

**COONAMBLE**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 12 July 2023**

**MINUTES OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE QUAMBONE MEMORIAL HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023 AT 10.00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Tim Horan, Cr Karen Churchill, Cr Adam Cohen, Cr Pat Cullen, Cr Barbara Deans, Cr Bill Fisher, Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh, Cr Terence Lees, Cr Brian Sommerville

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Paul Gallagher (General Manager), Bruce Quarmby (Director Corporate Services), Kerrie Murphy (Director Infrastructure), Davi Levick (MED&G), Deborah Tatton (A/M Finance & Procurement), Sergei Iagunkov (Manager Water & Sewerage), Mick Bell (Manager Parks & Urban Services)

## **1 OPENING MEETING**

The mayor opened the meeting at 10.06am, 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;

- Attendance at the meeting is to be taken as consent by a person to their image and/or voice being webcast (time will be allowed by the Chairperson for people to leave the meeting before it starts);
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- Individuals acting in a disorderly manner can be asked by the Chairperson to leave the meeting under the Council record;
- 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.

## **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**

Margaret Garnsey from Quambone Resources provided an update on the Committee activities and events held in Quambone over the past few months. Particular attention was on the recent Polocrosse carnival which had 38 teams attend. The

carnival was a success except for the strain on the water source. Margaret mentioned that at one point an announcement was made that no water could be used for an hour, to allow the water supply to replenish to an acceptable rate. If carnivals of this size are to be continued she mentioned that Council and the committee will need to meet to work on a strategy to ensure the carnival will have adequate water supply.

Margaret also focussed on the possibility of needing Council assistance in the future for the Marthaguy Race Day. With the past few race carnivals being cancelled and further expectations being placed from racing committees, the local committee fears the Marthaguy Race Day could be in jeopardy. There is no commitment required of Council at this point.

Margaret also thanked the Mayor, Councillor Summerville, GM and Director Infrastructure for recently meeting with the Quambone Resources and were taken on a guided tour of the town in the new bus.

#### **4 APOLOGIES/APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

##### **APOLOGY**

##### **RESOLUTION 2023/153**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

**That the apology from Cr Karen Churchill and Cr Bill Fisher be noted and approved.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 7/0**

Late arrival apology for Cr Bill Fisher who arrived at 10.11am

#### **5 DEPUTATION/DELEGATIONS**

Nil

#### **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

##### **RESOLUTION 2023/154**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council held on Wednesday, 14 June 2023 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 7/0**

## **7 DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr B Deans – Declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in Item 10.10 Tooraweenah Road Upgrade as her property is located on the Tooraweenah Road

Cr A Cohen – Declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in Item 10.6 Pool Operations – as he has placed proposal on the operations of the pool through Clontarf Foundation.

At 10.11am Cr Bill Fisher arrived at the meeting.

## **8 MAYORAL MINUTE**

### **MAYORAL MINUTE**

#### **RESOLUTION 2023/155**

Moved: Mayor Tim Horan

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

**That Council:**

- 1 Receive and note the Mayoral Minute.**
- 2 Resolve that the park area at the eastern end of Warrena Street generally known as the Pioneer cemetery be formally named “Coonamble Pioneer Cemetery” in remembrance and acknowledgement of the Coonamble pioneers and that the original turnstile gates be installed at the park with a plaque recognising Max Philpott and Angie Little for their efforts in our cemetery history.**
- 3. Receive a further report on the funding for the Coonamble Pioneer Cemetery project to be part of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget review.**

**CARRIED**

#### **RESOLUTION 2023/156**

Moved: Mayor Tim Horan

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

**That further discussions around the memorial of the Brigidine Sisters 140 years be moved into closed session on the basis:**

**That Council is satisfied that, pursuant to Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the information to be received, discussed or considered**

**in relation to this agenda item is:**

**(g) advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

## **SECTION A - MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL**

### **SECTION B - MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

#### **9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil

#### **10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

##### **10.1 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UPDATE**

###### **RESOLUTION 2023/157**

Moved: Cr Terence Lees

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

**That Council notes the contents of Annexure 1 attached to the report on the status of Council resolutions.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 10.2 CORRESPONDENCE

### RESOLUTION 2023/158

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

**That the report be received and noted.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 10.3 STATUS OF INVESTMENTS - JUNE 2023

### RESOLUTION 2023/159

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

**That Council notes the list of investments from 1 June 2023 to 30 June 2023 and that these investments comply with section 625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**10.4 SALEYARDS REPORT- 30 JUNE 2023****RESOLUTION 2023/160**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

**That the report is received and noted.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0****RESOLUTION 2023/161**

Moved: Cr Pat Cullen

Seconded: Mayor Tim Horan

**That Council note that there were no submissions received from the community to join the Saleyards Committee and that no further action will be taken by Council to expand the membership of the committee other than Council staff to attend future meetings.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0****10.5 STREET TREES STRATEGY****RESOLUTION 2023/162**

Moved: Cr Terence Lees

Seconded: Cr Adam Cohen

**That Council adopt the Coonamble Street Tree Transition Plan 2033, note the submissions that have been lodged and carry out further consultation with the interested parties.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

At 10.46am Cr Adam Cohen left the meeting for the discussion and voting of the following item 10.6 Pool Operations for 2023 / 24.

**10.6 POOL OPERATIONS FOR 2023/24****RESOLUTION 2023/163**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

**That Council**

- 1. Advertise for Expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons to operate the Coonamble Aquatic facility for the 2023/24 pool season.**
- 2. Bring the operation of the Gulargambone Aquatic facility back in-house to be operated by qualified internal staff for the 2023/24 pool season.**
- 3. Continue to monitor the utilisation of the Quambone Aquatic facility and improve the remote supervision capability by use of Security cameras and signage.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 7/0**

At 10.51am, Cr Adam Cohen returned to the meeting.

**10.7 ROAD MAINTENANCE COUNCIL CONTRACT (RMCC)****RESOLUTION 2023/164**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

**That the report be received and noted.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**10.8 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS IN PROGRESS****RESOLUTION 2023/165**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Mayor Tim Horan

**That the information be received and noted.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**RESOLUTION 2023/166**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Mayor Tim Horan

**That a report be presented to the august council meeting regarding installing exercise equipment and seating around the walking loop at the sports grounds and funding for the works to be part of the 1st quarter budget review for 2023/24.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**RESOLUTION 2023/167**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Pat Cullen

**That a report be presented to the August Council meeting regarding the options for the placement of a new Rotunda or similar structure in Mc Donald Park, and funding for the works to be part of the 1st quarter budget review for 2023/24.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**10.9 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTIONS - JUNE 2023****RESOLUTION 2023/168**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

**That the report be received and noted.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**10.10 TOORAWEEAH ROAD UPGRADE - MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE****RESOLUTION 2023/169**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

**That the report be received and noted.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**10.11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH - PROGRESS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2023/170**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

**That the report be received and noted.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 10.12 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

### RESOLUTION 2023/171

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

**That the report be received and noted.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 10.13 ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT

### RESOLUTION 2023/172

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

**That the report be received and noted.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

At 11.21am Council breaks for lunch

At 12.14pm Council resumes the meeting

**10.14 RETURNS DISCLOSING PECUNIARY INTEREST****RESOLUTION 2023/173**

Moved: Cr Barbara Deans

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

**That all Councillors and designated persons provide duly completed disclosure of interest forms to the General Manager by the end of September 2023, for these returns to be publicly tabled at the October 2023 Council meeting.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**Carried

**10.15 2022-2023 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE RETURNS****RESOLUTION 2023/174**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

**That all Councillors and designated persons provide the General Manager with their duly completed “Related Party Disclosure by Key Management Personnel” forms by the end of August 2023.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**10.16 GULARGAMBONE LIONS REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT****RESOLUTION 2023/175**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That Council resolves to refund the Gulargambone Lions club the purchase price of the BBQ's and seating, being \$23,702.80 from its Internal General Reserve.
3. That Council resolves to request the General Manager to write to the Gulargambone Lions club, to thank them for their ongoing volunteer contribution to the operations and upkeep of the Lions Park, whilst also advising that their request has been granted on this occasion.

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**MOTION****RESOLUTION 2023/176**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher

Seconded: Cr Brian Sommerville

That Council write a letter of support to the Single Family for a grant submission towards the development of Weed Mapping Drone Technology.

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE/RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

**12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****RESOLUTION 2023/177**

Moved: Cr Terence Lees

Seconded: Cr Bill Fisher

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to

the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

**12.1 Closed (Public Excluded) Council Meeting of the Coonamble Shire Council - 14 June 2023**

**12.2 TEN230531MS Supply & Delivery of a Padfoot Roller**

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 Land for Housing Development**

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.

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**12.1 TEN230531MS SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF A PADFOOT ROLLER**

**RESOLUTION 2023/178**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh

Seconded: Cr Brian Sommerville

- 1 That Council resolves to award Tender TEN230531MS Supply and Delivery of a Padfoot Roller to GCM Agencies for the supply and delivery of one (1) Multipac 120HP-2 Padfoot Roller for the purchase price of \$196,350.00 (GST Inclusive).**
- 2 That Council resolves to award the sale of Council's current padfoot roller to GCM Agencies upon delivery of the new padfoot roller for the sale price of \$70,000.00 (GST Inclusive).**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**12.2 LAND FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLUTION 2023/179**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ahmad Karanouh  
Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

**That the report be deferred to the August Meeting.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**Carried

**MOTION**

**RESOLUTION 2023/180**

Moved: Mayor Tim Horan  
Seconded: Cr Barbara Deans

**That Council resolve that the council owned land located in Castlereagh Street be converted to a small garden/park and further, a plaque be installed onsite in recognition of the Brigidine Sisters in time for the 140 years celebrations in September 2023.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

**RESOLUTION 2023/181**

Moved: Cr Bill Fisher  
Seconded: Cr Terence Lees

**That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.**

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

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0**

13 Conclusion of the Meeting

**The Meeting closed at 12.16PM.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council held on 9 August 2023.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**