



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY 15 JULY 2008

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held at the Council Administration Centre, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes, commencing at 1.00 pm for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER: Alan McCormack

Ordinary Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on 15 July 2008 at 1.05pm.

PRESENT

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager - A McCormack
Director Corporate Service - L Finn
Director Operations - S Barry
Finance Manager - P McFarlane
Economic Development Manager – M Greenwood
Tourism Coordinator – K Hendry
Library Services Manager – S Buckle
Minutes Secretary - D Ehsman

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Meeting commenced at 1.00pm.

1 PRAYER

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

2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

The meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting was closed to the public at 1.05pm.

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.

08 - 479 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 Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

16.1 (DCS) Industrial Estate - South Parkes

Prepared By: Director of Corporate Service

Executive Summary

Council sets the pricing for its industrial land in accordance with the Revenue Policy which permits pricing to be reviewed as necessary and in accordance with prevailing market rates and cost of service. It is appropriate that the current pricing be now reviewed.

Recommendation

1. That the price for land within the South Parkes Industrial Estate be increased to \$38.50 per square metre including GST.
2. That the income in the price for Industrial land apply to all existing lease/purchase agreements where extensions to the terms of the lease agreements are granted.

08 - 480 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

16.2 (DPE) Sludge - Former Austop Ponds

Prepared By: Director Planning & Environment

Executive Summary

Representations have been received from BWK Australia who are working for Elders in the decommissioning of the former Austop Plant ponds. This work requires the removal of some 15,000 m² of sludge material and the company is seeking approval to dispose of this at Councils landfill.

Recommendation

1. That a meeting be suggested between BWK Australia/Elders, SCT Logistics, DECC/EPA and Council to determine the most suitable option to all parties for the disposal of the material.

08 - 481 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

16.3 (DO) Parkes Regional Airport - Painting of Hanger 162

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

Quotations were called for the painting of the external walls of Hanger 162 at Parkes Airport. Seven quotations were received.

Recommendation

1. That the quotation from Armourshield Pty Ltd for the repainting of the external walls of Hanger 162 at a cost of \$54,400 (exc GST) be accepted.

08 - 482 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

16.4 (DO) Parkes Regional Airport - Runway Reconstruction

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

Expressions of interest were invited from selected companies for the preparation of design and construction documents to enable tenders to be called for the construction of the main runway at Parkes Regional Airport. Four submissions were received.

Recommendation

1. That negotiations be continued with selected consultants to manage the runway reconstruction project.

08 - 483 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

16.5 (DO) Contract for Supply and Delivery of Ready Mix Concrete

Prepared By: Director of Operations

Executive Summary

A contract for the Supply and Delivery of Ready Mix Concrete has been called to comply with Council's legislative requirements. The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 advises that a tendering process needs to be called for purchases over \$150,000.

Tenders were received from Hanson Construction Materials and Parkes Ready Mixed Concrete Pty Ltd.

Recommendation

1. That Council accept the tender from Parkes Ready Mixed Concrete Pty Ltd for supply and delivery of Ready Mix Concrete for the 2008/09 financial year.
2. That provision be made to allow a 12 month extension on the contract subject to satisfactory performance.

08 - 484 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

An amendment that Council continue the current practice of sourcing concrete supplies on a rotational basis from local suppliers lapsed for want of a seconder.

16.6 (DI) Outsourcing of Council's Water Meter Reading

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

Quotations have been called for the outsourcing of water meter reading in the Shires towns and villages. It is anticipated that outsourcing will free up skilled staff for other water supply duties and allow the benefits of a dedicated meter reading company to be realised.

Recommendation

1. That Council proceed with the outsourcing of water meter reading.
2. That the contract for water meter reading be awarded to Gersbach Family Trust.

08 - 485 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

16.7 (DI) Tenders for Variable Frequency (Speed) Drives for Water Pumping Stations

Prepared By: Director of Infrastructure

Executive Summary

Tenders have been called for the supply of Variable Frequency (Speed) drives for the water supply pumps at Back Yamma Road, High Street and Eugowra Road.

Recommendation

1. That Council accept the tender from Macquarie Electrical Engineering Supplies P/L for eight (8) variable frequency (speed) drives as per their tender schedule.

08 - 486 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting at 1.46pm the official photograph of the current Councillors and senior staff was taken.

At this stage of the meeting a short adjournment was declared at 1.53pm.

The meeting resumed at 2.07pm.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

08 - 487 Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on 14 June 2008, copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Yvonne Hutton declared an interest in Item 9.5, 14.2 and 14.3 (REASON Executive member of organisation mentioned in report).

Councillor Wayne Scott declared an interest in Item 10.4 (REASON Related entity to an individual mentioned in the report).

Councillor Ken Keith declared an interest in Item 9.4 (REASON Interest in land 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.

08 - 488 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, 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.

08 - 489 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

5.3 Mayoral Minute

Executive Summary

A condolence message has been sent following the recent tragic events at Cowra, involving a Parkes Police Officer.

Recommendation

1. That this information be noted and the donation endorsed.

08 - 490 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken Keith.

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION

Nil.

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil.

8 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 (ICR) Local Government & Shires Association - Notice of Annual Water Management Conference

Executive Summary

Advising of the Local Government & Shires Association (LGSA) Water Management Conference being held from Wednesday, 13 August to Friday, 15 August 2008 in Ballina.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

08 - 491 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

8.2 (ICR) Australian Paralympic Committee - Financial Contribution

Executive Summary

Requesting a financial contribution to assist with the Australian Team's participation in the 2008 Paralympic Games in China.

Recommendation

1. That a contribution of \$300.00 be made to the Australian Paralympic Committee to assist with the Australian Team's participation in the 2008 Paralympic Games.

08 - 492 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9.1 (GM) Mayoral Election

Executive Summary

Cr Wilson has indicated he wishes to retire from the position of Mayor on 15 July 2008, Council Meeting day.

Recommendation

1. That the Returning Officer conduct an election in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation - Schedule 7.
2. That, in accordance with custom, the system of Ordinary Ballot be used for noting.

08 - 493 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

The General Manager acting as Returning Officer advised that only one nomination for the position of Mayor has been received.

The Returning Officer duly declared Councillor Ken Keith elected Mayor of Parkes.

The General Manager acting as Returning Officer advised that only one nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor has been received.

The Returning Officer duly declared Councillor John Magill elected Deputy Mayor of Parkes.

Councillors Keith and Magill thanked fellow Councillors for their support and paid tribute to outgoing Mayor Councillor Robert Wilson OAM and his 43 years of service to Local Government and the community.

9.2 (GM) Prospective Councillors Information Session

Executive Summary

It is proposed to hold an information session for prospective Councillors at 5.00pm on Tuesday, 5th August, 2008 (Council Meeting day) in the Council Chambers.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

08 - 494 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That Council contact the NSW Electoral Commission seeking clarification on funding issues.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

9.3 (GM) Code of Conduct

Executive Summary

The Minister for Local Government has released a revised model Code of Conduct for local Councils. The revised Code of Conduct took effect on 20 June 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the model Code be adopted.
 2. That a Conduct Review Committee be established at the September 2008 Committee elections.
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08 - 495 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith left the meeting temporarily at 2.23pm.

9.4 (GM) Hub Developments

Executive Summary

Asciano has announced that its rail subsidiary, Pacific National, has purchased 327 acres in the Transport Hub for the development of an international fright terminal.

Recommendation

1. That this information be noted.

08 - 496 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

Councillor Ken Keith rejoined the meeting at 2.25pm.

Councillor Yvonne Hutton left the meeting temporarily at 2.25pm.

9.5 (GM) Draft Management Plan - Henry Parkes Centre

Executive Summary

A draft Management Plan for the Henry Parkes Centre has been prepared. Submissions were invited and a public hearing held.

Recommendation

1. That the advertised draft Management Plan, **for Community Land within Lot 1 DP1094720 be altered to include a Prelude and Clause 6, page 9 now read:**

Display of historical material:

To ensure that the display and exhibition on the land is of historical material including material relating to the Parkes and surrounding district.

2. That the Convenor's Report be made available at the Council Administration Centre.
3. That Council respond to the 7 submissions made to the public hearing.

08 - 497 Resolution

1. That the advertised draft Management Plan, **for Community Land within Lot 1 DP1094720 be altered to include a Prelude and Clause 6, page 9 now read:**

Display of historical material:

To ensure that the display and exhibition on the land is of historical material including material relating to the Parkes and surrounding district.

2. That the Convenor's Report be made available at the Council Administration Centre.
3. That Council respond to the 7 submissions made to the public hearing.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

Councillor Yvonne Hutton rejoined the meeting at 2.34pm.

9.6 (GM) Contractual Conditions - Senior Staff

Executive Summary

The General Manager, by virtue of Section 339 of the Local Government Act, 1993, is required to report to Council on contractual conditions of the senior staff.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

08 - 498 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

9.7 (GM) Policy Development and Review

Executive Summary

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

Under the rolling policy development program the Sun Protection and Confined Spaces have been reviewed and updated.

An Electrical Tagging Policy and Fire and Emergency Evacuation Policy have been developed.

Recommendation

1. The following policies to be adopted in line with Council's Policy Review Program:
 - Confined Space Policy
 - Sun Protection Policy
 - Electrical Tagging Policy
 - Fire and Emergency Evacuation Policy

08 - 499 Resolution

1. The following policies to be adopted in line with Council's Policy Review Program:

- Confined Space Policy
- Sun Protection Policy
- Electrical Tagging Policy
- Fire and Emergency Evacuation Policy
- Risk Management Policy

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

9.8 (GM) Staff Survey

Executive Summary

A staff survey is to be undertaken by an independent research organisation, Insync Surveys.

Recommendation

1. That this information be noted.

08 - 500 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bev Laing, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

9.9 (GM) Staff Changes - 1 April 2008 to 30 June 2008

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

1. That the information regarding staff changes for the period 1 April 2008 to 30 June 2008 be received and noted.

08 - 501 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

10.1 (DCS) Financial Information - June 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 June 2008 be received and noted.

08 - 502 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.2 (DCS) Investments as at 30 June 2008

Executive Summary

Council is currently determining the carrying value (fair value) of its investments as at 30 June, 2008. It is anticipated that the June investment report will be presented to the next meeting of Council when the fair value of Council's investments have been determined.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and it be noted.
2. That the June, 2008 Investment Report will be presented at the next meeting of Council.

08 - 503 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

10.3 (DCS) Changes to 2008/09 Revenue Policy

Executive Summary

After adoption of the 2008/09 Revenue Policy some matters have been brought to the attention of Council that require minor changes to fees and charges as adopted.

Recommendation

1. That Council adopt the changes in the Revenue Policy outlined in the Report and advertise the changes for a period of 28 days.

08 - 504 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

Councillor Wayne Scott left the meeting temporarily at 2.45pm.

10.4 (DCS) Parkes Tennis Club - Request for Financial Assistance

Executive Summary

Requesting assistance with funding lighting improvements and power supply.

Recommendation

1. That Council write to the Tennis Club advising them that no funding is available to assist with the project.

08 - 505 Resolution

1. That Council write to the Tennis Club advising them that no funding is available to assist with the project.
2. That Council meet with the Tennis Club to discuss other possible options of funding.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

Councillor Wayne Scott rejoined the meeting at 2.49pm.

At this stage of the meeting at 2.49pm Lew Laing made a presentation to Council. The presentation marked Mr Laing's last Council presentation following the announcement of his retirement.

At this stage the meeting adjourned at 2.57pm for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 3.25pm.

10.5 (DCS) Library Services Statistics and Monthly Update - June 2008

Executive Summary

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

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.

08 - 506 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That the Library Manager make enquiries in relation to possibility of establishing a toy library.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

10.6 (DCS) Economic Development - Regional Cabinet Meeting in Parkes

Executive Summary

Council continues to work closely with the Premiers Department and the local Dubbo Electorate Office in arrangements for the regional Cabinet Meeting in Parkes on Tuesday, 29 July.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

08 - 507 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

10.7 (DCS) Economic Development - Transport Hub Investment Prospectus

Executive Summary

Following an extensive interview and consultation process, it has been recommended that the AEC Group be commissioned to undertake this project.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted and that the appointment of the AEC Group to undertake the Transport Hub Investment Prospectus be endorsed.

08 - 508 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.8 (DCS) Economic Development - Rex Passenger Numbers 2007/08

Executive Summary

Rex Airlines carried 35,172 passengers on the Parkes/Sydney service for the 2007/08 financial year, representing an 11 per cent increase on the 31,677 for 2006/07.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted and that a letter be directed to Rex to acknowledge the increase in passenger numbers, the potential for further growth and the economic implications of the regional service.

08 - 509 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.9 (DCS) Economic Development - Major Sporting Fixtures

Executive Summary

Parkes continues to host a variety of representative sporting fixtures, generating a substantial economic fillip and widespread publicity.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

08 - 510 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

10.10 (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.

08 - 511 Resolution

1. That the Tourism and Event Update be received and noted.
2. That Council write and congratulate the two winners of NAIDOC Week Awards.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

10.11 (DCS) Western Visitor Radio

Executive Summary

Western Visitor Radio has requested Council continue its visitor information service on FM88 in 2008/09.

Recommendation

1. That Council resubscribe to Western Visitor Radio for 12 months at a cost of \$580.00.
2. That Council's Tourism Manager ensures inclusion of shire-wide editorial content.

08 - 512 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT'S REPORT

11.1 (DPE) June 2008 Building Statistics

Executive Summary

During the month of June 2008 there were fourteen (14) Development Applications received totalling \$883,450.00 and 13 consents issued.

Nine (9) Complying Development Certificates were received totalling \$378,365.00 and 14 consents issued.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

08 - 513 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

11.2 (DPE) DA08069: Proposed Recreation Establishment (Paintball Field) at Lot 175 DP 750135 Bindogundra Parish, Parkes Shire

Development Application Information

Application No: DA08069

Applicant: Mr S Lee

Property: Lot 175 DP 750135, Bindogundra Parish, Parkes Shire

Proposal: Recreation Establishment - Paintball Field

Executive Summary

The application is for a Paintball Recreation Field at an existing rural property in the Mandagery area.

Recommendation

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

08 - 514 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

11.3 (DPE) DA08062: Proposed Subdivision at Lot 57 DP 1089634 'Braemar' Military Road, Parkes

Development Application Information

Application No: DA08062

Applicant: BB Farm Superannuation Pty LTd

Property: Lot 57 DP 1089634, 'Braemar' Military Road, Parkes

Proposal: Subdivision

Executive Summary

The application is for the subdivision of an allotment within an existing rural holding located on the eastern outskirts of Parkes.

Recommendation

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

08 - 515 Resolution

That the applicant shall formally notify prospective purchasers in writing of the concessional lots' proximity to the Parkes Regional Airport. This notification shall give notice of the existence of DA1105/08 (Proposed Parkes Airport International Freight Facility) and the implications this will have on the Airport and the surrounding area.

Moved Councillor Patrick Byrne, seconded Councillor John Magill.

CARRIED

12 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

12.1 (DO) Major Works Status as at July 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. Recent rains have been most welcome, however, road projects have been delayed and conditions on some roads have deteriorated substantially as a result.

Recommendation

1. That the information on Major Works Status as at July 2008 be noted.

08 - 516 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Wayne Scott, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

12.2 (DO) Financial Assistance Grant - Roads Component

Executive Summary

Council is yet to be advised of the Financial Assistance Grant – Road Component funding levels for 2008/09. However, it is anticipated that about \$1,500,000 will be provided based on previous trends. It is suggested that the funding be allocated predominantly in line with strategies adopted in previous years to concentrate on preservation of existing assets by gravel resheeting and reseals. This is particularly important given the current state of the unsealed road network. Any adjustments when final funding is known will be included in the gravel resheeting area.

Council has also previously committed funding to Road Construction which has been allocated for sealing of developing areas surrounding Parkes and for other construction projects that may be considered appropriate in the other towns in the Shire. Council has previously allocated funding from the 2008/09 year for completion of sealing works on Heraghty Road Parkes and Willaroo Street Peak Hill.

Recommendation

1. That the 2008/09 Financial Assistance Grant - Road Component be allocated as follows:

Road Construction	\$230,000
Gravel Resheeting	\$920,000
Reseals – Urban	\$70,000
- Rural	\$230,000
- Villages	<u>\$50,000</u>
	\$1,500,000

08 - 517 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12.3 (DO) Financial Assistance Grant - Road Construction

Executive Summary

Funds have previously been allocated for Road Construction from the Financial Assistance Grant - Road Component to continue the sealing of developing areas surrounding Parkes, as per the previously accepted priority listing, and for other construction projects that may be considered appropriate in the other towns in the Shire.

Funding had previously been earmarked for the sealing of Deep Lead and Heraghty Road Parkes over a three year period, and for Willaroo Street Peak Hill over a two year period (also funded from the Peak Hill Town Improvement Vote). It is anticipated that the completion of Heraghty Road will require approximately \$144,000. It is proposed to also complete the link on No Mistake Lane to the existing sealed Shallow Lead Road, Parkes in the 2008/09 programme.

Recommendation

1. That \$50,000 be allocated from the 2008/09 Financial Assistance Grant - Road Component to complete the link on No Mistake Lane to the existing sealed Shallow Lead Road, Parkes.
2. That the allocation from the 2008/09 Financial Assistance Grant - Road Component for Heraghty Road be amended to \$144,000.

08 - 518 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

12.4 (DO) Roads to Recovery Programme

Executive Summary

Parkes Shire Council was allocated \$3,127,631 over four years under the extended Roads to Recovery Programme (R2R2) which will conclude 30 June 2009. It is unknown at this stage how the programme will be managed after July 2009.

Council allocated the funding in the 2007/08 programme to Telescope Road reconstruction, part of the rehabilitation of Bogan Road (80% cost to Northparkes Mine), and the widening of some narrow seals that are causing maintenance and safety problems. It is proposed to complete Telescope Road and continue with the rehabilitation of Bogan Road and reconstruction and the widening of some narrow seals in the 2008/09 programme.

Recommendation

1. That the remaining Roads to Recovery funds for 2008/09 be allocated as follows:

Completion of the reconstruction of Telescope Road (SR29A)	\$50,000
Continuation of widening of Bulgandramine Road (SR1162)	\$110,000
Continuation of widening of Numalla Road (SR125)	\$100,000
Commencement of widening of Back Peak Hill Road (SR125)	\$100,000
Continuation of widening/rehab of Yarrabandai Road (SR175)	\$100,000
Bogan Road (SR76) rehabilitation (with Northparkes Mine)	\$95,000
Bogan Road (SR76) reseal (with Northparkes Mine)	\$15,000

08 - 519 Resolution

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Continuation of widening of Numalla Road (SR125)	\$100,000
Commencement of widening of Back Peak Hill Road (SR125)	\$100,000
Continuation of widening/rehab of Yarrabandai Road (SR175)	\$100,000
Bogan Road (SR76) rehabilitation (with Northparkes Mine)	\$95,000
Bogan Road (SR76) reseal (with Northparkes Mine)	\$15,000

2. That Council write to the Minister for Roads the Hon Anthony Albanese to encourage continued funding for the Roads to Recovery program.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

12.5 (DO) Parkes Laneway Sealing Programme

Executive Summary

Council has been undertaking a program of laneway sealing in Parkes over the past eight years to reduce the ongoing high maintenance costs and to alleviate dust problems for adjoining residents. To date approximately 5.4 kilometres of the 7.2 kilometres of unsealed laneways have been sealed.

It is proposed to seal a further four lanes this financial year with a total estimated cost of \$51,000.

Recommendation

1. That \$51,000 be allocated from the 2008/09 Urban Construction vote in the Operations Plan for laneway sealing and that the following lanes be constructed:

Macarthur to Hooley St (between Close and Lynch)	\$19,000
Weston to Mill St (between Oswin and Thurlstone)	\$9,000
Victoria to Mitchell St (between Hill and Currajong)	\$10,000
Victoria to Mitchell St (between Hill and High)	<u>\$13,000</u>
	\$51,000

08 - 520 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Yvonne Hutton.

CARRIED

12.6 (DO) Mid Lachlan Valley Team - Senior Management Team Conference

Executive Summary

Councillor John Magill and the Director of Operations attended the inaugural Mid Lachlan Valley Team Senior Management Team Conference held at Forbes on Thursday 3 July 2008. The Conference was attended by Councillors, staff, Group Captains and Deputy Group Captains from across the four fire districts, as well as NSW Rural Fire Service staff from the Mid Lachlan Valley Team and Regional Offices. The Conference proved to be highly successful with information sessions and workshops to get participants involved in the proceedings.

Of particular note was the attendance of Commissioner Shane Fitzsummons and Acting Deputy Commissioner Dominic Lane. The Commissioner addressed the Conference and took questions from the floor and it is evident that the Commissioner will be an asset to the RFS.

The Conference was the initiative of the Mid Lachlan Valley Team RFS staff and was the first of its type held in the State.

Recommendation

1. That the information be noted and that the Mid Lachlan Valley Team Manager be congratulated for the initiative.

08 - 521 Resolution

1. That the information be noted and that the Mid Lachlan Valley Team Manager be congratulated for the initiative.
2. That Council write a congratulatory letter to Team Leader, Ken Neville.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

13.1 (DI) Grant of Licence Over Crown Land to Facilitate Investigation of Service Corridors Including Ring Roads

Executive Summary

For some time control has been sought over the crown land (formally TSR) to the west and south of Parkes, as shown on the attached plan. The crown land has been zoned as service corridor and identified for future western and southern ring roads.

The Department of Lands has now offered Council a licence over this land, which will facilitate necessary studies.

Recommendation

1. That Council agree to the licence over crown land associated with the service corridors and that necessary agreements be signed under the seal of Council.

08 - 522 Resolution

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

13.2 (DI) Tullamore Sewer - State Government Funding Approval

Executive Summary

Council is now in receipt of an offer from the Minister for Water, the Hon. Nathan Rees MP, for financial assistance of \$691,200 (60% of the eligible cost of \$1,152,000) for the construction of the Tullamore Sewerage Reticulation System, now allowing the construction to proceed.

The attached newsletter has been distributed to the Tullamore residents, providing an update on the progress of the sewerage project.

Recommendation

1. That Council accept the offer of financial subsidy once the necessary documents are signed under the seal of Council as required.
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2. That Council seek an extension of time to implement condition (1), being the implementation of usage charges to achieve 75% revenue from usage charges by June 2008.

08 - 523 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor Bev Laing.

CARRIED

13.3 (DI) Parkes Water Supply - Drought Contingency Plan 2008/09

Executive Summary

Water allocations have recently been announced for the Lachlan Valley, which provides 70 per cent of entitlement for local water utilities (that is of Lachlan River allocations). Wyangala Dam remains low, at 9%, and groundwater in the Lachlan area is also under stress, but continuing to demonstrate robustness as a water supply.

However, the expansion of the borefield and recent connection of pipe work to the Northparkes Mines Bore 6, together with 85% storage in Lake Endeavour provides a high level of security for the Parkes Water Supply.

Notwithstanding the above, major storages and groundwater remain under stress, and constraint by sensible water use needs to be maintained until these major storages are replenished.

Recommendation

1. That the drought contingency information be received and noted.
2. That Level 1 water restrictions be maintained.

08 - 524 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

13.4 (DI) Noxious Weeds Officer Report - April/May/June 2008

Executive Summary

The report outlines the activities and programs of the Noxious Weeds Department for the months of April, May and June 2008.

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

Recommendation

1. That the Noxious Weeds Officer report be received and noted.

08 - 525 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

13.5 (DI) Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer Monthly Report - May and June 2008

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 May and June 2008.

The RSIPO has predominantly been involved in implementing the "Choose Right. Buckle Right" project and planning the "Hey You Kids Protect Your Lids" Peak Hill project.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

08 - 526 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

14.1 Local Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes

Executive Summary

The Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting was held on 11 June 2008 at 10.00am. The Draft Minutes of the Meeting are attached.

Police comments on the minutes had not been received at the time of this report.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2008 be adopted, subject to comment from the Police.

08 - 527 Resolution

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2008 be adopted, subject to comment from the Police.
2. That Council make investigations relating to the ownership of land that may be of use for parking purposes under long term lease arrangement.
3. That Council investigate and consider a long term strategy for car parking in the Parkes CBD, including the north Clarinda Street precinct.
4. That discussions be held with the local Police in relation to their recommendation concerning the arrangements for the 2009 Elvis Street Parade.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

Councillor Yvonne Hutton left the meeting temporarily at 4.25pm.

14.2 Minutes Museum Liaison Committee Meeting held on Monday, 23 June 2008

Executive Summary

A Museum Liaison Committee meeting was held on Monday, 23 June 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Museum Liaison Committee held on Monday 23 June, 2008 be noted and the recommendations are as follows:
 - Item 3.4 PDHS responsible for museum gallery exhibitions and contribution to shared temporary exhibitions in accordance with museum/groups policies subject to the existing licence.
 - Item 3.5 PDHS responsible for museum volunteer staffing, collection development and care subject to the existing licence.

08 - 528 Resolution

That the recommendations be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

14.3 Minutes HPC Management Committee Meeting held on Monday, 23 June 2008

Executive Summary

A HPC Management Committee meeting was held on Monday, 23 June 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the HPC Management Committee held on Monday, 23 June 2008 be noted.

08 - 529 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

CARRIED

14.4 (DPE) Parkes Liquor Accord Minutes - 17 June 2008

Executive Summary

The Parkes Liquor Accord meeting was held on Tuesday, 17 June 2008.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Liquor Accord meeting held on Tuesday, 17 June 2008 be noted.

08 - 530 Resolution

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Patrick Byrne.

CARRIED

14.5 Attachment to Local Traffic Committee Minutes

Executive Summary

The police representative has made comment on the Local Traffic Committee Minutes of 11 June 2008 and advises the following:

"With regards to the Elvis Parade for 2009. Point 16 of the conditions mentions a "clear zone" between parade participants and pedestrians. I would like this further extended to include physical barriers to be erected separating parade participants and pedestrians/bystanders for all street parades."

This would form a component of police conditions of the Street Parades.

Recommendation

1. That Council receive and note this attachment to the Local Traffic Committee Minutes of 11 June 2008.

08 - 531 Resolution

That the matter be considered in conjunction with 14.1.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor Ken McGrath.

CARRIED

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

Councillor Yvonne Hutton rejoined the meeting at 4.30pm.

14.6 Minutes of Heritage Committee Meeting - 15 July 2008

Executive Summary

The Parkes Shire Local Heritage Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, 15 July 2008.

Background Information

Nil.

Legislative, Policy & Management Planning Implications

N/A.

Budget & Financial Aspects

The Heritage Committee considers applications for funding for heritage projects in the Parkes Shire and makes recommendations to Council. Funding is jointly provided by the NSW Heritage Office and Parkes Shire Council and totals \$16,400.00. Successful applicants are required to match funding allocated on a dollar for dollar basis.

Recommendation

1. That the Minutes of the Parkes Shire Heritage Committee be adopted.

Report

The Parkes Shire Local Heritage Committee met on 15 July 2008. The main purpose of the meeting was to consider applications under the 2008/2009 Parkes Shire Local Heritage Fund. Seven applications were received under the 2008/09 scheme.

The Local Heritage Fund is now in its ninth year. Previous funding allocations have benefited historical buildings in the Parkes Shire such as the Trundle Hotel, former Parkes Post Office, Peak Hill Arts and Leisure Centre and Tullamore main street business houses, to name a few.

A copy of the minutes of the Parkes Shire Heritage Committee held on 15 July 2008 are attached to this report.

Attachments

1. Copy of Minutes of Parkes Shire Local Heritage Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2008 - previously distributed.

08 - 532 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor John Magill, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

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) Roundabout at corner of Clarinda and Bushman Streets

Councillor Ken McGrath has raised concerns with visibility issues with oncoming traffic at the roundabout situated at the corner of Clarinda and Bushman Streets. Councillor McGrath advises that it is very hard to see other vehicles manoeuvring around the roundabout due to the shrubbery located inside and he has enquired if the garden could be removed.

The Director of Operations advises that gardens will be replaced with more suitable plantings.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

08 - 533 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

CARRIED

15.2 (Q&M) Stormwater

Councillor Ken McGrath has enquired about stormwater flow and what are the requirements relating to stormwater flow - where should the stormwater be directed to as there is currently some stormwater drains being directed into rear lanes causing corrosion issues.

The Director of Infrastructure and Director of Planning and Environment advises that new development applicants advise of their intention relating to stormwater management which is then assessed by Council for suitability. If existing development, complaints should be lodged with Planning and Environment or Engineering for investigation.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted

08 - 534 Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

15.3 (Q&M) District Agronomist

Councillor K Keith has advised that the District Agronomist did not recommence duties on July 1st. Councillor Keith requests that the Department, via the Minister, now have the position permanently filled.

Recommendation

1. That Council write to the local member and request that representations be made on Council's behalf to the Minister of Agriculture to fill the District Agronomist position.

08 - 535 Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken Keith, seconded Councillor Wayne Scott.

CARRIED

At this stage of the meeting at 4.50pm a presentation was given by Lindy Farrant-Jayet of Parkes Early Childhood Centre to Councillor Robert Wilson, OAM particularly recognising his support of childcare services during his service to Local Government.

At this stage of the meeting at 5.00pm, Councillor Robert Wilson, OAM addressed the Council Meeting and spoke of his service as Mayor over the past 23 years and as Councillor for 43 years and wished the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor all the very best for the ensuing period.

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