



# COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

**JANUARY 2008**

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## MAYORAL MESSAGE

Recently we have been very pleased to see the beginning of the Emirates Resort in the Wolgan Valley. This particular project has been talked about for a long time and it is great to see that it is finally becoming a reality. If the official soil turning event is anything to go by, this particular Resort and Spa will be of the highest quality. The fact that we will have the highest class Resort in Australia in our own backyard and the fact that it provides more than 100 full time jobs when completed, we should be very happy to see this project continue to its completion.

Early in the New Year we will be looking to see for the first time 2 major events in our area. The Lithgow Flash Gift will be held in February and it was good to see Marjorie Jackson here in December to make the official launch of this professional series of races. This event is proposed to be run along the similar lines to the Stawell Gift which is one of the most famous foot races in Australia. If this one in Lithgow is successful then hopefully it will be the NSW version of the Stawell event.

Also early in the year, we will see the Great Escapade where hundreds of bike riders will descend upon our area in an event where there will be one night that they will stay in Lithgow and 2 nights later stay in Portland, having detoured via Oberon on their way to Mudgee and further north. With hundreds of people that this event will attract and their support crew, it is hoped that a good deal of money will come into the area over this time as these people are able to view the great scenery of our area as they ride their bikes through.

Now that the Federal Election is well and truly over we were glad to see that both sides of politics were promising the money for the completion of the Clarence Transfer Water Scheme and for water recycling for the Lithgow Golf Club. Early in the New Year Council will be seeking a delegation with the relevant Minister along with our new Federal Member, Bob Debus so we can organise a time frame for these works to take place.



### ORDINARY MEETING DATES FOR 2008

- Monday 18th February 2008
- Monday 17th March 2008
- Monday 21st April 2008
- Monday 19th May 2008
- Monday 16th June 2008
- Monday 21st July 2008
- Monday 18th August 2008
- Monday 15th September 2008
- Monday 20th October 2008
- Monday 17th November 2008
- Monday 15th December 2008

The Ordinary Council Meeting will commence at 7pm.

ORDINARY MEETING

### COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2008

- Monday 4th February 2008
- Monday 3rd March 2008
- Monday 7th April 2008
- Monday 5th May 2008
- Monday 2nd June 2008
- Monday 7th July 2008
- Monday 4th August 2008
- Monday 1st September 2008
- Tuesday 7th October 2008
- Monday 3rd November 2008
- Monday 1st December 2008

The Policy and Strategy Committee Meetings will commence at 6pm & the Finance and Services Committee Meetings will commence at 7pm.

COMMITTEE MEETING

## RATE INSTALMENT DUE DATES

3rd Instalment due on:  
**Friday 29th February 2008**

4th Instalment due on:  
**Saturday 31st May 2008**

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

<b>AUSTRALIA POST</b>	All outlets Phone Payment 13 18 16 Internet Payment <a href="http://www.postbillpay.com.au">www.postbillpay.com.au</a>
<b>BILL EXPRESS</b>	All outlets (for locations of outlets ph 1300 739 250) Phone Payment 1300 307 428 Internet Payment <a href="http://www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au">http://www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au</a>
<b>BPAY</b>	Contact your own bank and quote your personal Reference No. on your rate notice
<b>MAIL/PHONE</b>	Mail Credit Card details, Cheques or Money Orders to: Lithgow City Council PO Box 19 LITHGOW NSW 2790 Phone: 02 6354 9999 with Credit Card details
<b>IN PERSON</b>	180 Mort Street, Lithgow Cash Hours: 8.30am to 4.00pm
<b>DIRECT DEBIT</b>	Contact 02 6354 9999 for an application form. Instalments will be automatically deducted from your nominated account on the instalment date.

For payments and further information please contact Council's Customer Service Officers on 02 6354 9999.

## Communications Strategy

Lithgow City Council would like to thank



all of the respondents to the recent Communications Survey. 365 Surveys were distributed throughout the Local Government Area with 160 responses being received. To date the information has been received and collated.

### PRIVACY & PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION NOTICE

By forwarding your email address you may be providing Council with personal information. Council will collect the information only for a lawful purpose directly related to the function of Council. We will take reasonable care not to disclose personal information. Exempt documents may come under Section 12 of the Local Government Act.

## Volunteer Tour Guide Opportunity

Lithgow City Council is seeking enthusiastic, reliable persons with a genuine interest in history and promoting the Lithgow Local Government Area to be Tour Guides at Eskbank House & Museum.

### Tour Guides may be required to:

- Operate the Museum on weekends & some weekdays.
- Increase the hours of operation of the Museum.
- Provide informative tours about the Museum & assist visitors with enquiries about the area.
- Assist with research & exhibition development.
- Assist with developing & implementing exciting public programs at the Museum.
- Assist with providing interesting & interactive workshops for school groups & school holiday programs.
- Assist with promoting Eskbank House & Museum as a premier wedding & wedding photography facility.

If you are interested in volunteering at Eskbank House & Museum please contact Deborah McGrath, Cultural Development Officer on 02 6354 9999 for a Volunteer Information Pack.

# Crime PREVENTION PLAN

*The 2006-2011 Social Plan has identified the need to prepare a Crime Prevention Plan for the Lithgow Local Government Area. The Plan will be primarily aimed at identifying issues and recommending actions with regard to Crime and other anti-social behaviour in the Lithgow Local Government Area. The plan will include the towns of Portland and Wallerawang and outlying villages.*

*It is the intention of Council to seek out the views and comments of community interest groups and individuals to ensure that the widest possible consultation is undertaken.*

*The first stage in developing a Crime Prevention Plan is to research and develop a crime profile which will assist in identifying all relevant issues and target groups to establish a Crime Prevention Committee. However should you or your group wish to register an interest please contact the Community Development Officer on 6354 9999.*

## Cultural Plan

Lithgow City Council is in the process of exhibiting and finalising the Draft Cultural Plan 2008-2011. Anyone wishing to make comments on this document should contact the Cultural Development Officer and register their interest.



Australian Heritage Dancers  
Australia Day, Belgenny Farm

# SimsMetal WASTE TO ART & Design LOCAL COMPETITION WINNERS

Council, along with the program sponsors J R Richards & Sons and Sita Environmental Solutions would like to congratulate the winners of the 2007/08 Local SimsMetal WASTE TO ART & design competition.

## Primary School 2 Dimensional

Lithgow Primary School Stage 3 Boys 5/6 for 'Paralucia Spinifera'.

## Primary School 3 Dimensional

Lithgow Primary School Stage 3 Boys 5/6 for 'Butterfly Habitats'.

## Community 2 Dimensional

Helen Munro, Hartley 'Pick Flowers not Fights'

Highly Commended - Sally Knox, Portland Central School 'Pub Life'

- Samantha Thorpe, Portland Central School 'Cemented History'



## Community 3 Dimensional

Carol Thompson, Lithgow High School 'Silver Stag'

Highly Commended - Ann Hider, Hartley 'Alien Warrior'

- Tiffany Gunnulson,

Lithgow High School 'Bat'

## Community - Craftworks

Lithgow Green Corps Team 'Lithgow Pottery Pizza Oven'

Highly Commended - Janette Watson & family, Lidsdale  
'Kids Living!'

## Open 2 Dimensional

Gordon Mudway, Lithgow

'Sunset Fiesta Nativity - Triptych'

## Open 3 Dimensional

Stephen Cunningham, Lithgow 'Fruit Bowl'



Weddings  
AT ESKBANK



Looking for a romantic and intimate setting for your special day? Why not have your wedding ceremony or wedding photos taken in the grounds at Eskbank House & Museum. With the romance of roses and grandeur of yesteryear Eskbank House is the perfect place to celebrate your marriage.

Eskbank House & Museum is open 10am to 4pm Wednesday to Sunday for enquiries and inspection.  
For information contact Deborah McGrath, Cultural Development Officer on 02 6354 9999.