

SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2012

PRESENT

Councillor Neville Castle (Chairman), Councillor Ray Thompson, Mr Graeme Leard, Mr Neil Hutchinson, Mr Glen Ryan, Mr Peter Hughes, Ms Helen Palmer, Mrs Heather Younger, Mr Ross Smith, Mr Paul Glasson, Mr Danny Whitty, Mrs Robyn Whitty, Mr Eric Arnold, Mr Ray Stoneley, Ms Deborah Williams, Mr Iain Stewart (Group Manager Operations), and Miss Leanne Kearney (Assets and Project Engineer).

APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted by Mr David Peters and Mr Terry Nolan (Recreation Supervisor).

The Committee resolved to accept the apologies from Mr David Peters and Mr Terry Nolan (Recreation Supervisor).

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Peter Hughes

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, 12 December 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

- Mr Peter Hughes advised that the topdressing of the bank at the western end of Ashley Grandstand at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow has not been completed. Mr Iain Stewart advised that this is a long term project and will be completed later during the year.
- Ms Deborah Williams enquired when the trees at the Lithgow City Tennis Courts will be removed, and Mr Iain Stewart advised this will occur in the next few weeks.
- Mr Peter Hughes enquired if the power issues in the rugby league rooms at the Ashley Grandstand at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow had been scheduled to be fixed. Power failed to these rooms before Christmas, and both the Lithgow Bears RLFC and the Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC lost considerable stock from their fridges and freezers due to the power outage. Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC have contacted Terry Nolan regarding this before Christmas, however, there still isn't any power. Mr Iain Stewart advised that he will arrange for this to be rectified as soon as possible.
- Mr Peter Hughes requested separate electrical circuit breakers be installed in the individual rooms at Ashley Grandstand at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow, and Mr Iain Stewart advised that this will be investigated.
- Mr Paul Glasson enquired when the lighting upgrades at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow will take place, and Mr Iain Stewart advised that this project has been scheduled to be completed before 30 June 2012.

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

MOVED: Ray Thompson

SECONDED: Neil Hutchinson

ITEM 4 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

Two (2) financial assistance requests have been received, however, both are for senior applicants (Council's Donations Policy criteria is for donations to be made to Junior representatives).

- Misty Walsh (Taekwondo) – Misty will be representing Australia at the 2012 US Open Taekwondo Championships in Las Vegas in February, with the cost of trip approximately \$3,000.00.
- Roxsanne Van Veen (Cricket) – Roxsanne will be representing NSW in the Impaja Cup in Alice Springs in February.

The Committee recommends that Council provide financial assistance of \$400.00 each to Misty Walsh and Roxsanne Van Veen.

MOVED: Ray Thompson

SECONDED: Graeme Leard

ITEM 5 – BOOKING REQUESTS

The following bookings were received between 13 December 2011 and 30 January 2012, and do not conflict with any other approved bookings.

LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Lithgow High School	Monday, 20 February 2012 between 8.30am and 3.00pm (alternative date of Wednesday, 22 February 2012)	Annual swimming carnival	Approved subject to standard conditions
SAVILLE PARK, PORTLAND			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Portland Easter Community Festival – Fusion	Saturday, 7 April 2012 between 8.00am and 4.00pm	Easter community festival	Approved subject to standard conditions
TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC	Tuesday, 10 January 2012 between 6.00pm and 8.00pm	Muster Day	Approved by Council due to date of event
Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC	Sundays from 9.00am until 6.00pm between 1 April 2012 and 16 September 2012	Competition	Approved subject to standard conditions, including shared use with Ironfest on 19 & 20 April 2012, and unavailable for use on 13 May 2012 (Reality 2012)
Lithgow Storm Junior RLFC	Sunday, 19 February 2012 between 10.00am and 2.00pm	Muster Day	Council to liaise with Lithgow Storm RLFC regarding a possible change of venue to allow the Lithgow District Cricket Association to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground to conduct the Brian Sharp Memorial cricket tournament
Lithgow Storm Junior RLFC	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays between 3.30pm and 6.00pm from 3 April 2012 to 29 September 2012	Training	Approved subject to standard conditions, including shared use with Ironfest on 19 & 20 April 2012, and unavailable for use on 11 May 2012 (Reality 2012)
Thales Australia	From 9.00am on Friday, 7 September 2012 to 6.00pm on Sunday, 9 September 2012	Small Arms Factory 100 year celebrations	Approved subject to standard conditions, may need liaison with Workmen's Club RLFC if grounds are required for home final on Sunday

ZIG ZAG OVAL, LITHGOW

User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
DogTech Blue Mountains	Saturdays between 2.30pm and 5.30pm from 18 February 2012 until 31 December 2012	Dog obedience classes	Approved subject to standard conditions

WATSFORD OVAL, LITHGOW

User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Thales Australia	From 9.00am on Friday, 7 September 2012 to 6.00pm on Sunday, 9 September 2012	Small Arms Factory 100 year celebrations	Approved subject to standard conditions

The Committee resolved for all bookings detailed in Item 6 to be approved.

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Deborah Williams

ITEM 6 – WESTERN REGION ACADEMY OF SPORT – BOOKING AMENDMENT

At the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 12 December 2011, the Committee resolved to approve the Western Region Academy of Sport's request to use various facilities in the Lithgow Local Government Area to conduct their annual Combined Camp between 3 and 5 February 2012.

The Academy have now advised that use of Wallerawang Oval, Wallerawang is no longer required as they will be able to conduct all of their activities at Lake Wallace, Wallerawang.

The Academy are also requesting that Council consider making a donation equivalent to part of the hire fees for Lake Wallace, Wallerawang, as they are only able to use the facility until 10.00am on Sunday, 5 February 2012 due to the scheduled local baseball competition being conducted from 11.00am.

Fees applicable to this booking are:

• Refundable bond	=	\$250.00
• Hire @ \$200.00 per day (x 2 days)	=	\$400.00
TOTAL	=	\$650.00

The Academy also originally requested use of the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow between 3.00pm and 4.00pm, however, there will now be approximately 150 participants, and use of the Pool for a recovery session is requested to be extended until 5.00pm.

The Academy would like to have 2 or 3 lanes roped for their use so their program does not inconvenience other Pool patrons.

The Committee recommends that Council provide a donation to the Western Region Academy of Sport of \$400.00 (equivalent to the hire fees for Lake Wallace, Wallerawang).

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Ray Stoneley

ITEM 7 – BOOKING REQUEST – LITHGOW WORKMEN'S CLUB RLFC

Correspondence has been received from the Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC (4 January 2012) requesting permission to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6.00pm and 8.00pm to conduct pre-season training from 17 January 2012.

As this request was received prior to the Sports Advisory Committee, Council provided interim approval for pre-season training to commence at Watsford Oval, Lithgow, until the end of March 2012, as the Lithgow District Cricket Association and the Lithgow Touch Football Association have approved bookings for use of Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow. This has been the case for the last four (4) years, and any pre-season training occurring at Tony Luchetti Sportsground during this period was unauthorised by Council.

In addition to this regular use, approved bookings until 1 April 2012 (commencement of winter sporting season) include:

- 26 January 2012 – Lithgow Show Society;
- 23 to 26 February 2012 - Lithgow Flash Gift; and
- 15 to 18 March 2012 - Lithgow Show.

In addition to this, the grounds will be utilised by local schools for activities in conjunction with approved athletics carnivals, including:

- 23 March 2012 – La Salle Academy
- 28 March 2012 – Wallerawang Public School
- 30 March 2012 – Coerwull Public School

Additional usage on the grounds has the potential to seriously damage the playing surface, resulting in a substandard surface for competitions. Tony Luchetti Sportsground is a facility that is utilised by a number of sports year round, and Council needs to closely manage all risks associated with overuse of the grounds to prevent major refurbishment being required, resulting in the grounds being unavailable for an extended period of time.

Summer sporting seasons are held between 1 October and 31 March each year, and winter seasons are held between 1 April and 30 September each year, with Council's general procedure for pre-season training (for any sport) not be conducted on the competition grounds to prevent overuse of facilities.

Mr Paul Glasson advised that using Watsford Oval, Lithgow isn't suitable as there is conflict with cricketers using the training nets, not enough parking, and their training gear is stored in their room at Ashley Grandstand, Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow.

Mrs Heather Younger advised that last year, people attending football training were speeding through the showman's alley, and this was very dangerous. Heather requested that for this year's show, vehicular access for football training be restricted to the old netball court area, so cars aren't travelling through the showman's alley. Mr Peter Hughes suggested that a more suitable alternative would be for access for the footballers to be provided through the rear gate near Jim Monaghan Oval, Lithgow. Council will forward a letter to all users of Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow during shared use with the Lithgow Show Society advising them that access is only available through the rear gates during this period.

Councillor Neville Castle suggested Glanmire Oval, Lithgow as an alternative venue to Watsford Oval, Lithgow for football training until the end of February (after the Lithgow Flash Gift).

Mr Neil Hutchinson advised that cricket teams shouldn't be training at the Watsford Oval nets after 6.00pm.

Councillor Ray Thompson advised that Watsford Oval, Lithgow has always been used previously for preseason training, and the installation of the cricket training nets shouldn't impact on this, as the nets should be used until 6.00pm, and then other areas of the Oval can be used by cricket teams to allow the football teams to train at the northern end of the ground.

Mr Danny Whitty advised that the cricket training nets at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow aren't used as much due to their current state, and if some works could be carried out on them, they could be used instead of the nets at Watsford Oval, Lithgow to prevent conflict.

The Lithgow Bears advised that they are in the process of collating their application for use of Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow for competition and training, and permission was granted for the Lithgow Bears RLFC to use Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow for training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until the end of February, provided they do not wear spiked shoes, and don't train on Lane 1.

The Committee resolved for:

1. Permission to be granted to the Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC to use Watsford Oval, Lithgow for training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 6.00pm and 8.00pm until 28 February 2012;

2. Permission to be granted to the Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow for training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 6.00pm and 8.00pm until from 1 March 2012 until 30 September 2012 subject to standard conditions;
3. Permission to be granted to the Lithgow Bears RLFC to use Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow for training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 6.00pm and 8.00pm until 28 February 2012 provided no spike shoes are worn and training doesn't occur on Lane 1;
4. Council provide signage at the Watsford Oval, Lithgow Cricket Training nets advising nets are not to be used after 6.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 28 February 2012 to prevent conflict with football training, and correspondence be forwarded to the Lithgow District Cricket Association advising of this; and
5. Council forward correspondence to all users of Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow during shared use with the Lithgow Show Society advising them that vehicular access is only available through the rear gates near Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval during this period.

MOVED: Paul Glasson

SECONDED: Peter Hughes

ITEM 8 – TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW – TROTTING TRACK, STABLES AND CLUBHOUSE

Council's OHS/Risk Co-Ordinator, Ms Sally Hall, recently completed a risk assessment on the Tony Luchetti Sportsground Precinct, in particular, the trotting area and stables, track etc.

The results of this assessment were not favourable and detailed in the attached risk assessment report.

Council's OHS/Risk Co-Ordinator is requesting that the Sports Advisory Committee support Council's proposal for all activities to cease in this area until persons using the facilities have met with Council and provided adequate Public Liability and Property Insurance, as well as the establishment of "Conditions of Use" protocols for future use of this area to mitigate the hazards and risks identified.

The Committee resolved to support Council's proposal for all activities to cease in the trotting track, stables and clubhouse area of the Tony Luchetti Sportsground Precinct until persons using the facilities have met with Council and provided adequate Public Liability and Property Insurance, as well as the establishment of "Conditions of Use" protocols for future use of this area to mitigate the hazards and risks identified.

MOVED: Graeme Leard

SECONDED: Danny Whitty

ITEM 9 – GENERAL BUSINESS

- Councillor Neville Castle advised that preparations have been finalised for the 2012 Lithgow Flash Gift, to be held on Saturday, 25 February 2012 at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow. A sports expo and growers market will form part of this event, and any organisations interested in participating are urged to contact Council's Event Co-Ordinator, Mr Robbie Park on (02) 6350 3230 to arrange a spot. As this years event is larger than previous event, additional volunteers are needed on the day, and it would be greatly appreciated if anyone that can spare a few hours to assist could also contact Robbie.
- Mr Eric Arnold requested Council to install a tap with hose fitting at the western end of the long jump pit at Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow to allow the Lithgow Athletics Club to water the long jump pit when necessary, as well as to be able to wash sand off the run up. Mr Iain Stewart advised that this will be investigated.
- Mr Danny Whitty advised that on three (3) occasions last week he drove past the Barton Street main entrance to Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow and the gates were open, and enquired who is responsible for locking the gates overnight. Miss Leanne Kearney advised that Council's security company is responsible for locking the gates after their last patrol of the evening, and will investigate this issue and provide a report back to the Committee.
- Mr Danny Whitty advised that last week at Portland a number of teenagers walked across the cricket pitch whilst a game was in progress, and enquired of the protocols for dealing with this behaviour. Mr Iain Stewart advised that the correct protocol for any behaviour like this is to call the Police who have the power to remove offenders.

- Mr Eric Arnold requested Council replace the discus circle at Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow. The circle was found, but is continually moved and needs to be permanently reinstated. Mr Iain Stewart advised that this will be investigated.

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

MOVED: Neil Hutchinson

SECONDED: Ray Thompson

The meeting closed at 6.10pm.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council provide financial assistance of \$400.00 each to Misty Walsh and Roxsanne Van Veen;
2. Council provide a donation to the Western Region Academy of Sport of \$400.00 (equivalent to the hire fees for Lake Wallace, Wallerawang); and
3. Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 30 January 2012.