



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2008

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council will be 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 Minutes.

GENERAL MANAGER: Alan McCormack

Ordinary Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on 24 June 2008 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor R I Wilson, (in the Chair)
Councillor P Byrne
Councillor J H Magill
Councillor G Pratt
Councillor W Scott

Councillor K J Keith
Councillor Y Hutton
Councillor K McGrath
Councillor B Newton

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack
Director Corporate Services - L Finn
Director Planning & Environment - S Campbell
Director Operations - S Barry
Director Infrastructure - K Boyd
Finance Manager - P McFarlane
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood
Tourism Manager - K Hendry
Library Services Manager – S Buckle
Minutes Secretary - S Henry

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

Resolution

That

Councillor Bev Laing be granted leave of absence (REASON: Absent from Parkes).

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 20 May 2008, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Yvonne Hutton declared an interest in Item 10.3, 14.1, 14.2 and 14.3 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report)

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 8.11, 8.14 and 8.16 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report)

5 MAYORAL MINUTES

5.1 Mayoral Minute - Functions Attended

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 information be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

5.2 Mayoral Minute - Coming Known Events

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

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

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

5.3 Mayoral Minute - Regional Cabinet Meeting in Parkes

Executive Summary

The NSW Government has confirmed plans to hold a regional Cabinet Meeting in Parkes on Tuesday 29 July 2008. Council is working closely with the Premiers Department and the local Dubbo Electorate Office in arrangements for another major event for the Shire.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted and that an updated report on arrangements for the NSW Cabinet Meeting be provided to Council's next meeting on 15 July 2008.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 (ICR) Letters of Appreciation

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Roads and Traffic Authority - Retirement of Mr Lew Laing

Executive Summary

Advising that the Roads and Traffic Authority's Regional Manager, Mr Lew Laing will retire at the end of July. Mr Peter Dearden of Parkes will take up the role following Mr Laing's retirement.

Recommendation

1. That a letter be written to Mr Laing commending him on his long career in the service of the people of New south Wales and in particular, the Western Regions of the State.
2. That Council extend its congratulations to Mr Peter Dearden on his appointment.

Resolution

1. That a letter be written to Mr Laing commending him on his long career in the service of the people of New south Wales and in particular, the Western Regions of the State.
2. That Council extend its congratulations to Mr Peter Dearden on his appointment.
3. That Council extend invitation to Mr Laing to attend next Council meeting and dinner.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

8.3 (ICR) Cr Neville Castle CENTROC Chairman - Request for Donation

Executive Summary

Following the passing of Blayney Mayor, Cr Ted Wilson, the CENTROC Chairman has asked that all CENTROC Councils match Lithgow City Council's \$500.00 donation to Motor Neurone disease research. The Chairman also asks that CENTROC Mayors complete organ donation forms if they haven't already done so.

Recommendation

1. That Council match the donation of \$500.00 as requested and that the organ donation forms be made available.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

8.4 (ICR) Tullamore & District Community Consultative Committee - President's Report

Executive Summary

Providing a copy of the Tullamore & District Community Consultative Committee President's report for the information of Councillors.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. A letter be written to the Tullamore & District Community Consultative Committee of congratulations on their past year's achievements.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

8.5 (ICR) Parkes Men's Shed

Executive Summary

Parkes Men's Shed advising they were successful in obtaining financial grant from Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

8.6 (ICR) Dawn Fardell Member for Dubbo - District Agronomist

Executive Summary

Providing a response received from the Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon. Ian MacDonald to representations made relating to the vacant District Agronomist position.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.7 (ICR) Dawn Fardell Member for Dubbo - Drought Assistance Measures

Executive Summary

Providing the reply received from the Hon. Ian MacDonald Minister for Primary Industries, in relation to representations made on behalf of the Mid Lachlan Alliance Councils, Bland Shire Council and the Forbes Rural Lands Protection Board on drought assistance measures.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

8.8 (ICR) Dawn Fardell Member for Dubbo - Parkes Police Station

Executive Summary

Providing a copy of a response from Police Minister The Honourable David Campbell in relation to the recently announced refurbishment of the Parkes Police Station.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

8.9 (ICR) Department of Local Government - Circular 08/32 Capital Expenditure Projects

Executive Summary

Providing details of proposed new guidelines which will assist Councils when considering projects that require significant Capital Expenditure.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council consider the matter again once the Guidelines have been finalised.

Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

8.10 (ICR) Department of Local Government Circular 08/37 - Council Decision Making Prior To Election

Executive Summary

The Department of Local Government has reminded Council's that major decisions affecting their local government areas should not be undertaken in the period leading up to an ordinary election.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 2.18pm.

8.11 (ICR) Parkes Elvis Festival - Application to use Cooke Park

Executive Summary

Applying to use Cooke Park for the 2009 Elvis Festival activities from Thursday 8 January to Monday 12 January.

Recommendation

1. That permission to use Cooke Park from 10 to 14 January 2008 be granted, subject to the Committee:-
 - Meeting with Council representatives to discuss security (including lighting), safety management and Council's overall involvement with the 2009 Festival;
 - A Risk Assessment and Management Plan being completed to the satisfaction of Council;
 - Meeting all obligations imposed by Council staff in relation to the abovementioned matters;
 - No pegs or stakes driven into the earth without prior consultation with the Parks and Gardens Supervisor;
 - Possessing sufficient insurance (not less than \$10 million coverage) for the activities proposed and providing proof of same.
 - Leaving the Park in a clean and tidy condition at the conclusion of the event.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 2.19pm.

8.12 (ICR) Birth to Kindergarten Reading Day - Paint the Town Read

Executive Summary

In addition to the usual Birth to Kindergarten activities in Parkes planned for Wednesday 15 October 2008, the Committee this year requests Council's involvement in an expansive programme which will take the project to Parliament House and Martin Place in Sydney.

Recommendation

1. That permission to use Cooke Park on 15 October 2008 for the traditional Birth to Kindergarten Reading Day be granted subject to:
 - A Risk Assessment and Management Plan being completed to the satisfaction of Council;
 - A meeting with Council representatives be held to discuss the planned activities in the Parkes Shire on Wednesday 2008 particularly in relation to insurance matters
 - No pegs or stakes being driven into the earth without prior consultation with the Parks and Gardens Supervisor;
 - No vehicles to be driven on the grounds without prior consultation with the Parks and Gardens Supervisor;
 - Possessing sufficient insurance (not less than \$10 million coverage) for the activities proposed and providing proof of same.
 - Leaving the Park in a clean and tidy condition at the conclusion of the event.
 - Meeting all obligations imposed by Council staff in relation to the abovementioned matters.

2. That the additional request for a "Characterscape" in Cooke Park be considered following the meeting with Council staff particularly in relation to the safety aspect of the proposal.

Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.13 (ICR) Parkes Annual Christmas Parade and Carnival Committee

Executive Summary

Indicating that the date for this year's Street Parade and Carnival will be Thursday 4 December, 2008.

Recommendation

1. That Council note the date of the proposed Street Parade.
2. That the organisers be asked to meet with Council Staff to discuss the requirements for the closure of Church Street for the Carnival, including insurance and other requirements.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 2.23pm.

8.14 (ICR) Life Education NSW - Assistance with Movement of Life Education Van

Executive Summary

Life Education NSW has requested assistance from Council to move the mobile classroom around the various schools within the Parkes Shire in 2009.

Recommendation

1. For the decision of Council.

Resolution

1. That Council continue to donate \$2,000 and incorporate the costs of moving Life Education Van into its annual Budget.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 2.25pm.

8.15 (ICR) Country Women's Association - Support for Public Speaking Competition

Executive Summary

Support has been requested from the NSW Country Women's Association for the staging of the regional Inter-Group Schools Public Speaking Competition.

Recommendation

1. That an amount of \$100.00 be contributed to the Country Women's Association to assist with the cost of staging the 2008 Inter-Group Schools Public Speaking Competition.

Resolution

1. That an amount of \$100.00 be contributed to the Country Women's Association to assist with the cost of staging the 2008 Inter-Group Schools Public Speaking Competition.
2. That Council send congratulatory letters to the two CWA Groups involved on the success of the competition.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 2.27pm.

8.16 (ICR) Donations - 2008 Annual Village Shows

Executive Summary

The Tullamore PA & H Association and the Trundle P & A Society Inc. have requested Council's annual donation towards prizes for their respective 2008 Annual Show.

Recommendation

1. That an amount of \$50.00 be contributed to the various P A & H Associations within the Shire to assist with the cost of prizes for the District's 2008 Annual Shows.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 2.28pm.

8.17 (ICR) Peak Hill Advancement Association - Southern Cross Hall

Executive Summary

Replying to Council's request for comments in relation to the provision of town improvement funds to assist with remedial work for Southern Cross Hall.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted and that the Southern Cross Hall Committee be advised that Council will be unable to assist with funding of the urgent repairs and further that it is the wish of the Peak Hill Advancement Association that Village Improvement funds not be utilised for the purpose.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

8.18 (ICR) Greater Western Area Health Service - Request for Financial Assistance

Executive Summary

The palliative care unit of the Parkes Community Health Service requests Council's financial assistance to present a Petrea King workshop in Parkes which is tailored to give practical strategies in "living well in challenging circumstances and for finding meaning in life's unexpected events".

Recommendation

1. That Council meet with members of the palliative care unit to discuss their needs and anticipated level of funding in relation to the proposal.

Resolution

1. That Council meet with members of the palliative care unit to discuss their needs and anticipated level of funding in relation to the proposal.
2. That Council advise the Parkes Health Service that the funding request is outside the scope of Local Government responsibility.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) 2008 Annual Shires Association Conference

Executive Summary

The Annual Shires Association conference was held in Sydney on 2 - 4 June 2008. The Conference was preceded by the Local Government Managers Australia forum.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

9.2 (GM) Workers Compensation Insurance

Executive Summary

The Department of Local Government has recommended Council consider the cost effectiveness of self insurance for Workers Compensation as part of a pooled Regional Alliance arrangement.

Recommendation

1. That the Department be informed the recommendation has been investigated and not deemed feasible.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Central West Transport Study

Executive Summary

The Federal Government has announced a \$1m Central West Transport Study.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

9.4 (GM) Draft State Tax Review

Executive Summary

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has recently reviewed the State Tax System. Two recommendations in the Draft Report concern Local Government.

Recommendation

1. The information be received and noted

Resolution

1. The information be received and noted
2. That Council strongly object to the proposed imposition and that Council voice its objection in conjunction with submissions made by the Associations.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

9.5 (GM) Appointment -Director of Corporate Services

Executive Summary

Mr Les Finn has been appointed the Director of Corporate Services.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

9.6 (GM) Resignation as Mayor - RI Wilson OAM

Executive Summary

Councillor RI Wilson OAM has indicated he intends to resign as Mayor on 15 July 2008 (date of next meeting).

Recommendation

1. That the resignation be accepted.
2. That nomination forms be made available to Councillors.
3. That the General Manager be appointed Returning Officer.

Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

9.7 (GM) Contribution to Parkes Community Health Centre

Executive Summary

On the 18th and 19th June 2008, the Community Health Unit of the Parkes Health Service conducted a "Health Pit Stop" for male staff members. The exercise was well received by staff and management and it was felt appropriate that a contribution be made to the service in acknowledgement of the success of the event.

Recommendation

1. That Council endorse a contribution of \$2,000.00 to the Parkes Community Health Service in acknowledgement of the health checks for Parkes Shire employees.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Financial Information - May 2008

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 30 April 2008 be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.2 (DCS) Investments as at 31 May 2008

Executive Summary

As at 31 May, 2008 Council held \$43,267,680.42 in investments.

Recommendation

- 1) That the information in relation to investments held at 31 May, 2008 be received and noted.
- 2) That Council note that the Parkes CDO is now at a rating that is less than that required in the Ministerial Investment Order.
- 3) That Council continue to hold its investment in the Parkes CDO

Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

At this stage the Mayor presented a cheque to Monica Murray, Parkes Health Service in appreciation of the staging of the Men's Health Pit Stop for Council Employees.

At this stage the Mayor invited Gayle McDonald, President of Parkes Rotary to make a presentation of the Rotary Pride of Workmanship Certificate of Recognition Awards to Council employees Phil Bishop and Shona Henry.

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 2.58pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.30pm.

Councillor Yvonne Hutton left the meeting temporarily at 3.31pm.

10.3 (DCS) Management Plan 2008/09 - 2010/11

Executive Summary

The draft Management Plan has been on display for the statutory period of 28 days. One public submission was received and the Council may now adopt the Plan.

Recommendation

1. That the draft Management Plan for 2008/09 to 2010/11 as publicly displayed be adopted subject to:
 - the submission received in response to the draft Management Plan and discussed within the body of this report being noted;
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 noting the variations included in the body of this report.
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 2008/09.
4. That Council hereby approves and votes for the expenditure in the 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 of all items in the 2008/09 to 2010/11 Management Plan.
5. That the statement of amounts and rates to be charged for works on private land for 2008/09 contained with the draft Management Plan be adopted.
6. That the fees and charges be made in accordance with the draft Management Plan.

Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

10.4 (DCS) Rate Levy 2008/09

Executive Summary

The adoption of the Management Plan which includes the revenue policy for 2008/09 including the proposed rates and charges as presented to Council on the 20 May, 2008 now enables Council to formally make the rates and charges for 2008/09 financial year.

Recommendation

That in accordance with Sections 534 and 535 of the Local Government Act 1993 WHEREAS the Management Plan for the twelve months to 30 June, 2009 was adopted by the Council on 24 June, 2008 it is hereby recommended that the rates be made as follows:

Residential General:

An ordinary rate of 0.4172 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Residential General, be now made for the 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$57,526.00.

Residential Parkes Rate:

An ordinary rate of 1.1735 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 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$20,452.00.

Business - General:

An ordinary rate of 1.6404 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Business General, be now made for the 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$14,631.00.

Business – CBD:

An ordinary rate of 5.4928 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 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$4,369.00.

Business – Peak Hill:

An ordinary rate of 2.2394 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 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$10,717.00.

Business – Trundle:

An ordinary rate of 3.5780 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 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$6,708.00.

Business – Tullamore:

An ordinary rate of 1.3436 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 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$17,862.00.

Business – Bogan Gate:

An ordinary rate of 1.6235 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 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$14,783.00.

Mining – Copper (Producing):

An ordinary rate of 4.7160 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 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$5,089.00.

Mining – Gold (Producing):

An ordinary rate of 16.478 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 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$1,456.00.

Mining – (General):

An ordinary rate of 7.6801 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Mining, be now made for the 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and thirty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$3,125.00.

Farmland:

An ordinary rate of 0.4752 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands categorised as Farmland, be now made for the 2008/09 rating period, subject to a minimum amount of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for each assessment with a land value not exceeding \$50,505.00.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Valuation of lands Amendment (Water Rights) Act 2005, the amount levied as 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 Ordinary rates for the previous year.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

Councillor Yvonne Hutton rejoined the meeting at 3.34pm.

10.5 (DCS) Councillor and Mayoral Fees

Executive Summary

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has recently handed down a determination to award Mayors and Councillors a 4% increase in respect of the 2008/09 year.

Recommendation

1. That Council pay the maximum level of remuneration for Category 4 Council's for the 2008/09 financial year as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.6 (DCS) Goobang National Park Sign Strategy

Executive Summary

The Lachlan Regional National Parks and Wildlife Service has requested support from Council to implement its signage strategy.

Recommendation

1. That Council make representation to Member for Dubbo, the Hon. Dawn Fardell, plus the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, the Hon. Verity Firth M.P. when Cabinet visits Parkes next month to ask that funding be allocated to this project.
2. That Council make representation to the RTA for part financial contribution to this signage strategy, given its important location on the Newell Highway and .
3. That Council responds to Lachlan Region National Parks and Wildlife Service to advise that no Council funding is currently available for this project, but that Council will make representations on their behalf to try and secure some funding for this valuable project.

Resolution

1. That Council make representation to Member for Dubbo, the Hon. Dawn Fardell, plus the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, the Hon. Verity Firth M.P. when Cabinet visits Parkes next month to ask that funding be allocated to this project.
2. That Council make representation to the RTA for part financial contribution to this signage strategy, given its important location on the Newell Highway and .
3. That Council responds to Lachlan Region National Parks and Wildlife Service to advise that no Council funding is currently available for this project, but that Council will make representations on their behalf to try and secure some funding for this valuable project.
4. That Council make enquiries with Minister for Tourism in relation to available funding for the purpose.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.7 (DCS) Trundle Sports Council - Request for Funding

Executive Summary

The Trundle Sports Council has written to Council advising that they are in the process of obtaining funding to replace the canteen at Berryman Oval. The Trundle Sports Council estimates the cost of the project to be \$85,000.00. They advise that to date they have been unsuccessful in their submissions for various funding grants from Government bodies.

Recommendation

1. That Council provide a letter of support to the Trundle Sports Council to assist with funding applications to various Government bodies.
2. Council ask the Trundle Community Consultative Committee for comment on the proposal.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.8 (DCS) Library Services Statistics and Monthly Update - May 2008

Executive Summary

Library usage statistics and activities for the month of May 2008 are provided for the information of Council.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

10.9 (DCS) Tourism and Event Update - July 2008

Executive Summary

A brief update of general Shire tourism and event activities.

Recommendation

1. That the Tourism and Event Update be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.10 (DCS) Economic Development - Parkes 125 Anniversary Celebrations

Executive Summary

Program details have been finalised for the second part of Parkes 125 Local Government Anniversary celebrations following the successful conduct of the May 12/13 activities involving the Governor of NSW.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.11 (DCS) Economic Development - Northparkes Mines Sustainable Development Report

Executive Summary

Council was represented by Councillor Scott and the Economic Development Manager at a meeting of the Northparkes Community Consultative Committee on May 1st at which the 2007 Sustainable Development report was released. The Report showcases the overall impact of the Mine's operations and represents an invaluable promotional tool for the Shire and the company, it also emphasises the close working relationship between Council, the mine and the regional community.

In the period under review Northparkes generated \$583m export revenue for Australia.

Total employment at the mine is currently around the 850 mark.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted and that management of Northparkes Mines be commended on the format and content of the 2007 Sustainable Development Report.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.12 (DCS) Economic Development - Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee

Executive Summary

A meeting of the Parkes Shire Cultural Advisory Committee was held on June 18, 2008. Details are attached.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.13 (DCS) Economic Development - Central Western Regional Development Board

Executive Summary

The Economic Development Manager attended a Board meeting in Blayney on June 18.

Meeting outcomes are summarised.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) May 2008 Building Statistics

Executive Summary

During the month of May 2008 there were twenty (20) Development Applications received totalling \$805,476.00 and 13 consents issued.

Eleven (11) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$290,760.00 and 8 consents issued.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

11.2 (DPE) DA08057: Proposed Subdivision at Lot 1 DP 240707, Lot 11 DP 752075, Lot 34 DP 752075 'Trundle Park' Botfields Parish, Parkes Shire

Development Application Information

Application No: DA08057

Applicant: Mr Peter Umbers

Property: Lot 1 DP 240707, Lot 11 DP 752075, Lot 34 DP 752075, 'Trundle Park' Botfields Parish, Parkes Shire

Proposal: Subdivision

Executive Summary

Council has received an application for the subdivision of rural land on the southern outskirts of Trundle.

Recommendation

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

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) Modification to DA06027: Proposed Warehouse/Factory and Office at Lot 8 DP 1068311, 8 Frogley Street, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA06027

Applicant: Mr D Mansley

Property: Lot 8 DP 1068311, 8 Frogley Street, Parkes

Proposal: Warehouse/Factory and Office

Executive Summary

A modification application has been received from Mr D Mansley requesting a variation to Council's minimum front building setback requirement.

Recommendation

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

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 2008

Executive Summary

Other than routine maintenance and flood damage repairs, 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 2008 be noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Staff Training - Greg Godde

Executive Summary

Greg Godde has recently completed the Advance Diploma in Public Safety (Emergency Management) through Emergency Management Australia. The demands placed on Councils by emergency management legislation makes it increasingly important for staff to acquire the knowledge to better meet the obligations placed on them for emergency management arrangements.

Greg committed a great deal of time and effort to the completion of the Advanced Diploma and Council will benefit from his dedication and achievement.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted and that Greg Godde be congratulated for his achievement.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Appointment of Deputy Local Emergency Management Officer

Executive Summary

The Facility and Emergency Management Officer, Greg Godde, is the current Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO). The previous Deputy LEMO was Ray Graham who has now left Parkes Council to take up a position with Forbes Shire Council. It is proposed to appoint the Manager of Natural Resources, Andrew Francis, in his place as Deputy LEMO for Parkes Shire.

Recommendation

1. That Andrew Francis be appointed as the Deputy Local Emergency Management Officer for Parkes Shire.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Use of Parkes Regional Airport - Skydive Oz

Executive Summary

Skydive Oz have requested permission to operate tandem skydiving activities at Parkes Regional Airport on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 August 2008. They have previously conducted skydiving activities at Parkes Regional Airport with their activities proving very popular.

Approval for the use of the airport will require the provision of evidence of adequate insurance cover, arrangements being made with the RPT Operator to avoid conflict with their services, and compliance with Council's access requirements for Parkes Regional Airport.

Recommendation

1. That Skydive Oz be granted approval for the use of Parkes Airport for tandem skydiving activities on 8/9 August 2008 subject to provision of evidence of not less than \$20 Million Public Liability Insurance, arrangements being made with RPT Services to avoid conflict, and compliance with Council's access requirements for Parkes Regional Airport.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

12.5 (DO) Suggested Naming of Bridge - Back Yamma Road Parkes

Executive Summary

A request has been received for the bridge over Billabong Creek on Back Yamma Road Parkes to be named "The Amelia Field Bridge" in recognition of the Field family history in the Back Yamma area. Background information supplied in support of the request is attached.

To date, the bridge has been commonly known as "White Bridge". It is considered appropriate that comments be sought from the public on the two names prior to further consideration of the request.

Recommendation

1. That the names "White Bridge" and "The Amelia Field Bridge" be advertised for public comment for the bridge over Billabong Creek on Back Yamma Road Parkes.

Resolution

1. The name "The Amelia Field Bridge" be advertised for public comment for the bridge over Billabong Creek on Back Yamma Road Parkes.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

12.6 (DO) Toward a National Aviation Policy Statement - Issues Paper

Executive Summary

An Issues Paper was released by the Australian Government on 10 April 2008 titled "Toward a National Aviation Policy Statement". The Australian Airports Association will be making a generic submission on behalf of members, but encourages individual submissions as well from the local viewpoint. Submissions must be lodged by 27 June 2008.

The Issues Paper has been reviewed and some aspects would warrant a submission by Council.

Recommendation

1. That a submission be lodged on the Issues Paper including comments on Parkes as a freight hub and the need for greater support to guarantee air services to regional Australia, as well as ensuring adequate infrastructure exists to support the services.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

12.7 (DO) Road Construction - Small Rural Holdings Zone

Executive Summary

Council has been progressively constructing the unsealed roads in the developing areas around Parkes based on a priority list derived from the number of houses served. It was noted that some roads had few houses but carried a high traffic volume. It was decided to review the priority listing based on traffic volumes and impact on adjoining properties.

Recommendation

1. That the following priority list be adopted for the constructing the unsealed roads in the developing areas around Parkes based on traffic volumes and impact on adjoining properties:

| <u>ROAD NAME</u> | <u>Length (m)</u> | <u>Est Cost (\$)</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| No Mistake Lane | 230 | 50,000 |
| Lee Street | 210 | 40,000 |
| Emerton Road | 440 | 90,000 |
| Wangara Lane | 240 | 55,000 |
| Ballerdee Lane | 540 | 110,000 |
| Noble Road | 480 | 100,000 |
| Cons Lane | 300 | 80,000 |
| Docos Lane | 920 | 180,000 |

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|--------------------|------|---------|
| Bleechmore Road | 640 | 130,000 |
| Parkesborough Road | 2000 | 400,000 |
| Reedsdale Road | 1100 | 220,000 |
| The Welcome Road | 2140 | 430,000 |
| Fahey Road | 420 | 80,000 |
| Farrer Street | 400 | 80,000 |
| Painter Street | 800 | 160,000 |
| Endicott Street | 260 | 50,000 |
| Akuna Lane | 1670 | 330,000 |
| Aitkin Lane | 1670 | 330,000 |
| Maguire Road | 4470 | 894,000 |

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.8 (DO) Rural Construction - Coradgery / Robertson / Taweni Road

Executive Summary

The Rural Construction project on Coradgery /Robertson / Taweni Road has been completed with a substantial over-expenditure. The additional funding required is currently available from the Financial Assistance Grant - Roads Component.

Recommendation

1. That \$347,000 be allocated from the Financial Assistance Grant - Roads Component to cover the over-expenditure on the Coradgery /Robertson / Taweni Road construction project.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

12.9 (DO) Use of Radio Controlled Toy Cars on Public Roads

Executive Summary

Councillor Laing raised an issue at the 4 March 2008 Council meeting related to complaints regarding people using remote controlled cars on local roadways. It was resolved to refer the matter to the Roads and Traffic Authority and the NSW Police, for clarification of rules and regulations pertaining to the use of radio controlled vehicles. A letter was forwarded to the RTA and Parkes Police on 3 April 2008.

The RTA have responded to advise that it is a matter for NSW Police. No response has been received from Parkes Police at this time.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted and that a further request be forwarded to NSW Police for clarification.

Resolution

1. That information received prior to meeting from the Police stating the following;

"It is not covered specifically as they are not 'vehicles' under that act or the Toy Vehicle Act. It is handled by Police the same way as for people playing ball games or any other games on the road. If members of the public do encounter a problem with incidents related to these toys they should contact their local Police" be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

12.10 (DO) The McGrane Way - Representations to the Minister for Roads

Executive Summary

The Member for Dubbo, Mrs Dawn Fardell, continues to make representations to the Minister for Roads for additional funding to complete the sealing of The McGrane Way (Main Road 354) on behalf of The McGrane Way Committee and Council.

Unfortunately, the latest response was less than fruitful. The Minister advised that the State Government provides considerable assistance to Councils for works on Regional Roads under the Block Grant and REPAIR Programme, and that Parkes Council has chosen to direct its priorities elsewhere. The response also advised that Council has the option of directing Financial Assistance Grants and Roads to Recovery Programme.

It is disappointing that the State Government is currently intent on diverting responsibility to Councils for the lack of funding provided for Main Roads, and indicating that Council's should divert funding from local roads to cover the State Government's deficiencies.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted and the Member for Dubbo thanked for her continued support for The McGrane Way Committee and Council.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) Request for Contribution to Renew Fence Adjacent to Bumberry Dam

Executive Summary

A letter has been received from a landholder adjoining Bumberry Dam requesting assistance with boundary fencing, letter attached. Council has contributed previously to fencing of this nature where there is likely to be direct benefits (in this case prevention of stock accessing the dam).

Recommendation

1. That Council agree to contribute reasonable material costs for the requested section of boundary fence to Bumberry Dam.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) National Roads and Transport Congress, "Securing the First Mile"

Executive Summary

The 2008 National Local Roads and Transport Congress hosted by the Australian Local Government Association was held in Shepparton Victoria from 15 - 17 June 2008.

Parkes Council was represented at the congress which was well supported with over 350 delegates from across Australia.

The communiqué from the congress is attached.

Recommendation

1. That information on the 2008 National Local Roads and Transport Congress be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

13.3 (DI) Purchase of Land for the Trundle SES Unit

Executive Summary

A request has been received from the State Emergency Service (SES) requesting Council assistance in procuring vacant land adjacent to the Trundle SES Unit. The purchase is to be fully funded by the SES and the land would be vested in Council. The self explanatory letter is attached.

Recommendation

1. That Council purchase land adjacent to the SES Unit at Trundle.
2. That costs be reimbursed from the SES.
3. That necessary documentation required to effect the purchase be signed under the seal of Council.

Resolution

1. That Council purchase land adjacent to the SES Unit at Trundle.
2. That costs be reimbursed from the SES.
3. That necessary documentation required to effect the purchase be signed under the seal of Council.
4. That the land be declared as operational upon acquisition.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

13.4 (DI) "Hideaway Lane" Conversion to Public Road

Executive Summary

It has recently been brought to our attention that the road which runs between the Golf Course and the railway line, from Saleyards Road to the Newell Highway (near the Welcome Rail Crossing), known as "Hideaway Lane" is a crown road. As Council does maintain this road it is considered appropriate that the road be converted to a public road.

Recommendation

1. That application be made to the Department of Lands for "Hideaway Lane" to be converted to public road.
2. That the Seal of Council be applied as required to effect the transfer.

Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

13.5 (DI) Proposed Repairs to the Water Treatment Plant Cottage, Albert Street, Parkes

Executive Summary

Council owns and currently leases a house adjacent to the Parkes Water Treatment Plant in Albert Street, Parkes. The house generally is in good condition, however there is structural issues with the sub-floor foundations. It is proposed to have the structural problems repaired.

Recommendation

1. That repairs to the Albert Street premises be completed.
2. That funds be transferred from reserves, if required, to meet necessary repair costs.

Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

13.6 (DI) Discharge of Liquid Trade Waste to the Sewerage System Policy

Executive Summary

The draft "Discharge of Liquid Trade Waste to the Sewerage System" policy was previously considered by Council. The policy has been operational for several years as a draft. It is now proposed to formally adopt this policy. A copy of the policy is available on request.

Recommendation

1. That Council adopt the draft "Discharge of Liquid Trade Waste to the Sewerage System" policy.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

13.7 (DI) Tullamore and Trundle Sewerage Project

Executive Summary

As Council is aware the contract for construction of the Tullamore Treatment Works has been let and work is proceeding well. Reticulation work is in abeyance pending Ministerial approval. Council staff are however ready to proceed with the work as soon as approval is provided.

Preliminary design work for Trundle has also been completed. Detailed house reticulation design work is scheduled to commence in the next few weeks (see attached letter).

Recommendation

1. That information of Tullamore and Trundle Sewerage projects be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

13.8 (DI) Proposed Outsourcing of Water Meter Reading

Executive Summary

Council has traditionally undertaken all water meter reading using staff from the Water Department. This does however occupy skilled staff for extended periods of time.

It is proposed to call quotations to have this work completed by contractors.

A report will be submitted to Council once quotations are received to decide if outsourcing should proceed.

Recommendation

1. That quotations be called to outsource Council's water meter reading requirements.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councillor Yvonne Hutton left the meeting temporarily at 4.43pm.

14.1 (DPE) Minutes Museum Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 May 2008

Executive Summary

The Parkes Shire Council Museum Development Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, 20 May 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

14.2 (DPE) Minutes Museum HPC Management Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2008

Executive Summary

A Museum HPC Management Committee meeting was held on Monday, 26 May 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Museum HPC Management Committee held on Monday, 26 May 2008 be noted.

Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Museum HPC Management Committee held on Monday, 26 May 2008 be noted and changes submitted to next meeting of Council for consideration.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

14.3 (DPE) Minutes Museum Liaison Committee Meeting held on Monday, 31 March 2008

Executive Summary

A Museum Liaison Committee meeting was held on Monday, 31 March 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Museum Liaison Committee held on Monday, 31 March 2008 be noted.

Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Museum Liaison Committee held on Monday, 31 March 2008 be noted and changes be submitted to the next meeting of Council for consideration.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

Councillor Yvonne Hutton rejoined the meeting at 4.51pm.

14.4 (DPE) Parkes Liquor Accord - Minutes 14 May 2008

Executive Summary

The Parkes Liquor Accord meeting was held on Wednesday 14 May 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Liquor Accord meeting held on Wednesday, 14 May 2008 be noted.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, 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) Funding for Nurses

Councillor Yvonne Hutton has asked if a similar scheme to that provided by Forbes Shire Council to attract Nursing staff could be investigated.

The Director of Corporate Services advises that Forbes Shire Council has a "Doctors and Registered Nurses Attraction and Retention Incentives Policy" which was first adopted in 2006. The Policy provides up to \$5,000.00 for nurses and midwives who undertake to maintain their employment with the local health service for a minimum of two years. The money is repayable to the Council on a pro rata basis if the recipient does not remain with the local health service for the 24 month period. No provision has been made on the 2008/2009 Budget for this type of incentive

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

15.2 (Q & M) New Planning Laws

Councillor Yvonne Hutton understands that under the new planning laws, Development Applications and Development Consents are no longer part of Council's Planning Department; does this mean that anyone can now build anything without Council's permission?

The Director of Planning and Environment advised that the new planning legislation creates new decision making processes including a Statewide Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) and Joint Regional Planning Panels (JRPP). This together with wider Exempt and Complying Development will remove Councils further from decisions on development.

Council will continue to have a role in Development Applications for certain type of development but its continuing role in regards to the issue of Complying Development Certificates and Construction Certificates is uncertain at this stage.

I refer Councillors to the Department of Planning NSW Housing Code Community Guide for a summary of the changes to Exempt and Complying Development.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Yvonne Hutton, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 4.57pm.

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.

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 Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

16.1 (DCS) Agistment of Council Land for Grazing Purposes - Forbes Road

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service

Executive Summary

Land previously acquired by Council south of Parkes and adjacent to the Newell highway for industrial purposes has recently been advertised for agistment purposes. Following a call for expressions of interest two complying applications were received.

Recommendation

1. Based on the expressions of interest received council offer a Licence to agist stock for grazing purposes on Council owned land being described as Lot 632 DP 750179 and Lot 549 DP657444 to J & T Barnes of Parkes for a period not exceeding 24 months.
2. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to complete the licence agreement on behalf of Council.

Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

16.2 (DCS) Economic Development - Dore Centre

Prepared By: Economic Development Manager

Executive Summary

Since the decision by the Dore Group to close all of its mainland Australia clinics and to appoint a Voluntary Administrator, endeavours have been made by Council to secure funds held in Trust on behalf of the Parkes Shire community to assist financially disadvantaged families from around the Parkes Shire to access the Scheme.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted and that Council continue to liaise with Woodgate & Co on prospects of recovering at least in part the funds held in trust by the Dore Group on behalf of Council and the Parkes community.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

16.3 (DPE) DA06071 Subdivision - Land and Environment Court Appeal by Parkes Terminal Land Corporation

Prepared By: Director Planning & Environment

Executive Summary

On the 21 May 2008 Council received a letter (attached) from North Shore Lawyers (NSL) who act on behalf of Parkes Terminal Land Corporation Pty Ltd. The letter served notice on Council that Class 1 action was being taken against the refusal of DA06071. The application was for the subdivision of land for an airside business park, taxi-way, aircraft apron and services associated with the Parkes international freight airport project. Council refused the application on 17 May 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted by Council.

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

16.4 (DO) Sale of Bushfire Trucks

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

Quotations closed on Thursday 12 June 2008 for the sale of one (1) bushfire truck: a Ford Bushfire Truck, Registration Number BFO-7163 (Council plant number 8057) formerly housed by the Peak Hill Bushfire Brigade.

Recommendation

1. That the quotation of Colin Hutchins of \$2500 be accepted for the purchase of the Ford Bushfire Truck, Registration Number BFO-7163.

Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

16.5 (DI) Helicopter Accident 2 February 2006

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

Council has been formally advised that the inquest into the 2 February 2006 helicopter accident will be held at Forbes Local Court, on Tuesday 22 July 2008 continuing until Friday 1 August 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the information of the inquest be noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted and appropriate legal representation be engaged.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

16.6 Occupational Health and Safety Meeting Minutes - 5 June 2008

Prepared By: Human Resource Manager

Executive Summary

The minutes of the Occupational Health and Safety Meeting of Thursday 5 June 2008 will be tabled at the Meeting.

Recommendation

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

Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

17 QUESTIONS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY - CONFIDENTIAL

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

17.1 (Q & M) Subdivision - Ceder Crescent, Parkes

Reason for Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Code of Meeting Practice, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

Councillor Ken McGrath requested progress report on land development in Cedar Crescent.

The Director of Planning and Environment provided the Council with a confidential report covering the subdivision.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.23pm.