

SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2011

PRESENT

Councillor Neville Castle (Chairman), Mr Graeme Leard, Mr Neil Hutchinson, Ms Helen Palmer, Mr Peter Hughes, Mr Geoff Brooks, Mr Paul Glasson, Mr Ross Smith, Mr Danny Whitty, Mrs Robyn Whitty, Mr Eric Arnold, Ms Jeanette Dellabosca, Mrs Deborah Williams, Mr Iain Stewart (Group Manager Operations), Mr Terry Nolan (Recreation Supervisor) and Miss Leanne Kearney (Assets and Project Engineer).

APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted by Mr Ray Stoneley, Mr Barry Staines, and Mrs Heather Younger.

The Committee resolved to accept the apologies from Mr Ray Stoneley, Mr Barry Staines and Mrs Heather Younger.

MOVED: Eric Arnold

SECONDED: Neil Hutchinson

REPORT

ITEM 1 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 31 October 2011, were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

MOVED: Neil Hutchinson

SECONDED: Peter Hughes

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Miss Leanne Kearney advised that the tap has been installed at the Athletics Clubhouse at Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow.
- Mr Neil Hutchinson advised that the placement of soil around the run ups at the cricket training nets at Watsford Oval, Lithgow has not been completed, and Mr Terry Nolan advised that this project will be completed by 9 December 2011.
- Council's Rangers were advised of illegal activities taking place on Council's sporting fields, and will arrange patrols of these areas to prevent this occurring.
- Council's Rangers advised that penalties for infringements under the Local Government Act 1993 (such as disobeying a sign at a sporting field) should be advertised in penalty points, with the Division of Local Government increasing the value of each penalty point on 1 July each year (in accordance with CPI increases). The current monetary value of a penalty point is \$110. Council is planning a sign audit to ensure that all signage at sporting fields is consistent, and will be providing a report back to the Sports Advisory Committee in mid 2012 regarding the progress of this audit.
- Mr Terry Nolan advised that Council will topsoil and seed the bank at the western end of Ashley Grandstand, has been placed on Council's works programme and will be completed when resources are available.
- Mr Neil Hutchinson advised that there is a gap in the fence at Conran Oval, Lithgow, and it is wide enough to allow a vehicle on and raised concerns. Mr Terry Nolan advised that Council's fencing contractor is investigating a suitable repair for the fence at Conran Oval, Lithgow and this will be placed on Council's work programme to be completed when resources are available.

The Committee resolved for appropriate actions to be undertaken in relation to the items raised during business arising from the previous minutes.

MOVED: Neil Hutchinson

SECONDED: Peter Hughes

ITEM 4 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

There were no complying financial assistance requests received in November 2011.

The Committee resolved that the information regarding financial assistance be noted.

MOVED: Neil Hutchinson

SECONDED: Peter Hughes

ITEM 5 – 2011 REG COWDEN MEMORIAL SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Junior nominations for the month of September received from the following:

- Lithgow High School Open Girls Hockey Team (Hockey) – this team won the NSW Combined High Schools knockout, defeating Mudgee, Oberon, Kelso, Woollooware, Kiama, Wingham, Oxley and then Orange High School, dominating most schools by scoring 72 goals during the tournament and only conceding 7 goals. The team consisted of Shahna Hamment, Gabby Clenton, Madeline Cooper (C), Mel Quinn, Tamika Bostock, Mahala Williams, Katie Dewar, Clare Bosman, Morgan Banning, Beth McGrath, Keely Hunter, Casey Hunter, Mallory Sedger, Amy Capaldi, Maddy Bott, Alice Reti-Steel, Roz Dean (Manager), and Chris Goodsell (Coach).

Junior nominations for the month of October received from the following:

- Tamika Bostock (Hockey) – Tamika was named Workies Hockey Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year for 2011, the ACT Division 1 Women's Player of the Year for West 2011, selected in the NSW Under 18 Hockey Squad for 2012, and was a member of the ACT Under 18 Indoor team in 2011 and ACT Under 21 Indoor team in 2011.
- Riley Dukes (Motocross) – Riley contested the Honda Australian Junior Motocross titles in South Australia, winning the 9 – 12 years 150cc Australian Championships. Riley also finished 3rd in the 9 – 11 years 65cc Class.

Junior nominations for the month of November received from the following:

- Briana Tracey-Gee (Physical Culture) – Briana competed at the State Finals for 2011 held at Hurstville in November. At this competition she was one of 12 girls chosen from all over NSW to compete in the Grand Final. Briana is 6 years old and has represented Lithgow in the 7 – 8 years team event this year.

The Committee selected Lithgow High School Open Girls Hockey Team (Hockey) to be the winner of the September 2011 Junior award, Riley Dukes (Motocross) as the October 2011 Junior winner, and Briana Tracey-Gee (Physical Culture) as the November 2011 Junior winner, and for a merit certificate to be presented to Tamika Bostock.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Riley Swift (Tennis)
February	Amelia Leard (Hockey) and Ryley Hughes (Basketball)
March	Joel Willis (Mountain Biking)
April	Nick Judge and Sam Forbes (Lawn Bowls)
May	No nominations received
June	Lithgow District Under 15 Girls Hockey Team (Hockey)
July	Jenna Heath (Athletics)
August	No nominations received
September	Lithgow High School Open Girls Hockey Team (Hockey)
October	Riley Dukes (Motocross)
November	Briana Tracey-Gee (Physical Culture)

Senior nominations for the month of October received from the following:

- Darren Lee (Kayaking) – during October 2011, Darren competed at the Australian Masters Games in South Australian, with the following results: 1st in the K1 Marathon, 1st in the K1 500m event, 1st in the MK2 500m event, 1st in the MK2 200m event, 2nd in the K1 200m event, 2nd in the K2 500m event, and in the K2 200m event. Darren also competed in the World Championships in Singapore, and won a silver medal in the K2 Marathon.

There were no senior nominations for the month of November received in writing, however, Miss Leanne Kearney advised that a search of the Lithgow Mercury's website detailed the following achievements that met the criteria:

- Wally Gaynor (Hockey) – named as the Western Region Academy's of Sport's joint 2011 Coach of the Year;
- John Baxter (Rifle Shooting) – John was the captain of the Australian Team at the World Long Range shooting championships in Brisbane, competing against USA, Great Britain, New Zealand, South Africa and Japan.
- Nick Cock (Rifle Shooting) – Nick was a member of the Australian Team at the World Long Range shooting championships in Brisbane, competing against USA, Great Britain, New Zealand, South Africa and Japan.

The Committee selected Darren Lee (Kayaking) as the October 2011 Senior winner, and Nick Cock (Rifle Shooting) as the November 2011 Senior winner.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	John Baxter (Rifle Shooting)
February	No nominations received
March	Matthew Writer (Cricket)
April	Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC (Rugby League)
May	No nominations received
June	No nominations received
July	Lithgow Open Women's Hockey Team (Hockey)
August	Brad Ringin (Power Lifting)
September	Dale Ryan and Brad De Losa (Wood Chopping)
October	Darren Lee (Kayaking)
November	Nick Cock (Rifle Shooting)

Nominations are also now being accepted for the 2011 Volunteer of the Year, Official of the Year, International Achievement of the Year, Junior Team Achievement of the Year, and Senior Team Achievement of the Year. Nominations will close on 20 January 2012, allowing voting for these awards to take place at the Committee's first meeting for 2012 on 30 January 2012.

Nominations for Volunteer of the Year and Official of the Year need to be made by an Executive Committee member of the sporting organisation the nominee is associated with. Nominations for the remaining awards can be made by any community member.

The Committee resolved for the Junior Sports Star Awards to be awarded to Lithgow High School Open Girls Hockey Team (Hockey) for September 2011, Riley Dukes (Motocross) for October 2011, and Briana Tracey-Gee (Physical Culture) for November 2011, and for the Senior Sports Star Awards to be awarded to Darren Lee (Kayaking) for October 2011, and Nick Cock (Rifle Shooting) for November 2011, with a merit certificate awarded to Tamika Bostock (Hockey).

MOVED: Graeme Leard

SECONDED:

Deborah Williams

ITEM 6 – BOOKING REQUESTS

The following bookings were received between 31 October 2011 and 12 December 2011, and do not conflict with any other approved bookings.

LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Lithgow Swimming Club	Between 11.00am and 5.00pm on Sunday, 18 March 2012	Annual club championships	Request exclusive use of 50 metre Pool, public to be advised
<i>Coerwull Public School</i>	<i>Between 8.30am and 3.00pm on Monday, 20 February 2012 (alternative date of Wednesday, 22 February 2012)</i>	<i>District school swimming carnival</i>	<i>Booking cancelled via fax 12.12.2011</i>
Western Region Academy of Sport	Between 4.00pm and 5.00pm Sunday, 5 February 2012	Western Region Academy of Sport Combined Camp (Recovery Session)	Approved subject to standard conditions, request for Council to provide a donation equivalent to entry fees for the participants of this event due to not for profit status
JIM MONAGHAN ATHLETICS OVAL, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Wallerawang Public School	Between 9.00am and 3.00pm on Wednesday, 28 March 2012 (alternative date of Wednesday, 9 May 2012)	Annual athletics carnival	Approved subject to standard conditions
Coerwull Public School	Between 9.00am and 3.00pm on Friday, 30 March 2012 (alternative date of Friday, 27 April 2012)	Annual athletics carnival	Approved subject to standard conditions
SAVILLE PARK, PORTLAND			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Lithgow Child Protection Interagency	Between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Friday, 18 November 2011	Community Family Fun Day	Approved by Council due to date of event, request for Council to provide a donation of \$200.00 (equivalent to hire fees) for this event due to not for profit status
TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Wallerawang Public School	Between 9.00am and 3.00pm on Wednesday, 28 March 2012 (alternative date of Wednesday, 9 May 2012)	Annual athletics carnival	Approved subject to standard conditions
Coerwull Public School	Between 9.00am and 3.00pm on Friday, 30 March 2012 (alternative date of Friday, 27 April 2012)	Annual athletics carnival	Approved subject to standard conditions
Coerwull Public School	Between 8.30am and 3.00pm on Friday, 18 May 2012 (alternative date of Friday, 25 May 2012)	Annual cross country run	Approved subject to standard conditions

Sydney Jeep Club	Between 7.00am and 1.00pm on Saturday, 29 September 2012	Jeep Jamboree 2012 show and shine	Approved subject to standard conditions
WATSFORD OVAL, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Cooerwull Public School	Between 8.30am and 3.00pm on Friday, 18 May 2012 (alternative date of Friday, 25 May 2012)	Annual cross country run	Approved subject to standard conditions
CONRAN OVAL, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Cooerwull Public School	Between 8.30am and 3.00pm on Friday, 18 May 2012 (alternative date of Friday, 25 May 2012)	Annual cross country run	Approved subject to standard conditions
LAKE WALLACE, WALLERAWANG			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Western Region Academy of Sport	Between 9.00am and 4.00pm Saturday, 4 February 2012 and between 8.00am and 10.00am Sunday, 5 February 2012	Western Region Academy of Sport Combined Camp	Request for exclusive use, approved subject to standard conditions
WALLERAWANG OVAL, WALLERAWANG			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Western Region Academy of Sport	Between 9.00am and 1.00pm Sunday, 5 February 2012	Western Region Academy of Sport Combined Camp	Request for exclusive use, approved subject to standard conditions

The Committee resolved for all bookings detailed in Item 6 to be approved, and to recommend that Council:

1. to support the Lithgow Child Protection Interagency's request for Council to provide a donation of \$200.00 (equivalent to the hire fees for Saville Park, Portland); and
2. to support the Western Region Academy of Sport's request for Council to provide a donation equivalent to the entry fees that will be paid at the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow as part of the recovery session for the participants in the WRAS Combined Camp.

MOVED: Graeme Leard

SECONDED: Neil Hutchinson

ITEM 7 – COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2012

As conducted during 2011, it is again proposed to hold Sports Advisory Committee meetings on the last Monday of each month (with the exception of the November meeting being held on the second Monday in December 2012), with the proposed dates for 2012 listed below:

- 30 January
- 27 February
- 26 March
- 30 April
- 28 May
- 25 June
- 30 July
- 27 August
- 24 September
- 29 October and
- 10 December

Regarding the special meeting needing to be conducted to determine the winners of the annual Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Awards, it is proposed to conduct this meeting in conjunction with the

Committee's first meeting of 2011 (being 30 January 2011), allowing enough time for trophies to be ordered for presentation at the gala evening on 25 February 2012.

The Committee resolved that the 2012 Sports Advisory Committee meeting's be held on Mondays, 30 January, 27 February, 26 March, 30 April, 28 May, 25 June, 30 July, 27 August, 24 September, 29 October and 10 December 2012

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Deborah Williams

ITEM 8 – LITHGOW CITY TENNIS CLUB INC – RESURFACING OF COURTS

Correspondence has been received from the Lithgow City Tennis Club Inc requesting support for the resurfacing of six (6) tennis courts at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow.

The Lithgow City Tennis Club Inc will be funding the resurfacing of the six (6) courts, costing \$159,950 (Ex GST), and are requesting assistance from Council to fund the removal of trees and rectification of drainage systems (costing approximately \$21,000 ex GST) prior to this work occurring. This work is expected to commence in January 2012, and take approximately eight (8) weeks to complete.

The court surface has reached the end of its useful lifespan (having lasted 17 years), and roots from two (2) adjacent trees have grown beneath Court 3 (fronting James Street) and damaged the surface under the synthetic grass making the court too dangerous for use.

Trees have also resulted in mould growing in the synthetic surface of the rear courts, and overhanging limbs cause debris and leaves to block up the drainage channels causing problems. These trees over the rear courts need drastic pruning to prevent this occurring on the new surface.

The Lithgow City Tennis Club Inc are requesting the Sports Advisory Committee to support their request for Council to remove the two (2) trees in James Street, pruning of trees overhanging the rear courts, and fund the drainage improvements and rectifications works (\$21,000 ex GST).

Mr Terry Nolan advised that he has met on site with representatives from the Lithgow City Tennis Club Inc, and agrees that whilst the James Street trees are very mature, the extent of the damage caused by the roots is a safety concern, and agrees that the trees need to be removed prior to resurfacing. In relation to the pruning of trees over the rear courts, this will be undertaken after consultation with the Albert Street residents who will be affected by this work.

The Committee resolved:

1. to support the Lithgow City Tennis Club Inc's request for Council to remove two (2) trees in James Street, Lithgow
2. to support the Lithgow City Tennis Club Inc's request for Council to prune two (2) trees overhanging the rear courts at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow, and
3. for Council to consider making a financial contribution toward the drainage improvement and rectification works at the Glanmire Oval, Lithgow Tennis Courts as part of the quarterly budget review for December 2011.

MOVED: Neil Hutchinson

SECONDED: Peter Hughes

ITEM 9 - GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mr Eric Arnold requested Council to aerate and turn over the sand in the eastern long jump pit at Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow, and Mr Terry Nolan advised that this project will be placed on Council's Works programme for completion.
- Mr Eric Arnold thanked Council's grounds staff for all their assistance during 2011, and for all the improvements that have happened at Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow during the year.
- Mr Neil Hutchinson advised that the cricket sight screens at Conran Oval, Lithgow are rusted, and one screen has fallen down. Mr Terry Nolan will arrange for this item to be investigated and appropriate action to be undertaken.

- Mr Neil Hutchinson advised that the synthetic cricket turfs at Watsford Oval and Glanmire Oval (Number 4 wicket) are showing sign of wear, and enquired if Council could arrange for these wickets to be inspected and repaired / replaced. Mr Terry Nolan advised that funding will be placed in the draft estimate budget for consideration for replacement of these wickets during 2012 / 2013.
- Mr Eric Arnold requested that the plinths at Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow be cleared in mid January 2012 (prior to the recommencement of Little Athletics). Mr Terry Nolan advised that this project will be placed on Council's works programme to be completed.
- Mr Paul Glasson enquired of the progress of the replacement of the field lights at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow. Mr Terry Nolan advised that Council has a budget allocation, and works are currently being co-ordinated to determine if Council's electrician is able to complete these works, or if a specialist contractor will need to be engaged. These works will be undertaken before the end of June 2012.

The Committee resolved for appropriate actions and reporting to be undertaken in relation to the items raised during general business.

MOVED: Peter Hughes

SECONDED: Eric Arnold

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 12 December 2011;
2. consider providing a donation of \$200.00 (equivalent to the hire fees for Saville Park, Portland) to the Lithgow Child Protection Interagency
3. consider providing a donation equivalent to the entry fees that will be paid at the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow as part of the recovery session for the participants in the WRAS Combined Camp to the Western Region Academy of Sport;
4. support the Lithgow City Tennis Club Inc's request for Council to remove two (2) trees in James Street, Lithgow
5. support the Lithgow City Tennis Club Inc's request for Council to prune two (2) trees overhanging the rear courts at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow, and
6. consider making a financial contribution toward the drainage improvement and rectification works at the Glanmire Oval, Lithgow Tennis Courts as part of the quarterly budget review for December 2011.