old park furniture in Smith Park (seats, bins, table etc)								X						X		2	
1.0.17	Upgrade and provide new picnic amenity to Smith Park: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity		X					X	X	X	X			X			6	
1.0.18	Provide picnic area in pool grounds: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity			X				X	X	X	X			X			6	
1.0.19	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at every park entrance, path junction and key interpretive locations								X	X	X						3	
1.0.20	Install pedestrian/ cycling node amenity along shared paths (including seat & bubbler)								X	X	X	X		X			5	
1.0.21	Install bins at main park entrances								X						X	X	3	
1.0.22	Install seating facilities								X					X			2	
1.0.23	Upgrade Aquatic Club playground and BBQ facilities		X						X	X	X	X		X	X		7	
1.1.0 ENTRANCES																		
1.1.1	Commission detail design of planting to entrances to promote Coonamble Shire Council		X				X			X	X					X	5	
1.1.2	Design, manufacture and installation of sculptural birds (Coonamble, Quambone and upgrade of Gulargambone existing sculptures)		X				X			X	X						4	
1.1.3	Commission detail design of entrance signage to promote Coonamble Shire Council (Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone)		X				X			X	X						4	
1.1.4	Install trees and understorey planting to entrances of Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone (with ongoing watering and maintenance) in accordance with masterplan				X					X	X					X	4	
1.1.5	Enhance showground entrance to create a consistent town approach through tree and understorey planting in accordance with Coonamble Street Tree Masterplan						X			X	X					X	4	

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1.1.6	Update town entrance signs in accordance with masterplan (Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone)		X				X			X	X				X		5		
1.2.0	MAIN STREET																		
1.2.1	Commission investigation and detail design of the reconfiguration of the intersection at the Castlereagh Highway and main street to TfNSW standards to allow better access and sight lines to the main street, ensuring safe crossing points (provisional sum for design & construction budget)			X						X	X	X					4		
1.2.2	Remove gallows structures at main street pedestrian crossing and surrounds								X				X				2		
1.2.3	Install public amenities in prominent location on main street and provide attractive park-like setting			X	X				X	X	X			X			6	✓	
1.2.4	Commission investigation of options and detailed design of main street including parking reconfiguration; mid-block crossing; street tree planting; accessible crossing points, etc (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)			X	X				X	X	X		X	X	X	X	9		
1.2.5	Create a vibrant laneway to carpark to enhance connectivity & natural surveillance (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)			X			X		X	X	X		X	X			7	✓	
1.2.7	Install street furniture (seats, bins, lighting) to main street based on masterplan proposals			X					X	X	X	X		X			6		
1.2.8	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at every main street entrance, park, carpark and key interpretive locations								X	X	X			X			4		
1.2.9	Install anti-pigeon roosting wire to under-side of awnings along main street to reduce faeces			X					X		X	X			X	X	6	✓	
1.2.11	Install additional CCTV to improve rear carpark safety			X					X	X	X				X		5		
1.2.12	Develop a programme of street events			X		X	X			X	X			X	X		7		
1.2.13	Provision for RV, trailer and long vehicle parking to rear carpark			X						X	X			X	X		5		

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN PRIORITISED SCHEDULE OF WORKS															
REF.	ACTION	PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN										OTHER			
		Baths	Nature	Town	Shade	Heritage	Art	Pool	Amenity	Visitors	Tourism	Health	CPTED	Multi-Use	Operational Benefit Environment
1.2.14	Commission detail design of rear carpark based on masterplan proposals (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)			X	X					X	X			X	X
1.2.15	Pursue with RMS the investigation and implementation of a 40km/hour speed zone in Coonamble CBD			X					X	X	X			X	X
1.3.0	COONAMBLE MINERAL SPA														
1.3.1	Update entrance to Coonamble Mineral Spa, Racecourse & Golf Course to create a consistent town approach and entrance structure in accordance with masterplan	X	X	X						X	X	X			
1.3.2	Commission detail design of Coonamble Mineral Spa/ Conference Facility to promote tourism and a multi-use facility in accordance with the masterplan (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)	X	X	X						X	X	X		X	X
1.3.3	Install 2.5m wide shared concrete path to the main street/ town centre	X	X	X					X	X	X	X		X	
1.3.4	Protect and enhance remnant vegetation to retain natural setting	X	X		X		X		X	X	X				X
1.3.5	Potential location for caravan/ camping	X	X							X	X				
1.4.0	VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE (VIC)														
1.4.1	Commission detail design of the VIC and surrounds to provide tourism opportunities for visitors and the community which celebrates the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage of the district (provisional sum for design & construction budget)	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	
1.4.2	Provide new carpark with accessible parking space and ramp to path to provide accessibility for all and links into the existing Smith Park network, re-align entrance road into VIC to provide safer entry and exit path and provide new bus and RV parallel parking within existing park driveway surface								X	X	X			X	X
2.0.0	QUAMBONE MASTERPLAN														
2.0.1	Plant trees in parks and open green space for shade amenity to the pool, sports ground, playground, caravan park etc (over 20 years including ongoing watering and maintenance)				X				X		X			X	X

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REF.	ACTION	PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN										OTHER				
		Baths	Nature	Town	Shade	Heritage	Art	Pool	Amenity	Visitors	Tourism	Health	CPTED	Multi-Use	Operational Benefit	PRIORITY SCORE
2.0.2	Provide pedestrian safe crossing points to RMS standards at the school and playground			X					X			X				3
2.0.3	Install 1.2m wide concrete path to perimeter of Sports Ground		X						X			X		X		4
2.0.4	Install concrete paths to central blocks of village to provide accessible paths of travel			X					X			X		X		4
2.0.5	Install outdoor exercise equipment and create fitness trail opportunities								X			X		X		3
2.0.6	Install bubbler/ water filling station (adjacent outdoor exercise equipment)								X			X				2
2.0.7	Upgrade the playground to include: a tourism kiosk; wi-fi; public amenities; youth zone play equipment and outdoor ping-pong tables for casual hanging out and perching			X					X	X	X				X	5
2.0.8	Upgrade amenity building in Sports Ground with new shower and accessible toilet			X					X	X	X			X		5
2.0.9	Upgrade tennis court lighting			X					X	X	X	X		X		6
2.0.10	Repair swimming pool leak							X	X	X	X	X			X	7
2.0.11	Upgrade swimming pool amenity facilities			X				X	X	X	X	X		X		7
2.0.12	Replace fencing to Sports Ground								X			X		X		3
2.0.13	Install fencing to rubbish tip to prevent the spread of rubbish and illegal dumping								X		X	X			X	5
2.0.14	Tidy up litter and rubbish through out town, especially around the rubbish tip (annual)								X		X	X			X	5

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PRIORITISED SCHEDULE OF WORKS																			
REF.	ACTION	PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN										OTHER				PRIORITY SCORE	COUNCIL QUICKWINS	PROPOSED DELIVERY TIMEFRAME	
		Baths	Nature	Town	Shade	Heritage	Art	Pool	Amenity	Visitors	Tourism	Health	CPTED	Multi-use	Operational Benefit				Environment
2.0.15	Commission the design of interpretive artwork in the playground representing Aboriginal daily life in the area i.e totems or other representation to complement the existing totems (Stage 2 Wailwan Story Boards)		X			X	X			X	X						5		
2.0.16	Install interpretive artwork in the playground		X			X	X			X	X						5		
2.0.17	Provide picnic area at the playground: install barbeques, shelter, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity			X	X				X	X	X			X			6		
2.0.18	Provide picnic area in pool grounds and sports ground: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity			X	X			X	X	X	X			X			7		
2.0.19	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at main park entrance, path junction and key interpretive locations								X	X	X						3		
2.0.20	Install pedestrian/ cycling node amenity along shared paths (including seat & bubbler)								X	X	X	X		X			5		
2.0.21	Install bins at the main park entrances								X						X	X	3		
2.0.22	Install seating facilities								X					X			2		
2.0.23	Update entrance to Quambone and Macquarie Marshes turnoff to create a consistent town approach and entrance structure		X							X	X				X		4		
2.0.24	Install Macquarie Marshes signage on Castlereagh Highway which is consistent with masterplan		X						X	X	X				X		5		
2.0.25	Commission a tourism review of infrastructure requirements to capitalise on the location of the Macquarie Marshes close to Quambone, such as sealed roads, signage etc.		X							X	X				X		4		
2.0.26	Update facilities and signage for the Quambone camp site		X						X	X	X				X		5		
2.0.27	Provide distribution point for tourism brochures at the Quambone camp site		X							X	X				X		4		

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REF.	ACTION	PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN										OTHER				
		Baths	Nature	Town	Shade	Heritage	Art	Pool	Amenity	Visitors	Tourism	Health	CPTED	Multi-Use	Operational Benefit	Environment
3.0.0	GULARGAMBONE MASTERPLAN															
3.0.1	Plant trees in parks and open green space for shade amenity to the pool, sports ground, Lions Park, etc (over 20 years including ongoing watering and maintenance)				X				X					X	X	4
3.0.2	Upgrade footpath along main street to provide compliant grades and a fully accessible path			X					X	X	X	X				5
3.0.3	Upgrade library facilities and upgrade wifi speed for the community and visitors								X	X	X					3
3.0.4	Install 1.2m wide concrete path to perimeter of Sports Ground		X						X			X	X			4
3.0.5	Install outdoor exercise equipment to Lions Park and Sports Ground to create fitness trail opportunities								X			X	X			3
3.0.6	Install bubbler/ water filling station (adjacent outdoor exercise equipment)								X			X				2
3.0.7	Provide picnic area to Lions Park: install barbeques, shelter, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity		X	X					X	X	X			X		6
3.0.8	Install nature play based playground to Lions Park			X					X	X	X	X				5
3.0.9	Install 'Youth Zone' including Parkour style equipment for casual hanging out and perching, with a skate/street art aesthetic to enhance existing facility			X					X	X	X	X		X		6
3.0.10	Install shared pedestrian cycleway along the river to connect with town centre to provide better activation and connection of ancillary spaces		X	X					X	X	X	X		X		7
3.0.11	Commission the design of interpretive artwork along shared river path representing the Aboriginal story of daily life		X			X	X			X	X					5
3.0.12	Install interpretive artwork along the river path interpreting daily Aboriginal life		X			X	X			X	X					5
3.0.13	Upgrade amenity building in Sports Ground								X	X	X			X	X	5

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PRIORITISED SCHEDULE OF WORKS																		
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		Baths	Nature	Town	Shade	Heritage	Art	Pool	Amenity	Visitors	Tourism	Health	CPTED	Multi-use	Operational Benefit			
3.0.14	Council to support upgrade of tennis courts to impact surface with new asphalt base			X				X	X	X	X		X				6	
3.0.15	Install white picket oval fence to create a village green							X	X	X				X			4	
3.0.16	Install 1.2m wide concrete path to connect residential areas, playground and parks with town centre to provide better connection and create a path hierarchy							X		X	X		X				6	
3.0.17	Commission detail design of playground and adjacent fencing in Sports Ground to accommodate user needs (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)							X	X	X	X						4	
3.0.18	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at main park entrance, path junction and key interpretive locations							X	X	X							3	
3.0.19	Install pedestrian/ cycling node amenity along shared paths (including seat & bubbler)							X	X	X	X		X				5	
3.0.20	Install bins at the main park entrances							X						X	X		3	
3.0.21	Install seating facilities							X					X				2	

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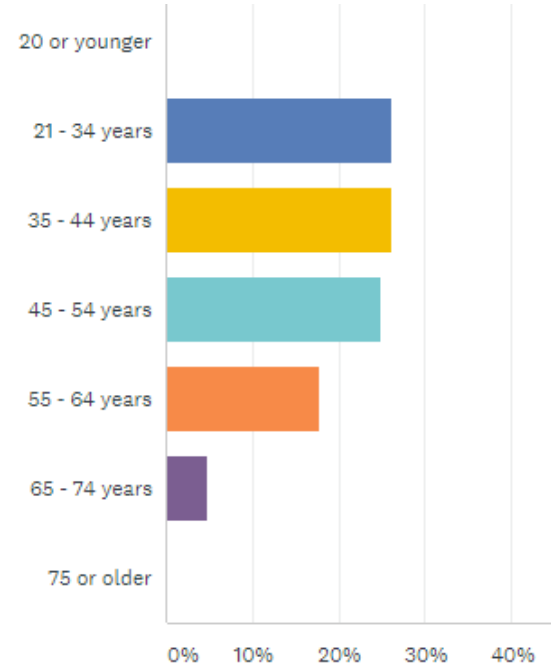
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Appendix 1: Survey

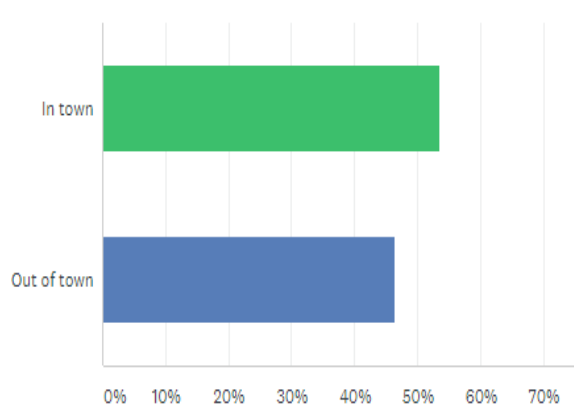
With the understanding that not everyone is comfortable with attending public workshops, Council ran an online survey.

The questions and results have been summarised over the following pages through.

Q1 Age bracket



Q2 Do you live in town or out of town?

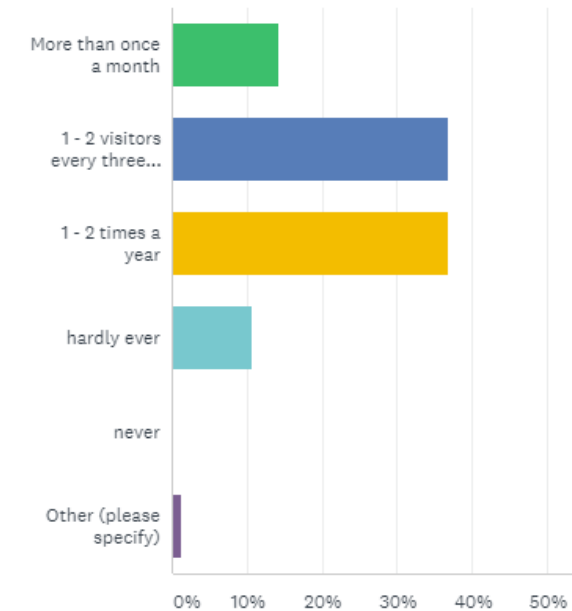


Q3 Which town do you live in/near? (Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone?)

▼ Coonamble	<div><div></div></div>	78.57%	66
▼ Gulargambone	<div><div></div></div>	15.48%	13

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Q4 How often would you have visitors stay?



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Q5 Which word(s) best describe your community?

Resilient
Resilient
Racist
This community is neglected. Local community trying to revive it. Climatic conditions not helping relying on tourist trade.
Vibrant community minded, looking out for each other and won't take no for an answer
Committed to self achievement
inclusive, supportive
Great
Small
Strong Gritty Stubborn Spirited Resilient
Active, enthusiastic, young families, bush
Boring
Resilient/supportive
ok
Resilient
Arid, agricultural based, trying to be positive
One of the best!!
Friendly, In need, strong, and supportive
Dead
Busy
Friendly people
Loyal and welcoming
Crime stricken, boring, ghost town.
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Lovely but needs improvement
My community. My life
Agricultural centre
Friendly
Old, generous.
resilient strong friendly
Devided, Reselient
agricultural innovative adaptive
Friendly
Compassionate
Struggling, shrinking, supportive, diverse
Warm, active, creative
Very unenthusiastic about life. There are only a few go-getters in Gular who really carry the whole town.
Resilient, rustic, authentic
Rural remote
steady, considerate , hard working , tough , not growing
Proud
Backward
Boring
community people- upbeat & hard working
community appearance & vibe- outdated and lack of tourism
Apart from the drug infested people, the rest of the community is fantastic! Everyone pulls together for community effort
Alright
Vibrant Enduring
Resilient

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Drought stricken A caring community
Barely holding on
Tight knit. Supportive.
Deflated
Broke
Friendly
Takes a bit of time BUT Friendly, hard working
Mothers
Dying
Small, regional, social and “looks can be deceiving”. I.e. Coonamble may not be much to look at, but its a great place to live and visit.
inclusive
Spirited
ice
Segregated
Amazing
Friendly
supportive, inclusive
good
Rural
Unkown
diverse
Supportive
friendly, welcoming - these words describe the people that we have met since moving up here and mostly consist of farming families, not the townish as much
Slowly becoming a ghost town
Friendly, helpful

Quiet
Proud resilient stubborn
Resilient
Supportive
Respectful, friendly, caring, resilient
FRIENDLY, CARING
Rural
property crime, rural, dry, big hearted community
Supportive in times of need
Diverse
Close knit Small Rural Passionate Isolated Resilient Entrepreneurial Innovative Dedicated Supportive Community-focused Welcoming Friendly Sporty

Q6 List what word(s) describe what the location
is about? (the region/geography of your home-town)

NA
Rural
Used to be a community
Half way between Gilgandra and Coonamble. All on the Castlereagh River.
Half way between the marshes to the mountains
Mixed farming community
rural
NA
Highway location
Big skies Flat plains Productive Cultural

Western Bush Country Remote
Community sustainability land management indigenous culture
Rural and remote, local businesses, farming, sheep/ cattle/crops, wide brown lands, Warrumbungle mountains in the horizon.
Country, flat Dry and hot
I don't understand the question? Rural, agricultural perhaps?
arid agricultural mountains meets the marches and the scrub
The real Australia
Isolated, Dry and Hot
Middle of nowhere
Rural, large, open, broad
North west of Dubbo
River and the northwest region
Rural, remote, dry, dead
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Country living. Casual living
Farming, community and friendship
Rodeo, horses
Farmers, wheat growers
country rural farming
Perfect for me
Town surrounded by flat grasslands ,scattered trees,grazing and cropping,dependent on the GAB. Tourist spots are a day trip from town .Situatd on a gray nomad trek north.

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Wheat & Sheep Dry river bed Mountain & Marshes
In town
Central western plains, agriculture
Outback
A dust bowl, huge potential to farm, dry, dry dry, quiet, slow paced, segregated.
Endless plains country, hot summer- perfect winters,
Mountains to the marshes. So Hilly to the east. Leveling out to broad plains, taking in the Macquarie Marshes
needed for supplies . plain, not exciting, not green enough . dry . needs a water view
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Desolate
Remote
no idea what this question is asking
Aboriginal Rural Drought affected Friendly Willing to help Strong community bonds Supportive community Drug infested Flat
Mountains to the marshes Agriculture River
rural, river town, flat,
Rural & remote
Rural and remote.
Agriculture. Small business. Community.
Isolated
Back of bumfuk
Farming,grazing
Farming
Authenticity
Quiet Small country town Death

Isolated-ish. Regional. Rural. 1.5 hours from Dubbo.
remote
Caring, supportive, resilient, making it happen, if it doesn't exist and is needed the community will make it happen
dusty
Coonamble has lost its identity. there isn't one now
Farming/Grazing and Community
Rural, open
remote.
open air
-
Family
Agriculture
Rural
rural, small, quiet
between Dubbo and Lightning Ridge is the best way to describe it to people who don't know.
Families Farming Sporting
Open space
Flat, huge skies, stark, ancient
Wetlands Gateway to MacQuarie Marshs
Primary production, cattle,sheep, cropping mans associated businesses
wide open plains, dry river bed
RURAL
Rural
outskirts of Warrumbungle national park on the river flat
Variety - from the mountains to the marshes & everything in between
Birds

Dry arid Productive Farming Isolated Flat big skies, wide lands Open plain Warrumbungles in the distance Marshes over the horizon Soil, scrub and sand Salt of the earth
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Q7 Using the Local Identity board below, what three image/symbol best describes your community? Please list letters in order of importance.

Refer page 18 for the collated results

Q8 Using the colour wheel, what colour(s) describe your community/location? Choose one or more colours using the correlating number and letter.

Refer page 20 for the collated results

Q9 What memory/ image gives you a proud and happy feeling when you think of Coonamble Shire?

I enjoy driving out of Coonamble seeing the galahs on the water tower. Makes me excited to get home.
Tin Galahs
Gular pool when Ronnie Tindal was running it
Community spirit
The Galah sculptures, street art and Gular caravan park
Gulargambone
local art in Gulargambone
The green parks and paintings around the shire
Silos
Crowded Showgrounds

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Well attended community events particularly young families
rain and thriving nature (not anymore)
Adrian Hanrahan days,
Our older people and their memories of how our town used to be.
The raindance - even though I couldn't make it
Water skiing at the Weir as a young kid (wish this could be a bigger focus and maybe developed so there is another section for tourist and local to stop and swim but separate and safe so that the boats can still go waterskiing) Campdrafting at the Coonamble and Gular campdrafts and watching the rodeo
Who knows
Giving their support for the Coonamble Women's Shed
None
The smell of rain on hot tar, wide, hot, scorched earth.
The number of people that show their respect at funerals. Small businesses.
The castle reach river
Can't think of happy memories in the last 10 years at least not much has happened or changed that's great or nice
Having my family here
My marriage at the museum under the bridge
Community
A good harvest
Rodeo
The show the rodeo the Christmas carnival

Rodeo
Wheat trucks at silos
Show day/rodeo/Gold Cup/ Anzac Day
Dinners at the pool
Family
Castlereagh River Flowing, Gold Cup Races - Fashions on the Field
Events like the Raindance. Also every day things like walking down the main street and knowing and chatting to majority of people.
Coonamble Rodeo crowds and the memory of the large crowd that gathered for the unveiling of the Bullock Wagon sculpture in Gular in 2018
Passionate people who want to protect their water- Great Artesian Basin
Sweeping plains
big gatherings of people Balls ,races, rodeo ,
How the community pulled together in a tragedy
The road out
K
rodeo, show, health services, the hub
That's a tough one...hmmm
Wheat paddocks
Rain Dance
Harvest: headers moving up and down the highway and line of trucks at the silos
quality sporting facilities
The CBD and old images of beautiful long gone architecture
The castlereagh flowing

Community spirit ie rain dance
Weir full
Living on my parents farm
Water tower
Bingo nights!
Birds
The small community not-for-profit organisations of our community, i.e. the Coonamble Cancer Council. The local pubs that are always busy on a Friday afternoon, with people socialising and having a good time, i.e. most recently the Termo. The June Long Weekend Rodeo and Campdraft event 15 years ago, when our town was a safe place to walk around, looking at Christmas lights, going for an evening bike ride with your parents, feeling safe and secure.
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Our community groups and individuals always there to support each other especially those in need when the chips are down.
when the authorities decided to take a stance against drug users and the police made multiple arrests and disrupted the drug dealing/using to the point it never recovered oh wait, that never happened.
What it used to be 20 - 25 years ago, The only image that is still relevant is the respect shown by businesses and employees during funeral processions
EVERY BUSINESS HOUSE IN CASTLEREAGH STREET OCCUPIED
Community Spirit, helping people who need a hand

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out back arts
haven't had it yet
Horse events
Family
?
The image of all the shop owners standing and paying respects after a local has passed- nothing says respect for the community like a whole town at still
shire signs
Not sure, haven't lived anywhere else, family has been here for sooo long
June long weekend rodeo
Raindance, Campdrafting
People pulling over in their cars, and staff standing in front of shops for funerals
Visitors visiting the Quambone General Store
Flat plains
Rain Dance
PLAZA THEATRE
Rodeo
The pool staying open late on Friday night (8-9pm) and taking our dinner to eat there with everyone else. Cracker night - I loved it! #buyfromthebush seeing positive stories.
Coonamble Raindance
Galahs, emus

Productive times with farming - a big harvest or lambing. Community events that I played a part in and that made a real difference to our lives and the strength of the community - the Raindance. How our history shapes what we do now - my grandparents' efforts have delivered value and benefit to me, probably beyond their realm of possibility. Imagine what I could provide for future generations if I can build on what they left!?

Q10 If an outsider asked you why you live in Coonamble, what would you tell them?

NA
I don't live there
It's home
Not in city, need to be in a quieter place
I would say I don't.
Move to Gulargambone - find paradise!!
Don't live in Coonamble
I don't. I think it's a sad town, lots of shops closed. No life.
No choice
It's the best place to raise children. Cheap to live. Good people. Water security.
Abundance of young families particularly young farming families
Not sure anymore
Great place to have a family, 6th generation of very proud family history, watching the river rise and run is magical, seeing the land green is spectacular

I like the community and how we can all band together in hardship times
Friendly, resilient people
I live here and own a farm and Coonamble is our closet town. We have a good farming community but can suffer from dry and wet times and when the farming community is affected it ripples through to the towns we have a good rodeo and campdraft (needs work to create better attraction)
this is where I chose
Quiet friendly town with a community that cares and supports each other
Can't afford to move.
For the community, the wide open spaces, and the friendly atmosphere
I was raised here and it is my hometown. I like it here.
The people make the town they are so welcoming and nice
Can't afford to leave at this time.
My family are here and quite country town
Because my husband lives here
Can't afford to move
Friendly people who will communicate with anyone
Lived here all my life and have family here
I've lived here all my life and my family lives here. My family have raised me to respect the town as I do.
Friendly people
Sense of community

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That is where we work ,farm and we have the GAB to provide us with water.
It's home, where my friends are. Friendliest town in Australia
Work
Great community to live in, it's somewhere where you can make a home not just live here.
Fun, proactive, creative, community with great people
Because that is where our family has been farming for the last 3 generations
Small community in which you are known & can contribute to in many ways.
My heritage keeps me here. I like the fighting spirit of the town also.
our farm is here
Born and Bred here
Can't afford anywhere else
Lived here all My life and it's a simple lifestyle
The community is full of great inspirational young people
I don't, I live in Gulargambone.
Because of the cropping
Coonamble is a great place for the age group I am in - 25-35, there are more opportunities for women here these days business wise and I think we really have amazing people in this community that make it a great place to live
Family tradition
It is where I grew up, I chose to return for my job 17 years ago
More affordable than a regional city

The community
Family
Mortgage
Family, cheap housing
experience
I get to be a mum without the anxiety of finances weighing on us.
Friendly
It's nothing to do with the town, everything to do with the community.
It is home its where I belong and I am comfortable here.
For the people - can do attitude, so much of what is available in this community is because of the people within it making it happen. The plains are so beautiful and are ever changing, the River is at it's most beautiful out on the plains. Even in this horrendous drought our land is by far the most beautiful.
i will win lotto one day
Stumped for choice
I love where I live
I live here because of the people, and in a good year the climate
because I married someone who live here.
the life style
Supporting underprivileged families
Family
I don't

The most community minded little community that is always giving. It supports everyone and is always looking out for others
Because our farm is there
family are here
Friendly people, great for the kids, no polution, laid back lifestyle, wide open plains
Simple and friendly country life
I like my home here, I'm established in a comfortable way
In Quambone I like the laid back atmosphere and know all my neighbours
Naturally fertile soils, underground water, friendly people
the people, the cost of living, the community, the business opportunities
WORK
Employment
family support the absolute mass of sporting activities
Very close & supportive community
I feel a part of Gondwanaland
Because I couldn't possibly live anywhere else. This is home and I want my children to have the opportunity to make it their home too.

Q11 Using the Visitor Attraction board below, what do you consider the Shire's top three most valuable attractions in the future? Please list letters in order of importance.

Refer page 19 for collated results

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Q12 What do you think Coonamble has that other regional towns/cities in Australia may not have?

NA
Artesian water below it
Al's cafe, community spirit
NA
The most un-proactive council as they talk but don't do.
Potential bore baths??
Gulargambone has a very supportive, welcoming community.
NA
NA
Large creative arts community
I don't believe coonamble is a destination as we don't have enough product offering or natural attractions. Events - rodeo and races are our best bet. I believe there is a growing market for day trippers coming from the likes of dubbo in group touring various towns in the area and doing a country gift shop tour. This is following #buyfromthebush campaign.
Public Art and song indigenous ties
Community
Fighting community spirit
History

not much! we have mixture of things; our rodeo and campdrafts (could be made into bigger attractions), the marches (not promoted well), the farming produce, great people(visitors actually have to stop and have somewhere to park to experience this!), our weir and river (creative ideas definatly needed, even creating an event on the dry river bed!)
A council that is not looking at the big picture
Broken and rutted footpaths
Nothing
Amazing local characters
A good, friendly community.
The people and great cafes and pubs
High crime rate, not enough police on duty
.
A museum under the bridge
Water
Character
Don't know
The best rodeo,
Welcoming people and resilience
Marshes to the mountains
Good water
Nick name charactures
Nothing
Strong social cohesion, lower cost of living and slower pace
An increasing young population. Such a high number of creatives
.

Authenticity, rustic charm
Great Artesian Basin, Vast plains, Solitude, Quintessentially Australian
skiing weir . close tourist attractions hard working community volunteers
-
Crime
Nothing special
the river, good community that are willing to volunteer
Narrow minded vision mainly centred around the Coonamble township
A ski weir
I don't think it's about having things other towns do not, but using the strengths we have such as our location in between Dubbo, Warrumbungles, Lightening Ridge, Macquarie Marshes etc. We do have a strong Rodeo and Racing calendar each year that we can make the most of. Gular has done SUCH a great job using art to put themselves on the map for tourists and we need to be more proactive doing something like that, such a simple idea that is so effective.
sculpture walk, macquarie marshes and rodeo
Warrumbungles
Community connectedness
Fnatastic agriculture industry
Potential to grow for tourists
Ice dealers, lack of police
a Main Street that is not on the thoroughfare through town
under ground creek

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Sense of town pride
Nothing special
A home-base for those wanting a great visitor experience. For example, if you were a visitor in Coonamble you could take day trips to the Pilliga bore, the Warrumbungles, Sculptures in the scrub, The marshes. I know that it isn't very appealing in our current drought.
a community spirit and people who are risk takers in business that allows great up and coming enterprise if the council lets it happen
A community that really pulls together when the going gets tough ie Drought Busters group
1. crooked cops 2. the highest per capita fines by the hp
a shire that fails to contribute where needed
Committed community minded people
Room for expansion of businesses and infrastructure
great community
a river
Marshes
Unkown
Nothing
The ability to grow and the ability to work together as a community when times are tough
not much
nothing
the people, central to a variety of attractions
Friendly people that are proud of their town
Good proud residents

Quambone has a quiet campsite which is becoming a favourite
Upside down river
a sense of respect and history
?
Size of rodeo Macquarie marshes
youngish professionals who come to marry a farmer and bring with them the experience and drive to do something unique or different in our community
Unique Variety
Access to an abundance of water, Excellent sporting facilities
Spirit and spunk. A cheeky approach and ability to not take things too seriously, while still being a place that has a lot of people who can do cool shit.

Q13 If you were going to the shops, on the main street of Coonamble what would make the experience more comfortable?

NA
NA
NA
NA
NA
NA
NA
NA
NA
NA

Shade and clean attractive shopfronts
Green and tree scaping. A program to retail use shop fronts and facades
Everything needs to change. More pop up shops, shops open all weekend, more food and cafes, outdoor eating , play areas for kids to provide activation, shade trees etc etc
A Supermarket in the main street, business/shop owners not buying shop fronts just to leave them empty/being responsible for their own property and its upkeep
to have shops there , and a pleasant main street atmosphere.
A roundabout at the commercial hotel end of the main street
Better Parking (more accessible and so caravan can park), more shade, toilets, more welcoming shop owners
Who knows
Seating along the streets
Actual shops in the street
Nicer public gardens, bright shopfronts, community-minded spaces.
More of them.
More shops to fulfill the empty buildings
More shops. More variety of shops. Clothing of all ages and prices.
Shade, toilets, shops that are open
Not seeing so many empty shops. It makes the Main Street look delapidated.
Seats

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Public toilets
Locals and friendly staff
public toilets
Shops
. Good public toilets are important for residents and tourists
More shade & seating
More shops
Mature trees for shade for the hot summer days.
Trees, neater and cohesive presentation of shops, more offerings, cafe culture
Relevant shops to service our needs and pride in the appearance of the shop fronts by owners. Plus general cleanliness
More shops?
Shade, Shade, Shade
easy parking and toilet
More shops/Less of a ghost town
Service
More shops
trees/shade no SOS in main street, a nice public toilet
More shops!!!
If they were open

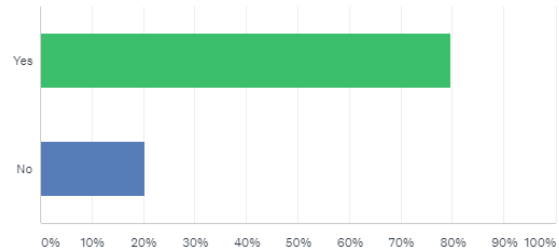
I don't go there unless I really have to. The main street it half empty, there's not really an appealing space there to gather as a community. Now the trees are gone it's fairly ugly looking. You can't get a park a lot of the time. If you look at the business model of Mink and Me/The Hub, they work together to create a space that people want spend time in.
Bigger/taller main street trees, fruit/vegetables growing in main streetbeds
Clean accessible toilets, an attractive area to sit and less vacant shops
Do something with that horrid fire site
Public toilets that were clean and maintained well
Fill the shops
Knowing I could afford it
Shops that open during the lunch time, more shade, clean public toilets, get the disgraceful mess on the corner cleaned up
nothing
Shop fronts looking more inviting
Shops that were open
More shopfronts open. Our main street is one of our biggest down falls. I spoke with a caravaning couple on the Gold Coast last weekend and they mentioned they drove right through Coonamble because it looked so dull.
More shops
More shade
slippers
seating, shade, toilets.
Occupied shopfronts

More friendly shops
if all the shops were open - more choice
no idea
Toilets, actual shops in the main street
Public Toilets, Seats
If the supermarkets were in the main street.
more shops
nothing really, i wouldnt say its an uncomfortable experience
having a toilet nearby, a park with seating
tidier footpaths
More shops open with business or services and toilet facilities
Less empty shops as they make me feel sad
Diverting trucks to another route not past the 2 main supermarkets as the parking is limited and you have to cross the road. Very dangerous for families
More shops occupied
more shops
SUPERMARKET WITH PARKING
Not having to coordinate lunch closing times
seats in the main street, toilets in the main street, bubblers in the main street
Seating outside, Clean accessible public toilets, aesthetic in appearance
Shade of trees, green coolness

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If they were open at lunch time, if the footpaths weren't so dirty and smelly from cigarette smoke, if there was less pigeon shit, and if there were more shops/outlets that you needed to visit all together in the main street, it would make the WORLD of difference!

Q14 Without searching/looking for it, do you know what the current Coonamble Shire Council logo looks like?



Q15 IF YES - Describe the current Coonamble Shire Council logo in your words (what does it look like, what does it represent? What does it mean to you?

very representative of what our area has to offer geographically, naturally and culturally.
Earthy colours - warrumbungles back drop
NA

NA
Multi colour traingle with an arrow type thingy
NA
Geometric design, not sure what it represents
NO
Abstract
Out of date Tired Unattractive Out of touch Represents a past council with limited access to design skills
Bucking bull, water bird.
Its one of the most terrible logos I have ever seen. Its busy, its dated, its plain and the fonts are bad. It looks like it was created in the 1970's. Looking at who you re getting to re-brand the logo, I cant see that changing. You need contemporary clever branding experts to make sure this image of Coonamble changes . This may mean no more old people making decisions for the towns future direction.
Land scape, moving, all points lead to Coonamble,
It has a C which looks like it is wind swept and underneath are what looks like sweeping wheat plains
It looks cheap & dirty
the words Coonamble shire with patch work of orange and brown triangles. I think its trying to represent the cropping in our area. the colours are right but the triangles are a bit crazy and maybe too many. I think we are based on agriculture and its a fair representation
It is just a costly mumbo jumbo that a kindergarten could have done in ten minutes!!!

Its a logo that everyone identifies with, the lines represent multiple roads that extend from Coonamble and the colours represent the the environment of our area
Badly designed.
It looks awful, doesn't represent the shire or the community. It is a generic symbol.
Don't know.
I love it and represent the community as a whole
Boring, plain, orange, brown, black. It needs to be more inviting and exciting
Dull, bland
Very angular and ugly. I much prefer the signage on the border of walgett council with the wild birds as a major image
Great. It's now our logo and should stay
Paddocks
Lots of triangles overlapping each other. It means nothing to me.
Doesn't mean anything to me looks like patterns and colours
Geometrical and boring
Coonamble and a drawing from my 5 year old
I do not think that the logo should be changed again.
Lines, different size oblongs under the name
Nothing
fields of crops on the plains

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Very 80s and dated, seems like the words are moving forward and above a pattern of paddocks representing the agriculture industry it was founded on, and the moving words to represent development etc. It is so ugly.
Red with zig zagging lines and triangle-like shapes.
Series of long lines (angled). Not sure what it means.
The words "Coonamble Shire", above a series of colourful lines representing agricultural plains. It means to me Coonamble is go ahead.
farming paddocks
Lots of lines (depicting the mountains) on a map of the region? With Coonamble (the word) shooting forward to the future?
No it doesn't try to get your instructions right - another half baked council survey
No
A red C and coloured triangles underneath. Doesn't represent or mean anything to me
The current logo suits the current mentality of management and their employees. It is supposed to represent the whole shire but unfortunately does not. It means nothing to me
Don't know it should represent the farming side of it cause that the only reason there is a town
I'm sure it was made in the 80s and whilst it probably did the trick then we would be better suited with one that is plain and doesn't need to be done again in 30 years.
Name sitting on stretched star - we live under the stars and we can reach the stars. This needs to be used in our promotion

Sharpe lines and I have no idea what it represents
I think it is irrelevant to our community. Zigzag lines with no meaning
?
Coonamble shire council with triangles or sharp angles underneath
?
Lots of triangles, means nothing to me, not sure what it meant to represent in regard to council
no
-
Plains and farms on a horizon
No.
It appears to have stars reflected under the word coonamble. I'm unsure of what represents.
It is paddock style shapes coloured in browns and greens to reflect the colours of the area. It represents community moving forward across the paddocks of the shire.
really??? what does a logo mean to me??? wtf??? who came up with these questions??? - the logo means i am have wasted 10 mins doing a survey with idiotic questions.
looks like a tech drawing lesson gone wrong. what could it mean to anyone? who was the idiot who approved it!
Insignificant
3 separate pictures, rodeo bull, pink gular, and the marshes. They are 3 impressions someone has had of our region
boring, old fashioned - needs up grading
Three towns & their symbols

Mountains to marshes
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I said no
NA
the words Coonamble shire and weird triangles
ugly, could represent land with the various colours under the C
Outdated, word pad drawing Meant to represent the land
country
Abstract fenced paddocks. I think it looks a bit dynamic and active.
Fields, lightning, sunburnt country
It is just an abstract picture..no real representation
criss-crossed lines stretching from the horizon, representing farming on the plains and "spreading out". I quite like it, I like the fact we've had it for a while, and I don't want it changed.
A SERIES OF HYPERDERMIC NEEDLES. HORRIBLE LOGO
Pointy angled squares weird colours. Ok but not iconic

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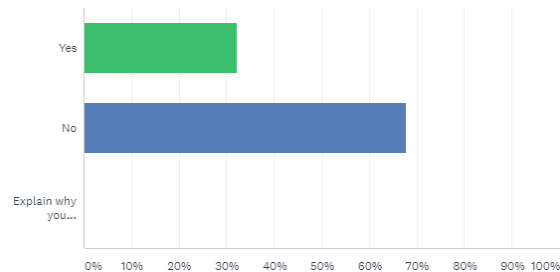
bull - Coonamble: would rather something different. Don't like the fire underneath and is the rodeo all we are? gulah - Gulargambone: would be silly to change after they got all the gulahs around town. Plus its in the town name and has become synonymous. ibis - Quambone. While the marshes and the bird viewing platform is a good attraction, the school, library and playground are great as well. Plus being in a drought for so long we haven't had marshes in a while. emu - no sure what that is for - did they have to put something else in so they could fit the three town names underneath? Or is it representative of our indigenous population?

Triangular/ star looking, no idea what it represents and it means nothing to me

Sharp angles racing towards a bloody hot summer

Fast gos. Bad. Red Represents crops - which to me is a very limited part of what the Shire is about. When I look at it and think of its design I picture sleazy fat men.

Q16 This is the current Coonamble Shire Council logo. Do you like it?



Q17 Please explain what you like/don't like about it.

NA
NA
It's ugly, it doesn't represent all towns
What does it mean?
I think the colours could be brighter
NA
Could represent the local area more
NA
Simple
The C. The jaggered lines. The colours.
Colour scheme, farming paddock design

See previous answers. Its busy, its dated, its boring, it lacks vibrancy, it looks like a \$2 logo from the 1970's. You need talented branding agencies to re-brand and you really shouldn't listen to this community and all the old people. They clearly have no idea if the current logo was chosen by councillors and community members.

Color, simple, our town

It needs to come up with the times.. and should be more modern in its appearance.

Cheap. Messy. Overdone

Too many triagles...just a bit busy. Not sure why the C looks like it is running/moving fast? the Colours represent very well except the red

We have it and paid a lot of money for it so we will like it as it would cost a lot of money to change it, spend the money on something of benefit.

It has become a logo that the community identifies with

It's ugly and outdated.

It has no connection to our community or area, or represent us as a people living in the country.

Don't know.

Boring. Doesn't represent anything about coonamble

Dull, bland

It's dated and ugly. The colours are jarring to the eye.

Clear. Great colour and should stay

Looks like an agricultural based community

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Doesn't represent anything
The large C looks awful why is it like that.. what does the colours mean? A logo needs a meaning behind it.
Too boring Doesnt visually represent our area Old
The logo is nothing no relevance
i do not think changing the logo would change the image of the shire or the Town
Uninspiring
Too plain and red presents nothing about coonambke
modern, colours, easy to recognise
It is hideous!! The colours, the 'C', I hate how hard it is to use across different mediums. I like the paddock concept but not the execution.
It doesn't really mean anything or reflect the area.
A failed 1990s design that does not represent the shire or people
I like the design. It has been around for a couple of decades and would be starting to be recognised. I dont like the lines on the letter C to indicate movement. They look a little silly.
simple good colours
Its outdated and doesn't really represent Coonamble
Looks modern
No meaning
its ugly

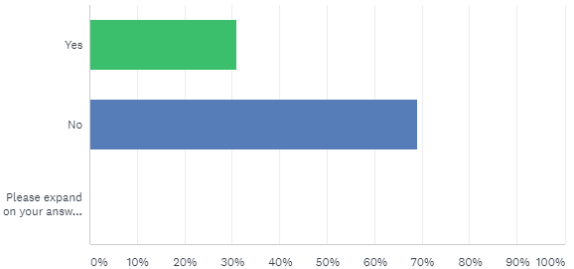
The logo is dated and desperately needs to be updated to reflect the current times. The colours are drab and depressing and the red looks like blood.
Should have more to do with the farming
The wierd 'C' and the colours
way too abstract for our genuine community
I have no idea what it represents; there is nothing about it that represents our town or community
Too modern
Its fine
i don't have feelings either way. It probably lacks personal touch ie symbol that is unique to coonamble
I pay \$22500 a year in rates for bugger all, you tell me
What does it mean or represent???
Bit harsh/sharp Colours are nice
Doesn't really reflect much about our town.
Like the colours and shapes
It doesn't seem to be very representative of Coonamble. It is also not a visual representation of our community.
It catches the eye with colour etc.I dont particularly like the way the C is represented however I am used to it and just accept that that is how it is.

Shire logos are never easy to fully represent the community as a whole. This one at least reflects/represents what the area looks like when flying at lower altitudes. It's a little abstract, takes a traditional ag focused location and gives it a bit of artistic flavour. May not represent the townships as much as the economic drivers of the shire - everyone is reliant on the Ag sector/land.
i really dont care either way, its a logo for christs sake. for branding - guess it works.
has no relevance. Horrible
No significance to the industry in and around the Shire
simple, to the point
needs upgrading
means nothing to me
It doesn't mean anything
Familiar
It does not uplift my soul.
It doesn't represent Coonamble- and is hard to interpret if it does represent Coonamble
Im indifferent, I doesn't bother me either way. I don't think council needs to waste money on rebranding the logo, fix our roads first!
its ugly, the C is weird, the triangles under it, what so they mean
It looks like it was done very quickly by scribbling and joining the lines and then using colour to fill. It is hard to know what it represents.
not reflecting the town's culture or land
It's not brilliant, but I'd be happier to concentrate on what Council achieves rather than what the logo looks like

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I like the fields alot. Don't particularly like the racing C we dont need to race out here thats what we left behind. The burgundy could change
Out of date
Previously explained. I like it just the way it is. If anything, the C could look a little less "speedy".
THE NEEDLE SECTION
Unique
.
I don't know what it represents & it does not mean anything to me
It's ugly and outdated

Q18 Doyouthinkitisagoodrepresentationofwhere you live and work?



Q19 Please explain why you chose this answer

NA
It's outdated
It only focuses on Coonamble
NA
Not really, it doesn't tell me anything.
Doesn't seem relevant
It has nothing to do with our region
NA
NA
Because there are several designers in town and great access to creative arts and this logo is out of date from an arts and design perspective
Farming paddocks
See above. it absolutely has no connection to Coonamble and the more spiritual side of its environment, art and people.
Why change something that isn't necessary
I could not say maybe.. as we used to have a lot of wheat plains but with the drought its dry dead and dusty.
It looks like it's related to technology or something
The patchwork of squares represent the agricultural land that surrounds Coonamble and the colours of the squares suit (the red writing could be blue to represent the river and the marches)
It represents bugger all no relevance to our area?? but we have it like it and get on with life.
The colours and lines in this logo shows strength, resilience,as do the people in our community

The town is ugly and outdated.
It doesn't represent or contain any clear meaning or purpose.
It's a shire logo, I don't care.
It's a few orange and red and black lines that doesn't represent our community. In a way it does it's boring and flat.
It shows nothing that represents our town
Because it represents a place stuck in the past, ie the dated angular image below the wording. The "C" with the lines on it looks like a cartoon character taking off at speed. I have lived here 10 years and have always hated it
Happy with it and other more important things to concentrate on. Logo should be in bottom of priority list. This is ridiculous
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Because the logo does not make sense
Don't know what it means
as above
How does it? The logo is irrelevant, am I and the town I live in irrelevant?
Because it represents what we do ie farming and grazing
Doesn't say anything about Coonamble
Represents nothing of coonamble
It was designed to represent the flat plains with fields of crops
See above
as above

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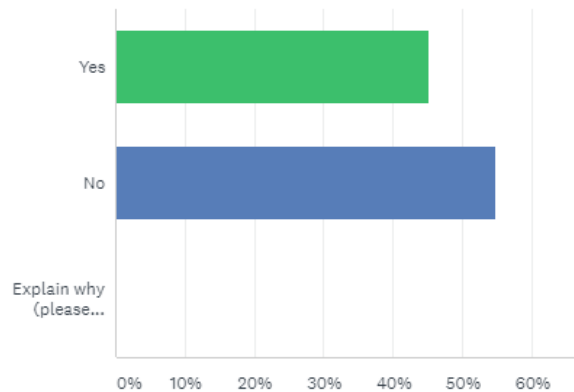
It doesn't encapsulate the whole area but good enough. I don't think a logo can really do that. It needs to be quite simple and smart. I think it does that.
looks like paddocks and modern
It doesn't give Coonamble an identity
It's the logo associated with coonamble
Meaningless
it doesnt mean anything
The current logo does not reflect current times of the shire
Because this town is build around farming and that's what it should represent
I think we can try and go for something more modern and simple that all age groups could relate to and recognise.
Presently no as it is not referred to in any promotional or local material. paddocks and star are a good representation however this is wasted presently as it is not used or engaged
I have no idea what it represents; there is nothing about it that represents our town or community
Too midern
Its fine. All the criss cross could represe the diversity of the community.
Lack unique touch
Won't improve my situation
A bunch of triangles? What do they mean/represent for the council area, googled it can't find what the logo is meant to represent

I don't consider Coonamble harsh or jagged
Doesn't reflect much about our town
Good design. Colours also good
Its very straight and zig-zaggy. I think that it looks abrupt, if that makes sense? A little formal too.
I said yes because I know this as the logo.Im not sure how it represents the town.Maybe I could answer this question more clearly if there was some information around the history of the logo.
It is a bit of a yes and no answer. As per above but what it does miss is the unique community feel provided by the people who live in the town.
its a logo, really, i need to know, who came up with these questions???????????
Do you see the logo?!
Basically honest
All is says is the name of the town. It does not have to be anything more fancy than that, the logo is only the shire not the tourism part of Coonamble
it doesn't mean anything
nothing to do with the landscape
-
Unkown
Not sure
I cant see the connection with Coonamble in the logo
how do triangles represent anything??? If you were an artsy type you could say it looked like paddocks from the air in a normal season (not drought as they would all be brown!)

i don't get it, or know what is represents
I think it represents the land, this is a good idea however i dont get this from the design. Perhaps more iconic, something easy to identify.
We have farming and are becoming better known for our rodeo and camp drafts and not reflecting the aboriginal culture that should be represented
I see paddocks and a sense of forward movement that I think represents the land that provides most of council rates
Neat and like most of colours. I like the lines
Out of date
I like it for it's history. We don't need to change it. No-one outside the Shire really cares about our logo, I have no idea what other councils logos are and I don't care either. We should have a lot higher priorities on where to spend money in the Shire than on changing the logo!!
REFLECTS ON THE DRUG PROBLEM
Looks like aerial fields
.
I can't see that it represents anything
I live and work somewhere that I don't want to be presented as ugly and outdated

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Q20 Do you like the colours?



Q21 Please explain why you do/do not like the colours

Please explain why you do/do not like the colours
Open-Ended Response
NA
NA
NA
NA
Not bright
They stand out
Not representative of the community

NA
NA
Red is not reflective of this location
Colourful
Pan , boring, don't reflect the earth or nature etc etc
Colors represent our landscape
I like bright and functional
The green and gold of pasture & crops
the writing and lines are red (not good) and could be blue to rep the river and marches squares right colour to represent the land
What's with colours it is what it is, we must have more important things to do with our money than worry about some silly emblem and colour,
Refer to question 19
Flat colours
It doesn't appear to have any purpose or reason.
I just don't
Again, boring, dull
Bland
Jarring
Our regional colours
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They are plain
Does the colours have a meaning
boring

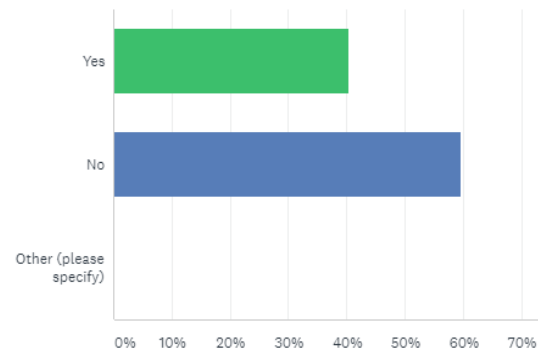
Colours are ok, but with the logo they are not significant
They represent the colours of our landscape.
Needs to be brighter
Modern and colourful
Very faded, dated, 80s colours
they're bold
Dated palette and what does it represent.
Bright.
the colors look like our area . but it would be better with more green to represent crops and grass because they are nicer than hot dry
Boring
They look distinctive
Bright
outdated
The colours are drab and depressing and the red looks like blood.
There should be more green
They are not appealing.
I do not get the choice of red as border and main colour We are Black soil plains Golden crops Dusty dry paddocks Indigenous background Huge night skies These colours would be more suitable
They are harsh
Dated
They are fine.
Dry colours and Coonamble is dry

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Refer answer 19
Red, yellow hood representation of the heat and dryness. Change to black and white would be better
They are representative of the area
Tones of the colours feels to retro
Earthy and bush
Red is an angry colour.
They are bright
Again yes and no - reflects the natural colours of the area to a certain extent - misses the magnificent colours of our huge sky - during the day, at dawn, sundown - dusk, and our magnificent night sky. There is nothing to block the view - magnificent!
your just tryin to piss me off now arent you - SEE ABOVE
Everything
Bright
Colours represent our local landscape colours through out the year
doesn't represent coonamble
to many
-
Suits Coonamble
Don't know
The style of the logo doesn't match the colours not vibrant enough
They could represent to river, crops and grazing land.

They are earthy tones
They are ordinary, not trendy, won't date,
Burgundy could change thats all and maybe a stronger version of the field colours as its a bit washed out
Colours of nature
they are representative of the colours I see around
DULL
Hard to match with complimentary colours
.
Bland
They're harsh and unappealing

Q22 Without searching/looking for it, do you know what the current Coonamble Shire Tourism logo looks like? YES/NO



Q23 IF YES - Describe the current Coonamble Shire Tourism logo in your words (what does it look like, what does it represent? What does it mean to you?

IF YES - Describe the current Coonamble Shire Tourism logo in your words (what does it look like, what does it represent? What does it mean to you?
Open-Ended Response
NA
It relates to the shire but it's too busy
NA
Animals
It depicts each town/community in the shire.
NA
Warrumbungles, marshes, rodeo
NA
Represents villages
Birds and a bull. Representing each village. Simplistic design of animals that could be updated with better imagery and colour
Bucking bull, water bird
Rodeo, Gulars, marshes, bird life
It has a Mountains to the marshes logo and has a bull & birds on it

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The bull, the bird and the Gular. Looks good
Gular for gulargambone. Bull for cble and ibis at marshes.
-
na
Is it the bucking bulls?
3 blocks representing each village. With a Gular, Ibis & Bull.
Yes. 3 animals representing the shires and fabric of community with background of Warrumbungles
Bull, Ibis and something else. Really just another logo. It is nice and colourful. It is pleasant and has a bit of detail indicating some of our attractions. not bad could be better
The animals - some suit, some don't. The Rodeo is once a year, the bull doesn't suit, Coonamble predominately a horse town which can also depict the Rodeo. We should include some aboriginal art to include all cultures

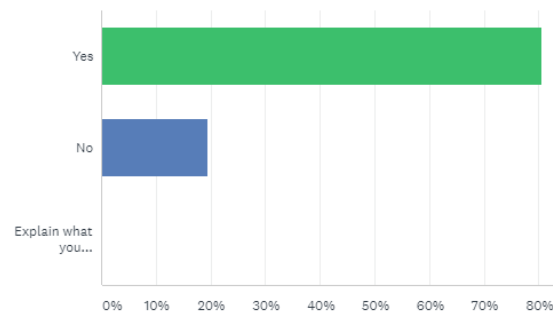
No
No
Different animals from each section of the shire.
Do we have one?? Again it is not being utilised appropriately
?
Bucking bull
Traiangles means nothing
no
-
No
I think it is the three images that represent Gular, Coonamble and Quambone? With birds, a bull and something else on it?
I dont know what it looks like

It is made of 4 panels 3 birds and a bucking bull. The birds of the Gular and Ibis represent Gulargambone (they had already completed a marketing campaign and wished to retain their symbol/style. The Ibis was included for Quambone to represent the gateway to the Macquarie Marshes, the 3rd bird I think is an emu - can't recall why it was included. And Coonamble is represented by the Bucking Bull for our Rodeo culture - not sue if this truly represents the area but I guess as a tourist destination w do tend to have lots of visitors come for the rodeo. Tourism is such a tricky area, really our tourists generally are from the visiting friends and family. Generally our motels are of a sub standard (hopefully the cabins at the back of the Terminus Hotel will bring the standard up). Creating events that draw a crowd of external visitors to the area creates an accommodation issue. We are not the only location that has limited beds and dreams of bigger events. Potentially Council or someone else could purchase/develop a business around portable accommodation (tent city style). That could be used for a variety of events across the region including Let's Dance at Carinda, Rodeo in Coonamble, Gold Cup Races, Come by Chance Races etc
Has implication of what the Shire has to offer rodeo bull, pink gular and the Marshes
I think i got it wrong with theother one
I think this one is mountains to marshes
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bull, emu and gular- I like it really connects to the community
bull for Coonamble, gular for gular and emu for quambone
4 colourful panels featuring 3 birds and a bucking bull. Representing bird life from the communities, and a nod to the rodeo. It mostly means that we care about our environment, and also acknowledges aboriginal culture within the background design.
Kicking bull. Keep coonamble kicking. I like that one its good
Abstract depiction of what is here
4 different animals representing parts of the Shire.
4 boxes with cartoon stylised pictures
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Bucking bull representing Coonamble town, Eumu representing the rural area, Galahs representing Gulgargambone, water bird representing Quambone n/a

Q24 Do you like it?



Q25 Please explain what you like/don't like about it.

Please explain what you like/don't like about it.
Open-Ended Response
Too plain
It relates to the shire but it's too busy
Could have more of an aboriginal design
NA
Yes absolutely. The Gular community had a big input into it as I am sure other communities did and I would not want to see it change.
Good representation of towns and villages in shire
It's representative of the community
NA

NA
The Bull and flames. The two centre birds are good with a different stylistic of bird on the end.
Colours, reflects our region
Too busy, confusing as it has aboriginal art, a bull , native birds and some weird squiggle across the top of each section. its not sophisticated. its like an amateur thought of every part of Coonamble thats interesting and just stuck everything on to one giant logo. =Its poor. very poor like councils logo. You need to trust the experts and make sure Councillors and voting old town folk have no say on what any new branding looks like. There's no point re-branding only for the same local characters to make a decision choosing something dumb all over again.
Don't have an opinion either way, just a change not necessary in these hard times, spending unnecessarily
IT IS MISSING COMBARA
think it represents a lot of what you will find when you come here. there is a lot of bird life in it!!
We have it so like it and get on with something worthwhile
It is diverse, showing all aspects of this area
Too busy
Apart from the bull (which has no relevance except once a year) it provides a lovely snapshot of each of the communities in our shire.
I don't know

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It's colourful and show a few symbols of animals around our area
Shows what you may come across here
It represents all sections of the shire. It is bright and welcoming!
Represents our region
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Represents the shire/towns in the shire and has nice colours
nil
Its relevant
it is excellent in every way.
Needs to represent our tien better Brolga instead to Ibis. Sheep and or wheat .
Just boring
the slogan from the mountain to the marshes sums it up pretty well
The colours, line work, sections
It actually incorporates Gulargambone and Quambone, usually forgotten by council
Inclusion of aboriginal art which is important, colours are great and pictures are spot on
As described before. It is pleasant and gives some indication of what a tourist might come across in this district
like the brightness and simple but could be better .
I like the bright colours however, it looks like clip art pictures pulled from microsoft word!
It's disgraceful - bunch of hillbilly hicks

I did know that logo, but didn't realise it was the tourism logo. Its great
I like it cause it represents the hole community
It tells a story about our region.
i like the idea "From mountains to the marshes" Colours are too pretty and soft for our Shire
I like it but agriculture is not represented which is very important to our community
Nice
Covers the entire community
Good representation of what we have to offer
Still drive on a shitty road
Good representation of our three towns
I love it, the colours the animals everything
Authentic and includes aboriginal culture into it
Shows 4 main things about area
I think it is a better representation of our local area. I love the colours and I love the way that it has incorporated animals of relevance. I believe the slogan to be catchy and the font to be suitable.
I think it does represent our community
It's ok - I wouldn't say I love it or hate it. As far as tourism is it probably doesn't really show the excitement of what happens here. It makes us look a bit limited in what we can offer. It doesn't highlight the fact that most people visit to go to an event or as an accidental visitor as a stop over on their travels.

can we get over this already, if you want to change your logos, just do it, dont waste my time sending out a survey that is irrelevant to the MASTER PLAN
Its relevant. catchy
Bright Cheerful Country feel Unfortunately still no indication of farming / grazing part many play
It represents our landscape and some attractions
its colourful
3 towns & there thing
It explains our area
Bright
It includes all parts of the shire, not just Coonamble.
Connects directly to the community
each town is symbolised in their own unique way
represents coonamble and the area
The colours, its easy to view, there is something representing each town/village
Offers the whole range of whats in the area
It is unbalanced design and colour wise and looks dated
I like Quambone has waterbird and Gular has Gala and coonamble has bull
Outdated
I like the colours, and the animals.
VIBRANT AND ATTRACTIVE - STEVE BALDWIN DID A GREAT JOB.
Very unique excellent colours fits publication really well
Colourful & it represents the region

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It's not amazing but it's ok. It's colourful and attractive. There's a sense of passive action that represents how I'd like a visitor to feel when they're here.

Q26 Do you think it's a good representation of Coonamble for the people who visit?

Please expand on why you think it is a good/bad representation of Coonamble.
Overall it's good, an image of agriculture would be good to go with the
Dated. What does it relate to?
NA
It's ok
Because it depicts things from our area
NA
It could include indigenous and farming examples
NA
NA
Birds wildlife are good. Although would be better if there's were increased access for bird watching if these are used for tourism
If they are pre-school kids then yes its great. it lacks sophistication and doesn't reflect the amazing complexities of this local environment and its people.

Why change it
Its modern and is a great representation of the surrounding shire and its attractions
Just ignores one whole village. Let's it disappear
rodeo is a main attaction (could definitely be run better and developed into a better event), wildlife and the marches are represented. and if you visted coonamble thats really what you would find! also includes the art and culture in it colous and design. im not sure why there is fire under the bull...thats a bit random!
it could represent anywhere but we have it get on with something worthwhile
It is showing the 3 towns under one umbrella although extended we support each other as one community
It looks friendly.
It shows a little of the animals around area and it's colourful
Shows what you may come across here
It shows our attractions ie bucking bull - rodeo etc
It's our region
It's a good representation of Coonamble, it has everything we are known for.
The animals and patterns sums it up
Its relevant, Shows our history, culture and attractions

it shows some of our tourist magnets but no rural aspects.
Too vague
local attractions
The mountains to the marshes tagline is well represented
Good- it accurately depicts the natural environment but maybe limited in what else can be show cased.
Again, I think logos can only go so far. This one represents us well enough. The bull would indicate our rodeo, the Galah, Ibis and Emu are common birds in the area.,
could have couple more pictures that represent us more horses ,weir ,mountains ,people
Gular and Quambone birds suit but the emu and bull are completely lost on me
Makes the community look like morons
I like the animal theme, shows 4 very different aspects of the Coonamble region and the colours are nice
Needs more cropping
see above
agriculture is not represented which is very important to our community
Inclusive
It show what we have to offer

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That's about all we got going for us
Because we have a big aboriginal population
Shows what famous for
It represents all of the different attractions that our area has to offer.
As per above it limits what is available to see and do in the area.
im over this..... can i go back to work now.....
please
relevant and eye catching
Yes and No. Probably only implies the area covered by our Shire
The mountains could be a little more prominent, but other than that it covers what is on offer at the moment. Nice colours friendly and inviting
people will remember that
It also represents Gular and Quambone.
Connects directly to the community
each town is symbolised in their own unique way
it consists of a major event and lifestyle (bull), and significant fauna representation.
very simple images
It looks a bit cartoony and immature and not reflecting of current values
Its our emblems
A bit shallow.. Coonamble is so much better than that

Again, it's good enough, and we should have higher priorities than changing logos
SHAME WE COULDNT FIND ANOTHER BIRD FOR COONAMBLE INSTEAD OF A BULL
The bright colours attract peoples attention & represents Coonamble and the surrounds

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Appendix 2: Public Exhibition Comments

The following table is a collation of all comments received about the exhibited Masterplan. In general the comments were positive and all have been taken into consideration in finalising the plan and Prioritised Schedule of Works. The comments have been classified into positive and negative and grouped into topics.

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PUBLIC EXHIBITION COMMUNITY COMMENTS			
Response No.	Positive	Negative	Notes
16			Branding/ Tourism: Agree with complementary design between corporate & tourism logo
17			Branding/ Tourism: Agriculture & farming needs greater consideration in the logo and branding
			Branding/ Tourism: Art used as a tourist attraction and reflection of the community and would welcome the opportunity to develop this further with Council
35			Branding/ Tourism: design not supported as considered not to work well for the future and must follow appropriate cultural protocol
30			Branding/ Tourism: modifications to existing vs adopting a completely new style
20			Branding/ Tourism: Must follow appropriate cultural protocol
19			Branding/ Tourism: Poorly designed, little change from existing, IP issues, aboriginal motifs causing offense, much better work can be done here
16			Branding/ Tourism: some modifications to existing rather than adopting a completely new logo
34			Branding/ Tourism: The brand story video must follow appropriate cultural protocol
6			Branding/ Tourism: The brand story video must follow appropriate cultural protocol
18			Branding/ Tourism: use of stereotypical Aboriginal waterhole iconology which does not originate from Coonamble, logo design limited in its reflection of content, recommended that Council does not adopt the logo until further consultation
18			Branding/ Tourism: References to Aboriginal images and iconology must follow appropriate cultural protocol
36			Macdonald Park needs to have pool parking to be included (as per GHD proposals)
5			Macdonald Park pool improvements look good especially provision for BBQ and picnic facility
19			Macdonald Park the rotunda stay put, but renovate and add a few seats, the skate bowl moved further back from traffic
13			Main street access & delivery requirements needs to be considered
5			Main street laneway concept so-so as human traffic only
13			Main street parking re-arrangement raises concerns and should be left as is
13			Main street parking re-arrangement raises safety & operational issue concerns
10			Main street parking re-arrangement to address safety concerns and tree selection carefully considered to provide maximum shade
20			Main street parking re-arrangement will not work safely, leave it the way it is
15			Main street proposals including laneway proposals a brilliant idea
27			Main street proposals largely supported, but concerns re. parallel/ centre aisle parking due to street width
34			Main street proposals largely supported, but removal zebra crossing at Aberford St raises concern, creating laneway a great idea
37			Main street proposals not supported as there is not enough space
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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN			
PUBLIC EXHIBITION COMMUNITY COMMENTS			
Response No.	Positive	Negative	Notes
38			Main street proposals not supported due to parking arrangement
24			Main street proposals supported
25			Main street proposals supported as addresses poor visibility of garden beds, but concerns over pulling trees out again
29			Main street proposals supported especially the laneway
26			Main street proposals supported with detail design requiring consultation with business owners
19			Main street proposals supported with more shade trees, continuation of garden beds, better use of rear carpark, activation of laneway
19			Main street public amenities are not in a suitable position
13			Main street public amenities could be in the old dry cleaners, not a portaloos near the corner
34			Main street public amenities in the carpark
24			Main street public amenities location not supported and should be in the rear carpark
26			Main street public amenities location not supported and should be located in carpark with museum entrance upgraded
30			Main street public amenities location not supported and should be located in the carpark
29			Main street public amenities location not supported and they should be located in the carpark near the laneway
20			Main street public amenities should be in the carpark
23			Main street public amenities, but should they be the first thing a visitor sees?
37			Main street public amenities: opposed to location of toilet block
21			Main street public amenity are not in a suitable location, they should be in the carpark or dry cleaners
4			Main street public amenity located in laneway an excellent idea
27			Main street public amenity location not supported and should be located in the carpark
12			Main street public amenity location rushed and requires further consideration and options
4			Main street tree planting supported
22			Main street upgrade supported as need to get businesses back
18			Main street welcomes new planting and changes to overall look with parking arrangement addressing safety concerns
9			Main street: Electric vehicle tourism and electric transport network opportunities
7			Main street: EV charging port would encourage more EV travel and use of technology locally
8			Main street: EV provision required with recommended locations
17			Main street: overall plan a good one, but electronic noticeboard would be in conflict to look and feel and create driver distraction
4			Masterplans have some very good ideas
3			Masterplans look pretty

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN			
PUBLIC EXHIBITION COMMUNITY COMMENTS			
Response No.	Positive	Negative	Notes
1			Masterplans look really good, well done
12			Masterplans really excite
32			Masterplans seem good on paper, but require more evidence based and cost benefit analysis supporting material
17			Masterplans: accessible pathway in the CBD should be a high priority and is considered basic public amenity
11			Masterplans: Combara should have been included in the study area
22			Masterplans: consideration to tennis courts being used as a multi-purpose facility
17			Masterplans: creating grass meadows to reduce mowing may create other maintenance issues ie. Rubbish pick-up, snakes, equipment damaged
19			Masterplans: Development of a bike plan and more seating well supported
23			Masterplans: great initiatives with great benefit for the region, but Coonamble is not just about the main street
17			Masterplans: increased tree planting supported, but long term maintenance & management needs to be considered
17			Masterplans: interpretive signage along pathways should depict agriculture & farming too
36			Masterplans: look exciting and process of community input commended with further consultation with Aboriginal organisations and groups to create a partnership with Council as part of masterplan detail design and implementation
16			Masterplans: need for more shade (as identified in Guiding Principle for Design) encouraged in urban areas as well as main spaces
19			Masterplans: Not mowing parklands not supported because of fire, snakes, rubbish
17			Masterplans: pathways supported with CPTED and natural surveillance incorporated
17			Masterplans: Picnic areas inside pool facilities a great idea
17			Masterplans: re-using existing outdoor exercise equipment a great idea, but additional pieces a white elephant for council as under-utilised
17			Masterplans: seating every 200m may encourage anti-social behaviour
31			Masterplans: Supportive of all suggested points especially Quambone
14			Masterplans: upgrades to parks and amenities commended
25			Mineral spa a great concept and will bring people to town
30			Mineral spa concept supported
26			Mineral spa concept supported with further community consultation and business plan
22			Mineral spa cost benefit analysis required and associated health issues
33			Mineral spa is a first class idea
3			Mineral spa not supported as it panders to grey nomads and tourists vs supports local community, economy & agricultural industry

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN			
PUBLIC EXHIBITION COMMUNITY COMMENTS			
Response No.	Positive	Negative	Notes
11			Mineral spa not supported as money spent on tourist vs resident/ tax payer
28			Mineral spa proposals and development of Racecourse and Golf Club supported offering great benefits
29			Mineral spa proposals very exciting and will be great for tourism with opportunity to combine the VIC here
21			Mineral spa supported as offers economic boost to the town, but not Eco Spa model as travellers want a bush or outback experience
12			Mineral spa supported and is one of the biggest assets in the plan
14			Mineral spa supported as the main tourist attraction are the big open skies for star gazing and hot bore bath
19			Mineral spa well positioned and planned
13			Mineral spa: can't wait for it to get underway
17			Mineral spa: Coonamble's point of difference and costs to run the facility needs to be carefully considered with a business case made publicly available
17			Masterplans: Quambone path to perimeter of sportsground not supported as an under-utilised facility with further consultation required to assess demand/ usage
17			Masterplans: Quambone pool picnic areas a great idea
4			Roundabout an excellent idea, but it needs to be fit for purpose with safety addressed
27			Roundabout concept not supported
2			Roundabout concept sensible, but detail design should ensure agricultural wide loads, safety & visibility is incorporated
21			Roundabout concerns re. historic building, safe circulation, parking reduction to PO
24			Roundabout design detail design should ensure agricultural wide loads, safety & visibility is incorporated
13			Roundabout is a good idea
11			Roundabout is an excellent idea and addresses awkward intersection
22			Roundabout is supported as long as the design gets it right
18			Roundabout look is welcomed
25			Roundabout proposals look fantastic, but safety concerns need to be addressed
26			Roundabout proposals supported with detail design requiring consultation with community
38			Roundabout support roundabout
29			Roundabout supported with pedestrian crossing from the main street to the PO maintained
10			Roundabout will slow traffic down, but safety and design concerns need to be incorporated
14			Roundabout: Aberford Street cul-de-sac created near Post Office as more cost effective and easier truck movements
30			verse roundabout
			Town entrances emu motif supported

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN			
PUBLIC EXHIBITION COMMUNITY COMMENTS			
Response No.	Positive	Negative	Notes
18			Town entrances particularly positive and exciting with community and tourism opportunity
22			Town entrances updates supported
25			Town entrances was to have reference to horses and livestock vs emus and birds
26			Town entrances wayfinding & interpretive signage supported
34			Town entrances: more evidence on where the emu concept came from, incorporate ride the spirit theme and plant levee banks
20			Town entrances: Emu representation questioned and suggested 'Ride the Spirit' instead. Levee banks beautified and part of entrance and made attractive
31			Town entrances: Further consultation on proposed bird sculptures with Quambone
29			Town entrances: items of interest at entrance supported, but horse theme integrated too
19			Town entrances: looks great, colourful with three communities depicted as one
16			Town entrances: Not keen on emu, but no other ideas and the corten signage simplistic and sideways orientation dated
27			Town entrances: the signage is horrid
17			Town entrances: upgrade is a great idea
30			VIC concept supported
13			VIC is situated in a good spot
26			VIC location and community consultation process not supported
20			VIC location not supported as not in the main street
21			VIC location not supported as not in the main street
4			VIC supported
22			VIC supported especially to make the river more visible, parking during peak times to be designed for
25			VIC supported, but does not like the design
19			VIC well positioned and planned

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Appendix 3: Coonamble Shire Brand Story

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The Coonamble Shire Brand Story

Coonamble Shire is our country, between the mountains and marshes. It started long, long ago with traditions, culture, sand carvings and community living off the land fed by an abundance of water found in the river, the marshlands and catchments.

Those native to the area, and those who followed, were in awe of the land and its prosperity. Its dramatic changes with the seasons, and the riverbed. Dry one minute and flowing the next. With that came an abundance of wildlife and water security, something that no one takes for granted these days.

With the introduction of farming came town trade, heritage buildings and tin town, all benefiting from the river, the soil and the artisan water.

Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone carved out their own identities, each offering something special as industry expanded to education, health, agricultural support services, tourism, sport and events.

Each boast something unique from the smallest library to the biggest rodeo. They can be symbolised through the regions' native animals - galahs, emus, and water birds.

Each town and village have developed to meet the changing needs of its people with playgrounds, parks, public art and sculpture, libraries and sporting and lifestyle facilities available to all who live in and visit the region.

While each town and village have its special features, all can be combined when describing their people. While some are active, enthusiastic, go-getters, they are often supported by others who are loyal, generous, caring and compassionate quietly contributing to the good of the area. In hard times these attributes along with grit, determination, resilience, bring out the best of the community along with a dry sense of humour and a sharp wit. Nothing brings out all these attributes more than a community event.

Events help form a strong bond whether it's harvest time, waterskiing on the weir, marriages, funeral, or annual events like the Gold Cup races, campdrafting or the rodeo. It's also the little things – the talk of rain, memories of the old days, sharing recipes or knowing where to find the best bush tucker or bush medicine.

Young families are returning to the region encouraged by the natural attributes, the events, the industry and trade, the infrastructure and, of course, the people. With new opportunities for business in the digital age, an affordable lifestyle and healthy environment new residents are encouraged by a small community where you can make a difference and raise a family. It's not just a place where you can live, it's a place where you can make a home.

The Coonamble Shire is an oasis in the outback, offering travellers the site of well-maintained parks and gardens, artwork at every turn, a hum of activity, education, economic development and a community with its people the heart and soul.

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Appendix 4: Schedule of Works Cost Estimate

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION	UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
0.00	POLICY AND SHIRE WIDE PROJECTS				
0.01	Develop a Shire policy for commercial use of public open space to manage future risk and ensure equity	Item	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
0.02	Update Coonamble Shire Management Plans and strategic policy to reflect master-planning exercise	Item	1	\$20,000	\$20,000
0.03	Register Aboriginal cultural heritage on relevant government data bases i.e. AHIMS	Item	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
0.04	Protect significant trees & remnant vegetation under the LEP Biodiversity provisions for significant vegetation	Item	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
0.05	Develop a Shire policy to reduce the area of mowing in parks and open space, such as low native plantings under trees, to increase biodiversity, reduce maintenance and maximise habitat				
0.06	Create flexible spaces for events with supporting services				
0.07	Provide future state funding partnership opportunities to establish a programme where the Aboriginal community works with the broader community				
0.08	Install street trees to improve shade amenity (including ongoing watering and maintenance) in accordance with the Street Tree Masterplans (annual allocation over 20 years)	Annual	20	\$100,000	\$2,000,000
0.09	Provide accessible paths to street edges				
0.10	Provide accessible paths to compliant grades				
0.11	Install seats every 200m along shared footpaths to improve accessibility options for the aged & others				
0.12	Remove weeds with an ongoing eradication plan (annual allocation over 20 years)	Annual	20	\$100,000	\$2,000,000
0.13	Remove dead & under performing trees (annual allocation over 20 years)	Annual	20	\$30,000	\$600,000

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION	UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
0.14	Rationalise and remove redundant signage				
0.15	Investigate the installation of gross pollutant traps along the Castlereagh River to minimise rubbish entering the river bed				
0.16	Review development located within the flood zone to ensure compliance	Item	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
0.17	Review Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and prioritise works to tie into masterplan proposals	Item	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
0.18	Review current management arrangements for the Aquatic Club to allow access for all to the carpark and amenities, while only Aquatic Club paying members can use the boat access ramp	Item	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
0.19	Review playground at Aquatic Club to align with safety standards	Item	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
0.20	Review current operational arrangement at the Coonamble Aquatic Club to ensure emergency service access	Item	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
0.21	Commission Street Tree Masterplans for Coonamble, Quambone & Gulargambone to improve town presentation and provide shade amenity	Item	1	\$30,000	\$30,000
0.22	Review treeplanting details to align with best practice and guidelines	Item	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
0.23	Commission Wayfinding and Interpretation Signage package to optimise active travel and tourism opportunities	Item	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
0.24	Develop an Active Travel Plan (Bike Plan & Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan combined) to maximise funding opportunities and benefits for the community	Item	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
0.25	Secure online social media brand platforms to ensure control of content and allow for consistent messaging	Item	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
0.26	Conduct a "visitcoonamble.com.au" website health-check	Item	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
0.27	Develop a strategic tourism marketing plan to identify tourism infrastructure, campaigns, marketing material and a programme of promotional activities to achieve a clear direction for Council and business	Item	1	\$40,000	\$40,000

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION	UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
0.28	Source grant funding for identified priorities from the tourism marketing plan				
0.29	Engage with local businesses to develop, promote and participate in tourism campaigns identified in the strategic tourism marketing plan				
0.30	Implement a development policy to encourage landowners to preserve and enhance elements contributing to the heritage streetscapes of Coonamble Shire				
0.31	Implement a development policy that recognises reactivation of the main street as a priority, per the Economic Development Strategy				
0.32	Investigate options for developing a minimum four-star hotel in conjunction with the Mineral Spa development				
0.33	Liaise with the Office of Environment and Heritage for the establishment of a grant system for the preservation of heritage buildings throughout the shire				
0.34	Engage a professional to work with local store owners in each town, to explore opportunities to sell or lease properties innovatively, to encourage more businesses into shopping precincts				
0.35	Seek government support to assist in the establishment of Aboriginal tourism businesses in town				
0.36	Host a tourism seminar for locals to provide them with tools and contacts to start tourism businesses, including: ecotourism; Indigenous cultural experiences; agri-tourism; farm stays; etc.				
0.37	Host a workshop for locals in developing and growing on-line businesses as part of their main-street shop				
0.38	Investigate opportunities for local power generation				
0.39	Employ an arts facilitator to work with schools, community groups and individuals in developing public art across the shire				
TOTAL					
				Subtotal	\$4,940,000
				Contingency 30%	\$1,482,000
				Policy & Shire Wide Estimates	\$6,422,000

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION	UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
1.0.0 COONAMBLE TOWN MASTERPLAN					
1.0.1	Plant trees in parks and open green space for shade amenity i.e the Showground, Sports Ground, Macdonald Park etc (over 20 years including ongoing watering and maintenance)	Item	1	\$600,000	\$600,000
1.0.2	Re-locate outdoor exercise equipment in Smith Park to create fitness trail opportunities and encourage use	Item	1	\$60,000	\$60,000
1.0.3	Install additional outdoor equipment in Smith Park to complement existing equipment & create trail opportunities	ea	10	\$20,000	\$200,000
1.0.4	Install bubbler/ water filling station (adjacent outdoor exercise equipment)	ea	6	\$5,000	\$30,000
1.0.5	Detail design and installation of Stage 2 of Smith Park river walk with a 1.2m wide concrete path	Im	200	\$600	\$120,000
1.0.6	Commission a Castlereagh River Activation Plan which investigates opportunities for tourism & recreational uses of the river, riverbed and surrounds	Item	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
1.0.7	Install Macdonald Park upgrades, refer to masterplan proposals by GHD	Item	1	TBC	TBC
1.0.8	Install Electric Vehicle charging points in locations deemed desirable to attract visitors, such as in Skillman's Lane carpark, at the Visitor Information Centre, at the Mineral Spa development, in Quambone and in Gulargambone	Item	5	\$10,000	\$50,000
1.0.9	Install 1.2m wide concrete path from Macdonald Park/ Pool along the river to Nebea Street	Im	3000	\$600	\$1,800,000
1.0.10	Install 1.2m wide concrete path from Tin Town to the weir which connects with central blocks of Coonamble	Im	3000	\$600	\$1,800,000
1.0.11	Install 1.2m wide concrete path to perimeter of Sports Ground	Im	800	\$600	\$480,000
1.0.12	Design and install a yarning circle near Calga Street to provide opportunities to connect with country and culture	Item	1	\$20,000	\$20,000
1.0.13	Commission the design of interpretive artwork along shared paths representing Aboriginal daily life in locations such as the Castlereagh River, Tin Town etc	Item	1	\$30,000	\$30,000

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION				
		UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
1.0.14	Install interpretive artwork along shared paths adjacent river, interpreting Aboriginal, agricultural and environmental heritage	Item	6	\$8,000	\$48,000
1.0.15	Upgrade amenity building in Smith Park	Item	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
1.0.16	Remove old park furniture in Smith Park (seats, bins, table etc)	Item	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
1.0.17	Upgrade and provide new picnic amenity to Smith Park: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity	ea	5	\$50,000	\$250,000
1.0.18	Provide picnic area in pool grounds: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity	ea	2	\$50,000	\$100,000
1.0.19	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at every park entrance, path junction and key interpretive locations	ea	40	\$5,000	\$200,000
1.0.20	Install pedestrian/ cycling node amenity along shared paths (including seat & bubbler)	ea	4	\$15,000	\$60,000
1.0.21	Install bins at main park entrances	ea	20	\$2,500	\$50,000
1.0.22	Install seating facilities	ea	30	\$2,500	\$75,000
1.0.23	Upgrade Aquatic Club playground and BBQ facilities	Item	1	\$250,000	\$250,000
TOTAL		Subtotal			\$6,428,000
		Contingency 30%			\$1,928,400
		Coonamble Town Wide estimate			\$8,356,400
1.1.0 ENTRANCES					
1.1.1	Commission detail design of planting to entrances to promote Coonamble Shire Council	Item	2	\$15,000	\$30,000
1.1.2	Design, manufacture and installation of sculptural birds (Coonamble, Quambone and upgrade of Gulargambone existing sculptures)	Item	2	\$100,000	\$200,000

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION				
		UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
1.1.3	Commission detail design of entrance signage to promote Coonamble Shire Council (Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone)	Item	1	\$20,000	\$20,000
1.1.4	Install trees and understorey planting to entrances of Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone (with ongoing watering and maintenance) in accordance with masterplan	ea	6	\$15,000	\$90,000
1.1.5	Enhance showground entrance to create a consistent town approach through tree and understorey planting in accordance with Coonamble Street Tree Masterplan	Item	1	\$20,000	\$20,000
1.1.6	Update town entrance signs in accordance with masterplan (Coonamble, Quambone, Gulargambone)	Item	3	\$60,000	\$180,000
TOTAL			Subtotal		\$540,000
			Contingency 30%		\$162,000
			Entrances estimate		\$702,000
1.2.0	MAIN STREET				
1.2.1	Commission investigation and detail design of the reconfiguration of the intersection at the Castlereagh Highway and main street to TfNSW standards to allow better access and sight lines to the main street, ensuring safe crossing points (provisional sum for design & construction budget)	Item	1	TBC	TBC
1.2.2	Remove gallows structures at main street pedestrian crossing and surrounds	Item	2	\$5,000	\$10,000
1.2.3	Install public amenities in prominent location on main street and provide attractive park-like setting	Item	1	\$350,000	\$350,000
1.2.4	Commission investigation of options and detailed design of main street including parking reconfiguration; mid-block crossing; street tree planting; accessible crossing points, etc (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)	Item	1	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
1.2.5	Create a vibrant laneway to carpark to enhance connectivity & natural surveillance (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)	Item	1	\$250,000	\$250,000
1.2.7	Install street furniture (seats, bins, lighting) to main street based on masterplan proposals	Item	1	\$300,000	\$300,000
1.2.8	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at every main street entrance, park, carpark and key interpretive locations	ea.	10	\$5,000	\$50,000

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION	UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
1.2.9	Install anti-pigeon roosting wire to under-side of awnings along main street to reduce faeces	Item	1	\$60,000	\$60,000
1.2.11	Install additional CCTV to improve rear carpark safety	Item	1	\$15,000	\$15,000
1.2.12	Develop a programme of street events	Item	1	\$80,000	\$80,000
1.2.13	Provision for RV, trailer and long vehicle parking to rear carpark	Item	0	\$0	\$0
1.2.14	Commission detail design of rear carpark based on masterplan proposals (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)	Item	1	\$350,000	\$350,000
1.2.15	Pursue with RMS the investigation and implementation of a 40km/hour speed zone in Coonamble CBD	Item	0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL				Subtotal	\$6,465,000
				Contingency 30%	\$1,939,500
				Main Street estimate	\$8,404,500
1.3.0	COONAMBLE MINERAL SPA				
1.3.1	Update entrance to Coonamble Mineral Spa, Racecourse & Golf Course to create a consistent town approach and entrance structure in accordance with masterplan	Item	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
1.3.2	Commission detail design of Coonamble Mineral Spa/ Conference Facility to promote tourism and a multi-use facility in accordance with the masterplan (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)	Item	1	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000
1.3.3	Install 2.5m wide shared concrete path to the main street/ town centre	lm	2000	\$1,250	\$2,500,000
1.3.4	Protect and enhance remnant vegetation to retain natural setting	Item	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
1.3.5	Potential location for caravan/ camping	Item	1	\$100,000	\$100,000

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION	UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
TOTAL				Subtotal	\$9,200,000
				Contingency 30%	\$2,760,000
				Mineral Spa estimate	\$11,960,000
1.4.0 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE (VIC)					
Commission detail design of the VIC and surrounds to provide tourism opportunities for visitors and the community which celebrates the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage of the district (provisional sum for design & construction budget)					
1.4.1		Item	1	\$1,140,000	\$1,140,000
Provide new carpark with accessible parking space and ramp to path to provide accessibility for all and links into the existing Smith Park network, re-align entrance road into VIC to provide safer entry and exit path and provide new bus and RV parallel parking within existing park driveway surface					
1.4.2		Item	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL				Subtotal	\$1,240,000
				Contingency 30%	\$372,000
				VIC estimate	\$1,612,000
2.0.0 QUAMBONE MASTERPLAN					
Plant trees in parks and open green space for shade amenity to the pool, sports ground, playground, caravan park etc (over 20 years including ongoing watering and maintenance)					
2.0.1		Item	1	\$300,000	\$300,000
Provide pedestrian safe crossing points to RMS standards at the school and playground					
2.0.2		Item	2	\$60,000	\$120,000
Install 1.2m wide concrete path to perimeter of Sports Ground					
2.0.3		lm	800	\$1,250	\$1,000,000
Install concrete paths to central blocks of village to provide accessible paths of travel					
2.0.4		lm	800	\$1,250	\$1,000,000
Install outdoor exercise equipment and create fitness trail opportunities					
2.0.5		ea	6	\$20,000	\$120,000
Install bubbler/ water filling station (adjacent outdoor exercise equipment)					
2.0.6		ea	2	\$5,000	\$10,000

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION	UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
2.0.7	Upgrade the playground to include: a tourism kiosk; wi-fi; public amenities; youth zone play equipment and outdoor ping-pong tables for casual hanging out and perching	Item	1	\$250,000	\$250,000
2.0.8	Upgrade amenity building in Sports Ground with new shower and accessible toilet	Item	1	\$80,000	\$80,000
2.0.9	Upgrade tennis court lighting	Item	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
2.0.10	Repair swimming pool leak	Item	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
2.0.11	Upgrade swimming pool amenity facilities	Item	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
2.0.12	Replace fencing to Sports Ground	Item	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
2.0.13	Install fencing to rubbish tip to prevent the spread of rubbish and illegal dumping	Item	1	\$200,000	\$200,000
2.0.14	Tidy up litter and rubbish through out town, especially around the rubbish tip (annual)	Item	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
2.0.15	Commission the design of interpretive artwork in the playground representing Aboriginal daily life in the area i.e totems or other representation to complement the existing totems (Stage 2 Wailwan Story Boards)	Item	1	\$30,000	\$30,000
2.0.16	Install interpretive artwork in the playground	Item	4	\$8,000	\$32,000
2.0.17	Provide picnic area at the playground: install barbeques, shelter, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity	ea	2	\$150,000	\$300,000
2.0.18	Provide picnic area in pool grounds and sports ground: install barbeques, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity	ea	2	\$50,000	\$100,000
2.0.19	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at main park entrance, path junction and key interpretive locations	ea	10	\$5,000	\$50,000

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION	UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
2.0.20	Install pedestrian/ cycling node amenity along shared paths (including seat & bubbler)	ea	2	\$10,000	\$20,000
2.0.21	Install bins at the main park entrances	ea	4	\$2,500	\$10,000
2.0.22	Install seating facilities	ea	6	\$2,500	\$15,000
2.0.23	Update entrance to Quambone and Macquarie Marshes turnoff to create a consistent town approach and entrance structure	Item	1	\$30,000	\$30,000
2.0.24	Install Macquarie Marshes signage on Castlereagh Highway which is consistent with masterplan	Item	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
2.0.25	Commission a tourism review of infrastructure requirements to capitalise on the location of the Macquarie Marshes close to Quambone, such as sealed roads, signage etc.	Item	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
2.0.26	Update facilities and signage for the Quambone camp site	Item	1	\$60,000	\$60,000
2.0.27	Provide distribution point for tourism brochures at the Quambone camp site	Item	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL		Subtotal			\$4,157,000
		Contingency 30%			\$1,247,100
		Quambone Town Wide estimate			\$5,404,100
3.0.0 GULARGAMBONE MASTERPLAN					
3.0.1	Plant trees in parks and open green space for shade amenity to the pool, sports ground, Lions Park, etc (over 20 years including ongoing watering and maintenance)	Item	1	\$300,000	\$300,000
3.0.2	Upgrade footpath along main street to provide compliant grades and a fully accessible path	lm	1000	\$1,250	\$1,250,000
3.0.3	Upgrade library facilities and upgrade wifi speed for the community and visitors	Item	1	\$50,000	\$50,000

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION	UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
3.0.4	Install 1.2m wide concrete path to perimeter of Sports Ground	lm	800	\$600	\$480,000
3.0.5	Install outdoor exercise equipment to Lions Park and Sports Ground to create fitness trail opportunities	ea	8	\$20,000	\$160,000
3.0.6	Install bubbler/ water filling station (adjacent outdoor exercise equipment)	ea	2	\$5,000	\$10,000
3.0.7	Provide picnic area to Lions Park: install barbeques, shelter, bubblers, bins & table seating facilities to improve amenity	ea	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
3.0.8	Install nature play based playground to Lions Park	Item	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
3.0.9	Install 'Youth Zone' including Parkour style equipment for casual hanging out and perching, with a skate/street art aesthetic to enhance existing facility	Item	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
3.0.10	Install shared pedestrian cycleway along the river to connect with town centre to provide better activation and connection of ancillary spaces	lm	205	\$1,250	\$256,250
3.0.11	Commission the design of interpretive artwork along shared river path representing the Aboriginal story of daily life	Item	1	\$30,000	\$30,000
3.0.12	Install interpretive artwork along the river path interpreting daily Aboriginal life	Item	4	\$8,000	\$32,000
3.0.13	Upgrade amenity building in Sports Ground	Item	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
3.0.14	Council to support upgrade of tennis courts to impact surface with new asphalt base	Item	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
3.0.15	Install white picket oval fence to create a village green	Item	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
3.0.16	Install 1.2m wide concrete path to connect residential areas, playground and parks with town centre to provide better connection and create a path hierarchy	lm	205	\$600	\$123,000

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COONAMBLE SHIRE MASTERPLAN					
SCHEDULE OF WORKS COST ESTIMATE					
REF.	ACTION	UNIT	QTY	RATE	SUBTOTAL
3.0.17	Commission detail design of playground and adjacent fencing in Sports Ground to accommodate user needs (provisional sum for detail design & construction budget)	Item	1	\$40,000	\$40,000
3.0.18	Install wayfinding/ interpretive signage at main park entrance, path junction and key interpretive locations	ea	10	\$5,000	\$50,000
3.0.19	Install pedestrian/ cycling node amenity along shared paths (including seat & bubbler)	ea	2	\$10,000	\$20,000
3.0.20	Install bins at the main park entrances	ea	4	\$2,500	\$10,000
3.0.21	Install seating facilities	ea	8	\$2,500	\$20,000
TOTAL		Subtotal			\$3,431,250
		Contingency 30%			\$1,029,375
		Gular Town Wide estimate			\$4,460,625
		MASTERPLAN TOTAL			\$47,321,625

10.14 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY**File Number: S-12-2****Author: Jenni Maundrell-Executive Manager Corporate Governance****Authoriser: Paul Gallagher, General Manager****Annexures: 1. Coonamble Community Satisfaction Survey 2024 Final Report (under separate cover) ****PURPOSE**

To present Council with the final report on the Community Satisfaction Survey undertaken in late 2024.

BACKGROUND

Council engaged Taverner Research in October 2024 to conduct a community satisfaction survey with the aims of better understanding key issues, community needs and priorities regarding the services and facilities provided by the Council and to feed into the development of the IP&R program.

The survey form was constructed collaboratively between Council management and Taverner representatives based on satisfying the research objectives and on the previous survey conducted in 2019.

Interviews were conducted from 25 November to 19 December 2024. Statistical testing was conducted across the results by gender, age, whether the respondent had children aged 14 or under living with them, length of time lived in the LGA, urban/rural/village setting, First Nations, and nearest town.

The key findings of the survey were presented to councillors and executive staff on 24 March 2025.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

CSP L1.2 Strengthen our engagement and consultation with our local community and stakeholders including increasing community participation in decision making.

(b) Financial Considerations

There are no financial considerations arising from this report.

COMMENTARY

Firstly, it must be acknowledged that overall community satisfaction with Council rated a score of 2.70, placing satisfaction below the neutral score of 3.0. While this is a disappointing result, the survey is not intended to be used to lay blame and the report suggests constructive ways forward to improve.

The 2024 overall satisfaction score is lower than both the 2019 result of 3.24 and the average of 3.16 across 35 regional NSW councils in the Taverner database.

Insights provided by the Taverner Research representative include:

- Across NSW, satisfaction with councils spiked to well-above average scores in 2020-2021, reflecting community appreciation of the role that all governments played in managing the Covid pandemic. This is not necessary statistically

important for Coonamble Shire Council, as the last survey was conducted in 2019, before the Covid pandemic commenced.

- Across NSW, satisfaction with councils fell by an average of around 10% after the 2021-2023 major declared natural disaster events. Almost every LGA was affected by multiple natural disasters, with roads being the most impacted service. At the time of writing this report, a large number of councils, including Coonamble Shire Council, still have not finalised road repairs due to the scale of the disasters. Again, the statistical impact this has had on survey results for Coonamble Shire Council is not necessarily known as it had been 5 years since the last survey; however, it is noted that overall satisfaction has fallen by around 16.67%
- The highest impacts on overall satisfaction scores for all NSW councils are 'background noise' (eg reports of conflict, negative local media), followed by customer service. Satisfaction with facilities and services has the lowest impact on overall community satisfaction with Councils.

The 2024 survey measured satisfaction with 25 services/facilities. The highest rated were libraries and pools; the lowest rated were unsealed roads and economic development/attracting new investment.

Councillors will recall the Taverner Research representative indicated that low satisfaction with unsealed roads and economic development is very common. Further, he stated there is often a lack of understanding in communities of the role that councils play in economic development.

Additionally, the survey measured the importance the community places on the 25 surveyed services/facilities. The highest rated for importance were sealed roads and water supply; the lowest rated were online services and community halls.

The combined satisfaction and importance results are analysed in the report and placed into quadrants that illustrate:

- Strengths (high importance and high satisfaction)
- Priorities (high importance and low satisfaction)
- Second order issues (lower importance and lower satisfaction)
- Opportunities (lower importance and high satisfaction)

For Coonamble Shire Council, the services in the two 'high importance' categories are:

- Strengths
 - Council pools
 - Sewage collection and treatment
 - Parks, reserves and playgrounds
 - Cleanliness of streets
 - Water supply
 - Bridges, culverts and causeways
- Priorities
 - Waste and recycling

- Tourism marketing
- Weed control
- Sealed roads
- Stormwater drainage
- Economic development and attracting new investment
- Unsealed roads

Customer service is dealt with in the survey as a stand-alone topic. Satisfaction with customer service rated mean scoring of 2.67, down from 2.93 in 2019, which represents a reduction of around 8.87%

To address this, Council is developing a customer service charter and complaint handling framework. These documents aim to set expectations, provide accountability and transparency, improve trust and guide staff to understand the level of service they are expected to provide.

The full report of the 2024 Community Satisfaction Survey is provided as an attachment to this report.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

Regular surveys of community satisfaction assist Council in developing policies and programs.

(b) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

(c) Social Implications

Community satisfaction is inherently important and can have several social implications, including enhanced community engagement, improved trust and transparency, informed decision making, identifying key issues and social cohesion.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

There are no economic/asset management implications directly related to this report.

(f) Risk Implications

There are no risk implications directly related to this report.

CONCLUSION

The 2024 community satisfaction report sets out both strengths and priorities for Council moving forward. The baseline overall satisfaction of 2.70 provides a benchmark, while the report also gives Council and the community data to work from when making important strategic decisions including the Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Community Satisfaction Survey report.

10.15 2023-24 OLG COMPLAINT STATISTICS

File Number: S-12-2

Author: Paul Gallagher-General Manager

Authoriser: Paul Gallagher, General Manager

Annexures: Nil

PURPOSE

To present Council with the 2023-24 Office of Local Government (OLG) complaints statistics from the community about NSW local Councils.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

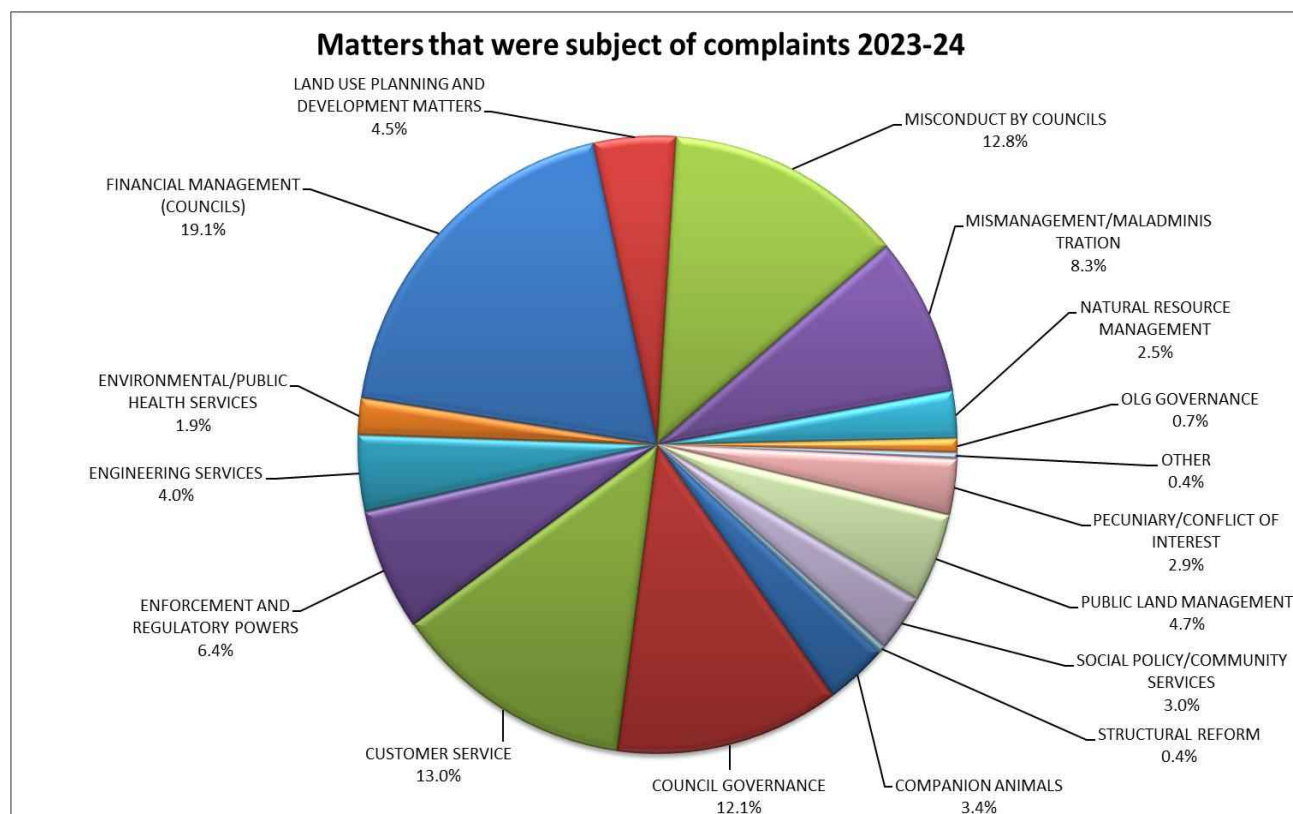
The Office of Local Government (OLG) provide a report on the number of complaints it has received from the community about NSW local Councils each financial year. The number of complaints about Coonamble Shire Council and its neighbours are shown in the commentary section below.

BACKGROUND

The complaints statistics for the 2023/24 financial year are available on the OLG's website.

The OLG received 1,242 complaints in 2023/24, compared to 1,143 in 2022/23. These complaints were spread over 112 councils.

Per the OLG website the 2023/24 complaints by type are as below:



(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

CSP L1.2 Strengthen our engagement and consultation with our local community and stakeholders including increasing community participation in decision making.

(b) Financial Considerations

There are no financial considerations arising from this report.

COMMENTARY

The number of 2023/24 complaints for Coonamble Shire Council and surrounding Councils are contained in the table below:

COUNCIL	No. Complaints 2023/24
Coonamble Shire Council	2
Bogan Shire Council	0
Bourke Shire Council	0
Brewarrina Shire Council	2
Cobar Shire Council	0
Dubbo Regional Council	7
Gilgandra Shire Council	0
Narromine Shire Council	4
Walgett Shire Council	1
Warren Shire Council	0
Warrumbungle Shire Council	6

The complaints were not activated to requiring a response from Council nor warranted further investigation by the OLG and were associated with:

- Council Governance and,
- Financial Management

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

Monitoring the type of complains escalated to the OLG assists in determining community dissatisfaction and assist Council in developing policies and programs.

(b) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

(c) Social Implications

There are no social implications arising from this report.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

There are no economic/asset management implications directly related to this report.

(f) Risk Implications

There is no risk implications directly related to this report.

CONCLUSION

The complaints received by the OLG were about Council governance and financial management but were not activated to requiring a response from Council and details of the complaints were not provided nor warranted further investigation by the OLG.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the 2023/24 OLG Complaints statistics report

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10.16 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - MARCH 2025**File Number:** Investments General - I5**Author:** Imogen Pawley-Finance Assistant**Authoriser:** Bruce Quarmby, Director Corporate Services**Annexures:** 1. Imperium Investment Report March 2025 [↓](#) **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is for Councillors to note the status of its investment portfolio.

BACKGROUND**(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework**

L1.4.10 Maintain long term financial viability.

(b) Financial Considerations

Investment levels and interest rates are currently on par with the revised estimated calculations.

COMMENTARY

The format of the report has been configured to demonstrate Council's compliance with the relevant legislative requirements along with Council's own adopted Investment Policy.

The attached Investment Report was calculated on 28 March 2025 after all maturing dates for investments had passed.

The total Capital Value of Investments as of 28 February is \$22,750,000. This is broken down with \$19,250,000 invested in term deposits as shown in the attached report, with \$1,500,000 in at call savings accounts.

It should be noted that the total funds invested by Council has increased by \$2,000,000 from the month prior.

The main areas of expenditure during the month of March can be seen in the table below:

Area	March
Roads	\$711,101.53
Parkes and Gardens	\$49,500
Plant	\$115,948.79
Water and Sewer	\$61,280.74
ATO	\$278,311.00

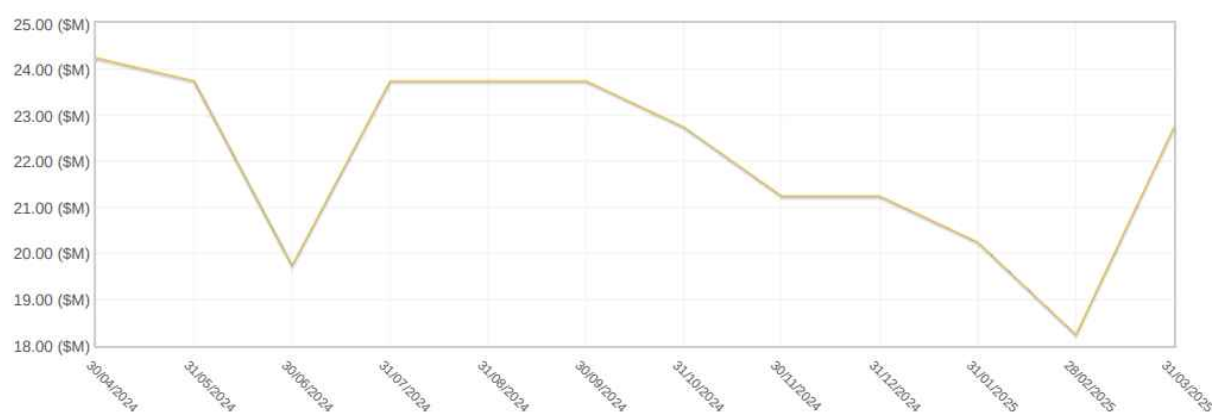
Of these payments \$680,292.80 will be either funded through Grants or reimbursed to Council.

Council has recently acquitted the following grants and will expect payment soon. Once these funds have been received Council anticipates reinvesting in accordance with our Investment Policy.

Dept of Infrastructure and Regional Development	LRCI – Phase 1, 2 and 3	\$1,051,196
Dept Of Regional NSW	Reconnecting RNSW – Instalment 2	\$12,664
Dept Of Regional NSW	Caravan Park Redevelopment	\$350,919
Dept Of Primary Industries and Regional Development	Infrastructure Betterment Fund	\$227,284
Dept of Infrastructure and Regional Development	Coonamble Sports Ground	\$135,000
NSW Office of Sport	All Welcome to Play – Female Amenities	\$429,528

Historical Portfolio Balances as at 28/03/2025

30/04/2024	31/05/2024	30/06/2024	31/07/2024	31/08/2024	30/09/2024	31/10/2024	30/11/2024	31/12/2024	31/01/2025	28/02/2025	31/03/2025
24.25	23.75	19.75	23.75	23.75	23.75	22.75	21.25	21.25	20.25	18.25	22.75



AVAILABLE WORKING FUNDS

Restricted funds are set aside by Council and external parties for a particular purpose to meet future expenses. Unrestricted funds are available to be used to cover all other expenses of Council.

As per the recently completed 2023/2024 Annual Financial Statement the balance of unrestricted cash has been calculated at \$450,000.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

Monthly financial reporting ensures transparency of financial reporting to enable Councillors to make financially sustainable and accountable decisions.

(b) Legal Implications

As the authoriser of the report, Council's responsible accounting officer has certified that all investments continue to be made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993, the Regulations* and Council's Investment Policy.

(c) Social Implications

Council funds are used to provide services and infrastructure to the community, and, as a result, well managed funds maximise the level of financial resources available to support the community.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

Sound economic management includes maximising Council's return on investment, and this is achieved by closely monitoring investments in line with Council's Investment Policy.

(f) Risk Implications

Sound economic management includes maximising Council's return on investment, and this is achieved by closely monitoring all investments in line with Council's Investment Policy.

CONCLUSION

Funds have been appropriately restricted to ensure all areas of Council can continue to operate in accordance with both the annual Operational Plan and the Long-Term Financial Plan. Further, all investments are continued to be made in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993, the Regulations* and Council's Investment Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the list of investments from 1 March 2025 to 28 March 2025 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.



Investment Report

01/03/2025 to 28/03/2025

Portfolio Valuation as at 28/03/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Westpac	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	06/11/2024	07/04/2025	5.0300	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	19,706.58	3,858.63
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	11/09/2024	11/04/2025	5.0000	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	40,890.41	5,753.42
Commonwealth Bank	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/11/2024	05/05/2025	4.8700	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	38,693.15	7,471.78
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	06/02/2025	15/05/2025	4.8900	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	6,832.60	3,751.23
BOQ	A-2	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	03/02/2025	03/06/2025	4.7400	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	14,025.21	7,272.33
Suncorp Bank	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	12/12/2024	12/06/2025	5.0500	500,000.00	500,000.00	7,402.05	1,936.99
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/03/2025	18/06/2025	4.7500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,863.01	2,863.01
Suncorp Bank	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	09/12/2024	09/07/2025	5.0800	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	15,309.59	3,896.99
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	14/03/2025	17/07/2025	4.7000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,931.51	1,931.51
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	06/03/2025	06/08/2025	4.7000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	2,961.64	2,961.64
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/03/2025	28/08/2025	4.7500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	260.27	260.27
BOQ	A-2	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	02/12/2024	02/09/2025	5.0500	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	16,187.67	3,873.97
Westpac	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	24/10/2024	24/10/2025	5.1000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	21,797.26	3,912.33
Westpac	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/10/2024	28/10/2025	5.0700	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	21,113.42	3,889.32
Westpac	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/11/2024	04/11/2025	5.0900	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	20,220.55	3,904.66
Unity Bank	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/11/2024	18/11/2025	5.0000	250,000.00	250,000.00	4,486.30	958.90
IMB Bank	BBB+	FRTD	GENERAL	Quarterly	06/08/2024	06/08/2026	4.7600	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	6,650.96	3,651.51
IMB Bank	BBB+	FRTD	GENERAL	Quarterly	16/01/2025	17/01/2028	5.0400	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	9,941.92	3,866.30



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	28/03/2025	28/03/2025	0.0000	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	-	-
TOTALS								22,750,000.00	22,750,000.00	251,274.11	66,014.79

Portfolio by Asset as at 28/03/2025

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	28/03/2025	28/03/2025	0.0000	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	-	-
CASH SUBTOTALS								1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	-	-

Asset Type: TD

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
Westpac	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	06/11/2024	07/04/2025	5.0300	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	19,706.58	3,858.63
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	11/09/2024	11/04/2025	5.0000	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	40,890.41	5,753.42
Commonwealth Bank	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	04/11/2024	05/05/2025	4.8700	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	38,693.15	7,471.78
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	06/02/2025	15/05/2025	4.8900	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	6,832.60	3,751.23
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NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/03/2025	18/06/2025	4.7500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,863.01	2,863.01
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NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	14/03/2025	17/07/2025	4.7000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,931.51	1,931.51
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	06/03/2025	06/08/2025	4.7000	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	2,961.64	2,961.64
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/03/2025	28/08/2025	4.7500	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	260.27	260.27

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
BOQ	A-2	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	02/12/2024	02/09/2025	5.0500	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	16,187.67	3,873.97
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Westpac	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/10/2024	28/10/2025	5.0700	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	21,113.42	3,889.32
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Unity Bank	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/11/2024	18/11/2025	5.0000	250,000.00	250,000.00	4,486.30	958.90
TD SUBTOTALS								19,250,000.00	19,250,000.00	234,681.23	58,496.99

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	06/08/2024	06/08/2026	4.7600	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	6,650.96	3,651.51
IMB Bank	BBB+	FRTD	GENERAL	Quarterly	16/01/2025	17/01/2028	5.0400	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	9,941.92	3,866.30
FRTD SUBTOTALS								2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	16,592.88	7,517.81



Portfolio by Asset Totals as at 28/03/2025

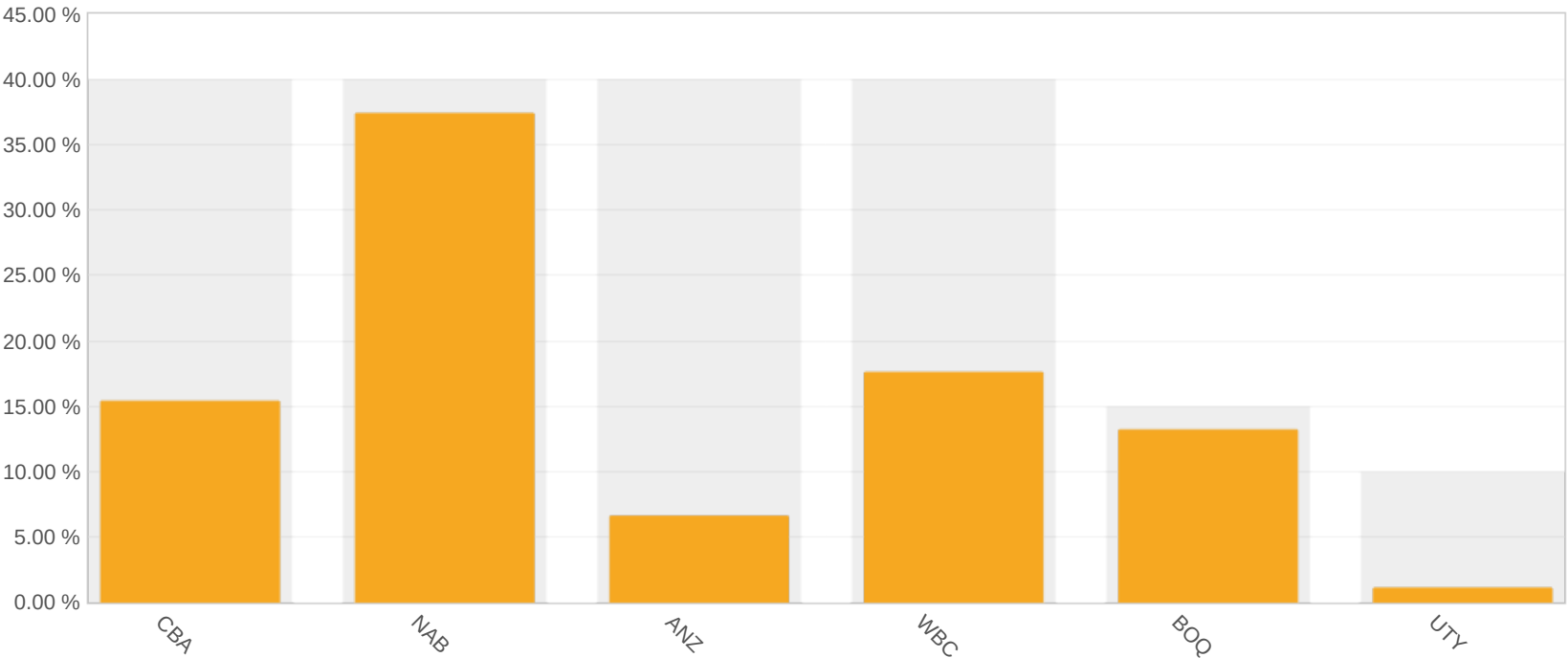
Type	Capital Value (\$)	Face Value (\$)	Accrued (\$)	Accrued MTD (\$)
CASH	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	-	-
TD	19,250,000.00	19,250,000.00	234,681.23	58,496.99
FRTD	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	16,592.88	7,517.81
TOTALS	22,750,000.00	22,750,000.00	251,274.11	66,014.79

Counterparty Compliance as at 28/03/2025

Short Term Investments

Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available (\$)
✓	Commonwealth Bank	Short	A-1+	3,500,000.00	15.38	40.00	-	5,600,000.00
✓	NAB	Short	A-1+	8,500,000.00	37.36	40.00	-	600,000.00
✓	ANZ Bank	Short	A-1+	1,500,000.00	6.59	40.00	-	7,600,000.00
✓	Westpac	Short	A-1+	4,000,000.00	17.58	40.00	-	5,100,000.00
✓	BOQ	Short	A-2	3,000,000.00	13.19	15.00	-	412,500.00
✓	Unity Bank	Short	Unrated	250,000.00	1.10	10.00	-	2,025,000.00
TOTALS				20,750,000.00	91.21			

Counterparty Compliance - Short Term Investments





Long Term Investments

Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available (\$)
	IMB Bank	Long	BBB+	2,000,000.00	8.79	15.00	-	1,412,500.00
TOTALS				2,000,000.00	8.79			



Counterparty Compliance - Long Term Investments



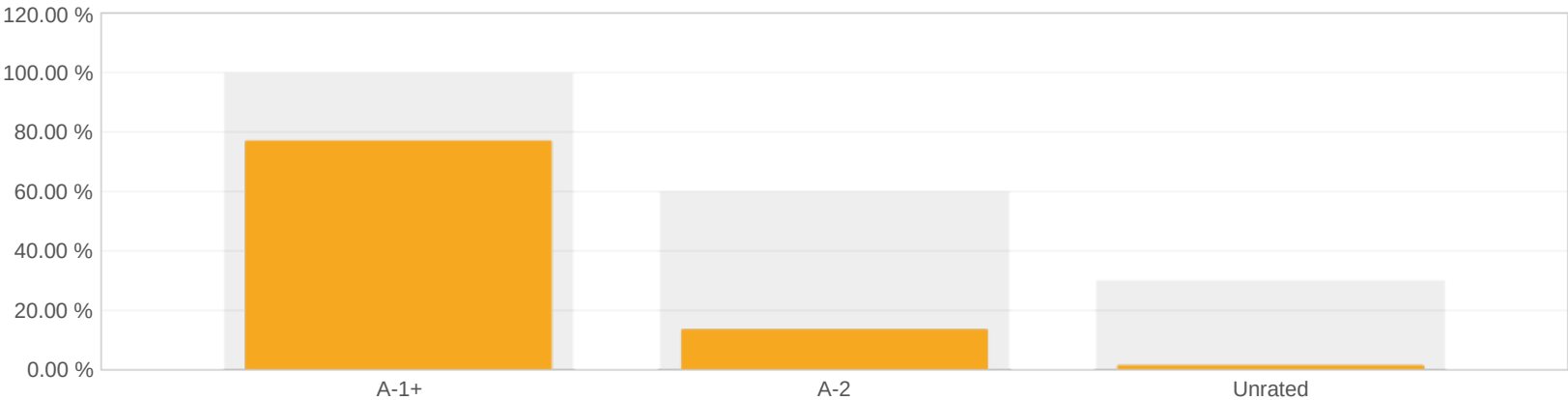


Credit Quality Compliance as at 28/03/2025

Short Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	A-1+	17,500,000.00	76.92	100.00	5,250,000.00
✓	A-2	3,000,000.00	13.19	60.00	10,650,000.00
✓	Unrated	250,000.00	1.10	30.00	6,575,000.00
TOTALS		20,750,000.00	91.21		

Credit Quality Compliance - Short Term Investments

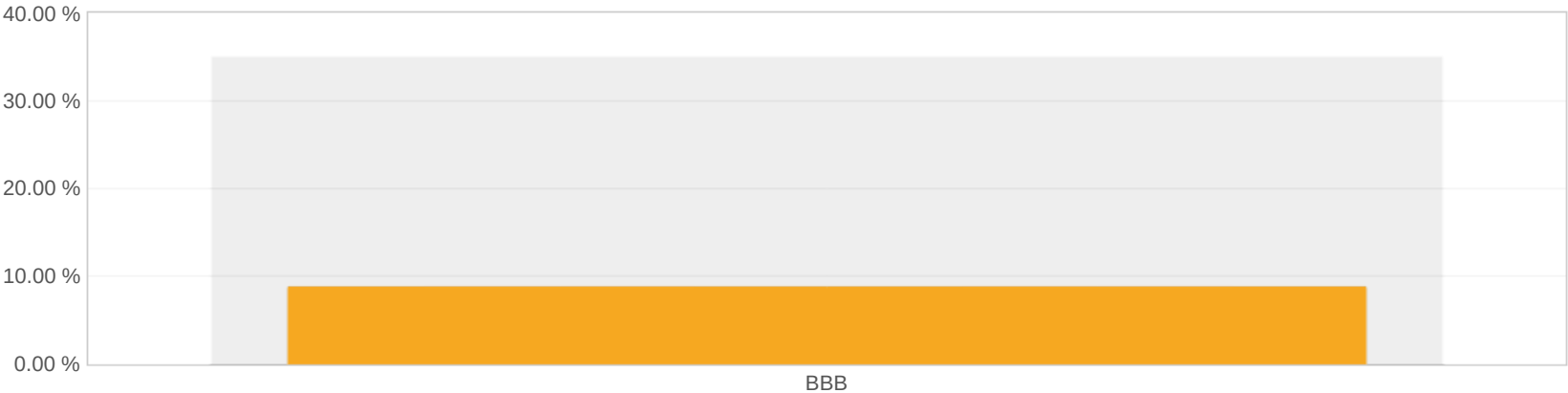




Long Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	BBB	2,000,000.00	8.79	35.00	5,962,500.00
TOTALS		2,000,000.00	8.79		

Credit Quality Compliance - Long Term Investments

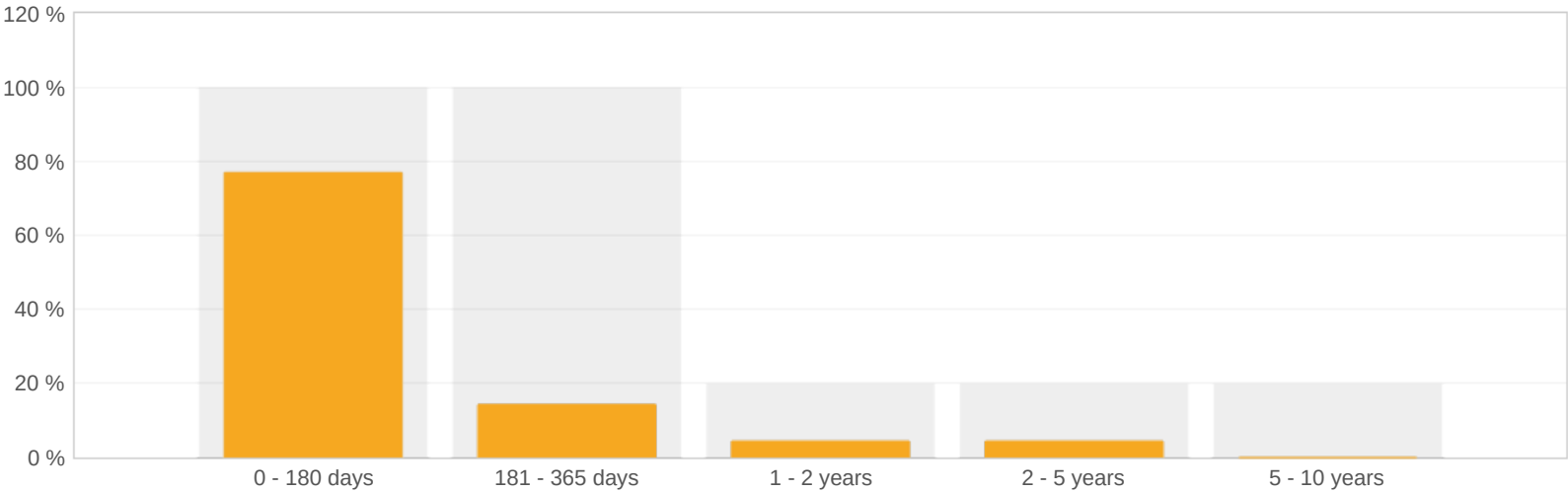




Maturity Compliance as at 28/03/2025

Compliant	Term	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 - 180 days	17,500,000.00	76.92	0.00	100.00	5,250,000.00
✓	181 - 365 days	3,250,000.00	14.29	0.00	100.00	19,500,000.00
✓	1 - 2 years	1,000,000.00	4.40	0.00	20.00	3,550,000.00
✓	2 - 5 years	1,000,000.00	4.40	0.00	20.00	3,550,000.00
✓	5 - 10 years	-	0.00	0.00	20.00	4,550,000.00
TOTALS		22,750,000.00	100.00			

Maturity Compliance





Trades in Period

From: 01/03/2025 To: 28/03/2025

New Trades - From: 01/03/2025 To: 28/03/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value (\$)	Reference
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/03/2025	18/06/2025	4.7500	2,000,000.00	
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	06/03/2025	06/08/2025	4.7000	1,000,000.00	
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/03/2025	28/08/2025	4.7500	2,000,000.00	
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	14/03/2025	17/07/2025	4.7000	1,000,000.00	
TOTALS								6,000,000.00	



Sell Trades - From: 01/03/2025 To: 28/03/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Selling Date	Yield/Margin (%)	Face Value (\$)	Gross Value (\$)	Capital Value (\$)	Reference
No entries for this item												
TOTALS									0			



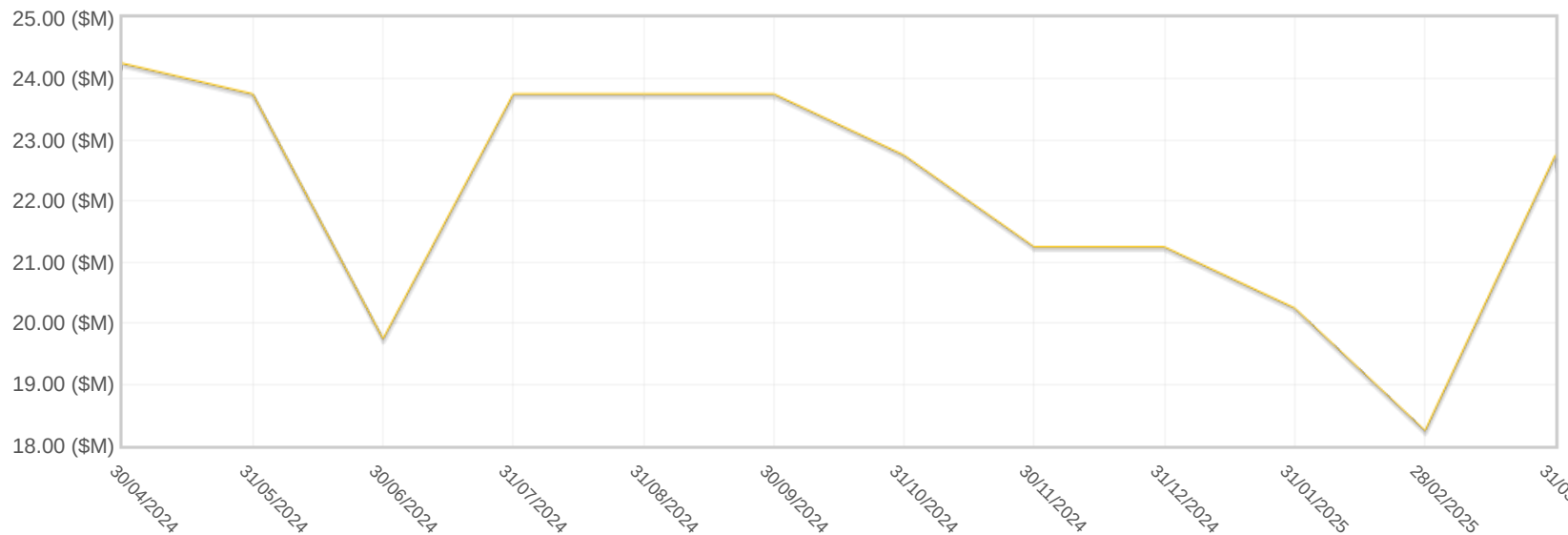
Matured Trades - From: 01/03/2025 To: 28/03/2025

Issuer	Rating	Type	Allocation	Interest Paid	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Rate (%)	Value (\$)	Reference
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	28/08/2024	28/03/2025	5.0000	2,000,000.00	
NAB	A-1+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	14/08/2024	14/03/2025	5.0000	1,000,000.00	
TOTALS								3,000,000.00	



Historical Portfolio Balances as at 28/03/2025

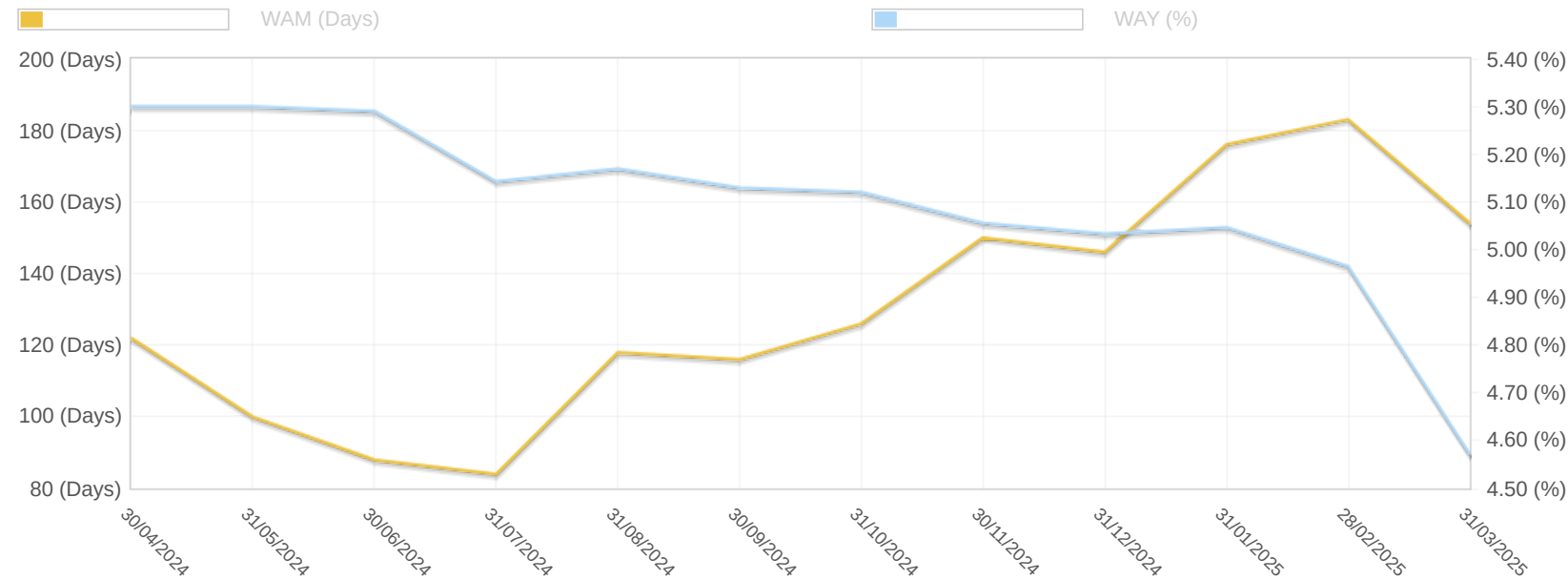
30/04/2024	31/05/2024	30/06/2024	31/07/2024	31/08/2024	30/09/2024	31/10/2024	30/11/2024	31/12/2024	31/01/2025	28/02/2025	31/03/2025
24.25	23.75	19.75	23.75	23.75	23.75	22.75	21.25	21.25	20.25	18.25	22.75





Historical Ratios as at 28/03/2025

	30/04/2024	31/05/2024	30/06/2024	31/07/2024	31/08/2024	30/09/2024	31/10/2024	30/11/2024	31/12/2024	31/01/2025	28/02/2025	31/03/2025
WAM (Days)	122	100	88	84	118	116	126	150	146	176	183	154
WAY (%)	5.2997	5.2994	5.2897	5.1424	5.1689	5.1293	5.1201	5.0553	5.0332	5.0467	4.9647	4.5716



10.17 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - MARCH 2025**File Number: Rates - General - R4****Author: Kylie Fletcher, Revenue Officer****Authoriser: Bruce Quarmby, Director Corporate Services****Annexures: Nil****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to be updated with the most recent information pertaining to its rates and charges collections – as applicable to the month of March 2025.

BACKGROUND**(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework**

The annual rate charges are set out within Council's 2024 / 25 Operational Plan.

(b) Financial Considerations

The annual rate charges are set out within Council's 2024 / 25 Operational Plan.

	28 March 2025	31 March 2024
Rates and Charges	\$3,053,395.99	\$3,025,688.52
Water Consumption	\$ 74,206.75	\$ 464,269.37
Total	\$3,127,602.74	\$3,489,957.89

COMMENTARY**Rates and Charges**

	28 March 2025	31 March 2024
Rates and charges in arrears as at 30 June 2024	\$1,431,587.79	\$1,173,804.02
Rates/charges levied & adjustments for 2024/25	\$8,617,961.69	\$8,017,915.36
Pension Concession	-\$ 101,107.19	-\$ 103,966.48
Amounts collected as at 28 March 2025	-\$6,895,046.30	-\$6,062,064.38
Total Rates and Charges to be Collected	\$3,053,395.99	\$3,025,688.52

The amount levied for rates and charges for 2024 / 25 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 28 March 2025 includes receipts for both arrears and the current year's amounts outstanding.

It should be noted that the rates and charges 2024 / 25 levied amount is reduced by the pensioner concession of \$101,107.19; reducing the amount of income derived

from these rates and charges. Of this concession, Council's contribution is 45%, which represents an amount of \$45,498.24.

The rates and charges as of 28 March 2025 represent 30.38% of the total annual rates and charges levied and outstanding (compared with 32.92% on 31 March 2024).

Water Consumption Charges

	28 March 2025	31 March 2024
Water Consumption Charges and arrears as at 30 June 2024	\$621,860.35	\$393,023.85
Water Consumption charges & adjustments 2024 / 25 year to date	\$ 14,819.70	\$782,055.98
June 2024 Adjustments	-\$ 77,123.00	
Amounts collected as at 28 March 2025	-\$485,350.30	-\$710,810.46
Total Water Consumption Charges to be Collected	\$ 74,206.75	\$464,269.37

The water consumption charges as of 28 March 2025 represents 13.26% of the total water consumption charges outstanding (compared to 39.51% on 31 March 2024). Council will note the main variation between the two financial years is the difference in the water consumption charges levied, i.e. for this financial year being the 2024/25 financial year, Council is yet to generate user pays water accounts.

For Council's information, as previously reported to Council a corrective course of action has been identified and staff have been working through the required actions to the impacted accounts. At the time of writing this report these corrective actions are due to be completed prior to the April Council 2025 Council meeting.

Following the completion of these actions it is anticipated that Council will be able to levy the user pays water and sewerage accounts for the 2024/25 financial year. This is planned to occur the week ending the 18/04/2025. In this instance, the billing period for this account will cover the first three quarters of the current financial year.

Debt Recovery Agency

During March 2025 Council staff have continued to liaise with Council's debt recovery agency with a view to continuing Council's process outlined within Council adopted Debt recovery policy.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

Council staff comply with the directions provided by Council's suite of policies that govern this function of Council.

(b) Legal Implications

The collection of rates and water charges does impact on the community. For this reason, Council is always willing to negotiate payment terms with outstanding debtors. Debtors are afforded several opportunities to contact Council regarding these matters.

(c) Social Implications

The collection of rates and water charges does impact on the community. For this reason, Council is always willing to negotiate payment terms with outstanding debtors. Debtors are afforded several opportunities to contact Council regarding these matters.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report. However, it needs to be acknowledged that the additional increase in the cost of living could have an impact on Council's ability to collect its rates and charges.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

If Council's rates and charges collection fall behind, it will have an impact on Council's ongoing ability to meet its operational costs and making adequate funding available for necessary asset maintenance and renewal projects.

(f) Risk Implications

As was stated above, the increase in living expenses, has impacted on Council's ability to collect its rates and charges as demonstrated by the increase in Council rates, annual charges, interest, and extra charges outstanding percentage. Strategies have been put in place to mitigate the risk of the further deterioration of this ratio. Council has been working closely with its Debt Collection agency to reduce the amount of debt outstanding from rates and water charges.

CONCLUSION

The rates and charges as of 28 March 2025 represent 30.38% of the total annual rates and charges levied and outstanding from previous years by Council (compared with 32.92% on 31 March 2024).

The water consumption charges as of 28 March 2025 represent 13.26% of the total water consumption charges outstanding from previous years (compared to 39.51% on 31 March 2024).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information provided in the rates and charges collections report.

10.18 GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES RECEIVABLE UPDATE**File Number:** Finance General F2**Author:** Bruce Quarmby-Director Corporate Services
Deborah Tatton-Manager Finance & Procurement**Authoriser:** Paul Gallagher, General Manager**Annexures:** 1. Status of Government Receivables 31/03/2025 [↓](#) **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a status update for the balance of Government grants and subsidies that are owed to Council.

BACKGROUND

Recently at its February 2025 Council meeting, as part of the consideration of the December 2024 Budget Review, Council passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 2025/25**Moved:** Cr Phillipa Goldsmith**Seconded:** Cr Adam Cohen

1. That Council approves the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents distributed under separate cover.
2. That Council notes, in the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer based on the information as presented in the December Budget review; that Council will be in a satisfactory financial position as at 30 June 2025.
3. That Council notes the classification and position of Council's estimated restricted (reserve) funds as at 31 December 2024.
4. That a report is presented to Council bi-monthly to identify outstanding grant debtors and associated costs for the project.
5. That Council move to prioritise works for which the grant funding has been received or where milestones have a due date in the near future.
6. That Council implements procedures where grant funding is to be acquitted within 60 days of the final invoice being paid.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

The following report is enacting item four of the above resolution.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

L1.4.10 Maintain long term financial viability.

L1.4.4 Governance is open and transparent.

(b) Financial Considerations

As previously reported to Council, Council is currently carrying the financial burden of a significant level of funding owed to it through various Commonwealth and State funded programs. This has the effect of reducing the level of working funds available to Council.

COMMENTARY

As previously reported to Council, Council commenced the current financial year with approximately \$9.5 million dollars owing to it in the form of grant receivables. As well as the afore mentioned grant receivables Council was also owed approximately \$1.9 dollars for works undertaken as part of the State Highways contract. This raised the total value of government receivables to the value of approximately \$11.5 million dollars.

Whilst the receivable owed to Council for the State Highways contract is technically not a grants receivable it has been included in this report to Council due to the value of the receivable and that the inclusion will provide a more complete picture for Council.

Moving forward to the time of the drafting of this report, the balance of government receivables owing to Council is currently sitting at a balance of approximately \$11.4 million dollars. In summary the movements that have occurred through the current financial year are as follows.

- Council has been paid approximately \$8.2 million.
- Council has incurred further expenditure under these Government funded programs to the value of approximately \$9 million.
- Of the \$9 million dollars expenditure incurred, \$954,975 has been funded by grant funds already held by Council.

The table attached as an annexure to this report, provides Council with a more detailed breakdown of the relevant financial information and movement of these receivables that have occurred throughout the 2024/2025 financial year.

Whilst compiling this report for Council's information it has been identified that approximately \$3 million dollars of road works have recently been completed and the acquittal process for these works can now commence. In line with Council resolution 2025/25 management will stive to have these works acquitted within 60 days of the final invoice being paid.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

Council is currently in the process of developing a Grants Policy for Council's consideration. The policy will include guidance on the management of the recovery of Government grants and subsidies.

(b) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

(c) Social Implications

There are no social implications associated with this report.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

The programming of grant funded works coupled with subsequent delays in the recovery of any receivables has potential implications on Council's capacity to deliver its own source funded maintenance and capital works programs.

(f) Risk Implications

The management and recovery of receivables owed to Council has the potential risk of negatively impacting on Council's financial performance against key ratios set by the Office of Local Government.

CONCLUSION

The report as tabled for Council's information provides Council with an overview of the current balance of receivables owed to it by various government programs. A continued focus by Council and management on the recovery of these receivables is required to ensure that Council ongoing financial sustainability is not negatively impacted in the long term.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the information contained in the April 2025 Government grants and receivables update.

Function	Balance of Receivable as @ 01/07/2024	YTD Expenditure	YTD Cash Received	Funds transferred from Contract Liability (funding Recd prior yr)	Balance of Receivable as @ 31/03/2025	Acquittal Completed & Invoice Raised	Commentary
ADMINISTRATION							
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00		
PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY							
PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY TOTAL	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00		
HEALTH							
HEALTH TOTAL	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00		
ENVIRONMENT							
Stage 4 Levee	18,727.73		.00	.00	18,727.73		Council Staff are reviewing the receivable with a view to determining likelihood of recovery.
ENVIRONMENT TOTAL	18,727.73	.00	.00	.00	18,727.73		
COMMUNITY SERVICES & EDUCATION							
Regional Youth Empowerment Program	.00	250,635.79		-250,635.79	.00		The expenditure includes both the operational expenditure for the program as well as capital expenditure incurred YTD.
Youth Council grant	11,115.20	.00	-11,115.20	.00	.00	✓	
COMMUNITY SERVICES & EDUCATION TOTAL	11,115.20	250,635.79	-11,115.20	-250,635.79	.00		
HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES							
HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES TOTAL	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00		
WATER SUPPLY							
Development of I.W.C.M	.00	24,538.80	.00	.00	24,538.80		Works are ongoing with the works programmed for completion prior to the 30/06/2025.
Safe and Secure Water Program - AOS Support	.00	45,237.70	.00	45,237.70	90,475.40		Works are ongoing with the works programmed for completion prior to the 30/06/2025.
WATER SUPPLY TOTAL	.00	69,776.50	.00	45,237.70	115,014.20		
SEWERAGE SERVICES							
Safe and Secure Water Grant - STP Design	6,986.70	2,080.00	.00	.00	9,066.70		Works remain ongoing and will continue into the 2025/2026 financial year.
SEWERAGE SERVICES TOTAL	6,986.70	2,080.00	.00	.00	9,066.70		
RECREATION & CULTURE							
L.R.C.I (R4) - Recreational Facilities Upgrades	196,012.11	181,770.94	.00	.00	377,783.05		The project is scheduled for completion by the end of March 2025.
S.C.C.F (R4) - Walking Loop Coonamble	196,249.80	.00	.00	.00	196,249.80	✓	
S.C.C.F (R4) - Ladies Change Room Coonamble	.00	408,195.95	.00	-138,195.95	270,000.00		The project is scheduled for completion by the end of March 2025.
Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities Grant	393,480.00	.00	.00	.00	393,480.00	✓	
S.C.C.F (R5) - Sportsground Amenities Gulargambone	.00	261,562.37	.00	-261,562.37	.00		Works are ongoing with the works programmed for completion prior to the 30/06/2025.
S.C.C.F (R5) - Tennis Court Upgrade	.00	227,865.71	.00	-189,382.40	38,483.31		These works were completed in March 2025. Council staff are currently now compiling the necessary documentation required for acquittal of the project.
RECREATION & CULTURE TOTAL	785,741.91	1,079,394.97	.00	-589,140.72	1,275,996.16		
MINING & CONSTRUCTION							
MINING & CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00		
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION							
Roads of Strategic Importance Grant Program- Tooraweenah Road	.00	160,436.18	.00	-160,436.18	.00		The works remain ongoing, with the expenditure that has been incurred during the financial year being covered by grant monies already received by Council.
Fixing Country Roads Grant Program - Pilliga Rd Floodway	19,045.11	.00	.00	.00	19,045.11		A variation has been submitted for this program. Council is looking at altering the scope of the grant to achieve a better result for the Council.
Fixing Local Roads Program - Carinda Rd	507,984.62	358,301.77	-512,161.10	.00	354,125.29		These works were completed in March 2025. Council staff are currently now compiling the necessary documentation required for acquittal of the project.
Fixing Country Roads Grant Program - Warren Rd	389,143.73	340,393.70	-419,954.82	.00	309,582.61		These works were completed in March 2025. Council staff are currently now compiling the necessary documentation required for acquittal of the project.
Roads of Strategic Importance Grant Program- Warren Rd	923,851.00	337,660.31	.00	.00	1,261,511.31		These works were completed in March 2025. Council staff are currently now compiling the necessary documentation required for acquittal of the project.
Flood Damage Restoration Program	5,199,884.98	577,034.83	-868,326.38	.00	4,908,593.43		As previously reported , Council staff and representatives from BEC are working with Transport NSW to enable the processing of claims for works carried out by Council.
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Grant	1,139,490.49	1,154,411.02	-597,596.00	.00	1,696,305.51	Partial	The NSW Audit Office has recently signed off on the acquittal for these programs for expenditure incurred to the end of June 2024. This acquittal and other supporting documents will be lodged with the funding body to enable reimbursement of Council.
Active Transport Grant - Footpaths	33,520.14	96,419.43	-129,939.57	.00	.00	✓	
State Highway - Contract Works	1,963,432.50	4,479,816.26	-5,362,623.83	.00	1,080,624.93		The claim for Qtr. 4 will be lodged at the completion of the 2024/2025 financial year.
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION TOTAL	10,176,352.57	7,504,473.50	-7,890,601.70	-160,436.18	9,629,788.19		
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS							
Vision Splendid Grant Program	.00	150,000.00	-150,000.00	.00	.00	✓	Program completed during 2024/25 financial year and acquittal submitted.
Drought Stimulus Program - Public Arts	150,000.00	.00	-150,000.00	.00	.00	✓	
Drought Communities Program - Caravan Park	350,919.20	.00	.00	.00	350,919.20	✓	Council staff are currently working with the funding body to finalise.
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TOTAL	500,919.20	150,000.00	-300,000.00	.00	350,919.20		
TOTAL	11,499,843.31	9,056,360.76	-8,201,716.90	-954,974.99	11,399,512.18		

10.19 FORMATION OF DONATIONS COMMITTEE**File Number: Donations - D7****Author: Bruce Quarmby, Director Corporate Services****Authoriser: Paul Gallagher, General Manager****Annexures: 1. Coonamble Shire Council Donations Policy 2024**  **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council the opportunity to nominate the Council representatives to preside on the reformed Donations Committee and nominate a date for the first meeting.

BACKGROUND

Recently at its March 2025 Council meeting, following a period of public exhibition, Council received and formally adopted a revised donation policy. Following is the resolution that Council passed adopting the policy.

RESOLUTION 2025/73**Moved: Cr Margaret Garnsey****Seconded: Cr Karen Churchill**

- 1. That Council notes the information in this report and adopts the Donation Policy with the minor amendment to call for submissions three (3) times per year and report to Council during the February, June and October meeting.**

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

To implement the Donation Policy as adopted, Council is now required to nominate its two (2) representatives who along with the Mayor and the General Manager (or his/her Delegate) will form the newly reinstated donations committee.

A copy of the recently adopted policy is attached as an annexure to this report for Council's information.

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

L1.4.4 Governance is open and transparent.

(b) Financial Considerations

An amount of \$76,100.00 has been included in the donations vote for the 2024 / 2025 financial year.

COMMENTARY

In accordance with the adopted Donation Policy, once formed the Donation Committee are required to meet Tri annually with their recommendations tabled to Council for its consideration at its February, June and October Council meetings.

As previously reported, pending the adoption of the Donation Policy and the subsequent formation of the Donation Committee, Council put a temporary hold on approving any further donation requests for the 2024/25 financial year, due to the change in the assessment method within the policy. For Council's information, at the time of drafting this report Council has currently received eight (8) requests for donations.

Once the committee is formed it is recommended a date for the meeting of the Donations Committee be agreed upon to consider the requests that have already been received, plus any other eligible requests received prior to an agreed closing date.

In setting these dates, management recommend that Council allow sufficient time between the closing of applications and the subsequent meetings to allow staff sufficient time to compile the necessary reports.

A copy of the Donations Policy has been attached as Annexure 1 to this report.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

Coonamble Shire Council Donations Policy 2024.

(b) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications are associated with this report.

(c) Social Implications

There are no social implications are associated with this report.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications are associated with this report.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

There are no economic / asset management implications are associated with this report.

(f) Risk Implications

There are no risk implications are associated with this report.

CONCLUSION

Following the passing of Council resolution 2025/75, Council's adopted Donations Policy has been brought into effect. To enact the policy as adopted, Council are now required to form a Donations Committee to consider applications received and make recommendations to the whole of Council for its consideration.

Whilst Council has already received several applications for assistance under this policy, it is proposed that the closing date for eligible applications for this round of funding be set as the close of business on Friday the 18th of April 2025. This will allow management the sufficient time to have the submissions received, compiled and submitted to the committee for assessment by the close of business second Friday in May. The committee's recommendation will then be tabled for Council's consideration at the June 2025 Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council notes the information in this report**
- 2. That Council nominates the Mayor, Cllr , Cllr and the General Manager (or his/her delegate) as delegates to the Donations Committee.**

That once formed, the Donations Committee agree on a suitable meeting date and time to be held during May 2025.



DONATIONS POLICY 2024

1. BACKGROUND

It is Council's policy to ensure that its community service obligations concerning the granting of donations to community groups are met in an open, fair and transparent manner and that the administration work in considering donations is streamlined as much as possible.

2. PURPOSE

Each year Council receives numerous requests for donations. These requests can broadly be classified into three (3) categories namely: 1. Local Organisations 2. Community Organisations 3. Council list of organisations to which donations are made categorised as:

- a) Pre-approved donations
- b) Non pre-approved donations
- c) Mayoral donations.

3. POLICY

Local Organisations

Due to the large number of requests for donations from non-local organisations, Council will generally only make donations to local organisations with the exception of the Pre-approved Donations listed in Section 3 a) of this policy.

Donations to this category should be limited to \$100.00 per year per organisation

Community Organisations

Council will only make donations to community organisations, not individuals. This will remove any public perception that may exist concerning Council favouring one (1) individual over another.

Council list of Organisations to which donations are made

a) Pre-approved Donations

This section contains a list of organisations that Council will make an annual donation to without the need for the organisation to apply to Council for the donation. The following organisations have been included in this section:

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| • Royal Flying Doctor Service | \$100 |
| • St Vincent de Paul | \$100 |
| • Salvation Army | \$100 |
| • Cancer Council | \$100 |
| • National Heart Foundation | \$100 |
| • Coonamble Hack & Pony Club | \$250 |

- Annual Presentation of Awards
 - Coonamble High School \$100
 - Coonamble Public School \$100
 - Gulargambone Central \$100
 - St Brigid's School \$100
 - Quambone School \$100
 - Doug Moppett Memorial Prize
 - Coonamble High \$125
 - Quambone School \$125

b) Non Pre-approved Donations

Council will place an advertisement in the Coonamble Times inviting local not-for-profit community groups to submit their requests to Council for consideration of a donation. The request for submissions will be made in:

- December (for consideration at the February Meeting)
- May (for consideration at the June Meeting)
- September (for consideration at the October Meeting)

Following closure of the time allocated for receipt of requests a Council committee comprising of the Mayor, two (2) other Councillors and the General Manager or his/her delegate will consider all requests and make an appropriate recommendation to Council.

Applications under this category may include requests for Council to donate the value of the community group's annual general-purpose rates, if applicable. Requests for the donation of the value of rates will be considered in the same manner as other donations.

All applications must be on the Coonamble Shire Council's Application form which lists the Application Guidelines and eligibility criteria.

If required supporting documentation is not submitted at the time of the application, the submission will be deemed an invalid application and not considered by Council.

Successful applicants are required to complete a Community Donation Report and return it to Council by the end of the financial year in which the donation was given.

If a Community Donation Report is not received by Council on the due date, future applications for donations may be declined.

c) Operational Plan Funding

Council acknowledges that the following annual cultural activities, events and festivals will be funded on a recurrent basis through the Operational Plan. No further requests for these mentioned activities, by way of donation, will be considered by Council:

- ANZAC Day
- Australia Day
- Naidoc Day
- Easter/Christmas Celebrations and Street Decorations

- Buy Local Campaign
- Coonamble Show
- Coonamble Campdraft
- Coonamble Rodeo.

In the occurrence, that due to unforeseen circumstances the event/festival does not go ahead, the donation will be foregone for that financial year. If the donation was prepaid prior to the cancellation, the event/festival will forgo the donation in the next financial year with the amount reallocated into the Operational Plan.


d) Mayoral Donations

Mayoral Donations may be up to \$250 per donation for a maximum of \$5,000.00 in any one (1) financial year. Council's total donations each year will not exceed 1.5% of the rate levy (which currently accounts for around \$76,000).

Implementation / Communication.

The Executive Assistant for the General Manager will arrange for the processing and payment of the Pre-approved Donations listed in Section 3(a) of this policy.

The Executive Assistant for the General Manager will also communicate the information contained within this policy to customer service officers and organisations / members of the public requesting a donation from Council and arrange for advertisements to be placed in the Coonamble Times and information to be placed on Council's web site and Facebook page, inviting community groups to apply for donations.

Title: Donation Policy		
Department: Corporate Services		
Version	Date	Author
1.0	14 August 2019	Bruce Quarmby
1.1	11 December 2019	Bruce Quarmby
1.3	10 August 2022	Deborah Tatton
1.4	10 December 2024	Deborah Tatton
Amendment History		
Adopted	14 August 2019	Resolution 2019/4461
Amended and Adopted	11 December 2019	Resolution 2019/4626
Amended and Adopted	10 August 2022	Resolution 2022/191
Review Date: November 2026		
Annexure Attached:		
Application for Donation		
Paul Gallagher General Manager 		



APPLICATION FORM
for a donation under the Donations Policy
(see Council's Donations Policy for details)

Applications are welcome at any time but will be held for consideration three times each year.
Closing dates and times: 4:30pm on the second Friday in January, May and September.

ORGANISATION DETAILS:

Name of organisation/community group: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

President's Name: _____

Secretary's Name: _____

Treasurer's Name: _____

ABN: _____

ELIGIBILITY:

In relation to your organisation/community group:

(please tick)

Is it registered for GST?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is it community-based and non-for-profit?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is it based in or affiliated with the Coonamble Local Government Area?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Has it received any previous donation under the Donations Policy?

☐ Yes

☐ No

PURPOSE:

Describe, in some detail, what your organisation proposes to do with the requested donation.

What are the outcomes/outputs you are hoping to achieve from your project/activity?

How will these outcomes/outputs benefit the people of the Coonamble Local Government Area?



Who—and how many people—do you foresee benefiting from your project/activity both directly and indirectly?

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

What is the amount of the donation you are requesting? \$ _____

If you do not receive the full amount requested, will you still be able to complete your project/activity by the end of the current financial year? If not, what alternative course of action have you planned?

If applicable, does your requested amount include the value of general-purpose rates? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If applying for a donation of the value of your organisation's rates, please attach a copy of the last Assessment Notice.)

Financial Statements: Please include a copy of your organisation's most recent financial statements.

Sign and Date: _____ / /
(Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer's signature + date)

Please return to:

By Post: The General Manager
Coonamble Shire Council
PO Box 249
COONAMBLE NSW 2829
(02) 6822 1626

By Fax:

By Email: council@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au

By Hand: 80 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble

For further information regarding the Application Process please contact Council on 02 6827 1900 or email council@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au.

**11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH
NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

12 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:

12.1 Tender T372425OROC Supply and Delivery of Traffic Safety Signage

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.

12.2 Tender T382425OROC Supply and Delivery of Stationery

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.

12.3 Core and Cluster Project

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.

12.4 Housing Project

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.

12.5 Sons Of The Soil (SOTS)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c and 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 information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING