



# PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

TUESDAY 16 AUGUST 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



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## Ordinary Meeting

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on 16 August 2005 at 1.30pm.**

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### 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

### IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack  
Director Corporate Service - B Matthews  
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell  
Director Operations - S Barry  
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd  
Administration Manager - L Finn  
Finance Manager - R Bokeyar  
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood  
Tourism Coordinator – M Kronk  
Library Services Manager – M Barker  
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**

#### **05 - 661 Resolution**

That Councillor Barbara Newton be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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

#### **05 - 662 Resolution**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 2 August 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 Wayne Scott declared an interest in Item 8.1 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

Councillor Yvonne Hutton declared an interest in Item 11.5 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

### **5 MAYORAL MINUTES**

#### **5.1 Mayoral Minute - Civic Reception, NASA**

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##### **Executive Summary**

Following an approach by CSIRO executives at The Dish, I have agreed on Council's behalf to extend a civic reception in the Coventry Room on Monday, 15 August 2005 at 6.00 pm (the day prior to the Council meeting) to Messrs Fred Gregory and Neal Newman, senior NASA representatives who are visiting The Dish on Monday as part of a tour of NSW astronomy facilities.

##### **Recommendation**

1. That the Mayor's action in authorising the civic reception for NASA representatives on 15 August 2005 be endorsed as outlined.

#### **05 - 663 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

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## **5.2 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**

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

### **05 - 664 Resolution**

1. That the report of recent functions attended by the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff be received and noted.
2. That it be recorded that Councillor K Keith represented the Mayor at the Civic Reception held 30 July 2005 for Quota.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

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## **5.3 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**

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

### **05 - 665 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## **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 congratulatory letters are attached.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **05 - 666 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 (ICR) Tullamore and District Community Consultative Committee**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Advising of the recent election of Office Bearers and providing a copy of the President's report for the year in review.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
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**05 - 667 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

**8.3 (ICR) Parkes Health Council - Meeting with Acting Planning Manager**

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**Executive Summary**

The Parkes Heath Council has invited Councillors to a meeting with the Acting Planning Manager for the Greater Western Area Health Service in relation to the Bathurst, Orange and Bloomfield Health Service. The meeting is to be held at the Parkes Health Service on Thursday 18 August 2005 commencing at 5.30pm.

**Recommendation**

1. That the information be noted and interested Councillors authorised to attend.

**05 - 668 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

**8.4 (ICR) Department of Education and Training - Media Release - Peak Hill Central School**

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**Executive Summary**

Advising that the Peak Hill Central School has taken out the top prize in their age category in a film making competition for young people.

**Recommendation**

1. That the students and staff of the Peak Hill Central School be congratulated on their achievement.
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## **05 - 669 Resolution**

1. That the students and staff of the Peak Hill Central School be congratulated on their achievement.
4. That Council present a certificate to Peak Hill Central School in recognition of their achievement.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## **8.5 (ICR) Office of the Gene Technology Regulator**

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### **Executive Summary**

Advising of the receipt of a Licence Application from Monsanto Australia Ltd for the commercial release of herbicide/insect resistant Genetically Modified cotton south of latitude 22° south.

### **Recommendation**

That Council makes a general submission to the Regulator by the due date including Council's previously expressed concerns relating to risks to human health and environment safety posed by Genetically Modified crops.

## **05 - 670 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted and no submission be made.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

## **8.6 (ICR) Rural Fire Service - Karina Park Fire**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Rural Fire Service Commissioner has responded to Council's recent correspondence in relation to the inquiry into the cause of the Karina Park fire in December 2004.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
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**05 - 671 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That representations be made to the NSW Police Service to expedite the findings of the inquiry.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

**8.7 (ICR) Companions Thru Cancer - Application to Use Cooke Park**

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**Executive Summary**

The Companions Thru Cancer Organisation requests permission to use Cooke Park on Sunday 23 October 2005 to stage the Breast Cancer Network Australia's "Mini Field of Women".

**Recommendation**

That permission be granted subject to the following conditions being complied with:

- The production of a current public liability policy of not less than \$10 million coverage indicating coverage for this type of event.
- No vehicles being driven on Cooke Park.
- No pegs or spikes being driven into the surfaces without prior liaison with the Parks and Gardens Supervisor.
- The area being left in a clean and tidy state at the conclusion of the event.

**05 - 672 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

**8.8 (ICR) Delta Company - 1st/19th Battalion - Recruitment Day**

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**Executive Summary**

1/19 RNSWR is planning to hold a public relations and recruitment day in Parkes on 8 October 2005 and requests the use of Cooke Park for the display.

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## **Recommendation**

1. That permission be granted subject to the following conditions of consent:
  - The production of a current public liability policy of not less than \$10 million coverage indicating coverage for this type of event.
  - No pegs or spikes being driven into the surfaces without prior liaison with the Parks and Gardens Supervisor.
  - The area being left in a clean and tidy state at the conclusion of the event.

### **05 - 673 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

### **8.9 (ICR) Delta Company 1st/19th Battalion - Parkes Cadet Unit**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The 1/19 RNSWR advises that it has support of schools and parents to form a local Cadet Unit which if approved, would operate from the Army Reserve Depot in Thornbury Street.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council provide a Letter of Support as requested.
2. That the matter of financial assistance be considered at a later date should the proposal receive the approval of the Defence Services.

### **05 - 674 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **8.10 (ICR) Parkes High School - 2005 Awards Ceremony**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Seeking Council's continued support of the school's Annual Award Ceremony.

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## **Recommendation**

That Council make a contribution to the Parkes High School Annual Awards Ceremony in the following categories:

Industrial Arts Prize	\$50.00
2 unit Music Exam prize	\$25.00 (highest mark achieved)
3 unit Music Exam prize	\$25.00 (highest mark achieved)

## **05 - 675 Resolution**

1. That the recommendation be adopted.
2. That the level of support be increased in next year's budget.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Wayne Scott left the meeting temporarily at 1.56 pm.

## **8.11 (ICR) Parkes Tennis Club - Resurfacing of Courts**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Parkes Tennis Club advises that they are proposing to resurface two courts at the Bushman Street Complex in September. The Club advises they are financially able to commence the works sooner and has requested the funds set aside in the current Long Term Plans to assist with the completion of the project.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council approve the Project and make funds of \$15,000.00 available from the Long Term Plans for the purpose.
2. That the submission of accounts for payment be processed in accordance with Council's Community Infrastructure Projects Policy.

## **05 - 676 Resolution**

1. That Council approve the Project and make funds of \$15,000.00 available from the Long Term Plans for the purpose.
  2. That the submission of accounts for payment be processed in accordance with Council's Community Infrastructure Projects Policy.
  3. That the Tennis Club be asked to provide information to Council on quotations received for future projects
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Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Wayne Scott rejoined the meeting at 1.53 pm.

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

### **9.1 (GM) Quarterly Report - Implementation of the 2004/2005 - 2006/2007 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**

That the June 2005 Quarterly Report of the 2004/2005 - 2006/2007 Management Plan be adopted.

#### **05 - 677 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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

### **10.1 (DCS) Financial Information - July 2005**

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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.

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## **Recommendation**

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

### **05 - 678 Resolution**

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

**CARRIED**

## **10.2 (DCS) Investments as at 31 July 2005**

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### **Executive Summary**

As at 31 July 2005 Council held \$32,954,852.54 in investments

### **Recommendation**

That the information be received and noted.

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### **05 - 679 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

## **10.3 (DCS) Financial Reports 2004/2005**

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### **Executive Summary**

Prior to the completion of the annual reports by Council's Auditor it is a requirement that a statement in the approved form be completed and signed referring the accounts for audit.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the financial reports be accepted by Council and referred for audit.
  2. That Council make the statement as required by Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 in the form as attached to the financial reports.
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3. That Councillor K Keith be designated as the other member of Council to sign the statement.

**05 - 680 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

**10.4 (DCS) Goods and Service Tax (GST) Certificate of Compliance**

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**Executive Summary**

Council is now required to provide a Certificate of Compliance relating to GST.

**Recommendation**

1. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Finance Manager sign the certificate.

**05 - 681 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 (DCS) Library Services Monthly Update - July 2005**

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**Executive Summary**

Information submitted to Council on the activities of the Library during the month of July 2005.

**Recommendation**

1. That the information contained in the Library Services Monthly Update for July 2005 be received and noted.
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**05 - 682 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

**10.6 (DCS) Library Services Statistics - July 2005**

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**Executive Summary**

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

**Recommendation**

That the information be noted

**05 - 683 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

**10.7 (DCS) Tourism Update July/Aug 2005**

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**Executive Summary**

A brief update of general Shire tourism activities.

**Recommendation**

1. That the Tourism Update be received and noted.

**05 - 684 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

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## **10.8 (DCS) Economic Development - NSW Touch Football Titles**

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### **Executive Summary**

Grange Securities has confirmed sponsorship of \$3,000.00 (plus GST) for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual NSW Local Government touch football carnival in Parkes on Saturday, 26 February 2005. Invitations will now be issued across the State to again attract 500 players and supporters to the event.

### **Recommendation**

That arrangement for the 2006 NSW Local Government touch football carnival in Parkes be confirmed as outlined.

### **05 - 685 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## **10.9 (DCS) Economic Development - Parkes Sports Council**

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### **Executive Summary**

The long serving executive of Parkes Sports Council was re-elected unopposed in its entirety at the annual meeting on 9 August 2005 as follows:

Patrons: Cr. Robert Wilson OAM, Reg Pritchard, Duncan Macdonald, Bob Aitken

President: Greg Duffy (22<sup>nd</sup> term)

Vice President: Cr. Ken Keith (22<sup>nd</sup> term)

Secretary: Michael Greenwood (26<sup>th</sup> term)

Treasurer: Richard Hamilton (12<sup>th</sup> term)

Plant Supervisor: Noel Johnstone (22<sup>nd</sup> term)

Grounds Committee: Chris Martin, Malcolm Stone, Jill Peterson

Auditor; Wayne Cole

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted and that the service longevity of the Sports Council staff be recognised at a future meeting of Council.

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**05 - 686 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

**10.10 (DCS) Economic Development - Country Week Promotion**

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**Executive Summary**

Parkes Shire Council was one of 80 NSW country centres to participate in the second annual Country Week promotion at Rosehill Racecourse from 5 to 7 August 2005. While official attendance estimates were of the order of 10,000, the direct benefits of such an exercise will become apparent over the next few months when follow up action has been completed.

**Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted and that an updated report be presented to Council later in the year on the benefits of participating in Country Week 2005.

**05 - 687 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

**10.11 (DCS) Economic Development - Regional Transport Seminar**

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**Executive Summary**

Council's assistance has been sought by the Central Western Regional Development Board in the conduct of a regional forum in the Coventry Room on Tuesday 13 September 2005 to share information on transport and logistics issues in the region. Most major players will present papers including the RTA, Sea and Freight Councils, Silverton Rail, DOTARS and Transport and Logistics Council. The forum will focus on opportunities emanating from the advent of the direct Melbourne-Brisbane rail freight corridor.

**Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted and that Council's resources be made available to assist in the conduct of the seminar.
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**05 - 688 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

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

**11.1 (DPE) DA05023: Residential Units and Managers Residence at Lot 17 DP 567547, 15 Phoenix Street, Parkes**

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**Development Application Information**

**Application No:** DA05023

**Applicant:** Kenham Pty Ltd

**Property:** Lot 17 DP 567547, 15 Phoenix Street, Parkes

**Proposal:** Residential Units and Managers Residence

**Executive Summary**

The application is for an aged care hostel and managers residence on vacant residential land located in the Parkes township.

**Recommendation**

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

**05 - 689 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

**CARRIED**

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## **11.2 (DPE) Development Activity for the 2004/2005 Financial Year**

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### **Executive Summary**

A total of 320 development approvals have been issued for the year 2004/2005 at a value of \$20,560,394.33. This represents a decrease in the number of approvals over the past year by 37.

The houses indicate continued strong development activity in the Shire over the past twelve months.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **05 - 690 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## **11.3 (DPE) July 2005 Building Statistics**

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### **Executive Summary**

During the month of July 2005 there were six (6) Development Applications received totalling \$26,440.00 and 10 consents issued.

Eleven (11) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$344,458.00 and two consents issued.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **05 - 691 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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**11.4 (DPE) DA05089: Recreational Facility (Skate Park) Lot 7020 DP 1019909, Hooley Street, Parkes**

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**Development Application Information**

**Application No:** DA05089

**Applicant:** Parkes Shire Council

**Property:** Lot 7020 DP 1019909, Hooley Street, Parkes

**Proposal:** Recreational Facility (Skate Park)

**Executive Summary**

The proposed development is for a skate park recreational facility in the south eastern corner of Keast Park, Parkes.

**Recommendation**

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

**05 - 692 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Yvonne Hutton left the meeting temporarily at 2.29 pm.

**11.5 (DPE) Museum Exhibition Development Group Meeting 12 August 2005 Minutes**

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**Executive Summary**

A Museum Exhibition Development Working Group meeting was held on Friday, 12 August 2005.

**Recommendation**

1. That the Minutes of the Museum Exhibition Development Working Group held on Friday, 12 August 2005 be noted.

**05 - 693 Resolution**

1. That the Minutes of the Museum Exhibition Development Working Group held on Friday, 12 August 2005 be noted.
2. That the licence agreement as submitted be amended in Clause 10(j) to read:  
  
'if the licensor and licensee are unable to reach agreement over any matter in this licence agreement, which requires mutual agreement, then either party may refer the dispute to an appropriate Arbiter agreed to by both parties. If no agreement is reached between the parties the dispute shall be referred to the Chairperson of the Institute of Arbiters Australia in NSW. The Arbiter's decision shall be final and binding.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

**12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT**

**12.1 (DO) Major Works Status as at August 2005**

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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 2005 be noted.

**05 - 694 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## **12.2 (DO) Memorial Park Tullamore - Fencing**

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### **Executive Summary**

A request has been received from the Tullamore & District Community Consultative Committee to proceed with a post and chain fence to be erected on Memorial Park on the eastern and southern boundaries to stop vehicles from driving across the irrigated grassed areas.

Site meetings have been held previously with representatives from the TDCCC to discuss the options and associated costs. It was considered that the galvanised posts and chain was the most suitable option at an estimated cost of \$5,200.

### **Recommendation**

1. That a post and chain fence be erected on Memorial Park Tullamore at the estimated cost of \$5,200 funded from the Tullamore Town Improvement vote.

### **05 - 695 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

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## **12.3 (DO) River Red Gum Adjacent to Council Chambers - Health and Condition Tree Assessment**

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### **Executive Summary**

A condition assessment of the River Red Gum located on the footpath in Cecile Street adjacent to the Council Chambers was first conducted in 2003. The recommendations at that time were to remove some branches and thin the canopy and to conduct a follow up assessment in two years. The tree has been reassessed to determine the effects of the previous works carried out on the long term survival of the tree.

The assessment showed that the expected life of the tree was about 10 years but could be extended to over 20 years with further remedial works including further pruning, replacement of sections of footpath with gardens, and replacement of some road shoulder with a garden bed as well.

The alternative is removal of the River Red Gum.

It is also recommended that the adjoining Plane trees have some pavers replaced with garden bed to improve their health.

## **Recommendation**

1. That remedial works be carried out on the River Red Gum, and some footpath and road areas replaced with gardens adjacent to the River Red Gum and Plane trees, progressively as funds permit.

## **05 - 696 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Yvonne Hutton rejoined the meeting at 2.41 pm.

## **12.4 (DO) Parkes Pool - Fencing**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council considered a report at the 19 July 2005 meeting on the possible replacement of the Parkes Pool fence fronting Bogan Street. It was resolved to defer the decision until further consultation was carried out.

Letters were written to all pool user groups and an article appeared in the Champion Post inviting comments to be submitted to Council.

Letters were received from 18 groups and individuals, as well as 33 recorded verbal comments received by staff and Councillors, opposed to the replacement of the existing fence with a chain wire fence. No letters were received in support of the replacement.

The objections received generally related to the close proximity of the Newell Highway and footpath to the end of the pool and the various effects that has on users, particularly utilising the blocks and the seating adjacent to the fence. Shelter from winds and traffic influences were also prominent.

Given the strong feeling against the initial proposal, it is considered that next most suitable option would be to approach the Parkes High School and Central West Christian Community School to paint the fence as an art project with Council providing the paint. The mural could be an aquatic theme.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Parkes High School and Central West Christian Community School be invited to paint the fence as an art project with Council providing the paint.
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**05 - 697 Resolution**

That Council defer the decision in relation to painting the fence and investigate other options for the treatment of the fence which may be more beneficial in the long term.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

**13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT**

**13.1 (DI) Proposed Post Code Change for Part of Daroobalgie**

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**Executive Summary**

Council has received a request from the Operations Manager, AddressPOST NSW/ACT after a request by Forbes Shire Council to change the post code of residents in the Daroobalgie area with a postal address of DAROOBALGIE NSW 2870 to DAROOBALGIE NSW 2871.

**Recommendation**

1. That Council not oppose the proposed postcode change for the Parkes Shire Council residents in Daroobalgie suburb/locality subject to AddressPOST consulting with the affected property owners.
2. If affected residents prefer to be excised from the Daroobalgie 2871 locality and be included into an adjacent 2870 precinct, that Council support them in that regard.

**05 - 698 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council the Mayor invited Melanie Sutor, Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer to make a presentation on the Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Road Safety Strategic Plan.

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.01 pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.25 pm..

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**13.2 (DI) Request for Council Concurrence to Crown Road Closure and Part Shire Road 158 Closure: West of Lot 33 DP752089 and Lot 26 DP752089, Parish Gillenbine, County Cunningham**

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**Executive Summary**

A request has been received for Council's concurrence to the closure of the above crown road. The road is not likely to be required to compliment Councils existing road network and closure does not appear to land-lock any particular parcel of land. Both the crown road and the part of Shire Road 158 form part of a road corridor east of the railway corridor for the Bogan Gate - Tottenham Railway.

**Recommendation**

1. That Council not object to the closure of the Crown Road, West of Lot 33 DP752089, Parish of Gillenbine, County Cunningham. Subject that approval is also received for the Rail Infrastructure Corporation.
2. That Council not object to the closure of part of Shire Road 158, West of Lot 26 DP752089 Parish of Gillenbine, County Cunningham. Subject to all costs being paid for the closure of the road reserve by the applicant and that the approval is also received from the Rail Infrastructure Corporation.

**05 - 699 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

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**13.3 (DI) Proposed Closure of Baker Street**

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**Executive Summary**

On 21 June 2005 Council considered a number of submissions from sporting bodies requesting the closure of Baker Street. The submissions outlined the potential pedestrian safety issues that exist in Baker Street and those that will develop as the McGlynn/Cheney sports complex expands. A resolution at that meeting provided in principle agreement to the closure of Baker Street, subject to the concurrence of the Local Traffic Committee and a call for public submissions.

The Local Traffic Committee considered the matter at a meeting on 10 August 2005. The committee principally assessed the closure on safety grounds, as is the charter of that committee, and concurred with the closure of the street. Of particular influence was the long term imminent increase in pedestrian activity in the Baker Street area.

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Seven (7) submissions were received in response to the public notice, one of which was a petition containing 138 signatures. The submissions are attached. Objections primarily related to the inconvenience of closure and the potential consequential impacts on the Station Street/Newell Highway intersection.

### **Recommendation**

1. That additional analysis be conducted to determine the impact of closing Baker Street on the operation of the Station Street/Newell Highway intersection.
2. That the findings of the intersection analysis be referred back to Council to assist with the decision on the Baker Street closure.

### **05 - 700 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## **13.4 (DI) Road Safety Strategic Plan**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils' Road Safety Steering Committee have completed the draft combined Road Safety Strategic Plan, which was developed in consultation with Mr. David Riches.

The Road Safety Strategic Plan provides a framework and direction for all divisions of Council to work together towards common road safety goals and a uniform approach to road safety across the three Shires.

The Plan is designed to provide input to guide the road safety action plan developed each year by the Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer (RSIPO). It will also provide input to guide the development of a variety of Council Plans including, Bike Plans, Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans and Transport Management Plans.

The combined Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils' Road Safety Strategic Plan will be incorporated into future Management Plans.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the draft Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils' Road Safety Strategic Plan be adopted and placed on display for 28 days for public comment.
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**05 - 701 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

2. That the Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer be congratulated on the achievement of the Road Safety Program to date.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

**13.5 (DI) Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Report for July 2005**

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**Executive Summary**

The attached report outlines the monthly activities and programs of the Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer (RSIPO) covering the month of July 2005.

**Recommendation**

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

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**05 - 702 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

**14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**14.1 Parkes Local Traffic Committee - Minutes 10 August 2005**

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**Executive Summary**

The Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting was held on 10 August 2005 at 10.15am, the Minutes of the Meeting are attached.

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## **Recommendation**

1. That the recommendations of the Parkes Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 August 2005 be adopted with the exception of item 5.3 - Closure of Baker Street.
2. That the recommendation to Close Baker Street be noted and referred for consideration as a separate item.

## **05 - 703 Resolution**

1. That the recommendations of the Parkes Traffic Committee Meeting held on 10 August 2005 be adopted with the exception of item 5.3 - Closure of Baker Street.
2. That the recommendation to Close Baker Street be noted and referred for consideration as a separate item.
3. That the Traffic Committee review the implementation of the new driveways at the Woolworths carpark in Currajong Street, Parkes.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

## **15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY**

### **15.1 Fire Breaks**

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Councillor J Magill advises that with the fire season approaching he would like to see Council start a program of encouraging property owners to construct fire breaks.

*The Director of Operations advised that the Mid Lachlan Team is looking at a standard release through community education but Council can also do a press release if desired.*

## **Recommendation**

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

## **05 - 704 Resolution**

1. That the information supplied by the Director of Operations be noted.
2. That Council publicise the general need for landowners to construct fire breaks prior to the commencement of the forthcoming fire season.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

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## 15.2 ALGWA

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Councillor B Laing advises that the Australian Local Government Womens Association (ALGWA) will be holding their executive meeting in Parkes 8 and 9 October 2005. The host Council usually supplies morning and afternoon tea plus lunch on the Saturday with the Mayor or a Councillor giving a welcome on the Saturday morning. Councillor B Laing asks for Council's assistance.

### Recommendation

That Council provide the assistance as requested.

### 05 - 705 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

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## 15.3 Closure of Shire Roads in Wet Weather

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Councillor K McGrath advises that he has received complaints regarding the closure of Shire roads to heavy vehicles in wet weather.

*The Director of Operations advises that imposing the 3t load limit during wet weather is necessary to limit damage to unsealed roads. Concessions are available if transport is urgent and the route proposed is suitable.*

### Recommendation

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

### 05 - 706 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

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## 15.4 Road Work in Short Street

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Councillor K McGrath advised that he has had enquiries as to the time taken to complete the construction work in Short Street.

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*The Director of Operations advises that wet weather through July effectively delayed works for one month. The RTA specification required reworks due to wet weather also to achieve compliance. RTA approval to start was received in May which was not ideal timing.*

### **Recommendation**

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

### **05 - 707 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

## **15.5 Skate Park Car Parking**

Councillor Y Hutton advises that she has been approached by elderly residents concerned about children crossing from the proposed car park in Gladstone Street over Hooley Street to the skate park, and asks has any other area been considered?

*The Director of Infrastructure advises that other car parking areas have been considered and discounted on a cost benefit basis. A new car park on Keast Park would directly decrease the recreation area and would be costly. It would provide less risk than a street crossing as proposed, however a properly constructed crossing in Hooley Street should not be inherently dangerous.*

*It should be noted that large sporting events have been held routinely on Keast Park for some considerable time. Vehicles typically park along Hooley Street, on both sides, and pedestrians cross at random locations. As a consequence, Council's strategy has been to reduce the traffic using Hooley Street, particularly heavy vehicles, by shifting them to Hartigan Avenue.*

*The proposed Gladstone Street car park would provide a contained off-street area for parking and a dedicated crossing point for pedestrians. Pedestrians and drivers will have open and clear sight lines. Also, given that the area is a car park, it is reasonable to expect that children would be accompanied by an adult.*

### **Recommendation**

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

### **05 - 708 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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## 15.6 Freedom of Information Act

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Councillor Y Hutton has enquired as to the arrangements for accessing information from Council under the Freedom of Information Act, including the criteria, costs and nature of information obtainable.

*The Director of Corporate Services advises that access to Council documents can be obtained through various means including the making of an application under the Freedom of Information Act. Council is bound by the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, 1989 (FOI). Persons wishing to obtain access to documents should firstly contact the relevant department, as access may be able to be provided under the Local Government Act, 1993, either by inspection or provision of a copy without resorting to the Freedom of Information Act.*

*Where a person or property has been subject to a third party complaint, Council will, under its Provision of Information Policy provide the substance of the complaint to the party complained of, but not the identification of the complainant. An application may be made under the Freedom of Information Act for a copy of the document, however, access is not automatic as the provisions of the Act must be followed in processing the application. The current application fee (set by legislation) is \$30.00.*

*A determination as to the provision of the information under the FOI is made by the FOI Officer (in the case of Parkes Shire Council - the Director of Corporate Services).*

### Recommendation

That the information supplied by the Director of Corporate Services be noted.

### 05 - 709 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

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## 15.7 Water Restrictions

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Councillor Y Hutton has enquired if the times for watering are the same during the current winter months.

*The Director of Infrastructure advises that watering times remain unchanged from the last water restriction notice.*

### Recommendation

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

**05 - 710 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

**15.8 Crown Lands Legislation Amendment Act 2005**

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Councillor Y Hutton enquired if it would be possible to source a copy of the Crown Lands Legislation Amendment Act 2005 for her perusal.

*The General Manager advises that a copy of the Act will be made available for Councillor Hutton.*

**Recommendation**

That the information supplied by the General Manager be noted.

**05 - 711 Resolution**

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

**15.9 Request for Meeting of Solid Waste Landfill Committee**

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Councillor K McGrath requested a meeting of the Solid Waste Landfill Committee in the near future.

**05 - 712 Resolution**

1. That a meeting of the Solid Waste Landfill Committee be held before the ordinary meeting of Council on 6 September 2005.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 4.13 pm.

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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 - 713 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 Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

**16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

**16.1 (GM) Purchase of Land - Lot 549 DP 657444 Newell Highway, Parkes**

**Prepared By: General Manager**

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**Executive Summary**

Negotiations have been undertaken with the owner of the Lot 549 DP 657444 for the purchase of the allotment for future industrial development. A valuation was obtained for the allotment and an offer to purchase made on behalf of Council which has been accepted by the owner.

**Recommendation**

1. That Council proceed with the purchase of Lot 548 DP 657444 at the agreed price.
2. That the necessary documentation be completed under the seal of Council and upon acquisition the land be declared operational.

**05 - 714 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## **16.2 (DCS) Tourism - Tourism Board Representation**

**Prepared By: Tourism Manager**

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### **Executive Summary**

Nominations closed on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August for the public position vacant on the Parkes Shire Tourism Board. Council to appoint a representative from the nominations to be tabled at the meeting during Confidential Business.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council appoint a Tourism Board representative from the nominations received.

### **05 - 715 Resolution**

That fresh applications be called for the vacant position on the Tourism Board.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **16.3 (DI) Purchase of Land for Road**

**Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council is currently marketing 10 hectares of Council owned land between Park Street and Fisher Street. To facilitate the extension of John Curtin Street into the Council that owned land, negotiations have been held with the landholder to purchase necessary land for these road purposes.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council agree to purchase the land, being the proposed extension of John Curtin Street, as shown on the attached plan.
  2. That on acquisition, the land is declared operational.
  3. That all necessary documentation required for the acquisition be signed under the seal of Council.
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**05 - 716 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

**17 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY - CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.38 pm.