



# PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2007

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held at the Services Club, Caswell Street, Peak Hill 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 Services Club, Caswell Street, Peak Hill on 6 March 2007 at 1.30pm.

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#### PRESENT

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

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

#### IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack  
Director Corporate Service - B Matthews  
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell  
Director Operations - S Barry  
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd  
Administration Manager - L Finn  
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood  
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

**NOTE:**

*It is to be noted that Councillor Byrne advised Council's Administration Centre by email of his inability to attend the meeting on the day of the meeting. However, as the meeting was held in Peak Hill the email was not available at this time.*

#### 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

##### 07 - 132 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 20 February 2007, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 1.35pm.

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 - 133 Resolution**

That the meeting be closed for consideration of the listed items as they involve: information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors) and commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **16.1 (GM) Sale of Land**

**Prepared By: General Manager**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The following information relates to sale of Council land. The potential purchaser has asked for confidentiality at this stage.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 134 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## **16.2 (DO) Tender for the Replacement of Two (2) Bridges**

**Prepared By: Director of Operations**

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### **Executive Summary**

Tenders closed on 22 February 2007 for the Design, Demolition and Construction of two (2) bridges in Parkes Shire. Six (6) tenders were received.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Tender for DEARNU Pty Ltd be accepted for the Design and Construct of both Coradgery and Genaren Creek Bridges at the lump sum price of \$185,000 (excluding GST) for Coradgery Bridge, and \$293,020 (excluding GST) for Genaren Creek Bridge.

### **07 - 135 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

## **16.3 (DO) Sale of Bushfire Trucks**

**Prepared By: Director of Operations**

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### **Executive Summary**

Quotations closed on Thursday, 22 February 2007 for the purchase of a International Mark 5 Bushfire Truck, Registration Number BFO-1471 (Council plant number 8036) formerly housed by the East Parkes Bushfire Brigade, an International C1800 Bushfire Truck, Registration Number BFO-2678 (Council plant number 8029) formerly housed by the Bruie Plains Bushfire Brigade and a Dodge D5N Truck, Registration Number BFO-2690 (Council plant number 8020) formerly housed by the Alagala Bushfire Brigade.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the quotation of Patrick Fitzpatrick of \$500 be accepted for the purchase of the International Bushfire Truck, Registration Number BFO-1471.
  2. That the quotation of John Boyd on behalf of Bruie Plains Bushfire Brigade of \$800 be accepted for the purchase of the International Bushfire Truck, Registration Number BFO-2678.
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3. That the quotation of Malcolm Harrison of \$1200 be accepted for the purchase of the Dodge Bushfire Truck, Registration Number BFO-2690.

**07 - 136 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

**16.4 (DPE) Doctors - Court Street Practice**

**Prepared By: Director Planning & Environment**

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**Executive Summary**

The lease for the Court Street Medial Centre is due to expire in July, 2007. Discussions recently held with a representative of the Court Street Medical Practice disclosed that they are no closer to acquiring/developing new premises.

**Recommendation**

1. For Council's consideration.

**07 - 137 Resolution**

That Council representatives organise a meeting with local General Practitioners and the CEO of the Division of General Practitioners.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

There being no further business the meeting of the Closed Session of Council concluded at 2.00pm.

The meeting of the Ordinary Council was open to the public at 2.02pm.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 9.2 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

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The Director of Planning and Environment declared an interest in Item 9.2 (REASON Related entity to an individual mentioned in the report).

Councillor Robert I Wilson, OAM declared an interest in Item 9.6 (REASON Personal matter concerning the Mayor).

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 10.3 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

## **5 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil.

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

Nil.

## **7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Nil.

## **8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 (ICR) Mayor of Dubbo City Council - Support for Redevelopment of Lourdes Hospital, Dubbo**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Advising that a meeting between Dubbo City Council, Member for Dubbo, Mrs Dawn Fardell, and the Premier, the Hon Morris Iemma, was held on Wednesday, 28 February 2007 to discuss the financial viability of redeveloping Lourdes Hospital.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the General Manager's action in forwarding a Letter of Support to Dubbo City Council in relation to the re-establishment of the Lourdes Hospital be endorsed.

#### **07 - 138 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 (ICR) John Cobb MP, Advising of NRMA Community Grants**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The local Federal Member has forwarded details of NRMA's Community Grants which have been advised to his office.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be forwarded to local Consultative Committees and advertised in the local media.

#### **07 - 139 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

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### **8.3 (ICR) Lismore City Council - Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW Conference 2007**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Lismore City Council will host the Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW Annual Conference this year from 3 to 6 May 2007. The organisers have forwarded registration details for interested Councillors.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Councillors \_\_\_\_\_ be authorised to attend the 2007 ALGWA Conference.

#### **07 - 140 Resolution**

1. That Councillors Laing, Hutton and Newton be authorised to attend the 2007 ALGWA Conference.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

### **8.4 (ICR) Tullamore P A & H Association Inc - Multi Purpose Function Shed for Tullamore Showground**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Tullamore P A & H Association requests Council's assistance in preparing an application under the Regional Partnerships Grant Program to secure funds for the construction of a multi purpose function shed at the Tullamore Showground.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That prior to Council considering the matter further a meeting be held between Council representatives and members of the Tullamore P A & H Association to discuss the proposal in further detail.

#### **07 - 141 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **8.5 (ICR) Arts OutWest - Proposed Board Membership Restructure**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Board of Arts OutWest have advised that they have recently considered ways in which to streamline and strengthen its membership. A restructure of the Board and governance arrangements are proposed.

### **Recommendation**

1. For Council's consideration.

### **07 - 142 Resolution**

That Council provide a response in agreement with the proposed changes.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **8.6 (ICR) Mr B Collier - Support for East Street Roundabout**

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### **Executive Summary**

Mr Collier has provided details of his concerted efforts to have a roundabout installed at the intersection of East and Clarinda Streets.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the letter from Mr Collier be forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority in support of Council's request for a roundabout at the East Street/Clarinda Street intersection.

### **07 - 143 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

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

### **9.1 (GM) Parkes Health Council**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Council has been asked to nominate two representatives to the Parkes Health Council, especially in light of the new hospital proposed for Parkes.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council nominate two representatives.

#### **07 - 144 Resolution**

That Councillors Pratt and Laing be representatives on the Parkes Health Council.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Ken Keith and the Director of Planning and Environment left the meeting temporarily at 2.24pm.

### **9.2 (GM) One Night Stand Concert**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A group of local people is endeavouring to put together a submission for a Triple J One Night Stand concert in Parkes. Submissions are required by 9 March 2007. The date of the concert is 20 April 2007.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That given the tight time frame, Council give an indication of its level of support at this meeting.

#### **07 - 145 Resolution**

1. That Council make available funds from the Youth Services Reserve of up to \$13,500.00 to assist with the staging of the One Night Stand Concert should the Parkes bid be successful.
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2. That the involvement of the youth of all towns and villages of the Parkes Shire be encouraged.
3. Should any other central west Councils be successful with a bid for the concert that Council subsidise bus travel to the event for the youth of the Shire.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Ken Keith and the Director of Planning and Environment rejoined the meeting at 2.38pm.

### **9.3 (GM) Policy Development - CCTV Workplace Surveillance**

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#### **Executive Summary**

An important component of Council's corporate governance responsibilities is the progressive development and review of Council's policies.

A CCTV Workplace Surveillance Policy has been developed and is submitted for Council's consideration

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the CCTV Workplace Surveillance Policy be adopted.

#### **07 - 146 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **9.4 (GM) Council Meeting Start Time**

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#### **Executive Summary**

It is proposed that all the regular meetings of Council start at 2.00 pm.

## **Recommendation**

1. That Council meetings start at 2.00 pm in future.

### **07 - 147 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council a presentation was given at 2.41pm by the Valuer General representative on the recent revaluation of Shire properties for rating purposes.

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council a presentation was given at 3.17pm by Council staff on rural addressing.

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.25pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.45pm.

## **9.5 (GM) Drought**

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### **Executive Summary**

An update is provided on the drought representations

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 148 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Robert I Wilson, OAM left the meeting temporarily at 3.49pm and Deputy Mayor Ken Keith assumed the chair.

## **9.6 (GM) Visit to the United Kingdom**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Mayor, Cr Robert Wilson, OAM and his wife Vicki have been invited to attend a graduation ceremony in Canterbury in May for Warnborough University where Cr Wilson will be conferred an honorary degree.

Baroness Gardner of Parkes will be attending as guest speaker.

### **Recommendation**

1. Expenditure by the Mayor of up to \$1,000 be authorised to assist with costs of undertaking meetings with representatives of the various Coventry organisations during his trip.
2. That the authorised amount extend to the purchase of nominal gifts for cultural exchange purposes to extend the hand of international friendship.
3. That the authorised amount not to be used for personal expenses or to defray personal costs.
4. That Councillor Wilson be congratulated on the bestowment of the Award.

### **07 - 149 Resolution**

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Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Robert I Wilson, OAM rejoined the meeting and resumed the chair at 3.52pm.

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

### **10.1 (DCS) Alcohol Free Zone - Peak Hill**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Local Government Act 1993 includes provision to restrict the irresponsible consumption of alcohol on roads and footpaths and in car parks which would compromise the use of these areas by members of the public. The Department of Local Government has issued guidelines for the establishment and monitoring of Alcohol Free Zones established under the Act and Council is guided by these guidelines when considering the establishment for extension of Alcohol Free Zones.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the Alcohol Free Zone in Caswell Street, Peak Hill between Ween and Dugga Streets be re-established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act and that a public notice be placed in the local press advising of the re-establishment of the Alcohol Free Zone.
2. That notices be erected under Section 632 of the Local Government Act 1993 prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in the Peak Hill Park and the former Commercial Hotel site at the corner of Caswell and Dugga Streets, Peak Hill.

#### **07 - 150 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

### **10.2 (DCS) Lifeline Central West**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Lifeline Central West have written to Council seeking a financial contribution towards the operation of their service which has responded to more than 8,000 calls for help from people within the Central West community during 2006.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council provide a donation of \$500 to Lifeline Central West for the 2006/07 financial period as provided in the Revenue Policy.
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**07 - 151      Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 3.55pm.

**10.3 (DCS) ClubsNSW - Parkes Elvis Festival - Reimbursement of Fees**

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**Executive Summary**

The organisers of the 2007 Parkes Elvis Festival seek reimbursement of the Development Application fees associated with the establishment of "Tent City" on Northparkes oval as well as the hire fee for the Northparkes Club Rooms which serviced the Tent City.

**Recommendation**

1. That a contribution equivalent to half the fees charged for the use of Northparkes oval amenities and the development application for Tent City be made in recognition of the economic benefit generated for the town by the project.

**07 - 152      Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 3.56pm.

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## **10.4 (DCS) Economic Development - Peak Hill Youth Needs Study**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council has received a number of responses from community groups to its request for prioritised projects contained in the Peak Hill Youth Needs Study compiled in late 2006 by the Dubbo based Burnside Group.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council proceed, with the assistance of the Burnside Group, with the conduct of a public meeting to consider the implementation of projects and activities as outlined in the Peak Hill Youth Needs Study.

### **07 - 153 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

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## **10.5 (DCS) Economic Development - National Touch Carnival**

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### **Executive Summary**

The 15th annual Grange Securities National Touch Carnival on 24 February 2007 proved another resounding sporting and social success, attracting 500 visitors from 28 teams across NSW and Victoria, including four new Councils. Feedback from all participating teams has been exceptional and it would appear the 2008 staging will set new benchmarks.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Grange Securities be thanked by letter for their ongoing sponsorship of the carnival.

### **07 - 154 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

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

### **11.1 (DPE) DA06217: Proposed Residential Flat Buildings at 4-6 Farrer Street, Parkes**

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#### **Development Application Information**

**Application No:** DA06217

**Applicant:** Rawson Homes Pty Ltd

**Property:** Lot 5 DP 865050, 4-6 Farrer Street, Parkes

**Proposal:** Residential Flat Buildings

#### **Executive Summary**

The proposed development is for the erection of two (2) brick veneer residential units on an allotment having frontage to Farrer Street Parkes.

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **07 - 155 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

Councillor McGrath asked that his vote against the motion be noted.

## **11.2 (DPE) DA07008: Proposed Front Fence at 23 Wattle Street, Parkes**

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### **Development Application Information**

**Application No:** DA07008

**Applicant:** Ms A Burgess

**Property:** Lot 2 DP 532029, 23 Wattle Street, Parkes

**Proposal:** Front Fence

### **Executive Summary**

It is proposed to erect a colorbond fence to the front north-west corner of the dwelling on Lot 2, DP 532029, 23 Wattle Street, Parkes. The fence extends from the northern boundary of the property to level with the north-west corner of the dwelling with side returns to the front of the dwelling, at an overall height of 1.5 metres.

The proposed development contravenes the requirements of Parkes Shire Councils' Residential Code Development Control Plan, 1998 with regard to the height of a front fence within the front 6 metre building line from the street

### **Recommendation**

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

### **07 - 156 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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

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#### **Executive Summary**

Ratio Consulting Pty Ltd commenced the Peak Hill Town Centre Improvement Plan on Thursday, 24 November 2005. Since the last update the NSW Department of Planning have requested that the plan is changed prior to it being endorsed by them for public exhibition.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the amended plan be provided to the Council for final adoption.
2. That the amended plan be sent to the NSW Department of Planning such that it be endorsed for public exhibition.
3. That following endorsement of the plan for public exhibition, the plan is exhibited for a period of six weeks.
4. That Council convene a meeting to be attended by representatives of Ratio Consulting Pty Ltd and held in Peak Hill during that exhibition period so that the plan's authors can speak on the plan and so that members of the community can discuss it.

#### **07 - 157 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

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

### **12.1 (DO) Peak Hill Swimming Pool**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A number of events and issues have involved the Peak Hill Swimming Pool over the past few months. Successful events being conducted are the Aqua Aerobics organised by the Primary Health Care Nurse, and a Blue Light Disco organised by the Youth Liaison Officer of the Lachlan Local Area Command. An emerging issue is the possible need to replace the Peak Hill Pool in the near future.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on the events and issues associated with the Peak Hill Swimming Pool be noted.
2. That approval be granted for another Blue Light Disco to be held at Peak Hill Pool from 7pm to 10.30pm with entry free prior to the pool closure subject to staff availability.

#### **07 - 158 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

### **12.2 (DO) Peak Hill Swimming Club - Annual Club Championships**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A request has been received from the Peak Hill Swimming Club for permission to use an inflatable toy as a special activity for the kids during their Annual Club Championships on Sunday 4 March 2007. The pool will be closed during the Championships so it would be used by members only, supervised by the Club, and would be removed prior to reopening of the pool to the general public.

Given the timing of the event the Director of Operations granted approval for the use of the inflatable toy at the Club Championships on 4 March 2007 subject to:

- adequate supervision being provided
  - the inflatable toy being placed after the pool is closed to the public, and removed prior to the pool being reopened to the public
  - the activity being conducted under the Swimming Club's public liability insurance.
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## **Recommendation**

1. That the actions of the Director of Operations in granting approval for the use of the inflatable toy at the Club Championships on 4 March 2007 be endorsed.

### **07 - 159 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **12.3 (DO) The McGrane Way - Oaks Bridge Replacement**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council had previously resolved to contribute to the replacement of Oaks Bridge around 2009/2010 on a 50/50 basis with Narromine Shire Council. It was anticipated that 50% of the total cost would be sourced through the Repair Programme for Regional Roads. With the recent creation of the Timber Bridge Partnership Programme by the State Government, an application is being lodged for the Oaks Bridge project. However, as submissions only extend as far as 2008/09 at this stage it will be necessary to indicate that the commencement date will be earlier than originally planned.

Given the importance of the bridge and need for grant funding to enable the replacement to proceed, it is considered that the earlier start date should be indicated in the application.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the earlier start date of 2008/09 for the Oaks Bridge replacement be endorsed and the application for funding under the Timber Bridge Partnership Programme be submitted to the RTA.

### **07 - 160 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

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## 12.4 (DO) Optimising Plant Utilisation

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### Executive Summary

Council's plant fleet is operated to ensure that utilisation is kept at a satisfactory level. Unnecessary down time results in a loss of income needed to meet running costs and to fund the plant replacement programme. Utilisation is constantly monitored and plant is used throughout the Shire to ensure that idle time is kept as low as possible.

### Recommendation

1. That the information on optimising plant utilisation be noted.

### 07 - 161 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

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## 12.5 (DO) Street Lighting - Caswell Street Peak Hill

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### Executive Summary

Requests have been received previously for additional street lighting in Caswell Street Peak Hill. At present there is two types of lighting: "Route lighting" in the central section managed by the Roads and Traffic Authority, and normal street lighting managed by Council. All street lighting is maintained by Country Energy with the costs met by the RTA and Council as applicable.

Recent requests have not been approved as they fell outside of RTA and Council guidelines.

### Recommendation

1. That the information on street lighting on Caswell Street Peak Hill be noted.

### 07 - 162 Resolution

That Council request the route light that is currently out be rectified and once repaired, an investigation be carried out into the adequacy of the strength of the lighting in Caswell Street, north of the Services Club.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

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

### **13.1 (DI) Proposed Upgrade to Powerlines in Woodward Street, Parkes**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Country Energy have submitted a proposal to Council to relocate both the high and low voltage powerline network to the southern side of Woodward Street between Park and Fisher Streets. This new alternative has been proposed because it would allow for future upgrades to their infrastructure when anticipated demand increases whilst minimising the disturbance to the streetscape.

Council staff have had an onsite meeting with Country Energy to discuss the extent of tree removal and lopping required. It was determined that 6 large trees (2 Gum trees and 4 Silky Oaks) would need to be removed. There would also be a need for some minor lopping of other trees. All of the trees to be removed are located between Keast Street and Fisher Street.

Country Energy have indicated that they are willing to supply 20 advance trees of Council's choice to replace those that will be removed and also extend the avenue of trees along Woodward Street.

#### **Recommendation**

1. It is recommended that Council approve the tree removal on the basis that Country Energy supply at least 20 advanced trees of a species suitable to Council, that are suitable under powerlines

#### **07 - 163 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **13.2 (DI) Construction of a Storage Shed at Parkes State Emergency Services Headquarters**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The local Parkes SES Unit have successfully obtained a grant to construct a storage shed at the rear of the Clarke/Alluvial Street Headquarters. Construction of the shed will allow infrequently used (but essential) equipment to be removed from the main building, freeing the area for operational use.

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As landowners, Council's agreement to lodge a Development Application is required.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council agree to the lodgement of a Development Application for the construction of a storage shed at the Parkes SES Unit headquarters, corner of Clarke and Alluvial Streets, Parkes.

### **07 - 164 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **13.3 (DI) Parkes/Peak Hill Water Supply**

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### **Executive Summary**

As an ongoing risk management activity, critical components within the water supply network are identified and assessed to determine how easily they can be repaired or replaced in the event of severe failure. A large electric motor on the supply mains has been identified as slow to repair and potentially in excess of 16 weeks to replace. Accordingly a standby unit has been ordered. The standby unit can be used to operate several different pumps on the supply system and provides important motor redundancy.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on the purchase of a large motor for the Lachlan-Parkes water transfer system be noted.

### **07 - 165 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

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### **13.4 (DI) Newell Highway Railway Level Crossing Automation and Closure of Forbes Street, Parkes**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Council may recall the presentation from the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) in regard to the automation of the Newell Highway level crossing near Hartigan Avenue. The risk assessment of the intersection is now complete and various works have been suggested to mitigate the risks associated with the intersection generally and the automation of the crossing specifically. As part of the risk reduction the closure of Forbes Street is requested, as explained in the attached letter. The closure would also assist with the operation of intersection as the Multimodal HUB traffic increases on Hartigan Avenue. Preliminary general arrangement of line marking and lane layout is also attached.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council agree in principle to the closure of Forbes Street on the grounds of public safety and intersection efficiency, subject to consideration of submissions received.
2. That the proposed closure of Forbes Street be advertised and written submissions received.

#### **07 - 166 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

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### **13.5 (DI) Noxious Weeds Officer Report - January and February 2007**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The report outlines the activities and programs of the Noxious Weeds Officer for the months of January and February 2007.

Noxious weed control is an important component of Council's Management Plan, which aims to reduce weed infestations and thereby increase the productivity and amenity of land for residents within Parkes Shire.

Eighteen Class 4 Management Plans have been developed to fulfil the legal requirement to control the growth and spread of the noxious weed identified according to specification in the Management Plan of the Local Authority (Parkes Shire Council). These are to be approved by Council, signed by the General Manager and then made readily available to the public. The 18 Class 4 Management Plans are attached

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## **Recommendation**

1. That Council receive and note the Noxious Weeds Officer Report for January and February 2007.
2. That Council approve the Class 4 Management Plans, be signed by the General Manager and made readily available to the public as part of Parkes Shire Council's Noxious Weeds Policy.

### **07 - 167 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

## **13.6 (DI) Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Report for January 2007**

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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 and implementing the "Stop. Revive. Survive the Newell" project.

### **Recommendation**

That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 168 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

## **13.7 (DI) Removal of Snags from Bogan River Weir Pool**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Peak Hill Progress Association has requested that Council undertake snag removal from the Bogan River Weir Pool. The reason for this request relates to safety for a number of possible recreation opportunities at the weir. The Association believes that the removal of snags would provide a number of recreational benefits to the community and tourists including safer conditions for swimming, canoeing and school activities.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Department of Primary Industries - NSW Fisheries and the Department of Natural Resources be engaged to undertake an assessment of the Bogan River Weir pool.
2. Council undertake further investigation into the potential impacts on its insurance premiums and potential risks associated with managing the site remotely for public recreation proposed at the site.
3. Council undertake the necessary investigation to determine the potential costs involved to undertake the review of environmental factors, obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the on-ground works.

### **07 - 169 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

## **14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **14.1 Minutes of Museum Development Committee Meeting held 20 February 2007**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Parkes Shire Council Museum Development Committee meeting was held Tuesday, 20 February 2007.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Museum Development Committee meeting held 20 February 2007 be adopted.

#### **07 - 170 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

## **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) Currajong (RTA) Truck Stop**

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Councillor Y Hutton enquired as to who is responsible to clean and look after the Currajong Truck Stop on the Peak Hill Road. Councillor Hutton has had reports from several tourists on the filthy condition of this area.

*The Director of Operations advises that the Roads and Traffic Authority maintain the truck stop. Parkes Shire Council staff clean the toilet once per week.*

#### **Recommendation**

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

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**07 - 171 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council investigate appropriate signage for the site.
3. That Council investigate the increase of frequency of cleaning of the amenities.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

**15.2 (Q & M) Parkes Swimming Pool - Closure Date**

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Councillor Y Hutton has raised issues regarding closure date of the Parkes Pool:

1. Requests have been received for it to be kept upon until after Easter.
2. Requests to keep the Parkes Pool open with limited hours (6.00-8.00 am, 11.00 am-1.00 pm and 4.00-6.00 pm) while it is still hot until the end of the school holidays.

*The Director of Operations advises:*

1. *That the Parkes Pool is due to close Sunday, 1 April 2007. Easter Monday is Monday, 9 April 2007.*
2. *Partial opening not manageable due to staffing problems ie alternate duties for 8.00-11.00am and 1.00 -4.00 pm. If extended, it would be more manageable if opened normally.*

**Recommendation**

For Council's decision.

**07 - 172 Resolution**

1. That the closing date for the Parkes pool be extended to Easter Monday, inclusive.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

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### 15.3 (Q & M) Speeding in Want Street Near East Parkes School

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Councillor G Pratt has been approached by concerned residents near East Parkes School as to the possibility of raising the pedestrian crossing at the School so as to try and stop the speeding of vehicles in that vicinity. Residents are worried that a child will be injured or killed if speeding is not controlled.

*The Director of Infrastructure suggests that the matter be referred to the RTA's Safer Routes to School Officer for evaluation.*

#### **Recommendation**

That Council refer to matter of a raised pedestrian crossing at East Parkes School to the RTA's Safer Routes to School Officer for evaluation.

#### **07 - 173 Resolution**

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

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### 15.4 (Q & M) Street Name Change

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Councillor G Pratt advises that he has been approached by a resident of Lower Cookapie Street, Parkes asking if Council would consider changing Lower Cookapie Street to Ross Street as the Ross family have been long time residents of that street area in Shallow Rush.

*The Director of Operations advises that a name change is possible if all residents are in favour. He suggests that a written request be lodged by the residents outlining supporting information and it will be considered by the Road Naming Committee and Council.*

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **07 - 174 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **Urgent Business without Notice**

### **07 - 175      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. Members of the Peak Hill community presented in the gallery were given permission by the Mayor to ask questions relating to services and projects within the town.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

1. Mr Dick Baxter referred to the inspection of the car wreckage yard on the northern outskirts of Peak Hill and asked what action Council was going to take.

*The Director of Planning and Environment advised that his staff would liaise with the owner of the property to encourage him to use a scrap metal merchant to assist with the cleanup of the yard.*

2. Madge O'Leary asked if something could be done about the unoccupied house in Warrra Street which has a number of car bodies in the back yard and is in a general state of disrepair. Mrs O'Leary stated that Council investigated in 2003 but nothing further has been done.

*The Director of Planning and Environment advised that the matter would be reinvestigated. The Mayor suggested that Council staff conduct a general inspection of areas that may need attention within the town of Peak Hill.*

3. Greg Lawrence asked if the Alcohol Free Zone adopted by Council earlier in the meeting included the vacant Commercial Hotel block.

*The Director of Corporate Services advised that the vacant block was not included in the adopted zone as a Alcohol Free Zone can only apply to roadway (including footpath) and carparks. However, the resolution did provide for the installation of signs prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in that area under Section 632 of the Local Government Act, 1993.*

4. Bob Bell requested that Council publish the water restrictions which are in force at a given time on a more frequent basis. Mr Bell advised that confusion often arose as to the current water restriction requirements.

*The Director of Infrastructure agreed to comply with the request and publish water restrictions more frequently in the local media and on the internet.*

5. The Mayor requested that The Director of Infrastructure provide an overview of the Peak Hill television reception improvement program.

*The Director of Infrastructure provided an overview of the current difficulties being experienced with television difficulties within the area. He advised that the migration to full digital television would improve the reception. He also advised that other initiatives were being investigated.*

6. Leighton Davies on behalf of the Peak Hill Business and Tourism Association asked the following questions:-

- i) With the adoption of the Alcohol Free Zones for Peak Hill could Council implement a mechanism which would allow for the regulatory investigation into future extensions of the zone to be carried out prior to the expiration of the current zone.

*The Director of Corporate Services undertook to carry out the request.*

- ii) If a community group were to take over the responsibility for the Bogan Weir Recreation Facility would the Committee incur the liability for the facility.

*The Mayor advised that this would be the case.*

- iii) Would it be possible to provide bin lids for waste receptacles at the Bogan Weir.

*The Mayor undertook to have staff attend to the matter.*

- iv) With regard to street lighting in Peak Hill would Council be liable for damages if the lighting was not up to standard.

*The Director of Operations advised that Council would rely on its Street Lighting Policy which provides a framework for installing street lighting subject to its financial and infrastructure resources.*

- v) Could Council provide greater communication with the Peak Hill community in relation to projects and items of interests in the town.

*The Mayor advised that staff would investigate the method of communicating with the Peak Hill community on important matters and discussed generally Council's need to devote resources as appropriate based on the fair distribution of the Shire population and services rendered.*

6. Claire Hando enquired which authority was responsible for dead trees which overhang the Newell Highway between Peak Hill and Parkes.

*The Mayor advised that the Roads and Traffic Authority are responsible and that the Director of Operations would discuss the matter with Roads and Traffic Authority representatives.*

*Councillor Magill advised that the Roads and Traffic Authority has approved for Council and the Rural Fire Service to remove dead timber in the burnt zone which related to the Coobang fire.*

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.21pm.