

# **SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

## **MONDAY 26 MARCH 2012**

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### **PRESENT**

Councillor Ray Thompson (Acting Chairman), Mr Graeme Leard, Mr Neil Hutchinson, Ms Helen Palmer, Mr Peter Hughes, Mr Glen Ryan, Mr David Peters, Mr John Legge, Ms Donna Lowry, Mr Ross, Smith, Mr Paul Glasson, Mr Danny Whitty, Mrs Robyn Whitty, Mr Eric Arnold, Mr Ray Stoneley, Mrs Jeanette Dellabosca, Mr Iain Stewart (Group Manager Operations), and Miss Leanne Kearney (Assets and Project Engineer).

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Neville Castle, Mrs Heather Younger, Ms Debbie Williams, and Mr Terry Nolan (Recreation Supervisor).

The Committee resolved to accept the apologies from Councillor Neville Castle, Mrs Heather Younger, Ms Debbie Williams and Mr Terry Nolan (Recreation Supervisor).

MOVED: Graeme Leard

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, 27 February 2012, were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

MOVED: Neil Hutchinson

SECONDED: Peter Hughes

#### **ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- Council and the Lithgow City Tennis Club have held a meeting and inspected the trees at the rear of Albert Street and agreed to trim the trees identified as hanging over the Lithgow City Tennis Courts and affecting playability. During this inspection, there was no sign of the reported diesel smell in the amenities.
- Council will arrange for some hand top dressing to occur on sections of Watsford Oval, Lithgow when Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC have finished their preseason training,
- Council has placed the replacement of the synthetic cricket turf at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow (Turf 3) on the list for replacement in the next financial year. Mr Neil Hutchinson advised that the synthetic turfs on Watsford Oval and Glanmire Oval, Lithgow (Turf 4) need replacing more urgently than Glanmire Oval Turf 3 (which only has a few small holes in the surface), and this turf was mentioned to illustrate the fact that people are using the turf illegally.
- Council has completed weed eradication along the fences at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow and Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow (in particular along the eastern laneway). The low hanging tree branches in the old caravan park and the Glanmire Oval, Lithgow carpark will be pruned when labour becomes available.

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

MOVED: Peter Hughes

SECONDED: Ross Smith

#### ITEM 4 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

There were no complying financial assistance requests received in March 2012.

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

MOVED: Graeme Leard

SECONDED:

Neil Hutchinson

#### ITEM 5 – 2012 LJ HOOKER REG COWDEN MEMORIAL SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Junior nominations for the month of February 2012 were received from the following:

- Jenna Heath (Athletics) – Jenna competed at the Lithgow Athletics Regional Carnival, coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400m, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m events, as well as competing at the Lithgow Flash Gift, coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m (15 years), 200m (15 years) and Junior Handicap Female.
- Portland Central School Cricket Team (Cricket) – the team won the semi final and the final of the NSW CHS Central School cricket competition defeating Bingara in the semi final 101 – 69, and defeating Balranald in the final 98 – 37.

The Committee selected Portland Central School Cricket Team (Cricket) as the Junior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for February 2012.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Jenna Heath (Athletics)
February	Portland Central School Cricket Team (Cricket)
March	
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Senior nominations for the month of December 2011 / January 2012 were received from the following:

- Darren Lee (Kayaking) – At the NSW Kayak Sprint Championships 2012, Darren came 1<sup>st</sup> in the K2 1,000m, K1 500m, K2 500m and K2 200m, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the K1 1,000m and K1 5,000m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the K1 200m events.

Senior nominations for the month of February 2012 were received from the following:

- Roxsanne Van Veen (Cricket) – Roxsanne was a member of the NSW Women's T20 cricket side that beat ACT to win the final of the Impaja Cup in Alice Springs, and was selected in the 2012 All Stars Team due to her performances.
- Misty Walsh (Taekwondo) – Misty competed in the 2012 US Taekwondo Championships in Las Vegas, and unfortunately had to withdraw due to a serious injury.
- Darren Lee (Kayaking) – Darren came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the NSW Marathon Series Round 1 (Canberra) 20km and 1<sup>st</sup> at the Lake Burley Griffin Bash 30km.

The Committee selected Darren Lee (Kayaking) as the Senior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for January 2012 and Roxsanne Van Veen (Cricket) as the Senior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for February 2012.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Darren Lee (Kayaking)
February	Roxsanne Van Veen (Cricket)
March	
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The Committee resolved to select Portland Central School Cricket Team (Cricket) as the Junior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for February 2012, Darren Lee (Kayaking) as the Senior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for January 2012 and Roxsanne Van Veen (Cricket) as the Senior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for February 2012.

MOVED: Ray Stoneley

SECONDED: Eric Arnold

#### ITEM 6 – BOOKING REQUESTS

The following bookings were received between 28 February 2012 and 26 March 2012, and do not conflict with any other approved bookings.

<b>JIM MONAGHAN ATHLETICS OVAL, LITHGOW</b>			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
St Patrick's Primary School	Friday, 27 April 2012 between 8.30am and 3.00pm (if not utilised as a wet weather day by Coerwull School), with an alternative date of Thursday, 3 May 2012	Athletics Trials	Approved subject to standard conditions
St Patrick's Primary School	Friday, 1 June 2012 between 8.30am and 3.00pm	Athletics Carnival	Approved subject to standard conditions
Lithgow Athletics Club	Wednesdays and Fridays between 4.00pm and 7.00pm from 4 April 2012 until 26 September 2012	Athletics Training	Approved subject to standard conditions
<b>TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW</b>			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Lithgow Owners and Trainers	Daily from 6.00am until 3.30pm when the facility is not booked by other users	Harness Racehorse Training	** Approved subject to compliance with "Conditions of Use"
St Patrick's Primary School	Friday, 1 June 2012 between 8.30am and 3.00pm	Athletics Carnival	Approved subject to standard conditions
Lithgow Storm Junior RLFC	Saturdays from 7.00am to 3.00pm from 5 May 2012 to 8 September 2012	2012 Competition	** Approved subject to standard conditions including liaison with Lithgow Bears RLFC when home games coincide

Lithgow Bears RLFC	Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6.00pm and 7.00pm and Saturdays between 9.00am and 6.00pm from 31 March 2012 to 23 September 2012	2012 Training and Competition	** Approved subject to standard conditions, including liaison with Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC for week day training and Lithgow Storm Junior RLFC when home games coincide
AFL (NSW/ACT)	Wednesday, 11 April 2012 between 10.00am and 12.00pm	School clinic	Approved subject to standard conditions
Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation	Saturday, 15 September 2012 between 10.00am and 10.00pm	Naidoc Day celebrations	** Approved subject to standard conditions, including liaison with Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC if grounds are required for the Group 10 Grand Final
<b>MARJORIE JACKSON OVAL, LITHGOW</b>			
<b>User</b>	<b>Dates / Times</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Lithgow District Football Association Inc	Daily from 9.00am to 9.00pm from Sunday, 1 April 2012 to Sunday, 30 September 2012	Training and Competition	Approved subject to standard conditions
<b>LAKE WALLACE, WALLERAWANG</b>			
<b>User</b>	<b>Dates / Times</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Lithgow District PSSA (Wallerawang Public School)	Friday, 25 May 2012 between 9.00am and 3.00pm	District cross country event	Approved subject to standard conditions
<b>SAVILLE PARK, PORTLAND</b>			
<b>User</b>	<b>Dates / Times</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Comments</b>
AFL (NSW/ACT)	Tuesday, 10 April 2012 between 10.00am and 12.00pm	School clinic	Approved subject to standard conditions
<b>WATSFORD OVAL, LITHGOW</b>			
<b>User</b>	<b>Dates / Times</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Lithgow Primary School	Tuesday, 27 March 2012 between 9.30am and 2.30pm	School cricket match	Approved by Council due to date of event
Ironfest 2012	Saturday, 21 and Sunday 22 April 2012 between 10.00am and 5.00pm	Ironfest 2012	Approved subject to standard conditions

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

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Helen Palmer

#### **ITEM 7 – LITHGOW OWNERS AND TRAINERS USE OF TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW**

At the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 30 January 2012, the Committee discussed a report relating to the trotting track, stables and clubhouse at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow and 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.

A meeting was held between representatives from Lithgow City Council and the Lithgow Owners and Trainers on 23 February 2012, where the following issues were discussed and resolved to Council's satisfaction:

- The existing conditions of use signage will be amended to delete conditions that are no longer applicable (relating to running rails that have been removed), and appropriate signage will be installed at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow detailing the conditions of use so all users are informed, as well as advising users that horses are used in the area. Council will also write to all users advising them of the conditions of use, to ensure that all users are adhering to the conditions of use.
- In relation to the dilapidated holding yard, the future of this facility will need to be decided in liaison with the Lithgow Show Society who use the yard. Council is not in favour of demolishing the yard, and would like to see the yard refurbished and repair for future use, which will need to be discussed between the Lithgow Owners and Trainers, Lithgow Show Society and Lithgow City Council.
- Lithgow Owners and Trainers advised that the ceiling and roof tiles of the Clubhouse have not been repaired, and this damage was reported after the last attempted break in. Council will follow up with the progress of the repairs as other users (including the Lithgow Show Society and Pony Club) utilise the building.
- Council has spoken to the Lithgow Owners and Trainers insurance agent, and confirmed that the public liability insurance coverage is adequate, and received written confirmation of this.
- The Lithgow Owners and Trainers have completed a Recreation Facilities Booking Application Form (listed in Item 6 of tonight's agenda).
- The Lithgow Owners and Trainers advised Council that they patrol unlicensed trainers, and prevent them from using the track, and ensured Council that all members of the Lithgow Owners and Trainers are licensed drivers.
- In relation to the syringes on site, the Lithgow Owners and trainers advised that all of the needles used by the Lithgow Owners and Trainers are for oral use, and any syringes that have needles are used by vets, and are disposed of appropriately by the vet.

The Committee resolved for the information relating to the Lithgow Owners and Trainers use of Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow to be noted.

MOVED: Neil Hutchinson

SECONDED: Ray Stoneley

### **ITEM 8 – BOOKING AMENDMENT – THALES AUSTRALIA**

At the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 30 January 2012, the Committee granted permission to Thales Australia to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground and Watsford Oval, Lithgow from 7 – 9 September 2012 to conduct their 100 year celebrations.

Correspondence has been received from Thales Australia requesting permission to amend the date of their approved booking to Friday, 26 and Saturday, 27 October 2012, with access required for set up between Monday, 22 and Sunday, 28 October 2012.

The change is due to the Lithgow Storm Junior RLFC advising that they have been granted permission to host the 2012 Group 10 Junior Rugby League Finals on Saturday, 8 September 2012, and Thales were unable to conduct their event with shared use of the grounds.

Mr Peter Hughes advised that a preliminary draw for the 2012 Centennial Coal Cup has been released, and the Grand Final will be held on Saturday, 8 September 2012, and may conflict with the Lithgow Storm Junior RLFC's booking if the grounds are required for a home grand final by the Lithgow Bears. Further discussions will need to take place between the Lithgow Storm Junior RLFC and the Lithgow Bears RLFC once both draws are provided.

The proposed alternative date does not conflict with any other approved bookings, however, Mr Danny Whitty advised that the amended date will impact on local cricket, particularly if all three (3) turfs at Tony Luchetti Sportsground as well as Watsford Oval, Lithgow are not available for cricket.

The Committee resolved for permission to be granted to Thales Australia to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground between Monday, 22 and Sunday, 28 October 2012, with exclusive use on Friday, 26 and Saturday, 27 October 2012 to conduct their 100 year celebrations, and for further discussions to take place regarding use of Watsford Oval, Lithgow.

MOVED: Peter Hughes

SECONDED: Danny Whitty

#### **ITEM 9 - GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Correspondence was received from Roxsanne Van Veen thanking Council and the Sports Advisory Committee for the financial donation of \$400.00 to assist her with costs incurred during her participation as a member of the NSW Impaja Cup cricket team that travelled to Alice Springs, the donation was greatly appreciated.
- Councillor Ray Thompson expressed disappointment at the correspondence by the Lithgow Show Society that was published in the Lithgow Mercury prior to the conduct of the 2012 Lithgow Show. Last year there was a heated debate at the Sports Advisory Committee regarding the condition of Tony Luchetti Sportsgrounds Field Number 1 after the conduct of the 2011 Lithgow Show, and this year, Council has endeavoured to prevent any problems, and it is disheartening to receive negative comments through local media outlets. Mr Iain Stewart advised that he has inspected the area of Field Number 1 used for this year's Lithgow Show, and whilst the ground is not perfect, it will easily be revived to a reasonable standard prior to the commencement of the rugby league season (mainly grass damage due to compression). Mr Peter Hughes requested that the protective plastic used in the rodeo area be removed from the surface earlier in future years, which will further assist in maintaining a reasonable condition of the playing surface (rather than be delayed by one day causing the grass to burn). Councillor Ray Thompson advised that there is an item on the Council meeting agenda for tonight relating to ongoing conflict between local rugby league clubs and the Lithgow Show, however, he believed that this wasn't true due to discussions occurring through the correct channel, being the Sports Advisory Committee. Mr Peter Hughes advised that a meeting was held between the rugby league and Lithgow Show representatives on site prior to the 2012 Lithgow Show, and all issues were cleared up, rather than going through Council as a third party where blame was being misdirected. Mr David Peters advised that the letter published in the Lithgow Mercury was written prior to the on site meeting with the rugby league representatives, and the information published was not entirely authored by the Lithgow Show Society, and was edited by the Lithgow Mercury before being published. Mr Ray Stoneley advised that all users need to work together during major events, as the facility is a multi purpose venue, and all users need to acknowledge that their use may either directly or indirectly impact other users, and this needs to be considered during planning of events. Mr Peter Hughes and Mr Paul Glasson advised that both the Lithgow Bears RLFC and the Lithgow Workmen's Club RLFC are both please with the condition of Field Number 1 after the conduct of the 2012 Lithgow Show. The users advised Mr David Peters that there were no other issues raised as a result of the 2012 Lithgow Show, and Mr David Peters advised that last years incident was caused by the method of removal of the sand used to protect the field during the conduct of the rodeo, and was not damage caused by the Lithgow Show Society, who appeared to get the blame for the damage. Councillor Ray Thompson stated that this years planning for the Lithgow Show has rectified previous years concerns, and has been successful.
- Ms Jeanette Dellabosca advised that the Lithgow City Tennis Club had to cut the fencing to gain access to Courts 4, 5 and 6 for refurbishment at the Lithgow City Tennis Courts, and requested Council's assistance in repairing the fence once works are completed, as this was not included in the Contractor's quotation. Mr Iain Stewart will investigate this request and respond to the Lithgow City Tennis Club.
- Mr Ross Smith advised that there are wheel tracks in Glanmire Oval, Lithgow where the Lithgow City Tennis Club Contractor's truck got bogged (running from the back shed in a direct line to the Lithgow City Tennis Courts) and need repairing as the uneven level is dangerous. Mr Iain Stewart advised that Council's Recreation Supervisor, Mr Terry Nolan, will investigate and arrange any necessary works to be undertaken.
- Mr Ross Smith enquired when the lime shed and the concrete at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow are going to be removed. Mr Iain Stewart advised that Council's Recreation Supervisor, Mr Terry Nolan, will investigate and arrange any necessary works to be undertaken.

- Ms Donna Lowry advised that the fence surrounding Number 1 Field at Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow needs repairing as it is falling down, as well as some of the signage that is falling off the fence. Mr Iain Stewart advised that Council's Recreation Supervisor, Mr Terry Nolan, will investigate and arrange any necessary works to be undertaken.
- Ms Donna Lowry enquired if Council could arrange for necessary line marking to be completed in the car park at Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow prior to the commencement of the soccer season, and Mr Iain Stewart advised that Council's Recreation Supervisor, Mr Terry Nolan, will investigate and arrange any necessary works to be undertaken.
- Ms Donna Lowry advised that there is a lot of graffiti around the canteen area at Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow, and requested Council to remove the graffiti and undertake a general clean up of the area prior to the commencement of the soccer season. Mr Iain Stewart advised that Council's Recreation Supervisor, Mr Terry Nolan, will investigate and arrange any necessary works to be undertaken.
- Mr Danny Whitty expressed sincere gratitude on behalf of the Lithgow District Cricket Association for the effort of Council's grounds staff over the last weekend, particularly in preparing the grounds at Portland for a cricket game that was rescheduled at short notice. The works undertaken at Kremer Park and Saville Park, Portland was fantastic, and allowed games to commence, even in the adverse weather conditions.
- Mr Danny Whitty requested that Council ensure that the "Field Closed" signage is used when Council closes sporting fields, as this didn't occur last time, and caused confusion to teams who arrived at the grounds and were unaware that the grounds had been closed by Council. Mr Iain Stewart advised that Council's Recreation Supervisor, Mr Terry Nolan, will investigate and arrange any necessary works to be undertaken.
- Ms Jeanette Dellabosca advised that since the refurbishment of the front courts at the Lithgow City Tennis Courts, Courts 1, 2 and 3 drained really well after the recent rainfalls as a result of the drainage improvements.
- Mr David Peters enquired if Council could investigate the possibility of relocating Field Number 1 at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow approximately five (5) metres north (toward Field Number 2), which will provide adequate space for special events to be conducted in front of the Ashley Grandstand without impeding onto Field Number 1. Mr Iain Stewart advised that Council's Recreation Supervisor, Mr Terry Nolan, will investigate and arrange a report to be presented to the Committee as relocation may impact on the cricket wickets, or not meet the requirements for officials for rugby league games.

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

MOVED: Peter Hughes

SECONDED:

Graeme Leard

The meeting closed at 5.35pm.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 26 March 2012.