



COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

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MAYORAL MESSAGE

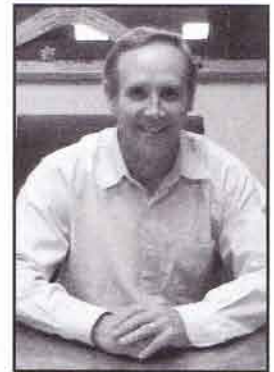
Some people have queried the value of council chasing grants or lobbying for government help on certain projects. However, following the latest Federal Budget it should be clear that such work can pay off handsomely.

We now have a guarantee for the completion of the Clarence Water Transfer System, additionally \$300,000 for the Lithgow Golf Club for a effluent reuse system. There is also \$152,000 for the Crystal Theatre in Portland which along with Councils contribution (as well as other amounts from Delta and the Mining Unions) a total of over \$350,000 will now be able to be spent on the Crystal Theatre.

Finally, it was good to see that \$100,000 had been offered to the Lithgow Hockey Association for an additional water based turf to replace the sand based turf. These projects (and the amounts of money) are certainly welcome to our area and we thank the Federal Member for Macquarie, the Hon Bob Debus for his efforts in obtaining these finances through the last Federal Budget.

Council has agreed to a conditional sale of the former Gas Works Site in Mort Street, Lithgow. It is anticipated that a development application will be forthcoming to Council within the next couple of months and hopefully work may be able to begin on that site over the next few months. After many years of that area being a derelict site, it will be good to see some commercial development on that site.

The Emirates Resort is well underway with now approx 200 people working there and the construction of the first couple of units being nearly complete. At this point in time, construction of the luxury resort in the Wolgan Valley is on track to be completed and opened by the end of 2009. People should be reminded that apart from the construction jobs, that approx 120 full time positions will be available at the Resort once it is open.



RATE INSTALMENT DUE DATES

- Sunday 31st August 2008
- Sunday 30th November 2008

ORDINARY MEETING DATES FOR 2008

- Tuesday 22nd July 2008
- Tuesday 19th August 2008
- Tuesday 16th September 2008
- Tuesday 21st October 2008
- Tuesday 18th November 2008
- Tuesday 16th December 2008

The Ordinary Council Meeting will commence at 6pm.

ORDINARY MEETING

COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2008

- Tuesday 8th July 2008
- Tuesday 5th August 2008
- Tuesday 2nd September 2008
- Tuesday 8th October 2008
- Tuesday 4th November 2008
- Tuesday 2nd December 2008

The Policy and Strategy Committee Meetings will commence at 6pm and the Finance and Services Committee Meetings will commence at 6.30pm.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Letters

Council receives a large volume of correspondence each day. It is pleasing to be able to publish a selection of this correspondence especially when it praises the efforts of staff and the beauty of the Lithgow area. Council would like to thank all of those people who have taken the time to put pen to paper to highlight events and a job well done. The letters also enable us to give residents a more varied insight into the work undertaken by Council which may normally go unnoticed or not receive the recognition it deserves due to its being part of our day to day activities.

To Whom It May Concern,

I must congratulate Lithgow City Council on the attracting and accommodating of the Great Escapade cycle ride held in Lithgow over the 27-28-29/04/08. As a local business owner and fanatical supporter of tourism in our region it was fantastic to see hundreds of people in our town enjoying our hospitality, attractions, shops and services.

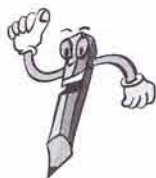
A few statistics I have gathered from various businesses in Lithgow on the revenue benefits over the 3 days and the possible business to our town when these cyclists return for there holidays.

Zig Zag Railway = 150 pax
Jenolan Caves = 110 pax
Lithgow Hotel = 174 meals on
Friday night alone

Just to name 3, let alone business to chemists, florists, supermarkets, bike shops, post office and the list goes on. The economic benefit to our town from events such as this one are blatantly obvious and should be embraced by the community to create jobs and economic growth for us all.

Well done to L.C.C. and the community of Lithgow.

Malcolm Wells
Coach Manager
Madjestic Tours



Hi Kelly,

I would like to thank you for the help you provided in getting us accommodation on Saturday evening last.

I had driven around town trying to get a vacant motel, but everything was booked out due to Ironfest. So I went to the tourist information centre as a last resort. It was now getting late, after 5pm. The centre was closed but you opened the door and made some phone calls to find me accommodation at the Caves House. It was much appreciated as I did not want to go back again to Bathurst for the night.

Your dedication to service very commendable.

Thank you and kind regards,

Tony Marriott
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Weddings AT ESKBANK



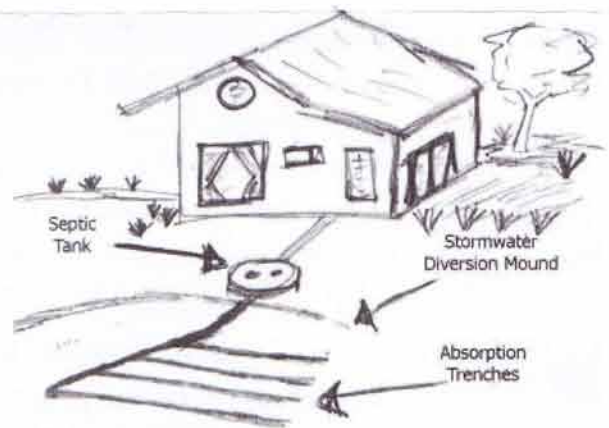
Looking for a romantic and intimate setting for your special day? Why not have your wedding ceremony or wedding photos taken in the grounds at Eskbank House & Museum. With the romance of roses and grandeur of yesteryear Eskbank House is the perfect place to celebrate your marriage.

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

On-site Wastewater Management System Inspection Program

Council's inspection program involving all On-site Wastewater Management Systems within the Lithgow Local Government Area has commenced.

The inspection program is part of Council's responsibility to ensure the long-term protection of public health and the environment and is in response to State Government legislation. Property owners will receive an information package prior to inspection.



If you require further information please visit Council's website www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au or call Council.

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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.

Central West Group Apprentices announces Apprentice and Trainee of the Year for 2008

The Central West Group Apprentices announced the winners of the prestigious 2008 Apprentice and Trainee of the Year at an official luncheon at Orange on Friday 30th May, 2008. The awards seek to acknowledge the Central West regions highest achievers in Vocational training.

Kirsty Melnyk has been named as the Central West Group Apprentices most outstanding Trainee for 2008.

Kirsty currently works at the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre as the Tourism Trainee. Kirsty's role incorporates customer service and promotion of Lithgow as a tourist destination. Kirsty is an outstanding achiever and is excelling in developing her career skills within the tourism industry.

Kirsty was firstly selected as the Lithgow region Trainee of the Year, for the Central West Group Apprentices from 190 other Trainees within the Lithgow region. Interviews were then conducted to select the 2008 Trainee of the Year. Kirsty was selected as the Central West Group Apprentice, Trainee of the Year for 2008 chosen from twelve finalists across the Central West in six regions including Bathurst, Canowindra, Blayney, Lithgow, Orange, Forbes, Parkes, Cowra and Dubbo. The calibre of all of the regional finalists was high.



Congratulations is to be passed onto to Kirsty Melnyk for her commitment and dedication to her position at the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre.

UPCOMING Lithgow Events

**After something to see or do over the winter months?
Then why not visit one of these local events...**

Thomas & Friends

Friday 18th to Sunday 20th July, 2008

Join Thomas and his friends for a unique steam trip. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.**

Location: Zig Zag Railway

Bookings: 0417 422 646 or www.zigzagrailway.com.au

Cost: \$35.00 per Adult & \$25.00 per Child

Group 4 Meet at Lithgow City Raceway

Saturday 26th July, 2008 – Heavy Day

Sunday 27th July, 2008 – Light Day

Location: Lithgow City Raceway

Contact: Russell Grimson 0409 785 720

**For further information on Lithgow's Calendar of
Events contact Lithgow Tourism on 1300 760 276**