



# PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

*Our Vision:*

*In 2022 the Parkes Shire will be a progressive regional centre,  
embracing a national logistics hub with vibrant communities,  
diverse opportunities, learning and healthy lifestyles.*

## MINUTES

TUESDAY 2 JULY 2013

Minutes of the 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 Agenda.

**GENERAL MANAGER:** Kent Boyd



## Ordinary Meeting

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street on Tuesday 2 July 2013 at 2.00pm.**

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### **PRESENT**

Councillor K J Keith, (in the Chair)  
Councillor M J Greenwood  
Councillor B J McCorkell  
Councillor B F Newton  
Councillor G W Pratt

Councillor A J Ward  
Councillor R C Haddin  
Councillor K M McGrath  
Councillor L A O'Leary  
Councillor P J Smith

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

General Manager - K Boyd  
Director Technology and Corporate Services - L Finn  
Director Planning and Environment - S Campbell  
Director Engineering Services - S Barry  
Manager Governance and Corporate Planning - B Byrnes  
Minutes Secretary - C Thompson

### **MEETING COMMENCEMENT**

The Meeting commenced at 2.08pm.

#### **1 PRAYER**

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

#### **2 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**CARRIED**

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

#### **13 - 272 Resolution**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council held on Tuesday 18 June 2013 copies of which have been forwarded to Councillors, be confirmed.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

### **5 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION**

Nil

### **6 LATE BUSINESS**

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice 3.7(c) a decision is now required to determine which, if any Late item/s submitted to the meeting will be dealt with at the meeting or deferred for further consideration at a future Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council.

#### **13 - 273 Resolution**

That Late Item/s 7.3, 15.1 & 15.2 be considered at this Council meeting.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

**CARRIED**

## **7 MAYORAL MINUTES**

### **7.1 Mayoral Minute - Functions attended by Mayor and Councillors**

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#### **Executive Summary**

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

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the report of recent functions attended by the Mayor, Councillors or Senior Staff be received and noted.

#### **13 - 274 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Barbara Newton, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Mayoral Minute - Coming Known Events for the Mayor and Councillors**

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#### **Executive Summary**

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

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **13 - 275 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Bob Haddin, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 Mayoral Minute - Dry July**

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#### **Executive Summary**

I will be participating in the Dry July campaign raising funds for the Western Care Lodge in Orange the facility provides accommodation for cancer patients from our region while they undergo treatment.

The Parkes Shire community generously supported the original campaign which saw a "Parkes Room" recognised in the building.

The information in the following report will be provided to local media advising of the campaign, my participation and sponsorship details.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

#### **13 - 276 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Louise O'Leary.

**CARRIED**

### **8 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Nil

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## **9 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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#### **Executive Summary**

During the exercise of its various functions, Council frequently receives letters of appreciation for services rendered or actions taken by Councillors and Staff. The most recently received are from TAFE NSW Western Institute and Parkes Public School (P&C Market Day).

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted

### **13 - 277 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

### **9.2 (ICR) National Tree Day 2013 - Central West Lachlan Landcare**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Central West Lachlan Landcare will be hosting National tree Day on 28 July 2013 at Henderson Reserve. They have requested assistance from Council by way of a donation of \$1,000 toward the project.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council support National Tree Day 2013 with an allocation of \$1000 towards the project.

### **13 - 278 Resolution**

1. That Council support National Tree Day 2013 with an allocation of \$1000 towards the project.
2. That Council holds discussions with Central West Lachlan Landcare with regards to the location of planting and future like projects.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor George Pratt.

**CARRIED**

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## **10 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **10.1 (GM) Parkes Shire Council Submission to the NSW Independent Local Government Review Panel's Paper "Future Directions for NSW Local Government Twenty Essential Steps."**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Parkes shire Council has forwarded a submission in pursuance of a call for comment on the NSW Independent Local Government Review Panel Consultation Paper "Future directions for NSW Local Government Twenty Essential Steps" .

Parkes Shire Council is supportive of the Review and welcomes participation in the process.

Parkes Shire Council also supports the submission made by the Central NSW Councils, Centroc.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the submission be noted.

### **13 - 279 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Alan Ward, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

**CARRIED**



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## **10.2 (GM) Re-determination of Organisational Structure**

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### **Executive Summary**

The recent determination by IPART of Council's Special Rate Variation application concludes the preparation phase of the Integrated Planning and Reporting four (4) year delivery program.

Having now set the clear strategic direction for Council it is appropriate to consider the suitability of the organisational structure (provided below) to effectively execute the program. Accordingly a review of the structure has been instigated.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the information be received and noted.

### **13 - 280 Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

**CARRIED**

## **10.3 (GM) Policy Review and Development - Payment of Expenses and Provision Facilities for Mayor and Councillors**

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### **Executive Summary**

Under the provisions the Local Government Act 1993 Council is required to adopt or amend a policy annually for the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and other Councillors. Mayors and Councillors can only be reimbursed for expenses and provided with facilities in accordance with this policy.

### **Recommendation**

1. That Council adopt the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors Policy as advertised and that a copy of the Policy be forwarded to the Department of Local Government as required by the Act.

### **13 - 281 Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Belinda McCorkell, seconded Councillor Barbara Newton.

**CARRIED**

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## **11            DIRECTOR TECHNOLOGY AND CORPORATE SERVICES               REPORT**

### **11.1    (DTCS) Regional Development Australia Fund Round 5**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Council has received advice that it will be funded through the Regional Development Australia Fund Round 5. This round of funding will be a guidelines based, allocative process.

#### **Recommendation**

1.    That the information be received and noted.

#### **13 - 282       Resolution**

That the information be received and noted.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Bob Haddin.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

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## **13         DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT**

### **13.1    (DES) Proposed Crown Road Closure**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Department of Primary Industries, Catchment and Lands Division have given notice that the Minister proposes to consider closing two Crown roads in the Houston / Goobang Parish.

The crown roads are identified as follows:

#### **Schedule 1**

Crown Roads in Alectown and Parkes, running east off Dwyers Road, within and adjacent to the properties "Yarraman" and "Currawang", Wild Lane, Alectown (File Ref: 12/04680).

#### **Recommendation**

1. That Council offer no objection to the closure of the Crown Roads running east off Dwyers Road identified in Schedule 1 of the Notification of proposed road closures.

#### **13 - 283         Resolution**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Belinda McCorkell.

**CARRIED**

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### **13.2 (DES) State Emergency Service - Appointment of Local Controller and Unit Controllers**

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#### **Executive Summary**

A letter has been received from the State Emergency Services Lachlan Region Headquarters requesting Council's support in the appointment of the Local and Unit Controllers within Parkes Shire. As stated in the letter, the existing office holders have been performing their duties satisfactorily and would warrant the support of Council for reappointment.

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the Local and Unit Controller re-appointments be supported.

#### **13 - 284 Resolution**

1. That the Local and Unit Controller re-appointments be supported.
2. That Council write to the SES Controllers thanking them for their continued service to the Community.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

**CARRIED**

### **14 CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Nil

## **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) - Parkes Railway Crossing**

Councillor Ken McGrath has asked the following matter be raised as a Question and Matter of Urgency.

Councillor McGrath has had correspondence from a resident regarding the Hartigan Avenue rail crossing in Parkes. The correspondence has asked if whether Council would be able to initiate a study for an overhead pass to be built at the rail crossing.

*Director Engineering Services advised that the crossing has been the subject of comment for some time. The option of an overpass has been supported by Council previously with Roads and Maritime Services. However RMS funding and the priority of other areas makes the option highly unlikely. The matter had also been taken up with the rail authority in relation to coordination of boom gate closures.*

*The most likely future solution will be an overpass as part of the western ring road which could be located as an extension of Westlime/Hartigan Avenue east of Linfox/FCL.*

#### **Recommendation**

1. The matter be for discussion.

### **13 - 285 Resolution**

1. That Council continue to lobby the Federal and State Government for the Parkes Western Ring Road Project to be funded.

Moved Councillor Ken McGrath, seconded Councillor Alan Ward.

**CARRIED**

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## **15.2 (Q&M) Lack of Parking at Northern end of Clarinda Street**

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Councillor George Pratt has asked the following matter be raised as a Question and Matters of urgency.

I have been approached by business owners of both Clarinda Street Surgery and the IGA supermarket as to the possible changes to parking in this area. A change to reverse parking would create quite a number of extra spaces. This would only need to be done in certain sections and would assist greatly, access to the surgery for elderly patients and also visiting doctors and specialists. Some extra parking would also assist to stop persons using the business carparks whilst doing other business. I have also spoken to other business owners re the above and found they agreed with the idea.

*Director Engineering Services advised that the matter could be investigated and referred to Traffic Committee for review.*

### **Recommendation**

1. For Council discussion.

## **13 - 286 Resolution**

1. That Council investigate the matter and a report be prepared for a future Council Meeting.

Moved Councillor George Pratt, seconded Councillor Pat Smith.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

At this stage of the meeting Councillor Michael Greenwood sought leave of absence from the Council Meetings to be held on 16 July 2013 and 6 August 2013.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.03pm.