



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

01 MAY 2006

AT 7.00pm

AGENDA

PRESENT

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 3 APRIL 2006**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

MAYORAL MINUTES

NOTICES OF MOTION

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

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**ENG - 01/05/06 - MINUTES OF THE SPORTS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 24 APRIL 2006**

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ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:1 ENG - 01/05/06 - STORMWATER - 149 MAIN STREET LITHGOW

SUMMARY

To recommend to Council the write off of an account for \$404.00 charged to a shop proprietor in error.

COMMENTARY

Following complaints of odour emanating from the stormwater drain between the Tattersall's Hotel and 149 Main Street Lithgow, Council engaged the services of Col Howarth Plumbing Pty Ltd to investigate potential blockages in this drain using closed circuit television. The results of the investigation failed to indicate any blockages on Council's side of the main which may have contributed to these odour problems.

The proprietor has been advised that Council's side of the stormwater main is clear and the problem is within privately owned property. Therefore, the owner's responsibility to rectify the odour problem is at their cost. However, the proprietor of 149 Main Street was inadvertently charged for this CCTV inspection.

It is reasonable that the proprietor be responsible for rectifying the problem, however Council staff had proceeded to ascertain the source of the problem on the basis that this was a Council responsibility. As the drain which this inspection related to is a Council asset and located on Council land, it is considered appropriate that Council write off the account of \$404.00 charged to the proprietor of 149 Main Street Lithgow.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No specific policy implications arise as a result of this report other than it is Council's Policy to that the elected Council approve the write off of any invoice raised.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An amount of \$404 will be written off should Council agree with the recommendation.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The legal responsibility to cover the cost of the investigation works lies with Council.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council write off an amount of \$404.00 charged to the proprietor of 149 Main Street Lithgow and pay the amount owed to the Plumber from its normal maintenance activities.
2. The General Manager be delegated the authority to write of such debts to the value of \$2000

ITEM:2 ENG - 01/05/06 - LITHGOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER USAGE

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

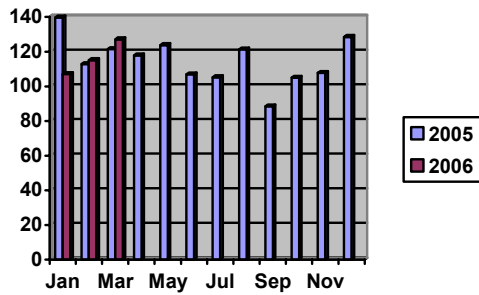
Comparison of figures for 2005 and 2006 for water usage within the Lithgow Local Government area.

COMMENTARY

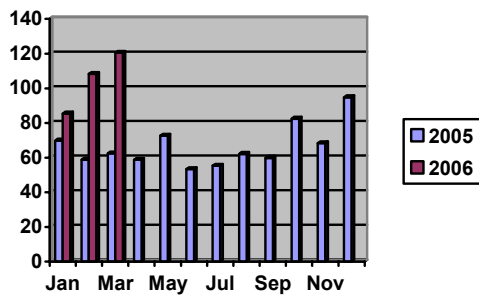
Lithgow Local Government Area Water Usage

	2005			2006		
	Farmers Creek Dam (kL)	Fish River Water Supply (kL)	Total (kL)	Farmers Creek Dam (kL)	Fish River Water Supply (kL)	Total (kL)
January	139,745	69,753	209,498	107,086	85,456	192,542
February	112,835	58,864	171,699	115,126	108,236	223,362
March	121,438	62,414	183,852	127,115	120,423	247,538
April	117,836	58,763	176,599			
May	123,884	72,694	196,578			
June	106,872	53,392	160,264			
July	105,235	55,289	160,524			
August	121,397	62,105	183,484			
September	88,470	59,817	148,287			
October	104,953	82,421	187,374			
November	107,772	68,302	176,074			
December	128,566	94,874	223,440			
TOTAL	1,379,003	798,688	2,177,691	349,327	314,115	663,442

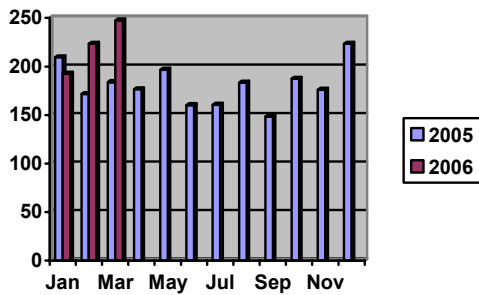
Farmers Creek Dam Usage (ML)



Fish River Water Supply Usage (ML)



Total Water Consumption in Lithgow LGA (ML)



Farmers Creek Dam is currently at 68.5% (66,100 megalitres of storage)
 Oberon Dam is currently at 43.98% (19,834 megalitres of storage)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:3 EPS - 01/05/06 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

SUMMARY

To inform the Council of recently submitted development applications.

COMMENTARY

In order to keep the Council informed of current development proposals, the following list is provided of development applications which have been received after the last report to the Finance and Services Committee on 3 April 2006. The list excludes dwellings, additions, carports and associated residential proposals or proposals of a minor nature.

Significant Development Applications received			
DA No.	Date Received	Proposal	Property
103/06	28/3/06	Remove/replace steel stairway	152-154 Main Street, Lithgow
104/06	28/3/06	Conversion to commercial premises (office)	183 Mort Street, Lithgow
111/06	31/3/06	Bar modification	3584 Great Western Highway, Lithgow
115/06	4/4/06	Subdivision into 2 lots	16 Ridge Street, Portland
119/06	4/4/06	Employment Agency	281 Main Street, Lithgow
122/06	6/4/06	Subdivision of existing duplex	33 Fullagar Avenue, Lithgow
123/06	6/4/06	Minor earthworks	Lot 3 Pinta Street, Wallerawang
129/06	13/4/06	Subdivision into 2 lots	196 Baaners Lane, Little Hartley

If Councillors wish to receive more detailed information on any of the aforementioned applications, then this can be provided.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this Report, however, the development applications will be assessed in light of any applicable policies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs involved in processing the development applications are the only financial implications at this stage. These costs are budgeted for in the 2005/06 Recurrent Budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The applications are subject to the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

ITEM:4 EPS - 01/05/06 - DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS

REPORT

Purpose of Report

The following Development Applications and Combined Development/Construction Certificate Applications have been approved subject to compliance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the Mine Subsidence Act, where applicable, and any special conditions.

DA NUMBER	OWNERS NAME	SITE ADDRESS	PROPOSAL	AMOUNT	APPROVAL TIME (DAYS)
452/05	DESIGN EFFECT PTY LTD	CNR BRIDGE & SHORT STREETS, LITHGOW	CHILDCARE & MEDICAL CENTRE	1,000,000	44
34/06	N VIAPHAY	13 KING STREET, CULLEN BULLEN	GARAGE	11,996	19
91/06	LITHGOW CITY BOWLING CLUB LTD	91 OFF HASSANS WALLS ROAD, LITHGOW	ERECTION OF A PYLON SIGN	17,000	7
83/06	LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL	LOT 1 DP 115548 BARTON STREET, LITHGOW	AMENITIES ADDITIONS	24,000	11
53/06	T JOYCE	10 MARTINI PARADE, LITHGOW	MANUFACTURE & WAREHOUSE OFFICE & AMENITIES	30,000	24
47/06	R CAMERON	1 HENDERSON PLACE, LITHGOW	DWELLING	169,955	16
428/05	IG LETT	11 LEMNOS STREET, LITHGOW	DWELLING ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS	30,000	14
527/05	DB & JA MCLACHLAN	7 ROXBURGH STREET, PORTLAND	DWELLING	287,287	51
339/05	JONATHAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS	LOT 1 DP 868379 HOSKINS AVENUE, LITHGOW	50 ROOM MOTEL, CONFERENCE/FUNCTION CENTRE & RESTAURANT	1,200,000	123
95/06	JADE SWIMMING POOLS P/L	4 JENOLAN CAVES RD, GOOD FOREST	INGROUND CONCRETE SWIMMING POOL/SPILLWAY	59,200	1
88/06	J & M MACALPINE	LOT 803, ADINA CRESCENT, LITHGOW	DWELLING	156,270	7
74/06	TJ & LS GASTON	836 COX'S RIVER ROAD, LITTLE HARTLEY	CARPORT	3,932	15
80/06	IR & PN HOOK	6 DONALD ROAD, CLARENCE	INGROUND POOL	19,000	14
51/06	A & M THOMPSON	14 ROBERTSON STREET, LITHGOW	DWELLING	197,927	18
75/06	NJ RODHAM	35 ANDREW STREET, LITHGOW	RESORT ROOM & PATIOPORT	24,500	15
82/06	CJ ELLIOTT	6 SPRING STREET, LITHGOW	GARAGE	9,107	17
78/06	LG & FM EVANS	35 CHIFLEY ROAD, LITHGOW	PATIOPORT	2,500	18
63/06	KE ROBERTS	60 CUPRO STREET, LITHGOW	DWELLING & GARAGE	100,000	13
528/05	A BERTINI	LOT 101 DP 864775 CULLENBENBONG ROAD, KANIMBLA VALLEY	RURAL SHED	10,300	18
474/05	D & R FORESTER	40 CLARKE SIMPSON ROAD, LITTLE HARTLEY	SUBDIVISION INTO 2 LOTS		25

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97/06	JM PETTITT	100 OLD BATHURST ROAD, SOUTH BOWENFELS	PATIOPORT	9,000	7
79/06	RA & HM MILLAR	981 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY, LITHGOW	PATIO COVER	6,000	21
99/06	VS & AK LUALUA	14 COOLAMIGAL ROAD, PORTLAND	SOLID FUEL HEATER	2,000	4
98/06	HJ MOORE	941 SODWALLS ROAD, TARANA	GARAGE	11,850	5
511/05	A PIGGOTT	LOTS 2 & 3 DP 857386 JERRYS MEADOW ROAD, SODWALLS	BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT/SUBDIVISION	--	7
41/06	HARTLEY PASTORAL COMPANY PTY LTD	2509 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY, HARTLEY	RELOCATION OF DEMOUNTABLE DWELLING	60,000	28
113/06	PJ & KL BURTON	19 WALKER DRIVE, WALLERAWANG	SWIMMING POOL	25950	13
337/05	CAPARD INVESTMENTS P/L	11 PARK AVE, PORTLAND	SUBDIVISION INTO 2 LOTS	-	22

Total Estimated Cost:
Average Approval Time
Total Cost of Approvals from 1/01/06
No. of Applications from 1/01/2006

\$3,467,774
21 DAYS
\$11,560,053
139

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received

ITEM:5 EPS - 01/05/06 - UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL - WEEDS REPORT

SUMMARY

To advise of the most recent Upper Macquarie County Council Weeds Reports.

COMMENTARY

Attached are reports from the Chief Weeds Officer of Upper Macquarie County Council for February and March 2006.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. The Chief Weeds Officer's reports for February and March 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received

**ITEM:6 EPS - 01/5/06 - PROPOSED ROAD NAMING, CASTLEREAGH
 HIGHWAY, LIDSDALE**

REFERENCE

Planning & Development Committee 19 September 2005: Item 1

SUMMARY

To finalise the road naming process for the bypassed section of the Castlereagh Highway at Lidsdale.

COMMENTARY

As part of the Roads and Traffic Authority upgrade of the Castlereagh Highway, a section of the Castlereagh Highway at Lidsdale (between the turnoff to Wallerawang and the bridge over the Cox's River) has been bypassed and as a result needs to be re-named. Council notified the residents along this section of road and advertised in the paper for suggestions for the road naming in accordance with the Geographical Names Board guidelines, and the name Ian Holt Drive was resolved as being supported by Council.

The section of road from the intersection of the Castlereagh Highway and Main Street Wallerawang to Wolgan Road is now an extension of Wolgan Road due to the changes at the intersection where Wolgan Road used to start (near Pirtek). Therefore, it was considered appropriate to start the name Wolgan Road at the Highway to avoid future confusion as to how to get to local attractions such as Newnes, and potentially the Emirates Resort.

As such, it was advertised for the continuation of the name Wolgan Road to the Castlereagh Highway, and the section of the old highway from Pirtek to the Cox's River was advertised as Ian Holt Drive. During that process two submissions were received, one of which was objecting to the name Ian Holt Drive with the name Muldoon Way proposed as an alternative. As Council personally notified over 80 residents of the proposed name and advertised in the Lithgow Mercury, a single objection is not deemed to represent the view of the wider community, however the name Muldoon Way can be added to Council's list of potential road names for another road in the future. The other submission received suggested that the section of road which is proposed to be named as Wolgan Road be numbered differently to the rest of Wolgan Road ie, 1A, 2A etc. to avoid renumbering of the other section of Wolgan Road. However, it is Council's experience that where similar addresses exist like 1 and 1A it can become extremely confusing for postal and emergency services, and should therefore be avoided where possible.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Geographical Names Board of NSW Guidelines for the Naming of Roads states that names of living persons should not be used, however Council has previously resolved to support the variation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications to Council are limited to the cost of advertising the new names in the Government Gazette, however there may be financial implications to some of the residents in Lidsdale as the entire residential section of Wolgan Road (down to Maddox Lane intersection) will need to be renumbered starting at the Highway.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council will need to advertise the final road names in the Government Gazette in order to formalise legalise their status.

ATTACHMENTS

1. A coloured plan detailing the location of the proposed road names.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council finalise the name Wolgan Road for the old section of the Castlereagh Highway running from the intersection of the Castlereagh Highway and Main Street Wallerawang to the existing Wolgan Road.
2. Council finalise the name Ian Holt Drive for the old section of the Castlereagh Highway running from the intersection of the old Castlereagh Highway and Wolgan Road Lidsdale (near Pirtek) to the new section of the Castlereagh Highway at the Coxs River bridge.
3. Council re-number the entire residential section of the existing and proposed Wolgan Road from the Castlereagh Highway down to the Maddox Lane intersection.

ITEM:7 EPS - 01/05/06 - FORMER PINEHILL SERVICE STATION - GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY LITHGOW

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the current position in relation to the usage of the former Pinehill service station site.

COMMENTARY

The Council will recall previous representations on this issue in relation to an allegation that the premises were being occupied by a motorcycle club. Correspondence has now been received from the lessee of the property advising that “the property is privately leased by myself as a private property.....the property has been occupied now for some 12 months as a PRIVATE meeting place for a small motorcycle group, and I must STRESS NO PUBLIC ACCESS.....the property is only used for a few hours early in the week and approx 5 hours on a Friday night....etc”.

The question for Council is whether or not development consent is required for the use of the property.

The property is zoned 2(a) Residential and should the facility be deemed to be a “club” then it would be a permissible use subject to obtaining development consent. A club is defined as:

“a building used by persons associated, or by a body incorporated, for social, literary, political, sporting, athletic or other lawful purposes whether of the same or of a different kind and whether or not the whole or a part of such building is the premises of a club registered under the *Registered Clubs Act 1976*.”

The question is whether the building is occupied by a group of private enthusiasts or whether it is occupied by “persons associated, or by a body incorporated, for social, literary, political, sporting, athletic or other lawful purposes”, i.e. some kind of formally constituted group. Therefore, it is suggested that further information be sought prior to determining Council’s position.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policy implications that result from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific policy implications that result from this report at this point.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Should the use be deemed to constitute a “club” then the requirement for development consent would be through the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and Council’s Local Environmental Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of correspondence from Mr L Warner.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The information be received.
2. The occupier of the premises be asked to clarify if the building is used by persons associated, or by a body incorporated, for social, literary, political, sporting, athletic or other lawful purposes.
3. If the answer to No 2 is in the affirmative then the occupier be advised to lodge a development application within a period of sixty (60) days.

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

**ITEM:8 CORP - 01/05/06 - CONTRIBUTION TO UPPER MACQUARIE
 COUNTY COUNCIL 2006/07**

REFERENCE

18.04.06 Presentation to the Ordinary Meeting of Council by Mr Roy Jennison, General Manager, Upper Macquarie County Council.

SUMMARY

To advise Council of a contribution of \$112,000 (GST Inc) due to Upper Macquarie County Council for the 2006/07 financial year and advise that for future years the County Council will actively pursue a proposal that it levy a special rate to fund its activities.

COMMENTARY

Further to the presentation on the 18 April 2006 from the General Manager of the Upper Macquarie County Council (UMCC), Mr Roy Jennison, I wish to advise Council of the current situation in relation to our annual contribution.

The level of constituent councils contributions to Upper Macquarie County Council will be maintained in 2006/07 as in past years. On that basis Lithgow will contribute \$112,000 (GST Inc) and for future years the County Council will actively pursue a proposal that it levy a special rate in 2007/08 and subsequent years.

The process for a special rate will be for Upper Macquarie County Council to apply and seek approval from the Department of Local Government for the special rate. The rate will not involve Lithgow Councils rating structure nor will it influence any special rate we may wish to individually apply for in the future.

Collection of UMCCs special rate may be undertaken by one of two methods:

- 1) UMCC utilise Lithgow Councils rating database to levy the applicable special rate on ratepayers. They will issue the notice and pursue recovery of the same.
- 2) UMCC will advise Lithgow Council of the total special rate due. Council would then contribute this value (quarterly) to the County Council and individually levy, account for and recover the special rate in conjunction with our own annual rates.

Should the special rate apply to all ratepayers, using the current contribution of \$112,000 as an example, each of Lithgow's 10,631 ratepayers would pay \$10.53. Should the special rate only apply to farmland, rural, mining and general residential and business properties (3,290) the levy would be \$34.05 per property.

A further report will be provided during the year when specific details of the proposed special rate are known.

The table below is historical financial information with regard to contributions made by each member Council to Upper Macquarie.

Lithgow had argued in the past the method of allocation was not equitable amongst all Councils and on the 15 June 2005 UMCC advised, *"the actual basis for the calculation of contributions dates back to when Lithgow City Council originally joined the UMCC. The records unfortunately do not give a clear indication of how the levels of contribution were calculated"*. The introduction of a special rate will clarify the inequities of the current charges as all concerned ratepayers will be paying a consistent levy regardless of the local government area they are located in.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN PAST YEARS:

COUNCIL	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Lithgow	69,917.10	78,824.90	81,662.90	94,239	107,291
Bathurst	40,251.21	48,180.00	49,914.70	140,105	144,308
Oberon	35,845.00	43,629.00	45,200.00	61,091	71,500
Evans	49,800.63	58,108.60	60,200.80	Amalgamated with Bathurst	Amalgamated with Bathurst

Policy Implications

Nil at this stage

Financial Implications

2006/07 payment to Upper Macquarie County Council of \$112,000 included in the Draft Management Plan

Legal Implications

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council maintain the current level of funding to Upper Macquarie County Council and allow \$112,000 in the Draft 2006/07 Management Plan.
2. Council note that for future years the Upper Macquarie County Council will actively pursue a proposal that it levy a special rate to fund its activities in the 2007/08 financial year and subsequent years.
3. A further report to be provided when specific details of the proposed special rate are known.

**ITEM:9 CORP - 01/05/06 - REVISED LAND AREA FOR THE PROPOSED
SALE OF LOT 1 DP 1074586 (SUBD OF LOT 202 DP 1056693)
BARTON AVE, WALLERAWANG**

REFERENCE

15.06.04 Ordinary Council Meeting

04- 669 RESOLVED:

THAT

Council enter into discussions with the Department regarding the sale of the land.

MOVED: *Councillors H K Fisher* **SECONDED:** *Councillor B P Morrissey*

20.02.06 Ordinary Council Meeting

06- 1 RESOLVED

THAT:

1. *Council agree to the sale of the proposed Lot 1 DP 1074586 (1109m sq) (being a subdivision of Lot 202 DP 1056693) to the Department of Education to adjoin the Wallerawang Public School for recreational use.*
2. *Council advise the Department of Education that current market valuation will be accepted as the purchase price of the proposed lot*
3. *Council engage the services of an independent valuer to provide a current market valuation.*
4. *The Department of Education to pay all legal, survey and valuation fees associated with the sale.*
5. *A further report be provided to Council advising of the sale price prior to final acceptance and authorisation for the execution of documents.*
6. *Council advise the Department of Education that prior to finalising a pending sale of proposed Lot 1 DP 1074586 negotiations in regard to legal access for the Wallerawang Indoor Stadium be finalised.*

MOVED: *Councillor A E Thompson*

SECONDED: *Councillor B P Morrissey.*

SUMMARY

To advise of correspondence from Councils Solicitors with regard to the area of land proposed to be sold to the Department of Education, for the Wallerawang Public School in Barton Ave, Wallerawang.

COMMENTARY

Council at the meeting of 20 February 2006 agreed to the sale of 1,109 m sq of land proposed as Lot 1 DP 1074586, a subdivision of Lot 202 DP 1056693.

The land will be sold to the adjoining owner, the Department of Education, to provide an additional recreational area for the Wallerawang Public School.

Councils Solicitors, Le Fevre & Co advised on the 19 April 2006:

"We note the Department's letter to you of 12 September last, that the area to be acquired is stated to be 1,109m sq, however we note that the original Lot DP 830058 comprises an areas of 5 hectares, and the new Lot 1 in the plan of acquisition, DP 1074586, comprises an area of 5 hectares and the new lot 1 in the plan of acquisition, DP 1074586 comprises an area of 6.109 hectares. Accordingly the area being acquired is 1.109 hectares ie 11,090m sq, not 1,109m sq. Could you please ensure that Councils valuers are instructed to value the correct area of land. We have drawn the discrepancy to the attention of the Department of Education and Training also."

As required by Minute 06-47 20.02.06, Council engaged the services of an independent valuer to provide a current market valuation. The valuer has been contacted and advised to place the valuation 'on hold' pending Council resolution due to the change in the land area.

The Department of Education have also been advised that prior to finalising a pending sale negotiations in regard to legal access for the Wallerawang Indoor Stadium will need to be finalised. The Wallerawang Indoor Sports Association are aware that the temporary access lease which is currently in place will continue until the lease with the Department has been resolved.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Inclusion of income in the Draft 2006/07 Management Plan (to be held as an internally restricted asset for future property development)

Legal Implications

Sale of proposed Lot 1 DP 1074586 1.109 hectares ie 11,090m sq. Formal lease with the Department of Education for access to the Wallerawang Indoor Sports Centre.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council agree to the sale of proposed Lot 1 DP 1074586 (1.109 hectares ie 11,090 m sq) (being a subdivision of Lot 202 DP 1056693) to the Department of Education for use by the Wallerawang Public School for recreational purposes.
2. Council advise the independent valuer of the revised area and request a current market valuation
3. Further reports to be provided advising of the current market value of the land and progress with the Department of Education in relation to access for the Wallerawang Indoor Stadium.

**ITEM:10 CORP - 01/05/06 - GREATER LITHGOW ARTS COUNCIL UPDATE OF
2005-06 PROJECTS**

REFERENCE

Min 05-325 27.06.06: Ordinary Meeting of Council - adoption of the 2005/06 Management Plan

SUMMARY

To advise of correspondence received from the Greater Lithgow Arts Council thanking Council for the 2005/06 financial assistance to the organisation.

COMMENTARY

The Greater Lithgow Arts Council has written to Council thanking for the ongoing financial support.

"Because of Councils' generous allocation of funding, the Greater Lithgow Arts Council has been able to promote a number of significant arts activities for the benefit of the community and we plan to bring other outstanding performances to Lithgow audiences.

These include:

2005

- *delivery of the outstanding professional production called "Quartet" to Lithgow for the benefit of local audiences. This was a brilliant production from Western Australia that was on a tour to the eastern states. It required and "up front" payment of \$1,500 plus GST.*
- *hosting a visit of the Sydney Youth Orchestra to Lithgow and sponsorship for attendance of some disadvantaged children to see this performance. The orchestra played a "Toddlers Prom" for young children and a symphony concert in the evening for a general audience. This was the first visit of a Symphony Orchestra to Lithgow for almost 50 years. It was a great encouragement to the Lithgow Community Orchestra and to young players learning to play instruments.*
- *provided support for a piano concert by local composer and pianist, Fiona Joy Hawkins, to bring her work to the notice of local residents. Her work is being recognised through American radio charts and the ABC.*
- *provided support for a piano recital by local concert pianist, Elena Day - Hakker*
- *provided opportunities for HSC music students to perform publicly*
- *continued a series of "Sunday at the Union" concerts which began in 2004 to support and recognise the talent of local groups and individual performers and provide entertainment for audiences a minimal cost*
- *introduced lunchtime piano concerts during Celebrate Lithgow*

2006

- *to bring a performance of contemporary Irish music to Lithgow by the Victorian touring group "Sahara". This requires an "up front " payment of \$1,400*
- *we are currently negotiating with the Blue Mountains Chamber orchestra to bring a performance of "The Apollo Trio" to Lithgow. This would be their first visit here and ticket prices would probably have to be subsidised to encourage a local audience.*
- *negotiations are almost finalised to bring singing group "Belle Voce" to Lithgow. This requires and up front payment of \$1,500*
- *to continue the "Sunday at the Union" series during the cooler months*
- *to continue and extend lunchtime recitals during the cooler months*
- *To sponsor piano recitals by local piano students and outstanding professional artists*
- *To be able to consider supporting or hosting other performances, which may come up at short notice.*
- *Ancillary costs associated with the Cultural awards are also met by the Greater Lithgow Arts Council. The Greater Lithgow Arts Council are currently operating on a minimal budget and has valued the support of Council. It is striving to promote the talents of local performers and performing groups as well as bringing visiting cultural performers to Lithgow"*

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Legal Implications

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received

ITEM:11 CORP - 01/05/06 - CENTROC TELECOMMUNICATIONS STUDY

SUMMARY

To advise Council of a CENTROC Telecommunication Study to advance telecommunications in the local area.

COMMENTARY

CENTROC has advised of funding required for a Telecommunication Study to advance telecommunications in the local area.

An estimate of \$90,000 has been given for the study of which \$9.16% or \$4,121, would be Lithgow City Councils contribution. Funding support has been sought from other stakeholders such as the Regional Development Board and ACC but full exposure is to CENTROC at this stage.

The contribution is based on the same formula that was previously used for other CENTROC projects, such as Film Central, that is half the total contribution apportioned by rates and charges for each Council.

CENTROC TELECOMMUNICATION STRATEGY FUNDING BY COUNCILS WITHOUT SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING					
COUNCIL	RATES & CHARGES	% OF TOTAL	50% RATE	50% UNIFORM	TOTAL
Orange	27,175,000	21.27%	9,571	3,462	13,033
Bathurst	22,744,000	17.80%	8,011	3,462	11,472
Lithgow	14,915,000	11.67%	5,253	3,462	8,715
Mudgee	11,700,000	9.16%	4,121	3,462	7,582
Parkes	8,676,000	6.79%	3,056	3,462	6,517
Cowra	8,416,000	6.59%	2,964	3,462	6,426
Cabonne	8,388,000	6.57%	2,954	3,462	6,416
Forbes	7,081,000	5.54%	2,494	3,462	5,956
Wellington	6,170,000	4.83%	2,173	3,462	5,635
Lachlan	4,510,000	3.53%	1,588	3,462	5,050
Blayney	3,727,000	2.92%	1,313	3,462	4,774
Oberon	2,687,000	2.10%	946	3,462	4,408
Weddin	1,577,000	1.23%	555	3,462	4,017
TOTAL	127,766,000	100.00%	45,000	45,000	90,000

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Contribution of \$4,121 included in the March reviews of the 2005/06 Management Plan.

Legal Implications

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council contribute \$4,121 toward the CENTROC Telecommunications Study. Funding for the project included in the March review of the 2005/06 Management Plan.

**ITEM:12 CORP - 01/05/06 - WESTERN REGION ACADEMY OF SPORT 2006
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

To advise Council of a request from the Western Region Academy of Sport for 2006 sponsorship.

COMMENTARY

The Western Region Academy of Sport has requested Councils ongoing assistance towards sports sponsorship for 2006.

The Board of the Academy is committed to providing sports people from each local government area with opportunities to increase their skills and knowledge. The majority of the Academy's funding comes from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation but they also rely on Local Government, community and business groups.

A copy of the Academy's 2005 Annual Report is available for interested Councillors.

To enable WRAS to continue providing their current level of service, the Academy is asking Council to consider increasing the annual contribution of 3c per capita to 5c per capita which will ensure continuing support be provided to squad programs, talent search testing and educational sessions in all Council areas.

Calculated on the latest population figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Lithgows contribution would be \$1,044.00 (GST inc).

Current scholarship holders from the Lithgow local government area are:

Basketball	3 Representatives
Lindsay Bennett	
Matt Hughes	
Morgan Sharp	
Rugby Union	1 Representative
Kory Smith	
Hockey	7 Representatives
David James	
Ashley Redding	
Brendan Shoard	
Andrew Writer	
Annika Dicker	
Sarah Dicker	
Tiarne Sheppard	
Lone Star	2 Representatives
Michael Cox	
Emma Statham	
Netball	1 Representative
Jessica Rodgers	

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Contribution of \$1,044 (GST Inc) included in the March reviews of the 2005/06 Management Plan.

Legal Implications

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Western Region Academy of Sport 2005 Annual Report: Tabled

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council contribute \$1,044 (GST Inc) for 2006 sponsorship of the Western Region Academy of Sport. Funding included in the March review of the 2005/06 Management Plan.

**ITEM:13 CORP - 01/05/06 - DRAFT 2006-09 MANAGEMENT PLAN 2006-07
REVENUE / RATING POLICY & CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

REFERENCE

2006-2009 Draft Management Plan workshops 9 March 2006 & 10 April 2006

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the proposed 2006/07 rating structure, fees & charges and summary of capital expenditure.

COMMENTARY

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

As Councillors are aware the Special Meeting of Council on the 13 February 2006 agreed to apply to the Minister for Local Government for two proposed 'Special Rate Variations' for fire and tourism in the 06/07 rating year.

Application has been made to the Minister recommending consideration of rate pegging limit, the short fall from previous years and the proposed fire levy as a special rate variation of 0.64%. It is considered this is an acceptable increase for the 2006/07 financial year and it will reduce the burden on the ratepayers and the community. On this basis the proposed Tourism levy has been deleted in an attempt to stimulate economic development in the commercial sector.

The following report focuses on the general, parking and garbage components of the rating structure.

GENERAL RATES

Councils' current revenue policy seeks to distribute the total general rate burden equally across all ratepayers as well as recover fees & charges from users of Councils facilities.

The Minister for Local Government announced the permitted rate pegging increase for 06/07 at 3.6% which provides additional General income of \$288,215. This is in addition to the allowable take-up of the shortfall due from previous years of \$421,585. The shortfall occurred in relation to the amalgamation and subsequent revaluation of Rylstone and Evans properties to bring them in line with Lithgow City Councils property valuations. The proposed special rate income of \$51,000 the increase due to rate pegging and the take-up of the shortfall provide a total general rate increase of \$760,800. This special rate increase is equivalent to the expenditure Council incurs over and above the levies for the RFS NSWFB.

Historical rate pegging comparisons are 2001/2002: 2.8%, 2002/3: 3.3%, 2003/04: 3.6% and 2004/05: 3.5%.

The accepted rate model endeavours to determine a rating structure which would be favourable in all categories. The model maintains the base rate the same as 2005/06 and adjusts the rate in the dollar. Categories which show large variations are due to the number of land sales in that particular area as well as fluctuations in land valuations.

The parking rate will remain at the same rate in the dollar, as applied in 2005/06 and will generate income of \$68,756.12. As reported to the Special Council meeting of 13 February 2006 our policy in relation to the properties currently being charged parking has been reviewed and from the 2007/08 rating year will include all business properties in Railway Parade, Mort and Lithgow Streets. Surveys are currently being undertaken for this purpose.

STORMWATER

Council has also included in the 2006/07 rating levy the commencement for charging a stormwater levy on all properties (with the exception of vacant land) as per recommendations from the DLG as a new funding mechanism to improve the management of urban stormwater in NSW.

The Local Government Amendment (Stormwater) Act 2005 has recently passed through Parliament and amends the Local Government Act 1993 to allow Councils the option to make a charge for the provision of stormwater management services outside their capped rating arrangements.

The proposed levy will be used stormwater management and infrastructure in the catchment areas:

- Residential Properties \$25.00 per property
- Business Properties \$25.00 per 350 sq metres capped at \$350.00

GARBAGE

The future waste disposal facility at Blackman's Flat will require a high level of funding to commence operations and it is recommended the garbage rate be increased by \$30.00 per residential property from \$208.00 to \$238.00 and \$23.00 per business property from \$229.00 to \$252.00

2004/05 2005/06 2006/07

Residential per service	\$193.00	\$208.00	\$238.00
Residential 2nd service	\$193.00	\$208.00	\$238.00
Business per service	\$212.00	\$229.00	\$252.00
Base – Unoccupied	\$ 73.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 88.00
Base Rural	\$ 44.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 54.00

INTEREST CHARGES

Interest to be charged on outstanding rate and water arrears has been determined by the Department of Local Government at 9%. (2005/06 9%)

FEES & CHARGES

An updated list of fees & charges for the use of Council assets and services is included in the Draft 2006-09 Management Plan and indicates all fees and charges have been reviewed to achieve maximum income.

EXPENDITURE

The Draft 2006-09 Management Plan predicts a General Fund deficit of \$377,441, water, wastewater and waste are revenue neutral due to the injection of internally restricted assets. We have eliminated the cross subsidisation of external service providers water, wastewater and waste funds and annual depreciation charges will be reviewed.

Council has over past weeks deliberated to provide Council a Draft 2006-2009 Management Plan which is considered retains a reasonable operational budget, and allows an acceptable level of capital improvement to develop community assets. Maintenance operations will continue to be provided at a consistent level as is the past Councils day labour will be utilised on the majority of projects eliminating the need for contractors, consultants and casual staff.

Current highlights of Capital projects at draft stage are:

EXECUTIVE:

Sale of Gasworks site, income of which will be transferred to an internally restricted asset for future property development.

COMMUNITY:

\$ 81,633 Community Programs

TRANSPORT:

\$ 55,000 RTA Partly funded footpath construction (\$27,500)
\$ 30,000 Drainage improvements
\$ 208,000 K & G and Roundabouts (Partly funded contributions)
\$ 55,000 Footpath construction
\$1,234,000 Rural Roads Improvements (Including \$300,000 State funded Dark Corner Rd improvements / ACRD various roads / Roads to Recovery)
\$ 99,156 Urban Road Reseals
\$ 70,000 Urban Road Sealing

RECREATION:

\$ 20,000 Hermitage Site Design / feasibility study (Football / Senior cricket)
\$ 72,000 Sports fields improvements
\$ 68,000 Passive Recreation improvements
\$ 60,000 Swimming Centre improvements

OPERATIONS:

\$ 190,000 Fire control operations
\$ 900,000 Flood Mitigation (Partly grant funded)
\$ 677,100 Plant Replacement (Light and heavy vehicles)

BUILDING:

\$ 35,000 Admin Building
\$ 15,000 Civic ballroom
\$142,000 Crystal Theatre Upgrade (Grant funded)
\$ 20,000 Eskbank House (From Trust reserve)
\$ 85,000 Swimming Centre accessibility
\$ 7,500 TL Grandstand seating

PLANNING:

\$ 395,000 Planning studies eg LEP

ENVIRONMENTAL:

\$ 23,000 Hassans Walls improvements grade road (unsealed) and weed control

WASTE - ENVIRONMENTAL:

\$2,544,325 Blackmans Flat depot. Closure and fence current depots (Part loan funds)

WATER:

\$1,830,000 Improvements

WASTEWATER:

\$5,249,000 Improvements

LOANS

Loan borrowing will include \$2,150,000 (Waste Fund) for the Blackman's Flat Land fill site and Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) improvements at Lithgow and Wallerawang \$1,500,000 (Wastewater fund). No general, water loans are planned.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Legal Implications

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received and inclusions placed on exhibition with the Draft 2006-09 Management Plan

ITEM:14 CORP - 01/05/06 - DRAFT 2006-09 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR EXHIBITION

REFERENCE

2006-2009 Draft Management Plan workshops 9 March 2006 & 10 April 2006

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the finalised Draft 2006-2009 Management Plan and recommendation that it be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 2 May 2006.

COMMENTARY

The Draft 2006-2009 Management Plan has been finalised and is tabled for consideration.

It is recommended the plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 2 May 2006 and all interested parties invited to submit comments in writing by the close of the exhibition period at 4pm on the 30 May 2006. Council will give consideration to all submissions received prior to final adoption and implementation on 1 July 2006.

Copies will be available for viewing from all customer locations at:

Councils Administration Centre
180 Mort St Lithgow
Hours: 8.15am to 4.30pm

Lithgow Learning Centre
157 Main St
Lithgow NSW 2790

Wallerawang Library
Main St
Wallerawang NSW 2790

Portland Library
Williewa St
Portland NSW 2847

Council and the community would also benefit from community consultation workshops to be held in Lithgow, Wallerawang, Portland and Rydal during the week of the 15 May 2006. Dates and locations will be confirmed and advertised

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Legal Implications

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 2006-2009 Draft Management Plan be received and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 2 May 2006 until 4pm on the 30 May 2006

ITEM:15 CORP - 01/05/06 - 2005-06 MANAGEMENT PLAN MARCH REVIEW

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the projected financial position of the 2005/2006 Management Plan following the March Reviews.

REPORT

The March quarter review of Council's 2005/06 Financial Plan has been completed and projects a revised surplus of \$650,711. This is a major reversal of the original predicted deficit of \$94,500.

The two primary contributing items to the surplus are a savings of \$220,000 for the 05/06 Workers Compensation Premium and additional income for the Financial Assistance Grant of \$169,330.

The contributing surplus is further attributed to the effective utilisation of resources and purchasing which has achieved an additional saving. Should this trend continue the final result should be very pleasing.

With the implementation of AIFRS for the 2005/06 financial year infrastructure assets and the method and rates of depreciation will be reviewed. Depreciation will effect the final result on the Statement of Financial Performance and Council should bear this in mind with the current reviews.

Additional variations which contribute to the March result may be summarised as follows:

EXECUTIVE:

Workers Compensation Premium Decrease

Nett Effect: Saving of expenditure of \$220,000

Financial Assistance Grant

Nett Effect: Additional income of \$169,000

CENTROC Telecommunications Study

Report to the meeting of 1 May 2006

Nett Effect: Additional expenditure of \$4,121

Western Region Academy of Sport

Report to the meeting of 1 May 2006

Nett Effect: Additional expenditure of \$1,044

ENVIRONMENT / IT:

Marrangaroo Master Plan / Environmental Study

Implementation of Proclaim BA/DA RAMS module

Expenditure \$35,000

Nett Effect: Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Divisional Net Cost Summary

Program Net Cost Summary

Comparative Resource Summary.

Tabled at the meeting:

Program / Activity Report

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The information be received and Council acknowledge the revised surplus of \$650,111

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ITEM:16 ENG - 01/05/06 - MINUTES OF THE SPORTS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 24 APRIL 2006

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 24 April 2006.

COMMENTARY

At the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 24 April 2006, there were 10 items discussed by the Committee and it is considered that all these items be adopted by Council as per the Committee's recommendations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 24 April 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council adopt the recommendations of the Sports Advisory Committee for the meeting held on Monday, 24 April 2006.

ATTACHMENTS

**ITEM:16 ENG - 01/05/06 - MINUTES OF THE SPORTS ADVISORY
 COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 24 APRIL 2006**

PRESENT

Councillor Neville Castle (Chairman), Mr Neil Gambrill, Mr Russell Jeffery, Mrs Robyn Whitty, Mr Danny Whitty, Mr Glen Ryan, Mr Eric Arnold, Mrs Corinne Ogg, Mr Barry Dorrrough, Mr Michael Rushworth, Mr Malcolm Boyden, Mr Peter Bresac, Mr Mark Cronin, Mr Andrew Muir (Acting Manager Engineering Services), and Miss Leanne Kearney (Strategic Engineer).

APOLOGIES

Mr Ray Field, Mr Allan McGrath, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Bob Martin, Mrs Neryl Wood, Mr Clive Cawthorne (Manager Engineering Services), and Mr Terry Nolan (Recreation Supervisor).

REPORT

ITEM 1 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 27 March 2006 were read and confirmed.

The Committee recommends that the Minutes be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Eric Arnold enquired of the progress of Council supplying any plans for Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, and Leanne Kearney advised that to date, Council is unable to find any, however, are researching other avenues of producing the requested plans.
- Neil Gambrill enquired if the Strategic Planning Convenor would be addressing the Committee, and Neville Castle advised that he had spoken with the convenor and expressed the Committee's concerns regarding the future needs and requirements for open space and active recreation areas, and was advised that these concerns would be considered in the process of producing the strategic plan for the Lithgow Local Government Area.
- Neil Gambrill enquired of the progress with Hermitage Sporting Oval, and Neville Castle advised that Council has a budget allocation for a feasibility study to be conducted, however, no one has shown any interest in completing this study. Council has also had discussions with the Department of Corrective Services regarding the proposal to expand the current jail, and Council will be seeking a financial contribution from the Department if they wish to proceed, and this contribution will be utilised for the development of the Hermitage site for sporting facilities in trade for their development requiring the elimination of the current oval space at the jail. A further report on this project will be provided to the Committee when options for the Hermitage area are being considered, which will allow all sporting groups to have an input in the final use of the area.

- Neil Gambrill enquired if the Lithgow Sporting Hall of Fame representative will be addressing the Committee, and Neville advised that a letter was sent requesting the representative to contact the Mayor and General Manager to arrange a meeting, and then the results of this meeting will be reported to the Committee, however, no contact has been made to date. Neil raised concerns regarding this project proceeding, and then Council implementing the same project, and Russell Jeffery advised the Committee that he has been informed that Club Lithgow are proceeding with their project regardless of Council's support.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 4 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Financial assistance applications have been approved for the following applicants:

- Jordan Brodie (Swimming) – \$100.00 after being selected in the Regional Swimming Team to compete at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Championships.
- Tom Brodie (Swimming) - \$300.00 after being selected in the NSW CIS Secondary Swim Team to compete at the All Schools championships.
- Claire Rodgers (Swimming) - \$100.00 after being selected in the Central Tablelands Swimming Team to compete at the Brophy Championships in Canberra.

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Robyn Whitty

ITEM 5 – 2006 REG COWDEN MEMORIAL SPORTS STAR AWARDS

Junior Nominations for the month of March 2006 were received from the following:

- Jordan Brodie (Swimming) - selected in the Regional Swimming Team to compete at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Championships in the 50 metres Freestyle, 50 metres Butterfly, 50 metres Backstroke, 50 metres Breaststroke, and 200 metres Individual Medley.
- Samm Cluff (Athletics) - Regional representative at State Championship for 400 metre, 200 metre and 100 metre events.
- Simon Johnson (Athletics) - Regional representative at State Championship for 100 metre and 70 metre events, however, Simon is not a resident of the Lithgow Local Government Area, and is therefore not eligible for this award.
- Jenna Health (Athletics) - Regional representative at State Championship for Long Jump, 400 metre, 100 metre and 70 metre events.
- Tamika Bostock (Athletics) - Regional representative at State Championship for High Jump (previously the monthly award winner for February 2006, and is ineligible to win this month's award).
- Brittni Stoneley (Athletics) - Regional representative at State Championship for Triple Jump.
- Amelia Leard (Athletics) - Regional Representative at State Championship for High Jump.
- Natalie Sharp (Athletics) - Regional representative at State Championship for 8,000 metre, 1,500 metre and 800 metre events.
- Taylah Snow (Athletics) - Regional representative at State Championship for High Jump.

- Claire Rodgers (Swimming) – was the age champion for Lithgow High School, and competed at the Western Region High School Championships coming 1st in 100 metre freestyle and 100 metres backstroke, 2nd in 100 metre breaststroke, and 3rd in 50 metres freestyle. Claire also broke three Lithgow Swimming Club championship records for the 12 years girls events, and was selected in the Central Tablelands Swimming Team to compete at the Brophy Championships in Canberra.
- Tom Brodie (Swimming) – competed at the ISA Swimming Championships, coming 1st in the 50 metre butterfly, 50 metre freestyle, 50 metre backstroke, 50 metres breaststroke, and came first in the 100 metres freestyle breaking the championship record. Tom also competed at the NSWCISSC (Primary and Secondary Swimming and Diving Championships) and came 1st in the 50 metres breaststroke, 3rd in the 100 metres freestyle, 3rd in the 50 metres freestyle, and 3rd in 50 metres butterfly events. Based on these results, Tom was then selected in the NSW CIS Secondary Swim Team to compete at the All Schools championships.

The Committee selected Tom Brodie to be Junior Sports Star winner for the month of March 2006.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Matthew Writer
February	Tamika Bostock & Samuel Hourigan
March	Tom Brodie
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	

Senior Nominations for the month of March 2006 were received from the following:

- Paul Chadwick (Boxing) – competed in the Hamilton Boxing Tournament, and won the 67 kg division with a first round victory.
- David Palmer (Squash) – competed at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, and won a silver medal as well as 2 bronze medals.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Nil
February	Nil
March	David Palmer
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	

The Committee selected David Palmer to be Senior Sports Star winner for the month of March 2006.

The Committee recommends that the Junior Sports Star Award be awarded to Tom Brodie (Swimming) for the month of March 2006 that the Senior Sports Star Award be awarded to David Palmer (Squash) for the month of March 2006, and for merit certificates to be awarded to the other nominees.

MOVED: Corinne Ogg

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 6 – AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION'S CLUB DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Correspondence has been received from the Australian Sports Commission, advising of the Club Development Network, which is an important initiative aimed at helping the many thousands of sporting clubs through Australia.

The Club Development Network is a simple web-based programme that can support the development and management capacity of sporting clubs in the Lithgow Local Government Area.

It helps clubs by providing the following services:

- A simple online checklist allowing clubs to gauge how they are performing;
- A well resourced electronic library which allows clubs to access valuable information on various aspects of running a club. Resources range from a template for a strategic plan to a fact sheet on running a successful sausage sizzle;
- Regular e-news updates, and access to back issues, which deal with all aspects of running an effective club;
- Regular updates with information on club grants; and
- Eligibility to enter club e-news competitions to win great prizes.

Currently, over 7,000 clubs across more than 80 different sports are already making use of this free service, and some clubs in the Lithgow Local Government Area may already be members.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Australian Sports Commission on 1300 130 121, or visiting the web site at <http://www.ausport.gov.au/clubs>.

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Russell Jeffery

SECONDED: Mark Cronin

ITEM 7 – LITHGOW DISTRICT SOCCER INC – VARIOUS REQUESTS

Correspondence has been received from the Lithgow District Soccer Inc., requesting Council to provide a quotation for the extension of the carpark at Marjorie Jackson Oval (allowing the Association to apply for a financial assistance grant through the Mitchell District Soccer Association), additional keys to the change rooms for the referees and secretary of the Association, permission to lease the Marjorie Jackson Sporting Complex between 1 April 2006 and 31 October 2006, and thanking Maurie Weekes and his staff for their assistance with the goal posts and quick response regarding their safety concerns in relation to the Number 1 Field.

The carpark is in dire need of extending due to the number of cars currently utilising the area during competition, with the proposal to extend the carpark to the outer edge of the building in line with the roller door. There is a desperate need for the carpark to have a hotmix seals, as at present, the tiny rocks that cover the car parking area are finding their way into boots and being walked through the club room facilities, resulting in this area becoming muddy and slippery in wet weather, with the rocks also tending to fly up an damage parked cars in this area.

The referees have been relocated into a freshly painted area in the change rooms, and an additional key is required to allow the president of the referees to have access to this area. The secretary of the Association also does not have a set of key enabling access, and the Association are requesting Council to provide them with two (2) keys for these representatives.

The Association are requesting permission to lease the Marjorie Jackson Complex for preseason training from 6 February 2006, subject to negotiation with the Lithgow District Cricket Association, and for competition between 1 April 2006 and 31 October 2006. No further information regarding exact dates for training or competition have been provided.

All sporting organisations have previously been advised of the accepted season commencement and conclusion dates, with the winter season being accepted as being between 1 April and the October long Weekend every year, and summer sports being between the start of October and the end of March the following year.

This booking does not conflict with any previously approved requests.

The Committee recommends that

1. Council's Works Engineer and Acting Manager Engineering Services liaise with the Lithgow District Soccer Inc regarding the proposal for extension of the carpark and associated hotmixing request;
2. Council's Health and Building Manager issue two (2) additional keys for the Club room to the Lithgow District Soccer Inc; and
3. Permission be granted to the Lithgow District Soccer Inc to use Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow between 1 April 2006 and 1 October 2006 to conduct weekday training and weekend competition, subject to completion and returning of Council's Sporting Field / Parks Booking Request form.

MOVED: Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 8 – WALLERAWANG JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB – BOOKING REQUEST – WALLERAWANG OVAL, WALLERAWANG

Correspondence has been received from the Wallerawang Junior Soccer Club requesting permission to use Wallerawang Oval, Wallerawang on weekdays between 4.00pm and 8.30pm to conduct training.

This booking does not conflict with any previously approved requests, however it was noted that the Wallerawang Warriors RLFC are utilising the grounds for training and competition, but have not sought permission from Council to do so.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Wallerawang Junior Soccer Club to use Wallerawang Oval, Wallerawang between 1 April 2006 and 1 October 2006 to conduct weekday training subject to completion and returning of Council's Sporting Field / Parks Booking Request form.

MOVED: Corinne Ogg

SECONDED: Malcolm Boyden

ITEM 9 – PORTLAND COLTS RLFC – BOOKING REQUEST – KREMER PARK, PORTLAND

Correspondence has been received from the Portland Colts RLFC requesting permission to use Kremer Park, Portland for weekday training and weekend competition for the 2006 Mid West Rugby League Season.

Home games will principally be held on Sundays, and training is proposed for Tuesday and Thursdays.

This booking does not conflict with any previously approved requests (other than the standing booking by the Portland Owners and Trainers Association), however it was noted that the Portland Junior Football Club are utilising the grounds for training and competition, but have not sought permission from Council to do so.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Portland Colts RLFC to use Kremer Park, Portland between 1 April 2006 and 30 September 2006 to conduct weekday training and home games subject to completion and returning of Council's Sporting Field / Parks Booking Request form.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 10 - GENERAL BUSINESS

- Neville Castle advised that he and Councillor Wayne McAndrew were advised of damage to Number 1 Field at Tony Luchetti Sportsground after the Lithgow Show, and upon inspection, Council staff had already commenced topdressing and reseeding of this area. Neville and Councillor McAndrew spoke to the Ironfest Organisers, and ensured that the jousting competition was not conducted on this area.
- Peter Bresac advised that Council has still not undertaken any works on the bare patch on the mini league field, and that the field also requires watering.
- Michael Rushworth enquired if it would be possible for Council to temporarily relocate Number 1 field approximately 20 metres infield to allow this area to regrow satisfactorily. Peter Bresac advised that this shouldn't interfere with the juniors as long as there is still enough room on Number 2 field for them to conduct their junior competitions. Council's Acting Manager Engineering Services, Mr Andrew Muir will investigate this with Council's Head Groundsman.
- Michael Rushworth advised that on Thursday evening when the Workmen's Club RLFC arrived for training they noticed that a vehicle had been driven on Number 1 field, in particular, through the wet section of the field.
- Neville Castle advised that the Sports Advisory Committee had previously agreed to trial a security system at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, and due to recent increases in insurance claims for this venue, Council will shortly implement this system. Council will contact each approved user and advise them of the new method of securing the facility. Council is also proposing to fence the skate park to allow use when Tony Luchetti Sportsground is in use by other events. Neville Castle advised the Committee that Council is also currently looking at installing another skate park facility in the Endeavour Park area, which can be utilised by residents in the newer developments in the South Bowenfels area, and at this stage, options are still available for relocating the current skate park and integrating it with the new area, keeping in mind the lack of public support regarding location of skate parks in the vicinity of residential areas, as supported when Council first investigated numerous locations for the original skate park.
- Michael Rushworth advised that in the last month, the Police presence at Tony Luchetti Sportsground has increased, and this has made a considerable reduction in the bad behaviour previously being displayed by drivers around the skate park area, and Neville Castle advised he will be meeting with the Police later this week, and will advise them of this result and request for the patrols to continue.
- Neil Gambrill advised that he was disappointed that the Sports Advisory Committee were not consulted with regard to the possibility of charging sporting bodies for use of Council facilities, and that the Committee seemed to be bypassed in regard to this issue. Neville Castle advised that if Council agreed to the principal of charging sporting bodies, a report would have been presented to the Committee for input prior to Council finalising any charges and conditions. Noting that Council resolved to reject the proposed fees and charges, Neville advised the Committee that Council did resolve to liaise with sporting agencies to determine the future sporting needs of the community, and the level of

contribution these agencies would be able to make towards improving the current facilities or constructing new facilities, and that Council needs to consider the current levels of criticism regarding the standards of its facilities in relation to the costs of maintaining these assets. Neville further noted that Lithgow Council heavily subsidises sports within the Lithgow Local Government Area (in particular junior sport) in an effort to increase active participation in sport and to lessen the impact on the health system within the area.

- Eric Arnold reminded Council of a number of bookings of the Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval for upcoming school carnivals.
- Leanne Kearney advised that the Lithgow Bears RLFC will be conducting their home game on Saturday night commencing at 6.00pm, as there is no other sport in town this weekend, and the Bears are trying to attract more spectators to this event.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Mark Cronin

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council adopt the recommendations of the Sports Advisory Committee for the meeting held on Monday, 24 April 2006 and the following:

- Item 5: The Committee recommends that the Junior Sports Star Award be awarded to Tom Brodie (Swimming) for the month of March 2006 that the Senior Sports Star Award be awarded to David Palmer (Squash) for the month of March 2006, and for merit certificates to be awarded to the other nominees.
- Item 7: a) Council's Works Engineer and Acting Manager Engineering Services liaise with the Lithgow District Soccer Inc regarding the proposal for extension of the carpark and associated hotmixing request;
b) Council's Health and Building Manager issue two (2) additional keys for the Club room to the Lithgow District Soccer Inc; and
c) Permission be granted to the Lithgow District Soccer Inc to use Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow between 1 April 2006 and 1 October 2006 to conduct weekday training and weekend competition, subject to completion and returning of Council's Sporting Field / Parks Booking Request form.
- Item 8: The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Wallerawang Junior Soccer Club to use Wallerawang Oval, Wallerawang between 1 April 2006 and 1 October 2006 to conduct weekday training subject to completion and returning of Council's Sporting Field / Parks Booking Request form.
- Item 9: The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Portland Colts RLFC to use Kremer Park, Portland between 1 April 2006 and 30 September 2006 to conduct weekday training and home games subject to completion and returning of Council's Sporting Field / Parks Booking Request form.