



# PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2007

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held at the Council Administration Centre, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes, commencing at 2.00 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 19 June 2007 at 2.00pm.**

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### PRESENT

Councillor R I Wilson, (in the Chair)  
Councillor Y Hutton  
Councillor K McGrath  
Councillor G Pratt  
Councillor B Newton

Councillor K J Keith  
Councillor J H Magill  
Councillor B J Laing  
Councillor W Scott

### IN ATTENDANCE

Acting General Manager - B Matthews  
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell  
Director Operations - S Barry  
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd  
Administration Manager - L Finn  
Finance Manager - R Bokeyar  
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood  
Tourism Manager – M Kronk  
Events Officer - K Atkinson  
Library Services Manager – S Buckle  
Minutes Secretary - D Ehsman

### MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

### 1 PRAYER

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

### 2 APOLOGIES

#### 07 - 402 Resolution

That Councillor Patrick Byrne be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

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

#### **07 - 403 Resolution**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 15 May 2007, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Yvonne Hutton declared an interest in Item 14.1 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

### **5 MAYORAL MINUTES**

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

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##### **Executive Summary**

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

##### **Recommendation**

1. That the report of recent functions attended by the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff be received and noted.
2. That it be noted that Councillor Y Hutton attended a Companions Animal Information Night on Wednesday, 30 May 2007.

#### **07 - 404 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

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## 5.2 Mayoral Minute - Coming Known Events

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### Executive Summary

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

### Recommendation

1. That the report of upcoming functions for the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff be received and noted.
2. That it be noted that Councillor Laing will now be attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations of the Musical and Dramatic Society on the evening of Saturday, 30 June 2007 at 7.00pm.

### 07 - 405 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

## 5.3 Mayoral Minute - Brisbane/Melbourne Rail Link

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### Executive Summary

The Federal Government on Friday confirmed the inclusion of Parkes on, the preferred inland rail route, reinforcing Parkes' status as the national Freight Logistics Hub.

The announcement represented another significant step forward in a lengthy process and will involve commissioning of a \$15million scoping study due for completion in 2009. Council's meeting will be updated on developments and reaction since the very welcome Government commitment to the project.

### Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted and that Council formally acknowledge the Federal Government endorsement of Parkes' status on the interstate rail corridor route.

## **07 - 406 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## **5.4 Mayoral Minute - Visit to the United Kingdom**

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### **Executive Summary**

I am pleased to provide a brief overview of outcomes achieved from the trip by Vicki and myself to the United Kingdom where I was privileged to receive an honorary degree from Warnborough University at a graduation ceremony in Canterbury attended by Baroness Gardner of Parkes as the guest speaker.

The honorary degree was conferred to recognise my 42 year involvement with Local Government. Warnborough University has a particular connection to Council through Council's involvement in Parkinson's Disease research.

A four day stay in Coventry (Parkes' Sister City of long standing) provided opportunities to consolidate that link and to develop new ties in areas of education, culture, history, medicine and the civic arena.

I would describe the visit as hectic but profoundly productive and successful.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council extend a formal invitation to the Lord Mayor of Coventry (Councillor Dave Batten) and his wife to visit Parkes in 2008 during his term in office.
3. That appreciation be extended to appropriate individuals and organisations involved in the Mayoral visit to Coventry and that Council's Economic Development Manager continue to liaise with those parties on issues emanating from the exercise.

## **07 - 407 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
  2. That Council extend a formal invitation to the Lord Mayor of Coventry (Councillor Dave Batten) and his wife to visit Parkes in 2008 during his term in office.
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3. That appreciation be extended to appropriate individuals and organisations involved in the Mayoral visit to Coventry and that Council's Economic Development Manager continue to liaise with those parties on issues emanating from the exercise.
4. That the Mayor be commended for the representations he made on behalf of the Parkes Shire community on a number of issues during his visit to the United Kingdom.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## **5.5 Mayoral Minute - Queens Birthday Honours**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council's congratulations have been extended to district residents included in this year's Queens Birthday Honours list.

Parkes' Sister Michael OAM will join Councillors for afternoon tea at the Council Meeting, while congratulatory messages were also conveyed to the former Editor of the Parkes Champion Post, Mr Bob Aitken AM, and to Cr Phyllis Miller OAM, of Forbes, the former Chairman of the Shires Association of NSW.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 408 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil.

## **7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Nil.

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## **8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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#### **Executive Summary**

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

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **07 - 409 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 (ICR) Local Government and Shires Association - Media Release - Drought Support**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Local Government and Shires Association has announced that it has formed a working party to lobby the State and Federal Governments on behalf of the affected primary producers and businesses.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **07 - 410 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

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### **8.3 (ICR) The Hon. Peter McGauran Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Mid Lachlan Alliance Drought Submission**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Providing a copy of his response to Cr Rhonda Keane, Mayor of Forbes Shire Council in relation to the Mid Lachlan Alliance Submission on Drought Assistance and in particular the call for replanting grants.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **07 - 411 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

### **8.4 (ICR) Dubbo Medical Oncology Working Group - Support for Initiative**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Dubbo Medical Oncology Working Group is seeking letters of support from Central West Councils for their campaign to have waiting times for Medical Oncology services in Dubbo reduced to a maximum of two weeks.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council provide the support requested by writing to the Minister for Health and the Greater Central Western Area Health Service calling for a reduction in waiting times for Medical Oncology services in Dubbo and the assessment of options to address the standard of service in the longer term.

#### **07 - 412 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

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## **8.5 (ICR) Greater Western Area Health Service - Status on Redevelopment of Parkes Hospital**

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### **Executive Summary**

Providing a status report on the redevelopment of the Parkes Health Service. It is advised that the earliest commencement date for construction would be 2010.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 413 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council write to the Chief Executive of the Greater Western Area Health Service advising that Council views with concern that construction will not commence until 2010 and request that the planning process to be expedited, including the meeting with Planning staff.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## **8.6 (ICR) The Hon. Paul Lynch Minister for Local Government - Work Choices Legislation**

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### **Executive Summary**

Providing information in relation to the Work Choices legislation which came into effect in March 2006.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

**07 - 414 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

**8.7 (ICR) Australian Local Government Women's Association - Election of President**

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**Executive Summary**

Advising that Councillor Susan Page was re-elected President at the Australian Local Government Women's Association annual conference. Parkes Shire Councillor Bev Laing was elected to the Executive.

**Recommendation**

1. Councillor Laing be congratulated on her appointment.
2. That Council continue to support Councillor Laing's involvement in the Association's Executive and that the Association be asked for a status report on Council's suggestion of a levy for all Councils to assist with executive costs.

**07 - 415 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

**8.8 (ICR) Orange City Council - Support for Courage to Care Exhibition**

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**Executive Summary**

The Mayor of Orange, Cr John Davis, has requested Council consideration of financial support to allow school children from Parkes to experience the Courage to Care Exhibition being held in Orange from 19 August to 8 September 2007.

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### **Recommendation**

1. That Council gauge the level of support for the exhibition from the Shire's High Schools before making a final determination in relation to the request.

### **07 - 416 Resolution**

1. That Council gauge the level of support for the exhibition from the Shire's Primary and High Schools before making a final determination in relation to the request.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **8.9 (ICR) Peak Hill Aboriginal Community Working Party - Permission to use Council Land**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Peak Hill Aboriginal Community Working Party would like to use the former Commercial Hotel land in Caswell Street, Peak Hill for NAIDOC week celebrations on 8 July 2007.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council grant approval for the use of the former Commercial Hotel site for NAIDOC Week celebrations including the proposed morning tea, camp oven and damper events.
2. That permission not be granted for the mural as Council does not own the wall in question and that the matter has not been canvassed in the Peak Hill Town Centre Improvement Project Draft Strategy consultation process.

### **07 - 417 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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## 8.10 (ICR) Prashanth Shanmugan - Request for Financial Assistance

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### Executive Summary

Mr Shanmugan advises that he is undertaking an internship at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Hague. He requests Council's financial support for his internship.

### Recommendation

1. That due to matters of precedence Council advise Mr Shanmugan that it is unable to financially assist with his undertaking.
2. That the request for financial assistance be referred to local service and community groups for consideration.

### 07 - 418 Resolution

1. That due to matters of precedence Council advise Mr Shanmugan that it is unable to financially assist with his undertaking.
2. That the request for financial assistance be referred to local service and community groups for consideration.
3. That Council make enquiries with Federal Members John Cobb and Peter Andren as to the availability of funds to assist Mr Shanmugan in his endeavours.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

## 8.11 (ICR) Tullamore PA and H Association - Assistance to Construct Multipurpose Facility

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### Executive Summary

The Tullamore PA and H Association has finalised its request for Council financial assistance with the construction of the proposed multipurpose facility at the Tullamore Showground. The Association requires \$8,000.00 for the project.

### Recommendation

1. For the Decision of Council.
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**07 - 419 Resolution**

1. That Council seek comment from the Tullamore Community Consultative Committee in relation to that Committee's support for funds to be allocated to the Tullamore multipurpose facility at the showground from the Village Town Improvement Vote should it eventuate that the project does not receive funding under Council's Villages Special Grants Program.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

**8.12 (ICR) - Australian Breast Feeding Association - Request for Financial Assistance**

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**Executive Summary**

Seeking financial assistance for the establishment of support systems for the group's activities.

**Recommendation**

1. That due to precedence Council not accede to the request.

**07 - 420 Resolution**

1. That before Council makes a decision in the matter, further information be obtained from the Group's Liaison Officer, Prue Dawson and the Parkes Hospital Maternity staff in relation to a number of the issues raised in the correspondence.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

### **8.13 (ICR) - Parkes Elvis Festival Candle Light Vigil**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Parkes Elvis Festival Committee seeks Council permission to stage a candlelight vigil at the Elvis Memorial Wall at Kelly Reserve. The vigil will be part of weekend events from 10 - 12 August 2007 to commemorate the passing of Elvis Presley.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That subject to the concurrence of the Lachlan Area Command and the Roads and Traffic Authority, permission be granted for the staging of the requested vigil.

#### **07 - 421 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

### **8.14 (ICR) BreastScreen NSW - Request for assistance with Breast Screen Van**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Breast Screen NSW (Central and Western) will have the BreastScreen van in Parkes during July and August 2007. BreastScreen NSW requests Council assistance in relocating the van from Lithgow to Parkes in time for the commencement of the planned clinic. BreastScreen NSW also requests Council's assistance in storing the van at its depot complex over the weekend of 18 to 19 August 2007 at which time the M & D Society have an event planned which will require the full use of the Little Theatre carpark.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council continue the provision of assistance to BreastScreen NSW and agree to relocate the BreastScreen van from Lithgow to Parkes on 29 July 2007.
2. That Council further assist BreastScreen NSW by storing the van at its Depot Complex over the weekend of the 18 to 19 August 2007.

**07 - 422 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

**9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Nil.

**10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT**

**10.1 (DCS) Financial Information - May 2007**

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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 May 2007 be received and noted.

**07 - 423 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

## **10.2 (DCS) Investments as at 31 May 2007**

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### **Executive Summary**

As at 31 May 2007 Council held \$40,787,519.08 in investments.

### **Recommendation**

That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 424 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

At this stage of the meeting and with the leave of Council a presentation was given at 3.00pm by Melanie Sutor, Road Safety Officer, James Dobel of Parkes Police and PCYC and students from Parkes High School on "Hands ON, Engines Off' Campaign.

At this stage of the meeting the Mayor conducted a Citizenship Ceremony for Mr Richard John Hutchison.

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 3.20pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.47pm.

## **10.3 (DCS) Stocktake - 28 May 2007**

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### **Executive Summary**

A report to Council on variations in stores and materials following the half yearly stocktake. The stores reconciliation has been completed with variations detailed below. Deficiencies are identified as running costs of the store.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the deficiencies be written off and surpluses written back.

## **07 - 425 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

## **10.4 (DCS) Management Plan 2007/08 - 2009/10**

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### **Executive Summary**

The draft Management Plan has been on display for the statutory period of 28 days. Two submissions were received and the Council may now adopt the Plan.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the draft Management Plan for 2007/08 to 2009/10 as publicly displayed be adopted subject to:
  - the submissions received in response to the draft Management Plan and discussed within the body of this report being noted;
  - That the draft Management Plan be amended in accordance with the information contained within the body of this report noting that the advised interest rate on over due rates and charges and the percentage variation for general rates income will have an impact on the projected budget.
2. That the draft schedule of fees and charges made under Section 608 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and included in the draft Management Plan be adopted.
3. That pursuant to section 406 of the Local Government Act, 1993 the draft Statement of Revenue Policy as publicly exhibited be adopted for the year 2007/08.
4. That Council hereby approves and votes for the expenditure in the 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 of all items in the 2007/08 to 2009/10 Management Plan.
5. That the statement of amounts and rates to be charged for works on private land for 2007/08 contained with the draft Management Plan be adopted.

6. That rates be made as follows:

***Residential General:***

An ordinary rate of 0.4075 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Residential General, be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$56,442.00.

***Residential Parkes Rate:***

An ordinary rate of 1.1361 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Residential, sub-categorised as Residential Parkes be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$32,890.00.

***Business - General:***

An ordinary rate of 1.5879 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business General, be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$14,485.00.

***Business – CBD:***

An ordinary rate of 5.3164 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business, sub-categorised as Business – CBD be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$4,326.00.

***Business – Peak Hill:***

An ordinary rate of 2.1888 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business, sub-categorised as Business – Peak Hill be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$10,508.00.

***Business – Trundle:***

An ordinary rate of 3.5001 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business, sub-categorised as Business – Trundle be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$6,571.00.

***Business – Tullamore:***

An ordinary rate of 1.3005 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business, sub-categorised as Business – Tullamore be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$17,686.00.

***Business – Bogan Gate:***

An ordinary rate of 1.6019 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business, sub-categorised as Business – Bogan Gate be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$14,358.00.

***Mining – Copper (Producing):***

An ordinary rate of 4.5645 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Mining, sub-categorised as Mining – Copper Producing be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$5,039.00.

***Mining – Gold (Producing):***

An ordinary rate of 15.95 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Mining, sub-categorised as Mining – Gold Producing be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$5,039.00.

***Mining – (General):***

An ordinary rate of 7.4333 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Mining, be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$3,094.00.

***Farmland:***

An ordinary rate of 0.4269 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Farmland, be now made for the 2007/08 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$53,877.00.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Valuation of lands Amendment (Water Rights) Act 2005, the amount levied as an Ordinary rates for any parcel of land in the category farmland will be limited to an amount not more than 20% above the amount levied as an Ordinary rate for the previous year.

7. That the fees and charges be made in accordance with the draft Management Plan.
8. That the maximum rate of interest on unpaid rates and charges accruing on a daily basis in accordance with Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993, be now fixed at 10.0% for the 2007/08 rating year.”
9. That the Development Servicing Plan (Developer Charges) and the Strategic Business Plans for Water Supply and Sewerage Services (all attached as part of the Management Plan) be formally adopted.

**07 - 426 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 (DCS) Offer to Participate in the Local SmartForms Program**

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**Executive Summary**

Parkes Shire Council has received an offer from Rockdale city Council to participate in the Local SmartForms Program. Joint participation in the program means that the costs of developing, hosting and using the electronic forms can be shared amongst the participating Councils.

The cost to participate in the program is approximately \$3,500 per year.

**Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council officers be authorised to sign the agreement.

**07 - 427 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

**10.6 (DCS) Writing Off Rates and Charges - Hargraves Resources NL**

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**Executive Summary**

Rates and charges accrued on former leases over Crown Land held by Hargraves Resources NL are considered unrecoverable and should be written off in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

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### **Recommendation**

1. That the outstanding rates and charges on assessment 66912 in the name of Hargraves Resources NL in an amount \$9,812.20 be written off.

### **07 - 428 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

## **10.7 (DCS) Library Services Statistics and Monthly Update - May 2007**

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### **Executive Summary**

Library usage statistics and activities for the month of May 2007 are provided for the information of Council.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be noted

### **07 - 429 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

## **10.8 (DCS) Parkes Shire Library Service - Country Public Library Association 20th Anniversary**

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### **Executive Summary**

Parkes Shire Library has been asked by the Public Libraries NSW, Country, Central West Zone (formerly Country Public Libraries Association), to host an event celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association in 2009.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council support the Central West Zone's motion to the Country Public Libraries AGM that Parkes host a symposium in 2009 to celebrate the Country Public Libraries Association 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009.

### **07 - 430 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

## **10.9 (DCS) Tourism and Event Update - June 2007**

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### **Executive Summary**

A brief update of general Shire tourism and event activities.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Tourism Update be received and noted.
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**07 - 431 Resolution**

1. That the Tourism Update be received and noted.
2. That Mal and Helen Westcott be congratulated on winning in the Tourism and Accommodation Category of the Central West Region Local Business Awards held in Orange on Saturday, 16 June 2007.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

**10.10 (DCS) Economic Development - Northparkes Mines Community Consultative Committee**

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**Executive Summary**

Council hosted a meeting of this Committee, of which Councillor Scott and the Economic Development Manager are members, on May 16 during which the company's Sustainable Development report for 2006 was tabled.

Copies of the report have been provided to Councillors separately with the business paper. It provides a compelling account of the Mines' significance to both the Parkes Shire economy and to the community at large.

**Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council formally congratulate management of Northparkes Mines on the contents of the 2006 Sustainable Development Report and on the manner in which it continues to engage the Parkes Shire community in its operations.

**07 - 432 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council formally congratulate management of Northparkes Mines on the contents of the 2006 Sustainable Development Report and on the manner in which it continues to engage the Parkes Shire community in its operations.

3. That the Organising Committee of Parkes Picnic Races be congratulated on the outstanding success of the June long weekend festivities.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## **10.11 (DCS) Economic Development - Parkes 125 Celebrations**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council was well represented at a public meeting on May 22. Details are contained in the attached media release. A further meeting on June 26 will elect office bearers and consider in more detail the format of the year's activities.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted and that Councillors be encouraged to attend the next Committee meeting on 26 June at 7.30pm in the Committee Room.

### **07 - 433 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

## **10.12 (DCS) Economic Development - Sporting Recreation Grants**

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### **Executive Summary**

NSW Sport and Recreation has streamlined the process to secure funding under the Capital Assistance Program and the Regional Sports Facilities Program and has increased the levels of available funding.

Details of both programmes have been promoted around the Shire and sent to interested groups. Closing date is July 20, 2007.

## **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted and that the availability of 2007/08 NSW Sport and Recreation Grant Programmes continue to be widely promoted throughout the Parkes Shire.

### **07 - 434 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted and that the availability of 2007/08 NSW Sport and Recreation Grant Programmes continue to be widely promoted throughout the Parkes Shire.
2. That Council staff continue to investigate skate facilities for the villages.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

## **10.13 (DCS) Economic Development - Sister City National Awards/Conference**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council has been asked to submit an entry in the 2007 Australian Sister Cities National Awards and to consider participating in the annual conference in Darwin from September 30 to October 3, 2007.

Theme of the conference is "Making the Connection" with special focus upon innovative funding strategies and building positive Sister City relationships for maximum community benefit.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council prepare a submission for the 2007 Australian Sister City Awards prior to the June 25 deadline.
2. That the Economic Development Manager represent Council at the annual Australian Sister City Awards conference in Darwin from September 30 to October 3, 2007.

### **07 - 435 Resolution**

1. That Council prepare a submission for the 2007 Australian Sister City Awards prior to the June 25 deadline.
  2. That the Economic Development Manager represent Council at the annual Australian Sister City Awards conference in Darwin from September 30 to October 3, 2007.
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3. That a Councillor be authorised to attend future Sister City Conferences along with the Economic Development Manager and that Councillor Scott be nominated for the 2007 Conference.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

#### **10.14 (DCS) Economic Development - Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee**

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##### **Executive Summary**

A brief summary of matters emanating from the most recent meeting of the Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee on June 6.

##### **Recommendation**

1. That the three recommendations of the Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee be adopted.

#### **07 - 436 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

#### **10.15 (DCS) Economic Development - Central West Transport and Logistics Forum**

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##### **Executive Summary**

The Economic Development Manager continues to represent Council on the newly established Transport and Logistics Forum, one of only five such groups in NSW and 10 in Australia. The forum brings together key stakeholders in transport and a cross section of Government departments and training and employment providers.

Among the projects considered at the forum meeting at Northparkes Mines on June 7 was the opportunity for regional involvement in a series of Migration Expos in the United Kingdom over the next 18 months being promoted by State and Regional Development. Details are attached.

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### **Recommendation**

1. That Council accept the invitation of the NSW Department of State and Regional Development to provide detailed information on employment prospects in Parkes Shire for distribution at various migration expos in the United Kingdom as outlined.

### **07 - 437 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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

### **11.1 (DPE) May 2007 - Building Statistics**

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#### **Executive Summary**

During the month of May 2007 there were twenty-eight (28) Development Applications received totalling \$1,687,387.00 and 20 consents issued.

Sixteen (16) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$559,110.00 and 19 consents issued.

Note: Two of the Complying Development Certificates received were by Private Certifiers valued at \$306,800.00.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 438 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

## **11.2 (DPE) NetWaste Study for Permanent Household Hazardous Chemical Collection Facilities - Contract**

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### **Executive Summary**

Parkes Shire Council has been requested by NetWaste to host and administer the Contract for a Study for Permanent Household Hazardous Chemical Collection Facilities on behalf of the participating Councils. NetWaste has appointed Orange City Council to administer the document management of this tender and has recommended acceptance of a tender from Quadro Australia Pty Ltd

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council agree to enter into a contract agreement with Quadro Australia Pty Ltd for the NetWaste Study for Permanent Household Chemical Collection facilities.
2. That the Common Seal of Council be affixed to the contract agreement.

### **07 - 439 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **11.3 (DPE) NetWaste Newsletter Autumn 2007**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Regional Waste Group NetWaste have produced their Autumn Newsletter. This will provide Council with an update on Waste/Resource Management Projects being undertaken in our region.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

**07 - 440 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

**11.4 (DPE) Ranger Activities - March, April & May 2007**

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**Executive Summary**

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

**Recommendation**

1. That the information be noted.

**07 - 441 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

**11.5 (DPE) Medical Workforce Shortage**

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**Executive Summary**

A meeting was recently hosted by Council with doctors from Parkes and Forbes, representatives of the Central West Division of General Practice, Rural Doctors Network, and Greater Western Area Health Service to discuss medical workforce shortages at Parkes. Among other things it was agreed to establish a working party to pursue short term and long term strategies to address the medical workforce shortage issue.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council endorse the terms of reference as amended for establishment of a working party to pursue strategies to address the medical workforce shortages.
2. That Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, staff member Steven Campbell and community representative Marlene Freeman, be appointed as members of the working party.

### **07 - 442 Resolution**

1. That Council endorse the terms of reference as amended for establishment of a working party to pursue strategies to address the medical workforce shortages.
2. That Councillor Ken Keith, staff member Steven Campbell and community representative Marlene Freeman, be appointed as members of the working party.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

### **11.6 (DPE) DA05135: Request to Amend Condition of Consent**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A letter has been received from Mr John Corcoran requesting Council reconsider Condition No. 26 of Development Consent No.DA05135. Specifically, Mr Corcoran is requesting that low voltage connections to proposed rural residential allotments not be required and that only high voltage electricity supply servicing new allotments be required in accordance with Country Energy's Supply Policy to new allotments and previous Council consents.

### **07 - 443 Resolution**

1. That the consent condition 26 of DA05135 requiring the proponent/developer to be responsible for the costs associated with connection of low voltage electricity supply to the new allotments stand subject to legal advice.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

## **11.7 (DPE) DA06216: Re-opening of Gravel Pit at Part Lot 90 DP 753996 'Greenlands' Houston Parish, Parkes Shire**

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### **Development Application Information**

**Application No:** DA06216

**Applicant:** Parkes Shire Council

**Property:** Lot PT90 DP 753996, 'Greenlands' Houston Parish, Parkes Shire

**Proposal:** Re-opening of Gravel Pit (Morrison's Pit)

### **Executive Summary**

The application is for the re-opening of a gravel pit located on an existing rural property in the Parkes Shire. Materials extracted from the gravel quarry are required for the upgrade and maintenance of local shire roads.

### **Recommendation**

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

### **07 - 444 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **11.8 (DPE) DA07014: Proposed Subdivision at Lot 114, 178, 97 DP 750164 'Parkview' Orange Road, Parkes**

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### **Development Application Information**

**Application No:** DA07014

**Applicant:** Mr Greg Bowkett

**Property:** Lot 114 DP 750164, Lot 178 DP 750164, Lot 97 DP 750164, 'Parkview' Orange Road, Parkes

**Proposal:** Subdivision

### **Executive Summary**

The application is for the subdivision of an existing rural holding into five small rural holding allotments and one large residual allotment.

### **Recommendation**

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

It is further recommended that the Council write to the proponents to advise them of the proposal to re-develop the Parkes Airport to an International Freight Airport Facility.

### **07 - 445 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

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## **11.9 (DPE) DA07060: Building Setback Variation for proposed Dwelling at 4 Davids Lane, Parkes**

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### **Development Application Information**

**Application No:** DA07060

**Applicant:** Brett Harvey Constructions Pty Ltd

**Property:** Lot 7 DP 1107361, 4 Davids Lane, Parkes

**Proposal:** Dwelling

### **Executive Summary**

An application has been received for the erection of a dwelling on Lot 7 DP 1107361, 4 Davids Lane, Parkes.

The subject allotment with an area of 4122m<sup>2</sup>, was created prior to the implementation of the Council's Development Control Plan for Rural Small Holdings 1998, and therefore is of a smaller minimum size than specified in that code. This makes it difficult to comply with the setbacks required under the code.

The proposed development contravenes the requirements of Council's Development Control Plan for Rural Small Holdings 1998 with regard to the required 20 metre setback of the front of a dwelling from the street boundary line and the 10 metre setback to the rear boundary.

### **Recommendation**

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

### **07 - 446 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

## **11.10 (DPE) DA07079: Building Line Variation for proposed Dwelling at 5 Davids Lane, Parkes**

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### **Development Application Information**

**Application No:** DA07079

**Applicant:** Mr J & Mrs K Creith

**Property:** Lot 4 DP 1100254, 5 Davids Lane, Parkes

**Proposal:** Dwelling and Swimming Pool

### **Executive Summary**

An application has been received for the erection of a dwelling and swimming pool on Lot 4 DP 1100254, 5 Davids Lane, Parkes. The tennis court will form the subject of a separate application.

The subject allotment with an area of approximately 4100m<sup>2</sup>, was created prior to the implementation of the Council's Development Control Plan for Rural Small Holdings 1998, and therefore is of a smaller minimum size than specified in that code. This makes it difficult to comply with the setbacks required under the code.

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

### **Recommendation**

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

### **07 - 447 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

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

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

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#### **Executive Summary**

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

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **07 - 448 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Ken McGrath left the meeting temporarily at 5.23pm.

Councillor Ken McGrath rejoined the meeting at 5.26pm.

### **12.2 (DO) AUSLINK - Hillston to Eumungerie Regional Road Link**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Council were advised through the Newsletter to Councillors of the announcement by the Federal Member for Parkes, the Hon John Cobb MP that the joint submission under the AusLink Strategic Regional Programme by Lachlan, Carrathool, Parkes and Narramine Councils had been approved and an offer of funding made by the Australian Government. The project involves the continuation of the sealing of the Hillston to Eumungerie Region Road link, with a project cost of \$10 million, to be completed by June 2010.

Concerns over the project scope have been allayed with the Minister approving the variation clarifying that the \$10 million will result in the sealing of approximately 41 kilometres of the remaining 88 kilometres of unsealed road on the route.

## **Recommendation**

1. That the information on the AusLink Strategic Regional Programme for the Hillston to Eumungerie Region Road link be noted.
2. That a letter be sent to the Federal Member for Parkes, the Hon John Cobb MP, thanking him for his efforts in obtaining the funding.

## **07 - 449 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

## **12.3 (DO) Parkes Regional Airport - Security**

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### **Executive Summary**

Security at the Parkes Regional Airport has been substantially improved since the installation of the CCTV system in and around the terminal and carpark areas. The success of the system is evident by the recent petrol thefts and the success of the Parkes Police in identifying and apprehending the offenders.

Notwithstanding the success, limitations were found in three areas and an application for additional funding was lodged, and subsequently approved, for three additional cameras and additional lighting for the airside and general aviation areas.

No other security matters have occurred.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on security at Parkes Regional Airport be noted.

## **07 - 450 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

## **12.4 (DO) Service Agreement with Rural Fire Service**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council has been operating under an extension of the old Service Agreement with the NSW Rural Fire Service until concerns over insurance issues were resolved. The Local Government and Shires Associations advise that an agreement has now been reached and a new Mutual Indemnity clause drafted.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on the new Mutual Indemnity clause to be included in the Service Agreement be noted.

### **07 - 451 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## **12.5 (DO) Field Cannon Restoration Project**

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### **Executive Summary**

A letter has been received from the National Servicemen's Association of Australia, NSW Branch Inc, Parkes & Districts Sub Branch, requesting that Council advise where the WW1 field cannon will be located following restoration.

The suggestions put forward are:

- As near as possible to the original location
- Opposite the Parkes Services and Citizens Club near where the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and gun was
- In the garden behind the Cenotaph facing down Welcome Street

It is considered that the most suitable location would be opposite the Parkes Services and Citizens Club near where the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and gun were previously located, surrounded by a fence to restrict direct access.

## **Recommendation**

1. That the WW1 field cannon be located opposite the Parkes Services and Citizens Club near where the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and gun were previously located.

### **07 - 452 Resolution**

That a report be prepared for the next meeting of Council investigating the placement of the cannon within the rose garden area, including fencing.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

## **12.6 (DO) Street Lighting - Caswell Street Peak Hill**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council considered a report at the 6 March 2007 meeting on a request for additional street lighting in Caswell Street Peak Hill. It was resolved that an investigation be carried out into the adequacy of the lighting in Caswell Street, north of the Services Club. Country Energy were subsequently requested to investigate the adequacy of the existing lighting and provide a quotation to bring this section up to Australian Standards.

A reply has been received from Country Energy that to generally maintain Australian Standards a light needs to be located on every second pole. To achieve this for the area in question, a quotation of \$2,495.93 plus an annual network charge increase of \$64.35, was provided for an additional street light on an existing pole between Ween and Mingelo Street.

### **Recommendation**

1. That an additional street light be provided in Caswell Street Peak Hill between Ween and Mingelo Street at a cost of \$2,495.93 plus an annual network charge increase of \$64.35.

### **07 - 453 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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## **12.7 (DO) Country Energy - Public Lighting Price Change**

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### **Executive Summary**

A letter was received from Country Energy advising that they would be increasing their charges for public lighting by 8.04% as from 1 July 2007. A submission was subsequently sent to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal lodging an objection to the proposal. A copy was also forwarded to the Local Government and Shires Association, who then incorporated part in the LGSA submission.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on the proposed public lighting increase and associated submissions be noted.

### **07 - 454 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

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## **12.8 (DO) Bogan Gate Bushfire Station and Public Toilet**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council has previously considered reports related to the location of a new bushfire station at Bogan Gate incorporating toilets that could be opened to the public. The options for the location of the proposed station and toilets have been investigated and it is considered that the most suitable option is to close the section of road adjoining Station Street near the existing shelter and public telephone. This option will require the land to be rezoned and this request has previously been forwarded to Council's consultants undertaking the LEP review.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council proceed with the closure of the section of road adjoining Station Street, near the existing shelter and public telephone, and with the rezoning of the subject land.

**07 - 455 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

**CARRIED**

**12.9 (DO) Kerb and Gutter - Condobolin Road Parkes**

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**Executive Summary**

A request has been received from a property owner on Condobolin Road Parkes for Council to provide kerb and gutter to their frontage. This property is the only section on the northern side without kerb and gutter. The property owners also advise that in heavy rain the area becomes flooded and silt and gravel is washed over the road. The estimated cost to provide the kerb and gutter is \$8,600, with a further \$9,000 for associated shoulder works.

It is suggested that Council proceed with the kerb and gutter given the problems encountered and to enhance that approach to town.

**Recommendation**

1. That kerb and gutter be provided on the frontage of 84 (Lot 1 DP 1054801) Condobolin Road Parkes in the 2007/08 works programme subject to the contribution from the property owner in accordance with Council's kerb and gutter policy.

**07 - 456 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

**CARRIED**

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## **12.10 (DO) Tullamore Streets - Work Requests**

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### **Executive Summary**

Correspondence has been received from the Tullamore & District Community Consultative Committee requesting that Council give some attention to the streets in Tullamore. The areas of concern are the roughness of the street corners, the need for sealing of shoulders to the kerb and gutter, and the appearance of the frontage of the Doctor's Surgery.

It is considered that a programme of possible works could be developed in line with the available funding and a long term plan formulated.

### **Recommendation**

1. That a list of possible works be prepared and costed and discussed with the Tullamore & District Community Consultative Committee with a view to formulating a programme for future works within available funding sources.

### **07 - 457 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

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## **12.11 (DO) Windsock, Berryman Park Trundle**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council considered a report at the 15 May 2007 Council meeting concerning a request from the Trundle Community Consultative Committee for Council to replace the windsock at the helicopter landing site on Berryman Park due to its deterioration and safety concerns. It was resolved that a report be brought back to Council on the costs involved in providing a windsock that complied with the relevant regulations.

The estimated cost to upgrade the facility to a standard helicopter landing site for day and night use would be in the order of \$35,000.

The matter was raised with Parkes Health Service which advised that they were not aware of any issues and would follow the matter up with the Greater Western Area Health Service. Discussions were also held with a Trundle Multi-Purpose Facility representative who advised that the current arrangement was adequate for their current usage.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council discuss the windsock further with the Greater Western Area Health Service with a view to the GWAHS maintaining the facility.
2. That Council not upgrade the facility to a Standard Helicopter Landing Site.

### **07 - 458 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

### **12.12 (DO) Rail Safety Legislation Changes**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Council's Works Engineer attended a Workshop on the proposed changes to Rail Safety legislation. The Workshop was run by the Independent Transport Safety and Reliability Regulator at Bathurst on Thursday 24 May 2007.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information regarding the Rail Safety Workshop be received and noted.

### **07 - 459 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

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

### **13.1 (DI) Road Closure - Parkes Railway Triangle - Lot1 DP881462**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A request has been received from Rail Infrastructure Corporation for assistance with a road closure located within the Parkes railway triangle, being Lot 4 in DP881462, which formally provided access to the Parkes Saleyards.

A large proportion of the land known as the Parkes railway triangle (being the junction of the Stockinbingal, Transcontinental and Sydney rail lines) has recently been acquired by the Rail Infrastructure Corporation (RIC). However, a segment of road under Council's control is located within the land parcels acquired and accordingly RIC has requested closure and acquisition to formalise ownership and occupation of the land. The subject land has no likely current or potential future use as road, and closure is therefore recommended.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council agree to close the road identified as Lot 4 in DP 881462, and make necessary applications to the Minister in accordance with Part 4, Division 1, of the *Roads Act* 1993 (NSW).
2. That on closure of the road, the land be sold to Rail Infrastructure Corporation, in accordance with section 43 of the *Roads Act* 1993 (NSW), with money received directed to Public Road maintenance.
3. That all costs associated with the road closure be borne by Rail Infrastructure Corporation.

#### **07 - 460 Resolution**

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## **13.2 (DI) Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Report - April 2007 and May 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) for the months of April and May 2007.

The RSIPO has predominantly been involved in completing the "Catch Ya Later Condo" project, implementing the "Do or Die. Seatbelts Save Truckies Too!" project, and the "Hey Kids Protect Your Lids" project, launching the Youth Road Safety Team's "Engine On. Hands Off" project, and continuing the "Stop. Revive. Survive the Newell" project.

### **Recommendation**

That the information be received and noted.

### **07 - 461 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## **13.3 (DI) Tullamore and Trundle Sewerage Project Update**

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### **Executive Summary**

A public meeting was held in Tullamore at 5.30pm on the 13 June 2007 to update the community on the villages sewerage project. The meeting was well attended.

Discussions are proceeding with Cabonne Council for a joint tender to design and supply pressure sewerage units, which would take advantage of the buying power of 640 units in addition to the 360 units required for Tullamore and Trundle alone.

The Department of Commerce are progressing with design of the Sewage Treatment Plants and associated documentation.

Subject to cost and unforeseen delay, the projects remain on target for practical completion by mid 2008.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information regarding the Tullamore and Trundle Sewerage project be received and noted.

### **07 - 462 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **13.4 (DI) Engineering Excellence Awards 2007, Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan**

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#### **Executive Summary**

At the 2007 Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (NSW Division) Engineering Excellence Awards, Parkes Council was awarded a "Highly Commended" award for the "Parkes Integrated Water Cycle Strategy", in the "Innovation of Water Supply and Waste Water" category.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information of the award be received and noted.

### **07 - 463 Resolution**

1. That the information of the award be received and noted.
2. That Council formally acknowledge and recognise the work involved by the Director of Infrastructure.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Yvonne Hutton left the meeting temporarily at 5.47pm.

## **13.5 (DI) Town Approach Signs, Project Update**

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### **Executive Summary**

As Council would be aware the first of the new town approach signs has been installed on the Eastern approach to Parkes. Development consent has now been issued for all signs (Tullamore, Trundle, Bogan Gate, Peak Hill and Parkes) and all signs have subsequently been ordered.

Signs will be installed over the next few months as they are manufactured and delivered.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information on town approach signage be received and noted.

### **07 - 464 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## **14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **14.1 Minutes of Museum Development Committee Meeting held 30 May 2007**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Parkes Shire Council Museum Development Committee meeting was held Wednesday, 30 May 2007.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.
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### **07 - 465 Resolution**

1. That the recommendations of the Museum Development Committee subject to:
  - Councillors Keith and Pratt with Councillor Laing as the alternate be nominated as Council Committee representatives;
  - A recommendation relating to the appointment of a community representative be submitted to the next meeting of Council;
  - That item 6 contain a reference to the Licence Agreement to be complied with.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Yvonne Hutton rejoined the meeting at 6.05pm.

### **14.2 Minutes of Access Committee Meeting held on 29 May 2007**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A meeting of the Parkes Shire Council Access Committee was held on Tuesday, 29 May 2007. The minutes of the meeting are attached.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Access Committee held on 29 May 2007 be adopted.
2. That Council agree to fund the construction of a wheelchair access ramp to the Parkes Red Cross Rooms in Church Street to a maximum amount of \$2,000.00.

### **07 - 466 Resolution**

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Council Access Committee held on 29 May 2007 be adopted.
2. That Council agree to fund the construction of a wheelchair access ramp to the Parkes Red Cross Rooms in Church Street to a maximum amount of \$2,000.00.
3. That staff investigate the offer by Mrs Lewis of a wheel chair ramp for storage and use Council.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

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

Councillor John Magill left the meeting temporarily at 6.06pm.

Councillor John Magill rejoined the meeting at 6.08pm.

Councillor George Pratt left the meeting temporarily at 6.10pm.

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) Abestos Water Mains**

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Councillor K McGrath has raised concerns regarding the asbestos water mains in Parkes and other related areas.

*The Director of Infrastructure advises that there are two potential sources of harm which need to be investigated in relation to asbestos cement pipes, namely inhalation and ingestion of asbestos fibres.*

*The Australian Government, National Health and Medical Research Council, "Australian Drinking Water Guidelines", 2004 (ADWG) is the quintessential reference document for drinking water in Australia. Asbestos is considered in the Fact Sheets at page 301-302, which has been reproduced in full and attached to this report.*

*In summary the ADWG indicates in relation to ingestion of asbestos fibres that there "is no demonstrated excess risk of cancer even with high numbers of asbestos fibres in drinking water".*

*It is not however the case for inhalation of asbestos fibres, which may result from exposing asbestos pipes and performing operations which may release fibres to the atmosphere. Where asbestos pipes are required to be exposed or worked on, strict compliance with safety guidelines is required.*

*Council has previously identified and removed quantities of asbestos pipe stored in various water depots. The removal was completed under supervision of a trained supervisor and in accordance with safety and regulatory provisions. The asbestos was disposed of by controlled burial at the Parkes Solid Waste Landfill Depot.*

#### **Recommendation**

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

## **07 - 467 Resolution**

1. That the information supplied by the Director of Infrastructure be received and noted.
2. That Council investigate the acceptance of small quantities of asbestos materials at Solid Waste Landfills at concessional rates for domestic disposal.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

Councillor George Pratt rejoined the meeting at 6.12pm.

## **15.2 (Q & M) Rear Lane behind Parkes Leagues Club**

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Councillor K McGrath has inquired if the rear lane behind the Parkes Leagues Club could be made a "One Way".

*The Director of Infrastructure advises that Council is the determining authority with traffic management on local streets such as the rear lane behind the Parkes Leagues Club, "Pholeros Lane".*

*If Council agrees in principle with the suggestion, the following procedure is suggested.*

1. *A letter advising of the proposal be sent to the affected premises requesting submissions.*
2. *The matter be referred to the Local Traffic Committee for technical and safety assessment.*
3. *The matter be referred back to Council for a final decision based on the information received from the above steps.*

### **Recommendation**

1. A letter advising of the proposal be sent to the affected premises requesting submissions.
2. The matter be referred to the Local Traffic Committee for technical and safety assessment.
3. The matter be referred back to Council for a final decision based on the information received from the above steps.

## **07 - 468 Resolution**

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

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### 15.3 (Q & M) Overhanging Tree Limbs on Rural Roads

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Councillor K McGrath has inquired if overhanging tree limbs could be trimmed on rural roads to accommodate for trucks and their stock floats.

*The Director of Operations advises that some limbs are cut back where necessary when possible. Any areas of concern should be passed on to Council's Engineering Section for assessment. Inspection can be undertaken and appropriate action taken when possible.*

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **07 - 469 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

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### 15.4 (Q & M) Cookamidgera Road

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Councillor Y Hutton has inquired if a report has been done on the condition of the Cookamidgera Road outlined in the recently published article in the Champion Post newspaper.

*The Director of Operations advises that the road was being graded at the time of the publication of the newspaper article. A condition report will be undertaken. It should be noted that Council has received no petitions to date as mentioned in the article.*

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **07 - 470 Resolution**

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor John Magill.

**CARRIED**

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## 15.5 (Q & M) Footpath at lower Clarinda Street - East side of CBD

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Councillor Y Hutton has made inquiries regarding the footpath at the lower end of Clarinda Street around the old Council Chambers and the Commercial Hotel area. Councillor Hutton has asked if Council has plans to beautify this part of the CBD like some of the other areas already beautified.

*The Director of Operations advises that it is intended to treat this area as part of the Chamberlain Square to Short Street beautification works. This will occur after the Court Street to Chamberlain Square works are completed.*

### Recommendation

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

### 07 - 471 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

**CARRIED**

## 16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 6.17pm.

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 - 472 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 Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

**CARRIED**

## **16.1 (DCS) Writing Off of Accrued Interest**

**Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service**

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### **Executive Summary**

A request has been received from a ratepayer for Council to grant an extension of time to pay his water/sewer accounts on his property, from 25 June to 25 July 2007 and that Council write off any interest accrued on the account during the one month extension period for the settlement of the outstanding balance.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council agree to write off the accrued interest charges on assessment 41420 for the period 25 June 2007 to 25 July 2007 in accordance with section 567(a) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the ratepayer is unable to pay the charges when they become due and payable for reasons beyond his control.

### **07 - 473 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

## **16.2 (DO) Kerb and Gutter - Close Street Parkes**

**Prepared By: Director of Operations**

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### **Executive Summary**

Council considered a report at the 15 May 2007 meeting concerning a letter from the developer of land in Close Street Parkes that requested that Council provide kerb and gutter on the eastern side of Close Street between MacArthur Street and Best Street to improve the amenity of the area. It was resolved:

1. That the property owners affected be approached to determine whether they wish to contribute to the completion of the kerb and gutter adjoining their properties.
2. That if the property owners do not wish to contribute then the works not be carried out.
3. That the writer be advised of Council's actions.

Responses received indicate that one property owner only would like to proceed.

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### **Recommendation**

1. That consideration be given to providing kerb and gutter to those properties indicating a willingness to contribute.

### **07 - 474 Resolution**

1. That Council provide kerb and gutter to those properties indicating a willingness to contribute.
2. That Council investigate interest charges on accounts payable in relation to this matter and report to a future meeting of Council.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **16.3 Occupational Health & Safety Meeting Minutes - 07 June 2007**

**Prepared By: Human Resource Manager**

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### **Executive Summary**

The minutes of the Occupational Health and Safety Meeting of 7 June 2007 are attached.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the recommendations of the Occupational Health and Safety Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

### **07 - 475 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

**CARRIED**

**07 - 476 Resolution**

1. That Council move out of Closed Session of Council and into Open Session of Council.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

At this stage of the meeting the Mayor read Resolutions of the Closed Session to the meeting.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm.