



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

06 NOVEMBER 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 3 OCTOBER 2006**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

NOTICES OF RESCISSION - NIL

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Regional Services Reports
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REGIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:1 REG - 06/11/2006 - UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL -
WEEDS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2006

REPORT FROM: 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 September 2006.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. The Chief Weeds Officer's reports for September 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

**ITEM:2 REG - 6/11/2006 - UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL - WEEDS
 REPORTS - OCTOBER 2006**

REPORT FROM: 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 October 2006.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. The Chief Weeds Officer's reports for October 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

ITEM:3 REG - 06/11/06 - ANGUS PLACE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

REPORT BY: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES - ANDREW MUIR

SUMMARY

This report is to inform Council of an approval issued by the Minister for Planning for the Angus Place Colliery Mine Extension submitted by Centennial Coal Pty Limited, and to seek Council representation on the Community Consultative Committee.

COMMENTARY

The NSW Department of Planning has advised of the approval of a development application under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act by Centennial Coal Pty Limited, for the extension to Angus Place Colliery. Conditions of consent accompanied the notification.

As part of the approval Condition 8(a) in Schedule 5 requires at least one representative of Council to be a member of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC). Other members of the Committee are to be two representatives of the proponent, at least three representatives from the local community and an independent Chairperson, or Council representative.

It is recommended that one Councillor be nominated for the committee together with one Council officer. Further it is recommended that Council indicate that it wishes to Chair the committee.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The consent provides a condition requiring the payment of a contribution to Council of \$105,000 consisting of \$75,000 for the upgrading of Wolgan Road being \$25,000 over three years and at least \$30,000 for the upgrading of community facilities within the local community.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Conditions of consent that must be satisfied are the prime legal implication although being a State Government approval they will not necessarily be enforced by Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Conditions of consent pertaining to the approved extensions to Angus Place Colliery operations.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council elect a Councillor to sit together with the General Manager or nominee on the Community Consultative Committee for the Angus Place Colliery operations and Council indicate that it would like to Chair the Committee in accordance with Condition 8(b) of Schedule 5 of the consent document.

ITEM:4 REG - 06/11/06 - DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES – ANDREW MUIR

REPORT

SUMMARY

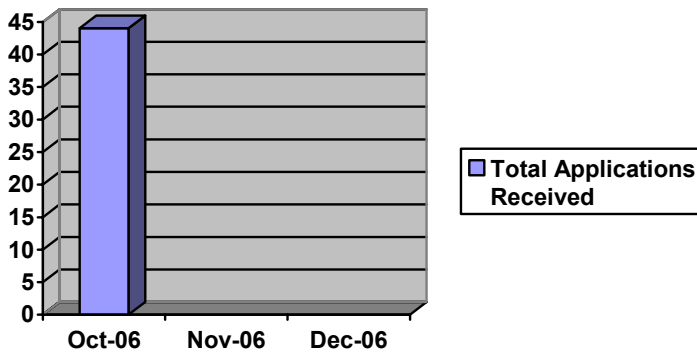
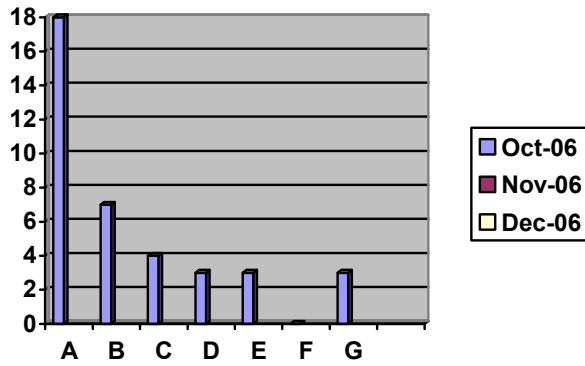
To provide statistical information on Development Applications and Construction Certificates processed.

COMMENTARY

Following installation of a new electronic registration system the traditional reports on Development Applications and Construction Certificates have been replaced with a report detailing the types of applications processed in each month. Over time this will evolve into useful statistical information. A full list of individual applications will be made available to Councillors and the press.

	Minor Development Approvals (including carports, garages and patios) A	Dwelling Approvals B	Dwelling Addition Approvals C	Other Residential Applications (including Dual Occupancies, Flats) D	Rural Subdivision Approvals E	Residential Subdivision Approvals F	Commercial /Industrial Approvals G	Total Applications Received
Oct 2006 *	18	7	4	3	3	0	3	44
Nov 2006								
Dec 2006								

* includes Approvals from 22 September 2006 to 31 October 2006



Total Estimated Cost:	\$3,717,494
Average Approval Time	21 days
Total Cost of Approvals from 1/01/06	\$24,961,672
No. of Applications from 1/01/2006	377

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received

ITEM:5 REG - 06/11/06 - PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF A SMALL STRIP OF LAND - HASSAN STREET - SOUTH BOWENFELS

REPORT FROM: ANDREW MUIR - GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES

SUMMARY

To advise Council of an offer to accept part of an extension of an unformed street at South Bowenfels.

COMMENTARY

Council will recall a report to its ordinary meeting of 16 October 2006 in relation to a proposal to release a right of Carriageway over which Council has an interest. In that report it was foreshadowed that a request would be received for Council to accept dedication of an “extension” to Hassan Street. This formal request has now been received and is explained on the attached correspondence.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Should Council be of a mind to accept the land it would be required to consider its adopted policy on asset acquisition as follows:

When considering the acquisition and/or development of assets, Council will take into consideration;

- *The comparative long term ownership costs of the asset;*
- *Evidence of community demand for the provision or retention of the asset;*
- *The strategic worth of the asset and its community benefit;*
- *Whether the asset provides Council as positive return on the investment, and*
- *The extent to which the asset is subsidised by the community, through the use of general rate revenue.*

The long term ownership costs of asset acquisition and/or development must take into account;

- *Acquisition or Development costs;*
- *The cost of providing finance (i.e. opportunity costs and interest charges);*
- *Any warranty period applicable;*
- *The length, value and cost of any applicable maintenance agreements;*
- *The lifetime maintenance profile and costs;*
- *Energy consumption and projected costs;*
- *Any residual value (where applicable);*
- *An investigation of alternative acquisition arrangements, eg. Purchase, lease, rent, public partnership or resource sharing;*
- *An investigation as to alternative financing arrangements, eg. User pay, grants, loan funds or private sector, and*
- *Taxation issues under competition policy;*

Reports to Council on the acquisition and/or development of assets must include commentary on the above points as well as including details of;

- *Community demand;*
- *Strategic Worth to the Community;*
- *Asset return, and*
- *A comparison of long term ownership costs.*

Whilst the road in question is not a Crown road, Council has also recently adopted a policy not to maintain Crown roads unless the landholders enter into a work at owners cost arrangement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A nominal cost of \$1.00 is proposed for the land. All other costs would be borne by the proponents of the Retirement Village.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposal would ensure legal access to the gun emplacements.

ATTACHMENTS

1. A plan indicating the location of the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council indicate that it is willing to accept dedication of the extension strip from Hassan Street subject to:

1. All costs are borne by the proponents offering the extension of Hassan Street.
2. The Common Seal be affixed to all transfer documents.

ITEM:6 REG - 06/11/06 - LITHGOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER USAGE

REPORT FROM: Strategic Engineer – L. Kearney

REFERENCE

Nil.

SUMMARY

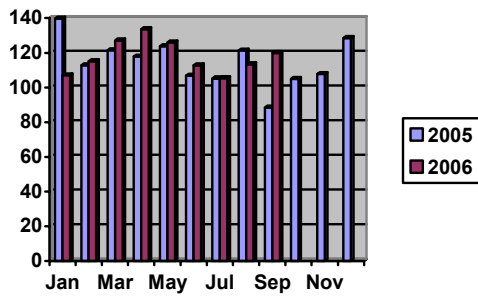
Comparison of figures for 2005 and 2006 for water usage within the Lithgow Local Government area.

COMMENTARY

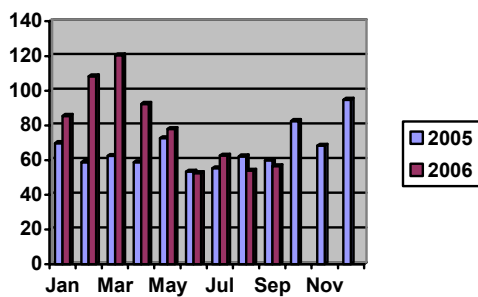
Lithgow Local Government Area Water Usage, including use from Farmers Creek Dam and Fish River Water Supply as at 30 September 2006. It should be noted that Council's maximum annual allocation of water from the Fish River Water Supply is 2,092 megalitres, and to date, Council has utilised 709 megalitres of water from this supply, equating to approximately 34% 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	167.19
September	88.470	59.817	148.287	119.937	56.443	176.38
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	1,060.381	709.416	1,769.797

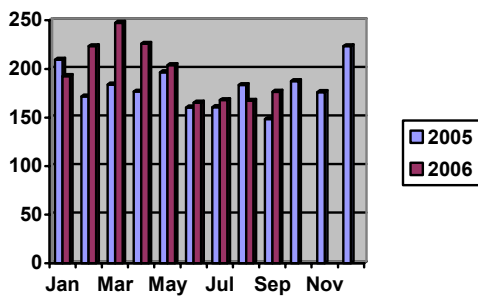
Farmers Creek Dam Usage (ML)



Fish River Water Supply Usage (ML)



Total Water Consumption in Lithgow LGA (ML)



Farmers Creek Dam is currently at 100% of its full capacity and Oberon Dam is currently at 32.32% of its full capacity.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

ITEM:7 REG - 06/11/06 - REMOVAL OF TREES NORTHERN SIDE OF MAIN ST, LITHGOW

REPORT BY: ANDREW MUIR – GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES

COMMENTARY

Following a wind storm on 18 October, 2006 which brought a number of tree branches down across the Lithgow Local Government Area, Council engaged the services of a tree arborist to determine the status of a number of trees under Council's control. This report identified a number of large Eucalypts on the Northern side of Main Street opposite Coerwull School. A total of twelve trees in this row were inspected with the Arborists report identifying a number of trees suffering from fungal disease and termite infestation. Remedial action has been recommended for five of the trees which were considered to be in fair to good condition. This remedial action would involve pruning and the removal of deadwood. Of the twelve trees identified in the report, the Arborist has identified seven trees which are either dead or in decline and pose a realistic chance of branch failure with the recommendation that these trees be removed.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At the time of writing two quotations had been received. These quotations are being reviewed but are both in excess of \$10,000. This may necessitate the reprioritisation of some proposed capital works to cater for the additional expenditure.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As an Arborist's report has identified seven trees as posing a chance of branch failure and these trees are located in a high traffic area, the legal implications to Council could be severe.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council engage an appropriately qualified contractor to remove the Eucalypts in Main Street that are dead or in decline and carry out remedial work on another five trees.
2. Council carry out traffic control in association with the works.
3. The removed trees be replaced with a suitable street tree species.
4. The required expenditure to be addressed in the December Quarterly review.

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:8 COMM - 06/11/06 - SEC 356 DONATIONS TO 18 OCTOBER 2006

REPORT FROM: INTERNAL SERVICES MANAGER - CAROL FARNSWORTH

REFERENCE

Minute 06-183: Council Meeting 19 June 2006
 Minute 06-292: Finance and Services Committee 4 September 2006
 Minute 06-332: Finance and Services Committee 3 October 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 18 October 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 05.06.06	500.00
04.08.06	Lithgow High School	Presentation Day : as per 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 06-292	417.21
04.09.06	Wang Country Women's Assoc	General Rate Component Min 06-292	408.69
04.09.06	Portland Dist Motor Sports	Sponsorship (Following Advertising) Min 06-292	60.00
04.09.06	Lithgow & District Poultry Club	Sponsorship Min 06-292	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
03.10.06	Mitchell Conservatorium Inc	Scholarships for local students Min 06-332	275.00
03.10.06	Pied Piper Preschool	Assistance with equipment purchase Min 06-332	50.00
Total: Sec 356 Donations to 11 September 2006			\$8,172.85
2006/07 Allocation Remaining			<u>\$11,827.15</u>

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

1. Blinky Bill Child Care Portland – Request not disclosed
Assistance with fundraising
Recommended donation of \$50.00 following required advertising in accordance with Policy guidelines for assistance to schools.

2. Portland Golf Club – Request not disclosed (Past years \$750.00)
Sponsorship of Open
Recommended donation of \$750.00 following required advertising in accordance with Policy guidelines.

3. Portland Central School – Request not disclosed
Assistance with Annual Presentation Ceremony on 19.12.06
Recommended donation of \$50.00 following required advertising in accordance with Policy guidelines for assistance to schools.

4. Ironfest – Request for assistance of \$2,840.00
Assistance with rental of venue for the 2005/06 event
Recommended donation of \$2,840.00 following required advertising in accordance with Policy guidelines.

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

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Payment in accordance with adopted policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Donations of \$8,172.85 have been made as at 18 October 2006, from \$20,000 allocated in the 2006/09 Management Plan. \$11,827.15 remains unallocated.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Request write off 2006 fees hire of Tony Luchetti

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council note donations of \$8,172.85 made under Section 356 to 18 October 2006 arising from previous resolutions or as included in the Council's Management Plan or Donations Policy;

2. Following appropriate advertising for donations, Council grant funds from Sec 356 allocation as follows:

ITEM	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
1)	Blinky Bill Child Care	\$50.00
2)	Portland Golf Club	\$750.00
3)	Portland Central School	\$50.00
4)	Ironfest	\$2,840.00
	TOTAL	\$3,690.00

3. Council offer \$50 'donation' to all schools in the Lithgow Local Government ara from the donation fund for prizes in the Annual Speech Night/Day Presentations and such be advertised in accordance with the Act and Councils Adopted Policy.

ITEM:9 COMM - 06/11/06 - COUNCIL INVESTMENTS SEPTEMBER 2006

REPORT FROM - INTERNAL SERVICES MANAGER - C FARNSWORTH

REFERENCE

Min 06-237: Finance and Services Committee 7 August 2006 (investments for July 2006)
 Min 06-330: Finance and Services Committee 3 October 2006 (investments for August 2006)

SUMMARY

To advise Council of 2006/07 investments held for the period ending 30 September 2006.

COMMENTARY

The amount invested as at 30 September 2006 when compared to 31 August 2006 has increased by \$636,317.43.

INVESTMENT REGISTER 2006/07								
INSTITUTION	INV TYPE	DATE LODGED	DATE DUE	DAYS	INT	VALUE 31.08.06	VALUE 30.09.06	% OF TOTAL
ANZ	TD	27.09.06	27.10.06	30	6.10	537,308.07	545,461.02	4.52%
CBA	SHIELD	04.12.04	04.12.06	730	6.75	600,000.00	600,000.00	4.97%
	On Call				5.95	1,187,090.07	1,787,090.07	14.82%
	Ethical	20.06.06	20.06.11	1825	6.85	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.15%
CITIBANK	TD	19.09.06	19.12.06	90	6.29	500,000.00	507,649.86	4.21%
	TD	27.08.06	30.10.06	63	6.22	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.15%
LG FINANCIAL	TD	14.08.06	14.11.06	92	6.27	1,166,282.69	1,166,282.69	9.67%
	TD	29.08.06	06.12.06	93	6.30	772,445.52	772,445.52	6.40%
	TD	01.08.06	29.11.06	90	6.32	500,000.00	500,000.00	4.15%
IMBS	On Call				5.75	4,964.74	4,964.74	0.04%
	TD	11.09.06	10.11.06	60	6.22	529,883.56	535,389.41	4.44%
	TD	04.09.06	03.11.06	60	6.22	1,000,000.00	1,015,008.77	8.42%

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	TD	28.06.06	29.06.07	364	6.41	450,000.00	450,000.00	3.73%
	TD	21.08.06	21.11.06	90	6.28	250,000.00	250,000.00	2.07%
ALLIANCE	Managed	01.04.02	28.02.07	365		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	8.29%
ST GEORGE	TD	17.08.06	07.01.07	153	6.01	250,000.00	250,000.00	2.07%
	TD	08.08.06	09.10.06	62	6.13	505,137.53	505,137.53	4.19%
	TD	17.08.06	17.11.06	92	6.19	800,000.00	800,000.00	6.63%
	TD	25.08.06	24.10.06	60	6.13	371,954.89	371,954.89	3.08%
			TOTAL			11,425,067.07	12,061,384.50	100.00%

I, Carol G Farnsworth, Lithgow City Council Internal Services Manager (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, 30 September 2006 totals \$141,350.62. 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)

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council's 2006/07 investments for the period ending 30 September 2006 be received.

ITEM:10 COMM - 06/11/06 - CREDIT CARD USAGE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2006

REPORT FROM - INTERNAL SERVICES MANAGER C FARNSWORTH

REFERENCE

Min 06-331: Finance & Services Committee of 3 October 2006 (July 2006)

SUMMARY

To advise Council of transactions made for expenses by Council's Credit Card holders and recommendation their approval.

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 Cards from the 1 August 2006 to 30 September 2006.

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

AUGUST 2006

DESIGNATED POSITION	DATE	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
Mayor		No Transactions	
General Manager		No Transactions	
Group Manager Regional Services	11.08.06	ACP Publishing Pty Ltd – Annual Subscription	59.95
	16.08.06	HWT Services Website – Travel Booking processing fee	14.50
	17.08.06	HWT Web Bookings – Travel to & from Residential School (Trainee Planner)	244.40
	23.08.06	DEC Information - Biosolids Guidelines	16.50
	31.08.06	Lithgow Pizza Hut – Strategic & Marrangaroo Working Party	42.13
Group Manager Community & Corporate	01.09.06	Grand Central - Governor of NSW Visit	245.82
	04.09.06	Woolworths - Governor of NSW Visit	34.28
Internal Services Manager		No Transactions	
TOTAL CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS AUGUST 2006			659.57

SEPTEMBER 2006

DESIGNATED POSITION	DATE	PURCHASE	AMOUNT
Mayor		No Transactions	
General Manager	14.09.06	Premier Parking (meeting with Pottery Estate Pty Ltd)	10.00
	14.09.06	Mercure Hotel - Wollie Creek (will be refunded by Regional Arts)	154.00
	17.09.06	Mercure Hotel - Wollie Creek (will be refunded by Regional Arts)	40.00
Group Manager Regional Services	05.09.06	Workcover – Annual Lift accreditation	65.00

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Group Manager Community & Corporate		No Transactions	
Internal Services Manager		No Transactions	
TOTAL CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS SEPTEMBER 2006			269.00

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure allocations as per 2006/07 Management Plan

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council acknowledge 2006/07 Credit Card transactions for the month of 1 August 2006 to 30 September 2006.

ITEM:11 COMM - 06/11/06 - POTTERY ESTATE REZONING AND DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN

REPORT FROM: POLICY & PLANNING MANAGER – A MUIR

REFERENCE

Question Without Notice, Councillor MJ Wilson, Council Meeting 21 August 2006

SUMMARY

This report provides an update as to the progress of the Pottery Estate rezoning and draft Development Control Plan.

COMMENTARY

Further to Councillor Wilson's Question Without Notice at Council's meeting of 21 August 2006, the following information is provided in relation to the proposed rezoning at Pottery Estate and the draft Pottery Estate and Adjacent Lands Development Control Plan for Business, Recreational and Residential Land Uses (draft DCP).

Draft Lithgow City Local Environmental Plan Amendment No. 11 – Pottery Estate

In relation to the proposed rezoning of 2 parcels of land at the Pottery Estate, Council is still awaiting information it requested on 9 August 2006, being a site auditors contamination report on the proposed residential parcel of land. The Developer has advised that a Site Auditor was engaged on 30 October 2006 and that the work is due for completion in approximately 4 weeks.

Furthermore, Council has just received further information on the proposed business parcel of land which was also requested on 9 August 2006. This information is being reviewed to determine its adequacy.

The above information must be satisfactory i.e. permit the proposed business and residential uses on the respective parcels of lands from a contamination perspective and is required to allow Council to finalise the documentation to be forwarded to the Department of Planning.

Draft Pottery Estate and Adjacent Lands Development Control Plan for Business, Recreational and Residential Land Uses

The exhibition period for the draft DCP has been completed. The submissions and draft DCP are currently being reviewed with the intention of reporting the outcome to Council at its Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting of 4 December 2006.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report. However, the draft Lithgow City Local Environmental Plan Amendment No. 11 and draft DCP will change policy if gazetted/adopted in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications as a result of this report. However, if the draft Lithgow City Local Environmental Plan Amendment No. 11 is gazetted it will become a legal Environmental Planning Instrument.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ITEM:12 **REG - 06/11/06 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES 25 SEPTEMBER 2006**

REPORT BY: Strategic Engineer – L.Kearney

SUMMARY

Details of the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 25 September 2006, for Council adoption.

COMMENTARY

At the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 25 September 2006, the Committee discussed seventeen (17) items, 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, 25 September 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the recommendations of the Sports Advisory Committee for the meeting held on Monday, 25 September 2006.

**ITEM:13 REG - 06/11/06 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES 30
 OCTOBER 2006**

REPORT BY: Strategic Engineer – L. Kearney

SUMMARY

Details of the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 30 October 2006 for Council adoption.

COMMENTARY

At the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 30 October 2006, there were ten (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, 30 October 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the recommendations of the Sports Advisory Committee for the meeting held on Monday, 30 October 2006.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

ITEM:8 COMM - 06/11/06 - SEC 356 DONATIONS TO 18 OCTOBER 2006

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Paul Anderson
General Manager
Lithgow City Council

Dear Mr Anderson,

RE: Ironfest 2007

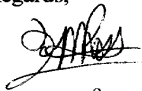
I am writing on behalf of the Ironfest Committee to respectfully request that Council forego the payment owed to Council, by Ironfest Inc. for the use of the Showground to hold this year's Ironfest.

Despite the overwhelming success of this year's event, Ironfest did not manage to make up the entire shortfall from the preceding event of 2005.

Ironfest still remains in debt and lacks working capital to pay this debt.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Regards,



Amanda Horner,
Treasurer
Ironfest
23 October, 2006

**ITEM:12 REG - 06/11/06 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING -
MINUTES 25 SEPTEMBER 2006
SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2006**

PRESENT

Councillor Neville Castle (Chairman), Mr Neil Gambrill, Mr Russell Jeffery, Mr Barry Dorrough, Mr Michael Rushworth, Ms Deb Martin, Mrs Neryll Wood, Mr Ray Stoneley, Mr Andrew Muir (Acting Group Manager Regional Services), and Miss Leanne Kearney (Strategic Engineer).

APOLOGIES

Mr Ray Field, Mr Mark Cronin, Mr Danny Whitty, Mrs Robyn Whitty, Mr Peter Bresac, Mr Eric Arnold, and Mr Maurie Weekes (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, 28 August 2006 were read and confirmed.

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

MOVED: Russell Jeffery

SECONDED: Neil Gambrill

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Council invited Sports Medicine Australia NSW to attend this Committee meeting in regard to Item 11 of the previous minutes (Smartplay), however, a representative is unable to attend. Sports Medicine Australia NSW have provided a copy of some useful resources, which Council is able to copy and distribute to interested sporting organisations.
- Andrew Muir advised that Council is reviewing it's fees and charges for the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Pool, including the issues of family season passes as well as spectator fees, and therefore Item 6 of tonight's agenda has been withdrawn.
- Andrew Muir advised that in Council's current Annual Management Plan, \$20,000 has been allocated for a feasibility study for Hermitage Oval, as well as \$20,000 allocated for an open space study. Council's Executive Management Team have decided to complete the open space study first, prior to progressing the Hermitage Oval survey, as the open space study will determine appropriate uses for certain areas, and therefore Council's allocated funding will not be spent on progressing something that may not be suitable for that area. Neil enquired of the timeframe for the open space study to be completed, and Andrew advised that it will be completed in the second half of the financial year (being January 2007 to June 2007).
- Andrew Muir advised that he has not finalised a report regarding the Rangers and security of Council facilities, as required from the last meeting, but will provide a report to the next Committee meeting.
- Andrew Muir advised that he and Maurie Weekes have investigated the issue of safety in relation to use of the Kremer Park, Portland cricket training nets, and determined that installation of any fixed structure would be too costly. Council would prefer that signage be installed advising all users to be aware and mindful of the shared use, and to act responsibly during use, and will hold a meeting with both the Portland Cricket Club and the Portland Owners and Trotters Association to discuss this issue once the signage is installed.

MOVED: Nerryl Wood

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 4 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Financial assistance applications have been approved for the following applicants:

- Jack Quinn, Laura Whichelo, and Casey Whichelo (Taekwondo) - \$300.00 shared between applicants after their selection in the NSW Taekwondo Team;
- Jessica Rodgers (Athletics) - \$100.00 after her selection in the Western Region CHS Athletics Team

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Ray Stoneley

ITEM 5 – 2006 REG COWDEN MEMORIAL SPORTS STAR AWARDS

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

- Jessica Rodgers (Athletics) - after her selection in the Western Region CHS Athletics Team;
- Matthew Writer (Hockey) – was selected in the Under 15 NSW State side to compete at the Australian Championships in Melbourne from 26 September 2006 to 8 October 2006. (Previous monthly winner);
- Jack Quinn (Taekwondo) – Jack qualified in first place at the NSW Selection Trial for selection in the State team to contest the Taekwondo Nationals in September in Adelaide;
- Laura Whichelo (Taekwondo) – qualified for the 2006 National Tournament in South Australia after winning the Female 8-9 years blue belt event;
- Casey Whichelo (Taekwondo) – qualified for the 2006 National Tournament in South Australia after coming 2nd in the 12-13 5th GUP event;
- Madeline Bott (Hockey) – Madeline played as a member of the NSW PSSA girls hockey team that won the gold medal at the School Sport Australia Exchange, with Madeline scoring 5 goals at the Exchange;
- Emma Statham (Cross Country) – Emma competed at the Australian Cross Country in Hobart in August 2006, winning gold in the teams event (comprising of 5 NSW 18 year old girls running 6 kilometres), gold in the 5 x 2 kilometre relay, 4th in the Australian All Schools 18 years 6 kilometre event, was 8th at the Athletics Australia Cross Country event, and was selected as the captain of the NSW team (Combined High Schools).

The Committee selected Emma Statham (Cross Country) to be the Junior Sports Star winner for the month of August 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	Emma Statham

There were no Senior Nominations for the month of August 2006 received.

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	Nil

The Committee recommends that the Junior Sports Star Award be awarded to Emma Statham (Cross Country) for the month of August 2006, and for merit certificates to be awarded to the other nominees.

MOVED: Ray Stoneley

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 6 – LEARN TO SWIM – FEES AND CHARGES

In regard to the Committee's previous enquiry regarding the possibility of parents spectating at Learn to Swim classes being allowed free entry into the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, I wish to advise that Council's Group Manager – Corporate and Community, Mrs Kathy Woolley, has provided some advice to be submitted to the Committee.

For the fees to be waived, the Learn to Swim organisers would need to write to Council requesting the fees to be waived, and they would need to estimate the number of parents this will apply to, to enable Council to estimate the income loss. Then, Council's Acting Group Manager Regional Services, Mr Andrew Muir will need to approve the loss of income. As the current adopted Annual Management Plan includes the fees and charges set for the 2006/2007 financial year, it is unlikely that any fees will be amended, however, the request may be considered when Council produces its draft fees and charges for the 2007/2008 Annual Management Plan.

It is noted that parents do not use the pool itself, however, they do utilise the amenities, concourse and grass areas, all of which Council has to provide funding for to undertake annual maintenance and improvements.

The Committee recommends that this item be withdrawn due to ongoing review, as advised by Andrew Muir in Item 3.

ITEM 7 – SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – NOVEMBER 2006

It is noted that the last scheduled meeting for the Sports Advisory Committee will fall on 27 November 2006.

As the December month has been eliminated from the Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star Awards, the nominations for November's awards will close on 7 December 2006. It would seem beneficial for the Sports Advisory Committee to reschedule the November meeting, where the award winners for November can be selected, and trophies ordered in time for the annual award presentations in early 2007. It is suggested that the new meeting date be Monday, 11 December 2006.

The Committee recommends that the Sports Advisory Committee meetings scheduled for 27 November 2006 be rescheduled for Monday, 11 December 2006.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Russell Jeffery

ITEM 8 – BOOKING REQUEST – LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, LITHGOW – LITHGOW HIGH SCHOOL

Correspondence has been received from Lithgow High School requesting permission to use Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow on the following dates:

- Monday, 4 December 2006 – Year 8 Lifesaving
- Thursday, 7 December 2006 – Year 8 Lifesaving
- Wednesday, 14 February 2007 – Annual Swimming Carnival (back up date 21 February 2007)
- Monday, 26 February 2007 – Year 7 Lifesaving
- Tuesday, 27 February 2007 – Year 8 Lifesaving
- Thursday, 1 March 2007 – Year 7 Lifesaving
- Friday, 2 March 2007 – Year 8 Lifesaving

It should be noted that these bookings do not conflict with any other approved bookings.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to Lithgow High School to use Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow on Monday, 4 December 2006 (Year 8 Lifesaving), Thursday, 7 December 2006 (Year 8 Lifesaving), Wednesday, 14 February 2007 (Annual Swimming Carnival (back up date 21 February 2007)), Monday, 26 February 2007 (Year 7 Lifesaving) Tuesday, 27 February 2007 (Year 8 Lifesaving), Thursday, 1 March 2007 (Year 7 Lifesaving), and Friday, 2 March 2007 (Year 8 Lifesaving).

MOVED: Neryll Wood

SECONDED: Deb Martin

ITEM 9 – BOOKING REQUEST – SAVILLE PARK, PORTLAND – PORTLAND TOUCH ASSOCIATION

Correspondence has been received from the Portland Touch Association requesting permission to use Saville Park, Portland on Wednesday and Thursdays from 4 October 2006 to 31 March 2007, as well as for one (1) Sunday (date yet to be determined).

It should be noted that approval has already been given to the Lithgow District Cricket Association to conduct weekday training at Saville Park, Portland, during this period.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Portland Touch Association to use Saville Park, Portland on Wednesday and Thursdays from 4 October 2006 to 31 March 2007, as well as for one (1) Sunday (date yet to be determined), subject to successful liaison with the Lithgow District Cricket Association.

MOVED: Russell Jeffery

SECONDED: Ray Stoneley

ITEM 10 – BOOKING REQUEST – TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW – LITHGOW TOUCH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Correspondence has been received from the Lithgow Touch Football Association, requesting permission to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground on Monday nights from 9 October 2006 to end of March 2007, utilising all four (4) fields.

It should be noted that this booking does not conflict with any other approved booking, and will also not conflict with the setting up or conduct of the annual Lithgow Show.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Lithgow Touch Football Association to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground on Monday nights from 9 October 2006 to end of March 2007, utilising all four (4) fields.

MOVED: Neryll Wood

SECONDED: Neil Gambrill

ITEM 11 – BOOKING REQUEST – TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW – LITHGOW SHOW SOCIETY

Correspondence has been received from the Lithgow Show Society, requesting permission for exclusive use of Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow, from Thursday, 22 March 2007 to Tuesday, 4 April 2007, to conduct the annual Lithgow Show.

Permission is also requested to conduct the annual Summer Horse Show on Friday, 26 January 2007.

It should be noted that whilst the Lithgow District Cricket Association already have permission to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground during this period, the Show Society and Lithgow District Cricket Association have liaised to ensure that these bookings do not conflict.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Lithgow Show Society, to have exclusive use of Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow, from Thursday, 22 March 2007 to Tuesday, 4 April 2007, to conduct the annual Lithgow Show, and to conduct the annual Summer Horse Show on Friday, 26 January 2007.

MOVED: Russell Jeffery SECONDED: Neil Gambrill

ITEM 12 – LETTER OF GRATITUDE – LITHGOW WORKMEN’S CLUB RLFC

Council has received correspondence from the Lithgow Workmen’s Club RLFC, thanking Council for their support provided to allow the hosting of the 2006 Group 10 Grand Final at Tony Luchetti Sportsground.

The Club would like to thank Councillors and Council’s ground staff who have made Workies task of providing a presentation to the community worthy of note, especially after the disruptions encountered during the previous year’s grand final.

Council Officers and grounds staff have provided a facility that has once again stood up to a difficult year after a heavy early season programme of use. The overall sportsground was well maintained, and at all times, the staff under the direction of Maurie Weekes have assisted Workies with any issues arising.

Workies would especially like to thank the Sports Advisory Committee for its support during 2006, and hope that the same can be afforded during 2007.

Although the day suffered the effects of unpredictable weather and a disappointing loss, many people saw a facility that would be the envy of the centres surrounding us, and would like to reiterate that without Council’s support, this event would not have been possible, and would like to extend their thanks to all involved.

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Ray Stoneley SECONDED: Deb Martin

ITEM 13 – BOOKING REQUEST – LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, LITHGOW – ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

Correspondence has been received from the Assumption School requesting permission to use Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow, on 23 February 2007 for the Bathurst Eastern Region Catholic Schools swimming carnival.

The Committee noted that this school was from Bathurst, and is utilising Lithgow’s Pool due to the upgrading of the Bathurst Swimming Pool. The Committee suggested that local Lithgow Schools be given first preference for dates, and Leanne advised that the majority of local schools have submitted their proposed dates for swimming carnivals, and this booking does not conflict

with any other approved booking, or Council's policy of having carnival free days allowing for public use.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the Assumption School to use Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow, on 23 February 2007 for the Bathurst Eastern Region Catholic Schools swimming carnival.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill SECONDED: Deb Martin

ITEM 14 – BOOKING REQUEST – VARIOUS FACILITIES – ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Correspondence has been received from St Patrick's Primary School requesting permission to use the following facilities:

- Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow – Friday 23 March 2007 (training), Friday, 6 April 2007 (trials) and Friday 11 May 2007 (athletics carnival);
- Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow – Friday 11 May 2007 (infants athletics carnival); and
- Lake Wallace, Wallerawang – Friday, 23 March 2007 (cross country).

These bookings do not conflict with any other approved booking.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to St Patrick's Primary School to use Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow – Friday 23 March 2007 (training), Friday, 6 April 2007 (trials) and Friday 11 May 2007 (athletics carnival); Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow – Friday 11 May 2007 (infants athletics carnival); and Lake Wallace, Wallerawang – Friday, 23 March 2007 (cross country).

MOVED: Ray Stoneley SECONDED: Neil Gambrill

ITEM 15 – BOOKING REQUEST – LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, LITHGOW – LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES, DARLEEN CHENEY

Correspondence has been received from Darleen Cheney, requesting permission to use Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow to conduct Learn to Swim classes for approximately twenty (20) hours per week, using all three (3) pools at different times.

Ms Cheney has also requested permission to conduct Aquaerobics classes four times per week, at 10.00am or 6.00pm (dependant upon other pool users).

The Committee recommends that approval be granted to Darleen Cheney to use Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow to conduct Learn to Swim classes for approximately twenty (20) hours per week, using all three (3) pools at different times, and to conduct Aquaerobics classes four times per week, at 10.00am or 6.00pm (dependant upon other pool users and at the discretion of the Pool Manager).

MOVED: Neil Gambrill SECONDED: Nerryl Wood

ITEM 16 – BOOKING REQUEST – MARJORIE JACKSON OVAL, LITHGOW – PCYC

Correspondence has been received from Lithgow PCYC requesting permission to use Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow on Friday, 6 October 2006 between 10.30am and 2.30pm for Child Care activities.

This booking does not conflict with any other approved booking.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to Lithgow PCYC to use Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow on Friday, 6 October 2006 between 10.30am and 2.30pm for Child Care activities

MOVED: Russell Jeffery SECONDED: Neil Gambrill

ITEM 17 – GENERAL BUSINESS

- Neil Gambrill thanked Maurie Weekes and his staff for the general upkeep of Glanmire Oval, Lithgow, the condition of the grounds greatly assisted the success of the 2006 hockey season.
- Russell Jeffery advised that he has liaised with Nerryl Wood regarding the Lithgow Cancer Support Group's "Stroll Around Lithgow", and everything has been organised. Russell further advised that the NSW Cancer Council have agreed to conduct their "Relay for Life" on the 3 and 4 March 2007, as requested by the Lithgow District Cricket Association at the previous Sports Advisory Committee meeting. Russell will liaise with Maurie Weekes regarding the edges of the cricket wickets.
- Ray Stoneley advised that the track at Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval requires maintenance, there are dirt patches and clumps of grass and the Athletics Club have had a number of injuries due to the condition of the track.
- Ray Stoneley requested Council to replace the sand in the third long jump pit (the one furthest away), as the material currently in it is like gravel and filled with rubbish.
- Nerryl Wood thanked Council for their assistance with maintenance of the outdoor courts at the Wallerawang Indoor Sport and Recreation Centre, and advised that the 2006 Netball season has just been completed. Nerryl further requested an update on the status of repairing the rust spots and cracks on the outdoor courts. Andrew Muir advised that meetings have been held between Council and the contractor who constructed the courts, and the contractor has advised that the rust spots are only aesthetic and caused by a reaction with the sub base material. Andrew further advised that the cracking issues are still being investigated, and Council may trial a form of repair where the surface is ground out and an epoxy resin is used to fill the cracks. This will be trialed on an area off the playing surface first, prior to any further decision being made.
- Nerryl Wood advised there may be some parking issues associated with the "Stroll Around Lithgow", as there are approximately 60 teams already entered, and will arrange for parking attendants to prevent this problem. Nerryl thanked everyone for their support of the event, it has been overwhelming. Nerryl further asked if Council had any plans for a walking track around town, and Neville Castle advised that he has a meeting with health professionals next week, and this maybe an issue that needs discussing, and that Council will be endeavouring to address all issues raised by the health professionals.
- Andrew Muir advised that the opening date for the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool has been rescheduled to the second weekend in October due to some operational issues, and that Council had purchased a "Duck Off" machine for the Pool, to hopefully alleviate these problems.
- Andrew Muir advised that Council had received information from a company called "Game On", which is an SMS service available to advise certain people of issues relating to sporting fields, ie if the grounds are closed due to wet weather, an SMS can be sent to a list of people from sporting organisations advising them of this. Council has determined that this system is not needed, as Leanne Kearney contacts users when grounds are closed, as well as utilising local radio stations.

MOVED: Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Deb Martin

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee be adopted.

**ITEM:13 REG - 06/11/06 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES 30
OCTOBER 2006
SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2006**

PRESENT

Mr Andrew Muir (Acting Chairman), Mr Neil Gambrill, Mr Mark Cronin, Mr Ray Field, Mr Glen Ryan, Mr Michael Rushworth, Mr Danny Whitty, Mrs Robyn Whitty, Mr Eric Arnold, Mr Maurie Weekes (Acting Recreation Supervisor), Miss Cortney Wood (Executive Assistant), and Miss Leanne Kearney (Strategic Engineer).

APOLOGIES

Councillor Neville Castle, Mr Russell Jeffery, Mrs Nerryl Wood and Mr Ray Stoneley.

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, 25 September 2006 were read and confirmed.

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

MOVED: Mr Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Mr Michael Rushworth

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Mr Neil Gambrill enquired of the progress of the report to be presented to the Committee regarding the responsibilities of Council's Law Enforcement Officers. Mr Andrew Muir advised that he has spoken to the appropriate Manager, who will be providing a report in due course, which will explain the responsibilities of Council's Law Enforcement Officers as well as hirer's responsibilities, and that the current signage will be replaced accordingly.
- Mr Ray Field asked if the decision by Council to install signage at Kremer Park, Portland regarding shared use between the Cricket Association and the Trotting Association is a soft option. Mr Andrew Muir advised that both users should be able to use common sense during shared use, and that Council has investigated installing appropriate protection instruments, however, most have been cost prohibitive. This item will be further discussed in general business of tonight's meeting.
- Mr Danny Whitty enquired if advice had been received regarding the request to waive entry fees for parents attending the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool to watch their children participate in Learn to Swim Classes. Miss Leanne Kearney advised that a formal response in regard to this request had not been received, however a response in relation to a similar request has been received from Council's Group Manager Corporate and Community, advising that the fees have been adopted as part of Council's Annual Management Plan for the 2006/2007 financial year, and will be applicable. Should an organisation wish for these charges to alter for the 2007/2008 financial year, a submission will need to be made to Council to allow Council to consider this during the budget process.

MOVED: Mr Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Mr Danny Whitty

ITEM 4 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Financial assistance applications have been approved for the following applicants:

- Brendan Hall (Soccer) - \$300.00 after his selection in the NSW Under 14 Country Soccer team; and
- Daniel Rodgers (Athletics) - \$100.00 after his selection in the Western Region Athletics Team;

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Mr Ray Field

SECONDED: Mr Mark Cronin

ITEM 5 – 2006 REG COWDEN MEMORIAL SPORTS STAR AWARDS

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

- Brendan Hall (Soccer) – selected in the NSW Under 14 Country Soccer Team;
- Daniel Rodgers (Athletics) - selected in the Western Region Athletics Team to compete at the State Championships after being the district champion for 11 years boys at western region championships came 3rd in the shot put and 3rd in the high jump;
- Nathan Shawcross (Chito Ryu Karate) – Nathan competed in the National Championships in the Chito Ryu discipline of Karate on 18 September 2006, and in his first ever Kumite event, he won 1st place in the 10-11 years boys. He won his fights 3-0, 2-1 (against a boy 2 belts higher than him), and 3-0 in the final to win the National Title undefeated. He also won 2nd place in the Team Kata 10th -4th Kyu Junior Under 13 event;
- Tahlia Nugent (Athletics) – Tahlia competed at the NSW CHS Athletics Championships, placing 5th in the 16 years 200 metres, 3rd in the 16 years 100 metres, anchored the 16 years 100 metre relay team to 3rd place, 2nd in the 16 years Long Jump, 2nd in the 16 years Triple Jump, 2nd in the 16 years High Jump (leading the field to a very last jump before losing to the State Champion);
- Jack Quinn (Taekwondo) – Jack competed in the Australian Open/Nationals held in Adelaide. Jack won all of his fights in the Male J10-11 years Red 28-31 division, giving Jack the Australian Title. He has retained this title from last year.
- Laura Whichelo (Taekwondo) – Laura won the blue belt 8 to 9 years event in taekwondo in Adelaide, and is now the Australian Champion.

The Committee selected Jack Quinn (Taekwondo) to be the Junior Sports Star winner for the month of September 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	Emma Statham
September	Jack Quinn

There were no nominations received for the Senior Sports Star Award for September 2006.

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	Nil
September	Nil

The Committee recommends that the Junior Sports Star Award be awarded to Jack Quinn (Taekwondo) for the month of September 2006, and for merit certificates to be awarded to the other nominees.

MOVED: Mr Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Mr Danny Whitty

ITEM 6 – BOOKING REQUEST – LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, LITHGOW – LA SALLE ACADEMY

Correspondence has been received from La Salle Academy requesting permission to use Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow on Friday, 16 February 2007 to conduct their annual swimming carnival, with an alternative date of Monday, 19 February 2007.

This booking does not conflict with any other approved booking.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to La Salle Academy to use Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow on Friday, 16 February 2007 to conduct their annual swimming carnival, with an alternative date of Monday, 19 February 2007.

MOVED: Mr Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Mr Eric Arnold

ITEM 7 – LETTER OF APPRECIATION – AMIE SHARP

Council has received correspondence from Amie Sharp, expressing her gratitude for the financial assistance she received, which assisted her in travelling to Melbourne to compete in the NSW PSSA hockey team.

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Mr Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Mr Mark Cronin

ITEM 8 – BOOKING REQUEST – TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW – IRONFEST

Correspondence has been received from Ironfest, requesting exclusive use of Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow from 23 April 2007 to 1 May 2007 to stage the Main Ironfest event.

Ironfest have advised that they will accommodate the needs of other community groups who use the facility, as they have in previous years.

This booking does not conflict with any other approved booking, however, it should be noted that the 2007 rugby league dates have not yet been determined.

The Committee recommends that permission be given to Ironfest for exclusive use of Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow from 23 April 2007 to 1 May 2007 to stage the Main Ironfest event.

MOVED: Mr Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Mr Ray Field

ITEM 9 – BOOKING REQUEST – FOOTBALL EXCELLENCE ACADEMY

Correspondence has been received from Anita Jobson on behalf of Football Excellence Academy, requesting permission to use a sporting field in Lithgow to conduct a Youth

Development Pre-Season Soccer Camp between Monday, 8 January 2007 and Wednesday, 10 January 2007.

This camp enables young footballers to receive coaching at the highest standard, assisting in their development into better players by promoting not only skills and tricks, but fitness speed and technique.

The Academy has expressed an interest in hosting a Soccer Development Camp each school holidays in Lithgow, should enough interest be shown for this event.

The Committee noted that topdressing of the fields will be undertaken, however, this will not interfere with the proposed use. The Committee further noted that the grounds have been booked by the Lithgow District Cricket Association during this period, however, being a weekday event, it will not conflict with the approved booking.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to Football Excellence Academy to use Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow (excluding Number 1 field) to conduct a Youth Development Pre-Season Soccer Camp between Monday, 8 January 2007 and Wednesday, 10 January 2007.

MOVED: Mr Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Mr Neil Gambrill

ITEM 10 – GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mr Danny Whitty suggested that the Committee award merit certificates to the other two (2) Australian representatives nominated for the Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star Awards, and Miss Leanne Kearney advised that all nominees who aren't selected as the monthly award winner are presented with merit certificates.
- Mr Neil Gambrill enquired why Nathan Mitchell didn't receive his notification for the merit certificate presentation (conducted on 21 September 2006), until five (5) days after the ceremony was held, and further enquired as to where his certificate is. Miss Leanne Kearney advised that invitations were posted two (2) weeks prior to the ceremony, and certificates were posted to any recipients who were not present to collect their certificates.
- Mr Ray Field raised the issue of shared use of Kremer Park, Portland. Mr Andrew Muir advised that he and Mr Maurie Weekes (Council's Acting Recreation Supervisor) had inspected the site, and unfortunately, Council is not prepared to invest a substantial amount of funding into a project that can be solved by both parties using some common sense. The Committee resolved for Council to write to the Lithgow District Cricket Association, and request them to ensure that their members act in a responsible manner when other users are utilising the facility, and make them aware that the facility is to be shared with the Portland Owners and Trotting Association. Should further reports of conflicts continue, Council will take further action to restrict the users to specific days and times to prevent any possible injury or damages.
- Mr Ray Field requested that in future, if Council is planning to construct infrastructure on playing fields, that the item be referred for discussion at the Sports Advisory Committee to allow the Committee to be aware and have some input into ensuring that all users benefit from the construction.
- Mr Ray Field requested an explanation of the criteria for Financial Assistance provided by Council. Miss Leanne Kearney advised that if nominees meet all the criteria, they are eligible for financial assistance from Council, of up to \$100.00 per calendar year for Regional representation, up to \$300.00 per calendar year for State Representation, and up to \$500.00 per calendar year for National Representation. Supporting documentation verifying the nominees selection in the representative team is required from either the team they have been selected in, or a letter of verification from the local sporting association. Nominees are eligible for each category (regional, state or national) per calendar year, therefore someone who is selected in a regional team can apply for up to \$100.00, and also apply for up to \$300.00 should they be selected in a state team when

competing as a regional representative. There is a form that needs to be completed and returned to Council prior to the closing date (the 7th of the month proceeding ie for September nominations, the closing date is 7th October), however, Council does accept letters as official nominations, and then requests for the form to be completed and returned.

- Mr Glen Ryan advised of his disappointment in the lack of nominations for the Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Awards for the past few months, and the Committee resolved to encourage senior nominations for October and November through advertising in the Lithgow Mercury.
- Mr Danny Whitty advised that the soil in the cricket stumps at Kremer Park, Portland requires replacing, as it has depleted due to use of the past few weeks. Mr Maurie Weekes will arrange for the soil to be replaced prior to this weekends game.
- Mr Danny Whitty enquired if Saville Park, Portland cricket boundary can be marked out tomorrow, and Mr Maurie Weekes advised this would be undertaken.
- Mr Eric Arnold thanked Mr Maurie Weekes and his ground staff for replacing the sand in the long jump pits, as well as for the regrassing of the track at Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, this work has been appreciated by the members of Lithgow Athletics Club.
- Mr Ray Field enquired where the records for previous winners of the Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star were held, and Mr Danny Whitty advised that he has the records kept in a box at his house. These records will be provided to Council for scanning and organising for future reference and information.

MOVED: Mr Mark Cronin

SECONDED: Mr Danny Whitty

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee be adopted.