



# PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2007

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 January 2007 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  
Library Services Manager – S Buckle  
Minutes Secretary - T Prior

### MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1.30pm.

### 1 PRAYER

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

### 2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

### 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#### 07 - 1 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 19 December 2006, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 16.3 (DCS) Economic Development - Australia Day Awards (REASON Related entity to an individual mentioned in the report).

Councillor Patrick Byrne joined the meeting at 1.40 pm.

## **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.

#### **07 - 2 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council acknowledge the assistance provided by Council staff to the Elvis Festival.
3. That Council congratulate the Elvis Festival Committee and volunteers on the success of the 2007 Festival.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

### **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.

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## **Recommendation**

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

### **07 - 3 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Councillor W Scott attend the Trundle Community Consultative Committee meeting on 25 January 2007.
3. That Councillors Keith, Magill and Laing attend the E Division Conference at Cowra on 12 February 2007.
4. That Councillor Pratt attend the Inland Rail meeting at Shepparton on 12 February 2007 with the General Manager with the matter to be further determined should the need arise due to change of circumstance.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil.

## **7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Nil.

## **8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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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**

That the information be received and noted.

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#### **07 - 4 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 (ICR) Dawn Fardell - Member for Dubbo - Support for CareFlight**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Local Member advises that she is making representations to the State Government for the retention of the CareFlight Service and seeks Council's written support of her actions.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council provide a Letter of Support to the Local Member, Dawn Fardell, to assist with her representations to the State Government to reinstate CareFlight as the provider of Emergency Medical Helicopter Services.

#### **07 - 5 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 (ICR) Australian Women's Weekly Road Train**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Australian Women's Weekly in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank and Nine Networks' Today Show have teamed up for a Road Train tour of regional centres in 2007. The Road Train Tour commences at Tamworth in January 2007.

The co-ordinators of the Road Train Tour have contacted Council advising they intend to be in Parkes on Wednesday, 14 February 2007 and are requesting a suitable location.

The "Road Train Tour" consists of a custom built 20m long semi-trailer which has its own stage (approximately 4.9 wide). It is proposed that Council offer Cooke Park as a venue given its community prominence.

## **Recommendation**

1. That Council allow the Australian Women's Weekly Road Train access to Cooke Park on Wednesday, 14 February 2007 for their broadcast.

### **07 - 6 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## **8.4 (ICR) Trundle Central School P & C Association - Use of Road Reserve**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Trundle Central School P and C Association request the use of a 100 square metre area of land bounded by the school grounds and Short Street, Trundle.

The school would like to construct a large rainwater tank on the area.

### **Recommendation**

1. That subject to Council's in-principle support, a report be prepared for a future meeting of Council following the investigation of the appropriateness of this request in relation to Council's obligations under the Local Government Act, 1993 and the Roads Act, 1993.

### **07 - 7 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## **8.5 (ICR) Country Energy - Announcing New Central Western Regional Manager**

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### **Executive Summary**

Country Energy has announced the appointment of the new Central Western Regional Manager, Chas McPhail.

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### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 8 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council write to congratulate Chas McPhail on his appointment as new Central Western Regional Manager of Country Energy.
3. That Council write to express gratitude to Daryl Grant for the assistance provided during his time as Regional Manager of Country Energy.
4. That Council write to thank Country Energy for their contribution to the success of the Parkes Elvis Festival.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

**CARRIED**

## **8.6 (ICR) Macquarie Philharmonia - Request for Financial Assistance**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Macquarie Philharmonia advises Council of its planned operations for 2007 and requests Local Government Councils to consider financially assisting the organisation in its 2007 financial assistance budgets.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 9 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## **8.7 (ICR) Trundle Sports Council - Request for Free Admission to Pool on Australia Day**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Trundle Sports Council has requested free admission to the Trundle swimming pool on Australia Day 2007.

### **Recommendation**

1. That free admission to the Trundle swimming pool be granted on Australia Day 2007.

### **07 - 10 Resolution**

1. That the recommendation be adopted.
2. That all pools in the Shire be granted free entry for Australia Day activities between the hours of 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

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## **8.8 (ICR) Parkes East Public School - Request for Signs**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Parkes East Public School, on behalf of their student representative body, have requested signs indicating "Wiradjuri Country" be erected on the highway approaching into Parkes.

### **Recommendation**

1. For the decision of Council.

### **07 - 11 Resolution**

1. That Council agree in principle to the installation of appropriate signage on the Shire boundaries indicating that 'Parkes Shire is part of Wiradjuri Country' and that the matter be investigated for implementation.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **8.9 (ICR) Crown Lands - NSW Bogan Weir**

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### **Executive Summary**

Advising that permission has not been granted for the clearing of tree snags at the Bogan Weir, Peak Hill.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Peak Hill Advancement Association be advised of the outcomes of Council's investigations.

### **07 - 12 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## **8.10 (ICR) Combined Parkes Machinery Dealers - Request for Assistance**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Combined Parkes Machinery Dealers have requested various forms of assistance for their field day which will be held on 7 February 2007.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council advise that it cannot assist generally but will supply contact details from the Alectown Bushfire Brigade and suitably qualified water carters and hiring firms for toilets.
2. That Council staff discuss the request for traffic control in conjunction with a Traffic Control Plan for the event.

### **07 - 13 Resolution**

1. That due to the harsh economic circumstances caused by the drought Council will make an exception to its policy in relation to commercial ventures and meet the cost of portable toilet facilities for the field day.
  2. That Council staff discuss the request for traffic control in conjunction with a Traffic Control Plan for the event.
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3. That it be suggested to the organisers that they liaise with local bush fire brigades to provide dust suppression and fire control and further that water be sourced from the airport standpipe for the purpose.
4. That it also be suggested that the organisers contact the Alectown Bushfire Brigade in relation to the tables, chairs and tent used for catering.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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

### **9.1 (GM) Staff Changes 1 October 2006 to 31 December 2006**

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#### **Executive Summary**

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

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information regarding staff changes for the period 1 October 2006 to 31 December 2006 be received and noted.

#### **07 - 14 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

### **9.2 (GM) Items on Loan from Coventry Transport Museum**

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#### **Executive Summary**

In 2000 Council was the beneficiary of a generous offer from the then Museum of British Motor Transport and the Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust for the loan of a number of items for display in the Sir Henry Parkes Regional Museum. It is necessary to extend the terms of the loan and to finalise the terms and conditions of the housing of the loan items.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the actions in securing the permanent retention of the items donated to Parkes Shire by the Coventry Transport Museum be endorsed.

### **07 - 15 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## **9.3 (GM) Plant and Vehicle Replacement Policy**

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### **Executive Summary**

An important component of Council's corporate governance responsibilities is the progressive development and updating of policy documents.

The 'Plant and Vehicle Replacement Policy' has recently been developed and is provided for Council's consideration.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Plant and Vehicle Replacement Policy be adopted.

### **07 - 16 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

**CARRIED**

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

### **10.1 (DCS) Financial Information - December 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 December 2006 be received and noted.

#### **07 - 17 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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

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#### **Executive Summary**

As at 31 December 2006 Council held \$40,713,593.52 in investments.

#### **Recommendation**

That the information be received and noted.

#### **07 - 18 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

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### **10.3 (DCS) NSW Rural Doctors Network - 2007 Bush Bursary Scheme**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A letter has been received from the NSW Rural Doctors Network inviting Council to participate in the Bush Bursary Scheme for 2007.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council agree to participate in the Bush Bursary/CWA Scholarship Scheme for 2007 and that an amount of \$3,300.00 including GST be included in the 2007/2008 Revenue Policy to fund Council's participation in the Bush Bursary Scheme.

#### **07 - 19 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

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### **10.4 (DCS) Library Services Statistics and Monthly Update - December 2006**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Library usage statistics and activities for the month of December 2006 are provided for the information of Council.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be noted

#### **07 - 20 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

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

### **11.1 (DPE) DA06200: Proposed Dwelling at Lot 21 DP 1042046 Field Road, Parkes**

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#### **Development Application Information**

**Application No:** DA06200

**Applicant:** Rawson Homes Pty Ltd

**Property:** Lot 21 DP 1042046, Field Road, Parkes

**Proposal:** Dwelling

#### **Executive Summary**

Council has received a Development Application to construct a dwelling that will encroach into the 10 metres side boundary setback requirement contained within the Rural Small Holdings Development Control Plan (DCP), 1998.

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **07 - 21 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

**CARRIED**

### **11.2 (DPE) Joint Waste and Recycling Contract**

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#### **Executive Summary**

This report serves to provide an update on the performance of the Joint waste and Recycling service contract with J R Richards and Sons now twelve months into its tenure.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the report from the Director Planning and Environment on the Joint Waste and Recycling Contract be noted.
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### **07 - 22 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **11.3 (DPE) Peak Hill Town Centre Improvement Plan**

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### **Executive Summary**

Ratio Consulting Pty Ltd commenced the Peak Hill Town Centre Improvement Plan on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Council have now been presented with a final draft that will be placed on public exhibition in late January or early February 2007 following endorsement by the NSW Department of Planning.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council endorse the plan for public exhibition.

### **07 - 23 Resolution**

1. That Council endorse the plan for public exhibition for a six week period.
2. That a public meeting be organised within the public exhibition period to explain the report to the Peak Hill residents.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

## **11.4 (DPE) Parkes Comprehensive Land Use Strategy and Local Environmental Plan Review**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council has engaged Ratio Consulting to undertake the Parkes Comprehensive Use Strategy and a review of the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 1990.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 24 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.10 pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.29 pm.

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

### **12.1 (DO) Major Works Status as at January 2007**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Other than maintenance works and flood damage repairs, major works that have been carried out over the past month are reported below. Works are being severely affected due to the lack of available water sources. Some projects are continuing by utilising on site water storages and use of a water tanker to service them. Costs are being affected accordingly.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on Major Works Status as at January 2007 be noted.

### **07 - 25 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

**CARRIED**

## **12.2 (DO) Request for Assistance - Coobang Valley Landcare Group**

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### **Executive Summary**

A request has been received from Coobang Valley Landcare Group for assistance in repairing damage to an embankment on Back Creek.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council accede to the request to provide assistance to the Coobang Valley Landcare Group of up to \$5,000 by way of Plant and Labour Hire and provision of geofabric.

### **07 - 26 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

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

### **13.1 (DI) Water Main Replacement - Gallop Avenue, Parkes**

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### **Executive Summary**

The water main in Gallop Avenue has experienced a number of breaks, most recently during the Christmas/New Year period. The main has been scheduled for replacement.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
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### **07 - 27 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## **13.2 (DI) Water Main Construction Willaroo and Jackson Streets Peak Hill**

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### **Executive Summary**

The following report proposes the construction of water mains in Willaroo Street and Jackson Street, Peak Hill. The main extension will remove two (2) dead ends and make provision for numerous small diameter connections in the subject area.

It will also provide fire protection and a water supply for proposed development on Lot 356 DP 755113 Peak Hill, shown on the attached plan.

### **Recommendation**

1. That approximately 600 metres of 100 millimetre diameter water main be extended in Willaroo Street and Jackson Street, Peak Hill for an estimated cost of \$18,700.
2. That the owner of Lot 356 DP 755113, be required to contribute \$4,000 for connection to the new main.

### **07 - 28 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

## **13.3 (DI) Removal of UHF Citizen Repeater Radio Station from Mount Caloma**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council resolved at the 15 August 2006 Council Meeting to contact the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) regarding the removal of the UHF citizen repeater radio station from Mount Caloma, north-east of Peak Hill.

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The NPWS reply is attached, which indicates the infrastructure was removed as it had become derelict and unsafe. The site is currently being acquired by the NPWS with the intention of amalgamation with the National Park.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information relating to the removal of the UHF citizen repeater radio station from Mount Caloma be received and noted.

### **07 - 29 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

## **13.4 (DI) Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Report for December 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).

This month the RSIPO has predominantly been involved in implementing the "Catch a Cab" projects for Parkes and Forbes, and the "Catch Ya Later Condo" project, continuing planning of the Arrive Alive project "Engine On. Hands Off" with the Youth Road Safety Team, conducting "Not a Statistic!" Youth Road Safety Sessions, and implementing the "Stop. Revive. Survive the Newell" project.

### **Recommendation**

That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 30 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

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

### **13.5 (DI) Drought Bus to Visit Parkes and Peak Hill**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Council has been contacted by the Federal Government's Drought Bus Co-ordinators advising the Drought Bus is to visit Parkes and Peak Hill. The bus has been set up to provide information on State and Federal Government Drought Assistance availability.

The Drought Bus will be at:

- The M&D Theatre Carpark, Cnr of Bogan and Dalton Streets, Parkes on 1 February 2007 from 12noon to 7pm, and
- The Former Commercial Hotel site, Cnr of Caswell and Dugga Streets, Peak Hill on 2 February 2007.

A media release on the bus is attached.

#### **Background Information**

A mobile information bus service was launched in November 2006 to make it easier for farmers to obtain information about, and apply for, drought assistance.

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

Nil

#### **Budget & Financial Aspects**

Nil

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **Attachments**

1. Media Release for Drought Bus



**HON PETER McGAURAN MP**  
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

**M E D I A R E L E A S E**

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6 November 2006

**Drought bus to take help directly to farmers**

A mobile service launched today will bus its way through some of Australia's most drought-affected regions to make it easier for farmers to obtain information about, and apply for, drought assistance.

In launching the six-week pilot project, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Peter McGauran, said specialist staff would travel through Victoria, NSW and southern Queensland to speak directly to farmers about the Government's range of assistance measures.

"Many farmers find it hard to find the time to get into town to talk face-to-face with staff from Government agencies. In recognition of this, we've decided to take the services directly to farming communities," Mr McGauran said.

"Specialist staff on board the bus will provide information and link farmers to the relevant assistance and support services. Social workers will also be on hand to provide counselling or referrals.

"This bus will act as a fully functional office, with a phone, fax, printer and self-service computers directly connected to Centrelink. Farmers will be able to apply for drought assistance and other Government support on the spot.

"I encourage farmers to take advantage of the service, enjoy a barbecue with our staff and see what help the Government can offer."

The bus will visit Gunning, Goulburn, Crookwell and Cootamundra this week. Among the centres it will visit next week are Albury, Wangaratta, Kerang, Swan Hill and Mildura.

Mr McGauran said farmers should not self-assess their eligibility for drought assistance or other support payments and services. Farmers are urged to contact the mobile unit or the Drought Assistance Hotline on 13 23 16 to check their eligibility.

Farmers are also urged to check their local media or call the Drought Assistance Hotline to find out where the bus will be located.

Media contact: Minister's office - Ben Houston (02) 6277 7520 Centrelink - Angela McIntyre 0411 670 958

[www.daff.gov.au](http://www.daff.gov.au)

**Advancing Australian Agriculture**

**07 - 31 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## **14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **14.1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Little Theatre Management Committee held on 14 December 2006**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A meeting of the Little Theatre Management Committee was held on Tuesday, 14 December 2006.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the minutes of the Little Theatre Management Committee meeting held on 14 December 2006 be adopted.

#### **07 - 32 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

### **14.2 Minutes of Parkes Shire Access Committee Meeting held 12 December 2006**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A meeting of the Parkes Shire Council Access Committee was held on Tuesday, 12 December 2006. The minutes of the meeting are attached.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Access Committee held on 12 December 2006 be adopted.

#### **07 - 33 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Patrick Byrne left the meeting at 4.00 pm.

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

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

### **15.1 (Q & M) Testing of Swimming Pools in Parkes Shire**

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Councillor Y Hutton has enquired when the last test was carried out for swimming pools in the Parkes Shire on bacteria levels and what is the policy for testing.

*The Director of Operations advises that pools are operated in accordance with Department of Health guidelines for chlorine levels to ensure disinfection. Pool staff are not required to carry out bacteria level testing. Testing for bacteria is usually conducted annually independent of the pool staff.*

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **07 - 34 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

### **15.2 (Q & M) Report by Crystal Pools of Swimming Pools in Parkes Shire**

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Councillor Y Hutton is enquiring on the report carried out by Crystal Pools on swimming pools within the Parkes Shire. Councillor Hutton is enquiring if the findings from this report will be tabled for all Councillors or are these findings to be available for the Swimming Pool Committee only for discussion and follow up.

*The Director of Operations advises that the report was received in December. A meeting of the Pool Planning Committee will be held prior to the next Council meeting to discuss the outcomes and report to Council.*

#### **Recommendation**

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

### **07 - 35 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

### **15.3 (Q & M) Cost of Entry - Shire Swimming Pools**

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Councillor Y Hutton has received enquiries from pool patrons regarding the entry of children and the age when they are charged admission ie are children under five years of age entitled to free admission?

*The Director of Operations advises that children under five are admitted free. Information on the signage and in the fees and charges will be expanded to ensure the information is clear.*

#### **Recommendation**

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

### **07 - 36 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

### **15.4 (Q & M) Tullamore Waste Facility**

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Councillor B Newton advises that the Tullamore Waste Facility was lit last week during a total fire ban. The Police said they had reported, on a previous occasion, the name of someone lighting the facility, but no prosecution could occur due to lack of signs at the facility. Councillor Newton asks who has jurisdiction in this situation?

*The Director Planning and Environment advises that he understands the Police being unable to take action if there is not appropriate signage at the facility. NetWaste is currently developing standard waste landfill signs for this reason and will be proceeding on a joint purchasing arrangement. Appropriate signage will be erected at all of Council's Waste Landfill Facilities. This and similar incidents of unsupervised landfills in the Shire confirms that Council must review the operation and need for such facilities.*

## Recommendation

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

## 07 - 37 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## 15.5 (Q & M) Sealing of Roads from Narromine to Hillston

Councillor B Newton enquired as to progress of the plan to seal roads from Narromine to Hillston as proposed by John Cobb MP and if it is to go ahead will it still be one third contribution by Council and two thirds Federal Government?

*The Director of Operations advises that a joint application was made with Carrathool and Lachlan Shire Councils following a meeting with Mr Cobb. Attached is a letter received advising that the application was unsuccessful but kept for future reference.*



### Lachlan Shire Council

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11 January 2007

Contact Person: **R Staples**  
**Record No:15798**

Mr Alan McCormack  
General Manager  
Parkes Shire Council  
P O Box 337  
PARKES NSW 2870

Dear Alan

**Re: AusLink – Strategic Regional Program**

Reference is made to the subject funding program and Council's joint submission for the upgrade of the regional Road Link from Hillston to Eumungerie.

Unfortunately, as the attached letter advises, this submission was unsuccessful.

Yours sincerely

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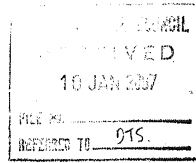
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**Director**  
**Technical Services**

enc.



**The Hon Mark Vaile MP**

**Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Transport and Regional Services  
Leader of The Nationals**



Reference: 12144-2006

Mr Roger Bailey  
General Manager  
Lachlan Shire Council  
PO Box 216  
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- 5 JAN 2007

Dear Mr Bailey

Thank you for your letter dated 20 November 2006 enclosing Lachlan Shire Council's submission to AusLink's Strategic Regional Programme to upgrade the Hillston to Eumungerie Road.

As applications for the Strategic Regional Programme closed on 1 May 2006 and announcements of successful projects have commenced, I am unable to consider Council's submission under this programme at this time.

The Strategic Regional Programme has attracted a high number of quality regional transport proposals, with 495 applications received across Australia. The Australian Government is firmly committed to working in partnership with local government to develop an effective regional transport network and I have asked the Australian Government Department of Transport and Regional Services to retain your submission to upgrade the Hillston to Eumungerie Road Link on file for future reference.

Thank you for bringing this project to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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## Recommendation

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

## 07 - 38 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## **Urgent Business without Notice**

### **07 - 39 Resolution**

1. That the following business of which due notice has not being given, now be transacted in accordance with Clause 17(3) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice as the matter is considered to be of great urgency.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## **15.6 (Q & M) Ambulance Operations - Recent Incident at Peak Hill**

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Councillor George Pratt wished to make Council aware of the concerns of local Ambulance Officers in relation to a recent well publicised incident involving the Ambulance Service at Peak Hill. Councillor Pratt advised the meeting that local officers were concerned that their professionalism was being questioned as part of a political point scoring exercise.

*The Mayor asked Councillor Pratt to assure local Ambulance Officers that their professionalism is beyond reproach and that he was aware that the matter was being duly investigated by the relevant authorities.*

### **Recommendation**

That the information supplied by the Mayor be received and noted.

### **07 - 40 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

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

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 4.23 pm.

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

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

### **07 - 41 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 George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

### **16.1 (ICR) Court Street Health Centre - Rural Partnerships**

**Prepared By: Director of Corporate Services**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Court Street Health Centre has been working with the Rural Partnerships Program in its attempt to establish a new General Practice. The proponents now seek an indication of Council's level of support for the proposal.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the letter of support supplied to the Court Street Health Centre be endorsed.
2. That Council continue to liaise with representatives of the Rural Partnership Program to attract sufficient funding to permit the project to go ahead.

### **07 - 42 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

## **16.2 (ICR) Parkes Railway Hotel - Acquisition of Carpark**

**Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service**

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### **Executive Summary**

The licensee of the Parkes Railway Hotel has asked Council to consider the disposal of a carpark in Currajong Street to permit the construction of an extended beer garden and outdoor area.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council offer the applicant the opportunity to lodge a Development Application, addressing the planning and engineering issues. Assuming Consent is subsequently obtained the applicant can then assess the exact cost of the development.
2. That Council agree to sell the land at a price determined by a registered Land Valuer.

### **07 - 43 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 4.46 pm.

## **16.3 (DCS) Economic Development - Australia Day Awards**

**Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service**

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### **Executive Summary**

Parkes Rotary Club has provided for Council's endorsement the recommended recipients for Australia Day Awards in the categories of Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Parkes Rotary Club's recommendations for recipients of the 2006 Parkes Shire Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year be endorsed by Council.
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### **07 - 44 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 4.50 pm.

## **16.4 (DPE) Cleaning Contract - Administration & Library Cultural Centre**

**Prepared By: Director Planning & Environment**

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### **Executive Summary**

Notification has been received from JW & L Job advising Council of their intention to take up the option to clean the Administration and Library Cultural Centre pursuant to Clause 3(ix) of the contract specification for a further two years.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council agree to the application by JW & L Job to exercise the two year option as provided in Clause 3(ix) of the specification to the Cleaning Agreement for the Administration and Library Cultural Centre and that the contract price be adjusted in accordance with the CPI as at 30 September 2006.
2. That the granting of the 2 year option be subject to the updating of Occupational Health and Safety requirements in clause (xxiv) of the agreement.
3. Council offer to assist the Cleaners in the development of an Occupational Health and Safety Plan in order to meet the added requirements.

### **07 - 45 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## **16.5 (DI) Security System for Parkes Works Depot**

**Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure**

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### **Executive Summary**

The escalation in the number of break-in and theft from the Parkes Works Depot in Thornbury Street has led to quotations being sought for a Security System.

### **Recommendation**

1. That security be installed at the Thornbury Street Depot in accordance with the attached quotation.

### **07 - 46 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **16.6 (DI) Expression of Interest for Design and Construction of Water Based Sculptures at Cooke Park and Chamberlain Square.**

**Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure**

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### **Executive Summary**

Pursuant to Councils resolution of 17 October 2006, requests for "expressions of interest for the development of water based sculptures at Parkes" (Eol) were publicly advertised. Specifically the development of fountains in Cooke Park and a water based feature in Chamberlain Square. Four (4) Eol's were received.

This report recommends the selection of the two (2) most experienced water based Sculptors considered most capable of fulfilling the requirements of the proposed commissions, to further develop their concepts and ultimately tender for these works.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Mothers Art Productions Pty Ltd and Terrance Plowright Fine Arts be invited to proceed with the further development of concept designs and tenders.
  2. That interested Councillors nominate for inclusion in the concept development process.
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## 07 - 47 Resolution

1. That Mothers Art Productions Pty Ltd and Terrance Plowright Fine Arts be invited to proceed with the further development of concept designs and tenders.
2. That the Mayor plus Councillors Laing, Newton and Hutton be included in the concept development process.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

## 16.7 (DI) AusLink Strategic Regional Program - Parkes Multimodal Transport HUB Higher Mass Limit Vehicle Access Road

**Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure**

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### Executive Summary

As Council is aware Parkes has been offered a \$1,080,000 AusLink Strategic Regional Program grant, for the development of a higher mass limit access road to the Parkes Multimodal HUB. The grant is supported by an additional \$500,000 in Council and Developer contributions, providing a total project budget of \$1,580,000. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of the 2007 calendar year.

The project includes;

- (1) Upgrade 3.3 kilometres of Brolgan Road (West from Westlime Road) to accommodate Higher Mass Limit Vehicles
- (2) Installation of Traffic Lights at the intersection of Hartigan and Blaxland Street interfacing with Railway system to provide the access road with priority
- (3) Provide intersection lighting at Hartigan Avenue/Brolgan Road Intersection and review road priority
- (4) Provide intersection lighting upgrade at Hartigan Avenue/Blaxland Street Intersection
- (5) Provide minor horizontal alignment improvement at Hartigan Avenue near Brolgan Road (short section of substandard alignment).

It is recommended that Council accept the Commonwealth Governments Funding offer, subject to normal project and contractual due diligence checks.

### Recommendation

1. That the information in this report be received and noted.
  2. That Council endorse the financial arrangements as outlined in this report.
  3. That Council accept the Commonwealth Governments Funding offer, subject to staff completing project and contractual due diligence checks, and that the documents be signed and sealed as necessary to facilitate the agreement.
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**07 - 48 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.14 pm.