



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

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AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

20 JUNE 2011

AT 7.00pm

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 30th MAY 2011

PUBLIC FORUM

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

MAYORAL MINUTES - Commemoration of the Crossing of the Blue Mountains

NOTICE OF RESCISSIONS - NIL

NOTICES OF MOTION - NIL

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

General Managers Reports
Environment and Development Services Reports
Operation Services Reports
Finance Services Reports

REPORTS FROM DELEGATES - Centroc Meeting

BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY

(As identified by Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005)

CLOSED REPORTS - Tenders for the Construction of Stage One of the Lithgow Aquatic Centre

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MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM-1 MAYORAL MINUTE - 20/06/11 - COMMEMORATION OF THE CROSSING OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

REPORT FROM: THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR NEVILLE CASTLE

REFERENCE

NIL

COMMENTARY

Over the last few months I have attended a number of meetings regarding the proposed Commemoration of the Bicentenary of the Crossing of the Blue Mountains which will take place in 2013.

At the most recent meeting of the Hartley District Progress Association (who have been looking to coordinate the activities west of Mount York), they advised they have been looking for additional support for these projects.

I have recently written to Paul Toole MP, Member for Bathurst looking for his and their Governments support for what could be a very large series of events to celebrate this commemoration.

Even though the Royal Australian Historical Society may well be looking to coordinate the overall events from St Mary's through to Lithgow, smaller groups are looking to coordinate the commemoration within their area of influence.

So that the Council can not only be informed but a part of the planning process, I suggest a Sec 355 Committee be established to enable further planning of possible celebrations and for Council to have a greater role in these celebrations.

I would also envisage that this Committee have a sunset clause of being wound up at the end of 2013.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Notes - Hartley District Progress Association

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council establish a Sec 355 Committee for the purposes of coordinating activities regarding the commemoration of the Bicentenary of the Crossing of the Blue Mountains.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS

ITEM-2 GM - 20/06/11 - REVIEW OF POLICY 9.9 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

This report is to advise Council the Draft Policy 9.9 for the 'Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors' has been reviewed as Version 4 and includes a recommendation that it be publically advertised for a period of 28days prior to final consideration by Council.

COMMENTARY

Draft Policy 9.9 for the 'Payment of expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors' has been reviewed and is submitted to the business paper as Version 4.

The following changes have been made:

EXPENSES:

Clause 1:

Inclusion of the word 'overseas' as follows:

*Councillor/s must have successfully supplied to Council (in an open session of a council meeting) details via a written report which illustrates the nexus of their **overseas** trip with the polices and/or objectives of the Council and the report must illustrate the community benefit that will arise from the trip.*

Deletion of the paragraph:

Councillor/s undertaking any travel outside the Lithgow City Council Local Government Area (LGA) are required to submit a written report to the next Council meeting via the Business Paper for that meeting.

Clause 2:

Point 9: addition of 'or arranged by Council';

*Inspections within the area of the Council, undertaken according to resolution of council; **or arranged by Council***

Clause 5:

Addition of '(if held)':

Council will purchase the tickets to the annual Lithgow Business Association Awards (if held) for Councillors and partners wishing to attend and payment shall be from this vote.

FACILITIES:

Clause 4:

Deletion of the following sentence and associated points:

In addition, the following information and resources will be provided;

Clause 6:

Change wording from Councillors Room to **Committee** Room':

Clause 7:

Change value from \$2,000 to **\$2,200** for the lease of the Mayoral Vehicle, in accordance with Council resolution.

ATTACHMENT:

Fuel reimbursement altered to allow for award increases:

- Engine Capacity < 2.5 litres @ **65c** per km (previously 64c per km)
- Engine Capacity > 2.5 litres @ **74c** per km (previously 73c per km)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Draft Policy 9.9 for the 'Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors' Version 4.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Policy 9.9 for the 'Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors'

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council advertise the revised Draft Policy 9.9 for the 'Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors,' Version 4, for a period of 28 days.

**ITEM-3 GM - 20/06/11 - REVIEW OF THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR
LOCAL COUNCILS - REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS ON
DISCUSSION PAPER**

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

The Minister for Local Government has announced a review of the Model Code of Conduct.

COMMENTARY

Under Section 440 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993 each NSW council must adopt a code of conduct. The Division of Local Government provides a model code and the code of conduct that is adopted by councils may include provisions that supplement the model code. A council's adopted code will have no effect to the extent that it is inconsistent with the model code.

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Don Page, has advised that the Model Code of Conduct is to be revised and is inviting submissions on a discussion paper that the Division has prepared in relation to its review.

The original version of the Model Code commenced operation on 1 January 2005. A further revised version of the Model Code subsequently came into force on 27 June 2008 and operates to this day.

The Model Code is seen as an evolving document. While the regime for managing complaints about council officials has vastly improved over the 6 years the Model Code has been in operation, it is felt that there remains scope for further refinement and improvement.

The Division of Local Government has prepared a discussion paper for the purposes of seeking the views of stakeholders and any other interested persons to inform the review process.

Submissions are to be received by 15 July 2011.

Following the receipt of submissions the Division will identify preferred options for the amendment of the Model Code; it will then undertake further targeted consultation with stakeholders with a view to identifying and addressing any potential implementation issues.

Once the Division has completed this targeted consultation, it will prepare a new draft of the Model Code containing proposed amendments. The Division will undertake further open consultation in relation to the proposed draft Model Code, before making a recommendation to the Minister for consideration for gazettal under the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL at this point

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

1. Discussion Paper - Review of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager to prepare a submission to the Division of Local Government in relation to the review of the Code of Conduct.

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM-4 ENVIRO - 20/06/11 - CHANGES TO NEW SOUTH WALES PLANNING SYSTEM

REPORT FROM: ANDREW MUIR - GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

To advise Council of changes to Part 3A of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act and likely changes to Joint Regional Planning Panels.

COMMENTARY

The New South Wales Government has announced that Part 3A of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act will be repealed. Transitional arrangements will be put in place for projects which are already in the Major Projects Assessment System under Part 3A. Under these arrangements:

Changes to Part 3A

63 projects will now either not be declared as major projects under Part 3A or will be immediately removed from the Part 3A System and generally handed back to Local Councils for assessment and determination by the relevant Joint Regional Planning Panel.

At this stage, it is unclear what impact this will have on the Lithgow Local Government Area, except that it is understood that any current mining applications will continue under the Part 3A System. It is also likely that in the future major mining proposals would be assessed and determined by Council rather than by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

Possible Changes to Joint Regional Planning Panels

Advice has also come through from the Local Government and Shires Associations indicating that the Government is considering changes to Joint Regional Planning Panels. The Minister has apparently advised that it is the Government's intention to 'democratise' these panels. The Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Don Page MP, has indicated that the Government is considering changing the proportion of Local to State Representatives on JRPP's to favour Local Representation. Currently there are three State Representatives and two Local Nominees. In addition, the Minister suggested that the process of appointing the Chair of these panels may also be reviewed to take into consideration advice from Local Government. The Department of Planning & Infrastructure has also advised that in conjunction with changes to the Part 3A system, the threshold for development that is referred to a JRPP is also being examined so that only genuinely regionally significant development is referred to a JRPP.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Government will be required to initiate changes to the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act and Regulations in relation to these matters.

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on changes to the New South Wales Planning System be noted.

**ITEM-5 ENVIRO - 20/06/11 - PROPOSED MIXING PLANT - SOLID WASTE
LANDFILL DEPOT, CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY BLACKMANS FLAT
NSW 2790**

**REPORT BY: ANDREW MUIR - GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

SUMMARY

Council is in receipt of Development Application 017/11 from Weston Matrix Pty Ltd for the trial of a mobile resource recovery mill (MRRM) at Blackman's Flat. The trial will operate for a **six month period** producing up to 29,000 tonnes of road base for two separate road projects within the Lithgow City Council Local Government Area.

COMMENTARY

The site of the proposed trial is the Blackmans Flat Waste Management Facility (WMF), which is approximately located 16km north of Lithgow. Lithgow Council were granted development consent for the construction and operation of the facility in 2006, to date, construction of the facility has not commenced.

The mill will blend coal washery reject from Centennial Coal's Springvale facility with flyash from Delta Electricity.

Process Description

The mill will be transported to the proposed site on trucks where it will be assembled. It will be supported by adjustable feet on hardwood blocks, no excavation is therefore required. The footprint of the mill is approximately 20 metres by 3 metres.

Centennial Coal will stockpile coal washery reject (CWR) will be loaded into the mill by a front end loader and fly ash will be pneumatically transferred into the silo from trucks. The mobile resource recovery mill will use augers to blend the coal washery rejects, fly ash and water at specified ratios to achieve the desired consistency and moisture content. Water will be stored on site in a 4,000 litre tank adjacent to the mill. The resultant product is then conveyed into a hopper and loaded onto trucks

The mill will be operated to avoid stockpiling and double handling of finished road base. Production of road base will be guided by the timing of truck dispatches. Raw material stockpiling will also be controlled and all materials delivered will be consumed in the process to avoid unnecessary stockpiling.

Diesel fuel will be delivered by contractor to supply fuel for the mill and the front loader.

The finished product will be trucked to the RTA road projects at Aarons Pass (65km north-west of site) and Back Cullen Road (8km north-west of site). The trucks will exit and enter the site via the Castlereagh Highway from the west, and will not pass through the settlement of Blackmans Flat.

A demountable building and portable amenities will be established at the site for use by MRRM staff.

Equipment Maintenance

The mill will be washed out with small amounts of water two to three times per week to avoid cementations build up.

Employment and Hours of Operation

Up to three staff will be stationed at the MRRM. These are likely to be existing Weston Matrix staff. Additional employment will however be generated during the transport of road base to the proposed construction sites.

The MRRM will operate between 7.00am-5.00pm Monday-Saturday.

Project Location

The site proposed for the establishment of the MRRM is within an area comprised of rural industries of grazing and forestry as well as coal mining and power generation. To the north of the site is the Castlereagh Highway and rural and forested land and to the north-east, the settlement of Blackmans Flat. Delta Electricity's ash disposal landfill is located to the west of the site, with the Mount Piper Power Station located beyond the ash disposal landfill.

The site is located adjacent to Springvale Coal Services facilities, stockpile area and overland conveyor.

The location of trial has been selected due to its proximity to the supply of the input materials; Springvale Coal Services CWR stockpile and Delta Electricity's ash disposal landfill.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Policy 7.6 – Development Applications on Council owned land are required to be referred to Council for consideration and determination and that no aspect of the development be dealt with under delegated authority. Given Council's ownership of this land the proposal is reported to Council for determination.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

In determining a development application, a consent authority is required to take into consideration the matters of relevance under Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

ATTACHMENTS

1. A complete Section 79C report.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council approve DA 017-11 in accordance with the conditions outlined in the attached Section 79C report
2. That the approval will operate for a period of six(6) months from the date of the approval, and
3. A **DIVISION** be called in accordance with the provisions of Section 375(3) of the Local Government Act 1993.

ITEM-6 ENVIRO - 20/06/11 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 008/11 HUNGRY JACKS RESTAURANT CAROLINE AVENUE / STEWART STREET LITHGOW

REPORT BY: ANDREW MUIR – GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

To assess and recommend determination of 008/11DA. Recommendation will be for approval subject to conditions.

COMMENTARY

Council is in receipt of Development Application 008/11 for the construction of a Hungry Jacks Restaurant on land described as Lots 61-65 DP 36295 Caroline Avenue/Stewart Street, Lithgow.

The development includes a restaurant, internal and external playground areas, standard Hungry Jacks signage, a 37 space carpark (including 2 accessible spaces and 3 staff spaces), traffic management devices, and site landscaping and beautification.

In order to achieve this proposal, the entire site will need to be cleared to provide an appropriate finished surface for redevelopment. As such, this application also seeks the demolition of all existing on-site structures and surfaces, together with the removal of all vegetation within the property.

Vehicular access to the site for northbound traffic will be gained from the Great Western Highway via a proposed 'left-in only' 70m long deceleration slip lane. Southbound and westbound traffic will access the development via a proposed 'left-in only' crossing to Caroline Avenue. Whilst all eastbound traffic will access the site using a proposed combined ingress/egress crossing to Stewart Street. In this regard, the internal driveway/traffic arrangement will allow for all appropriate vehicle maneuvers to ensure that ingress and egress will be achieved in a forward direction. All vehicles will exit the site via the Stewart Street crossing.

It is envisaged that the new Hungry Jacks restaurant outlet will employ up to 70 staff members (being 10 full-time and 60 part-time) and will generally operate with a maximum of some 10 to 14 employees at any one time. The proposed hours of operation are as per Hungry Jacks standard service trading times within urban main road environments such as this, being 24 hours daily.

In general, there are two main truck deliveries for food products to the restaurant each week (outside of peak trading periods), as well as other small van deliveries 5-6 days a week for specific items such as bread, drinks, etc. The main rubbish associated with the restaurant (wet and dry) is disposed of in the onsite dumpster and is generally collected 3-4 times per week. Other waste such as cardboard is collected fortnightly (after being crushed), and waste oil is collected on a monthly basis.

The site is bounded by the Great Western Highway, Caroline Avenue and Stewart Street and will be prominent in the location. Modifications made to the design as a result of discussions with Council Officers and the RTA have been implemented to minimise the impact on adjoining residents. The RTA has consented to the development and the site was inspected by TALC with the developer on 26 May 2011. The requirements of the RTA and TALC have been included in conditions for the development.

The site is located within the Sydney Hydrological Catchment and as such was required to be assessed and supported by the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA).

The proposal is considered to be consistent considering the context of surrounding development including McDonalds, Red Rooster and the locality off the Great Western Highway.

All construction activities will be limited to the said land except for the access crossings and landscaping on Stewart Street that will be required as part of the development. All noise associated with the development will be contained within the building and as such minimise the noise impact on adjoining landowners. Thus, the only external noise impact perceived from the development is considered to be vehicle noise. The Statement of Environmental Effects indicates that this will be minimised by the location of the building and the parking areas being away from the nearest residential receiver. Therefore, the development is consistent with the above requirement of Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 1994.

The development proposal was extensively notified to 118 adjoining and adjacent landowners from the 11 March 2011 to 4 April 2011. From this there were four submissions received and summarised below:

Concerns raised for the proposed development include:

- 24 hour trading will result in vandalism and criminal activity
- Property values may decrease
- Noise level will be unacceptable from people, plant, traffic and 24 hour operation
- Increased traffic in narrow Stewart Street
- Light sequencing in Caroline Avenue only allows 1-3 cars out at a time which will result in banking down to Stewart Street
- Rubbish will be deposited by patrons and the acoustic wall on Stewart Street may be subject to graffiti
- Delivery trucks at night will be a noise nuisance and traffic issue on the narrow streets
- There will be a need for a daily litter cleanup. This should be a condition of any consent
- Trucks are already a problem parking in front of residential premises and the veterinary surgery on the eastern side of the Highway blocking driveways and noise from idling motors
- The smell from cooking food will attract rodents
- Are the objectives of the residential zone being met through the acoustic impact of a 24 hour operation

- Are access arrangements suitable and is overtrading of a neighbouring business justification for the proposed ingress/egress arrangements resulting in potential conflict at Caroline Avenue
- Is there adequate onsite parking, especially for buses and recreational vehicles.

The issues raised have been addressed in the attached Section 79C assessment report.

From the information provided through the application process and the additional modifications made to the application through the assessment process it is considered that the development can be supported in this instance.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The application was called in under Policy 7.7 – Calling in of Development Applications by Councillors. Accordingly, the application requires determination by the elected Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No Section 94 charges are applicable. Given the nature of the development, Council may negotiate with the applicant to enter into a Planning Agreement to contribute towards the cost of maintenance of community facilities including the pathway adjacent to the Great Western Highway. The applicant has indicated that they would be willing to enter into negotiations regarding a Planning Agreement. Accordingly it is considered appropriate that if the application is approved, a condition be imposed requiring particulars of a Planning Agreement be finalised.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

In determining a development application, a consent authority is required to take into consideration the matters of relevance under Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Complete 79C Assessment in accordance with the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
2. Plans of the proposed development.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Development Application 008/11DA be approved subject to conditions specified in the attached Section 79C assessment.
2. A **DIVISION** be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

ITEM-7 ENVIRO - 20/06/11 - PLANNING AGREEMENTS

REPORT BY: ANDREW MUIR - GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

To advise Council of Planning Agreements prepared as part of two Development Applications in the Lithgow area in relation to contributions for open space and community facilities.

COMMENTARY

A planning agreement is a negotiated voluntary agreement or other arrangement between a planning authority and a developer under which the developer is required to dedicate land free of cost, pay a monetary contribution, or provide any other material public benefit, or any combination of them, to be used for or applied towards a public purpose.

Two agreements have been negotiated recently and the appropriate notification process carried out with no submissions being received.

DA No.	DESCRIPTION	NAMES OF PARTIES	AMOUNT	LAND
067/09 DA	For Open Space embellishment and Community Facilities	Lithgow City Council and Wei Li of Easy Sky Group Pty Ltd	\$41,000 (\$2,000 per unit, 22 units)	Lot 13 DP 1130887, being Cura Close, Lithgow, NSW 2790
067/10 DA	For active and passive open space and Community Facilities	Lithgow City Council and Andrew Gillies of Fairview Architectural Pty Ltd	\$85,100 (\$3,600 per lot, 23 Lots)	Lot 62 DP 104546, being Surveyors Way, South Bowenfels, NSW 2790.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 7.12 – Planning Agreements applies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications for Council are the receipt of monetary contributions totalling \$126,100 that may be subsequently spent on open space and community facilities.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Planning Agreements are subject to the requirements of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the report on Planning Agreements.

**ITEM-8 ENVIRO - 20/06/11 - PROPOSED ROAD NAMING - 56/06DA - OFF
 BAANERS LANE, LITTLE HARTLEY**

**REPORT BY: ANDREW MUIR – GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT &
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

REFERENCE

Min No 10-534 – Ordinary Meeting of 13 December 2010

SUMMARY

To progress the original report on the 12/12/10 regarding the road naming process for the new road off Baaners Lane as part of subdivision 56/06DA at Little Hartley.

COMMENTARY

The road is part of a subdivision 56/06DA from Hartley Pastoral Company, who suggested the name of 'John Grant Drive' which is a reference to Mr John Grant for the following reasons:

John Grant, also known as the 'Father of Hartley' took up fifty acres at the foot of Mt Victoria granted to him by Governor Macquarie in 1821. He named the land 'Moynes Farm' and built the first house west of Penrith by private labour and it still stands today.

In 1852 John Grant gave Moynes Farm as a wedding present to his son John and wife Julia Finn. Much of the property including the original house and convict era cemetery that includes his first wife's grave is located on the property. The property and cemetery is included as a heritage item in the Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 1994.

Further, the proposal was accepted by the Council recognition committee 25 November 2010 for the name to reflect John Grant. Council notified the residents along this section of road, emergency services and advertised in the local paper for expressions of interest for the road naming in accordance with the Geographical Names Board guidelines.

Issues/ Public Participation

As a result of the notification Council received a number of suggestions as follows:

- Lachlan Macquarie Road - In reference to Governor of the Colony of New South Wales from 1810 -1822. Currently no road names reflect Mr. Macquarie in Lithgow.
- Gang Gang Road - In reference to the threatened bird species that is common in the Hartley Valley being the Gang Gang Cockatoo
- Grants Creek Road - In reference to the Grants Creek in which the road leads towards.

Further these were comments received on the proposed naming which should be considered:

- The use of given name with a family is generally not supported by the NSW Geographical Names Board as the guidelines state- 'given names should generally be avoided'.

It is noted that the Land and Property Management Authority in which the NSW Geographical Names Board is a branch, supported the name of 'John Grant Drive'.

- 'Drive' as the road type is inconsistent with the location. A Drive is described as:
A wide thoroughfare allowing a steady flow of traffic without many cross streets.
This road will have minimal traffic and is not a through road.

It is noted that the name can be changed to 'John Grant Road' to allow the correct definition of the road to be named.

- That names within Lithgow generally are named after early explorers, pioneers, settlers and local identities and an alternative name would promote other values that are also important to the area. Such as natural, flora and fauna.

It is noted that in the Hartley area, early explorers, pioneers and settlers are used given the vast history within the area. This theme should be carried through the remaining area for added significance.

Although a number of these names and concerns can be considered suitable for the naming of the road, Council officers support the name 'John Grant Road' for the following reasons:

- No road has been named after John Grant within the Lithgow LGA to date.
- John Grant is found to be a significant part of Hartley history
- Parts of the property are still retained and are heritage listed in Lithgow's LEP.
- The road type name of 'ROAD' better suits the definition of the road to be named.
- Naming within the area generally signify early explorer, pioneers and settlers of the area.

It is advised that the submissions of names will be placed on the list of appropriate names for future roads. The nominator of this name believes it would be a great honour to name the road after Mr John Grant.

Conclusion

Therefore if there are no further objections Council can proceed with the notification of the name in accordance with the Geographical Names Board of NSW Requirements.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Lithgow City Council Property Management Policy 10.11- Street Naming and NSW Geographical Names Board Guidelines for the Naming of Roads.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

That Council pay for Government Gazette, advertisement in the local paper and notification to objectors and property owners affected by the naming.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of location plan.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council support the name 'John Grant Road' and contact the developer, property owners and objectors; and
2. Council then proceed to notification of the proposed road naming and advise the Emergency Services and Government Gazette of this road name.

**ITEM-9 ENVIRO - 20/06/11 - PROPOSED LIQUOR LICENCE AND SALE OF
PACKAGED LIQUOR PRODUCTS - ALDI SUPERMARKET, LITHGOW**

**REPORT BY: ANDREW MUIR – GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

To advise Council of the issue of a Complying Development Certificate by a private certifier to allow the retail of packaged liquor products within the existing Aldi Store.

COMMENTARY

Council is in receipt of correspondence from Milestone (Aust) Pty Ltd, who are development management and town planning consultants working for Aldi Stores, advising of the intention to apply for a packaged liquor licence for their store at Valley Drive, Lithgow.

The consultants have indicated that Steve Watson & Partners (private building certifier) have issued a Complying Development Certificate to carry out minor internal alterations to the store that would then allow the retail of packaged liquor from the premises. Council Officers were of the belief that it would have been preferable for a Development Application to be lodged for the alterations and approval to retail liquor from the premises, believing that such an issue may be of some community interest. However, the consultants have advised, and Officers concede, that a Complying Development Certificate issued by a private certifier is a lawful method to approve this proposal.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

It appears that the internal alteration and approval of the use for retailing of packaged liquor products will be able to be undertaken through the issue of a Complying Development Certificate in accordance with the Provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt & Complying Development Codes) 2008.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information in relation to the proposed sale of packaged liquor products from the Aldi Store at Valley Drive, Lithgow and method of approval be noted.

OPERATION SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM-10 OPER - 20/06/11 - WILLIEWA CREEK ROAD PORTLAND

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER OF OPERATIONS - IAIN STEWART

SUMMARY

Following an onsite meeting with representatives from the Land and Property Management Authority a number of options were examined with the view to opening a Council Public road on the formed road within the Portland Common, which is locally known as Williewa Creek Road.

COMMENTARY

This is a long standing matter which has not been resolved to date. This current track provides access to a number of land holders both within and adjoining the common lands who enjoy practical access to their land using the track known as Williewa Creek Road. Some of these land holders benefit from unformed legal access which would be prohibitive to construct or maintain and other land holders are legally land locked. During this discussion it was indicated the best solution would be to create a council public road along the existing track in use through the common to the point where the track at least joins Reservoir Road.

It will be necessary to survey the road in such a way as to provide legal access to all parcels of land which adjoin Williewa Creek west of the common and this will provide for legal access to all these parcels. Some of these parcels are serviced by the unformed legal road network west of Williewa Creek, however the construction and maintenance of these roads is impractical. Agreement was reached that the following administrative action be proposed to open a public road over the formed road in use and resolve this long standing issue.

1. Crown Land will arrange and pay for a survey to be undertaken to define the road to be opened.
2. Crown Lands will complete administrative action to gain the Ministers authorisation for the Common Trust to endorse the plan.
3. The plan be forwarded to Lithgow City Council for approval and endorsement.
4. Crown Lands will lodge the plans with Land Property Information and pay lodgement costs, occurring no costs to Council
5. Upon registration of the plan, Lithgow City Council will become the roads authority under the Roads Act 1993 for the road open.

The Property Manager and Project Officer of Crown Lands are seeking confirmation from Council that:-

1. "It is agreeable to the extent of the road opening as proposed
2. That Council accept control of the road being created and undertake to execute any documents required to complete this action

3. Will waive or absolve Council fees for approval and endorsement of the road opening plan, in this regard Council will prepare and/or assist Crown Lands in the preparation of any development consent application required to seek approval

Council co-operation in resolving this long standing matter would be much appreciated.”

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Maintenance cost on this section of road would be minimal and council has been maintaining this track on an ad-hoc basis for many years

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Map

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council confirm that it is agreeable to the extent of the road opening proposed on the existing track known as Williewa Creek Road through the Portland Common to Reservoir Road; and
2. Council accept control of the road being created, undertake to execute any documents required.

ITEM-11 OPER - 20/06/11 - WATER REPORT

REPORT BY: GROUP MANAGER OPERATIONS, IAIN STEWART

REFERENCE

Min No 11-208: Ordinary Meeting 30 May 2011

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on various water management issues as per Minute Number 10-03.

COMMENTARY

In relation to current water management issues the following information is provided.

CURRENT DAM LEVELS FOR BOTH FARMERS CREEK AND OBERON

Farmers Creek Dam #2 capacity on Monday 6 June 2011 was 96.7%. Oberon Dam capacity on Monday 6 June 2011 was 52.85%.

CURRENT WATER USAGE FROM EACH SUPPLY

Table 1 below indicates total output from the Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant (consumption) and the volume transferred from the Clarence Transfer System for 2011.

Table 1 - Oakey Park Monthly Output and Clarence Transfer

Month Total	Oakey Park WTP (ML)	Clarence Transfer (ML)
January	139	0
February	121	0
March	122	0
April	140	0
May	133	14
June(partial to date)	25	14
Month Average 2010	123	34

Table 2 - Oakey Park Daily Output and Clarence Transfer

Oakey Park WTP	Avg Daily Use kL	Avg Daily CWTS Transfer kL
April	4,662	0
May	4,284	452
Last Week	4,131	2,747
Previous Week	4,163	2,004

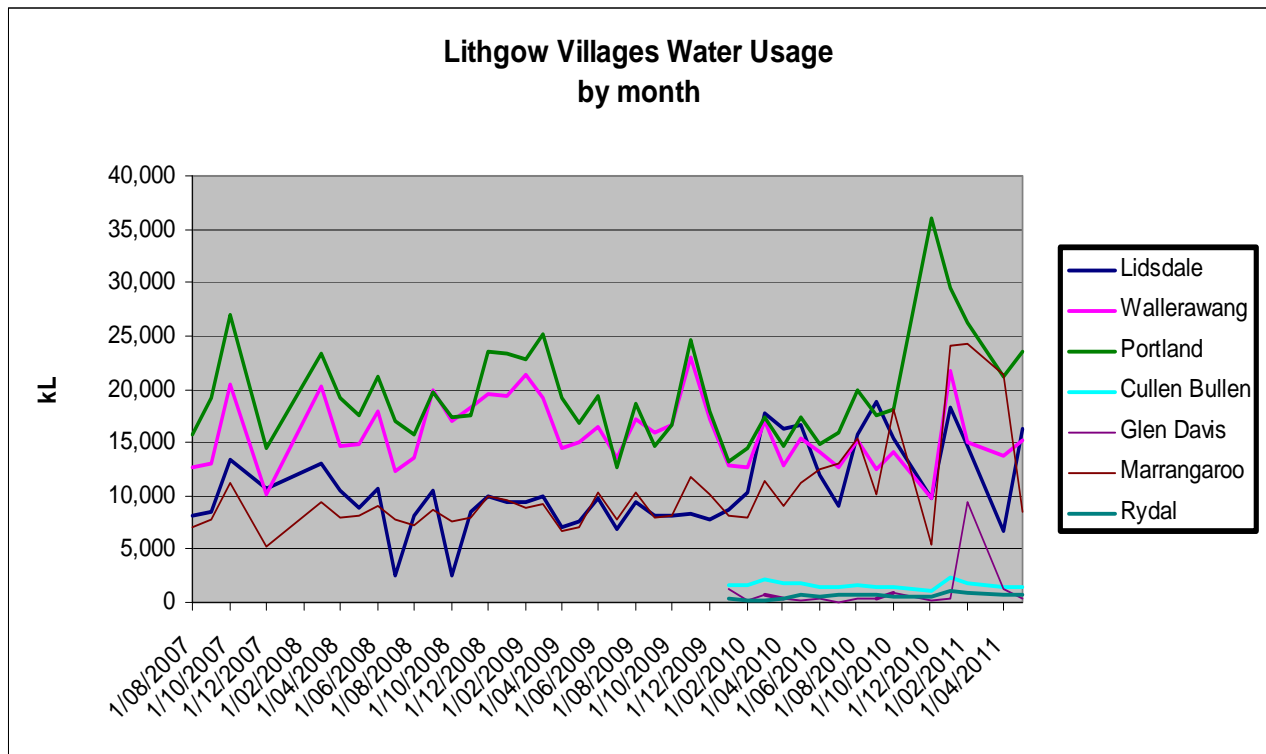
Table 3 Water Consumption for Fish River Water Scheme

2010/11		Water Consumption (ML)				
	Delta Electricity	Lithgow Council	Sydney Catchment Authority	Oberon Council	Minor Consum	Total
Jul	425	50	0	55	20	550
Aug	768	54	0	66	20	907
Sep	603	51	0	51	20	726
Oct	555	51	28	50	20	704
Nov	572	58	155	66	20	900
Dec	130	37	40	45	20	273
Jan	148	73	0	50	20	292
Feb	189	95	0	49	20	353
Mar	493	67	0	52	20	632
Apr	350	72	0	36	20	478
May	311	72	0	61	20	464
Jun						0
Total	4,544	679	224	581	220	6,248
1998	7,243	970	3,003	827	192	12,235
1999	7,204	898	3,317	855	171	12,445
2000	7,294	858	3,468	767	179	12,567
2001	8,640	998	3,913	921	180	14,652
2001/2	8,359	1,019	3,677	838	180	14,073
2002/03	8,303	1,183	4,390	911	237	15,023
2003/04	6,734	968	3,005	732	216	11,655
2004/05	4,960	735	1,878	677	162	8,412
2005/06	6,367	959	2,098	725	228	10,378
2006/07	6,590	795	3,115	749	218	11,468
2007/08	4,367	747	1,077	601	150	6,942
2008/09	3,356	699	208	583	240	5,086
2009/10	2,856	554	-	590	158	4,158
MAQ	8,184	2,092	3,650	750	200	14,876

Table 4 Water Consumption for Villages

May-11	Lidsdale Total	Wallerawang total	Portland total	Cullen Bullen total	Glen Davis	Marrangaroo total
ML	16.4	15.1	23.5	1.5	0.4	8.6

Graph 1



CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

Level 1 water restrictions are now in place for all residents through Lithgow and villages receiving water from both the Lithgow and the Fish River water supplies.

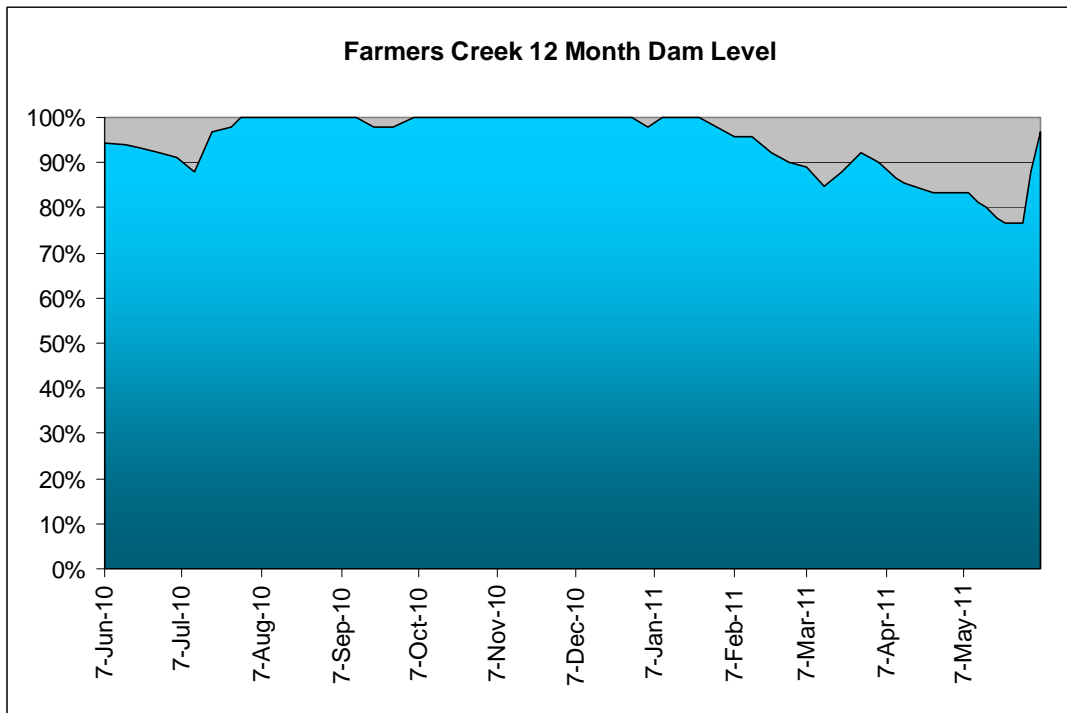
WATER SAVING SCHEMES OR PROCESSES UPDATE

Council’s Rainwater Tank and Domestic Appliance Rebate Program continued in May with Council receiving 11 applications for a household appliance rebate and 2 applications for a water tank rebate.

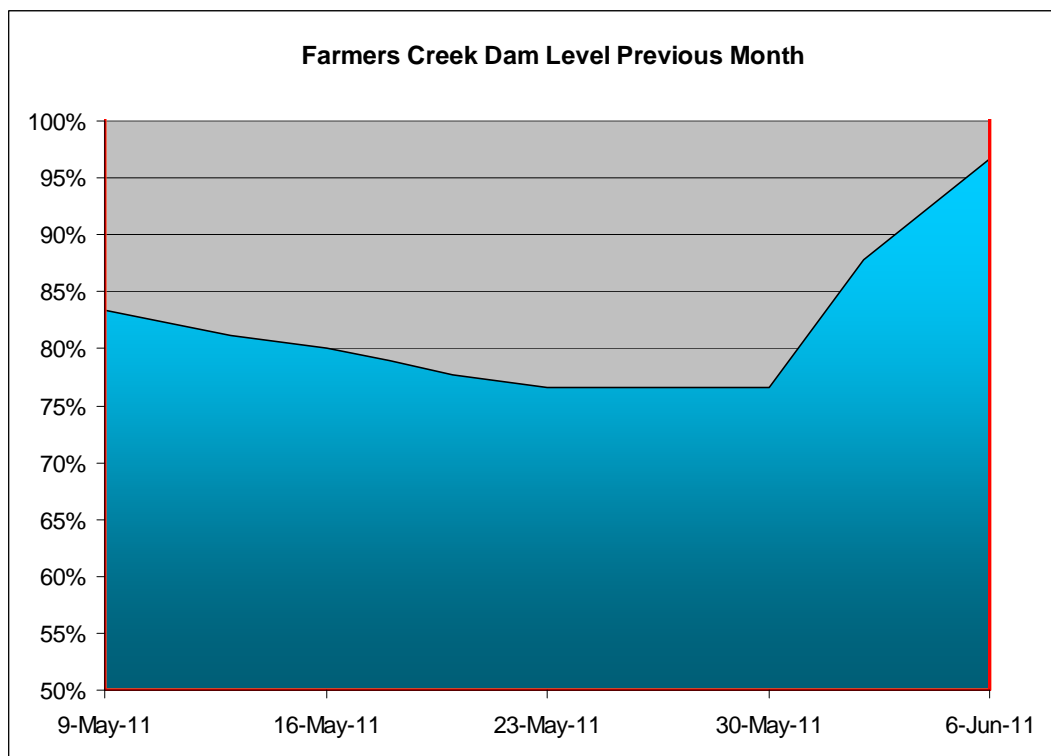
FARMERS CREEK DAM 12 MONTH LEVELS

The attached chart shows the storage data to date for the last twelve months and for the previous month

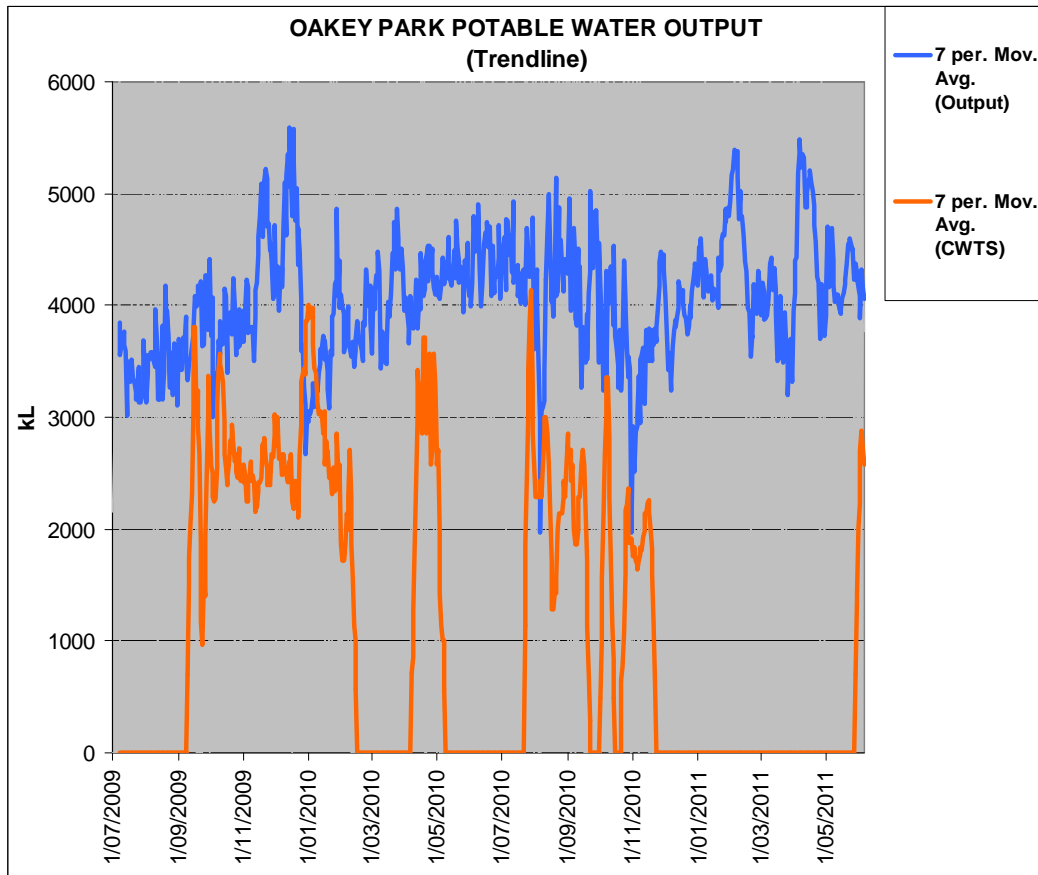
Graph 2 Farmers Creek Dam #2 over 12 Months



Graph 3 Farmers Creek Dam #2 over 1 Month



Graph 4 Trends in Oakey Park WTP Production and Clarence Water Transfer Scheme Use

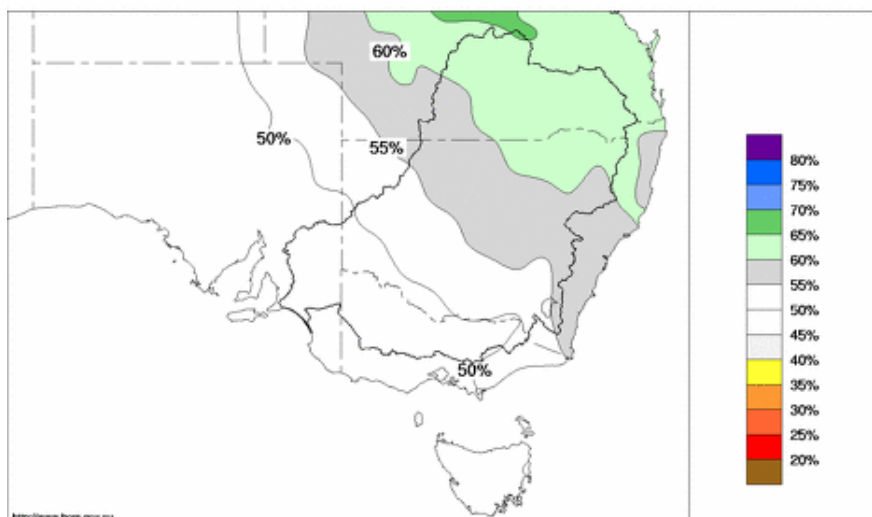


FARMERS CREEK DAM #2 STORAGE OUTLOOK

The rainfall outlook for winter (June to August) is neutral across almost all of south-eastern Australia, with the exception of northeast NSW where a wetter than normal season is favoured.

The outlook is a result of cool conditions in the central tropical Pacific Ocean, as well as warm conditions in the Indian Ocean.

Chance of exceeding the median Rainfall June to August 2011
Product of the National Climate Centre



The chances of receiving above median rainfall during winter (June to August) are between 60 and 65% over the far northeast of NSW (see map). Such odds mean that for every ten years with similar ocean patterns to those currently observed, about six winters would be expected to be wetter than average over these areas, while about four would be drier. Across the remainder of south-eastern Australia, below average winter rainfall is just as likely as above average winter rainfall.

The La Niña event in the Pacific continues to decay and average to below average rainfall occurred in April over most of New South Wales and Victoria. However most forecast locations reported above average streamflows in April and higher than average flows continue to be the most likely outcome for almost all sites during the May to July period.

ALTERNATE WATER SOURCES UPDATE

The Marrangaroo Zone is currently being supplied from the Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant via Cook St High Level Reservoir and the trial delivery of water from this source to Wallerawang and Portland is programmed to take place early June. A one day trial was recently completed without any major complications and water being delivered as far as Glen Davis

Clarence Transfer pumps were switched off on Wednesday 8 June 2011 after running from the 26 May 2011

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information in relation to water management issues be noted.

ITEM-12 OPER - 20/06/11 - PORTLAND RESIDENTS ISSUES

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER OF OPERATIONS - IAIN STEWART

SUMMARY

Report on a meeting held between a number of Councillors and Residents of Portland to discuss a number of issues submitted by the Portland Community Residents.

COMMENTARY

A meeting was held on Friday 3 June 2011 which was attended by Councillors, N Castle, H K Fisher and Councillor Col Hunter, Council Staff Iain Stewart, Andrew Muir and Terry Nolan and approximately 10 residents from the Portland Community were present.

The meeting discussed a number of issues which are referred to in the details in the attachment

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Notes from meeting

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Reservoir Road sign be reinstalled replacing the existing Golden Grove Road sign pending resolution of the conflict between Reservoir Road and Reservoir St in Portland;
2. A section of kerb and guttering on the Western Side of Roxburgh St be included in the draft works programme for consideration by Council in the 2011/2012 management plan;
3. Council review the issue of signage for the Portland Community including community localities ;
4. Council refer the issue of more appropriate signage on the Great Western Highway and Castlereagh Highway to the Roads and Traffic Authority for advice and action.
5. Council note the other issues and actions arising from the meeting..

FINANCE SERVICE REPORTS

ITEM-13 FINAN - 20/06/11 - COUNCIL INVESTMENTS HELD 30 APRIL 2011 AND 31 MAY 2011

REPORT FROM - FINANCE MANAGER - CAROL FARNSWORTH

REFERENCE

- Min No 10-308: Ordinary Meeting of Council 2 August 2010 (June 2010)
- Min No 10-400: Ordinary Meeting of Council 20 September 2010 (July 2010)
- Min No 10-401: Ordinary Meeting of Council 20 September 2010 (August 2010)
- Min No 10-428: Ordinary Meeting of Council 13 October 2010 (September 2010)
- Min No 10-490: Ordinary Meeting of Council 22 November 2010 (October 2010)
- Min No 10-543: Ordinary Meeting of Council 20 December 2010 (November 2010)
- Min No 11-31: Ordinary Meeting of Council 24 January 2011 (December 2010)
- Min No 11-55: Ordinary Meeting of Council 14 February 2011 (January 2011)
- Min No 11-121: Ordinary Meeting of Council 28 March 2011 (February 2011)
- Min No 11-153: Ordinary Meeting of Council 18 April 2011 (March 2011)

SUMMARY

To advise Council of investments held as at 31 May 2011 for the 2010/11 financial year.

COMMENTARY

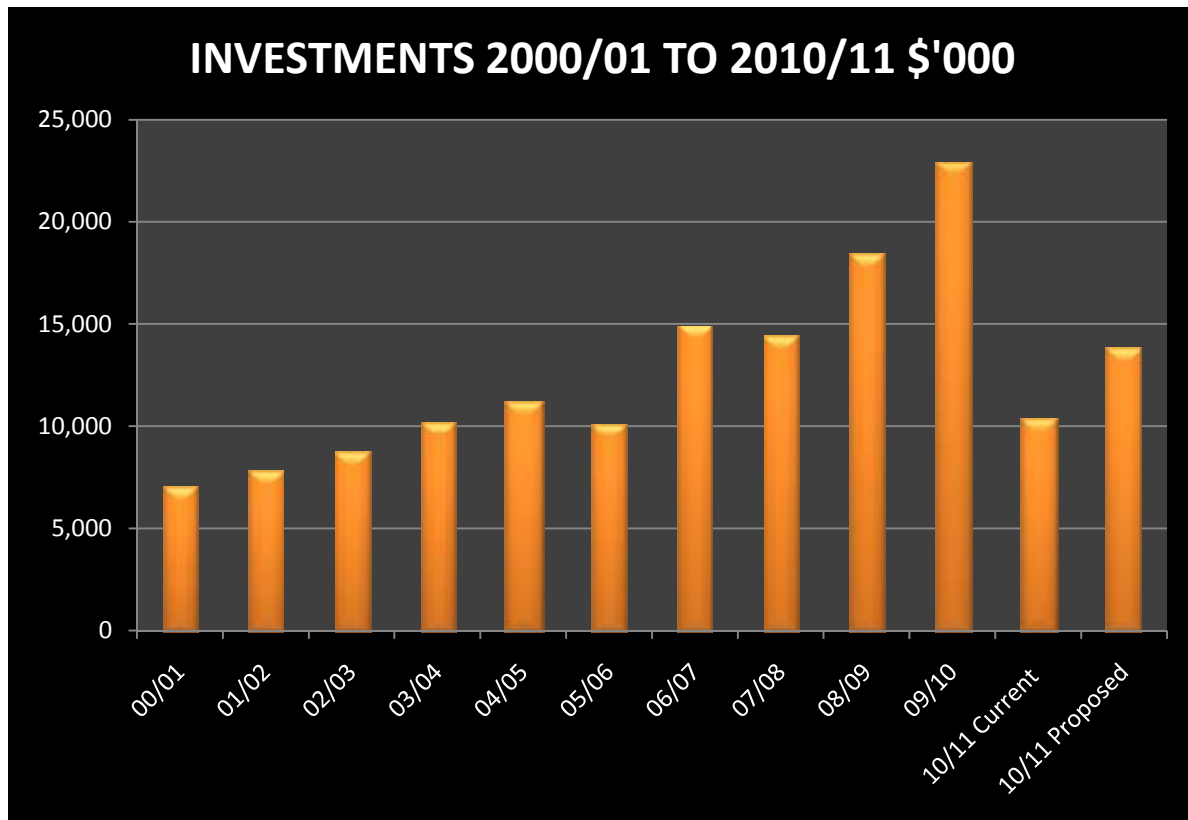
Council's total investment portfolio, as at 31 April 2011 when compared to 31 May 2011, has decreased by \$226,076.04 from \$10,394,259.49 to \$10,620,335.53. Investments fluctuate as part of the normal process depending on the particular month and the extent of expenditure on major works.

INVESTMENT REGISTER MAY 2010/11								
INSTITUTION	INV TYPE	DATE LODGED	DATE DUE	DAYS	INT	VALUE 30.04.11	VALUE 31.05.11	% OF TOTAL
ANZ	On Call				4.75	787,537.81	787,537.81	7.42%
CBA	On Call				4.70	20,441.13	527,212.26	4.96%
IMBS	TD	30.05.11	30.08.11	92	6.00	1,045,043.24	1,060,415.40	9.98%
	TD	02.05.11	02.06.11	30	5.50	1,019,381.95	700,000.00	6.59%
NAB	TD	12.05.11	12.06.11	30	5.22	1,037,808.16	1,052,599.06	9.91%
	TD	02.05.11	02.07.11	60	5.67	815,207.35	818,765.23	7.71%
WESTPAC	TD	08.12.10	08.07.11	212	6.20	266,799.30	266,799.30	2.51%
	TD	08.12.10	08.07.11	212	6.20	533,598.62	533,598.62	5.02%
	TD	17.09.10	20.06.11	212	5.90	1,107,357.37	1,107,581.64	10.43%
	TD	08.12.10	08.07.11	212	6.20	808,030.20	808,030.20	7.61%
ST GEORGE	On Call				4.70	550,351.70	552,832.90	5.21%
		29.05.11	29.06.11	30	5.33	502,169.86	504,430.31	4.75%
	TD	19.02.11	19.10.11	241	6.05	800,805.14	800,805.14	7.54%
SUNCORP	TD	09.03.11	09.06.11	90	5.91	1,099,727.66	1,099,727.66	10.35%
			TOTAL			10,394,259.49	10,620,335.53	100.00%
INTERNAL LN (Commercial Loan Int Rate)	Gen to Sew	15.01.11	On Receipt of Ext Loan		7.31	2,750,000.00	2,750,000.00	

I, Carol Farnsworth, Lithgow City Council's 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.

On the graph below historical and current investments are shown for 2010/11 as well as the proposed investment balance as at 30 June 2011.

At the meeting of 30 May 2011 the planned 2010/11 loan borrowing program of \$12.765m for major Sewerage and Water infrastructure was revised to \$3,191,000 and allowed for the internal loan of \$2.750m from General Fund to Sewerage Fund to progress into the 2011/12 financial year. This will affect the level of cash as at 30 June 2011 which is shown on the graph below.



POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Investments are held in accordance with the Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy at the date of investing the funds. On 21 October 2008 Council adopted the current version of the Investment Policy as Policy 8.2. The policy is currently under review following the Ministers Order on Circular 11-01.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Interest received to 31 May 2011 is \$696,035.65 and is paid on the maturity date of the investment.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Investments are held in accordance with the Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy at the date of investing the funds. On 21 October 2008 Council adopted the current version of the Investment Policy as Policy 8.2 and all future investments will comply with this Policy which accords with the requirements of the:

- Local Government Act 1993 - Section 625
- Local Government Act 1993 - Order dated 31 July 2008
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997 Section 14A(2), 14c(1) & (2)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Investments of \$10,620,335.53 for the period ending 31 May 2011 be noted.

ITEM-14 FINAN - 20/06/11 - DRAFT ELECTRONICS SERVICE OF RATE AND INSTALMENT NOTICES POLICY

REPORT FROM – FINANCE MANAGER - CAROL FARNSWORTH

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

To provide Council with the Draft Policy for the 'Electronic Service of Rate and Installment Notices' with a recommendation that it be publically advertised for a period of 21days prior to final consideration by Council.

COMMENTARY

Council is now able to offer ratepayers of the local government area the convenience of emailing rate and installment notices for rate levies from 1 July 2011.

The major governing factor for compliance is Section 710 of the Local Government Act 1993 which states that Council must have a process in place which allows the ratepayer to 'opt in and out' of an arrangement to email a notice and as such a policy must be in place to advise of the process.

Section 710, Local Government Act 1993 states:

2) *The service may be:*

(d1) by transmitting the notice by electronic mail to an email address specified by the person (on correspondence or otherwise) as an address to which electronic mail to that person may be transmitted, or

(2A) Subsection (2) (d1) does not authorise a notice to be transmitted to a person by electronic mail unless the person has requested the council, in writing, that notices of that kind be transmitted to the person by electronic mail, and has not subsequently withdrawn the request.

(2B) A person's request under subsection (2A) is taken to have been withdrawn in relation to a particular kind of notice only if the person has informed the council, in writing, that notices of that kind are no longer to be transmitted to the person by electronic mail.

(2C) While a person's request under subsection (2A) has effect in relation to a particular kind of notice, the address to which notices of that kind are to be transmitted is:

- (a) the email address indicated in the request, or*
- (b) if the person subsequently directs the council, in writing, to transmit notices of that kind to a different email address, that different address.*

Due to a current upgrade of our water billing software the emailing of water accounts will not commence at this time.

Draft Policy 8.9 'Electronic Service of Rate and Installment Notices' is provided as an attachment for Council consideration.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Draft Policy 8.9 'Electronic Service of Rate and Installment Notices'

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Savings in postage costs

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Policy 8.9 'Electronic Service of Rate and Installment Notices'

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council advertise Draft Policy 8.9 'Electronic Service of Rate and Installment Notices' for a period of 21 days prior to further consideration

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ITEM-15 OPER - 20/06/11 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 30 MAY 2011

REPORT BY: PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR – LEANNE KEARNEY

SUMMARY

Details of the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 30 May 2011 for Council adoption.

COMMENTARY

At the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 30 May 2011, there were eight (8) items discussed by the Committee, with all items being actioned under the Committee's delegated authority, and requiring Council to note the items.

Items discussed included:

- Financial Assistance Requests
- Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the year Awards for April 2011
- Booking Requests; and
- Malicious Damage at the Lithgow Croquet Club

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 30 May 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 30 May 2011.

**ITEM-16 COMM - 20/06/11 - AGEING STRATEGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES - 26TH MAY 2011**

REPORT FROM: MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE - MATTHEW JOHNSON

REFERENCE

Min No 09-352: Ordinary Meeting of Council 24 August 2009
Min No 10-80: Ordinary Meeting of Council 1 March 2010
Min No 10-144: Ordinary Meeting of Council 12 April 2010
Min No 10-252: Ordinary Meeting of Council 21 June 2010
Min No 10-408: Ordinary Meeting of Council 2 September 2010
Min No 10-456: Ordinary Meeting of Council 1 November 2010
Min No 10-547: Ordinary Meeting of Council 13 December 2010
Min No 11-124: Ordinary Meeting of Council 28 March 2011
Min No 11-155: Ordinary Meeting of Council 18 April 2011

SUMMARY

This report details the Minutes of the Ageing Strategy Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2011.

COMMENTARY

At the Ageing Strategy Advisory Committee held on 26 May 2011, there were five (5) items discussed by the Committee.

1. Present and Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes from the Previous Meeting
3. Business Arising From Previous Minutes
4. Final Report
5. General Business

At the 18 April 2011 Ordinary Meeting of Council (Min 11-155), Council adopted a recommendation from the Ageing Strategy Advisory Committee that the Committee membership be reduced by removing the position of the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care and 1 Community representative position. This had been recommended to make it easier to achieve a meeting quorum.

On adoption of the revised Terms of Reference, the committee membership included the following:

- Two Councillors
- Lithgow City Council General Manager or his nominee (Manager Community and Culture).
- Lithgow Health Service
- Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre
- Lithgow Community Transport
- Lithgow Uniting Care
- 1 community representative

On consideration of this at the 26 May 2011 meeting, the Ageing Strategy Advisory Committee recommends a further amendment to the Terms of Reference to allow for a representative from the Aboriginal Community. In view of there being no representative attending from the Lithgow Health Service, it is recommended that the Aboriginal representative replace the Lithgow Health Service representative.

Recommendation

That the Terms of Reference of the Ageing Strategy Advisory Committee be further amended to allow for a representative from the Aboriginal Community as follows:

- Two Councillors
- Lithgow City Council General Manager or his nominee (Manager Community and Culture).
- Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre
- Lithgow Community Transport
- Lithgow Uniting Care
- 1 community representative
- 1 representative of the Aboriginal community (Mingaan).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes from the Ageing Strategy Advisory Committee meeting of 26 May 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council notes the Ageing Strategy Advisory Committee minutes from 26 May 2011.
2. The Terms of Reference of the Ageing Strategy Advisory Committee be further amended to allow for a representative from the Aboriginal Community as follows:
 - Two Councillors
 - Lithgow City Council General Manager or his nominee (Manager Community and Culture).
 - Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre
 - Lithgow Community Transport
 - Lithgow Uniting Care
 - 1 community representative
 - 1 representative of the Aboriginal community (Mingaan).

DELEGATES REPORTS

ITEM-17 DELEGATES REPORT - 20/06/11 - CENTROC MEETING HELD ON 26TH MAY 2011

REPORT FROM: NEVILLE CASTLE - MAYOR

COMMENTARY

At the most recent meeting of Centroc held in Condobolin on the 26th May 2011 a number of interesting items were discussed.

We were initially welcomed to the Lachlan Shire by Des Manwaring, the Mayor of Lachlan Shire.

The Bells Line of Expressway which is one of the major focus areas of Centroc was reported on at the meeting. The newly elected Government and their representatives have all been written to seeking meetings with Centroc and their views on the Bells Line of Expressway, as well as inviting a number of their members to our upcoming Summit to be held in Bathurst later in the year.

In another part of the report, mention was made of the 5th meeting of the Steering Committee for the Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan which was held on the 23rd March 2011. Even though progress is being made it is quite slow and a general feeling has been that the bureaucrats are generally unsupportive for a need of the Bells Line Expressway and believe it to be a much lower priority than other roads in NSW or Australia.

Centroc has been trying to further its case for water security for the whole of the Central West and as such have had meetings in both Canberra and Sydney with the respective Governments. Centroc is looking to have a number of projects completed as part of the water security for our area, which would in turn help answer the push by the governments for better service of water utilities in rural NSW. There is a degree of concern by member Councils that it would and cooperation is not done than the water utilities in individual areas may be the target of the governments.

Professor Nick Klomp Dean of the Faculty of Science, Charles Sturt University gave a very good talk and presentation regarding the push for Charles Sturt University to try and have a medical centre as an arm to their University. It was pointed out that the students who go to regional universities in the main at least initially work in regional areas. It is believed therefore that if a number of doctors train in rural NSW that many of those may stay, which would be helpful for both the University and for the State as a whole. The CSU will continue to push to have this facility become a reality.

Mrs Sandra Christensen, CEO NSW Central West Division of General Practitioners also addressed the Centroc Board. Mrs Christensen outlined the new Health Boards and how their management structure operates and how they are geographically situated, as well as outlining what the western NSW Medicare local's area. The key objectives of Medicare locals will be:

- Identification of health needs of local area and development of locally focussed and responsive services
- Improving the patient journey through developing integrated and coordinated services
- Providing support to Clinicians and Service providers to improve patient care
- Facilitation of the implementation and successful primary health care initiatives and programs
- Be efficient and accountable with strong governance and effective management

We look forward to seeing how these new measures affect our local areas and hope that they bring improved medical service to the Central West.

The next addition of the Weather Report was also produce for this meeting. Information can be sought on Centroc s website however interesting to note is that this has been the coldest march since 1994; there has been below average rainfall in NSW and the Murray Darling Basin in April; there has been below average temperatures in April. Of particular interest was the noting that Oberon has experienced it lowest March average maximum temperature for 25 years.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on the Centroc Meeting held on 26th May 2011 be noted and received.

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BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY

In accordance with Clause 241 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 business may be transacted at a meeting of Council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the Councillors. However, this can happen only of:

- a) *A motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting: and*
- b) *The business proposed to be brought forward is ruled by the Chairperson to be of great urgency.*

CLOSED REPORTS

ITEM-18 OPER - 20/06/11 - CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE ONE OF THE LITHGOW AQUATIC CENTRE

REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER OPERATIONS - IAIN STEWART

Reason for Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

SUMMARY

This report provides an outline of the tender process undertaken for the construction of Stage 1 of the Lithgow Aquatic Centre and the results in engaging suitable contractors to undertake the construction works.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider this report in closed Council pursuant to Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993.