



# PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2006

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 21 February 2006 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  
Councillor B Newton

### 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  
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood  
Tourism Coordinator – M Kronk  
Library Services Manager – S Buckle  
Minutes Secretary - D Ehsman

### 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**

#### **06 - 71 Resolution**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 7 February 2006, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Yvonne Hutton declared an interest in Item 12.2 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

### **5 MAYORAL MINUTES**

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

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##### **Executive Summary**

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

##### **Recommendation**

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

#### **06 - 72 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Councillor Magill represented the Mayor at the meeting of the Central West Catchment Management Authority in Dubbo on 15 February, 2006.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

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## **5.2 Mayoral Minute - Coming Known Events**

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### **Executive Summary**

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

### **Recommendation**

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

### **06 - 73 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Councillor Magill represented the Mayor at the Official opening of Forbes Central West Livestock Exchange.
3. That Councillor Newton attend the meeting of the Trundle Community Consultative Committee meeting on 23 February, 2006.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil.

## **7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Nil.

## **8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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#### **Executive Summary**

During the exercise of its various functions, Council frequently receives letters of appreciation for services rendered or actions taken by Councillors and staff. The most recently received congratulatory letters are attached.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **06 - 74 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 (ICR) Office of the Prime Minister - Adequacy of Infrastructure**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Prime Minister's Office has replied to Council's concerns over the adequacy of the nation's infrastructure.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **06 - 75 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 (ICR) NSW Department of Community Services - Early Childhood Centre Funding**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Council has received a reply from the Department of Community Services (DOCS) in relation to a request for further information relating to the possible reduction in funding for the Parkes Early Childhood Centre.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **06 - 76 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

### **8.4 (ICR) Local Government and Shires Association - Drug Information Project**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Associations have been working with the State Government's Community Drug Strategies Team in an attempt to deliver better information which will help Councils deal with alcohol and drug issues in their communities.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **06 - 77 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

**CARRIED**

## **8.5 (ICR) Tullamore Irish Festival - Request for Support**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Tullamore Irish Festival will be held from 24-26<sup>th</sup> March 2006. The organising Committee requests support from Council for a variety of event related activities.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the matters relating to traffic control and road closures be considered by the Parkes Traffic Committee.
2. That the Town Crier be asked to assist.
3. That the Band Master and Town Band be asked to assist.
4. That the matter of required permits for the sale of goods be referred to Planning and Environmental Services.
5. That Council arrange for the use of its two marquees.
6. That bunting be provided from available stock.
7. That garbage drums be provided up to the level of resources available.
8. That the matter of advertising signs in Clarinda Street be referred to the Tourism Board.

### **06 - 78 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

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## **8.6 (ICR) Tullamore Blue Light Inc - Assistance with Hall Repairs**

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### **Executive Summary**

Requesting financial assistance to undertake urgent maintenance works to the Tullamore Memorial Hall.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council write to the Tullamore Community Consultative Committee requesting that they advise of the community's level of support for the project and the amount they wish allocated (if any) from the Tullamore Town Improvement Vote.

### **06 - 79 Resolution**

1. That Council write to the Tullamore Community Consultative Committee requesting that they advise of the community's level of support for the project and the amount they wish allocated (if any) from the Tullamore Town Improvement Vote.
2. That Council make enquiries through the PCYC as to the availability of funds through their network to assist with the Tullamore Hall.
3. That Council make enquiries with the ACC as to the availability of funding.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

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## **8.7 (ICR) Tullamore and District Community Consultative Committee - Funds for Main Street Improvement Program**

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### **Executive Summary**

A request for additional funds has been received from the Tullamore and District Community Consultative Committee to complete painting relating to the Tullamore Main Street Improvement Program.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the shortfall in funding of \$300.00 to complete the painting of Tullamore store fronts be provided from the Tullamore Town Improvement Vote

**06 - 80      Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

**8.8          (ICR) Peak Hill Swimming Club - Donation of Gate Takings**

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**Executive Summary**

The Peak Hill Swimming Club requests the donation of an amount equivalent to the gate takings on the day of their carnival, 8 January 2006.

**Recommendation**

1. That Council make a donation of \$341.00 being the equivalent gate takings at the Peak Hill Pool on Sunday 8 January 2006.

**06 - 81      Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

**8.9          (ICR) Molong Rural Lands Protection Board - Seeking Sponsorship**

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**Executive Summary**

The Board advises that it will host the 'Central Slopes and Plains RLPB Regional Conference' (the conference) from 30-31 March 2006. Council is asked to sponsor the event.

**Recommendation**

1. That an amount of \$100.00 be contributed towards the cost of staging the conference.
  2. That an offer of Parkes Shire promotional material for delegates' satchels be made.
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**06 - 82      Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

**8.10      (ICR) Clue Communication - Sponsorship of Regional Science Festival**

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**Executive Summary**

Clue Communication is staging a Regional Science Festival in August 2006. They have applied for a government grant but also require sponsorship from local communities. The sponsorship proposal states that an amount of \$5,000.00 is required from Council.

**Recommendation**

1. That local schools within the Shire be requested to provide comment on the event and their proposed level of support for the Festival prior to Council determining what level of contribution (if any) is appropriate.

**06 - 83      Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

**8.11      (ICR) Application to Fundraise - Careflight - Tullamore**

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**Executive Summary**

An application has been received to fundraise for the Careflight helicopter (fundraising Auction) at Tullamore Memorial Park on Sunday 26 March 2006 as part of the Tullamore Irish Festival.

### **Recommendation**

1. That permission be granted as requested subject to the activity being covered by Careflight Public Liability Policy.
2. The area being left in a clean and tidy condition at the conclusion of the event.

### **06 - 84 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

### **8.12 (ICR) Alectown Hall Committee - Request for funding**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Alectown Hall Committee requests that it be allocated funds normally set aside in the Town Improvement Vote for the Alectown Pool if these funds have not already been utilised in this budget.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the funds remaining in the Alectown Improvement Vote be allocated to the Alectown Hall renewal project.

### **06 - 85 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

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

### **9.1 (GM) Transport and Logistics Seminar**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Council and the Department of State and Regional Development hosted a forum in the Coventry Room on February 15, 2006 designed to determine the current and future skills needs of the regional transport and logistics sector and the ongoing development of the Parkes Hub concept.

Expected outcome of the day was to be a model for training and skills development which will support growth of both the Parkes Hub and local and regional business operators, although further research will be required to meet that objective.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That issues raised at the forum be followed up with the Department of State and Regional Development and key stakeholders as part of the ongoing development of the Parkes Transport Hub.

#### **06 - 86 Resolution**

1. That issues raised at the forum be followed up with the Department of State and Regional Development and key stakeholders as part of the ongoing development of the Parkes Transport Hub.
2. That Council facilitate a meeting of major stakeholders in Parkes to discuss the recognised skills shortage in the local labour market and develop a GAPS analysis and action plan.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

### **9.2 (GM) Proposed Village Council Meetings - 2006**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Council holds two of its meetings in the villages each year. The gesture is well received by the communities involved.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council hold a meeting at Bogan Gate on 7 March 2006 and Tullamore on 1 August 2006.
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2. That the meeting dates be advertised in the local media.

**06 - 87 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 (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**

1. That the December 2005 Quarterly Report of the 2004/2005 - 2006/2007 Management Plan be received and noted.

**06 - 88 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

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

### **10.1 (DCS) Financial Information - January 2006**

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#### **Executive Summary**

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

#### **Recommendation**

That the report detailing accounts paid, rate revenue collected, receipts received and the bank reconciliation to 31 January 2006 be received and noted.

#### **06 - 89 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

### **10.2 (DCS) Investments as at 31 January 2006**

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#### **Executive Summary**

As at 31 January 2006 Council held \$35,119,067.74 in investments

#### **Recommendation**

That the information be received and noted.

#### **06 - 90 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

**CARRIED**

### **10.3 (DCS) Seniors Week - 2-9 April 2006 - Planning Update**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A meeting of the Planning Committee involved with this year's Seniors Week was held on 8 February 2006. Cr Laing and staff represented Council at the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council waive the usual fees for use of the Coventry Room for Seniors Week.

#### **06 - 91 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

### **10.4 (DCS) Library Services Monthly Update - January 2006**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Information submitted to Council on the activities of the Library during the month of January 2006.

#### **Recommendation**

- 1 That the information contained in the Library Services Monthly Update for January 2006 be received and noted.

#### **06 - 92 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

## **10.5 (DCS) Library Services Statistics - January 2006**

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### **Executive Summary**

Library usage statistics for the month of January 2006 are provided for the information of Council.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted

### **06 - 93 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

## **10.6 (DCS) Tourism Update - January/February 2006**

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### **Executive Summary**

A brief update of general Shire tourism activities.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Tourism Update be received and noted.

### **06 - 94 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## **10.7 (DCS) Tourism - Parkes Elvis Festival Post Event Report**

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### **Executive Summary**

The 2006 ClubsNSW Parkes Elvis Festival was a record-breaking year, recording successes for the local economy and promised growth in coming years. A post-event report outlines the various highlights of the Festival and major planning considerations for 2007.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Elvis Festival Post-Event Report be received and noted.

### **06 - 95 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.00pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.25pm.

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## **10.8 (DCS) Economic Development - 2006 Australia Day Celebrations**

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### **Executive Summary**

Increased participation and attendance featured in a plethora of Australia Day activities across the Parkes Shire, underpinned again by a very successful ambassador program and the community response to the awarding of Order of Australia Medals to well known local residents, Mr Bernie Crowe and Mrs Lee Ramsey.

### **Recommendation**

1. That letters of appreciation be directed to the Australia Day Ambassador, Woolworths, the NSW Australia Day Council and the five local Committees in Parkes Shire for the successful conduct of 2006 Australia Day celebrations.

### **06 - 96 Resolution**

1. That letters of appreciation be directed to the Australia Day Ambassador, Woolworths, the NSW Australia Day Council and the five local Committees in Parkes Shire for the successful conduct of 2006 Australia Day celebrations.

2. That Council make representations for additional Australia Day Ambassadors to cover functions in all centres in the Parkes Shire.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **10.9 (DCS) Economic Development - Sport and Recreation Grants**

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### **Executive Summary**

Over \$40,000.00 has been allocated to three projects in the Parkes Shire under the 2005/2006 NSW Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation Capital Assistance Grants.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That the Member for Dubbo be thanked by letter for her assistance in securing the grant funds.
3. That representations continue to attract the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation (the Hon Sandra Nori MP) to the Shire for an appropriate sporting occasion.

## **06 - 97 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

## **10.10 (DCS) Economic Development - NSW Local Government Touch Carnival**

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### **Executive Summary**

Parkes will host the 14th annual NSW Local Government Touch Carnival at Cheney Park on Saturday, 25 February 2006, attracting an estimated 500 visitors from thirty teams across the state.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

2. That Grange Securities be thanked for the company's ongoing support of the event.

**06 - 98 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

**10.11 (DCS) Economic Development - Henry Parkes Oration**

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**Executive Summary**

Parkes has been invited to host the fourth annual Henry Parkes Oration on Saturday, 28 October 2006, a considerable coup in light of the national focus provided by the 2005 event in Tenterfield.

**Recommendation**

1. That Council formally accept the offer of the Henry Parkes Foundation to host the fourth annual Henry Parkes Oration on 28 October 2006.
2. That Council extend a civic reception to Oratory participants to recognise the event's civic and historical importance.

**06 - 99 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

## **10.12 (DCS) Economic Development - Trundle Doctor's Residence**

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### **Executive Summary**

An application for funding of \$58,000.00 under the Regional Partnership program has been resubmitted by Council through the Central West Area Consultative Committee for the third time.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **06 - 100 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **10.13 (DCS) Economic Development - Scoble Memorial Function**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council was well represented at the inaugural Jack Scoble Memorial Address presented by Mr Brian Booth MBE on 17 February 2006. The first Scoble Educational Scholarship was presented to Miss Danielle Grover, one of five applicants for the position.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **06 - 101 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

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

### **11.1 (DPE) DA06003: Proposed Subdivision at 'Mayfair' Eugowra Road, Parkes**

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#### **Development Application Information**

**Application No:** DA06003

**Applicant:** Parkes Shire Council

**Property:** Lots 148, 149, 15, 150, 151, 16, 53, 54 DP 750164, Lot 84 DP 936782, 'Mayfair' Eugowra Road, Parkes

**Proposal:** Subdivision

#### **Executive Summary**

The application is for a subdivision of an existing rural holding located on the south eastern outskirts of Parkes. The proposed subdivision can be considered as a boundary adjustment.

#### **Recommendation**

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

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### **06 - 102 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

### **11.2 (DPE) Draft Development Control Plan for Parkes Industrial Hub**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A draft Development Control Plan for the area of Parkes known as "the industrial hub" has been prepared and is ready for public exhibition.

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### **Recommendation**

1. That Council publicly exhibit the Draft Parkes Industrial Hub Development Control 2006 in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

### **06 - 103 Resolution**

1. That Council publicly exhibit the Draft Parkes Industrial Hub Development Control 2006 in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.
2. That Appendix 'B' to the Draft be altered to reflect the most appropriate tree and shrub species as listed in pages 59 (Grey Box) and 67 (Yellow Box) of the "A Practical Guide to Revegetation in the Mid Lachlan Region" publication.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

### **11.3 (DPE) January 2006 Building Statistics**

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#### **Executive Summary**

During the month of January 2006 there were fourteen (14) Development Applications received totalling \$10,624,911.00 and 11 consents issued.

Eight (8) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$155,523.00 and five consents issued.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **06 - 104 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That future reports detailing building statistics include graphs of the data.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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

### **12.1 (DO) Major Works Status as at February 2006**

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#### **Executive Summary**

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

Confirmation of relief funding for the November 2005 flood damage is yet to be received. When received works will be commenced which will result in some programmed major works being deferred

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on Major Works Status as at February 2006 be noted.

#### **06 - 105 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Yvonne Hutton left the meeting temporarily at 3.58pm.

### **12.2 (DO) Use of Parkes Pool - Austswim Accreditation**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A request has been received from the Parkes Learn to Swim Instructional Club for permission to conduct an Austswim Accreditation Course at Parkes Pool on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 March 2006. The times requested are 8-10am and 4-6pm on Saturday, and 8.30-10am and 4-6pm on Sunday. The use of a Council TV/Video and projector is also requested for the presentations in the Band Room.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That approval be granted for the use of Parkes Pool by the Parkes Learn to Swim Instructional Club to conduct an Austswim Accreditation Course on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 March 2006 and for the use of Council's TV/Video and projector.
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**06 - 106 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Yvonne Hutton rejoined the meeting at 4.00pm.

**12.3 (DO) CASA's New Financial Plan**

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**Executive Summary**

A new long-term financial management plan for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority took effect from 1 January 2006. The financial plan will see CASA moving to full cost recovery for regulatory services, and a cut in aviation fuel excise. The move to full cost recovery is a Federal Government requirement.

The move is another example of charges being shifted to Airport owners who have little opportunity to recover the cost from users who have benefited from a reduction in fuel costs.

**Recommendation**

1. That the information on the new long-term financial management plan for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority be noted.

**06 - 107 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

**CARRIED**

**12.4 (DO) Use of Parkes Airport - Singapore Armed Forces**

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**Executive Summary**

The Singapore Armed Forces will again be using Parkes Airport and surrounding lands for parachute training from 26 April to 19 May 2006.

Department of Defence and Singapore Armed Forces representatives will liaise with the property owners that will be affected prior to the commencement of the exercises.

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The operations of the training will be controlled to ensure the impact on surrounding residents is minimised.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on the Singapore Armed Forces use of Parkes Airport and surrounding lands for parachute training from 26 April to 19 May 2006 be noted.

### **06 - 108 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

## **12.5 (DO) Cooke Park Fountain**

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### **Executive Summary**

The fountain in Cooke Park near Welcome Street was vandalised in 2003 and the broken components stored while repairs were investigated. It has been difficult to obtain a stonemason that could put a price on the necessary repairs, and recent discussions have indicated that the repair of the structure is not feasible.

It is considered that the only option available is to remove the existing structure and possibly construct a new fountain in the future if funding permits.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Cooke Park Fountain damaged by vandals be removed totally and that the cost of a possible replacement fountain be investigated for future Council discussion.

### **06 - 109 Resolution**

1. That the Heritage Committee investigate the availability of heritage funding to carry out the necessary repairs to the historic fountain in Cooke Park.
2. That a time period of twelve months be set for investigation and completion of the necessary works.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

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

### **13.1 (DI) Discussion Paper - Reducing the Environmental Impact of Council Vehicle Fleets**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Local Government and Shires Association (LGSA) have provided a copy of the discussion paper "Reducing the Environmental Impact of Council Vehicle Fleets" and advocate the philosophies therein.

Suggested strategies include, use of public transport, use of smaller or hybrid type vehicles, use of bio-diesel in fleet vehicles, pooling vehicles and use of bicycles. While some strategies are not practical in rural areas other principles are currently used in the management of councils fleet.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council continue to explore ecological sustainability in fleet operations and fleet replacement strategies.

#### **06 - 110 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

### **13.2 (DI) Newell Highway Upgrade (3.54 to 10.64 Kilometres North of Parkes) - "Coobang Project"**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Road works have commenced on the Newell Highway, from Bogan Road to Cobleys Lane, being from 3.54 to 10.64 Kilometres North of Parkes. The \$11.6 million dollar competitive construction contract was awarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority Western Road Services in December 2005. The project is fully funded by the Australian Government and scheduled for completion in December 2007. Project details are attached.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on commencement of the "Coobang Project" be received and noted.

### **06 - 111 Resolution**

1. That the information on commencement of the "Coobang Project" be received and noted.
2. That a report into available options for the removal and/or relocation of advertising signs on the northern approaches to Parkes (situated on private property) be prepared for a future meeting of Council.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

### **13.3 (DI) CENTROC Electricity Contract**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Parkes Council currently purchases electricity under the provisions of the soon to expire CENTROC Electricity Contract. Significant savings have been realised under this bulk tender arrangement. CENTROC is now preparing a new electricity tender, anticipated to commence 1 July 2006. The timetable for the tender process is attached.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Parkes Council participate in the CENTROC Electricity Tender process.

### **06 - 112 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

### **13.4 (DI) Road Closure and Widening - Application of Seal**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A road widening (Back Yamma Road) which has required a road closure and transfer of property in the Parishes of Dowling (Forbes) and Mugincoble is nearing the end of the legal documentation phase. The Council seal is required to complete the documents.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the Council seal be affixed to the Transfer documentation in relation to Lots 11 and 12 DP108761 relating to Road Closure and Road Widening, Parishes Dowling (Forbes) and Mugincoble.

#### **06 - 113 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **13.5 (DI) Parkes Skate Park Open Day Competition**

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#### **Executive Summary**

To promote the use of safety gear and officially open the Parkes Skate Park an Open Day and Competition has been scheduled for Sunday 26 March 2006.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council endorse the Parkes Skate Park Open Day Competition and that the funds needed for the event be allocated.

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#### **06 - 114 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

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### **13.6 (DI) Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Monthly Report for December 2005 and January 2006**

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#### **Executive Summary**

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

In December and January the RSIPO has been predominantly been involved in implementing the "Catch a Cab" project.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer's Reports for December 2005 and January 2006 be received and noted.

#### **06 - 115 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

### **14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Nil.

## 15 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

### 15.1 Water Account Billing Cycle

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Councillor Hutton has received inquiries regarding the frequency of water accounts in relation to the reading dates for water meters.

*The Director of Corporate Services advises that with the move to three readings per year in accordance with the State Government's BEST PRACTICE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER PRICING GUIDELINES, the processing dates for the water billing cycle are now as follows:*

*October/November readings.....billed with February instalment  
February/March readings.....billed with May instalment  
May/June readings.....billed with November instalment*

*Whilst it is acknowledged that a slight delay exists from reading date to billing date, a substantial cost savings is obtained by utilising the Instalment Notice to advise of the water consumption. The significant cost of three additional account mailouts would be a cost ultimately borne by the consumer.*

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **06 - 116 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council publicise the details of the billing cycle for the benefit of consumers.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

## **15.2 Removal of Garbage Bins in the CBD**

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Councillor Hutton enquires as to the necessity for the removal of garbage bins in Clarinda Street and near the post office.

*The Director of Planning and Environment advises that the Waste Facilities Committee has agreed to a plan for the rationalisation of litter bins in the Business Area. This will see a change from the basket style bins to 240 litre wheeled bins and the removal of some bins.*

*The project will be completed when suitable enclosures to match the main street beautification works have been sourced.*

*Based on advice from garbage collection staff a number of bins were removed and as a result have seen significant reduction in street litter.*

*In the Welcome Street area there are bins located at Chamberlain Square, Johnson's Bakery, Cooke Park and Cooke Park Café. There are also bins provided by the post office.*

### **Recommendation**

That the information supplied by the Director of Planning and Environment be received and noted.

### **06 - 117 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

**CARRIED**

### **15.3 Development of Dedicated Walking Track in Parkes**

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Councillor Laing has received a number of enquiries from community members relating to the establishment of a walking track being developed in Parkes. Councillor Laing advises that many community members walk for exercise and would like a safe area within the town limits to be utilised for this purpose.

*The Director of Infrastructure advises that there is no dedicated walking track currently planned for construction. The Access Committee will be investigating improved access for walkers and special mobility vehicles, but most likely on existing infrastructure.*

*Existing walking facilities include the dedicated path through PAC Park and the 1998 Heart Smart Walking path (details attached).*

#### **Recommendation**

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

### **06 - 118 Resolution**

1. That the possibility of a permanent walking track be addressed in conjunction with the review of the Access and Mobility Plan.
2. That the availability of appropriate grant funding for the construction of a suitable walking track be investigated.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

## Take a walk with....

**your partner**  
**your children**  
**your friends**  
**your pets**

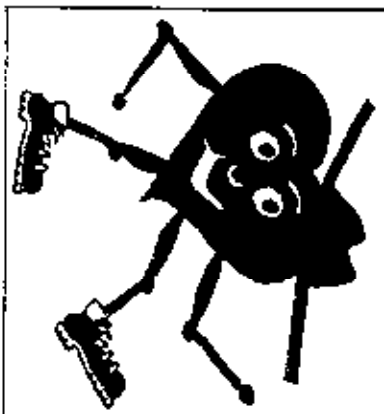
The Parkes Heart Smart Committee was originally formed to provide a pleasant environment for exercise for those recovering from a heart attack or heart surgery.

The Parkes Heart Smart Committee would like to thank:

Parkes Shire Council, Alan Clarke  
Central West Electricity, Sharon Hood  
Lachlan District Health Board  
Mid Western Health Service  
Quota Club, Lions Club, Apex Club

Walking tips from: National Heart Foundation  
NSW Health  
Department of Sport & Recreation

**For more information on walking  
for exercise and health, contact the  
Parkes Community Health Centre on  
(068) 621 886**



Welcome to the....

**Parkes  
Heart  
Smart  
Walking  
Track**

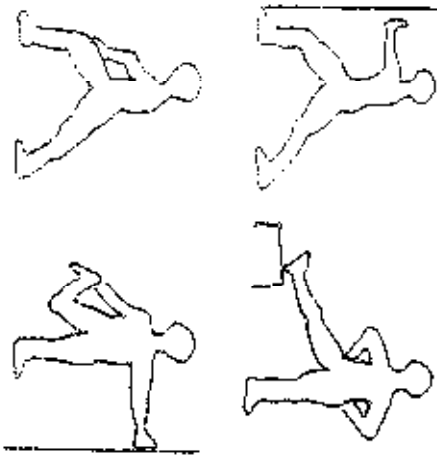
The Parkes Heart Smart Walking Track is 14 kms long. Pick a part of the track that suits you best and follow the Heart Smart signs. In many places the route goes along existing footpaths and tracks.

Remember, you don't have to walk all the track in the one go! Go at your own pace and try to include stretching, warm up and cool down exercises to avoid sore muscles.

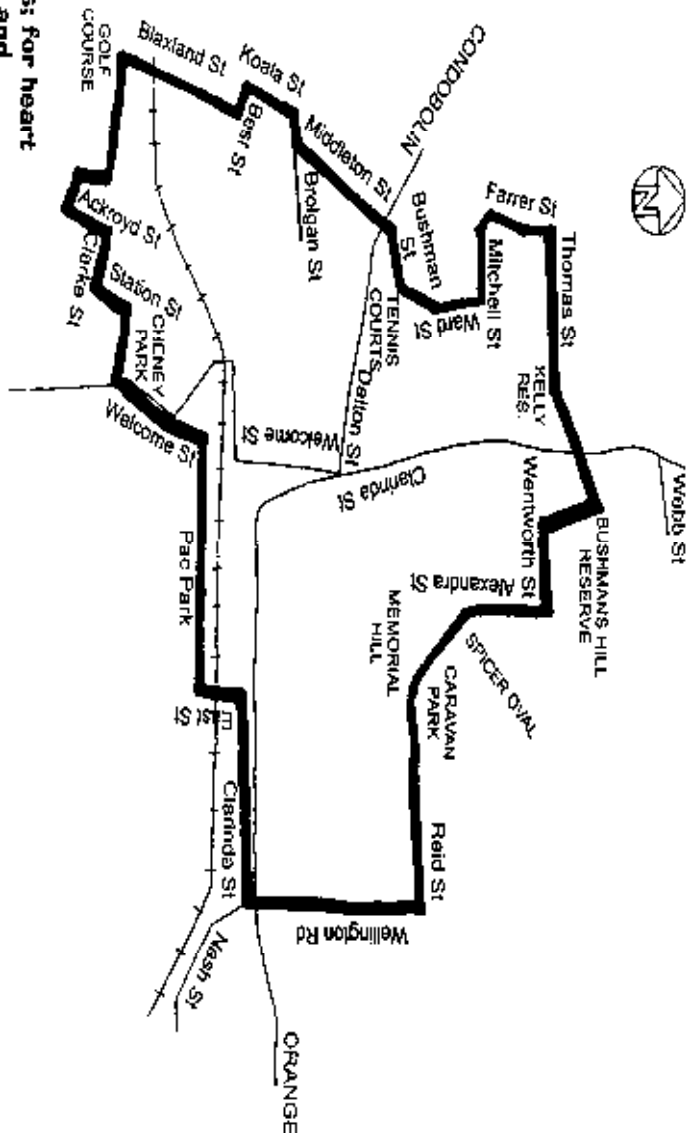
Most of all, have fun and enjoy your exercise. Walking for just 30 minutes each day is great for your health!

**TO START YOUR WALK**

- To prevent soreness, try to stretch, warm up and cool down as part of your walk.
- Warm up** - move around gently for a few minutes
- Stretching** - ease in and out of stretches (there are some examples below). Don't stretch to the point where it hurts
- Cool down** - do the stretches again or walk around slowly
- Avoid the hottest part of the day and protect yourself from the sun (wear a hat, sunscreen and shirt)
- Remember, there is no start or finish point to the track. For variety, try different sections of the track



**Walking and exercise have many benefits: for heart disease, diabetes, stronger bones and helping you feel better and more relaxed.**



Take the first steps and enjoy the many benefits of walking. It costs so little to gain some much.

**Walking Tips:**

- Set your own pace. Walk briskly, but there is no need to sweat and strain. You should be able to talk and whistle while you walk.
- Walking for 30 minutes every day is great for your health.
- Different parts of the track are different grades - some flat, some hilly. Walk a part of the track that suits your fitness.
- Walk with a friend, your family or a pet.

## **PARKES HEART SMART WALKING TRACK**

1. Near large sign pointing to highway.
2. Highway near power pole pointing up hill.
3. Top of Bushmans Hill pointing down to Wentworth St.
4. Wentworth St. pointing to Alexandra St.
5. Alexandra St. pointing south.
6. Entrance to Spicer Park pointing to Pioneer Park back gate.
7. Pioneer Park toilet block pointing to Memorial Hill paths.
8. Near light pole in Bushman St. pointing to Arboretum.
9. On Reid St, sign pointing down Reid St.
10. Wellington Rd. pointing south.
11. Glenhaven Av. Pointing east into Glenhaven Av.
12. In Glenhaven Av. Pointing South.
13. East St, pointing south to Railway Crossing.
14. East St. back of Rail X sign pointing west across P.A.C. Park.
- 15/16 P.A.C. Park McCabe's back Fence, Carrs Lane.
17. Highway south side at small culvert pointing to Amenities.
18. Station St. Playground on back of Ordinance Sign pointing to Clark St.
19. Clark St. on existing sign pointing west.
20. Ackroyd St, at Gas Depot pointing across Railway Crossing.
21. Blaxland St, pointing North.
22. Best St, pointing West.
23. On Koala St. Post pointing North.
24. On Broilgan/Koala St, sign post pointing East.
25. Middleton St. on Sign Post pointing North.
26. Woodward Park pointing North to Ward St. around oval.
27. Ward St. on Street sign pointing North.
28. Mitchell St. on Showground Corner pointing West.
29. Farrer St, sign pointing North.
30. Rose St. on existing sign pointing north.
31. On Thomas St. sign pointing east back to Kelly Reserve.



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## 15.4 Bumberry Dam Recreational Area

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Councillor Hutton advises that she is aware of a petition that has been submitted to Council requesting that "Bumberry Dam (be) repaired and maintained for use as a water resource for both farmers and residents in time of need. Bumberry Dam would also serve for the recreational benefit of the population of the Parkes area". Councillor Hutton advises that the proponents are seeking grant monies to improve the area and are seeking advice on forming a group to be caretakers of the area.

*The Director of Infrastructure advises that the matters raised in the petition (containing in excess of 200 signatures) together with the accompanying series of photographs will be analysed and a report prepared for a future meeting of Council.*

### Recommendation

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

### 06 - 119 Resolution

1. That a report be prepared for a future meeting of Council.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 5.10pm.

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.

### 06 - 120 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 Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

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

### **16.1 (GM) Parkes Airport Sale**

**Prepared By: General Manager**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A new set of arrangements with Mr M Smith have been negotiated and are submitted to Council for approval in principle. These arrangements have been initiated by Council.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council approve in principle the new arrangements and seek legal advice on the proposal.

#### **06 - 121 Resolution**

1. That Council approve in principle the new arrangements subject to legal advice on the proposal which absolutely protects Council.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Byrne asked that his vote against the motion be recorded.

In accordance with Clause 17(3)(c) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice and with the agreeance of Councillors present, the following business was transacted without notice.

### **16.2 Open Cut Experience Peak Hill**

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The Director of Corporate Services gave an overview of a meeting held on Monday 20 February 2006 with Alkane Mine representatives in relation to the future of the Peak Hill Open Cut Mine Experience.

#### **06 - 122 Resolution**

1. That Council underwrite the costs of keeping the Open Cut Experience open from Saturday 11 March to Sunday 30 April 2006 at specified opening times.
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2. That appropriate promotion of the Open Cut Experience be carried out prior to and during the period.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.20pm.