



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2005

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council 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

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on 19 April 2005 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor R I Wilson, (in the Chair)
Councillor P Byrne
Councillor J H Magill
Councillor B J Laing
Councillor W Scott

Councillor K J Keith
Councillor Y Hutton
Councillor K McGrath
Councillor G Pratt
Councillor B Newton

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack
Director Corporate Service - B Matthews
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd
Administration Manager - L Finn
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood
Tourism Manager - M Kronk
Minutes Secretary - T Prior

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1.30pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

05 - 276 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 5 April 2005, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor John Magill declared an interest in Item 14.1 (REASON Interest in land mentioned in report).

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 5.1 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 8.12 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 16.3 (REASON Interest in land mentioned in report).

Councillor Yvonne Hutton declared an interest in Item 16.2 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 1.33 pm.

5.1 Mayoral Minute - Visit by Governor of NSW

Executive Summary

The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Marie Bashir, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, will officially open the Parkes Show on 30 August 2005.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

05 - 277 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 1.35 pm.

5.2 Mayoral Minute - Functions Attended

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

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

05 - 278 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

5.3 Mayoral Minute - Coming Known Events

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

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

05 - 279 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 (ICR) Letters of Appreciation

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 congratulatory letters are attached.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

05 - 280 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Central NSW Tourism - Newsletter

Executive Summary

Providing a report on the recent activities of Central NSW Tourism.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
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05 - 281 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) Australian Local Government Association - Federal Budget Submission

Executive Summary

Providing a copy of the ALGA's submission to the Federal Government relating to issues affecting Local Government for consideration in its 2005/06 Budget.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

05 - 282 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

8.4 (ICR) Department of Local Government Circular - Legal Assistance

Executive Summary

The Department of Local Government has issued Circular 05/08 - Legal Assistance for Councillors and Council employees.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
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05 - 283 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.5 (ICR) Tullamore Irish Festival Media Release

Executive Summary

Providing a Media Release on the success of the 2005 Tullamore Irish Festival.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

05 - 284 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.6 (ICR) Roads & Traffic Authority - Roadside Toilet - Bogan Gate

Executive Summary

Responding to Council's request on behalf of the Bogan Gate community for the provision of an enviro-friendly roadside toilet in Bogan Gate for use by the travelling public.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That the Association be advised of the outcome of their request.

05 - 285 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That the Association be advised of the outcome of their request.
3. That the Mayor and Councillor McGrath meet with the RTA to further the case for an enviro friendly roadside toilet facility for Bogan Gate.
4. That Council write to the Local Member seeking funding assistance for the project.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.7 (ICR) David Campbell MP, Minister for Regional Development - Skills Shortages

Executive Summary

The Minister has provided a copy of correspondence received following representations made to the Minister for Education and Training in relation to skills shortages in Parkes Shire. He has also commented on the matters raised as they relate to his Department.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

05 - 286 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council continue to explore avenues to address skills shortages in rural and regional Australia.
3. That Council liaise with the local TAFE campus to assist with the introduction and continuation of suitable TAFE courses.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

8.8 (ICR) State Electoral Office - Shires Association NSW Election of Executive

Executive Summary

Advising that the State Electoral Office will be the Returning Officer for the Election of the Executive Council for the Shires Association of NSW and providing nomination papers and information for Councillors.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

05 - 287 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

8.9 (ICR) Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Natural Resources - Population Projection for Parkes Shire

Executive Summary

The Department has responded to Council's concerns over the inaccuracy of recently released population projections for Parkes Shire.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That further information be provided to the Department as requested to highlight the potential population increases anticipated by Council.

05 - 288 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.10 (ICR) Age of Fishes Museum - Loan of Exhibitions

Executive Summary

The Age of Fishes Museum situated in Canowindra, has responded to enquiries relating to the permanent display of a small exhibition from their collection in the new Parkes Museum.

Recommendation

1. That staff continue to liaise with the Age of Fishes Museum toward establishing a mutually beneficial Alliance between the two Museums.

05 - 289 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.11 (ICR) Peak Hill Advancement Association - Doctors Residence Rental

Executive Summary

The Association has requested that Council provide funds from the Peak Hill Town Improvement Vote to meet the annual cost of the rental for the Peak Hill Doctors Residence.

Recommendation

1. That an amount of \$4,160.00 be released from the Peak Hill Town Improvement Vote for the current year to cover the community's obligation to the rental of the Peak Hill Doctors Residence.

05 - 290 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 2.00 pm.

8.12 (ICR) Parkes Life Education Committee - Use of Cooke Park Seniors Centre

Executive Summary

Advising that the Committee will hold a doorknock on 31 July 2005, and request the use of the Seniors Centre in Cooke Park as their coordination point.

Recommendation

1. That Council raise no objection to the use of the Seniors Centre as the coordination point for the Life Education doorknock to be held on 31 July 2005.
2. That the coordinators be asked to seek permission for the use of the Centre from the Centre's Management Committee.
3. That the coordinators be advised to inform the Parkes Police of the intention to conduct the doorknock on 31 July 2005.

05 - 291 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 2.04 pm.

8.13 (ICR) Tullamore Inc - Pola Park Redevelopment

Executive Summary

The Pola Park Redevelopment Committee (under the auspices of Tullamore Inc) has requested the release of \$5,000.00 from funds received for improvements to Pola Park to permit a Design Brief to be professionally prepared.

Recommendation

1. That Council determine if the use of the funds contained in the long term plans for future development of Pola Park for the purposes requested, is consistent with Council's strategy for the area.
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05 - 292 Resolution

That Council approve the \$4,000.00 allocated funds contained in the long term plans for the development of Pola Park for the preparation of the requested brief.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

8.14 (ICR) Rotary Club of Parkes - Request for Permanent Display in Library

Executive Summary

The Rotary Club of Parkes has requested that a permanent display of Rotary memorabilia be placed in the Parkes Shire Library.

Recommendation

1. That the request of the Rotary Club of Parkes to house a display case in the Parkes Library on a permanent basis not be acceded to.

05 - 293 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

8.15 (ICR) Parkes and District Landcare Steering Committee - Application to Use Coventry Room at Concessional Rate

Executive Summary

The Parkes and District Landcare Steering Committee (Landcare) requests the use of the Coventry Room from Thursday afternoon, 28 July 2005 to Saturday, 30 July 2005 to stage their inaugural art show as a fundraiser for environmental projects in their Landcare area.

Recommendation

1. That approval be granted for the use of the Coventry Room as requested.
 2. That Council determine the level of concession, if any, in relation to the application for reduced fees.
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05 - 294 Resolution

1. That approval be granted for the use of the Coventry Room as requested.
2. That Council offer a donation of \$100.00 to Landcare to assist with the hire of the Coventry Room on this occasion from the Section 356 vote.
3. That a report be prepared to a future meeting of Council in relation to a suitable scale of fees for the use of the Coventry Room.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 Staff Changes - 1 January 2005 to 31 March 2005

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 January 2005 to 31 March 2005 be received and noted.

05 - 295 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

9.2 Proposed Rail Conference - Melbourne to Brisbane Link

Executive Summary

It is proposed to hold a Local Government rail conference in Parkes.

Recommendation

1. That the information on the proposed rail conference be noted.

05 - 296 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.
2. That Council endorse the hosting of the Conference
3. That Council write to the Deputy Prime Minister to congratulate the Federal Government on the announcement of the feasibility study.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

9.3 Tertiary Education - Regional Education Access Network

Executive Summary

The Western Research Institute (WRI) has proposed a Regional Education Access Network. The network would promote post secondary education services in the region.

Recommendation

1. That Council continue to explore the report's recommendations and local feedback be sought.

05 - 297 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

9.4 Council Alliance - Report of Meeting held 23 February 2005

Executive Summary

The Parkes, Forbes, Lachlan and Weddin Alliance met on 23 February 2005. The Alliance continues to make progress, and is beneficial to the participating Councils.

Recommendation

1. That the report of the Alliance meeting held 23 February 2005 be noted.

05 - 298 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

9.5 Local Government Elections

Executive Summary

Council has requested information on the LGSA enquiry into the 2004 elections. The LGSA recommendations address most of Council's concerns

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

05 - 299 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

9.6 Ethical Standards Training

Executive Summary

Council has adopted the Model Code of Conduct. A training session on conduct will be held at Condobolin on 17 June 2005. The Minister for Local Government promotes training for Councillors on this subject.

Recommendation

1. That Councillors who are able to do so attend the training session on ethical standards.

05 - 300 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

9.7 Annual Shires Conference - 6 to 8 June 2005

Executive Summary

The Annual Shires Conference will be held in Sydney on 6 to 8 June 2005.

The conference will be preceded by the LGMA Seminar.

Recommendation

1. That Council be represented by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor _____, and the General Manager.

05 - 301 Resolution

That Council be represented by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Scott and the General Manager.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 Financial Information - March 2005

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

That the report detailing accounts paid, rate revenue collected, receipts received and the bank reconciliation to 31 March, 2005 be received and noted.

05 - 302 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

10.2 Investments as at 31 March 2005

Executive Summary

As at 31 March 2005 Council held \$32,086,780.82 in investments

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

05 - 303 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10.3 Arts OutWest - Memorandum of Understanding 2005 and Membership Contributions

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from Arts OutWest inviting Council to renew its Memorandum of Understanding which was initially signed in 2002.

Arts OutWest advise that the basis of the new MOU is to ensure that the thirteen CENTROC member Councils continue to work cooperatively in a sustainable partnership with Arts OutWest for the delivery of Regional Arts and Cultural Development within the communities of Central West.

To achieve this, Arts OutWest is requesting an increase in contributions from the member Councils.

Arts OutWest advises that the service will be delivered in accordance with its Strategic Plan 2005-07 and that the adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding is essential for the ongoing sustainability of their program.

Recommendation

1. That Council agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Arts OutWest for the delivery of Regional Arts and Cultural Development services within the communities of the Central West subject to Council's contribution under the MOU being based on the contribution for 2004/05 and adjust annually in accordance with the percentage increase permissible in the general rate revenue.

05 - 304 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.4 Library Services Statistics - March 2005

Executive Summary

Library Usage Statistics for the month of March 2005 are provided for the information of Councillors. No major variations in the figures from previous periods are evident.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

05 - 305 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.5 Library Services Monthly Update - March 2005

Executive Summary

Information submitted for the Council on the activities of the Library during the month of March 2005.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

05 - 306 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That a congratulatory letter be forwarded to Jocelyn Moles.
3. That the Library Services Manager be congratulated on his involvement.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.6 Economic Development - Country Week 2005

Executive Summary

The Economic Development Manager attended a meeting in Molong on April 5, 2005, of Councils interested in a Central NSW regional stand at Country Week at Rosehill Racecourse on the August 5-7 weekend. It is likely that seven Councils will take part (Weddin, Parkes, Lithgow, Lachlan, Cowra, Cabonne and Bathurst). Orange and Wellington have opted not to be involved and Forbes and Oberon will attend in their own right.

Recommendation

1. That Council confirm its participation in the 2005 Country Week promotion as part of the Cental NSW Regional Exhibit and that the Economic Development Manager and Tourism Manager coordinate Council's involvement in the venture.

05 - 307 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.7 Economic Development - Major Sporting Fixtures (3)

Executive Summary

Parkes will host two representative sporting fixtures in May - the NSW Combined High Schools Under 16 Boys and Girls Touch Championships at the Pioneer/Northparkes complex on May 14/15 and the City - Country Ladies Rugby League fixture at Pioneer Oval on May 22. Both events have been attracted to Parkes by the quality of local facilities and organisation and support provided by both the Shire Council and the Sports Council. Preliminary advice has also been received of two NSW Aged Hockey Championships in June/July 2006.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

05 - 308 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.8 Economic Development - Harrison Park Lights Funding

Executive Summary

Parkes Soccer Association has received \$15,000.00 for its Harrison Park Lighting Scheme under the NSW Sport and Recreation 2004/05 Capital Assistance Program. Across the State 267 projects have been allocated a total of \$3 million under the program.

The funds are used to increase or improve access for the general community to participate at local sporting and recreational facilities.

Projects receiving assistance ranged from the construction of skateboard ramps, upgrading of lighting to sporting grounds, playgrounds and the development of a variety of new sporting and recreational facilities.

A project submitted for improvements to Tullamore showground under this same scheme did not attract funding.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the Member for Dubbo for her assistance in securing the grant funds.

05 - 309 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10.9 Economic Development - ABARE Conference

Executive Summary

Council has been approached by ABARE Marketing & Events Personnel to assist in coordination of a Regional Outlook Conference, one of several across Australia on June 29. Given the importance of such a conference to address critical rural issues and after discussion with Cllrs Keith and Magill it was suggested that the resources of the Coventry Room be made available to conference organisers at no charge.

Recommendation

1. That the resources of the Coventry Room be made available free of charge for conduct of the ABARE Regional Outlook Conference on June 29 and that Council's promotional resources be deployed to assist in conference promotion and coordination.
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05 - 310 Resolution

That Council sponsor the ABARE Conference to the value of \$175.00 with no concession of venue rental.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10.10 Economic Development - Shire Cultural Committee

Executive Summary

Nominations for membership of the Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee were previously received from the following:-

- Lindsay Morehouse, PO Box 453, Parkes
- Robyn Morrissey, 14 Mengarvie Road, Parkes
- Parkes M & D Society for Mr Warwick Tom of Parkes
- Col Grinter, Mentone Street, Trundle
- Joyful Anne, PO Box 666, Parkes

Despite canvassing from across the Shire, only one further public nomination has been received.

Recommendation

1. That the five previous nominees, plus Lyndall Bowen of Tullamore, be appointed to the Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee for a two year period, with the power to co-opt further committee members; and
2. That Council nominate Councillor representation on the Committee.

05 - 311 Resolution

1. That the five previous nominees, plus Lyndall Bowen of Tullamore and Brian Byrne of Peak Hill, be appointed to the Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee for a two year period, with the power to co-opt further committee members
2. That Councillor Newton be appointed as Council's representative

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

10.11 Tourism Update March/April 2005

Executive Summary

A brief update of general Shire tourism activities.

Recommendation

1. That the Tourism Update be received and noted.

05 - 312 Resolution

1. That the Tourism Update be received and noted.
2. That the ability to provide promotional material targeted at specific events be listed for consideration in the budget.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 DA05043: Proposed Patio Cover at 9 Orange Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA05043

Applicant: Picton Bros Improvements

Property: Lot 1 DP 868903, 9 Orange Street, Parkes

Proposal: Patio Cover

Executive Summary

It is proposed to erect a patio cover to the front of the dwelling on Lot 1, DP868903, 9 Orange Street, Parkes. The cover is 1.9m wide and 2.4m high extending for the width of the dwelling.

The proposed development contravenes the requirements of Parkes Shire Councils' Residential Code Development Control Plan, 1998 with regard to the required setback of a dwelling from the street boundary line.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the application be refused due to non-compliance with the Parkes Shire Council Residential Code Development Control Plan 1998 and incompatibility with the existing streetscape.

05 - 313 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

11.2 DA05064: Proposed Garage at 19 Mingelo Street, Peak Hill

Development Application Information

Application No: DA05064

Applicant: Mr B Gibellini

Property: Lot 1 DP 35496, 19 Mingelo Street, Peak Hill

Proposal: Garage

Executive Summary

An application has been received for the erection of a 3 car garage on Lot 1, DP35496, 19 Mingelo Street, Peak Hill. The garage is 6 metres wide x 10.3 metres long x 2.4 metres high at the eave.

The external wall of the proposed garage is intended to be constructed 900mm from the Mingelo Street boundary.

The proposed development contravenes the requirements of Parkes Shire Councils' Residential Code Development Control Plan, 1998 with regard to the required setback of a building from the secondary street boundary line for a corner allotment.

Recommendation

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

05 - 314 Resolution

1. That Council defer the matter.
2. That a report be resubmitted to the next meeting of Council.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.04 pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.35 pm.

11.3 Railway Hotel Request Variation of Trading Hours

Executive Summary

The licensee from the Railway Hotel in Parkes has requested Council's support for a 24 hour license at the Railway Hotel, Currajong Street, Parkes.

The applicant has been advised to submit a modification to Development Consent No 98123 for the proposed variation of trading hours.

Recommendation

1. That the actions of the Department of Planning and Environment be endorsed.

05 - 315 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.4 Demolition of Building - Lots 3 & 4 Sec A DP 5965, 71 Cardigan Street, Tullamore

Executive Summary

Complaints have been received from residents over an extended period, regarding Council execution of a demolition order of a dilapidated old dwelling at 71 Cardigan Street, Tullamore.

The premises appear to have been unoccupied since 1991, and the building fabric and fitments therein have been partially or totally vandalised, and/or rendered hazardous by the ravages of time, weather and a lack of maintenance.

As a result the deterioration of the structure from the elements and associated neglect and vandalism, the building and contents currently present a significant fire and vermin hazard, and a risk to public safety.

Recommendation

1. That Council enter upon the land on the terms indicated in the Order issued upon the current owner, and carry out the demolition of the dwelling and the clean-up of the surroundings.
2. That Council seek recovery of costs.

05 - 316 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

11.5 Rezoning of Lot 13 DP 835033, Highland Avenue, Parkes

Executive Summary

Council is preparing to submit to the Director-General of the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources the final draft of the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 1990 (Amendment No.5). The proposed amendment will rezone a small portion of land known as Lot 13 DP 835033, Highland Avenue Parkes from 1(c) Rural Small Holdings to 2(v) Urban and Village.

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the attached Final Draft of the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 1990 (Amendment No 5) and furnish the report to the Director-General of the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources.

05 - 317 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11.6 Proposed Policy - Benching of Sites (Cut & Fill)

Executive Summary

Proposal of new policy to ensure localised flooding of new dwellings does not occur in the Parkes Shire.

Recommendation

1. That prior to the new policy being implemented by Council that a copy of the draft policy be circulated to local builders and placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

05 - 318 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

11.7 Access Committee

Executive Summary

Accessibility is becoming an issue in the Shire and as outlined in Parkes Shire Social Plan 2002-2004 the total number of disabled people in the Shire represents 16.5% of the total population and together with visiting tourists, the demand for accessibility is ever increasing particularly in an ageing population.

Recommendation

1. That Council adopt the Draft Charter.
2. That Councils representatives on the Access Committee be Cr B Laing, Steven Campbell, Director Planning & Environment and Kent Boyd, Director of Infrastructure.

05 - 319 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

11.8 Senior Food Safety Officer Redundancy from NSW Food Authority

Executive Summary

Mr Colin Frost, Senior Food Safety Officer with the NSW Food Authority has advised that the Authority has chosen to move the office from Bathurst to Dubbo and he has decided not to continue service with the Authority.

Mr Frost will be on job search until 1 July 2005 and after that date plans to continue on an independent basis to undertake specialist food works and food hygiene lectures.

Recommendation

1. That Council write to Mr Frost thanking him for his significant role in food administration in the Central West Region over the past 30 years.

05 - 320 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.9 March 2005 Building Statistics

Executive Summary

During the month of March 2005 there were twenty-two (22) Development Applications received totalling \$1,419,318.00 and seventeen consents issued.

Four (4) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$119,448.03 and four consents issued.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

05 - 321 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.10 Impounding Report-December 2004, January, February, March 2005

Executive Summary

A regular report is provided to Council on Ranger activities including impounding statistics.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

05 - 322 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.11 DA05066: Proposed Dwelling at Lot 11 DP 804705, 28 Billabong Crescent, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA05066

Applicant: Mr P Thomas

Property: Lot 11 DP 804705, 28 Billabong Crescent, Parkes

Proposal: Dwelling

Executive Summary

An application has been received for the erection of a dwelling and attached double garage on Lot 11, DP804705, 28 Billabong Crescent, Parkes.

The subject allotment has an area of 4633 m², however it is a corner allotment with two frontages to Billabong Crescent, Parkes, which restrict the design and positioning of the dwelling on the block.

The proposed development contravenes the requirements of Council's Development Control Plan for Rural Small Holdings 1998 with regard to the required 20 metre setback of the front of a dwelling from the street boundary line.

Recommendation

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

05 - 323 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 Major Works Status as at April 2005

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 April 2005 be noted.

05 - 324 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

12.2 Request for Kerb and Gutter on the Corner of Seaborne and Charles Rigg Avenue

Executive Summary

A letter was received from a resident in Charles Rigg Avenue requesting kerb and gutter in Charles Rigg Avenue and around the corner into Seaborne Street to prevent stormwater from endangering their house.

Funding is not available for the requested works at this time. However, earthworks could be carried out on the footpath areas to retain most of the water on the road and direct it to the existing kerb and gutter in Charles Rigg Avenue.

Recommendation

1. That the resident be advised that Council cannot acceded to there request to provide kerb and gutter at this time, but that earthworks will be carried out to direct the water to the existing kerb and gutter in Charles Rigg Avenue.

05 - 325 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

12.3 Country Energy Response on Power Interruptions in Parkes Shire

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from Country Energy in response to enquiries made on the reasons for power interruptions in Parkes Shire and what action was being taken to address the problems.

Recommendation

1. That the information from Country Energy on the reasons for power outages and action to be taken be noted.

05 - 326 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.4 Removal of Payphones by Telstra

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from Telstra outlining the procedure they follow if a payphone is identified for removal. The letter was in response to an enquiry by Council concerning the removal of payphones from near Bushmans Dam and from Want Street Parkes.

Recommendation

1. That the information from Telstra on the removal of payphones be noted.
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05 - 327 Resolution

1. That the information from Telstra on the removal of payphones be noted.
2. That Council lodge its objection to Telstra on the removal of the payphone at Kelly Reserve and request that the payphone be reinstated on the grounds of public necessity under Telstra's Universal Service Obligation.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

12.5 Commitment of Council Funding to Fire Fighting Activities

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from the Regional Manager of the NSW Rural Fire Service advising that costs associated with the hire of equipment to bury burning hay bales on "Glenara" Goonumbla in January 2005 are reimbursable through the Rural Fire Fighting Fund.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted on the reimbursement of costs associated with the hay bale fire on "Glenara" Goonumbla.

05 - 328 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

12.6 Mid Lachlan Valley Bushfire Management Committee

Executive Summary

The Mid Lachlan Valley Bushfire Management Committee met in Parkes on Tuesday 12 April 2005. Matters discussed of particular note are detailed in the Report below. Of particular note is the absence of Council input in the declaration of fires, and the need for a consistent firebreak policy to be advertised across the four Districts.

Recommendation

1. That the information from the Mid Lachlan Valley Bushfire Management Committee be received and noted.
2. That representations be made to the Rural Fire Service for Councils to again be included in the process of declaring Sec 44 fires within its District.

05 - 329 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

12.7 Regional Aviation Security Conference

Executive Summary

Advice has been received that the NSW Police will be holding a conference on regional aviation security on 27-28 April 2005 in Sydney. The conference is by invitation only and will be sponsored by the Australian Government's *Securing our Regional Skies* initiative and aims to improve incident response capabilities at regional airports. Topics will include regulatory requirements for regional airports, National Counter Terrorism Plan, Regional Rapid Deployment Teams, and regional roles and responsibilities when responding to an incident.

Speakers will include NSW Police, DoTaRS, Australian Federal Police, and several others.

There will be no cost to Council other than staff time.

Recommendation

1. That the Director of Operations be authorised to attend the Regional Aviation Security Conference in Sydney on 27-28 April 2005.

05 - 330 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

12.8 Australian Airports Association - NSW Division Meeting

Executive Summary

The next Australian Airports Association (AAA) - NSW Division, meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21 April 2005 in Sydney. It is considered that this meeting will be an extremely important meeting in that discussion will be held on the impact the recently implemented Aviation Transport Security Act and Regulations is having on regional airport owners. It is anticipated that officers from the Department of Transport and Regional Services will also be in attendance.

The NSW Division meetings of the AAA prove to be most beneficial in that a number of issues are addressed are common across all regional airports in NSW.

Recommendation

1. That Cr McGrath and the Director of Operations be authorised to attend the Australian Airports Association - NSW Division meeting on Thursday 21 April 2005 in Sydney.

05 - 331 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.9 2005 National Local Roads and Transport Congress

Executive Summary

The 2005 National Local Roads and Transport Congress will be held in Launceston, Tasmania from Sunday 3 to Tuesday 5 July 2005. This year's theme is "Unifying Local Government's Transport Agenda". Past Congresses have been attended by Cr Keith, and either the Director of Infrastructure or the Director of Operations, on an alternating basis.

It is considered that the continued support of the Congress is crucial to the united Australian local government campaign for better funding for road and transport infrastructure.

Recommendation

1. That Cr Keith and the Director of Operations be authorised to attend the 2005 National Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held in Launceston, Tasmania from Sunday 3 to Tuesday 5 July 2005.

05 - 332 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 Assessment of Suitability to Use the AE Fox Park Netball Courts for Carparking

Executive Summary

Pursuant to a previous resolution of Council, investigations have been made as to the suitability of the A.E. Fox Park netball courts as a carparking area.

It has been concluded that the Courts would be suitable subject to minor works and the acceptance that the existing netball court playing surfaces would likely deteriorate under carpark traffic.

No provision has been made in the current budget for the conversion of the netball courts to a carpark.

Recommendation

1. That Council agree in principle to the conversion of the A.E Fox netball courts to public carpark.
2. That the carpark designs be developed in consultation with the Parkes Early Childhood Centre
3. That necessary process as required by the Local Government Act for the amendment of Councils adopted Plan of Management of Community Land, be commenced, to facilitate the development of a public carpark on the land.
4. That provision be made in a future budget for the work.

05 - 333 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

13.2 Request for Variation of Watering Hours for Senior Citizens

Executive Summary

Concerns have been raised by a local nursery that a number of senior citizens are experiencing difficulties maintaining their lawns. They indicate that micro-systems are available for gardens, but no suitable automated system is available within the restrictions to water lawns, which adversely affects those that have difficulty hand watering.

Council has been asked to consider an alternative system, such as allowing a limited number of sprinklers for senior citizens experiencing genuine difficulties hand watering.

Recommendation

1. That the existing water restrictions remain.

05 - 334 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

13.3 Intersection of Condobolin Road (MR61) and Cooks Myalls Road (SR58) - Progress Report

Executive Summary

Council may recall a previous report at the 15 February 2005 meeting where a petition from residents had been received expressing concern about the intersection of Main Road 61 and Shire Road 58. The matter was forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority for their attention. The Roads and Traffic Authority have inspected the intersection and advised Council that the site distance, linemarking and signposting is considered to be appropriate. RTA records indicate that there has only been one (1) reported crash at this intersection in the past five (5) years.

Recommendation

1. That the response from the Roads and Traffic Authority concerning the intersection of Condobolin Road (MR61) and Cooks Myalls Road (SR58) be noted.
2. That the concerned residents be advised of the outcome.

05 - 335 Resolution

That a safety audit be conducted at the intersection of Main Road 61 and Shire Road 58 by Council staff and that Councillor J Magill and the Director of Operations meet with the RTA to discuss the outcomes of the audit.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

13.4 Rural Addressing, Offer of Financial Assistance

Executive Summary

The Department of Lands has made an offer of financial assistance to encourage Council to implement Rural Addressing across the Shire.

Recommendation

1. That on completion and review of the pilot study that Council agree in principle to proceed with collecting and applying rural address numbers for the rest of the shire.
2. That Council give an undertaking to complete the seven requirements in the attached letter, but over a two year period and subject to additional funds being identified.

05 - 336 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

13.5 Application to Close Shire Road 145, adjacent to Lot 17 DP753971

Executive Summary

A request has been received seeking Council approval to close a section of Shire Road 145, between MR 348 and Shire Road (SR) 126 (adjacent to the western boundary of Lot 18, DP 753986). This is an unformed section of Public Road (Council owned). The northern section of this road segment has been closed previously.

All adjoining land parcels have access to other roads and the previous closure of the northern section of this road segment prevents future connectivity of SR 145 to SR 126, however the need for this connection is unlikely. Accordingly, approval of the closure is recommended.

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the application to close the section of Shire Road 145, adjacent to the western boundary of Lot 18, DP 753986.
2. That all costs incurred with the application be met by the applicant.

05 - 337 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

13.6 Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Report for March 2005

Executive Summary

The attached report outlines the monthly activities and programs of the Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer (RSIPO). This month has predominantly involved implementing the *Buckle Up Every Time 2* project and working on the Councils' combined Road Safety Strategic Plan.

Recommendation

That the information in the Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Report for March 2005 be received and noted.

05 - 338 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

13.7 Road Safety Phone In - Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shires

Executive Summary

A Road Safety Phone-In was held at Council on Tuesday 12 April 2005 for residents of the Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shires to voice their road safety concerns. The Phone-In forms part of the community consultation process for the development of the joint Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils' Road Safety Strategic Plan.

The event was widely advertised and well supported by the local media.

Three phone lines were monitored by volunteers including; Senior Constable Shelly Walsh - Lachlan LAC Crime Prevention Officer, Jenny Short - RTA, Monica Lea - RTA, Jacqueline Anderson - RTA, Senior Constable James Dolbel - Parkes PCYC, David Moles - Parkes Community Health and Cr. Dennis Brady - Lachlan Shire Council.

Almost 100 phone calls were answered during the day. In addition to the valuable information gathered for the strategic plan, considerable additional information has been collected on specific road maintenance issues, areas for targeted police enforcement and specific road design issues.

Recommendation

1. That the phone-in information be received, noted and actioned as appropriate.
2. That letters be sent to the phone-in volunteers acknowledging Councils appreciation for their efforts.

05 - 339 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councillor John Magill left the meeting temporarily at 4.24 pm.

14.1 Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Road Naming Sub Committee held 5 April 2005

Executive Summary

The Parkes Shire Council Road Naming Sub Committee meeting was held on Tuesday 5 April 2005 at 1.05 pm. The Minutes are attached.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Road Naming Sub Committee held 5 April 2005 be adopted, including the Committee Recommendations as follows:

1. That the following names be endorsed and submitted to the Government Gazette.

Hideaway Lane	Shire Road 8B (beside Golf Club)
Goldrush Road	Road off Back Trundle Road (DA 03166)
Davids Lane	Proposed new road off Pine Road Parkes (DA S49/96)
Cedar Crescent	New road off Best Street Parkes (DA S22/96)
Rosewood Avenue	Road off Blaxland Street
Jacaranda Road	Road off the proposed Rosewood Avenue
Willow Place	Road off the proposed Rosewood Avenue

2. That the following name be advertised for public comment.

Magill Lane	Road off Bogan Road (4 km from SH17)
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05 - 340 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Councillor John Magill rejoined the meeting at 4.28 pm.

15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

15.1 Parkes Swimming Pool

Councillor Hutton enquired as to the future of the Parkes Swimming Pool and suggested that Council needs to start planning now on how to best fund any improvements.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that Council's Major Infrastructure Long Term Plan identifies \$1,000,000 across the 20011/12 and 2012/13 financial years for improvements at the Parkes Swimming Pool, and \$403,000 between 2014-2016 for improvements at the village pools. Additionally, in excess of \$800,000 is provided for maintenance in the Long Term Plan for Swimming Pools.

While the Long Term Plans are generally prepared by Council staff, additions and amendments can be made to the Long Term Plans and associated budgets through the management planning process.

05 - 341 Resolution

That Council form a Committee to commence planning for the eventual upgrading or replacement of the Parkes Pool.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

15.2 Pioneer Street, Parkes

Councillor Hutton raised the concerns of residents in Pioneer Street, Parkes regarding water drains not being cleaned, dust with traffic and Council's slasher covering homes with dirt.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that Pioneer Street is adjacent to undeveloped land which generally falls to the road, is currently denuded of vegetation and drought affected. Occasional storm events have resulted in sediment laden runoff depositing silt on the road, as is the case with many sealed rural roads.

Road sweeping and drainage maintenance has been scheduled.

05 - 342 Resolution

That a report be prepared to the next meeting of Council concerning the matters raised.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.3 Plight of Rural Landowners in Current Drought

Cr Magill advises that he is still receiving enquiries about the plight of rural landowners in the current drought and requests for Council to promote the needs of the farming sector to access drought relief support at this time.

The General Manager advises that Council has been making representations where possible to highlight the plight of rural families during the current extended drought. A Council delegation met with the NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Ian MacDonald, MLC last year and received a very compassionate hearing with the Minister. The Minister sought further anecdotal information from Council after the meeting and provided details of the NSW Rural Assistance Authority's current guidelines and procedures to more fully inform Council of the support currently available. The opportunity has also been taken to discuss the matter with both state and federal local members in the past 6 months.

Currently, the Minister advises that the federal government through its Exceptional Circumstances Drought relief Program provides income support and interest rate subsidies to producers experiencing a severe and prolonged decline in income due to a rare and severe event, such as prolonged drought. The government says that the program "ensures that viable farmers are not forced to leave the land due to events that are beyond the boundaries of normal risk management".

The resource on the government's web page advises that:

" Welfare support is provided through the Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment (ECRP). The ECRP is paid at the same rates as the Newstart Allowance and is subject to income and off-farm assets test. It helps farm families meet day to day living expenses. In addition, ECRP recipients and their families receive a Health Care Card and may also receive concessions under the Youth Allowance means tests for dependent children. Prior to applying for ECRP, farmers need to obtain an EC Certificate from their State or Territory Rural Adjustment Authority to demonstrate that they are in an EC declared area. Once that certificate is obtained, farmers can apply to Centrelink for the ECRP. Receipt of ECRP is not automatic upon the EC declaration of an area. In addition, a person cannot receive ECRP and any other income support payment at the same time (eg FarmHelp). When a farmer applies for ECRP, Centrelink asks for details of the farmer's income and assets. The income test is similar to the Newstart Allowance income test, but some assets are excluded. These include:

- assets that are considered to be essential to the long term viability of the farm;*
- bona fide life insurance and superannuation policies, and*
- the proceeds from the forced sale of livestock (provided that these are invested in approved deposits for the required length of time).*

Farmer's income and asset details are reviewed every six months. The ECRP is available to eligible producers for up to 24 months, that is, whilst an area is EC declared and for a recovery period (expected to be a period of 6 months after the declaration is lifted).

A media release from the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Warren Truss advises that he has developed a 6 point plan to take the politics out of the ECRP. A copy of the Media Release dated 13 April 2005 is attached.



- Historic chance to end drought assistance squabbles

Australian Agriculture Minister Warren Truss said tomorrow's anniversary of the National Drought Roundtable provides an historic opportunity for politicians to listen to farmers and end the squabbling over drought assistance for good.

"Farmers are sick of the squabbling over drought assistance, that is why I have produced a six-point plan to cut through the wrangling and deliver what farmers themselves have told us they want," Mr Truss said.

The six-point plan reflects the findings of the Drought Review Panel and National Drought Roundtable recommendations, and has drawn public support from the National Farmers' Federation.

"Almost half of Australia's viable arable land now remains covered by FC declarations with new declarations made last week and more under consideration," Mr Truss said.

The Australian Government has a ready spent over \$650 million on drought assistance directly to farmers, with the figure increasing by about \$4 million a week. (This figure does not take into account the cost to the Australian Government of providing auxiliary benefits such as Health Care Cards and non-residential access to the Youth Allowance)

Over 1 million of the 32,500 applications for income support, and over 15,000 applications for interest rate subsidies, have been approved.

In addition, the Coalition also continues to assist with funding for Rural Finance Counsellors, Fertiliser and a range of tax concessions.

And the Howard/Anderson Government forecast an additional \$500 million a year in tax revenue from farmers investing up to \$300,000 each in Farm Management Deposits - their Australian Government 4.1 per cent cash haystack. About one third of 1 farmers currently hold FMDs amounting to more than \$2 billion.

By the time the drought is over, the Australian Government estimates to have spent more than \$1 billion on direct assistance to farmers.

"Farmers' welfare gives agriculture ministers a chance to end farmers' drought-related recriminations by agreeing to a computerised national production monitoring system

"We can take the politics out of the Exceptional Circumstances program by entering into a real partnership between government and farmers to ensure those who are facing severe drought will receive meaningful help in a timely way."

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Robert Woollacott
Minister Truss' office
Tel: 02 6277 7500 or 0411 151 155
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Recommendation

1. Council, through the local Federal and State Members seek meetings with the respective Agriculture and Primary Industries Ministers to again raise the concerns of those families being severely affected by the drought.
2. That the Mayor issue a press release in relation to the matter as well as calling for timely access to support initiatives for farming families.

05 - 343 Resolution

1. That Council, through the local Federal and State Members seek meetings with the respective Agriculture, Primary Industries, Small Business and Department of Community Services Ministers to again raise the concerns of those families being severely affected by the drought.
2. That the Mayors of the Alliance issue a joint press release in relation to the matter as well as calling for timely access to support initiatives for families affected by the drought.
3. That Council seek the support of suppliers to the farming industry to sponsor a community forum to highlight welfare and mental health issues and provide support to those families and businesses affected by the current drought.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

15.4 Diving Board at Parkes Pool

Councillor K Keith enquired as to the progress of the replacement of the diving board at the Parkes Pool which was planned to occur last year.

The Director of Infrastructure advises that the low diving board has been used under supervision during the previous pool season and was not decommissioned on that basis. The high board was condemned and decommissioned. After the recent seasonal pool closure both boards have been removed and stored. Quotations have previously been sought from a local steel fabrication company for the replacement steel diving board support structures. On finalisation of structural plans the works will commence. The new diving boards will be completed and ready for the next pool season.

05 - 344 Resolution

That the information supplied by the Director of Infrastructure be noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the appointment of Cr Scott as a member of the Bogan Gate Reserve Trust (Reserve No. 87931).

05 - 345 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

15.6 Roads in Tullamore Area

Councillor B Newton raised the concerns of local Tullamore residents regarding the condition of roads under the current climatic conditions.

The Director of Infrastructure advised that staff had actioned works in response to complaints received concerning the roads mentioned. Any further remedial work will be dependant on weather conditions.

05 - 346 Resolution

That the information supplied by the Director of Infrastructure be noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 5.25 pm.

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.

05 - 347 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 John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

16.1 Peak Hill Mine - Mining Approval Conditions

Prepared By: General Manager

Recommendation

1. That Council note and approve the information.

05 - 348 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

Councillor Yvonne Hutton left the meeting temporarily at 5.27 pm.

16.2 Parkes and District Historical Society - Occupancy of Museum

Prepared By: General Manager

Recommendation

1. That Council refer both party's views to a solicitor for the legal framework.
2. That the direction to the solicitor be that the views expressed in Council's draft licence should prevail.
3. That a specific plan of management be prepared for the property.
4. That the previously established Exhibitions Sub Committee (Council represented by Councillors Keith and Laing) be asked to investigate management matters in relation to the Museum operation.

05 - 349 Resolution

1. That the recommendations be adopted.
2. That Council meet with the Executive of the Museum Committee on site on 29 April 2005.
3. That Council publicly advertise the holding of a meeting with the membership of the Historical Society and interested members of the public on Council's meeting day of 3 May 2005 at 4.00 pm and that the Historical Society be requested to notify all their members of the proposed meeting.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Councillor Yvonne Hutton rejoined the meeting at 5.45 pm.

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 5.45 pm.

16.3 Sale of Land - Lot 1 DP 815055 Goobang Junction

Prepared By: General Manager

Recommendation

1. That the arrangement to sell Lot 1 DP 815055 be noted.

05 - 350 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 5.47 pm.

16.4 South Parkes Industrial Estate - Lot 6 Matthews Street, Parkes

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service

Recommendation

1. That Council grant the request from the purchaser for an extension of the lease/purchase agreement covering Lot 6 Matthews Street, Parkes for a period of three months to enable the development of the site to be substantially commenced in accordance with the provisions of the lease/purchase agreement.

05 - 351 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

16.5 South Parkes industrial Estate - Lot 4 Saleyards Road, Parkes

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service

Recommendation

1. That Council grant the request from the purchaser for an extension of the lease/purchase agreement covering Lot 4 Saleyards Road, Parkes for a further period of three months to enable the development of the warehouse project to be substantially commenced in accordance with the provisions of the lease/purchase agreement.

05 - 352 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

16.6 South Parkes Industrial Estate - Lot 652 Saleyards Road, Parkes

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service

Recommendation

1. That Council grant the request of the purchaser for an extension of the lease/purchase agreement covering Lot 652 Saleyards Road, Parkes for a period of three months from 2 May 2005 to enable the development of the site to be substantially commenced in accordance with the provisions of the lease/purchase agreement.

05 - 353 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

16.7 Netwaste Central Regional Waste Management Collection Contract

Prepared By: Director Planning & Environment

Recommendation

1. That Council reaffirm its resolution to accept the preferred tender as amended from JR Richards & Sons.

05 - 354 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

16.8 Minutes of Consultative Committee Meeting - 10 March 2005

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Consultative Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2005 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

05 - 355 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

17 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY - CONFIDENTIAL

17.1 Parkes Shire Tourism Strategy

Reason for Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Code of Meeting Practice, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Executive members of the Parkes Shire Tourism Board met on 19 April 2005 and assessed the three consultant applications received to develop a Parkes Shire Tourism Strategy. The applications were assessed and weighted against the selection criteria as provided in the Information Brief prepared and distributed to interested parties. At the conclusion of the evaluation process Jenny Rand & Associates rated highly on all criteria and excelled in their proposed project methodology, tourism industry knowledge, price and similar project experience.

Of particular note is Jenny Rand & Associates previous work on the Peak Hill Tourism Potential Assessment, Tourism Action Plan and Carrington Hotel Potential Assessment and Business Plan. Their involvement in this project was undertaken with their strategic business partner Dain Simpson Associates.

The application received from Jenny Rand & Associates advised that they would be available to commence the project at the beginning of May, with project completion with 12 weeks.

Recommendation

1. That Council appoint Jenny Rand & Associates to perform the consultancy work to develop the Parkes Shire Tourism Strategy for the tendered amount supplied in their expression of interest. .

05 - 356 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

17.2 Expense Claim - Local Tradesman - Sewerage Block

Reason for Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Code of Meeting Practice, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege

Councillors discussed correspondence received from a local tradesman in relation to an account rendered in examining a sewer block.

05 - 357 Resolution

That Council offer an ex-gratia payment on a without-prejudice basis of an amount equivalent to 25% of the account as full and final payment and that the tradesperson be advised in writing of the procedure to be followed in the future.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.25 pm.