



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

03 OCTOBER 2006

AT 7.00pm

AGENDA

PRESENT

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

PRESENTATIONS - NIL

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2006**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

NOTICES OF RESCISSION - NIL

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Regional Services Reports
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REPORTS FROM DELEGATES - NIL

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sports Advisory Committee

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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REGIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:1 REG - 03/10/06 - MAIN STREET AWNINGS

REPORT FROM: DEVELOPMENT MANAGER – J NICHOLS

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on commercial awning upgrades following a question without notice at Council's Ordinary Meeting of 21 August 2006 from Councillor M J Wilson.

COMMENTARY

Council has an ongoing program requiring improvements to awnings in the Main Streets of Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland CBDs. This was in response to an awning collapse in Bathurst some years ago and advice from the Department of Local Government.

Repairs have been carried out to the majority of the awnings identified at risk from structural investigation carried out by Council. There are some awnings that require further works including minor repairs necessary due to damage from large vehicles and these are being assessed and appropriate action taken as required. Councillor Wilson has provided a list of those awnings he considers may require attention and these will be investigated.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council can take further action under its Orders powers if necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be noted and Council further note the ongoing investigations and appropriate action be required.

ITEM:2 REG - 03/10/06 - PAINTING VALE OF CLWYDD HALL

REPORT FROM: DEVELOPMENT MANAGER – J NICHOLS

SUMMARY

Report on a question without notice from Councillor MJ Wilson at Council's Ordinary Meeting of 21 August 2006 requesting that consideration be given to painting the Vale of Clwydd Hall.

COMMENTARY

Following a question without notice from Councillor MJ Wilson requesting that consideration be given to painting the Vale of Clwydd Hall an inspection of the hall was undertaken on 6 September 2006. This inspection revealed that internal painting is not required and the external painting is in good order except for some minor repairs and flaking paint. This work can be carried out as part of Council's recurrent maintenance program.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No funds have been allocated to paint the hall but the minor improvements can be carried out from within the public halls recurrent maintenance budget.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the minor improvements necessary to the Vale of Clwydd Hall will be carried out and funded from the Public Halls recurrent maintenance budget.

**ITEM:3 REG - 03/10/2006 - UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL -
WEEDS REPORT - JULY 2006**

**REPORT FROM: ACTING GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES – ANDREW
MUIR**

SUMMARY

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

COMMENTARY

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. The Chief Weeds Officer's reports for July 2006. (HARDCOPY)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

**ITEM:4 REG - 03/10/2006 - UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL -
WEEDS REPORT - AUGUST 2006**

**REPORT FROM: ACTING GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES – ANDREW
MUIR**

SUMMARY

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

COMMENTARY

Attached are the reports from the Chief Weeds Officer of Upper Macquarie County Council for August 2006

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. The Chief Weeds Officer's reports for August 2006. (HARDCOPY)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Information be received.

ITEM:5 REG - 03/10/06 ALLEGED ILLEGAL HELICOPTER ACTIVITY

REPORT FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, G WALLACE

SUMMARY

To provide an update following a question without notice from Councillor Collins in relation to correspondence from a Capertee resident pertaining to alleged illegal helicopter activity in and around Capertee.

COMMENTARY

Previously, Council resolved to refuse Development Application 22/05, which pertained to the establishment of a heliport and associated activities on land described as 4675 Castlereagh Highway, Capertee. Over recent months Council has received various letters from concerned residents indicating that illegal helicopter flights were being undertaken over Capertee and the Capertee Valley. Council investigated the claims by corresponding with the unsuccessful development proponent in relation to DA 22/05.

In correspondence received from the proponent of DA 22/05 it has been indicated that joyflight activity over the Capertee Valley was being undertaken, however at no point is this being undertaken from the site that related to that application but rather from Mudgee Airport. The proprietor has indicated that he flies from his land to the airport where joyflight operations occur and then flies to his premises after his work has ceased. At no time is this activity being undertaken from his land.

The use of the site for the private use of a helicopter to provide transport to another site where a 'joy flights' business is conducted is considered to be incidental to the established use of the land similar to a situation a taxi driver transports his taxi from his home to the taxi rank. Issues concerning the intermittent or temporary use of a landing site would be the responsibility of the user and the regulations that are in place relating to the activity. The use of a helicopter for private use is not restricted by take offs or landings. The private use of a helicopter is considered a 'mode of transport' and hence is not confined to maximum numbers of take-offs and landings or to numbers being transported. Additionally, the safety for the landing and take off is self-regulated. Responsibility is with the pilot of the aircraft, rather than Council as a land use authority.

In summary, it is considered that no commercial helicopter activity is occurring from the site which was the subject of DA 22/05. However, Council has forwarded correspondence to the landowner re-iterating his obligations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The only legal implications arising from Council's investigations would occur if it was found that a property within the Lithgow Local Government Area was being used without the required consent. In this case it appears that any commercial joy flights are emanating from another Local Government Area.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

**ITEM:6 REG - 03/10/06 PINE DALE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
 COMMITTEE REQUEST - SET TOP BOXES**

REPORT FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER – G WALLACE

SUMMARY

This report outlines a request from a member of the Pine Dale Community Consultative Committee to use funds, collected through Section 94 Coal Related Development contributions, by approval of Development Application 461/04 for the purchase of set top digital television boxes for landowners within the vicinity of the Pine Dale Mine.

COMMENTARY

Previously Council approved Development Application 461/04, being the establishment of the Pine Dale Open Cut Coal Mine. As part of this approval Section 94 contributions for coal related development were received. Additionally, as part of the approval a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was required to be formed.

The committee is in receipt of a request from the community within Blackmans Flat and View Street area to assist in using the collected funds to improve television reception around the development. The committee received a report outlining television reception in the Blackmans Flat and View Street precinct around the Pine Dale Mine. The report indicates;

The analogue system of broadcasting is currently being phased out with the introduction of the digital system. Digital reception is now being broadcast from the Garland Hill translator at Portland. This signal can be picked up in Blackmans Flat and View Street. The signal strength varies from about 55% in Blackmans Flat to around 75% towards View Street, with a small amount of breakdown in the signal.

With the help of a local retailer an adequate digital set top box (designed with a super sensitive tuner for fringe areas) would fit the needs of the community in this area and allow the quality of television reception to dramatically improve.

A quote has been submitted indicating that the reduced price of these set top boxes (due to bulk buy) would be \$120 per box.

It is considered that the purchase of these boxes out of funds collected from Section 94 Coal Related Development monies for the Pine Dale mine does not adequately address the scope and application of the plan which include;

- *Sub-arterial and local roads*
- *Urban drainage*
- *Open space and recreational facilities*
- *Human services and facilities*
- *Land for housing*

Further, the purchase of set top boxes does not help the ongoing community of Blackmans Flat or View Street, given that if a landowner were to move away from the area, the set top box would be removed from the dwelling in the move. Complications may also arise over who may be entitled to access the set top boxes.

It is considered that giving priority to the purchase of set top boxes for the area surrounding the development does not adequately address the provisions outlined in Council's Section 94 Coal Related Development Plan. The need to re-establish local parklands would be seen as a more appropriate use of funds collected from the Section 94 Coal Related Development Plan.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

It is considered that the request does not conform to the scope of the contributions plan as outlined in the commentary.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the request were to be approved the cost would be approximately \$4800.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act relates to local infrastructure contributions in relation to amenities and services. The purchase of equipment to be installed in private residences may be considered to fall outside the scope and intent of section 94.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council resolve to decline the recommendation to the Pine Dale Community Consultative Committee to install set top boxes in residences surrounding the Pine Dale Open Cut Mine, indicating that:
 - the request does not comply with the requirements set out in Council's Section 94 Plan for Coal Related Development
 - approving the request may be outside the scope and intent of Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.
2. That Council indicate to the Pine Dale Community Consultative Committee that it will make representations to the relevant telecommunication authority seeking their assistance in relation to the issues raised.

ITEM:7 REG - 03/10/06 - LITHGOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER USAGE

REPORT FROM: Strategic Engineer – L. Kearney

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

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

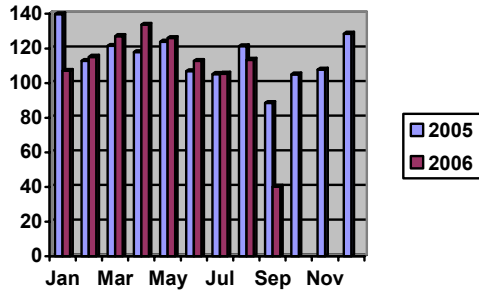
COMMENTARY

Lithgow Local Government Area Water Usage, including use from Farmers Creek Dam and Fish River Water Supply. It should be noted that Council's maximum annual allocation of water from the Fish River Water Supply is 2,092 megalitres, and to date, Council has utilised 653 megalitres of water from this supply, equating to approximately 31% of its annual allocation.

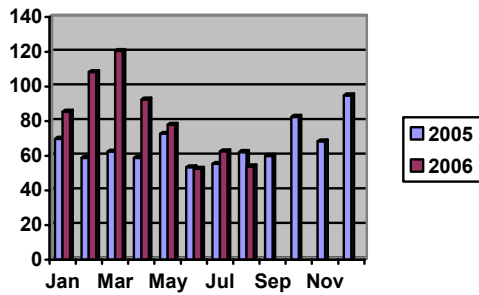
	2005			2006		
	Farmers Creek Dam (ML)	Fish River Water Supply (ML)	Total (ML)	Farmers Creek Dam (ML)	Fish River Water Supply (ML)	Total (ML)
January	139.745	69.753	209.498	107.086	85.456	192.542
February	112.835	58.864	171.699	115.126	108.236	223.362
March	121.438	62.414	183.852	127.115	120.423	247.538
April	117.836	58.763	176.599	133.557	92.345	225.902
May	123.884	72.694	196.578	125.966	77.810	203.776
June	106.872	53.392	160.264	112.814	52.381	165.195
July	105.235	55.289	160.524	105.382	62.530	167.912
August	121.397	62.105	183.484	113.398	53.792	144.012
September	88.470	59.817	148.287	40.084*		40.084*
October	104.953	82.421	187.374			
November	107.772	68.302	176.074			
December	128.566	94.874	223.440			
TOTAL (ML)	1,379.003	798.688	2,177.691	980.5284*	652.973	1,610.323*

*Usage to 11 September 2006

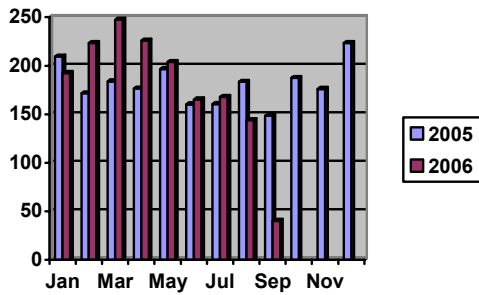
Farmers Creek Dam Usage (ML)



Fish River Water Supply Usage (ML)



Total Water Consumption in Lithgow LGA (ML)



Farmers Creek Dam is currently at 97.9% of its full capacity and Oberon Dam is currently at 36.25% of its full capacity.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

ITEM:8 REG - 03/10/06 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

REPORT FROM: ACTING GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES - ANDREW MUIR

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 4 September 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
300/06DA	12/09/06	FACTORY SHEDS	LOT 20 MAIN STREET, WALLERAWANG
301/06DA	18/09/06	ROADSIDE STALL	52 BONNY HILLS DRIVE, LITTLE HARTLEY
302/06DA	18/09/06	SUBSTATION	MT PIPER STATION – BOULDER RD, PORTLAND
321/06DACC	06/09/06	ADVERTISING SIGN	41 MAGPIE HOLLOW RD, STH BOWENFELS
326/06DACC	07/09/06	3 FLAGPOLES	"QUOTA PARK" GREAT WESTERN HWY, LITHGOW

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 2006/07 Recurrent Budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received

ITEM:9 REG - 03/10/06 - DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS

REPORT FROM: ACTING GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES - ANDREW MUIR

COMMENTARY

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.

Appl/Proc ID	Property Owners	Property Address	Description	Total Target Days
290/06DACC	MS EA WILSON	20 Cupro St Lithgow NSW 2790	Garage	22
286/06DACC	MR MM MOORE	Main St Lithgow NSW 2790	Timber post to awning	33
301/06DACC	MR TR PIEPER & MRS R PIEPER	19 Malvern St Lithgow NSW 2790	Dwelling Additions	24
289/06DACC	ADI LIMITED	Methven St Lithgow NSW 2790	Shed	23
305/06DACC	MR SG MURDOCH & MRS CM MURDOCH	41 Stewart St Lithgow NSW 2790	Dwelling Alterations	18
297/06DACC	MR NL CASTLE & MRS WC CASTLE	3 RIDGE STREET PORTLAND NSW 2847	Patio enclosure	25
315/06DACC	MR KS MAY	51 View St Lidsdale NSW 2790	Garage	3
298/06DACC	MR RM GRANT & MRS JM GRANT	49 Gemalong Close Marrangaro NSW 2790	Shed/Garage	24
318/06DACC	MR TD BLYTH	17 Bathurst St Wallerawang NSW 2845	Dwelling additions	14
292/06DACC	MRS J HOOPER & MS DM HOOPER	103 Reserve Rd Marrangaroo NSW 2790	Patio Cover and Screen Enclosure	27
294/06DA	MR PR STAMFORD	Railway St Capertee NSW 2846	Shed	14
291/06DACC	MR CB MCDONALD & MS NP ELMS	454 McKanes Falls Rd Sth Bowenfels NSW 2790	Patio	28
287/06DA	MR AD TRICKETT	Dark Corner Rd Palmers Oakey NSW 2790	Boundary Adjustment	21
317/06DACC	MR GM GUEST & MRS DT GUEST	2 Bursaria Pl Bowenfels NSW 2790	Patio Cover	7
316/06DACC	MR AB BROWN & MRS M BROWN	2 Sidey Pl Wallerawang NSW 2845	Patio Cover	7
288/06DA	MR NW GORRELL	Watervale & Emu Swamp 830 Genowlan Rd Glen Alice NSW 2849	Dwelling	31
296/06DA	DELTA ELECTRICITY	Wallerawang Power Station, Wallerawang NSW 2845	Boundary Adjustments	18
302/06DACC	MR M GURNEY & MRS KL GURNEY	10 Hillcrest Ave Lithgow NSW 2790	Dwelling	22
251/06	EM KELLY	Great Western Highway Hartley	DEMOLITION OF DWELLING	35

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178/06	THOMPAN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	270 Sandalls Drive Rydal	BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT	33
142/06	BLACKHEATH PROPERTY HOLDINGS PTY LTD	41 Lithgow St Lithgow	DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SERVICE STATION	104
188/06	VAN DER VELDEN BUILDERS	Sidy PI Wallerawang	12 ADAPTABLE TOWNHOUSES	1
234/06	GT & KK HOLMES	27 Henderson PI Lithgow	DWELLING	7
278/06	PORTLAND RSL SPORT & REC CLUB LTD	10 Wolgan St Portland	ADDITION	18
211/06	JE SCOTT	107 Mead St Meadow Flat	DWELLING	40
189/06	R & A WHYTE	3086 Great Western Hwy Sth Bowenfels	DWELLING	48
279/06	M & V CHAPMAN	3 Bandamora St Capertee	SHED & CARPORT	9
198/06	GH & AG GILLIES	LOT 201, Fairview Dr Sth Bowenfels	STORAGE SHED	8
183/06	KANN FINCH GROUP (ADI LIMITED)	Methven St Lithgow	DEMOLITION OF 2 – SINGLE STOREY BUILDINGS	106
149/06	METROMIX	122 Oakey Forest Rd Marrangaroo	ADDITION TO WORKSHOP/SHED	40
184/06	H BOHANE	Rydal/Sodwalls/Tarana Rd, Sodwalls	TRANSPORTABLE DWELLING	46
269/06	PATRICIA EVANS	146 Main St Lithgow	SHOP FITOUT (HAIRDRESSER)	21
283/06	J & K NEILSON	4 Robertson St Lithgow	DWELLING	8
265/06	RESITECH	Thompson St Bowenfels	DEMOLITION OF 5 BED-SIT UNITS	22
218/06	HANSON CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL	Cnr Inch & Donald St Lithgow	DEMOLITION & CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SHED	34
180/06	A & B SCHINDLER & M KEARNS	Brewery Lane, Oakey Park Lithgow,	SHED	42
248/06	G MONAGHAN	540 Mardens Swamp Rd, Lowther	DWELLING & SHED	38

Estimated Cost:	\$3,521,041
Average Approval Time	28 days
Total Cost of Approvals from 1/01/06	\$21,244,178
No. of Applications from 1/01/2006	333

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received

ITEM:10 REG - 03/10/06 - JACKSON FLATS

REPORT FROM: DEVELOPMENT MANAGER - J.NICHOLS

REFERENCE

Question Without Notice Councillor BP Morrissey 4/09/06.

SUMMARY

To advise Council of action taken by the NSW Department of Housing to address concerns about fire safety at the Jackson Flats in Main Street, Lithgow.

COMMENTARY

At Council's Finance and Services Committee Meeting of 4 September 2006 Councillor BP Morrissey asked for a report on a possible fire escape at Jackson flats following concerns from residents. Council would be aware that a fire occurred in a unit in the Jackson Flats on 12 September 2006. A person was hospitalised and residents were evacuated.

The NSW Department of Housing had previously advised of a fire safety program which included all Housing stock in the Lithgow Local Government area including all walk up units. The Department were contacted to determine if an investigation had been carried out to determine if Jackson Flats had been assessed for fire safety and if fire safety upgrading works were necessary. The building is owned by the Crown and standard procedure is for negotiation to occur before Council would proceed to issue orders if necessary.

The Department of Housing immediately responded to Council's concerns. They advised that a detailed fire engineering investigation had been carried out of the building and a number of similar buildings it owned throughout NSW prior to the fire.

This investigation had revealed that generally the building had an adequate level of fire safety and that there was no requirement under the Building Code of Australia to have any additional fire stairs installed. The building is fitted with an integrated fire detection system to provide early warning to residents and the single fire stair meets the requirements of the Code.

Work that is required on the building includes additional fire compartmentation between units to prevent the spread of fire, and smoke seals to the solid core entry doors into each unit. This work is programmed to be completed by 14 December 2006, but it is anticipated that it will be finished well before then as the contractor has been engaged and is ready to commence.

The NSW Department of Housing will be installing notices in each unit for procedures to be followed during an evacuation. They request Council's assistance in holding a residents education forum on fire safety through attendance of Council staff and use of the Council Chambers for the presentation.

During the fire NSW Department of Housing representatives were in attendance on the site and advised that the alarm system worked effectively and the fire systems in place allowed for safe evacuation of the building. The additional fire safety measures have been engineered to compliment the existing system and provide a safe building to residents. The Department has carried out a detailed risk analysis on all its similar buildings in NSW to ensure that this occurs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council could service notices and orders if the NSW Department of Housing had not addressed the issue.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from the NSW Department of Housing

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be noted

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:11 COMM - 03/10/06 - COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AUGUST 2006

REPORT FROM: INTERNAL SERVICES MANAGER - CAROL FARNSWORTH

REFERENCE

Min: Finance & Services Committee meeting of 5 June 2006 (May 2006)
 Min: Ordinary Council meeting of 17 July 2006 (June 2006)
 Min: Finance & Services Committee of 7 August 2006 (July 2006)

SUMMARY

To advise Council of 2006/07 investments held for the period ending 31 August 2006.

COMMENTARY

The amount invested as at 31 August 2006 when compared to 31 July 2006 has increased by \$2,803,287.93. This is due to the payment of the first instalment of the 2006/07 financial Assistance Grant on the 17 August 2006 and income being received for the first instalment of the 2006/07 rating year due 31 August 2006.

INVESTMENT REGISTER 2006/07								
INSTITUTION	INV TYPE	DATE LODGED	DATE DUE	DAYS	INT	VALUE 30.07.06	VALUE 31.08.06	% OF TOTAL
ANZ	TD	27.06.06	27.09.06	92	6.02	537,308.07	537,308.07	4.70%
CBA	SHIELD	04.12.04	04.12.06	730	6.75	600,000.00	600,000.00	5.25%
	On Call				5.95	121,804.29	1,187,090.07	10.39%
	Ethical	20.06.06	20.06.11	1825	6.85	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.38%
CITIBANK	TD	17.06.06	19.09.06	92	6.07	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.38%
	TD	27.08.06	30.10.06	63	6.22	0.00	500,000.00	4.38%
LG FINANCIAL	TD	14.08.06	14.11.06	92	6.27	1,154,729.70	1,166,282.69	10.21%
	TD	29.08.06	06.12.06	93	6.30	764,613.78	772,445.52	6.76%
	TD	01.08.06	29.11.06	90	6.32	590,165.10	500,000.00	4.38%
IMBS	On Call				5.75	4,940.52	4,964.74	0.04%
	TD	10.07.06	11.09.06	63	6.02	529,883.56	529,883.56	4.64%
	TD	03.06.06	04.09.06	91	6.02	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	8.75%
	TD	28.06.06	29.06.07	364	6.41	450,000.00	450,000.00	3.94%
	TD	21.08.06	21.11.06	90	6.28	0.00	250,000.00	2.19%
ALLIANCE	Managed	01.04.02	28.02.07	365		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	8.75%
ST GEORGE	TD	17.08.06	07.01.07	153	6.01	0.00	250,000.00	2.19%
	TD	08.08.06	09.11.06	62	6.13	500,000.00	505,137.53	4.42%
	TD	17.08.06	17.11.06	92	6.19	0.00	800,000.00	7.00%
	TD	25.08.06	24.10.06	60	6.13	368,334.12	371,954.89	3.26%
			TOTAL			8,621,779.14	11,425,067.07	100.00%

I, Carol G Farnsworth, Lithgow City Council Manager Internal Services (Responsible Accounting Officer) certify as required under Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, that Council's investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Regulations and Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy.

Policy Implications

All Council's investments are held in accordance with Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy.

Financial Implications

Investment income to date, 31 August 2006 totals \$102,880.05. Interest is paid on the maturity date of the investment and managed funds report earnings quarterly.

Legal Implications

Investments are held in accordance with the Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy which accords with the requirements of the:

- Local Government Act 1993 - Section 625
- Local Government Act 1993 - Order (of Minister) dated 17 March 2000
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997- Section 14A(2), 14c(1) & (2)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council's 2006/07 investments for the period ending 31 August 2006 be received.

ITEM:12 COMM - 03/10/06 - CREDIT CARD USAGE JULY 2006

REPORT FROM: INTERNAL SERVICES MANAGER - CAROL FARNSWORTH

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

To advise Council of transactions made for expenses by Council's Credit Card holders.

COMMENTARY

In accordance with Department of Local Government Circular 06-57 dated 5 September 2006 the following advice is provided for purchases made by designated officers using Council's Credit Card from the 1 July 2006 to 31 July 2006.

All reconciliations have been provided by each officer and authorised in accordance with 'Council Credit Card Policies and Procedures'.

DESIGNATED POSITION	DATE	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
Mayor		No Transactions	
General Manager	18.07.06	Qantas (To be Reimbursed Regional Arts Australia)	247.40
	18.07.06	Jetstar (To be Reimbursed Regional Arts Australia)	172.00
	29.07.06	Mullaley Roadhouse (Mining Related Councils)	32.01
Group Manager Regional Services		No Transactions	
Group Manager Community & Corporate	31.07.06	Annual Card Charge	13.33
Internal Services Manager		No Transactions	
TOTAL CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS JULY 2006			464.74

Financial Aspects

Expenditure allocations as per 2006/07 Management Plan

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be noted.

ITEM:13 COMM - 03/10/06 - SEC 356 DONATIONS TO 11/09/06

REPORT FROM: INTERNAL SERVICES MANAGER - CAROL FARNSWORTH

REFERENCE

- Min 06-162: Finance and Services Committee 5 June 2006
- Min 06-183: Ordinary Council 19 June 2006 - adoption of the 2006/09 Management Plan
- Min 06-229: Finance and Services Committee 7 August 2006
- Min 06-292: Finance and Services Committee 4 September 2006

SUMMARY

To advise Council of payments allocated in 2006/07 from Local Government Act Section 356 donations which have been approved by Council resolution or as previously approved through the process to adopt the Management Plan for 2006/07 and to further seek Council consideration for current requests.

COMMENTARY

Council allocated \$20,000 in the 2006/09 Management Plan for donations approved under Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

As at 11 September 2006 the following payments have been made:

DATE	ORGANISATION	ASSISTANCE	AMOUNT
Management Plan Allocation 2006-07			\$20,000.00
24.07.06	GLATSIC Naidoc Week	Cont :Min 06-162	500.00
04.08.06	Lithgow High School	Presentation Day : Policy	50.00
07.08.06	Bicentennial National Trail	Refund DA Fees: Min 06-229	261.95
04.09.06	Lith Country Women's Assoc	General Rate Component Min 06-229	417.21
04.09.06	Wang Country Women's Assoc	General Rate Component Min 06-229	408.69
04.09.06	Portland Dist Motor Sports	Sponsorship (Following Advertising) Min 06-229	60.00
04.09.06	Lithgow & District Poultry Club	Sponsorship Min 06-229	300.00
04.09.06	Lithgow Golf	Sponsorship (Following Advertising) Min 06-292	1,000.00
04.09.06	Crystal Theatre Com Cinema	Sponsorship (Following Advertising) Min 06-292	500.00
04.09.06	Lithgow Greyhound Club	Sponsorship (Following Advertising) Min 06-292	4,350.00
Total: Sec 356 Donations to 11 September 2006			\$7,847.85
2006-07 Allocation Remaining			<u>\$12,152.15</u>

Council is in receipt of the following requests for assistance and determination is required:

1. Mitchell Conservatorium Inc requested \$275.00
 Scholarships for local students
 Recommended donation of \$275.00 following required advertising

2. Pied Piper Preschool Assoc Inc requested \$100.00
Assistance with equipment purchase
Recommended donation of \$50.00 following required advertising in accordance with Policy guidelines for assistance to schools.

Public Consultation

Advertising to be conducted for any donations to businesses as per Local Government Act requirements in Section 356.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Donations of \$7,847.85 have been made as at 11 September 2006, from \$20,000 allocated in the 2006/09 Management Plan. \$12,152.15 remains unallocated.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council note donations of \$7,847.85 have been made under Section 356 to 11 September 2006 arising from previous resolutions or as indicated in the Council's Management Plan or Donations Policy
2. Following appropriate advertising for donations, Council grant funds from Donations allocation as follows:

ITEM	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
1)	Mitchell Conservatorium	\$275.00
2)	Pied Piper Preschool Wallerawang	\$50.00
	TOTAL	\$325.00

**ITEM:14 COMM - 03/10/06 - LEASE OF LOTS 17 & 18 SEC 1 VALE ST
 PORTLAND TO BLINKY BILL CHILDCARE**

REPORT FROM: INTERNAL SERVICES MANAGER - CAROL FARNSWORTH

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

Council consideration to enter into a lease with Blinky Bill Child Care Portland for Lots 17 & 18 Sec 1 Vale St Portland.

COMMENTARY

Crown Reserve 71140, Lots 17 & 18 Sec 1 Vale St Portland were gazetted as a 'Baby Clinic' on the 28 January 1944 and 02 November 1945 respectively. The Government Gazette of the 07 May 1999 notes Lithgow City Council as the Trust Manager.

The premises are currently used by 'Blinky Bill Child Care' Portland and as part of their accreditation requirements a formal lease must be entered into with Council. Contact has been made with the Department of Lands and approval has been provided to enter into a lease providing the following conditions are met:

- Lithgow City Council to send Department of Lands a draft copy of the lease for approval
- A lease beyond 5 years requires Department of Lands to advertise the property which will invite any objections / issues to be lodged with the Department within 14 days.
- All parties to sign the lease and a copy forwarded to the Department of Lands

As stated the land belongs to the Crown and the structure was built by Blinky Bill Childcare.

PROPOSED DETAILS OF A LEASE:

- Commencing Date: 1 October 2006
- Terminating Date: 29 September 2009
- Term of lease: 3 years
- Further option: 3 years x 3 years
- Annual Rental: \$1 + Equivalent of all land charges rates, water, sewerage, garbage, trade waste and all property outgoings

A similar situation occurs with the adjoining block, Lot 19 Sec 1 Vale St Portland which was dedicated as a Fire Station on the 5 December 1952. The property is used by Blinky Bill for their operations but due to the vesting nature of the reserve Ministers approval is being sought by the Department of Lands for a change in use prior to Council entering into a lease.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil impact on Council's Management Plan

Legal Implications

Execution of a lease for Lots 17 & 18 Sec 1 Vale St Portland

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council affix the Common Seal to a lease with Blinky Bill Child Care for Crown Reserve 71140, Lots 17 & 18 Sec 1 Vale Rd Portland for the period 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2009.
2. Annual rental to be the equivalent of all land charges rates, water, sewerage, garbage, trade waste and all property outgoings.
3. Council provide all necessary documentation to the Department of Lands as detailed in the report.

ITEM:15 COMM - 03/10/06 - STATECOVER MUTUAL LIMITED NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

REPORT FROM: INTERNAL SERVICES MANAGER - CAROL FARNSWORTH

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

To advise Council of nominations being sought by State Cover Mutual Ltd for Directors.

COMMENTARY

The Constitution of State Cover Mutual Ltd allows each Council Member to nominate a person for Director of the Company. The person nominated must be either

- A Councillor of a Council Member
- A General Manager of a Council Member or
- An employee of a Council Member

Two persons representing Council members are to be elected as Directors at the annual general meeting of the Company from those nominated. The right to vote on the election of a Director is restricted to members representing the Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW.

Should Council wish to nominate a person for Director of State Cover Mutual Ltd, a nomination in writing is required no later than the 25 October 2005 to ensure nominations are received by the Company Secretary no later than 28 days before the Annual General meeting which is scheduled for the 22 November 2006.

State Cover Mutual is regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority. The regulations governing the appointment of Directors impose an obligation on State Cover to go to some lengths to ensure that Directors are of high reputation and character and that Directors meet the criteria of State Mutuals Ltd's 'Fit and Proper Policy' requirements.

Should Council or an individual Councillor consider nomination additional information will be provided regarding the necessary submission details the nominees will need to produce to meet the 'Fit & Proper' policy of State Mutual Ltd.

Public Consultation

Nil

Budget & Financial Aspects

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from State Cover Mutual.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received and nominees be provided with relevant documentation.

**ITEM:16 COMM - 03/10/06 - PROP 35210, 203 MORT STREET, LITHGOW -
REQUEST CHANGE IN CATEGORY FOR RATING**

REPORT FROM: RATING OFFICER - CHRISTINE WATSON

SUMMARY

To advise of an application by the owner of 203 Mort Street, Lithgow to amend the property category for rating purposes.

COMMENTARY

Council has received an application from the owner of 203 Mort Street, Lithgow to amend the category of the property for rating purposes from 'Business' to 'Residential'. The owner advises the property has been leased as a residential dwelling for an extended period prior to the start of the current rating year. An inspection by Council's Regional Services Department staff has confirmed the property appears to be used for residential purposes.

Council may defer the difference between categories or consider re-categorisation to meet the request for a change to rating category.

It is recommended that approval be granted to amend the rating category from Business to Residential, applicable from the commencement of the current rating year 2006/2007 and rates previously levied be amended accordingly.

Public Consultation

Nil

Budget & Financial Aspects

Reduction in notional income for the 2006/2007 rating year of \$1,061.36

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve an amendment to the rating category of 203 Mort Street, Lithgow from Business to Residential, applicable for the current rating year 2006/2007 and adjustment to the rates previously levied accordingly.

ITEM:17 **COMM - 03/10/06 - ESKBANK HOUSE AND MUSEUM SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARTS PROGRAM**

REPORT FROM: ESKBANK HOUSE - KRISTIE COOK

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

The Eskbank House and Museum School Holiday Arts Program Fee needs to be considered immediately so that the fee can be charged in the Xmas holidays.

COMMENTARY

In early 2005, it was identified by Lithgow City Council staff through anecdotal evidence that there was a lack of school holiday activities available for school children between the ages of five and seventeen years within the Lithgow Local Government Area.

It was from this that the concept of the Eskbank House and Museum School Holiday Arts Program was developed.

In collaboration with well known Blue Mountains artist and photographer Jane Davidson, the program aims to:

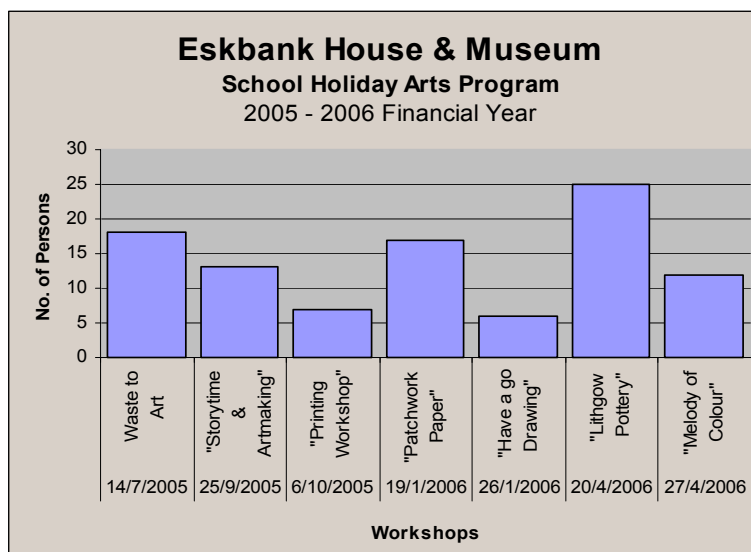
- (i) Provide children and youth of the Lithgow Local Government Area with quality cultural experiences.
- (ii) Encourage children and youth to engage in the arts.
- (iii) Provide children and youth of the region with a greater understanding of the regions Indigenous and non-Indigenous heritage; and,
- (iv) Create for Eskbank House and Museum and the Lithgow City Council a reputation as being a creative and innovative entity within the cultural community.

The Eskbank House and Museum School Holiday Arts Program has seen the development of either one or two workshops per school holidays. At least one of these workshops has focused on a collection piece within the Lithgow Local History Collection housed at Eskbank House and Museum or on a particular feature or aspect of Eskbank House, its companion buildings and grounds. The content of the second workshop is determined by the Artist/Tutor in consultation with Eskbank House and Museum staff.

To date, Eskbank House and Museum has conducted seven workshops over four school holiday periods with a total of 98 children attending the workshops. The most successful workshops have been the 'Waste to Art' printmaking workshop, the 'Patchwork Paper' Sutton Family Crazy Patchwork Quilt workshop and the 'Lithgow Pottery' clay workshop. These workshops recorded an attendance of 18, 17 and 25 children respectively. The 'Lithgow Pottery' clay workshop was booked out one week prior to the workshop and has been the most successful of all workshops conducted at Eskbank House and Museum.

Children who attended the workshops resided within the Lithgow Local Government Area with the exception of 13 attendees who reside within the Parramatta, Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains Local Government Areas. Such attendees were made aware of the workshops through school newsletters, Lithgow website information and information obtainable through the Lithgow Tourist Information Centre.

The following provides an overview of attendance figures for the Eskbank House and Museum School Holiday Arts Program workshops for the 2005/06 financial year:



Funding for the Eskbank House and Museum School Holiday Arts Program is based on a cost recovery basis and only covers facilitator and material costs. It is anticipated that future funding for the program be sought through state and federal cultural and arts initiatives, and through corporate sponsorship. Such financial support of the Eskbank House and Museum School Holiday Arts Program will assist in promoting the program within the region, acquiring equipment and materials, as well as covering facilitator costs.

The following is the recommended charge for the Eskbank House and Museum School Holiday Arts Program Workshops:

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARTS PROGRAM

		Price (GST Inc.)
Workshop	Children/Youth (per person)	\$15.00

Such a recommended fee is based on industry standards as exhibited at various regional and urban museums and galleries throughout New South Wales.

Involvement by Blue Mountains Artist and Photographer Jane Davidson in the Eskbank House and Museum School Holiday Arts Program is undoubtedly an instrumental component in the overall success of the program. Jane is well known for her success and extensive work with similar programs at the Orange, Bathurst, and Penrith Regional Art Galleries, NetWaste Environmental Learning Facility, Orange and at the University of Western Sydney's historic Orphan School, Parramatta.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

As the fees were not included in the 2006/09 Management Plan, the proposed fees will be placed on exhibition for 28 days prior to being added to the fees and charges for the 2006/07 year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The fee will assist in payment of the Tutor but there are adequate funds in the Eskbank House and Museum operation budget to cover any shortfall.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the placement of the Eskbank House and Museum School Holiday Arts Program fee on public exhibition for 28 days before adding the charge to the 2006/07 fees and charges.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ITEM:18 **REG - 03/10/06 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS 31
JULY 2006 AND 28 AUGUST 2006 - DATA NO 297095 AND 296396**

REPORT FROM: STRATEGIC ENGINEER - LEANNE KEARNEY

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meetings held on Monday, 31 July 2006 and Monday, 28 August 2006.

COMMENTARY

At the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 31 July 2006, there were ten (10) items discussed, and at the meeting held on Monday, 28 August 2006 there were fifteen (15) 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, 31 July 2006; and
2. Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 28 August 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the recommendations of the Sports Advisory Committee for the meetings held on Monday, 31 July 2006 and Monday, 28 August 2006.

SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY 31 JULY 2006

PRESENT

Councillor Neville Castle (Chairman), Mr Alan McGrath, Mr Mark Cronin, Mr Russell Jeffery, Mr Bob Martin, Mr Ray Field, Mr Danny Whitty, Mrs Robyn Whitty, Mr Richard Wilson, Mr Eric Arnold, Mr Ray Stoneley, Ms Corinne Ogg, Mr Barry Dorrough, Mr Peter Bresac, Mr Michael Rushworth, Mr Andrew Muir (Acting Group Manager Regional Services), Mr Maurie Weekes (Acting Recreation Supervisor), and Miss Leanne Kearney (Strategic Engineer).

APOLOGIES

Mr Neil Gambrill.

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, 26 June 2006 were read and confirmed.

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

MOVED: Ray Field

SECONDED: Mark Cronin

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Danny Whitty advised that the Committee had previously approved the Learn to Swim Campaign, and requested Council to review the current practice of charging parents who attend to allow their children to participate in the Programmes.

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 4 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Financial assistance applications have been approved for the following applicants:

- Ashley Redding (Hockey) - \$300.00 after his selection in the NSW Combined Catholic College School Hockey Team;
- Andrew Writer (Hockey) - \$300.00 after his selection in the NSW Combined High School Hockey Team;
- Chrissie West (Soccer) - \$300.00 after her selection in the NSW Under 14 Country Girls Soccer Team;
- Brandon Cluff (Rugby League) - \$300.00 after his selection in the NSW Country Under 18 Rugby League Team;
- Andrew Writer, Josh Abberton, Michael Gant, Chris Sheppeard, and Dayne Newham (Hockey) - \$100.00 (shared between applicants) - after their selection in the Western Region Combined High School Hockey Team;
- Robert Redding (Hockey) - \$500.00 after his selection in the Australian Over 50's Hockey Team;

- Alan Mostyn (Hockey) \$500.00 after his selection in the Australian Over 50's Hockey Team;
- Brooke McFadden (Hockey) - \$150.00 after her selection in the NSW Under 15 Half State Hockey Team;
- Emma Statham (Cross Country) - \$300.00 after her selection in the Combined Independent Schools State Cross Country Team;

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 5 – 2006 REG COWDEN MEMORIAL SPORTS STAR AWARDS

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

- Ashley Redding (Hockey) - after his selection in the NSW Combined Catholic College School Hockey Team;
- Andrew Writer (Hockey) - after his selection in the Western Region and NSW Combined High School Hockey Team;
- Chrissie West (Soccer) - after her selection in the NSW Under 14 Country Girls Soccer Team;
- Elise Dare (Taekwondo) – nominated to compete at the NSW Winter Open Taekwondo event;
- Laura Whichelo (Taekwondo) – nominated to compete at the NSW Winter Open Taekwondo event;
- Casey Whichelo (Taekwondo) – nominated to compete at the NSW Winter Open Taekwondo event;
- Brandan Partridge (Taekwondo) – nominated to compete at the NSW Winter Open Taekwondo event;
- Brandon Cluff (Rugby League) - after his selection in the NSW Country Under 18 Rugby League Team after stand out performances in the Group 10 and Western Division Rugby League Teams;
- Josh Abberton (Hockey) – after his selection in the Western Region Combined High School Hockey Team;
- Michael Gant (Hockey) - after his selection in the Western Region Combined High School Hockey Team;
- Chris Sheppard (Hockey) - after his selection in the Western Region Combined High School Hockey Team;
- Dayne Newham (Hockey) - after his selection as the Western Region Combined High School Hockey Referee at the CHS Hockey Championships;
- Ben Redding (Hockey) – after his selection in the Under 15 Talented Athletes Programme;
- Mathew Writer (Hockey) - after his selection in the Under 15 Talented Athletes Programme;
- Brooke McFadden (Hockey) - after her selection in the NSW Under 15 Half State Hockey Team; and
- Emma Statham (Cross Country) - after her selection in the Combined Independent Schools State Cross Country Team.

The Committee selected Chrissie West (Soccer) and Brandon Cluff (Rugby League) to be Junior Sports Star winners for the month of June 2006.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Matthew Writer
February	Tamika Bostock & Samuel Hourigan
March	Tom Brodie
April	Megan Embleton
May	Michael Cox
June	Chrissie West & Brandon Cluff
July	

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

- Robert Redding (Hockey) - after his selection in the Australian Over 50's Hockey Team; and
- Alan Mostyn (Hockey) - after his selection in the Australian Over 50's Hockey Team;

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Nil
February	Nil
March	David Palmer
April	Dale Ryan
May	Cheryl Rutherford
June	Robert Redding & Alan Mostyn
July	
August	

The Committee selected Robert Redding (Hockey) and Alan Mostyn (Hockey) to be Senior Sports Star winners for the month of June 2006.

The Committee recommends that the Junior Sports Star Award be awarded to Chrissie West (Soccer) and Brandon Cluff (Rugby League) for the month of June 2006, and that the Senior Sports Star Award be awarded to Robert Redding (Hockey) and Alan Mostyn (Hockey) for the month of June 2006, and for merit certificates to be awarded to the other nominees.

MOVED: Russell Jeffery

SECONDED: Ray Field

ITEM 6 – KREMER PARK, PORTLAND – CRICKET TRAINING NETS

Council has requested advice from it's insurers regarding liability issues associated with use of the cricket training nets at Kremer Park, Portland at the same time that the Portland Owners and Training Association are using the facility.

To date, no response has been received, however, as discussed at the May Sports Advisory Committee meeting, Council would prefer that the Portland Cricket Club and the Portland Owners and Trainers Association liaise to determine a suitable solution (such as parking in an alternative area) rather than Council becoming involved and requiring additional conditions of use be imposed upon both users.

Russell Jeffery advised that Coerwull Scholl have been utilising the softball area at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow recently, and requested that not all of the nets from this location be relocated. The Committee resolved for Council's Acting Recreation Supervisor, Mr Maurie Weekes, to determine the required netting to be relocated, and for the appropriate location at Kremer Park, Portland for the netting to be relocated to.

Danny Whitty raised concerns that the proposed netting to be relocated behind the bowlers end of the cricket training nets will not completely solve the problem, and Neville Castle advised that it is anticipated that this proposal would alleviate the majority of concerns regarding safety in this area.

The Committee recommends that the Portland Cricket Club and the Portland Owners and Trainers Association liaise to determine a suitable solution, For Council's Acting Recreation Supervisor to investigate costs required to relocate the existing softball nets from Glanmire Oval, Lithgow to behind the bowlers end of the cricket training nets at Kremer Park, Portland (and for these costs to be reported to the next meeting), and that the advice from Council's insurers be reported to the Sports Advisory Committee when received.

MOVED: Mr Ray Field

SECONDED: Mr Danny Whitty

ITEM 7 – PROPOSED HERMITAGE SPORTING OVAL - UPDATE

Council has prepared a draft community survey regarding possible uses for the Proposed Hermitage Sporting Oval, which will be finalised by Friday, 4 August 2006, and then distributed to all Sports Advisory Committee members as well as interested community representatives and individuals.

Council is allowing twenty eight (28) days for these surveys to be returned to Council, and from the comments contained in these surveys, will provide further advice to consultants interested in preparing a cost and feasibility study for Council.

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Mr Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Mr Russell Jeffery

ITEM 8 – FAIR PLAY ON AND OFF THE FIELD – NSW PREMIERS DEPARTMENT CAMPAIGN

Council has received correspondence from the NSW Premiers Department providing display information regarding their current campaign "Fair Play On and Off the Field", targeting young rugby league players.

This campaign is endorsed by the Australian Rugby League, National Rugby League, and the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreations, and aims to eliminate the anti-social behaviour that is often linked with sporting activities.

In support of this campaign, Council has arranged for the poster to be displayed in the canteen at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow.

Danny Whitty requested Council to forward any information regarding this to the Lithgow District Cricket Association, and Neville Castle advised the Committee this would occur, and also that the NSW Premiers Department had forwarded information regarding this campaign has been sent to local rugby league clubs.

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Russell Jeffery

SECONDED: Bob Martin

ITEM 9 – LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – INQUIRY INTO SPORTSGROUND MANAGEMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Council has received correspondence from the NSW Standing Committee on Public Works requesting Council to make a submission for their inquiry into sportsground management in NSW.

In particular, the Committee will examine adequacy of provision of quality sportsground to meet community needs across NSW, cost and revenue arrangements (including capital upgrades), environmental concerns associated with sportsground management, effectiveness of current administration of sportsgrounds by various providers including Council's, State Governments (including schools) and private operators, impact on health outcomes and social cohesion, particularly in disadvantaged communities, traffic, noise and other direct impacts on residential amenity, affect of litigation and insurance costs on financial viability, and access to open space for active and passive recreational users.

Council has forwarded correspondence to all members of the Sports Advisory Committee requesting any information they would like Council to include in their submission to the inquiry. Responses need to be received by Council no later than Monday, 7 August 2006 to enable Council to make a submission to the inquiry by 11 August 2006.

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 10 – BOOKING REQUEST – LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL – LITHGOW HIGH SCHOOL

Correspondence has been received from Lithgow High School, requesting permission to use Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool on Wednesdays between 11.30am and 1.00pm, from 18 October 2006 until 13 December 2006, to conduct Lifesaving School.

It should be noted that Coerwull School have an approved booking for their annual learn to swim classes on 6 and 13 December that may conflict with this booking.

The Committee recommends that approval be given to Lithgow High School to use the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool Wednesdays between 11.30am and 1.00pm, from 18 October 2006 until 29 November 2006, to conduct Lifesaving School, and on 6 and 13 December 2006 subject to successful liaison with Coerwull School.

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Corinne Ogg

ITEM 11 – LITHGOW DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Correspondence has been received from the Lithgow District Cricket Association Incorporated, advising of their Executive Committee for the 2006/2007 season, as follows:

President:

Michael Wren

Secretary/Treasurer

Michael Brown

Sports Advisory Committee Delegates:

Russell Jeffery

Paul Curran

Danny Whitty

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Alan McGrath

ITEM 12 – BOOKING REQUEST - LITHGOW DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED - VARIOUS GROUNDS

Lithgow District Cricket Association Incorporated have requested permission to use all cricket grounds and training nets in the Lithgow Local Government Area to conduct the 2006/2007 cricket season from 1 October 2006 to 2 April 2007 as follows:

Competition:	Fridays from 4.00pm to 10.00pm, Saturdays from 12.30pm to 7.00pm
Training:	Weekdays from 4.00pm to 8.00pm
District Competition:	Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Conran Oval and Glanmire Oval on
Sundays from	10.00am to 7.00pm

Russell Jeffery advised that as the Lithgow District Cricket Association do not want to encroach on other users seasons, the Association will be liaising with both the Soccer and Hockey Associations for use of grounds that may be needed due to inclement weather, however, it is anticipated that the grand final for cricket will be held on the last weekend in March 2007.

The Committee recommends that approval be given to Lithgow District Cricket Association Incorporated to use all cricket grounds and training nets in the Lithgow Local Government Area to conduct the 2006/2007 cricket season from 1 October 2006 to 2 April 2007 for competition on Fridays from 4.00pm to 10.00pm and Saturdays from 12.30pm to 7.00pm, for training on weekdays from 4.00pm to 8.00pm, and for district competition use of Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Conran Oval and Glanmire Oval on Sundays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

MOVED: Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Bob Martin

ITEM 10 - GENERAL BUSINESS

- Corinne Ogg requested Council to urgently investigate and repair the fence surrounding their number 1 playing field, as people are getting scratched and caught on the fence, and further for Council to rectify the leaking toilets in both the men's and women's toilets. Corinne also expressed her thanks to Council for the quick repair of the burst watermain on the field over the weekend.
- Michael Rushworth advised that unacceptable behaviour from vehicles at the Skate Park is still continuing and Council will again contact the police to request additional patrols between 4.00pm and 5.00pm on weekdays.
- Bob Martin advised that the Lithgow Bears had completed the 2006 Mid West Rugby League Season as Minor Premiers, and should they win this week's game, they will host the grand final on Saturday, 19 August 2006. In the past weeks there has been a few minor problems between the finishing times of the Juniors and the starting times of the Bears, and Bob and Peter Bresac (Lithgow Storm) will liaise to work out these issues to ensure that the grand final runs smoothly. Neville congratulated the Bears on their win, and wished them success should they make the grand final.
- Eric Arnold thanked the Lithgow Harness Racing Association and local football clubs for their co-operation during the hosting of the CHS Western Region Championships, and thanked Maurie Weekes and his grounds staff for all their assistance. Ray Stoneley also advised that he has only heard positive feedback after the championships, and stated that this event financially supported the community as competitors and their families stayed overnight in Lithgow, and also supported local business during the event.
- Peter Bresac raised concerns regarding the amount of training taking place at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, and suggested that Council undertake an investigation on installing lights at Watsford and Conran Oval. Neville advised that Council can investigate these costs and report them to a future meeting of the Committee, however,

with the construction of the new Hermitage Sporting Oval, the amount of use will be reduced and shared between the two (2) facilities.

- Alan McGrath tabled a letter from the Lithgow Hockey Association advising the Association would like to conduct an indoor hockey competition at the Lithgow Basketball Stadium. Neville advised that Council does not need to approve this request as the stadium is leased to the Lithgow Basketball Association, and suggested that the Hockey Association contact the Basketball Association to determine if the stadium can be used for this proposal.

MOVED: Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee be adopted.

SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2006

PRESENT

Councillor Neville Castle (Chairman), Mr Neil Gambrill, Mr Russell Jeffery, Mr Mark Cronin, Mr Ray Field, Mr Peter Bresac, Mr Barry Dorrough, Mr Danny Whitty, Mrs Robyn Whitty, Mr Ray Stoneley, Mr Eric Arnold, Mr Richard Wilson, Mrs Nerryl Wood, Mr Michael Rushworth, Mr Glen Ryan, Mr Andrew Muir (Acting Group Manager Regional Services), Mr Maurie Weekes (Acting Recreation Supervisor) and Miss Leanne Kearney (Strategic Engineer).

APOLOGIES

Mr Bob Martin.

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, 31 July 2006 were read and confirmed.

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

MOVED: Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Neil Gambrill

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Danny Whitty enquired if Council had made a decision on parents accompanying children to Learn to Swim Classes being allowed free entry to the Pool. Neville advised that this item has been referred to Council's Corporate and Community Services Division for investigation and decision.
- Neil Gambrill advised that he was an apology for the last Sports Advisory Committee meeting, however, was unsure why the Junior Sports Stars of the month were selected, considering their achievements were not the highest level from all the applicants. Neville advised that the issue was debated thoroughly, and the Committee selected the recipients after much deliberation and discussion regarding school representation.
- Ray Stoneley enquired as to the progress of the Hermitage Oval Survey. Neville advised that this was currently in draft format awaiting review by Andrew Muir, prior to distribution. Neville further advised the Committee that the extension of the correctional centre is going ahead, and with the loss of a community playing field, Council has requested that the correctional centre fully fund the construction of the proposed Hermitage Oval to replace the facilities that will be lost as part of the extension, and there is a high possibility that this will occur.

MOVED: Russell Jeffery

SECONDED: Ray Stoneley

ITEM 4 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Financial assistance applications have been approved for the following applicants:

- Brian Judge and Grahame Collins (Hockey) – \$300.00 shared between applicants after their selection in the NSW 45/2 Hockey Team to compete at the Australian Veterans Championships in Perth in October 2006.
- Robert Redding and Alan Mostyn (Hockey) - \$300.00 shared between applicants after their selection in the NSW Over 50/1 Hockey Team
- Robert Morrow (Hockey) - \$300.00 after his selection in the NSW Over 55/2 Hockey Team
- Ken Gilson (Hockey) - \$300.00 after his selection in the NSW Over 45/3 Hockey Team
- Keeley Hunter and Amie Sharp (Hockey) - \$300.00 shared between applicants after their selection in the NSW PSSA Girls Hockey Team
- John Shepley (Hockey) - \$300.00 after his selection in the NSW Over 60 Hockey Team

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 5 – 2006 REG COWDEN MEMORIAL SPORTS STAR AWARDS

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

- Keeley Hunter (Hockey) - after her selection in the NSW PSSA Girls Hockey Team
- Amie Sharp (Hockey) - after her selection in the NSW PSSA Girls Hockey Team
- Samuel Hourigan (Swimming) - after his selection in the Central Tablelands Swimming Team to compete at the NSW Championships.
- Tahlia Nugent (Athletics) – at the CHS Western Region Carnival, recorded the following results: 1st in 16 years 100m, 1st in 16 years 200m, 1st in 16 years Relay, 1st in 16 years High Jump, 1st in 16 years, Long Jump, 1st in 16 years Triple Jump, and qualified for the NSW State Championships in September 2006.
- Emma Statham (Cross Country) – came 4th from 100 competitors at the All Schools State Cross Country Championships, won a Gold medal in the teams event for the Independent Schools team at the All Schools 6km Cross Country event.

The Committee selected Keely Hunter (Hockey) and Amie Sharp (Hockey) to be the joint Junior Sports Star winners for the month of July 2006.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Matthew Writer
February	Tamika Bostock & Samuel Hourigan
March	Tom Brodie
April	Megan Embleton
May	Michael Cox
June	Chrissie West and Brandon Cluff
July	Keely Hunter and Amie Sharp
August	

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

- Brian Judge (Hockey) – selected in the NSW 45/2 Hockey Team to compete at the Australian Veterans Championships in Perth in October 2006.
- Grahame Collins (Hockey) – selected in the NSW 45/2 Hockey Team to compete at the Australian Veterans Championships in Perth in October 2006.
- Robert Redding (Hockey) – selected in the NSW Over 50/1 Hockey Team
- Alan Mostyn (Hockey) – selected in the NSW Over 50/1 Hockey Team
- Ken Gilson (Hockey) - selected in the NSW Over 45/3 Hockey Team
- Robert Morrow (Hockey) – selected in the NSW Over 55/2 Hockey Team
- John Shepley (Hockey) – selected in the NSW Over 60 Hockey Team

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Nil
February	Nil
March	David Palmer
April	Dale Ryan
May	Cheryl Rutherford
June	Robert Redding and Alan Mostyn
July	John Shepley
August	

The Committee selected John Shepley (Hockey) to be Senior Sports Star winner for the month of July 2006.

The Committee recommends that the Junior Sports Star Award be jointly awarded to Keely Hunter (Hockey) and Amie Sharp (Hockey) for the month of July 2006, and that the Senior Sports Star Award be awarded to John Shepley (Hockey) for the month of July 2006, and for merit certificates to be awarded to the other nominees.

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Neil Gambrill

ITEM 6 – BOOKING REQUEST – SAVILLE PARK, PORTLAND – PORTLAND CRICKET CLUB

Correspondence has been received from the Portland Cricket Club requesting permission to use Saville Park, Portland on Saturday, 9 September 2006 between 9.00am and 4.00pm for their annual muster day.

This booking does not conflict with any other approved booking.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Portland Cricket Club to use Saville Park, Portland on Saturday, 9 September 2006 between 9.00am and 4.00pm for their annual muster day.

MOVED: Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 7 – BOOKING REQUEST – TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW – CANCER COUNCIL

Correspondence has been received from the Cancer Council requesting permission to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow, on Saturday, 18 November 2006 and Sunday, 17 November 2006 to conduct their third annual Relay for Life. Ms Gail Tindall, from the Cancer Council, has verbally requested to reschedule this booking to Saturday, 10 March and Sunday, 11 March 2007.

This years event is proposed to be an eighteen (18) hour SunSmart event, commencing at 3.45pm on Saturday and concluding at 10.00am on Sunday.

The Cancer Council will require the playing field area for teams to set up camp, the trotting track for the actual relay, the amenities, grandstand, canteen, lighting and car parking facilities.

It should be noted that the grounds have been booked by the Lithgow District Cricket Association for these dates. Russell Jeffery advised that as the Lithgow Show is proposed for the last weekend in March 2007, this has limited the weeks available for the finals in cricket, and that the 10 and 11 March 2007 will be the first week of the finals. Russell advised that the Cricket Association would prefer for the Relay for Life to be conducted on 3 and 4 March 2007, however, will attempt to work around the Cancer Council if the event has to be conducted on 10 and 11 March 2007.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Cancer Council to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow, on Saturday, 3 March 2007 and Sunday, 4 March 2007 to conduct their third annual Relay for Life, subject to successful liaison with the Lithgow District Cricket Association.

MOVED: Russell Jeffery

SECONDED: Neil Gambrill

ITEM 8 – LITHGOW AND DISTRICT CANCER SUPPORT GROUP – CHARITY FUN DAY, 21 OCTOBER 2006

As previously discussed through the Committee, the Lithgow and District Cancer Support Group have finalised preparations for their Charity Fun Day to be held on Saturday, 21 October 2006.

The day will commence with a stroll around Lithgow and conclude at Tony Luchetti Sportsground for an afternoon of fun activities and a barbeque, followed by an evening of dancing, supper and entertainment.

Over the coming weeks, the Group will be organising registrations and team sponsorship kits, and further information can be obtained by contacting Nerryl Wood (63550242), Jenny Baker (0428835077) or Joy Smith (63513234).

Nerryl Wood advised the Committee that they are proposing to utilise the area bordered by the Civic Ballroom, Council's work sheds, and the main gates, and requested permission to enclose this area by locking the three (3) gates to ensure safety of participants. Access to Tony Luchetti Sportsground for the Cricket Association will still be available via the rear gates off Barton Avenue.

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Neil Gambrill

ITEM 9 – APPRECIATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MICHAEL COX

Correspondence has been received from Michael Cox, thanking Council and the Sports Advisory Committee for financial assistance and support during his participation in the National Youth Squad for athletics.

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Eric Arnold

ITEM 10 – BOOKING REQUEST – LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, LITHGOW – ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Correspondence has been received from the Active After-School Communities requesting permission to use the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool between 2.00pm and 6.30pm on Monday, 11 December 2006, to conduct a pool party in conjunction with the Western Region Pool Party Road Trip.

This party is a reward/celebration for each of the sites involved in the Australian Government's Active After-School Communities programme, and is in partnership with the Department of Sport and Recreation, The Royal Lifesaving Society, and other Council's including Cowra, Orange, Dubbo and Mudgee.

The goal is to highlight the aims of the programme via games that are fun, safe and inclusive. It is proposed that a pool inflatable will be installed in the Olympic Pool (Sea Scramble, approximately 10 metres x 2.5 metres x 1.75 metres), and that participants will be students enrolled in the Active After-School Communities programmes, and teachers from Cullen Bullen Public School, Portland Central School, Wallerawang Public School and Zig Zag Public School.

Invitations will also be sent to both Mr Gerard Martin MP and Mr Peter Andren MP, and members of the media.

The games and supervision of the pool inflatable will be conducted by the Regional Co-Ordinator of the Active After-School Communities Programme, and three (3) other fully trained Lifeguards/Austswim Instructors.

Whilst Coerwull School will be using the pool for their Learn to Swim lesson on this date, these booking will not conflict, as Coerwull School's booking concludes at 2.00pm. This booking will also not conflict with the Lithgow Swimming Club's booking of the pool on this date.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Active After-School Communities to use the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool between 2.00pm and 6.30pm on Monday, 11 December 2006, to conduct a pool party in conjunction with the Western Region Pool Party Road Trip.

MOVED: Russell Jeffery

SECONDED: Ray Stoneley

ITEM 11 – SMARTPLAY SPORTS INJURY PREVENTION PROJECT, SPORTS MEDICINE AUSTRALIA

Sports Medicine Australia would like to introduce its sports injury prevention project, Smartplay, to Council's Smartplay enables Council's to be involved on a range of levels, and makes a number of resources available to prevent sporting injury.

Smartplay, the sports injury prevention project of Sports Medicine Australia, NSW Branch, is a comprehensive project aimed at reducing the incidence of sporting injuries, addressing this problem at an individual, team, club or association level, and a community and policy level.

There are various resources involved with Smartplay, including brochures on Warm Up, Drink Up, Gear Up and Fix Up, booklets on Smartplay Safety Guidelines (for Sporting Clubs, Associations and Facilities), How to Become a Smartplay Club, and a variety of sport specific fact sheets. To view these resources, go to www.smartplay.com.au and follow the links to the resources.

Sports Medicine Australia would like to encourage Council's to be involved with Smartplay in the following ways:

- Request a visit from Sports Medicine Australia NSW to outline how Smartplay can be implemented in your community;
- Forward this information onto Clubs and Associations in your area; and
- Visit the Smartplay website, www.smartplay.com.au, and view the Smartplay resources, read the latest Smartplay news or feature articles and submit one of your own.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Kate Reakes, Smartplay Project Manager, on (02) 9660 4333 or emailing kreakes@smansw.com.au.

Council is willing to request a visit from Sports Medicine Australia NSW regarding this project, provided there is enough interest from sporting organisations to attend a forum.

The Committee recommends that Council contact Sports Medicine Australia NSW to request a visit regarding the Smartplay project, and for the address to be held prior to the next Sports Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, 25 September 2006.

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Nerryl Wood

ITEM 11 – BOOKING REQUEST – LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, LITHGOW – CENTRAL TABLELANDS SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Correspondence has been received from Central Tablelands Swimming Association requesting permission to use the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow to conduct their annual District/NSW Swim meet from 1.30pm to 5.00pm on Saturday, 10 February 2007.

This booking does not conflict with any other approved booking.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to Central Tablelands Swimming Association to use the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow to conduct their annual District/NSW Swim meet from 1.30pm to 5.00pm on Saturday, 10 February 2007.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Mark Cronin

ITEM 12 – BOOKING REQUEST – TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW – LITHGOW STORM JUNIOR RLFC

Correspondence has been received from Lithgow Storm Junior RLFC, requesting permission to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow, on Saturday, 10 September 2006 between 11.30 am and 2.00pm to conduct their mini league presentation.

The Club would like to conduct a sausage sizzle (organised by the canteen co-ordinator), as well as allow the children to play on the field.

This booking does not conflict with any other approved booking.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to Lithgow Storm Junior RLFC to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow, on Saturday, 10 September 2006 between 11.30 am and 2.00pm to conduct their mini league presentation.

MOVED: Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Ray Stoneley

ITEM 13 – BOOKING REQUEST – VARIOUS SPORTSGROUNDS – LITHGOW DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Correspondence has been received from the Lithgow District Junior Cricket Association requesting permission to use various sportsground for the 2006/2007 cricket season, commencing 1 October 2006 until 13 December 2006, and then resuming on 31 January 2007 and final competition round on 10 March 2007. The final series will commence on 17 March 2007, with the grand final being proposed for the 31 March 2007.

These fields include:

- Glanmire Oval
- Kremer Park, Portland
- Marjorie Jackson Oval
- Zig Zag Oval
- Saville Park, Portland
- Tony Luchetti Sportsground
- Wallerawang Oval; and
- Watsford Oval

The Association also request permission to use Conran Oval, on occasions when the turf wickets at Tony Luchetti Sportsground are unavailable.

The Association are also requesting permission to commence district training from 1 September 2006, and are requiring the Glanmire Training nets for this purpose.

District games are proposed to be held on 22 October 2006, 12 November 2006, 17 December 2006 and 11 February 2007, and it is hoped that turf wickets will be available on these dates.

The MILO Have a Go Programme will again be conducted on Monday afternoons, for a ten (10) week period, commencing on 16 October 2006, and the Association are requesting permission to use Watsford Oval for this purpose.

Neil Gambrill requested that the Junior Cricket Association be requested to not train against the security fencing surrounding the Hockey Complex.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Lithgow District Junior Cricket Association to:

- Use Glanmire Oval, Kremer Park, Portland, Marjorie Jackson Oval, Zig Zag Oval, Saville Park, Portland, Tony Luchetti Sportsground Wallerawang Oval; and Watsford Oval commencing 1 October 2006 until 13 December 2006, and then resuming on 31 January 2007 to 31 March 2007, including a request to not train against the security fencing surrounding the Hockey Complex;
- Use Conran Oval, on occasions when the turf wickets at Tony Luchetti Sportsground are unavailable
- Commence district training from 1 September 2006, using the Glanmire Training nets.
- Conduct district games on 22 October 2006, 12 November 2006, 17 December 2006 and 11 February 2007, on turf wickets and
- Conduct the MILO Have a Go Programme on Monday afternoons, for a ten (10) week period, commencing on 16 October 2006, using Watsford Oval.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 14 –GENERAL BUSINESS

- Neil Gambrill advised that the Hockey Association have purchased a “Duck Off” machine, which has been working very effectively. The cost of the machine was approximately \$1,200.00, and is a battery powered light machine that activates for 10% of the hour, and deters the ducks from congregating on the hockey fields. Neil also recommended that this system would work well at the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, but suggested that the battery unit needs to be greater than 90 amps to prevent power supply issues.
- Neil Gambrill enquired of the role and responsibilities of Council’s Ranger’s, as he recently asked one of Council’s Rangers if they could visit the Hockey Complex on Saturday afternoons to enforce the signage regarding consumption of alcohol in glass containers. Andrew Muir advised that the Rangers are not rostered on Saturdays, and have a variety of functions including dog and stock controlling and litter etc. Andrew suggested that the signage may need to be updated, and whilst Council Rangers can enforce the Local Government Act, as the grounds are booked by the Hockey Association for a specific event, it would be up to the Hockey Association to provide security to prevent the consumption of alcohol in glass containers during their specific event. Neil Gambrill advised that for specific occasions when there is a licenced event, this is conducted with the approval of Council and the Police, and the Hockey Association ensure responsible service of alcohol and liaise with the Police for any control issues, however, the problems occurring at present involve out of town teams participating in general hockey competition, and when Neil has approached these people and informed them of the Local Government Ordinances (in accordance with the erected signage), he is being abused. Andrew Muir will investigate this matter, and provide a report to the next Sports Advisory Committee meeting.
- Ray Stoneley requested permission for the Lithgow Athletics Club to use Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow, for competition and training from 15 September 2006 until the end of March 2007. The Committee resolved to approve this booking subject to written application.
- Ray Stoneley advised that the Lithgow Athletic Club has concerns regarding the security protocols for Tony Luchetti Sportsground, and Leanne Kearney advised that Council’s security contractors are now responsible for locking Tony Luchetti Sportsground at 7.00pm each night. This time will be reviewed during daylight savings, and Council will advertise the current protocols in the Council Column of the Lithgow Mercury.
- Leanne Kearney advised that as Bob Martin was an apology for the meeting, he asked that thanks be extended to Maurie Weekes and his staff for their assistance during the 2006 Mid West Rugby League competition, it was very much appreciated, and helped the competition run smoothly.
- Nerryl Wood also thanked Maurie Weekes and his staff for their assistance in the construction of the Cancer Group’s daffodil garden, and advised that the daffodils are currently blooming, but the group is currently awaiting the delivery of the rock, and once delivered and installed, an official opening will be arranged.

MOVED: Nerryl Wood

SECONDED: Danny Whitty

The meeting closed at 6.25pm.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT** the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee be adopted.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.