



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

03 JULY 2006

AT 6.00pm

AGENDA

PRESENT

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY

PRESENTATIONS

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 5 JUNE 2006

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

NOTICES OF MOTION - Councillor Wayne McAndrew

NOTICES OF RESCISSION - NIL

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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NOTICE OF MOTION

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NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 I, hereby provide a notice of motion as follows:

THAT

Council adopt, as policy, the provision of \$2,000 in Councils annual recurrent budget for the provision of a Scholarship in Radiology or Physiotherapy, whilst ever such funds and any community funds are matched by SWAHS.

Council had allocated \$2,000 for this purpose in the 2006-09 Management Plan, Non Recurrent Funds, and by the adoption of this policy it would ensure the continuation of the scholarship, as long as an equivalent value is met by Sydney Western Area Health Service or the local Community, for the benefit of future health in the Lithgow district.

Your Faithfully

Councillor: WAYNE McANDREW
Signature: W. McAndrew

Dated the 28th of June _____ 2006

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GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

ITEM:1 EXEC - 03/07/06 - PACIFIC NATIONAL PTY LTD

REFERENCE

Letter sent 18 May 2006. Dataworks Document number 274616.

SUMMARY

This report outlines a proposed meeting with Pacific National Pty Ltd.

COMMENTARY

Correspondence was received by Pacific National Pty Ltd regarding a proposed meeting with representatives of Lithgow City Council.

"We refer to Councils recent letter to us dated 18 May 2006, expressing an interest in Council meeting with us to better understand Pacific Nationals plans for the future of its Lithgow property.

As you are no doubt aware, Pacific National is a joint venture between Toll Holdings Limited and Patrick Corporation Limited and has been caught up in the protracted takeover bid of Patrick by Toll.

Now that this has been completed, we are in the process of reviewing our operational needs and appropriate levels of use of our assets.

We are therefore not presently in a position to be able to hold any meaningful discussions with Council on the future of our Lithgow Property. However we would be pleased to discuss these matters with Council once this review is complete".

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the correspondence be received and noted.

ITEM:2 EXEC - 03/07/06 - NEW ICAC PUBLICATION: SPONSORSHIP IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

This report outlines correspondence received from ICAC re a new publication.

COMMENTARY

Correspondence has been received from the Independent Commission Against Corruption regarding the Commissions latest corruption advice resource called the **Sponsorship in the Public Sector**.

It has been created to assist public sector agencies to identify and address the corruption risks associated with this activity. The new resource supersedes ICAC's 1995 publication , *And Now a Word from our Sponsor*.

Sponsorship in the Public Sector provides an update of the Commissions ten sponsorship principles as well as guides to developing policies and procedures for receiving and granting sponsorship.

Copies can be arranged by contacting the General Managers, Personal Assistant, Casey Clarke.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

ITEM:3 EXEC - 03/07/06 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

This report reminds Council of the upcoming Local Government Association Conference and seeks any motions from Council for consideration at the Conference.

COMMENTARY

Council will be aware of the annual LGA Conference and the process of having motions listed in the proceedings for consideration.

Councils are requested to advise the Association of any pending motion for inclusion in the business papers. **The closing date for the motions is 21 August 2006.**

Council may move any motion which relates to the operations or strategic issues facing local government. Council may wish to consider matters relating to:

- Shopping trolleys
- RFS contributions
- LEP templates

Council will need to decide upon any motion so that they can be forwarded to the Association by the closing date.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The motions put by the Lithgow City Council should reflect Councils Policy stance on such matters or reflect a change to Councils policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

CONCLUSION

This report provides an opportunity for Councillors to move a specific motion for Councils adoption and forwarding to the Local Government Association for inclusion in the list of motions at the 2006 Local Government Association Conference.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council formulate any motion it feels are warranted.

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:4 **EPS - 03/07/06 - PREPARATION OF A PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR MOUNT YORK RESERVE BY BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL**

REFERENCE

Item 2, EPS, Policy and Strategy Committee, 1 May 2006

SUMMARY

Blue Mountains City Council is preparing a Plan of Management for Mount York Reserve. As the Plan of Management area contains some land within the Lithgow Local Government Area, this progress report is provided for information.

COMMENTARY

As previously mentioned in a report to Council's Policy and Strategy Committee meeting of 1 May 2005 regarding the Gardens of Stone Park Proposal Stage 2, Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC) is preparing a Plan of Management (POM) for Mount York Reserve. The area covered by the POM includes Crown Lands located on the western escarpment within both the Blue Mountains and Lithgow Local Government Areas (LGA). Of the lands located within the Lithgow LGA, two parcels are currently managed by BMCC and the third parcel is proposed to be managed by BMCC under the Public Lands Rationalisation Project. It should be noted that this third parcel of Crown Land is currently being managed by private citizens. A diagram of the POM area is attached to the Business Paper.

It is advised that the Public Lands Rationalisation Project and the POM are two different and distinct processes. The Public Lands Rationalisation Project investigated the most appropriate public land manager for a range of public lands including the western escarpment. The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has advised that it favours BMCC managing the western escarpment. Council will recall at its meeting of 4 October 2005 it resolved to consult with the community prior to making a final determination on the matter. In order to prepare any exhibition material, Council firstly required information from DEC and BMCC, however, this information has not been forthcoming to date. Therefore, this issue has been included in the Gardens of Stone Park Proposal Stage 2 submission to the Local Member, Gerard Martin, MP and the Honorable, Minister for the Environment, Bob Debus, MP.

The POM will provide a clear direction for the future of Mount York Reserve. It will address the environmental, social and heritage values of the area. The area incorporates Mount York and Bardens Lookouts and contains a number of historic roads and monuments associated with early European crossings of the Blue Mountains and are currently a popular rock climbing/abseiling site.

To date, the POM preparation process has involved the following public consultation:

- 19 April 2006 a public meeting was held to ascertain the community's values of the Reserve; management issues for the Reserve and ideas on how to manage the issues raised.
- 7 June 2006 a public meeting was held to present a number of draft Masterplans for the Mount York Day Use Area, Bardens Lookout, Lawsons Long Alley/Berghofers Pass track head and Lockyers Line of Road track head.

A copy of the results of the meeting held on 19 April 2006 and the draft Masterplans are attached to the Business Paper.

There will be an opportunity for Council and the community to comment during the exhibition of the draft POM.

Furthermore, as Council would be aware the Rural Fire Service has previously expressed concerns about the Public Lands Rationalisation Project and as such a meeting was convened between Gondwana Consulting, BMCC, LCC and the Lithgow RFS to ensure that the Lithgow RFS could express their concerns during the preparation of the POM. At this meeting it was resolved to have a BMCC representative attend the Joint Lithgow and Blue Mountains Rural Fire Service meeting to discuss this issue.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy decisions as a result of this report.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Diagram illustrating the POM Area.
2. Notes from the meeting held on 19 April 2006.
3. Copies of the draft Masterplans for Mount York Day Use Area, Bardens Lookout, Lawsons Long Alley/Berghofers Pass track head and Lockyers Line of Road track head.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

ITEM:5 EPS - 03/07/06 - ABS NATIONAL CENSUS OF POPULATION & HOUSING

SUMMARY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics will conduct the next national Census of Population and Housing on 8 August 2006. Council's support in promoting the Census is being sought.

COMMENTARY

The next national Census of Population and Housing will be held on 8 August 2006. Census collectors will drop off a Census form at every household in Australia in the two weeks prior to Census night and will return to pick up the completed census form between 9 and 28 August 2006. Also, people will have the option of completing the Census electronically via the internet.

The Census is an important information source for local government planning. It is used to examine changes in the characteristics of populations and identify services that are required in the Local Government Area.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has requested the support of councils in promoting public participation in the Census. It is considered appropriate for Council to advertise the Census on its website and in the weekly column of the Lithgow Mercury.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The data obtained from the Census will inform Council plans, policies and strategies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of advertising the Census can be funded through the Recurrent Budget for 2006/07.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Census of Population and Housing be advertised on Council's website and in the weekly column of the Lithgow Mercury.

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:6 CORP - 03/07/06 COMPETITION TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE 2006/07 RATE NOTICES

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

To advise Council of our involvement in a competition organised by Australia Post for Council customers who pay their rate instalment through Australia Post outlets, phone or internet between 3 July 2006 and 29 September 2006.

COMMENTARY

Council has accepted an offer from Australia Post to include in our 2006/07 Annual Rate notices a competition for Council customers who pay their rate instalment through Australia Post outlets, or by phone or on the internet between 3 July 2006 and 29 September 2006.

The competition is advertised by a flyer inserted in the rate envelope and provides a chance for participants to win one of three monetary prizes of \$10,000 (\$30,000 in total).

The following comments are noted:

- No cost to Council
- Australia Post to meet the cost of insertion of the flyer
- Australia Post will deliver the flyers (10,000) to our mailing company before the due date
- Australia Post has complied with Dept Gaming and Racing requirements with regard to conducting a competition. No liability rests with Council
- Advertising is undertaken locally
- Customers may enter in person, by phone or on the internet
- Should a Lithgow City Council customer win one of the prizes it will be publicised in the local media with Council's involvement.

The advantages of Council participation:

- Customers are encouraged to pay their bills sooner which will improve Council's cash flow
- Provide a reward for our customers who pay their bills using Post Bill
- Council promoted in a positive public relations exercise

Public Consultation

NIL

Budget & Financial Aspects

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received and Council acknowledge our involvement in the 2006/07 rating year.

ITEM:7 CORP - 03/07/06 CABONNE FLOOD APPEAL THANK YOU

REFERENCE

28.11.05 Min 05-589 Report to Ordinary Meeting of Council

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the final distribution of funds donated to the 2005 Cabonne Flood appeal.

COMMENTARY

The Mayor of Cabonne has announced the final distribution of funds donated to his Mayors Flood appeal. The appeal raised over \$260,000 and was initiated after devastating rain caused flooding in four of the villages in the Cabonne areas last November.

Lithgow Council resolved at the meeting of 28 November 2005 to contribute \$1,000 towards the appeal.

Mayor John Farr said the appeal was a great success and that the funds raised had gone towards assisting many individuals and businesses to get back on their feet. He said that money was distributed in three rounds with assistance spreading across the villages and farms that were affected. He also said that no administration charges, dividends or 'bonus payments' were made and all funds raised went to relieve those in need

Donations were received from all levels of government, including \$50,000 from the Federal Government \$27,500 from the Premiers Department and over \$67,000 from local Councils all over NSW. Cr Farr has expressed his absolute amazement at the generosity of city and country councils across NSW and would like to extend his sincere and personal thanks to each and every Council and organisation.

Public Consultation

NIL

Budget & Financial Aspects

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS