

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Do you have a public event, group, workshop or any other information that you would like your community to know about?

Lithgow City Council's community notice board, situated in Cook Street Plaza, is a great way to get this information out in the community. If you would like to have your information displayed on the community notice board, please be sure to drop off your flyers etc into Council at least a couple of weeks before your event. Please ensure that all flyers etc are community focused.

Please contact Council's Community Development Officer who would be happy to speak with you further regarding the noticeboard.

LIFETIME PROTECTION OF YOUR PETS

Protect your animals by micro chipping and registering them at Lithgow City Council.

By following the two easy steps of micro chipping and registering your animal, you can avoid the animal being re-homed or even destroyed. Micro chipping needs to be done by the time the animal is twelve weeks of age and can be done at point of sale, change of ownership or arranged at Council. Animals must be registered with Council by six months of age. Registration can be arranged at Council's Customer Service Centre. Residents need to include secondary contact details and remember to update their contact details when they change. Council's Customer Services Centre accepts cash, cheque, Eftpos and credit cards for payment of registration and further information can be obtained from the Council's Rangers.



COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

APRIL 2009

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For further information on any item in Connections please do not hesitate to contact Council at PO Box 19, Lithgow or phone (02) **6354 9999**

Fax (02) 6351 4259
E-mail: council@lithgow.nsw.gov.au
Lithgow Visitor's Centre email is: tourism@lithgow.com
Lithgow Library's email is: library@lithgow.com

OFFICIAL WEBSITE for Lithgow District: www.lithgow.com

MAYORAL MESSAGE

The Council is in the process of doing its Annual Budget and Management Plan and as such has a number of community meetings planned for April, before the results go back to Council for a final decision. After it has been on exhibition for a month Council will be in a position to implement the new budget at the start of the new financial year in July. As part of this process the capital works will be outlined at these various meetings as well as the possible rate increase and people will have the opportunity to find out what additional things they might get with the possible rate increase. This rate increase being applied for is 5% on the general rate component of the rates.



With the continued generally dry period and the continuation of the falling water at Oberon Dam, it then becomes increasingly important to bring on line the Clarence Transfer System. This system once up and running will mean that Council will not have to rely on the Oberon Dam for consumers on the Fish Water Supply mainly Wallerawang, Portland and Cullen Bullen. Therefore, the water coming from the Clarence Coal Mine will be utilised. At this point in time the feasibility study into exactly what is needed to make this happen is well under way with \$2M planned towards works in the next financial year.

One of the other major expenditures over the next few years will be the major improvements to the Sewerage Treatment Plants in Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland. All up these works will cost over \$30M although some of this money will come from the State Government through their Town and Country Water and Sewerage Schemes. These major improvements will be necessary to greatly increase the water quality in our local streams and rivers as well as to meet legislative requirements as far as water discharge from our sewerage treatment plants go.

Council is well underway towards the planning to spend the \$529,000, which is coming to council for the initial Federal Government Stimulus Package. Planning is underway for a number of these programs with the expenditure expected to take place over the next few months to meet the deadline of having the money spent by September 2009. Council has been happy to see a number of submissions come in from the general public on this money and has been able to include some of these suggestions as part of our final amounts of our expenditure.

ORDINARY MEETING DATES FOR 2009

- April 20th 2009
- May 11th 2009
- June 1st 2009
- June 22nd 2009
- July 13th 2009
- August 3rd 2009
- August 24th 2009
- September 14th 2009
- October 6th 2009 (Tuesday)
- November 2nd 2009
- November 23rd 2009
- December 14th 2009

Meetings will be held on Monday on a three weekly basis beginning at 7pm.

RATE INSTALLMENT DUE DATES

1st June 2009

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.

Council has received the following letter from a resident of Clarence concerning the construction of the Eskbank St Taxi Rank:



To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to official record our sincere congratulations on the completion and design of Lithgow's new taxi rank. This facility was much needed and it is very pleasing to see how well and swiftly it has been executed.

It is a very functional design and the landscape surrounding it complements it beautifully and it is even more important that the job has been carried through using Council design/management expertise and only Council labour to produce a splendid job.

Please ensure that the labour force involved in this work sees this letter and assure than that their care and workmanship is much appreciated.

Footnote: Council staff are currently working on a design proposal to reconfigure and update the landscaping to the adjacent car park.

E-Waste Collection

In February Council partnered with the Lithgow City Band and Rose Deco and Planning Pty Ltd to host an e-waste collection weekend.

For the price of a gold coin donation to the Lithgow City Band, residents dropped off their old electronic equipment, which was taken to Sydney for sorting. What could not be reused was recycled for the materials.

Mayor Neville Castle said "It was pleasing to see Council working together with local small business and community groups to provide a solution to the problem of e-waste for residents of the Lithgow area".



Items that were collected included 120 computers and monitors, 100 keyboards, 70 printer/copiers, 45 video players, 16 scanners, 6 adding machines and 2 cameras. The items filled a 3 tonne truck.

DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION ADVICE

Thinking of building & want to cut the red tape? Make an appointment with one of Council's Building and Development staff who will advise on what you need to include in your application. Properly completed applications with all plans lead to fewer delays and a quicker approval.

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.



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.