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Council Meetings

- 12 April 2010
- 3 May 2010
- 24 May 2010
- 21 June 2010
- 12 July 2010
- 2 August 2010
- 23 August 2010
- 20 September 2010
- 11 October 2010
- 1 November 2010
- 22 November 2010
- 13 December 2010

Rate Instalment Due

- 31 May 2010
- 31 August 2010
- 30 November 2010
- 28 February 2011

**For emergency services
contact 6354 9999.**



Mayoral Message

Mayor Neville Castle

Council is currently going through its annual budgetary process and I am pleased to announce that the Draft Management Plan will be on exhibition from the 30th March to 30th April. A number of community consultation sessions will be conducted throughout the area in April to allow the community to find out what is planned for 2010/11 – 2013/14.

These sessions will provide the community with a greater understanding of the challenges Council faces in order to prioritise to meet the needs of the community. As you can see Council is working towards developing a number of strategic plans such as the Economic Development Plan, Retail Strategy and Cultural Precinct Study. Each of these plans and strategies has been developed with your support. Council's Management Plan identifies community priorities from these and other corporate documents which will assist in providing economic, social and environmental benefits to the community whilst meeting our requirements to practice responsible civic leadership.

Over the next couple of years Council will be spending a considerable amount of funds on improving our water and sewage infrastructure to provide for community growth and to protect the environment. Works to be undertaken will not only have direct impact for local creeks and waterways but will provide positive flow-on effects to both the Sydney and Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment areas.

A partnership between Council and the NSW State Government will see significant expenditure of \$30m to the upgrade of the Lithgow and

Wallerawang Sewage Treatment Plants. These upgrades will improve the quality of effluent being released into local waterways and provide for future growth in the Wallerawang and Lidsdale areas.

Thanks to recent rainfall Farmers Creek Dam Number 2 is now at full capacity. However, Council staff are working with Centennial Coal to investigate a number of options to increase water capacity.

Major infrastructure upgrades have continued to be possible with the assistance of the Federal Government Regional and Local Communities Infrastructure Program with works from Round 1 being finalised in coming months. Council has applied for a second round of funding which will improve the quality of sporting, recreation and community facilities in Lithgow, Portland and Meadow Flat. These newly renovated facilities will provide ongoing economic and social benefits for the community through the attraction of sporting and cultural events to our area.

Application has been made to the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Strategic Program for \$1.5m to undertake Stage 1 of the Lithgow Aquatic Centre Development. This will include a new outdoor splash park, outdoor multi-function pool, relocation of the amenities area, new heating system and plant and equipment rooms.

Council eagerly awaits a positive response from the Federal Government on these funding submissions so that we can upgrade our facilities to meet the changing needs of the community.

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Planning For The Future



Planning For An Ageing Community

Enhancing quality of life for an ageing community is one of the key challenges faced by Council. With many of us living longer than before, increased life expectancies have placed a need for Councils to plan for an ageing society.

Council has recently established an Advisory Committee to assist in the development of an Ageing Strategy which will meet the needs of the community now and into the future.

The Ageing Strategy will identify the role of Council, other agencies and community partners addressing the needs of older people in the areas of health, access to services, housing, well being and social connectedness.

An ageing population will have significant implications for the types of services and facilities that Council and other agencies provide. Council anticipates that there will be an increased demand for in-home support services such as meals on wheels; for both general and specialist medical services; for large print and talking books at the library; for community transport so that older people can get to the services they need; and, for improved access to buildings to name a few.

Lithgow, in common with much of Australia and indeed the western world, has an ageing population. The 2006 Census of population and housing shows some interesting trends in Lithgow:

- Although the size of the overall Lithgow population remained fairly constant between 1996 and 2006, the number of older people increased by 20% in the same period.
- In 2006 the median age of Lithgow residents was 40 years, up from 37 years in 2001 and 34 years in 1996. By comparison, the median age of NSW residents in 2006 was 37 years and in the Central West region was 38 years.
- 24% of the Lithgow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was 45 years of age and over, up from 17% in 2001 and 14% in 1996.

The Draft Management Plan 2010/11 – 2013/14

The Lithgow City Council Draft Management Plan will be on exhibition from 30 March – 30 April 2010.

Public meetings will be held throughout the area during April and Council would like to invite the community to be a part of the process and find out what priorities have been set for the area in 2010/11.

Information Session and Location	Date and Time
Lithgow City Council Chambers Lithgow Business Association, Economic Development Advisory Committee, Tourism Advisory Committee	Wednesday 7 April 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Lithgow City Council Chambers – Community Meeting	Wednesday 7 April 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Hartley Progress Hall – Community Meeting	Thursday 8 April 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Wallerawang Bowling Club – Community Meeting	Wednesday 14 April 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Portland Central School Library – Community Meeting	Wednesday 14 April 8:00pm – 9:00pm
Rydal Community Meeting – Venue to be advised	Thursday 15 April 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Capertee Memorial Hall – Community Meeting	Wednesday 21 April 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Copies of the Draft Management Plan 2010/11 – 2013/14 are available on Council's website www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au or for viewing at the Council Administration Centre and Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland Libraries.

Written submissions will be received until 4.00pm on Friday 30 April 2010.

Lithgow Cultural Precinct Study

The Cultural Precinct is set to become a vibrant and dynamic contributor to the economic, cultural and tourism revival of Lithgow. It will encourage people to spend time and money locally and attract visitors to Lithgow stimulating the overall economy of the area.

Incorporating the top of Main Street, the Cultural Precinct runs along Bridge and Inch Streets. Key sites within the study area include the Hoskins Building, Union Theatre, Eskbank Station, Eskbank House Museum, Blast Furnace Park and Lake Pillans.

During 2009 Council was very fortunate to secure funding from the Xstrata Coal Corporate Social Involvement Program to develop the Cultural Precinct Study. Undertaken by Artscape consultants in association with Hill PDA, the study is the first step in assessing the current functioning of a number of key sites and venues within Lithgow and to examine how a viable Cultural Precinct may be most effectively supported.

There are many examples from other towns and cities across the world, places not that dissimilar to Lithgow, where the development of cultural precincts have been the catalyst for economic rejuvenation and for a major transformation in the way residents, business and visitors see the place.

The Lithgow Cultural Precinct Study is a visionary document which will require commitment, resources and time to implement.

The development of a Cultural Precinct in Lithgow was a key recommendation of the Lithgow City Council Cultural Plan, adopted by Council in 2008. Council will soon be considering the Study recommendations including options for how its implementation can be achieved.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Council's Manager Community and Culture on 6354 9999.

Meeting Your Needs



Moving forward on Economic Development

Planning for the future of economic growth and sustainability of the Lithgow region is a key priority for Council. Over the past 12 months Council has progressively worked with the business community and government agencies to develop strategies and implement priority actions from which we will begin to see increased economic, social and cultural benefits for the community.

The Economic Development Strategy

A holistic approach has been taken to the development of the strategy with Council recognising the importance of addressing population decline to the economic and social well-being of the local government area.

The key drivers of economic development for the Lithgow region have been identified as:

- Leadership and communication
- Population stabilisation and sustainable growth
- Infrastructure and land availability
- Business and industry development
- Business support services
- Employment and skills development.

The strategy recognises that there is an unmistakable link between maximising economic development, improving quality of life and protecting the surrounding environment of the local government area. The draft Economic Development Strategy is currently on public exhibition. The strategy can be downloaded from Council's website www.council.lithgow.com under public exhibitions, obtained from Council's Administration Office, 180 Mort Street, Lithgow, or by telephoning 02 6354 9999. The strategy is open for public comment until 19 April, 2010.

New direction for town centre development

Following an overwhelming response to recent surveys conducted with retailers and shoppers in Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland, Council has received the Draft Retail Strategy which is currently being reviewed prior to finalisation and adoption. A key component of the strategy is its focus on the economic growth and vitality of the main retail centres. The flow-on effects to the community include increased employment opportunity, regional growth and vibrant town centres.

The strategy recognises the unique qualities and roles that each centre plays within both the overall community and local communities. Recommendations have been formulated to preserve the character of the Main Street Precincts. These include:

- Preserving the heritage value of the Main Streets and adopting guidelines for the conversion of old shop fronts for alternative uses.
- Developing the Portland Town Centre as a Heritage Precinct and marketing it in association with other heritage sites in the area.
- Encouraging the growth of events such as "Celebrate Lithgow" to include the Wallerawang and Portland Town Centres.
- Developing the Top of Main Street Lithgow as part of the Cultural Precinct to strengthen Main Street activity.
- Improving parking, accessibility and the overall attractiveness of the town centres through lighting, tree planting, shade and linking pathways.

Creative and Cultural Industries Cluster

Council has submitted an expression of interest to Industry and Investment NSW to develop a Creative and Cultural Industries Cluster within the Cultural Precinct. The need for the cluster has been identified within both Councils Economic Development Strategy and the Cultural Precinct Study, recognising that a thriving cluster can contribute positively to the overall economic growth and vitality of the community.

The creative and cultural industries cluster will be made up of people working in a combination of traditional creative arts, heritage and modern technologies including:

- Advertising/marketing
- Architecture, landscape architecture and urban design
- Crafts
- Designer or artisan furniture
- Film, video and other audio-visual production
- Graphic design
- Film-makers
- Publishers
- Museums
- Heritage
- Live and recorded music
- Performing arts and entertainment
- Television, radio and internet
- Visual arts
- Antiques
- Writing and publishing
- Technological innovations

Council has received strong support for the cluster from residents working in the creative arts throughout the local government area. The Cluster will provide professional support and advice for commercial businesses and home-based businesses who often work in isolation. Professional networking, collaborative marketing opportunities and business growth and development advice should provide impetus for a bright and innovative future for the creative and cultural industries of the Lithgow area.

Sustaining Waterways



Major Upgrade for Lithgow and Wallerawang Sewage Treatment Plants

Major upgrades for the Lithgow and Wallerawang Sewage Treatment Plants will improve water quality in the Lithgow area and Sydney Catchment by meeting the higher effluent quality requirements of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water. This will provide an acceptable level of protection against cross-contamination of the town water systems.

In addition to this the Sydney Catchment Authority requires the upgraded Wallerawang Sewage Treatment Plant to have a minimum design capacity of 3,300 estimated persons. This will allow for population growth within the Wallerawang and Lidsdale catchment areas which drain to the Wallerawang STP.

This project will satisfy Pollution Reduction Program (PRP) agreed to following concerns expressed by Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water regarding the quality of effluent being released into Pipers Flat Creek.

Council had originally planned to upgrade the Wallerawang Sewage Treatment Plant by borrowing \$4,897,000 over a period of 30 years. However with the 10 year interest free loan which would have incurred interest of over \$6 million the ratepayers of Lithgow will reap the benefits.

The Lithgow and Wallerawang Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades are funded through a partnership between Lithgow City Council and the NSW State Government. State Government funding is provided through the NSW Office of Water's Country Towns Water Supply and Sewage Program, and the Sydney Catchment Authority's Accelerated Sewage Program.

Proactive Environmental Management Has Wide-Reaching Benefits

The introduction of Council's new Wastewater Environmental Management System is helping to improve water quality in the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment.

The augmentation of the Lithgow and Wallerawang Sewage Treatment Plants will reduce the number of nutrients which enter the environment. The benefits of this include improvements to water quality in the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment. This has been a long-term goal of Council in partnership with the State Government and Sydney Catchment Authority.

Council's Environmental Management System goes beyond the minimum requirements set by the Environmental Protection Agency. It allows Council to set targets that are achievable and measurable within its services and to explore options such as beneficial re-use of water and bio-solids.

The Environmental Management System reflects Council's commitment to the environment and its target for

continuous improvement of service delivery at the sewage treatment plants, water treatment plant and solid waste facilities.

An important part of the implementation of the system has been the introduction of a safety handbook, training and new site induction procedures for staff and contractors working at the Water and Waste Depot sites.

**Faults Hotline
6354 9999**

Council encourages community members to report any faults in relation to the following facilities:

- Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant
- Lithgow Sewage Treatment Plant
- Portland Sewage Treatment Plant
- Wallerawang Sewage Treatment Plant
- Lithgow solid Waste Facility
- Portland Garbage Depot

Council is working towards a sustainable water supply

Following widespread steady rainfall at the beginning of February, Farmers Creek Dam Number 2 reached capacity on the 8 February. This is the first time since July 2009 that the dam has been filled.

Lithgow City Council is continuing to work on procuring sustainable supplies of water now that the dam is full. Officers are assessing expression of

interest proposals for the restoration and re-commissioning of Farmers Creek Dam Number 1. This dam has not been used as a water supply for many years. It is hoped that restoration works to the infrastructure and re-commissioning of the connection between it and the Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant will provide an extra 70 megalitre storage capacity source for potable water treatment.

Protecting Our Environment



Creating A Healthy Environment Is As Easy As 1, 2, 3

Mulching, composting, recycling and green cleaning are all easy and cost effective ways to reduce the effects of modern living on the environment.

Worm farms and Compost bins are available for purchase from Council's Customer Service Centre and by combining one or both of these with your recycling bin you can help to reduce landfill, save energy and water and reduce carbon pollution.

Green Cleaning provides natural alternatives to the use of chemical cleaning products in your home which can be harmful to your family and the environment. A variety of pamphlets are available from Council on mulching, worm farming and composting, recycling and green cleaning which can help you to implement cost effective practices for your home and garden.

South Bowenfels Water Reservoir Construction

Construction of the South Bowenfels Reservoir to supply an upgraded drinking water reticulation system to cater for new land developments in the South Bowenfels area has commenced.

South Bowenfels is becoming one of the prime areas for residential growth in Lithgow. The supply of infrastructure and services will ensure that we are able to cope with the future development of this area. The project is expected to be completed by October 2010 at a cost of \$1.4M and includes the construction of the South Bowenfels reservoir, connection of a trunk pipeline to the Reservoir and construction of the South Bowenfels Trunk Main between the Reservoir and Strathlone estate.

Clean Up When Walking Your Dog

Most dog owners collect their dog's poo, but some may not be aware of their responsibilities and others may act irresponsibly. Owners have a legal and social responsibility to pick up after their dogs.

A common complaint received by Lithgow City Council is about uncollected dog poo (litter). Uncollected poo poses a potential health risk to humans and can impact on our creeks and waterways. This is particularly a problem in playgrounds, on sports fields, on neighbour's properties, and on public footpaths.

Lithgow City Council provides dog tidy stations (including dog litter bags) at all off-leash parks and other suitable locations. Council Rangers work to ensure dog owners meet their social and legal responsibility to clean up after their dogs by promoting awareness of these responsibilities, including:

Take a plastic bag when walking your dog, and

- It is an offence to not put your dog's poo in the bin.

Dog litter bags are also available at Council's Customer Service Centre.

Greenwaste Collection Date 12 April, 2010

During the growing season Council provides a Green Waste Collection Service. So, if you have any gardening plans for Easter you can pencil into your calendar the Greenwaste collection date above. The following items will be picked up:

- Garden prunings no longer than 2 metres, not thicker than 200mm and tied in bundles.
- Lawn clippings and leaves must be placed in a durable container, cardboard box or a hessian or plastic bag.
- Weight limit of 16 kilograms for each bundle or box applies.
- Maximum quantity of 1 cubic metre (about 4 wheelie bins) for each collection.

On the SUNDAY NIGHT of the collection week, simply put your materials at the kerbside where you leave your mobile garbage bin.

Materials left for collection will be removed on the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of the collection week.

**To arrange for collection
contact the
Council Administration Centre
on 6354 9999.**

Water Restrictions

**Up to date information
on current water restrictions
is available on
Council's website
www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au.**

Quality Community Facilities



Financial Assistance Applications For Community Projects Now Being Sought

Financial Assistance Applications for Community Projects now being sought

Applications for Round 1 of Council's financial assistance program will be received from local community groups until Friday 30th April.

Projects which have a direct benefit for the local community will be considered for assistance and may include:

- Sporting events
- Restoration of clubs or community halls
- Costs of promotional materials for community centre's, clubs
- Costs of uniforms and other materials.
- Program costs for local services or events.

Local Community groups seeking financial support must apply on the official Financial Assistance Application Form.

Application forms and guidelines can be obtained from Council's Administration Centre, Libraries or by visiting Council's website at www.council.lithgow.com/com_financialassistance.html

Applications for Round 2 of the 2010 Financial Assistance Program will be called in late September 2010.

For more information about Council's Financial Assistance program please contact Council's Community Development Officer Jason Hopkins on 6354 9999.

Regional and Local Communities Infrastructure Program

Round 1 Works

Project	Funding Allocation	Progress
Crystal Theatre	\$81,370	Provision of disabled access, construction of new public amenities, installation of a heating system, and improvements to the existing kitchen.
Lithgow Skate Park – Design & installation of equipment	\$260,000	Design and construction of the Lithgow Skate Park
Union Theatre	\$50,000	Construction of a physical linkage between the Union Theatre and adjoining Hoskins Building
Civic Ballroom	\$23,834	Replacement of the kitchen ceiling and repairs to external brickwork of the building towers
Vale of Clwydd Hall	\$8,630	Upgrade of kitchen facilities at the Vale of Clwydd Community Hall
Lake Wallace Community Boatshed	\$35,000	Provision of a boatshed within the Lake Wallace recreation ground to provide greater efficiencies in storage facilities for local sailing clubs and not-for-profit community groups
Wallerawang Library	\$70,166	Redevelopment and refurbishment of the Wallerawang Branch Library to provide improved library services and increased activity space
Total Funding Allocation	\$529,000	

Strategic Projects

Project	Funding Allocation	Progress
Lithgow Skate Park	\$74,000	95% completed, fencing and bollards to be installed by April 2010
Civic Ballroom	\$1,070,000	Plans being finalised for approval by 30 March 2010, construction to commence in April 2010
Tony Luchetti Sportsground	\$757,500	Security cameras installed and operational, drainage inspections completed, new amenities building pending approval, with works to commence in Mid March 2010
Ashley Grandstand	\$660,000	Plans being finalized for approval by 30 March 2010, construction to commence in April 2010 and be completed by August 2010.
Glanmire Oval	\$1,140,500	30% complete, to be completed by May 2010

Round 2 Funding Submission

Project	Funding Request
Queen Elizabeth Park	\$55,000
Kremer Park	\$30,000
Marjorie Jackson Oval	\$50,000
Lithgow Croquet Club	\$8,000
Meadow Flat Hall	\$50,000
Hermitage Hall	\$15,000

A funding application has been submitted for Round 2 to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government on 15 January 2010, and is pending assessment.

Improving Our Assets



Submission of Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program Strategic Projects Round 2 Application Lithgow Aquatic Centre

A \$2.6million Stage 1, Lithgow Aquatic Centre development will provide increased benefits to sporting, recreation and community users. In addition to increased health benefits for the community, access to a modern, multi-purpose facility that meets current standards will provide economic benefits to the area through the hosting of major district, state and national events.

This project is important as it will not only help address an increasingly high burden of unhealthy lifestyles present in the Lithgow Local Government Area, but will provide an opportunity for a greater percentage of the population to partake in swimming as a social and physical recreational activity.

Lithgow City Council has made an application to the Australian

Government for funding of \$1.5 million toward the Stage 1 development of a Lithgow Aquatic Centre, under Round 2 of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Projects.

Staging of the development is feasible and cost effective with the design and construction cost for the proposed first stage of this development estimated at \$2.6 million, entailing:

- New outdoor splash park
- New outdoor multi function pool (25 metre x 3 lane pool and combined hydrotherapy pool/leisure/program pool)
- Relocated amenities
- New heating system
- New plant and equipment rooms.

Installing A Swimming Pool

Residents are required to submit a Combined Development Application and Construction Certificate form and obtain approval to install:

- In ground or above ground pools including inflatable/wading pools exceeding 300mm in depth; and
- Spa pools (but not spa baths or other bathroom fixtures).

All new swimming pools are required to be fenced in accordance with Australian Standard 1926.1 – 2007 Part 1: Safety Barriers for Swimming Pools.

Applications are assessed on their merits, having regard for the siting, design and size of the proposed structure.

**For further information, contact the
Council Administration Centre on 6354 9999.**

Proposed Capital Works Program

March - June

Rural Road Upgrades

- Sodwalls/Tarana Road, Tarana
- Rydal/Hampton Road, Rydal
- Sunny Corner/Portland Road
- Wallerawang/Portland Road
- Range Road
- Back Cullen Road

Timber Bridge Improvements

- Wolgan Road, burnt bridge

Urban Roads

- Lithgow & Portland Laneways
- Drainage works Villiers Street, Portland
- Kerb and guttering Villiers Street, Portland
- Footpath construction, Great Western Highway, Lithgow
- Reconstruction and road improvements to Kirkley Street, South Bowenfels
- Drainage Improvements Maple Crescent, Lithgow

New Playground Equipment

- Queen Elizabeth Park, Lithgow

Encouraging Community Involvement



A Digger's Best Friend visits Eskbank House

This winter Eskbank House will host the Australian War Memorial touring exhibition, *A digger's best friend: an A-Z of animals in war*.

This graphic exhibition is based on the War Memorial's highly successful *A is for Animals* and recognises all the animals that have worked alongside Australians in war for over one hundred years.

War Memorial curators have drawn together a fascinating array of images from the Memorial's National Collection. They include working animals such as horses, mules, pigeons and camels, as well as the mascots, pets and companions that gave soldiers affection, hope and relief from the stress of war.

In a twist upon the theme of man's best friend, the exhibition also delves into those creepy-crawlies from the animal and insect kingdoms that have made life difficult and even deadly for soldiers. Drawings and photographs reveal rats in the trenches, flies in a ration tin and even a monstrous cobra that moved in with the Australian occupants of a four-man tent in Vietnam in 1967.

A Digger's Best Friend is an exhibition for all ages. It is especially designed to provide families, school groups and children's services with a museum experience that answers the learning needs of children.

A Digger's Best Friend will open on Saturday 15 May 2010, and will run until just after the July school holidays, finishing on Sunday 25 July. Eskbank House is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Tours can be booked any time.

For inquiries, please call Eskbank House on (02) 6351 3557, or contact Council's Cultural Development Officer, Naomi Parry, on (02) 6354 9999.

What's On At The Library!

National Trust Heritage Festival 2010 "The Making of Our Nation" – Lithgow's Industrial Heritage.

In the crossing of the Blue Mountains, coal was noted on the slopes of the ranges. When the Great Western Railway reached the valley it opened up commercial exploitation of local coal resources, paving the way for the need for iron and steel in the developing nation and providing an opportunity for the establishment of the Eskbank Iron Works ... And so – 'the rest is history', covering coal, shale oil, iron and steel, Lithgow Pottery and defence manufacturing, this exhibition will provide a valuable insight into the role Lithgow played in the development of our nation.

The launch will be held on 8 April at 4pm and the exhibition will be on display until 30 April. The Library will be hosting a series of author walks and talks on these themes on 8, 15, 22 and 28 April from 5pm – 6pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Lithgow Library Learning Centre on 6352 9100.

Changes to Youth and Children's Services at the Library

Storytime

Due to the computer system upgrade at the Library there will be no Storytime during the April School holidays 2 to 18 April.

Commencing the week of 19 April, Preschool Storytime will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10.30am.

Homework Zone

Thanks to sponsorship from Delta Electricity and Lithgow High School the Homework Zone is now held every school day from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. A qualified teacher is available in the study room to help with regular homework or assignments. Students from years 3-12 from any district school are welcome to attend the FREE sessions.

Teen Space

The teenage section of the library has moved! You will now find the young adult collection, lounges and study tables for teens in the courtyard corner of the library. Formally the 'Community Corner', teens will find this a great space for social chats as well as a great study space. Also in this area are the graphic novels and Excel Study guides that cover many subjects. The HSC English area of study "Belonging" is particularly well covered.

**Official Exhibition Opening:
8 April from 4pm – 5pm.**

**Exhibition:
8-30 April Mon-Fri 9am – 6pm
and Sat 9am – 12 noon.**

**Author Talks:
8, 15, 22 and 28 April
from 5pm – 6pm. Free.
Bookings Essential 6352 9100**

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.

Phone 6351 3557