



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

LATE AGENDA

TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2005

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 1:30 pm for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER: Alan McCormack

Ordinary Meeting Late Agenda

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9.6 Trundle Doctor - Council Support

Executive Summary

The Trundle Community Doctor's Residence Committee is seeking confirmation of Council's level of support for the re-submission for funds through the Regional Partnership Program for a house for a Doctor at Trundle.

Background Information

Council has formerly agreed to provide funds of \$55,000.00 (to be repaid from Future TI allocations), a further \$5,000.00 to purchase a parcel of land, and to buy the 'practice'.

Legislative, Policy & Management Planning Implications

Assistance from Council is obviously necessary in attracting a Doctor to Trundle.

Council has assisted with residences in the past.

Budget & Financial Aspects

The loan would need to be factored into Council's budget.

Recommendation

1. That Council indicate a guarantee of funding up to \$80,000.00 and that a scheme of recoupmnt be worked out with the Residence Committee and Trundle Consultative Committee.
2. That Council renew its efforts for funding from the recently announced Rural Medical Practioners Infrastructure Fund.

Report

The Residence Committee intends to build a \$260,000.00 home at Trundle.

Funding expected to be available, including a Regional Partnership Grant, is \$180,000.00. Therefore, the Committee is seeking Council's funding of \$80,000.00.

The Trundle community has raised approximately \$30,000.00 to date. A concerted fund raising effort continues. As additional funds are pledged, Council's level of assistance should reduce from the \$80,000.00.