



# PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

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 Minutes.

**GENERAL MANAGER:** Alan McCormack



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## Ordinary Meeting

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on 18 August 2009 at 2.00pm.**

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### PRESENT

Councillor K J Keith, (in the Chair)  
Councillor K M McGrath  
Councillor L A O'Leary  
Councillor W W Scott

Councillor R C Haddin  
Councillor B F Newton  
Councillor G W Pratt  
Councillor A J Ward

### IN ATTENDANCE

Director Corporate Service - L Finn  
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell  
Director Operations - S Barry  
\* Director Infrastructure - K Boyd  
Administration Manager - B Byrnes  
Finance Manager - P McFarlane  
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood  
Tourism Manager – K Hendry  
Library Services Manager – S Buckle  
Minutes Secretary - S Henry

\* Kent Boyd - Acting General Manager

### MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

## 1 PRAYER

The Mayor asked the Acting General Manager to open proceedings with a prayer.

## 2 APOLOGIES

### 09 - 430 Resolution

That

Councillor John Magill be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Councillor Pat Smith be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Councillor O'Leary advised that she will be attending the meeting late due to work commitments.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

### **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **09 - 431 Resolution**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 4 August 2009, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Bob Haddin declared an interest in Item 11.2 (REASON Interest in land mentioned in report).

Acting General Manager Kent Boyd declared an interest in Item 10.5 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report)

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott

At this stage the Mayor welcomed members from the Parkes Seniors College who were present in the public gallery.

### **5 MAYORAL MINUTES**

#### **5.1 Mayoral Minute - Functions Attended**

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##### **Executive Summary**

A report on the functions recently attended by the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff in relation to community events or civic matters.

##### **Recommendation**

1. That the report of recent functions attended by the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff be received and noted.

#### **09 - 432 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## 5.2 Mayoral Minute - Coming Known Events

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### Executive Summary

A report on the upcoming functions requiring the attendance of the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff in relation to community events or civic matters.

### Recommendation

1. That the report of upcoming functions for the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff be received and noted

### 09 - 433 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

**CARRIED**

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## 5.3 Mayoral Minute - Parkes Maternity Unit - Parkes District Hospital

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### Executive Summary

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

### 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.

### 09 - 434 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

**CARRIED**

## **6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION**

Nil.

## **7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Nil.

## **8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 (ICR) Letters of Appreciation**

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#### **Executive Summary**

During the exercise of its various functions, Council frequently receives letters of appreciation for services rendered or actions taken by Councillors and staff. The most recently received are from Councillor Brian Kelsey Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Coventry, Peak Hill AIF Memorial School of Arts.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **09 - 435 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

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## **8.2 (ICR) Track Upgrade of Cootamundra to Parkes Rail Line**

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### **Executive Summary**

Transfield Services have been commissioned by Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC), to undertake track upgrade works on the Cootamundra to Parkes Section of rail line. The works will be carried out in daylight hours and is scheduled between August and Mid December 2009.

### **Legislative, Policy & Management Planning Implications**

Nil

### **Recommendation**

1. For the information of Council

#### **09 - 436 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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## **8.3 (ICR) Suggestion for a Bogan Gate Multi-Purpose Centre**

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### **Executive Summary**

Mr. S.G. Wood a resident of Bogan Gate has asked Council to consider taking over the now vacant Bogan Gate Police building and using the it for a Multi Purpose Centre similar to those currently in operation in other villages in the Shire.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Mr Wood be thanked for his suggestion and advised of the reasons for Council not being able to accede to his request.

#### **09 - 437 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## **8.4 (ICR) Funding for the Wiradjuri Language Website**

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### **Executive Summary**

Mr Jason O'Neil has written to Council requesting financial assistance to establish a Wiradjuri Language Website to be hosted for a period of 2 years. He also is seeking funds to purchase camera equipment to be used in the set up of the site.

### **Legislative, Policy & Management Planning Implications**

Nil

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council hold further discussions with Mr O'Neil in relation to the request in conjunction with investigating other services available within the Parkes Shire for the teaching of Wiradjuri languages for compatibility or partnership with the proposal.

### **09 - 438 Resolution**

1. That Council hold further discussions with Mr O'Neil in relation to the request in conjunction with investigating other services available within the Parkes Shire for the teaching of Wiradjuri languages for compatibility or partnership with the proposal.
2. That Council approach the Parkes Shire Cultural Committee to assess the project, via application, for a Cultural grant.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

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## 8.5 (ICR) Assistance With Bus Charter Trundle Bush Tucker Day

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### Executive Summary

The Trundle Bush Tucker Day Committee is seeking assistance from Council in the chartering of a bus to take visitors from Parkes to the event and then bring them back again. The Committee has limited funds and is hoping the costs of the bus will be met through patronage of fare paying customers, however it is asking Council to assist if there is a shortfall at the conclusion of operating the service.

### Recommendation

1. For the consideration of Council

### 09 - 439 Resolution

1. That Council advise the Trundle Bush Tucker Committee that Council is unable to assist and suggest the Committee approach the local bus company to assist with the chartering of visitors to the event and suggest the possibility of the introduction of an advanced booking system.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

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## 8.6 (ICR) Heart Foundation Walking Program

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### Executive Summary

Council has received correspondence from the Heart Foundation NSW promoting and inviting Council to be involved in their Heart Foundation Walking program.

### Recommendation

1. That the matter be further investigated if thought appropriate.

### 09 - 440 Resolution

1. That the matter be further investigated.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

**CARRIED**

## **8.7 (ICR) Heart Foundation Smoke Free Outdoor Areas**

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### **Executive Summary**

Correspondence has been received from the Heart Foundation NSW encouraging Councils to implement Smoke-Free Outdoor Areas Policies for local playgrounds, sporting fields, reserves and alfresco dining areas on Council owned land.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the matter be further investigated if thought appropriate.

### **09 - 441 Resolution**

1. That the matter be further investigated through consultation with the community and community and sporting groups, requesting their views on the issue with a report to be tabled at a future meeting of Council.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

At this stage being 2.38pm Cr O'Leary joined the meeting

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

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### **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.

### **Recommendation**

1. For the information of Council.

### **09 - 442 Resolution**

1. That Council acknowledge the work done by the Lachlan Radio station and a visit be arranged prior to a future Council meeting.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

## **9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **9.1 (GM) Quarterly Report to 30 June 2009 - Implementation of the 2008/09 - 2010/11 Management Plan**

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### **Executive Summary**

The General Manager is required to report each quarter on the progress of the current Management Plan.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the June 2009 Quarterly Report of the 2008/2009 - 2010/2011 Management Plan be noted.

### **09 - 443 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bob Haddin, seconded Councillor Louise O'Leary.

**CARRIED**

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## 9.2 (GM) Proposed Electoral Boundary Redistribution

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### Executive Summary

The Redistribution Committee for NSW has reviewed the State's Electoral Boundaries. Parkes Shire will revert to the seat of Parkes.

### Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

### 09 - 444 Resolution

1. That Council formally comment on the changes to the electoral boundaries.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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## 9.3 (GM) Staff Changes - 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2009

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### Executive Summary

A periodic report on the movement in staff numbers as one of a number of measures of organisational health, stability and employee satisfaction.

### Recommendation

1. That the information regarding staff changes for the period 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2009 be noted.

### 09 - 445 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That the Sports Council employees be included in Council staff numbers, where appropriate, when any comparative statistics are requested.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## 9.4 (GM) Inaugural Bill Cooper Music Award - Request for Financial Assistance

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### Executive Summary

Friends of the late Bill Cooper have planned an evening of entertainment to celebrate his life and music. The evening will also include the presentation of the Bill Cooper Memorial Trophy to the person who is considered the most improved musician in the area.

### Recommendation

1. That Council make a contribution of \$250 towards the cost of the evening.
2. That copies of the CD be purchased for placement in the Shire's Libraries.

### 09 - 446 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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## 9.5 (GM) Policy Development and Review

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### Executive Summary

An important component of Council's corporate governance responsibility is the progressive development and review of Council's policies.

Under the rolling policy development program the Fraud and Corruption Policy has been developed.

### Recommendation

1. The following policy to be adopted in line with Council's Policy Development and Review Program:
  - Parkes Shire Council Fraud and Corruption Policy

### 09 - 447 Resolution

1. That the Fraud and Corruption Policy be adopted
2. That the formulation of a policy regarding governance over grants and funding provided to bodies outside of Council, particularly in relation to probity and acquittance, be investigated and reported to Council.

Moved Councillor Bob Haddin, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.03pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.30pm.

## **9.6 (GM) Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting - 13 July 2009**

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### **Executive Summary**

A Lachlan Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting was held at Parkes Shire Council on 13 July 2009.

Deputy Mayor John Magill and General Manager Alan McCormack represented Parkes Shire Council at the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting are attached for Council's information.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **09 - 448 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

## **9.7 (GM) Mid Lachlan Alliance Meeting - 31 July 2009**

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### **Executive Summary**

A Mid Lachlan Alliance (MLA) meeting was held on 31 July 2009 at Forbes Shire Council.

Mayor Ken Keith, Deputy Mayor Councillor John Magill and General Manager Alan McCormack represented Parkes Shire Council.

Minutes of that meeting are attached for Council's information.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **09 - 449 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

**CARRIED**

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## **10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT**

### **10.1 (DCS) Financial Information - July 2009**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A regular report is provided to Council in relation to a number of financial indicators, including investments, total monthly payments, receipting and collection of rate revenue.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the report detailing accounts paid, rate revenue collected, receipts received and the bank reconciliation to 31 July 2009 be received and noted.

#### **09 - 450 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **10.2 (DCS) Investments as at 30 June 2009**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The June Investment Report has been completed following consideration of some valuation issues in relation to Council's structured investments. The carrying value of Council's investments at 30 June, 2009 was \$28,085,245.00.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information in relation to investments held at 30 June 2009 be received and noted.

#### **09 - 451 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Louise O'Leary, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

**CARRIED**

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### **10.3 (DCS) Investments as at 31 July 2009**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The carrying value of Council's investments at 31 July, 2009 was \$27,778,155.00.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information in relation to investments held at 31 July 2009 be received and noted.

#### **09 - 452 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council acknowledge the professionalism shown by the General Manager, Director of Corporate Services and Finance Manager in dealing with Council's Investment.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

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### **10.4 (DCS) Deferral - Final Budget Review - 30 June 2009**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Quarterly Budget Review to 30 June 2009 was scheduled to be presented at the Council Meeting set down for Tuesday 1 September, 2009. As this meeting has been abandoned, Council is advised that the final budget review for 2008/09 will be presented at the meeting to be held on 15 September 2009.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the change in date for presenting the Budget Review report to 30 June 2009 be approved and noted.

#### **09 - 453 Resolution**

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

Acting General Manager Kent Boyd left the meeting temporarily at 3.40pm.

## **10.5 (DCS) Purchase of 30 Welcome Street Parkes (Former DOC's Building)**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council purchased the 30 Welcome Street for \$450,000 at public auction on 27 June, 2009.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information regarding 30 Welcome Street be noted.

### **09 - 454 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

Acting General Manager Kent Boyd rejoined the meeting at 3.41pm.

## **10.6 (DCS) Australian Regional Economies Conference**

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### **Executive Summary**

The 2009 Australian Regional Economies Conference took place over three days from the 26 - 28 July. It was a successful event with positive outcomes for Parkes and attracted over 100 delegates from around Australia.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **09 - 455 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

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## **10.7 (DCS) Economic Development - Regional Development Australia**

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### **Executive Summary**

Membership of the Regional Development Australia (Central West) Board has been announced.

Former long serving Parkes Shire Mayor Robert Wilson OAM is one of 11 members of the new entity.

Details are outlined in the attached media release.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted and that Mr Wilson be congratulated by letter on his appointment to the new Central West Regional Development Australia Board.

### **09 - 456 Resolution**

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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## **10.8 (DCS) Economic Development - Country and Regional Living Expo**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council was again represented at the annual Expo in Sydney from August 7 to 9. While the number of exhibitors was down, attendance and interest was up on the previous year.

The attached media release reflects Council's participation in the venture.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted and that Council's participation in the 2010 Country and Regional Living Expo be reconsidered early in the new calendar year.

### **09 - 457 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

**CARRIED**

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## **10.9 (DCS) Economic Development - Foundation for Regional Development Limited**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council has been approached to subscribe to and become aligned with the newly formed Foundation for Regional Development Limited to "promote the social and economic development of regional areas".

The initial cost for Councils with a population base between 5,000 and 25,000 is \$1,000 plus GST.

Details are attached.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council become affiliated with the Foundation for Regional Development Limited and contribute the \$1,000 plus GST subscription fee for the 2009/2010 financial year.

### **09 - 458 Resolution**

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bob Haddin, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

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## **10.10 (DCS) Economic Development - Sports Council Annual Meeting**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council was well represented at the Parkes Sports Council Annual General Meeting on August 11, details of which are attached.

The Mayor chaired the election of office bearers: Cr O'Leary represented the Peak Hill Sports Council and Cr Scott was elected Vice Chairman.

The organisation's stability was again underlined in the meetings outcomes and in reports on projects/activities for 2008/09.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **09 - 459 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Louise O'Leary.

**CARRIED**

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## **10.11 (DCS) Tourism and Event Update August 2009**

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### **Executive Summary**

A brief update of general Shire tourism and event activities.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Tourism and Event Update be received and noted.

### **09 - 460 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## **10.12 (DCS) Library Services Statistics and Monthly Update - July 2009**

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### **Executive Summary**

Library usage statistics and activities for the month of July 2009 are provided for the information of Council.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be noted.

### **09 - 461 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

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## **11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT**

### **11.1 (DPE) July 2009 Building Statistics**

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#### **Executive Summary**

During the month of July 2009 there were five (5) Development Applications received totalling \$280,695.00 and 9 consents issued.

Four (4) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$197,500.00 and 6 consents issued.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **09 - 462 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Bob Haddin left the meeting temporarily at 4.03pm.

### **11.2 (DPE) Industrial Estate Audit**

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#### **Executive Summary**

An update on a request of Council to carry out an audit of industrial estate properties.

#### **Recommendation**

1. For the information of Council.

#### **09 - 463 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Bob Haddin rejoined the meeting at 4.04pm

### **11.3 (DPE) Parkes Shire Liquor Accord Funding**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Membership was discussed at the Parkes Liquor Accord meeting held on 14 May 2008. Membership is open to all licensees within the Parkes Shire and government agencies such as Parkes Shire Council, NSW Police, RTA and Office Liquor, Gaming & Racing attend meetings to provide support and advice.

An annual membership fee of \$50.00 is payable by 1 July each year. The monies are auspice by Council and are available for advertising campaigns and programs that have been implemented and approved by the Parkes Shire Liquor Accord.

Cr Pratt is the delegate, however Council may like to appoint an alternative should Cr Pratt not be available.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted. Further that Council nominate an alternate council representative to attend the Parkes Shire Liquor Accord meetings should Cr Pratt be unable to attend.

#### **09 - 464 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted. Further that Council nominate Cr McGrath as an alternate Council representative to attend the Parkes Shire Liquor Accord meetings should Cr Pratt be unable to attend.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## 11.4 (DPE) DA09059: Proposed Subdivision at Lot 143 DP 752121 Long Street, Trundle

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### Development Application Information

**Application No:** DA09059

**Applicant:** Ms Sally Browne

**Property:** Lot 143 DP 752121, Long Street, Trundle

**Proposal:** Subdivision

### Executive Summary

The Development Application is for the subdivision of an allotment in the village of Trundle.

### Recommendation

1. It is recommended that the application be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report.

### 09 - 465 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton

FOR VOTE - Cr R C Haddin, Cr K J Keith, , Cr K M McGrath, Cr B F Newton, Cr L A O'Leary, Cr G W Pratt, Cr W W Scott, Cr A J Ward.

Cr J H Magill and CR P J SMITH did not vote. (Absent from meeting)

**CARRIED**

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## **12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT**

### **12.1 (DO) Major Works Status as at August 2009**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Other than routine maintenance, major works that have been carried out over the past month are reported below.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on Major Works Status as at August 2009 be noted.

#### **09 - 466 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

### **12.2 (DO) RTA Regional Consultative Committee Meeting**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The next meeting of the Roads and Traffic Authority's Regional Consultative Committee will be held in Dubbo on Thursday 3 September 2009. Council representatives on the Committee are Councillor Keith and Director of Operations. Agenda items include discussions on the REPAIR Programme, 2009/10 Works Programme for the Western Region, Road Safety and Traffic Management issues, and an update on the Road Maintenance Council Contracts, and heavy vehicle policy issues.

Other suggestions for agenda items or topics are invited.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be noted and any suggestions for agenda items or topics raised be forwarded to the RTA.

#### **09 - 467 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Councillor Alan Ward and Works Manager Ben Howard represent Council at the meeting

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

**CARRIED**

## **12.3 (DO) Retirement of Mr Ron Huppatz**

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### **Executive Summary**

One of Council's senior plant operators (Grader), Mr Ron Huppatz, has retired from Parkes Shire Council effective 31 July 2009, following 32 years of service.

Ron commenced with Parkes Municipal Council on 26 July 1977 as plant operator. His career has seen him operate several major items of plant such as dozers, and since 1995, graders. From 2002 until his retirement Ron has been mainly involved in major construction works including works for the Roads and Traffic Authority under the Single Invitation Council Contract arrangements.

Ron's contribution to Council has been significant in providing a high level of service to the community and other organisations.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information relating to Mr Ron Huppatz's retirement be noted and that he and his partner be invited to join Council for dinner at an appropriate time.

### **09 - 468 Resolution**

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## **13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT**

### **13.1 (DI) Extension of 132kV Transmission Line from Manildra to Parkes**

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#### **Executive Summary**

TransGrid officers recently met with Council staff to provide an update on the Manildra- Parkes 132kV transmission line project. TransGrid advised that considerable consultation is in progress with affected landholders and the general public.

The transmission line will be a single pole type spaced at approximately 250 metres apart and up to a maximum height of 26 metres. The line is 81 kilometres long and appears to have been carefully placed to avoid environmentally sensitive areas. Various environmental studies are in progress and construction tenders called. Subject to successful completion of approvals, the 12 month construction is hoped to commence in early 2010.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be noted.

#### **09 - 469 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Louise O'Leary.

**CARRIED**

### **13.2 (DI) Town Signage for Alectown and Cookamidgera**

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#### **Executive Summary**

At the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 Council meeting a matter was raised in Questions and Matters Urgency regarding the provision of town signage for the villages of Alectown and Cookamidgera.

Some preliminary concept signs for both Alectown and Cookamidgera have been developed, based on the theme created by Danthonia Designs. Dimensions of the signage would be similar to that of the sign at Bogan Gate.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the signage concepts be referred to the appropriate Community Consultative meetings for their consideration.

#### **09 - 470 Resolution**

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

## **14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **14.1 Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes - 12 August 2009**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting was held on 12 August 2009 at 9:10am. The Minutes of the Meeting are attached.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 12 August 2009 be adopted.

#### **09 - 471 Resolution**

1. That the recommendations of the Parkes Local Traffic Committee be endorsed.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## 15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

In accordance with Clause 17(4) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice the following business was allowed by the Chairperson.

### 15.1 (Q & M) Vacant Land Fire Hazards

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Councillor RC Haddin has queried Council's actions towards vacant blocks of land which are considered fire hazards. Councillor Haddin asks:

"Can you present a paper to Council on means to use the Rural Fire Service and Section 66 notice under the NSW Rural Fire Act with cost to carry out cleaning up to the landowner and additional fines of \$300.00 issued to landholders".

*Note from Director Operations*

*"Under Section 66 of the Rural Fires Act 1997 Council has the power to issue bush fire hazard reduction notices on land. If the owner/occupier does not comply the penalty is up to 50 penalty units (about \$5,500) or imprisonment for 12 months. (Copy attached) Council has delegated the functions under Section 66 to the Rural Fire Service under a Service Agreement due to expire 30 June 2010. RFS staff carry out the inspections, issuing of notices and follow up on Council's behalf.*

*Difficulties do arise from time to time with properties in urban areas where some complaints relate more to a vermin hazard rather than fire. This area falls under Council for action if possible. Properties are still inspected by the RFS and action taken if a genuine hazard.*

*Council has on occasions been requested by the property owner to carry out hazard reductions for them as a private works."*

#### Recommendation

1. For the information of Council.

#### 09 - 472 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted

Moved Councillor Bob Haddin, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## 15.2 (Q & M) Village Service Signs

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Councillor BF Newton has asked about the progress of the Service Signs for the Villages.

*Note from Director Infrastructure*

*The service signs were referred to the Tourism Board, which has now disbanded. Cost estimates for signs are approximately \$2,000 each plus installation. These would need to be funded from the Village Improvement Vote. Given the time elapsed already on this project it may be prudent to hold off until the "RV" (recreational vehicle) suitability of Tullamore is determined and that signage is commensurate with establishing an "RV friendly" status.*

### Recommendation

1. For the information of Council.

### 09 - 473 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

**CARRIED**

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## 15.3 (Q & M) Plant Procurement

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The Parkes Shire Council Plant Procurement Committee held a meeting on Tuesday 18 August 2009, prior to the Council meeting. Minutes of that meeting are attached for Councillors information.

### Recommendation

1. For the information of Council.

### 09 - 474 Resolution

1. That the recommendations of the Plant Procurement Committee be endorsed.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

**CARRIED**

## **16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 4.45pm.

The Mayor asked the Meeting whether it agreed that the items listed by the General Manager appeared to be items which should be discussed in closed session for the reasons given.

The General Manager advised that there were no written representations from the public on the proposed closure of the Council Meeting.

### **09 - 475 Resolution**

That the meeting be closed for consideration of the listed items as they involve: information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors) and commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **16.1 (DCS) Water Consumption - Application to Vary Charges**

**Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A water consumer has written to Council seeking relief from payment of water consumption charges incurred in recent years. Council should consider a Policy to deal with future applications of a similar nature.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That a report be prepared for a future meeting of Council outlining a Policy for consistency in handling similar requests.
2. That Council offer to reduce the 2008/09 account by 50% subject to all arrears and 50% of the current account being paid.

### **09 - 476 Resolution**

1. That a report be prepared for a future meeting of Council outlining a Policy for consistency in handling similar requests.
2. That Council continue to seek the payment of the account from the land owner.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

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## **16.2 (DPE) Henry Parkes Centre Stage 2 Tenders**

**Prepared By: Director Planning & Environment**

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### **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to seek Councils consideration of tenders which were recently called for the Henry Parkes Centre Stage 2 Building Works. A total of four tenders were received for this project.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **09 - 477 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council request an interview with all tenderers to discuss the project.
3. That a report be tabled to a future meeting of Council.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

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### **16.3 (DO) Parkes Regional Airport - Runway Reconstruction**

**Prepared By: Director of Operations**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) were engaged to manage the Parkes Regional Airport runway reconstruction project through the entire process including construction. The advertising period calling for expressions of interest from suitable contractors to undertake the runway construction has closed. A short list has been selected and invitations to tender for the proposed contract have been issued.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on the progress of the Parkes Regional Airport runway works be noted.

#### **09 - 478 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

### **16.4 Occupational Health and Safety Meeting Minutes - 11 June 2009**

**Prepared By: General Manager**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The minutes of the Occupational Health and Safety Meeting of Thursday 11 June 2009 are attached.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the recommendations of the Occupational Health and Safety Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

#### **09 - 479 Resolution**

1. That recommendations of the Occupational Health & Safety Committee be endorsed.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.52pm.

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