

## **COONAMBLE TIMES 28 OCTOBER 2009**

### **READING OF WATER METERS**

Council will commence reading water meters in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone on **MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2009** and will continue throughout the month. Council staff **must have access to properties** for this purpose. Any ratepayer whose premises is locked or has dog/s loose is asked to contact Council to make arrangements for the meter reader to have access to that property.

### **FIRE PERMITS**

A reminder to **ALL** landowners/managers that a fire permit is required to burn from the **1 OCTOBER 2009 until 31 MARCH 2010**. Permits are obtainable from your respective Brigade Captain or Permit Issuing Officers.

For burning in NSW Fire Brigade areas you must obtain a permit from the NSW Fire Brigade Captain in your respective urban area. **NO PERMIT - NO BURNING**. All permits issued **MUST** be faxed to the Fire Control Centre in Coonamble on 68 224 203 twenty-four ( 24 ) hours prior to burning.

**No permits will be issued through harvest. No permits will be issued between 23 DECEMBER 2009 and 4 JANUARY 2010.**

### **NOTICES FOR USE OF PESTICIDES**

Council advises that the following pesticides will be used for the following purposes and the public is given notice of Council's intentions:

<b>Product Name</b>	POWERMAX
<b>Purpose of Use</b>	Weed spraying
<b>Proposed Dates for Treatment</b>	Between 01/11/2009 and 01/01/2010
<b>Area to be Treated</b>	Rural Roads
<b>Sensitive Places Effected</b>	No
<b>Special measures for Sensitive Places</b>	Nil
<b>Any warnings regarding re-entry</b>	Nil
<b>Contact Person</b>	Stewart Robinson
<b>Contact Telephone Number</b>	02 6827 1900
<b>Contact Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:council@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au">council@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au</a>

### **POLICIES ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

#### **(1) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES & PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO MAYOR & COUNCILLORS**

A copy of the above document – Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors - were tabled at Council's October Meeting. The Document is now on public exhibition at the following locations, as well as Council's website:

- Coonamble Shire Council Administration Centre
- Coonamble Shire Library
- Gulargambone Library
- Gulargambone Rural Transaction Centre
- Quambone Store.

Written comment from the public is invited and will be received by the General Manager until **12 NOON ON TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2009.**

## **(2) AMENDED FEES FOR USE OF SHOWGROUND PAVILION & FACILITIES**

At its October meeting, Council re-considered charges already adopted for the use of the Pavilion (including facilities therein) at the Coonamble Showground. Council resolved to put the following table of fees on public exhibition and invite public comment.

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Up to 20 persons (\$)</b>	<b>21 – 50 persons (\$)</b>	<b>51 – 100 persons (\$)</b>	<b>100 plus persons (\$)</b>
Pavilion Only	40	75	120	200
Pavilion & Kitchen	70	130	200	320
Pavilion & Bar	70	130	200	320
Pavilion, Kitchen & Bar	100	185	280	440
Kitchen Only	30	55	80	120
Bar Only	30	55	80	120
Kitchen & Bar	60	110	160	240

*It should be noted that all groups will be required to pay a Security Deposit of \$400 and a Key Deposit of \$150 (both refundable subject to facility being left in a clean and tidy condition and key returned to Council).*

These charges are on display at the following locations, as well as Council's website:

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- Coonamble Shire Library
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- Gulargambone Rural Transaction Centre
- Quambone Store.

Written comment from the public is invited and will be received by the General Manager until **12 NOON ON FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2009.**

## **(3) UNION PICNIC DAY**

Council previously resolved to adopt a policy in regard to future Union Picnic holidays – a draft was presented to the October meeting, with Council resolving to place it on public exhibition inviting comment. This draft policy is on display at the following locations, as well as Council's website:

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- Quambone Store.

Written comment from the public is invited and will be received by the General Manager until **12 NOON ON FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2009.**

## **(4) DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN – COONAMBLE COMMON**

In keeping with legislation a Management Plan for the Coonamble was recently prepared and a draft was submitted to the recent annual meeting of

Commoners. It was agreed to place the draft document on public exhibition and it can be viewed at the following locations as well as Council's website:

- Coonamble Shire Council Administration Centre
- Coonamble Shire Library

Written comment from the public is invited and will be received by the General Manager until **12 NOON ON FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 2009.**

## **NEW COONAMBLE SHIRE WEB SITE**

Council has unveiled a new internet presence to better serve the community. The new web site is [www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au) and replaces [www.coonamble.org](http://www.coonamble.org)

The new site is easier to navigate and contains more forms and Council information. The site will also contain more detailed tourism pages. If you have trouble accessing the site please contact (0437) 271 936 or email [tourism@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au)

## **SALEYARDS WASHING CONTRACT**

Written applications are invited and will be received by the General Manager up to **12 NOON ON FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 2009** for the contract position of washing the Coonamble Saleyards. A copy of the Agreement that the successful applicant will be required to sign is available, upon request, from Council's Cashier Section. Further information concerning the position is available from Saleyards Manager, Mr Greg Robinson, on 0427 408183.

## **BUILDING REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE SHIRE**

It has been brought to Council's attention that the public is not fully aware of responsibilities for the erection of buildings, including grain sheds, moveable silos and the like. Council reminds all ratepayers that applications must be lodged and approved for the erection of buildings, both in urban and rural areas. Please contact Council's Manager – Environmental Services, Matthew Cock – if you intend to erect any type of structure within the Shire. There are some exemptions, however to be sure, Council suggests that you make enquiries before commencing any type of building works and/or alterations to buildings.

**JOHN J GRIFFITHS**  
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