



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

LATE AGENDA

TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2009

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council will be held at the Council Administration Centre, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes, commencing at 2.00 pm for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER: Alan McCormack

Ordinary Meeting Late Agenda

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5 MAYORAL MINUTES

5.3 Mayoral Minute - Parkes Maternity Unit - Parkes District Hospital

Executive Summary

The Mayor has received concerns regarding the future of the maternity section at the Parkes District Hospital.

Legislative, Policy & Management Planning Implications

Nil.

Budget & Financial Aspects

Nil.

Recommendation

1. That Council make representations through the Local Member to Minister Della Bosca to clarify the position of the Parkes Maternity Unit.
2. That an invitation be extended the Minister for Health The Hon. John Della Bosca to visit Parkes to discuss and revisit the planning of the Parkes District Hospital.

Report

Concerns have been expressed to me regarding the future of the maternity section at the Parkes District Hospital.

Lachlan Area Health Manager Mr Andrew Newton has come out in the press to say that the Maternity Section will not close and both Parkes and Forbes will still both have maternity sections. However it is possible birthing could take place only at Forbes with mothers & babies transferred back to the Maternity section at Parkes.

Councillors would be aware that Forbes Shire Council has subsidised Parkes maternity staff to relocate to Forbes Hospital. This would seem an unlikely scenario given the much higher percentage of births which take place at Parkes Hospital however it is causing stress to the existing staff.

The stated position of both Parkes and Forbes Councils is to support the retention of maternity units in both towns.

Given the concern these rumours are causing, I believe we should make strong representations through our local member to the Health Minister The Hon. John Della Bosca to clarify the situation and once again extend an invitation for him to visit Parkes and reassure the dedicated staff which serve our community, and also reignite the planning on our new hospital.

Attachments

Nil.

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

8.8 (ICR) Invitation to Councillors to visit Lachlan Valley Community Radio Station

Executive Summary

An invitation has been received from Lachlan Valley Community Radio Station (97.9 Valley FM) to bring Councillors up to date on the radio station and where they are heading.

Legislative, Policy & Management Planning Implications

Nil.

Budget & Financial Aspects

Nil.

Recommendation

1. For the information of Council.

Attachments

1. Invitation from Lachlan Valley Community Radio Station



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The General Manager,
Parkes Shire Council,
2 Cecile Street,
Parkes.

10th August, 2009

Dear Sir,

At our last meeting of Lachlan Valley Community Radio it was decided to write to You and invite your Mayor and Councilors to visit our Studios on the Parkes Road, In Forbes.

We would arrange a morning or afternoon tea at a time and date to suit you.

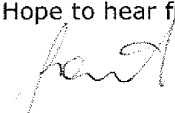
Lachlan Valley Community Radio Inc. is the Licensed Community Radio Station for The Parkes and Forbes regional area. We are completely run by volunteers numbering Around 35 people approximately half from Parkes and half from Forbes.

Most of our funding comes from Sponsorships from Business in Parkes and Forbes again About 50/50.

We broadcast 24 hours a day and broadcast many Community Service Announcements From district organizations, service clubs, charities, schools, health and Community Awareness issues and emergency services

We would like to bring you up to date with what we are about and where we are heading And we hope we can be of service and benefit to your Council.

Hope to hear from you soon.


Bob Grant,
Hon Secretary
97.9 Valley FM