



A CENTRE OF REGIONAL EXCELLENCE

AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

04 JUNE 2012

AT 7.00pm

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

PRESENT

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 14 MAY 2012

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

PUBLIC FORUM

PRESENTATIONS - NIL

MAYORAL MINUTES - NIL

NOTICES OF MOTION

Current status of the former gas works council owned land - Mort street Lithgow - Councillor M Ticehurst

Lithgow city council public liability insurance for Lithgow golf course - Councillor M Ticehurst

Mining community funds for Cullen Bullen township - Councillor M Ticehurst

Proposal for ordinary tri-weekly meetings of Council to be held in towns and villages - Councillor M Ticehurst

State Government best practice water charges for Lithgow Golf Club Ltd - Councillor M Ticehurst

Trees and parking at upgraded Lithgow Aquatic Centre - Councillor M Ticehurst

Average Council rates, fees and charges for ratepayers in 2012/2013 - Councillor M Ticehurst

Digital switchover - Councillor C Hunter

NOTICE OF RECISSIONS - NIL

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Environment and Development Reports
Operation Services Reports
Community and Strategy Reports
Finance Reports

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Youth Council Committee meeting minutes - 24 April 2012
Traffic Authority Local Committee meeting minutes – 3 May 2012
South Littleton Hall Renovation Section 355 Committee meeting – 1 May 2012
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BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY

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

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NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM-1 **NOTICE OF MOTION - CURRENT STATUS OF THE FORMER GAS
WORKS COUNCIL OWNED LAND MORT STREET LITHGOW -
COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST**

COMMENTARY

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ITEM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION - DIGITAL SWITCHOVER - COUNCILLOR C HUNTER

COMMENTARY

With the switchover from analogue to digital broadcasting on 5 June 2012 there have been some problems with remote areas or black spots that have had reception from self-help repeaters.

These problems are mainly technical where technicians have not explained the workings of the channels and which channels broadcast local news etc.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council conduct advertising of satellite channels that broadcast local news and time slots.
2. Council lobby for more local content and broadcasting of Prime and Win TV.

ITEM-3 NOTICE OF MOTION - LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR LITHGOW GOLF COURSE - COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST

COMMENTARY

Could the General Manager provide a report to the Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents on: -

1. Whether it is correct that the Lithgow City Council has in past years and is currently, providing the sole / only public liability insurance for the 18 hole Lithgow Golf Course that is used by the members and guests of the Lithgow Golf Club Ltd.?
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BULLEN TOWNSHIP - COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST**

COMMENTARY

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MEETINGS OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES -
COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST**

COMMENTARY

Could the General Manager provide a report to the Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents on proposals whereby Ordinary tri-weekly Meetings of the Lithgow City Council could be held either annually or bi-annually in Towns and Villages in the Lithgow Local Government Area?

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**ITEM-6 NOTICE OF MOTION - STATE GOVERNMENT BEST PRACTICE
WATER CHARGES FOR LITHGOW GOLF CLUB LTD - COUNCILLOR
M TICEHURST**

COMMENTARY

Could the General Manager provide a report to the Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents on whether the Lithgow Golf Club Ltd. has in the past or is currently being charged up to \$58,000 for its annual use of up to 20 ML of potable water, the same potable water that is currently being charged out at \$2.90 KL, based on State Government Best Practice, by the Council to local Water Carters for delivery and use of many local ratepayers and residents and if not, why not?

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ITEM-7 NOTICE OF MOTION - TREES AND PARKING AT UPGRADED LITHGOW AQUATIC CENTRE - COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST

COMMENTARY

Could the General Manager provide a report to the Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents on: -

1. Which and how many mature trees are to be removed to make way for the proposed new Car Parking triangle area for the upgraded Lithgow Aquatic Centre?
2. What if any mature trees are to be removed along George Coates Drive, outside the public entry to the upgraded Lithgow Aquatic Centre?
3. Will the Lithgow Council be holding an onsite Citizens Access Meeting to alert and advise its ratepayers, residents and local Environmental Groups prior to the impending removal of any mature trees surrounding the upgraded Lithgow Aquatic Centre?
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ITEM-8 NOTICE OF MOTION - AVERAGE COUNCIL RATES FEES AND CHARGES FOR RATEPAYERS IN 2012/2013 - COUNCILLOR M TICEHURST

COMMENTARY

Could the Mayor and General Manager provide verbal confirmation to the Council, Councillors, ratepayers and residents at this Council Meeting, that the actual average increase of Council rates for the next financial year 2012-2013, including fees and charges for water, sewerage and garbage will be \$223.000 for the average Lithgow City Council ratepayer?

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GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS

ITEM-9 GM - 04/06/12 - INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

REPORT FROM: D MCGRATH - CORPORATE STRATEGY AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

REFERENCE

Min 06-05	Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting 6 February 2006
Min 06-57	Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting 6 March 2006
Min 06-93	Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting 3 April 2006
Min 06-153	Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting 5 June 2006
Min 06-281	Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting 4 September 2006
Min 07-142	Ordinary Meeting of Council 16 April 2007
Min 07-251	Ordinary Meeting of Council 18 June 2007
Min 09-218	Ordinary Meeting of Council 1 June 2009
Min 09-507	Ordinary Meeting of Council 23 November 2009
Min 11-444	Ordinary Meeting of Council 31 October 2011
Min 12-97	Ordinary Meeting of Council 26 March 2012
Min 12-125	Ordinary Meeting of Council 23 April 2012
Min 12-170	Ordinary Meeting of Council 14 May 2012

SUMMARY

This report recommends the adoption of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework with identified amendments and consideration of submissions received prior to the advertised closing time of 4.30pm on Friday 25 May 2012.

The framework consists of the following suite of documents:

- Draft Community Strategic Plan 2025 (Version 2)
- Resourcing Strategy
 - Draft Long Term Financial Plan
 - Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan
 - Draft Workforce Plan
- Draft Combined Delivery Program 2012-2016 and Operations Plan 2012-2013
 - Draft Budget Fees and Charges 2012-2013

COMMENTARY

Council at the Ordinary Meeting of 23 April 2012 resolved to place the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 24

April – 25 May 2012. Following the resolution extensive advertising was conducted through the local media and copies of the plan were made available at various locations:

- Council's website: <http://www.council.lithgow.com> and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Website – www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au/integratedPlanning
- Council Administration Centre
- Lithgow Library Learning Centre
- Wallerawang Library
- Portland Library
- Rydal Library

Six community information sessions and one Youth Forum were held throughout the Local Government Area during the exhibition period:

- **Thursday 26 April** 6 - 7.30pm - Capertee Memorial Hall- IPR Briefing Session
- **Wed 2nd May** 6 - 7.30pm – Hartley Old Schoolhouse - IPR Briefing Session
- **Thursday 3rd May** 2-5pm - Portland Library - Open House Session
- **Friday 4th May** 10am - 4pm - Lithgow Valley Shopping Centre - Open House Session
- **Tuesday 8th May** 10am - 1pm - Wallerawang Library - Open House Session
- **Thursday 10th May** 4pm - 6pm - Council Administration Centre - Youth Forum
- **Friday 11 May** 10am-6pm - Lithgow Library - Open House Session

The minutes from the youth forum are provided as Attachment 1.

Public Submissions

Council received x submissions to the framework prior to the advertised closing date of 4.30pm Friday 25 May 2012. A copy of each submission is provided as Attachment 2.

The following table provides a summary of the written submissions received in order of receipt.

Summary Of Written Submissions Received		
SUBMISSION BY	REQUEST/COMMENT	OFFICERS RECOMMENDATIONS
Community Submission 1	<i>Objecting to increases in water standpipe charges and requesting that Council "urgently rethink their fees and charges".</i>	That the fees and charges for as printed for Standpipe be adopted. <i>Note: This matter was reported to Council on 12 May (Min. No. 12-170). The Charges which now apply to the purchase of water through the standpipe are in line with charges to residents on the town water supply.</i>

Community Submission 2	<p>Object to the increase in Waste and sewer charges stating: <i>“The increase to sewerage and waste charges will be difficult for many to afford, Council’s aging strategy identifies the ‘declining income rate’ as a challenge which will impact the local area. Furthermore Lithgow has lower median incomes when compared with NSW and the Central West region, and a higher level of unemployment when compared with the Central West and NSW. All of this information came from Council documents. Council should seriously consider the economic impact these increases will have on the local area; local businesses in particular will be affected by both the decrease in consumer spending and the increase to their own rates and charges. Perhaps Council could consider a partial increase to the general rates this year given that there are fairly significant increases to other fees and charges for local ratepayers.”</i></p>	The objection be noted.
	<p>Requests <i>“Council explore an indoor playground for children, similar to the ones in Bathurst and Katoomba. It could be incorporated into a Council run Café which could also be used to provide after hours entertainment for under 18’s as there would be no alcohol on the premises”.</i></p>	<p>Included in the Community Strategic Plan 2025 as follows:</p> <p>Our Community Programs 1.2.4 – Children and Families <i>Investigate the feasibility of establishing facilities in Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland that cater to the combined needs of Children and Youths.</i></p> <p>Note: the development of a Youth Strategy is included in the Operations Plan 2012-13 which will further explore opportunities for youth programs and youth centres.</p>
	<p>Requests allocation of funding for youth programs. <i>“There are some excellent Council run Youth Programs around the state, Newcastle’s ‘The Loft’ is a great example, and I think with a small amount of research Lithgow Council could start a great youth program based on successful models from around the state”.</i></p>	
Community Submission3	<p>Sydney Catchment Authority notes that it has previously provided comment on the Draft Community Strategic Plan <i>“which it strongly supports”.</i></p>	The information be noted.
Community Submission 4	<p>1.2.10 – Safety Supports activities for International Women’s Day and believes additional funds be allocated to this program.</p> <p>1.2.10 – Safety Requests that the CCTV upgrade to Wireless System be brought forward prior to the installation of new CCTV Cameras.</p> <p>1.2.12 – Youth Development of a Youth Fest Event for Lithgow <i>“for our growing number of non-sporting youth i.e. musicians, artists, writers, poets, sculptors and the like.....I would be more than happy to</i></p>	<p>Council works with the Domestic Violence Liaison Committee to identify and develop activities for International Women’s Day.</p> <p>The installation of additional cameras into the system will not be dependant on an upgrade to the wireless system itself. Consequently this item may remain 2015-2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Council and Events Coordinator to explore the development of a major Youth Festival for Lithgow.. • The community member be invited to a Youth Council

<p><i>address the Youth Council with this idea and answer any questions they , or Council itself, may have”.</i></p>	<p>meeting to discuss the concept further.</p>
<p>Adventure Playground Notes that the Adventure Playground is not funded until 2021/22 in Council’s Long-Term Financial Plan and believes that Council should seek funding from external sources and re-think the locations of the Adventure Playground.</p>	<p>At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 May Council resolved (Min. No. 12-166) THAT Council: 1. <i>Notes the above report on investigations into site options for an adventure playground.</i> 2. <i>Gives further consideration to the selection and funding of a preferred site for an adventure playground following completion of the Aquatic Centre / Showground/ Sporting Fields precinct master plan in 2012/13.</i></p>
<p>2.2.1 – Branding and Marketing <i>“While I appreciate that marketing to the area to external sources is important, and I understand that Christmas displays are good for community spirit, doing so at the expense of Tourism signs that draw people from the highways into our towns and villages – people who spend money and help boost our local economy – is not fair on the businesses who already exist in the region”.</i></p>	<p>Council has received \$45,000 in funding from Destination NSW in 2011/12 for installation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateway signage in Capertee for the Capertee Valley • Tourism signage at Wallerawang and Portland • Directional signage in Lithgow. <p>Council Officers are currently working on this project and will be continuing to identify additional signage throughout the Lithgow LGA.</p>
<p>2.2.4 – Leadership and Communication Notes that Council has included \$7,000 for <i>“promotional material to attract investors”</i> over the 4 year period and queries <i>“how much promotional material you would get for \$1,750 per year”.</i></p>	<p>This item should read 2012-2013 in the “Timeframe” column and will be updated accordingly.</p>
<p>2.2.7 – Tourism Requests that Council invest more funds into the <i>“...promotion of our local sites e.g. the Heritage Walk – As I believe that this is a highly untapped source of income for the area.”</i></p>	<p>The Lithgow Heritage Walk is currently under development. Council will commence promotion to visitors once it is completed.</p> <p>\$21,300 has been allocated in the recurrent operational program for Promotion of the LGA.</p>
<p>3.1.1 – Infrastructure Notes that \$100,000 was allocated to Prepare a Floodplain Management Plan” in the 2011/12 budget and is also in the budget for 2012/13. <i>“What became of the \$100,000 that had been set aside for this?”</i></p>	<p>The funding identified in the 2011/12 budget has been placed in reserve and will be carried forward to the 2012/13 budget.</p>
<p>3.2.3 – Community Commercial/Industrial Buildings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes dissatisfaction at the lack of toilet facilities in the CBD and that they will not be done until 2013/14. • Notes dissatisfaction that the 	<p>Due to the UWS Development in the Hoskins Building, the area previously utilised as change room and toilets facilities for performers will no longer be available and therefore, Council has had to upgrade the Union Theatre to accommodate performances.</p>

	Union Theatre toilets and change rooms have been prioritised ahead of the CBD Toilets.	
	3.2.9 – Parks and Gardens <i>“There is more than \$300,000 earmarked for playground facilities over the next 4 years. Would it be better to direct a good portion of that money towards the much-heralded Adventure Playground”</i>	Council is required to ensure that all playgrounds are maintained to a high standard for the whole community. The existing playground equipment throughout the LGA is in need of upgrade to current standards.
	3.2.11 – Road Safety and Compliance <i>“Ensure available parking for residents and visitors” – Is Council looking at developing new parking options for the area?</i>	This item relates to compliance and identifies Parking Patrols and School Zone Patrols in the Performance Indicators column.
	3.2.13 – Transport <i>Clean footpaths and streets in Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland - \$87,000 – What does this money cover? The lease of the cleaning machine? Wages? I am not entirely sure what this figure represents.</i>	The cost to clean the footpaths in the CBD's includes plant hire, wages, materials and oncosts.
	5.2.5 – Employer of Choice <i>I think \$16,000 for an employee survey is a bit of a stretch, especially considering that the community survey only costs \$2,500.</i>	The employee survey is conducted by a specialist consultancy. The results are benchmarked against other Councils. The Community Survey is being conducted in-house and the costs associated relate to promotion of the survey.
Community Submission 5	Clarence Pirie Park – Toilet Requesting that the \$90,000 allocated for the upgrade of Clarence Pirie Park Toilet in 2018/19 be brought forward. <i>“At the moment the public toilet at Clarence Pirie Park is not coping with the passing traffic that utilises it. The park is one of the main rest areas between Mudgee and Lithgow and is also listed as a free camping spot in “Camps Australia” and has a high traffic flow all year round as well as motor homes and caravans staying overnight.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$90,000 allocated in 2018/19 for the upgrade/replacement of Clarence Pirie Park Toilets be brought forward to 2015/16. • \$200,000 for the construction of a toilet block in Queen Elizabeth Park (southern end) in 2015/16 be moved to 2018/19. • \$5,000 in the 2012-13 is allocated to attending to short-term issues with the Clarence Pirie Park toilets from the General Maintenance allocation in the Infrastructure Levy program.
	Capertee Cemetery <i>“We are pleased to see that funding has been planned for the removal of trees and fencing at the Capertee Cemetery in the 2012/13 budget. We would also like to see a Columbarium being built at Capertee Cemetery.</i>	The columbarium will be installed using existing funds for cemetery maintenance
Community Submission 6	Explore how their Ageing Strategy can incorporate strategies that contribute to increased physical activity opportunities for older people.	Chapter 8 of the Ageing Strategy – Health Lifestyles and Recreation makes recommendations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Recreation Planning. • Programs to promote healthy lifestyles within the community.
	Consider how their plans and policies	Council has endorsed the Terms of

	address accessibility for people with a disability.	Reference for Disability Access Committee which Committee scheduled to meet in 4th quarter to commence development of a Disability Access Plan.
	Explore how their Plans can incorporate urban design considerations that contribute to reducing overweight and obesity in the table on Pg 4 of the submission.	The comment be noted.
	Amend plans to include environmental modification requirements to dwelling design that improve child safety for driveways, windows and balconies.	To be considered as part of a later Residential Development Control Plan Process.
	Explore how their Plans can support increased availability of fruit and vegetables.	As part of the Urban Sustainability Project and implementation of the Economic Development Strategy, Council has been working towards the development of Made In Lithgow Enterprises (MILE) which includes promotion of locally grown produce through Growers Markets.
	Incorporates shade planning and design into relevant Plans for all development, including open space and recreational areas and also include bubblers and seating in open space.	This matter has been addressed in the Open Space and Recreation Study and section 3.2.9 – Parks and Gardens of the Community Strategic Plan 2025.
	Develops and implements a Tobacco Control Policy as outlined in the Draft Community Strategic Plan.	The comment be noted.
Staff Submission 1	<p>Asbestos Tipping Fee</p> <p>When Council adopted the Waste and Recycling Strategy it requested that the Tipping Fee be examined with a view to dropping it to zero from \$95. This has been discussed with the Lithgow Tip Contractor who collects all fees at the tip in accordance with the contract. Given the costs involved the contractor would not agree to a zero charge but would agree to reducing the fee to \$50 plus GST.</p>	That the fee for Asbestos Tipping at Lithgow Tip (Under Supervision) be reduced to \$50 plus GST.

During the exhibition period Council conducted two information sessions in the villages of Capertee and Hartley and four open house sessions whereby members of the public could view the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and discuss the documents with Council Officers. The information sessions were held at Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland Libraries and the Lithgow Valley Shopping Centre.

The following table provides a summary of community comments/issues, officers comments and officers recommendations.

Capertee Information Session 26 April 2012

Community Issue/Comment	Officers Comment	Officers Recommendation
<p>Clarence Pirie Park – Rest Area A number of issues were raised regarding the toilet including the need for replacement. There is no lighting; water is an issue particularly on long-weekends and the need for keeping them clean.</p> <p>The park is a popular spot for travellers with many people stopping overnight in motor homes and also on weekends passing through.</p> <p>It was considered that there needs to be tourism signage installed at the park with information about the area to encourage people to stay longer. This could also include an information/notice board, history and maps of the area.</p> <p>It was suggested that discussions be entered into with the RMS (RTA) regarding the development of the rest area/park.</p> <p>The mowing of the park was discussed. It was noted that although Council staff mow the park, they don't do under the signs or along the verge and that community members have to finish the job.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the upgrade to the toilets in Clarence Pirie Park is included in the 10 year plan for 2018/19. It was suggested that Capertee Progress Association to put forward a submission to have this brought forward and that in the interim some lighting, ensuring there is plenty of water in the tank etc could be addressed. • Funding has been received from Destination NSW to develop 'Welcome Signage' for the Capertee Village. Council is currently finalising the Branding so that signs can be developed and installed. • A meeting was held on Tuesday 22 May between Council's Tourism Manager, Acting Group Manager Community and Corporate, Economic Development Officer and representatives from Capertee Progress Association and Capertee Valley Alliance to progress directional/welcome signage for the Capertee Valley in Clarence Pirie Park as part of the Destination NSW grant. • The development of interpretive signage will be discussed further with the Capertee Progress Association. • Council is reviewing work practices in relation to the mowing of remote sites and parks with a view to improving the standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$90,000 allocated in 2018/19 for the upgrade/replacement of Clarence Pirie Park Toilets be brought forward to 2015/16. • \$200,000 for the construction of a toilet block in Queen Elizabeth Park (southern end) in 2015/16 be moved to 2018/19. • \$5,000 in the 2012-13 is allocated to attending to short-term issues with the Clarence Pirie Park toilets from the General Maintenance allocation in the Infrastructure Levy program. • Representations be made to the RMS with regard to the development of a rest area at Clarence Pirie Park.
<p>Signage It was considered that there needs to be tourism signage installed at the park with information about the area to encourage people to stay longer. This could also include an information/notice board, history and maps of the area.</p> <p>Signage to public toilets in Capertee and Cullen Bullen to be installed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding has been received from Destination NSW to develop 'Welcome Signage' for the Capertee Village. Council is currently finalising the Branding so that signs can be developed and installed. • A meeting was held on Tuesday 22 May between Council's Tourism Manager, 	<p>The information be noted.</p>

<p>identifying their location within the villages on the approach to the village and at the locations. Many travellers automatically go to the Service Station or the Hotel to use the toilets. As Capertee village is on tank water these businesses only provide toilets for paying customers.</p> <p>Brown and White Tourism Signage/Directional Signage indicating Capertee Valley, Turon National Park and Airly National Park to be installed on approaches to the village and indicating distances to intersections.</p>	<p>Acting Group Manager Community and Corporate, Economic Development Officer and representatives from Capertee Progress Association and Capertee Valley Alliance to progress directional/welcome signage for the Capertee Valley in Clarence Pirie Park as part of the Destination NSW grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directional signs for the public toilet at Cullen Bullen have been ordered. • Directional signs for the public toilet in Capertee will be ordered once the toilets have been upgraded. • Directional signage for National Parks will be discussed further with the Capertee Progress Association as part of the Village Improvements Plan. However it should be noted that Roads and Maritime Services have strict criteria for directional signage which needs to be taken into consideration when developing signage at Capertee. 	
<p>Capertee Cemetery It was requested that a Columbarium be installed at Capertee Cemetery so that residents can have their ashes interred in the wall rather than at Lithgow Cemetery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The columbarium will be installed using existing funds for cemetery maintenance. • Representations be made to the It was noted that the Front Fence at the Cemetery is to be replaced in the 2012/13 Financial Year. 	The information be noted.
<p>Section 94 Contributions – Airly Residents asked if there was any possibility of the Section 94 Contributions from Airly Coal Mine being spent in the Capertee Village.</p>	<p>It was noted that the Section 94 Contributions for Airly were part of the original contributions from the mid 1990's and that this was allocated to the road. However, further investigation will be undertaken to identify if there are any funds remaining from this that could be allocated to the village.</p>	The information be noted
<p>Castlereagh Highway – Blackman's Crown Rock Face The matter of safety issues on the Castlereagh Highway was discussed. When it rains large rocks fall from the rock face onto the highway and present a safety hazard for motorists.</p>		Representations be made to RMS (RTA) regarding the stabilisation of the Blackman's Crown rock face on the Castlereagh Highway adjacent to Pearsons Lookout.
<p>Derelict Properties at Capertee This property is not only an eyesore</p>	The Group Manager Regional	The information be noted.

<p>but also the old fuel tanks appear to be leaking. It was asked what could be done in regard to having the property cleaned up and also checked for environmental hazards.</p>	<p>Services noted that Orders have been issued to clean up the properties in question and Council is in the process of pursuing compliance with these orders.</p>	
<p>Village Drainage Program It was noted that funds are included in the budget to improve drainage in the village and the question was asked as to what areas would be undertaken.</p> <p>The owner of the Hotel requested that discussions be had with him prior to works commencing as he is about to upgrade the front of the Hotel for this reason also and would like to ensure that the works are compatible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Manager Operations stated that this would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The drainage and footpath in front of the Royal Hotel. ○ The drainage and footpath from the Service Station to the Police Station. • Council Officers will liaise with the owner of the Hotel regarding the works program for that location. 	<p>The information be noted.</p>
<p>Village Improvements Planning Meeting The Progress Association asked what process they would need to undertake to meet with Councillors and Council Officers to discuss how they village could be developed and improved?</p>	<p>The meeting will be held on 12 June at the Royal Hotel, Capertee at 5pm.</p>	<p>A Village Improvements Program be developed for Capertee.</p>
<p>Funding for the Hall The matter of possible funding options for the hall was discussed. The hall is not a Council asset and they Progress Association wanted to know what funding opportunities were available to undertake works such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixing the roof • Replacing the picnic seating outside. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community partnerships funding was discussed. It has closed for this financial year but, Capertee Progress should consider applying when the next round of funding opens to fix the roof • Capertee Progress is to submit an application for funding to Councils Financial Assistance Program for picnic seating. This closes on Monday 30 April. 	<p>Capertee Progress Association be advised to apply for funding through Council's Financial Assistance Program for picnic tables for the Hall.</p>
<p>Pearsons Lookout Discussion was had regarding the re-opening of Pearsons Lookout. It was felt that it is currently more dangerous for motorists with the lookout closed as people are distracted and stop without warning to look at the views and take photographs.</p> <p>This is an asset and should be developed as a viewing and information area.</p>	<p>The Mayor noted that a design is currently being prepared for Left In, Left Out to the lookout and it will be considered in the State Budget for next year.</p>	<p>The information be noted.</p>

Hartley Information Session 2 May 2012		
Community Issue/Comment	Officers Comment	Officers Recommendation
How will the introduction of the Carbon Tax and increases in pricing for electricity and fuel affect our rates? Blue Mountains City Council is introducing a price on Carbon Tax; will Lithgow be doing this also?	Council has engaged a specialist to determine its potential liability in relation to Carbon Tax for its Landfills. Irrespective of this, it is understood the Federal Government has assured that if Council's do have a liability that this will not be levied in 2012/13.	The information be noted.
What are we doing in relation to Crime Prevention?	Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee meets to consider local crime issues and ways that Council and other agencies can address community concerns. Council has received funding for a 12 month Crime Prevention Project. A late night transport service has recently been trialled to get people home safely from the CBD.	The information be noted.
Carrie Fellnor from Radio 2LT noted the Main Street programs for Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland and asked what Council is doing in relation to this matter.	The General Manager advised that he would have the Economic Development Officer contact Ms Fellnor to discuss economic development initiatives for the CBD's. Note: The Economic Development Officer has taken steps to contact Ms Fellnor however, she has been unavailable. However, ongoing liaison will be undertaken between Councils EDO and local media contacts to promote Councils existing and future Main Street Program activities	The information be noted.
In relation to the new Library service for housebound and isolated members of the community how will you determine who the people are?	The housebound library service will be trialled in the Portland area and will be advertised in the media and through local agencies seeking customers.	The information be noted.
It was noted that Recycling has been carried out at Hampton Transfer Station for some time and further information was sought on whether these activities were continuing and what changes the implementation of a new recycling service will take?	The intention is to upgrade the system at Hampton to encourage the collection of a greater quantity of recyclables.	The information be noted.
Will Council undertake to commence consulting with the community earlier in the process as part of the development of the LEP as, in my	This will be a matter for consideration by Council when the LEP has been developed.	The information be noted.

opinion there is a lot of unfinished business in the LUS?		
In relation to the grant application for Biodiversity Funding along Farmers Creek and the River Lett, will Council consult with the people bordering the Rivers to keep them informed of the process and also gain their opinions on the development of the program?	Council was unsuccessful in obtaining funding for this project.	The information be noted.
Will Council conduct a public meeting in Hartley to gain the communities views on the Highway deviation prior to making any further submission/s on the proposal?	A number of public meetings have been conducted by the RMS in relation to this project. Councillors and Officers have attended these meetings and Council has made a submission on the proposed deviation.	The information be noted.
In relation to the proposed works for Mid Hartley Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we get the potholes in Franks Place and River Lett Close repaired? • Will the works to repair the drainage issues be undertaken prior to the resurfacing of the road? 	This matter is being dealt with through the Customer Request System.	The information be noted.

Portland Library Open House Session 3 May 2012

Community Issue/Comment	Officers Comment	Officers Recommendation
Lake Wallace Recreation Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets – could stainless steel toilet bowls be put in to stop vandals? • Can toilets be constructed near the Baseball Grounds? • Is camping allowed at the Lake? • The BBQ's at the lake need to be maintained to ensure they are operational. • Andrew Lowe does a wonderful job of mowing at the lake. • The Council Cleaner's do a good job of keeping the BBQ's clean. 	<p>Council is looking at doing an overall Plan of Management for the Lake Wallace Recreation Area.</p> <p>Camping Grounds need to be licensed under the Local Government Act. As part of the development of the Plan of Management, Council will be talking to Delta to ascertain what they, as owners of the land wish to allow on the site.</p> <p>Comments concerning staff have been provided through the Staff Newsletter.</p>	<p>\$5,000 be allocated for the installation of stainless steel toilet bowls in the Lake Wallace toilets.</p> <p>Included in the Community Strategic Plan 2025 as follows:</p> <p>Planning Our Built Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Identify and develop new plans and strategies in line with the community's needs:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Plan of Management for Lake Wallace Recreation Area.</i>
Black Bridge, Wallerawang <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could a new walkway be installed next to or attached to the side of the bridge so that the roadway could be made wider and it would be safer for pedestrians. 		<p>Representations be made to the relevant newly formed division of Railcorp in relation to seeking to improve pedestrian and vehicle access to the Black Bridge.</p>
Footpaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could pram ramps be installed on all footpaths for 	<p>Installation of pram ramps is part of an ongoing works program. Ramps are installed on request.</p>	<p>The information be noted.</p>

easier access by prams, wheelchairs etc.	Council has just completed installation of pram ramps in Saywell and Durie Streets, Lithgow.	
Waste and Recycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could lidded street bins be replaced with open bins as people don't want to open the lids and tend to put the rubbish beside the bin and not in the bin? • Can we get a large bin for recycling and a small one for rubbish? • Can Council provide education on what to recycle? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open bins were replaced with lidded bins to deter animals and birds from removing the rubbish. It was also found that they were being filled with waste from householders and shopkeepers. • On 31/10/11 Council resolved as follows (Min11-435): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1(i) When Council goes to tender for a new garbage and recycling contract, that two options be provided for the service, (i) being a 240 litre garbage bin and 140 litre recycling bin to be collected on a weekly basis, and (ii) being a 240 litre garbage bin, 140 litre recyclable bin and 240 litre green waste bin with the green waste bin to be collected on a fortnightly basis. ○ 1(vi) A specific communication strategy be developed and implemented each time a change in waste services/facilities are proposed. 	The information be noted.
Portland Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we get more public use computers at the Library? • Can the hours of opening be extended? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration is being given to increasing the number of public access computers and it is hoped the number will increase in the near future. • There are no plans to extend branch library hours. 	The information be noted.
Portland Cemetery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the clay soil be improved to establish lawns and gardens so it doesn't look neglected? • Can the trees be pruned as the branches are extremely low hanging over the graves and can do damage to them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounds improvements at Portland Cemetery will be included in the Cemetery Maintenance Program. • Tree pruning will be undertaken through the Customer Request System. 	The information be noted.
Portland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like Portland the way it is – Youth statement. 		The comment be noted.
Roads		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the pot holes be pat down so they don't make a mess of cars? • Can Ridge Street be sealed as there is a lot of traffic going down to the Williwa? • Can large trees hanging over the road (Ridge Street) be removed before they fall down and do damage? • Sofala Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Removal of wattle trees due to allergies ○ Removal of large gums which are starting to lean and have exposed roots. ○ Issues with debris washing down over driveway when it rains. • Retaining wall in Lime Street needs fixing. • Wallerawang/Portland Road – as this is the main entry into Portland can it be upgraded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tree issues will be dealt with through the customer request system. The wattle trees in Sofala Street have been removed along with limbs on the large gums which may cause issue. • Sofala Street Lane and debris issues were dealt with on 16 May through the Customer Request System • Council is currently awaiting the outcome of a grant funding application in relation to the Wallerawang/Portland Road. If successful the old concrete section of the road between Bell Street and Cullen Street will be upgraded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealing of Ridge Street be considered in the Unallocated Capital Works program to be reported to Council in July 2012.
<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the community to promote activities. 	<p>Council will be developing a Communications Strategy during 2012/13.</p>	<p>The information be noted.</p>
<p>Public Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to public transport in Portland as there are no buses on Sundays and Public Holidays. 		<p>Representations be made to Jones Bros Bus Company regarding increased access to public transport in Portland.</p>
<p>Reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular mowing of the reserve in Sofala Street. • The road reserve at Ridge Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can Council remove the stand of trees to make it easier for the Council Tractor to mow? ○ Thanks to the tractor driver who does mow behind the stand of trees. 	<p>These items will be addressed through the Customer Request System:</p>	<p>The information be noted.</p>

Lithgow Shopping Centre Open House Session 4 May 2012

Community Issue/Comment	Officers Comment	Officers Recommendation
<p>Inch Street, Lithgow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident would like to know the decibel readings impacting on her house from Hansens and other businesses across the road. 	<p>A written response was sent to the resident on 16 May noting that the EPA is continuing to undertake surveillance and noise monitoring with respect to the business and industries located in this area to determine compliance within the hours of operation limits and noise limits.</p>	<p>The information be noted.</p>

<p>Indoor Children's Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests an Indoor Children's Play Area similar to the one in Bathurst that could either be attached to the Library in the shop next door or included in the plans for the new aquatic centre. This could be linked to children's story times and activities at the Library. 	<p>Jumbo's Playhouse and Café is a commercial operation in Bathurst.</p>	<p>Included in the Community Strategic Plan 2025 as follows:</p> <p>Our Community Programs 1.2.4 – Children and Families <i>Investigate the feasibility of establishing facilities in Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland that cater to the combined needs of Children and Youths.</i></p>
<p>Youth Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest the development of a Youth Centre similar to the concept for 'The Loft' in Newcastle. 	<p>The Loft is Youth Arts and Cultural Centre for youth aged 12-25 which operates as a drop-in centre from 3-7pm Monday to Friday with office hours 9-5pm. It is an initiative of City of Newcastle. http://www.theloft.org.au</p>	
<p>Crime Prevention in Wallerawang</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest turning the old squash courts into a PCYC for kids so that they have things to do. 	<p>Council has recently renovated a room in the Blaxland Building, Wallerawang adjacent to the Library as a community space.</p>	
<p>General Suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-Mart Bowling Alley 	<p>Council has developed a number of strategies to attract new industry to the area such as the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Development Strategy Business and Retail Strategy Cultural Precinct Study 	<p>The information be noted.</p>
<p>Willowvale Lane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When will it be sealed? 	<p>A traffic counter be installed at Willowvale Lane to ascertain traffic volumes and the need for sealing of the lane</p>	<p>Be considered in the Unallocated Capital Works program to be reported to Council in July 2012.</p>
<p>Closure of Rural Tips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern was expressed at the closing of rural tips particularly Glen Davis, Capertee and Cullen Bullen and the issue of illegal dumping of rubbish in these areas. 	<p>Closure of Rural Tips is a requirement of the Environmental Protection Authority and the Waste and Recycling Strategy has been developed to implement this process.</p> <p>On 31/10/11 Council resolved as follows (Min11-435):</p> <p>1(ii) In the tender documents for the new garbage and recycling service, the option be placed to include the localities of Glen Davis, Glen Alice and the Wolgan Valley and another option be for the exclusion of these areas.</p> <p>1(iii) In conjunction with the tender process, community information be provided outlining what options council will be considering when it considers tenders.</p> <p>1(iv) The residents of Glen Davis/Glen Alice and Wolgan</p>	<p>The information be noted.</p>

	<p>Valley be individually notified.</p> <p>1(v) Furthermore, as the residents of Glen Davis and Glen Alice have not been canvassed, their views are sought on the option of gaining access to a kerbside garbage and recycling service.</p> <p>1(vii) A locked transfer station is provided at each rural landfill once it has reached full capacity for the disposal of household waste and recyclables.</p> <p>1 (viii) A key will be provided to residents in the locality upon the payment of a deposit (in case the key is lost) and will only be for household waste and recyclables (NOTE if the landfill reaches capacity prior to the operation of the transfer station, then an interim arrangement with skip bin will be put in place).</p>	
<p>Fullagher Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When will this be tarred? 		<p>Be considered in the Unallocated Capital Works program to be reported to Council in July 2012.</p>

Youth Forum - 10 May 2012

Community Issue/Comment	Officers Comment	Officers Recommendation
<p>Sport/Cultural Activities Accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need to review the total costs of playing sport to assist youth to participate. 		<p>The Youth Council to investigate the development of an annual Sports/Cultural Scholarship to be provided for low income families/disadvantaged youth.</p> <p>Included in the Community Strategic Plan as follows:</p> <p>Planning Our Community <i>Investigate the development of a Sports/Cultural Scholarship for youths from low income/disadvantaged families.</i></p>
<p>Entertainment Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need to attract shows/bands that tour out west to Lithgow rather than Bathurst, Orange and Dubbo. The need to develop a place for youth so that they have a sense of "place" and "belonging" where they can safely socialise and be themselves. 	<p>Council has recently renovated a room in the Blaxland Building adjacent to the Wallerawang Library as a community space.</p> <p>Lithgow Youth Council is investigating ways of providing youth programs including the recent Union Rock Event.</p>	<p>Additional items included in the Community Strategic Plan 2025 are:</p> <p>Our Community Programs 1.2.4 – Children and Families <i>Investigate the feasibility of establishing facilities in Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland that cater to the combined needs of Children and Youths.</i></p>

		<p>Planning Our Economic Growth <i>Identify and develop new plans and strategies in line with the Community's needs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Business and Marketing Strategy for the Civic Ballroom and Union Theatre.</i>
<p>Underage Drug and Alcohol Consumption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was expressed around the culture of drug and alcohol consumption amongst teenagers in Lithgow and the anti-social behaviours attached to engaging in such risky behaviours. It was noted that there needs to be greater awareness raised in this area and support for young people with addictions. <p>Teenage Pregnancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was expressed at the number of teenage pregnancies in the LGA and the need to raise awareness to this problem. <p>Violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was expressed in relation to violence amongst youths and domestic violence in the Bowenfels area. <p>Issues at Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was expressed at the number of students suspended from local schools and the need to investigate funding for the development of Behaviour Modification Programs and a Suspension Centre. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An issues paper be developed as part of the Youth Strategy into issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teen Drug and Alcohol consumptions ○ Teen pregnancy ○ Youth Violence/Anti-social behaviour ○ Domestic Violence ○ Schools Behaviour Modification Programs ○ The Re-instatement of the Suspension Centre at the PCYC. • Council continue to work with the Department of Housing, LINC and Youth Service Providers to liaise with the Bowenfels community and re-activate "The Hub" to meet their needs. • Council make representations to Department of Education and the State Member for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Behaviour Modification Programs in schools ○ Reinstatement of the Suspension Centre at the PCYC. <p>Additional items included in the Community Strategic Plan 2025 are:</p> <p>Our Community Programs 1.2.4 – Children and Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Liaise with youth service providers to establish parenting skills programs for teen parents and families from disadvantaged backgrounds.</i> • <i>Investigate the feasibility of establishing children's/youth centres at Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland.</i>

<p>Lithgow Skate Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that local youth have a sense of pride in relation to the skate park and that there have been no incidents of anti-social behaviour in this location. 	<p>Council continues to attract and develop events at the Lithgow Skate Park for local youth.</p>	<p>The information be noted.</p>
<p>Youth Services Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that there is a need to establish a Youth Services Network to develop a coordinated approach to Youth Service Provision in the Lithgow local government area. 		<p>Additional items included in the Community Strategic Plan 2025 are: Our Community Programs 1.2.12 – Youth <i>Establish a Youth Services Network.</i></p>
<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Libraries are used by kids on a regular basis particularly for access to computers. It was felt that the number of computers in the Libraries may need to be reviewed and increased to cater to demand. 	<p>Consideration is being given to increasing the number of public access computers and it is hoped the number will increase in the near future.</p>	<p>The information be noted.</p>
<p>Bowenfels Homework Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bowenfels Homework Centre has 2 computers and is seeking additional funding for 2 iPad's. 		<p>The Bowenfels Homework Centre be advised to apply for funding through Council's Financial Assistance Program or from local business.</p>
<p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that there is a general lack of variety as the major industry is mining and that there are not as many apprenticeships on offer in the area now as there used to be. 	<p>Council has developed a number of strategies to attract new industry to the area such as the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Development Strategy Business and Retail Strategy Cultural Precinct Study Wallerawang Industrial Park Feasibility Study Lithgow Land Use Study 	<p>The information be noted.</p>

Lithgow Library Information Session Forum - 11 May 2012

Community Issue/Comment	Officers Comment	Officers Recommendation
<p>Fluoridation of Water Supply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Against the fluoridation of the water supply and warned that there may be issues with the dosing equipment. That it needs to be well maintained to ensure that it does not overdose the water supply. 		<p>The comment be noted.</p>
<p>Community Issues/Concerns Raised at Council and with staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feels that issues and concerns raised by members of the community at Council and/or with Council staff by members of the community who have undertaken 	<p>This matter was raised in relation to independent water testing undertaken by the community member on the Lithgow Water Supply in April 2011.</p> <p>A letter was sent in response</p>	<p>The information be noted.</p>

<p>independent studies should not be dismissed but investigated more closely.</p>	<p>thanking the community member for their interest in the quality of water and noting <i>“Council endeavours to provide the Lithgow Community with drinking water of the highest standard consistent with the requirements of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, the NSW Department of Health and the World Health Organisation.”</i></p>	
<p>Learning City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion was had in relation to the Learning City and it was felt that the Learning City concept needs to be re-visited and that a new Learning City Strategy be developed. • Establish an Education Service Providers Network to implement the Learning City Strategy. • Investigate the development of a Learning/Education Precinct which overlays the Cultural Precinct and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kip McGrath Education Centre (Top of Main Street). ○ UWS – Bridge Street ○ Beehive – Bridge Street ○ TAFE – Hill Street ○ Lithgow High School – Pau St ○ Eskbank House Museum – Bennett Street. • Concern was expressed at the need to look at parenting skills programs with an emphasis on early intervention to encourage learning from an early age in an effort to encourage more young children to embrace lifelong learning and finish their education. • Investigate the development of children’s centres/youth centres which could be attached to the Libraries so that children’s programs could be run in the mornings and youth drop-in centre’s in the afternoons after school i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new youth space at Wallerawang Library ○ Investigate the future purchase of the vacant premises in Main Street adjoining the Library. ○ Investigation into the feasibility of the future expansion of Portland Library. 	<p>Council has recently renovated a room in the Blaxland Building adjacent to the Wallerawang Library as a community space.</p>	<p>Included in the Community Strategic Plan 2025 as follows:</p> <p>Planning Our Community <i>Develop a Learning City Strategy which includes identification of an Education Precinct in Lithgow</i></p> <p>Our Community Programs 1.2.4 – Children and Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Encourage young children to embrace lifelong learning.</i> • <i>Liaise with youth service providers to establish parenting skills programs for teen parents and families from disadvantaged backgrounds.</i> • <i>Investigate the feasibility of establishing facilities in Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland that cater to the combined needs of Children and Youths.</i>

Our Place....Our Future Community Strategic Plan 2025

The following minor changes have been made to the Community Strategic Plan

- Inclusion of referencing to the Health Impact Assessment Report of the Lithgow City Council Strategic Plan 2007.
- Inclusion of referencing to the submission for a Population health Perspective on the Lithgow Community Strategic Plan 2025 compiled by the Centre for Population Health May 2012.
- Amendment to page 68 – change Sydney Water Catchment Area to Sydney Drinking Water Catchment Area.

Our Place....Our Future Long – Term Financial Plan 2012-2022

The following minor changes have been made to the Long-Term Financial Plan:

- Page 19 – In the Proposed Loan Borrowings 2012/13 to 2021/22 Table change “Sec 94 Adventure Park to Sec 94 Lithgow Aquatic centre Re-Development Stage 2.
- Page 7 – In the “funding” column of the Summary of Capital Works and Initiatives – 4 Years table, inclusion of “Part Section 94” for Rural Road Rehabilitation.

Our Place....Our Future Strategic Asset Management Plan

The following minor changes have been made to the Strategic Asset Management Plan

- Under Long Term Projects (for possible inclusion in Council’s Long Term Financial Plan (yet to be fully investigated and prioritised) include the following dot point:
 - Children’s Playhouse/Youth Arts Cultural Centre.
- Updating of Community Strategic Plan tables to reflect changes to the Community Strategic Plan 2025.

Our Place....Our Future Workforce Strategy 2012-2016

The following minor changes have been made to the Workforce Strategy:

- Updating of Community Strategic Plan tables to reflect changes to the Community Strategic Plan 2025.
- The Workforce Response by Council Service is to be updated to reflect full-time equivalent staff as at 1 January 2012 in line with the current structure.

Our Place....Our Future Combined Delivery Program 2012-2016 and Operations Plan 2012-2013

The following minor changes have been made to the Community Strategic Plan

- Inclusion of referencing to the Health Impact Assessment Report of the Lithgow City Council Strategic Plan 2007.
- Inclusion of referencing to the submission for a Population health Perspective on the Lithgow Community Strategic Plan 2025 compiled by the Centre for Population Health May 2012.
- *The following project be removed from the Delivery Program as Council was unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding*
 - Enhancing Our Natural Environment
 - 4.2 Our Natural Environment Programs
 - 4.2.6 Water
 - To Protect Our Waterways and Provide Safe Drinking Water*

- *Promote biodiversity conservation and landscape management with a particular focus on improving and protecting our urban waterways.*
 - *Increase community engagement with Farmers Creek corridor and River Lett in terms of walking, cycling, recreation, tree planting and stream watch activities.*
 - *\$3,000,000 (over 6 years).*
- Page 9 – Sewerage Residential and Business dot point 3 should read: “.....\$1.39 per kl will be charged on business properties charged in the majority of cases on 95% of water used.

Our Place....Our Future Fees and Charges 2012-2013

There were no minor changes to the Fees and Charges Schedule:

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

When adopted the combined Draft Delivery Program 2012/13 – 2015/16 and Draft Operations Plan 2012/13 includes the Council's Revenue Policy for the next four financial years.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- Council is required to prepare an Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework by 30 June 2012.
- Council is required to prepare a Delivery Program by 30 June every four years.
- Council is required to prepare an Operations Program by 30 June every year.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes from the Youth Forum.
2. Public submissions submitted to the Lithgow City Council Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework received by the closing date 4.30pm Friday 25 May 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council notes the receipt of 6 submissions received prior to the closing date of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework at 4.30pm on the 25 May 2012.
2. Council notes the community issues and staff comments provided as part of the community information and open house sessions held from Thursday 26 April to Friday 11 May.
3. Council adopts the Lithgow City Council combined Draft Delivery Program 2012-2016 and Draft Operations Plan 2012-2013, Draft Fees and Charges 2012-2013, Long Term Financial Plan 2012-2022 and Strategic Assets Management Plan 2012-2022 with the following amendments where appropriate:

- a. A Village Improvements Program be developed for Capertee.
 - b. A Youth Issues Paper be developed as part of the Youth Strategy
 - c. The Youth Council investigate the development of a Sports/Cultural Scholarship for youth from low income/disadvantaged families.
 - d. \$90,000 allocated in 2018/19 for the upgrade/replacement of Clarence Pirie Park Toilets be brought forward to 2015/16.
 - e. \$200,000 for the construction of a toilet block in Queen Elizabeth Park (southern end) in 2015/16 be moved to 2018/19.
 - f. \$5,000 be allocated from the General Maintenance allocation 2012-13 in the Infrastructure Levy program to attend to short-term issues with the Clarence Pirie Park toilets.
 - g. \$5,000 be allocated for the installation of stainless steel toilet bowls in the Lake Wallace toilets.
 - h. The following roads be considered for sealing in the Unallocated Capital Works Program to be reported to Council in July 2012:
 - i. Ridge Street, Portland
 - ii. Willowvale Lane, Wallerawang
 - iii. Fullagher Avenue, Lithgow
 - i. The Youth Council and Events Coordinator explore the development of a major Youth Festival for Lithgow.
 - j. That the fee for Asbestos Tipping at Lithgow Tip (Under Supervision) be reduced to \$50 plus GST.
4. Council adopts the Lithgow City Council Community Strategic Plan 2025 with the following additions:

A. CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

1.1 – Planning Our Community

- Identify and develop new plans and strategies in line with the community's needs:
 - *Develop a Learning City Strategy which includes identification of an Education Precinct in Lithgow*
 - *Investigate a Sports/Cultural Scholarship for youth from low income/disadvantaged families*

1.2 – Our Community Programs

1.2.4 – Children and Families

- Liaise with youth service providers to establish parenting skills programs for teen parents and families from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Investigate the feasibility of establishing facilities in Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland that cater to the combined needs of Children and Youths.

1.2.12 – Youth

- Establish a Youth Services Network.

B. STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY

2.1 – Planning Our Economy

- Identify and develop new plans and strategies in line with the community's needs:
 - *Business and Marketing Strategy for the Civic Ballroom and Union Theatre.*

C. DEVELOPING OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT

2.1 – Planning Our Built Environment

- Identify and develop new plans and strategies in line with the community's needs:
 - *Plan of Management for Lake Wallace Recreation Area.*

5. Council, in addition to the above and separately to the Delivery Program submissions:

- a. Make representations to the Department of Education and the State Member for:
 - i. Behaviour Modification Programs in Schools.
 - ii. Funding for the reinstatement of the Suspension Centre at the PCYC.
- b. Make representations to the relevant newly formed division of Railcorp in relation to seeking to improve pedestrian and vehicle access to the Black Bridge at Wallerawang.
- c. Representations be made to the RMS (RTA) regarding:
 - i. The stabilisation of the Blackman's Crown rock face on the Castlereagh Highway adjacent to Pearsons Lookout.
 - ii. The development of a rest area at Clarence Pirie Park (subject to the identification of the Village improvement programs.

ITEM-10 GM - 04/06/12 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION

REPORT FROM: R BAILEY - GENERAL MANAGER

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal handed down its report for 2011-12. This report deals with the fees to be applied to councillors and the Mayor.

COMMENTARY

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) sets the range of fees for all councillors and mayors in NSW each year.

The Tribunal is responsible for categorising each council, county council and mayoral office for the purpose of determining the minimum and maximum fees payable to councillors, members of county councils and mayors in each category.

The Tribunal is required to make a determination by no later than 1 May each year with annual determinations to take effect from 1 July in that year. This year the Tribunal determined that an increase of 2.5 percent in fees for councillors and mayors is appropriate.

The determinations by the Tribunal for 2011-2012 are:

	Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Principal City	22,680	33,270	138,780	182,610
Major City	15,110	24,960	32,140	72,710
Metropolitan Major	15,110	24,960	32,140	72,710
Metropolitan Centre	11,340	21,170	24,100	56,250
Metropolitan	7,550	16,640	16,080	36,320
Regional Rural	7,550	16,640	16,080	36,320
Rural	7,550	9,970	8,020	21,770
County Council – Water	1,500	8,320	3,220	13,660
County Council - Other	1,500	4,980	3,220	9,080

Note: that Lithgow is a Categorized as 'Rural'.

The NSW Local Government Act 1993 requires:

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- (1) A council must pay each councillor an annual fee.*
- (2) A council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.*
- (3) The annual fee so fixed must be the same for each councillor.*
- (4) A council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal*

The fees presently paid by Lithgow City Council for the current period are:

- Councillors at \$9,350
- Mayor at \$19,802
- Car lease payable at \$2,200

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Councillor and Mayoral fees shall be adjusted. An increase of 3.5% was allowed for in the draft budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council must pay each councillor an annual fee which must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal. The annual fee must be the same for each councillor

ATTACHMENTS

1. Determination by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council set:

1. Remuneration in 2012/13 for Councillors at \$9,585;
2. Remuneration in 2012/13 for the Mayor at \$20,300; and
3. The 2012/13 car lease payable by the Mayor at \$2,255.

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

ITEM-11 ENVIRO - 04/06/12 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA021/12 - SHED ADDITION - 3 KORRA STREET MARRANGAROO

REPORT BY: A MUIR – GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

To recommend approval of Development Application DA021/12 for a shed addition at 3 Korra Street, Marrangaroo being Lot 56, DP 813538 notwithstanding a departure from prescriptive requirements of the Development Control Plan for Marrangaroo Fields Estate.

COMMENTARY

Council is in receipt of a combined Development / Construction Certificate seeking approval to construct a metal-framed colorbond-clad shed addition having approximate external dimensions of 14.4m x 7m (100.8m²) to the eastern elevation of an existing shed and sited up to 5.23m from the southern side boundary, and approximately 12m from the eastern rear boundary. The proposed roof and external wall cladding will be consistent with the materials and colour finish of the existing shed (Classic Cream Colorbond).

The proposed shed addition will incorporate a shallow pitch skillion roof form (5 degrees) and will have a wall height ranging from 2.39m to 3.0m.

A roller door opening is proposed within the eastern rear external wall of the existing shed to provide internal access between the two shed parts.

The subject land is within Marrangaroo Fields Estate and has a site area of 3200m². It is improved by a dwelling (erected under 125/92BA), a detached shed (erected under BA263/93) having a floor area of 108m², an associated shed addition (erected under BA130/95) having a floor area of 54m².

The proposed use of the shed addition in conjunction with that of the existing shed is for non-commercial purposes.

The proposal does not meet the provisions of Clause 5.4.1 of the Marrangaroo DCP in that it provides for a total aggregated floor area of 260.8m² which exceeds the maximum permissible new outbuilding floor area of 90m² by up to 170.8m².

However, the following merits of the proposal need to be taken into account when considering proposals under Clause 5.4 of the DCP:

1. The existing shed and proposed shed addition will be effectively screened when viewed from a public place and / or adjoining properties by an existing densely planted screen comprising of conifers. This L-shaped screen was planted to satisfy terms of approval with the previously approved shed addition (BA130/95);
2. The proposed shed addition is sited well clear of neighbouring properties, behind the front building line established by the dwelling and is attached to the rear of the existing shed.
3. The scale and bulk of the shed addition / altered shed building is not considered excessive in the context of this large rural style block and will not cause undue adverse impact on adjoining properties or the streetscape.
4. Nearby residents were notified of the proposal and no objections were received.

In the circumstances, the proposal is supportable under the heads of consideration under Section 79C of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 and no objection is raised to the departure from the requirements of the DCP.

ATTACHMENTS

1. A Section 79C report pursuant to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
2. Site plan and elevations of the proposed shed addition

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The development application be approved subject to conditions contained in the attached Section 79C Report.
2. A **DIVISION** be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

ITEM-12 ENVIRO - 04/06/12 - MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE 046/11DACC - REDEVELOPMENT OF LITHGOW AQUATIC CENTRE - GEORGE COATES AVENUE LITHGOW

REPORT BY: A MUIR – GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT

REFERENCE

Min No 11-307 - Ordinary Meeting of 1 August 2011

SUMMARY

To recommend determination of Modification of Development Application/Construction Certificate 046/11DACC for the re-development of the Lithgow Aquatic Centre at Tony Luchetti Sports Ground, George Coates Avenue, Lithgow being Lot 1 DP 1123449. The application is recommended for approval, subject to conditions.

COMMENTARY

The proposal is to modify Condition no. 15, imposed by Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) as part of approved 046/11DACC for re-development of the existing Lithgow War Memorial Aquatic Centre. The original condition no. 15 related to rain water tanks and required the following:

Original Condition No. 15 was as follows:

Rainwater tanks must be installed to collect all roof runoff from the cafe and administration building, indoor pool hall, amenities, plant and storage room buildings as specified below:

- rainwater tanks with a minimum capacity of 35,000 litres are to be installed to collect roof runoff from the cafe and administration and amenities, plant and storage room buildings as part of Stage-1;
- an additional 30,000 litres rainwater tanks shall be installed to collect runoff from the indoor pool hall as part of Stage-2;
- all roofs and gutters must be designed such that all roof runoff is captured in the rainwater tanks;
- the rainwater tanks must be plumbed to toilets, hot water systems, make up water for pools and other areas of non potable use, including irrigation of grassed areas;
- overflow from the rainwater tanks shall be directed to street stormwater drainage system.

The main issue was that the proponent didn't think it was feasible for the Stage 1 tanks to collect water from the café and administration building due to site constraints. As a result of that the following changes have been made from original condition:

- Roof runoff from cafe and administration building to water tanks would not be required as part of modification. Therefore, cafe and administration building requirements have been deleted.
- Rain water tanks size has been reduced from 35,000 litres to 30,000 litres due to removal cafe and administration building.
- Rain water tanks stored water is not required to be plumbed to toilets, hot water systems and to grass areas for irrigation purpose.

Therefore, the following amended Condition No. 15 has been provided by SCA in relation to modification:

A rainwater water collection and reuse system shall be installed to collect all roof runoff from the amenities, plant and storage room buildings and indoor pool hall and shall incorporate the following requirements and specifications:

- Rainwater tanks with a minimum capacity of 30,000 litres shall be installed to collect roof runoff from the amenities, plant and storage room buildings as part of Stage-1;
- An additional 30,000 litres rainwater tanks shall be installed to collect runoff from the indoor pool hall as part of Stage-2;
- Roofs and gutters shall be designed such that all roof runoff is captured in the rainwater tanks;
- The rainwater tanks shall be plumbed to make up water for hydroplay and indoor pool and any other areas of non potable use, and
- Overflow from the rainwater tanks shall be directed to street stormwater drainage system.

All other impacts of the development have previously been assessed and will be unchanged by the proposed modification.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's *Policy 7.6 - Development Applications by Councillors and Staff and Relatives or on Council Owned Land* is applicable to the site. The policy indicates that "where the development application is on Council owned land, that such an application be referred to Council for consideration and determination and that no aspect of the application be dealt with under delegated authority." Whilst the land where the facilities are situated is Crown land, the application is referred to Council for determination in the context of it being a 'Council development'. It should be noted that the Crown has given its approval to the lodgement of an application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications of the development such as the costs of construction must be considered completely independently of Council's assessment of the application.

There are no other financial implications of the development.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

In determining a development application, a consent authority is required to take into consideration the matters of relevance under Section 96 of the *Environmental Planning*

and Assessment Act 1979. A full assessment of these matters is provided as an attachment to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. A Section 79C report pursuant to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Modification of Development Application 046/11DACC be approved subject to conditions specified in the attached Section 96 assessment.
2. A **DIVISION** be called in accordance with the requirements of Section 375A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

**ITEM-13 ENVIRO - 04/06/12 - TENDER OF KERBSIDE WASTE RECYCLING
CONTRACT - METHOD OF TENDERING**

REPORT BY: A MUIR - GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

REFERENCE

Min No 11-271 – Ordinary Meeting of 11 July 2011
Min No 11-364 – Ordinary Meeting of 12 September 2011
Min No 11-435 - Ordinary Meeting of 31 October 2011

SUMMARY

To seek Council's approval for the tendering of the kerbside waste and recycling contract to be carried out by the open tender method.

COMMENTARY

Council is now in a position to proceed with the tendering process for a new kerbside waste and recycling contract. A specialist firm, Impact Environmental, have been engaged to prepare tender/contract documentation, assist Council with selection criteria, co-ordinate the tender process, and assist in the selection of a successful contractor. The documentation is currently being prepared and will then be presented to a meeting of the Waste and Recycling Working Party.

Having regard to the provisions of the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council Policy, Council must decide which of the following tender methods are to be utilised when calling tenders being either:

- the open tendering method,
- the selective tendering method by which invitations to tender for a particular proposed contract are made following a public advertisement, seeking expressions of interest, or
- the selective tendering method by which recognised contractors, selected from a list adopted by Council are invited to tender for proposed contracts.

The preferred method of procurement for a garbage and recycling contract would be by the open tender method and it would be recommended that Council formally resolve to proceed utilising this method.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 1.4 - Tendering and Policy 9.11 - Tenders - Canvassing/Lobbying of Councillors and Staff apply to tender process. Policy 1.4 specifically requires a resolution of Council to determine the appropriate tender method.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An amount has been factored into long term financial planning pre-empting a likely increase in the contract amount given that Council will be tendering for at least a two bin system for garbage and recycling and possibly for a greenwaste collection system being a separable portion of the tender. It has also been factored into a rise in the garbage charge.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The tendering procedure is to be undertaken pursuant to the provisions of Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the open tendering method be adopted as the appropriate process for the new kerbside waste and recycling service.

OPERATION SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM-14 OPER - 04/06/12 - WATER REPORT MAY 2012

REPORT BY: I STEWART - GROUP MANAGER OPERATIONS

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 Friday 18 May was 100%. Oberon Dam capacity on Monday 21 May was 91.9%.

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 2011/12.

Table 1 - Oakey Park Monthly Output and Clarence Transfer

Month Total	Oakey Park WTP (ML)	Clarence Transfer (ML)
July	149	0
August	119	0
September	112	0
October	105	0
November	118	0
December	109	0
January	113	0
February	99	0
March	138	0
April	166	0

Table 2 - Oakey Park Daily Output and Clarence Transfer

Oakey Park WTP	Avg Daily Use kL	Avg Daily CWTS Transfer kL
April	5,527	0
May	3,501	0

Table 3 2011/2012 Water Consumption for Fish River Water Scheme

Week Ending	Oberon Dam Level	Oberon Dam Volume in ML	Oberon Dam % Corrected for Carryover	Total Use	Total Carryover balance
					35.7
4/07/2011	53.09%	23763	51.68%	2.96	66.9
11/07/2011	53.39%	23897	51.44%	2.96	98.1
18/07/2011	53.51%	23951	50.99%	14.666	117.7
25/07/2011	54.05%	24193	50.97%	18.289	133.6
1/08/2011	54.29%	24302	50.75%	12.763	155.0
8/08/2011	54.59%	24438	50.48%	12.693	176.5
15/08/2011	54.84%	24547	50.15%	12.976	197.7
22/08/2011	56.25%	25180	51.06%	13.072	218.8
29/08/2011	57.07%	25544	51.36%	11.09	241.9
5/09/2011	57.32%	25657	51.25%	12.329	263.8
12/09/2011	57.32%	25657	51.18%	14.284	283.7
19/09/2011	57.95%	25940	51.75%	15.039	302.9
26/09/2011	57.89%	25911	51.64%	17.528	319.5
3/10/2011	58.91%	26369	52.60%	14.029	339.7
10/10/2011	59.75%	26745	53.39%	12.242	355.6
17/10/2011	60.07%	26890	53.70%	13.429	355.6
24/10/2011	60.14%	26920	53.76%	15.337	355.6
31/10/2011	60.40%	27037	54.01%	13.327	355.6
7/11/2011	60.33%	27007	53.92%	14.764	355.6
14/11/2011	60.33%	27007	53.91%	16.121	355.6
21/11/2011	60.33%	27007	53.89%	13.834	355.6
28/11/2011	62.59%	28016	56.14%	13.033	355.6
5/12/2011	62.79%	28106	56.33%	13.602	355.6
12/12/2011	63.13%	28257	56.65%	13.572	355.6
19/12/2011	63.13%	28257	56.64%	12.527	355.6
26/12/2011	63.80%	28560	57.29%	0	355.6
2/01/2012	63.87%	28591	57.33%	28.352	355.6
9/01/2012	63.80%	28560	57.24%	11.305	355.6
16/01/2012	63.53%	28439	56.97%	13.588	355.6
23/01/2012	63.40%	28378	56.83%	12.5	355.6
30/01/2012	63.46%	28408	56.90%	13.654	355.6
6/02/2012	63.94%	28621	57.37%	16.279	355.6
13/02/2012	64.21%	28744	57.65%	16.411	355.6
20/02/2012	64.28%	28774	57.72%	15.188	355.6
27/02/2012	64.56%	28897	57.99%	12.865	355.6
5/03/2012	79.99%	35805	73.42%	12.461	355.6
12/03/2012	85.99%	38491	79.42%	12.517	355.6
19/03/2012	88.20%	39482	81.64%	13.028	355.6
26/03/2012	89.33%	39985	82.76%	13.685	355.6
Total				518.3	

Oakey Park Water Quality Summary

Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant is currently supplying water to Lithgow. No health-based ADWG guideline values were exceeded in April. Total Coliforms exceeded recommended levels on two occasions. Chlorine dosing was adjusted at the Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant in order to maintain higher residuals throughout the Lithgow distribution system.

Fish River Water Scheme Water Quality Summary

The FRWS is currently supplying water to Marrangaroo, Wallerawang, Lidsdale, Portland, Cullen Bullen, Glen Davis and Rydal. No health-based ADWG guideline values were exceeded in April. Total Coliforms exceeded recommended levels on three occasions. An intensive residual chlorine sampling program continued in Wallerawang and Lidsdale and adjustments were made to the chlorine booster station to improve residuals for potable water customers in the Lithgow villages. For most of April the Lithgow villages were supplied with water from Oakey Park WTP.

Current Water Restrictions Update

Level 1 water restrictions are currently in place for all residents throughout 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 April with Council receiving 1 application for a household appliance rebate and no applications for a water tank rebate.

Fish River Water Scheme

3.7km of pipelines has been replaced at the Fish River Water Supply in an \$8 million project being managed by State Water Corporation.

Oberon Dam Storage

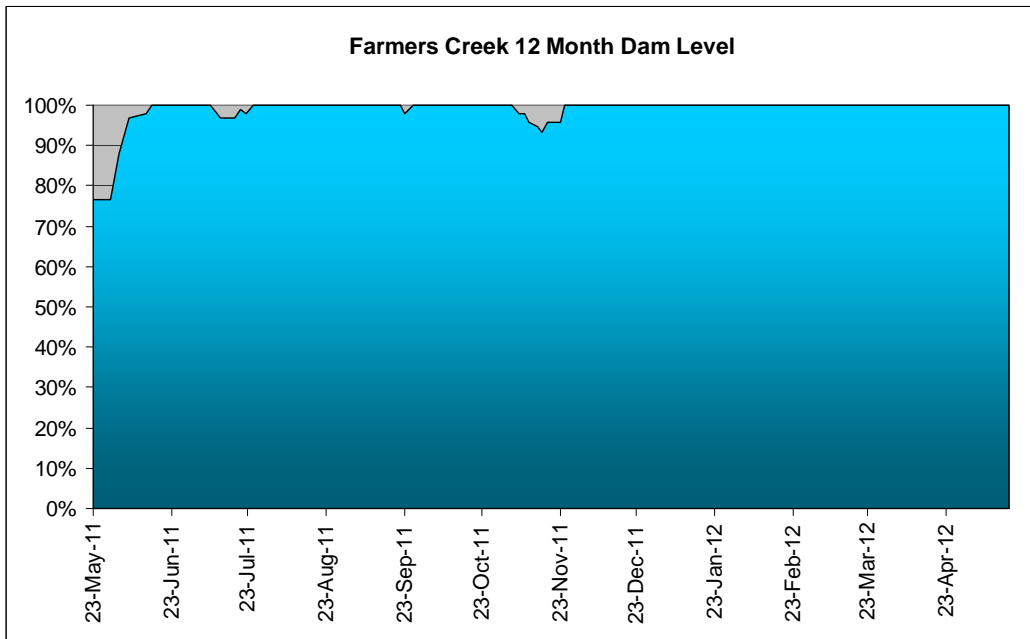
Total rainfall at Oberon Dam from 1 July 2011 to 31 March 2012 has been 776.7mm. This is equal to 121% of the mean rainfall for July to March. Oberon (Spring Bank Station No. 63063), which is a BOM station, has registered a total of 847.4mm of rainfall from July to 31 March 2012. This is about 131% of the mean rainfall for July to March period at this station. Of the total about 324mm fell in Feb and March 2012.

A total of about 2,509 ML of inflows was received into Oberon Dam in 2009-10. Inflows to Oberon Dam in 2010-11 have been about 22,555 ML. Inflows to Oberon Dam from July to March in 2011-12 have been about 18,692 ML. Historically this inflow has been exceeded only about 35% of the years.

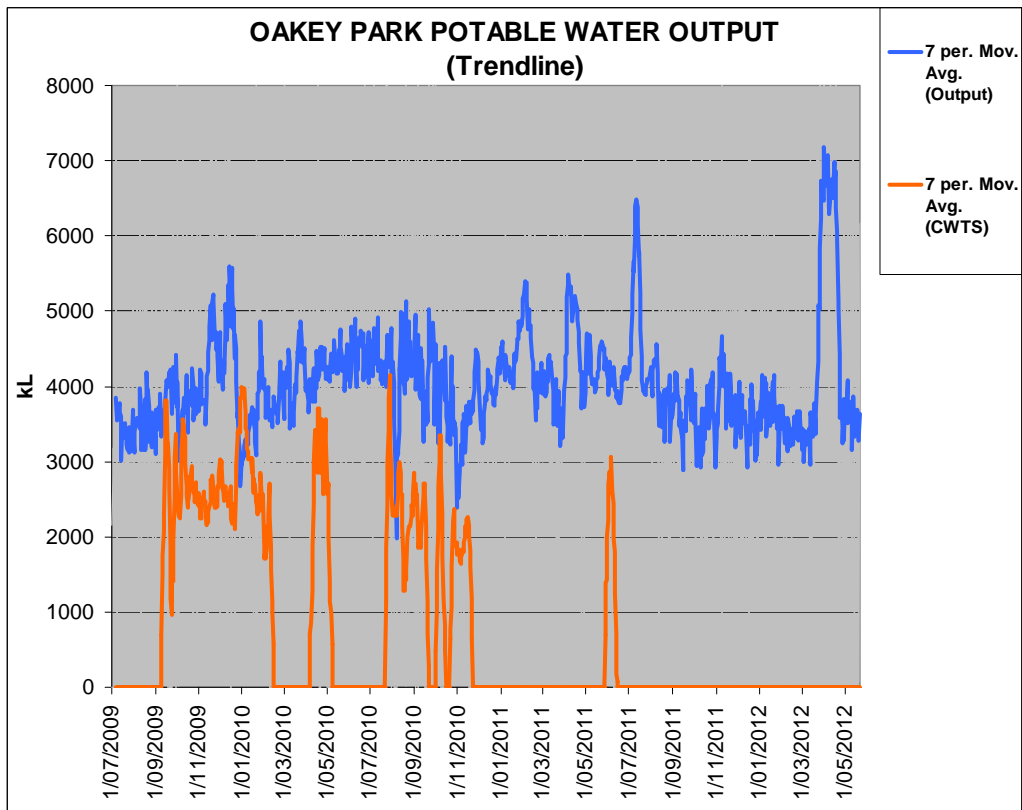
Farmers Creek Dam 12 Month Levels

The attached chart shows the storage data to date for the last twelve months.

Graph 2 Farmers Creek Dam #2 over 12 Months



Graph 3 Trends in Oakey Park WTP Production and Clarence Water Transfer Scheme Use



FARMERS CREEK DAM #2 STORAGE OUTLOOK

The 2011–12 La Niña ended in March, following the second successive summer in which La Niña contributed to significant rain and flooding across many parts of Australia. The period from April 2010 to March 2012 was Australia’s wettest two-year period ever

recorded. Despite its demise, ocean temperatures around parts of Australia remain very warm, and hence above-average rainfall is still forecast for some regions.

The southeast Australian outlook for May to July 2012 shows the chances of receiving above median rainfall during the May to July period are above 60% over much of eastern and northern NSW, with odds greater than 75% in the northeast. This outlook is strongly influenced by warmer than normal waters in the Indian Ocean.

Routine Dam inspections continued throughout May.

ALTERNATE WATER SOURCES UPDATE

The Lithgow villages and Marrangaroo Zone are currently being supplied from FRWS. The chlorine booster station at Wallerawang was repaired in May.

RESERVOIRS

Some modifications have been made to the new South Bowenfels Reservoir in order to better seal the walls and joints. This is progressing towards final commissioning.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

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

**ITEM-15 OPER - 04/06/12 - CENTROC LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
CONTRACT ELECTRICITY TENDER 08/11 - SMALL SITES AND
GREEN POWER**

REPORT BY: C SCHUMACHER - WORKS MANAGER

REFERENCE

Council report to the Ordinary Meeting 21st November 2011. Min No. 11-465

SUMMARY

The report is to update Council regarding the recent outcome of the Centroc/LGP tender to procure a new electricity contract as part of a regional tender with other Centroc member Councils. The contract is due for renewal June 30 2012 and the results of the recent tender are very competitive.

COMMENTARY

The procurement of the next electricity contract for small sites and green power was conducted through the LGP. This was agreed to at the Centroc Board meeting in August 2011.

Fifteen (15) Central NSW Councils (CENTROC) and eleven (11) other NSW Councils (Participating Councils) gave authorisation to Local Government Procurement (LGP) to tender on their behalf for the supply of electricity. The second stage of this tender process, Small Tariff Sites and Green Power was issued on Tuesday 10 April 2012 and closed on Monday 7th May 2012. The process was a closed tender utilising the panel of electricity retailers that was established from a previous 'Expression of Interest' (EOI). LGP now has provided information on the tender response for Council comment prior to LGP determining an outcome to the process. All Participating Councils were to formally respond by the deadline of 3:00pm Friday 18th May 2012.

The technical evaluation was initially performed by Trans-Tasman Energy Group Ltd (TTEG) and the detailed report reviewed and interrogated by LGP followed by the 'Tender Evaluation Working Group' comprising of several nominated representatives of Centroc Councils.

SUMMARY OF BIDS

Tenderer's bid for the following categories:

Tenderer	Tariff Sites	Green Power
AGL	YES	YES
TRUenergy	YES	YES
Origin Energy	YES	YES
COzero		YES

The tender was issued and tender submissions received through the Local Government Procurement electronic tendering box.

Licensed Electricity retailer companies were invited to make offers and submit prices for the supply of electrical energy for NSW Government Tariff Sites below 160MWhr per annum for periods up to 36 months commencing from 1 June 2012 or when the contracts expired.

Four (4) tenderers from the Tender Panel submitted price offers:

Origin Energy

TRUenergy

AGL Retail

COzero Pty Ltd

OUTCOME

SMALL TARIFF SITES (< 160 MWH P.A)

In comparison to the current Independent Pricing And Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) Regulated Tariff Rates, savings of around \$2.36 million over a 24 month contract period can be achieved. For Councils who are currently receiving a percent discount, Origin Energy's new offer is better, equating to **17% discount of the total IPART regulated energy rates** or a total discount of 14.83% on the entire electricity invoice (ie energy rates plus standing charges). This is 9% above the nominated minimum 8% discount in the maximum price Acceptance Form (approved by councils), providing savings to all participating councils over the 24 month contracted period.

Based on participating councils in the old Country Energy's network area, Origin Energy's offer of 17% discount on energy only across all tariffs (including domestic) is better than existing Centroc rates by \$707,000 over 24 months (6% on total invoice).

Comparing existing rates with Origin Energy's 17% discount on energy only savings ranged from 3.95% to 14.83% on the total invoice.

In general, although Origin Energy did not make a 36 month offer, its 24 month offer was an outstanding offer being \$627,000 better over the 24 month contracted period in total (3.95% less than the next best offer from AGL/Powerdirect).

GREEN POWER

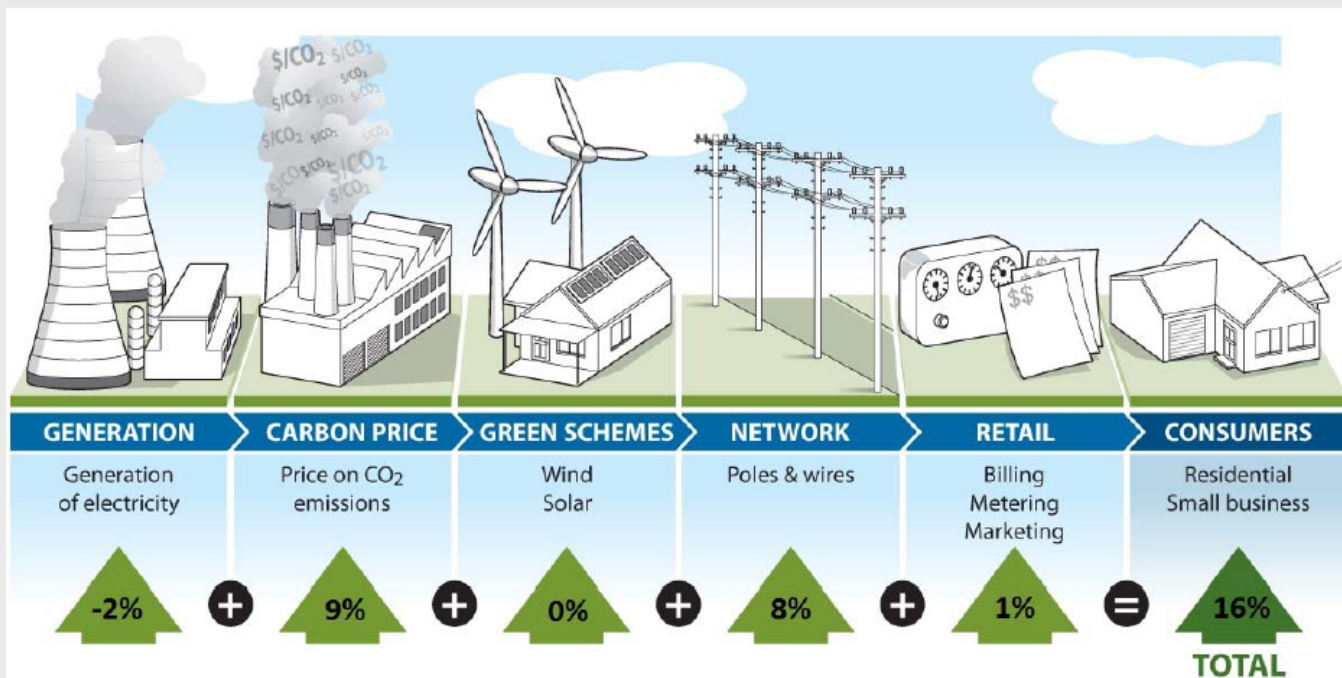
Origin Energy also offered the best Green Power rate of \$48/MWh (4.8 c/kWh) for 100% Green Power, and \$49,140 (8.53%) lower than the next best offer (COzero)

AVERAGE EXPECTED INCREASES FROM 1ST JULY 2012

The carbon tax scheme and network cost increases are government imposed, regulated, uncontestable and pass through regardless which retailer is selected.

Considering the above and mainly due to the Carbon Scheme effective from 1st July 2012, as per the latest report released from IPART on 30th April 2012 (refer Figure 1.1 below), Regulated Tariff Rates from 1st July 2011 are expected to go up quite dramatically – up to 16%. See Figure 1.1

Average increase from 1 July 2012 across NSW (including inflation)



Source: http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Electricity/Reviews/Retail_Pricing/Changes_in_regulated_electricity_retail_prices_from_1_July_2012

Figure 1.1 IPART Regulated Tariffs (sites < 160 MWh p.a) expected average increase from 1st July 2012.

CURRENT TENDER IMPACT

Although in general, price increases are expected from 1st July 2012, by taking to account the 17% discount on energy rates (14.83% on the total invoice), net price increases are only expected to be in the order of 2% to 3% across the participating Councils.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Origin Energy, Powerdirect and TRUenergy tendered rates include the 1.5% LGP administration fee on energy and service to property charge.

Origin Energy and TRUenergy offered 30 Day payment Terms while Powerdirect offered 14 Days.

Origin Energy offered no additional costs for special meter reads to ensure prompt transfer.

Feed in Tariffs are available from all retailers, with Origin Energy Feed in tariffs will remain in place with Origin Energy continuing to offer pre and up to end of 2009 - \$0.06/kWh, 1/1/2010 up to and including 27/10/2010 - \$0.66/kWh and post 28/10/2010 - \$0.26/kWh.

The offers have been evaluated based on the total group (all participating councils). In total there were approximately 2,195 National meter identifiers consuming 27 GWh p.a of which 26.7 GWh p.a (99%) were located on the tariffs investigated in our analysis. Considering the 99% proportion, and for the purpose of making it as little complicated as possible, the remaining tariffs that contributed to the remaining 1% were not included in our analysis.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that power categories be awarded as follows:

<u>Power Category</u>	<u>Recommended Tenderer</u>
Small Tariff Sites	Origin Energy
Green Power	Origin Energy

CONCLUSION

LGP strongly endorsed the participating Councils proceed as a group with the recommended offers. This will provide significant price advantages over other current market prices and will provide a buffer against potential high increases in the medium term. The project will also enable all participating councils to have a common end date, ensuring that when re-approaching the market in 3 years, the group will be even more viable as a market force.

LGP reminded participants that its decision in regard to the tender outcome will be in accordance with its prescription under the Local Government Act 1993. Councils can proceed to retail electricity contract without needing acceptance of tender by the elected council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council's current annual electricity expenditure well exceeds \$150,000 and in accordance with the Local Government Act Tender Regulations. Local Government Procurement on behalf of all Centroc Councils has acquired best value in purchasing for all Central NSW Councils.

Note: Although in general, price increases are expected from 1st July 2012, by taking to account the 17% discount on energy rates (14.83% on the total invoice), net price increases are only expected to be in the order of 2% to 3% across all three network areas.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the acceptance of Origin Energy as the successful tenderer for electricity supply of electricity for Small Tariff Sites & Green Power for the period 01June 2012 to 31 May 2014 through the recent LGP/Centroc Group tender.

**ITEM-16 OPER - 04/06/12 - FLOODPLAIN MITIGATION GRANT 2011/12
FARMERS CREEK STAGE 2 DESIGN WORKS**

REPORT BY: C SCHUMACHER - WORKS MANAGER

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

The report is to provide council with an update on the current 2011-2012 Floodplain Mitigation Grant and forward planning design works for Stage II of Farmers Creek channel widening and to authorise the purchase of private property to facilitate the works.

COMMENTARY

Survey and investigation works have been completed for the next 360 meter section of the proposed floodway improvements to Farmers Creek. This work has included the location of underground assets and seismic survey work to determine the quality and depth of the rock bed strata for design purposes. This information will form part of the Expressions of Interest (EOI) for design works to be undertaken by a suitably qualified consultant.

Council has completed an EOI to attract a suitably qualified consultant for the design phase of Stage II works. The EOI's focus is to create a structure to accommodate channel flows similar to the design of Stage I works. The EOI is to also to include identification and relocation of the existing gravity and rising main sewer lines.

The EOI will be placed on the Council Tenderlink web site for a period of 21 days.

Preliminary investigations indicate that portion of land acquisition at 32 Albert Street may be required. Recent correspondence with the current land owners has been forwarded to advise of Councils intention to widen the Farmers Creek Canal and the likelihood that some of their land may be required for said purposes. To date no detailed design has been undertaken to determine the sq/m area for such acquisition.

In order to comply with the current grant conditions, Council must provide the Department of Office, Environment & Heritage with a guarantee that it intends to commit the allocated funding of \$150,000 for Land Acquisition purposes.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In accordance the 2011-2012 Floodplain Mitigation grant conditions, Council needs to make a commitment to the likelihood of land acquisition as part of the Stage II works in

order to facilitate enough land area for channel widening works to proceed at a future date. If the \$150,000 already allocated in the 2011-2012 grant funding is not committed prior to 30th June 2012, the Department of Office, Environment & Heritage could possibly withdraw this component of the money in accordance with the grant conditions.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorise the purchase of private property the vicinity of Albert Street for the purpose of channel widening upon completion of the detailed design.

**ITEM-17 OPER - 04/06/12 - FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE LITHGOW
GOLF COURSE RECYCLED WATER PROJECT**

REPORT FROM: I STEWART – GROUP MANAGER OPERATIONS

REFERENCE

Ordinary Meeting of Council 18 January 2010

SUMMARY

Council will recall that a Funding Agreement for the Lithgow Golf Course recycled water project with the Department Environment Water Heritage & Arts was reported to Council on the 20 September 2010 and Council subsequently entered into an agreement for a grant of \$350,000 for the installation of a pipeline from the Lithgow STP to the Lithgow Golf Course, subject to certain conditions.

These conditions included:-

- Completion of a recycled water management plan and subsequent approval under Section 60 of the Local Government Act
- Augmentation of the Lithgow STP to enable effluent to be pumped to a receiving storage
- Irrigation of the Lithgow Golf course
- Development of a steering committee
- Acceptance of project milestones
- Funding for the construction of the pipeline from the Lithgow STP to the Golf Course being capped at \$350,000, any other funds required being provided by Council.

COMMENTARY

Due to delays in the completion of the Lithgow Sewerage Treatment Plant and the need for the preparation of a draft Water Recycled Management Plan and completion of the infrastructure design for the rising main pipeline and irrigation for the golf course, the original milestones for this project are long overdue. The draft recycled water management plan has been completed and submitted to the relevant authorities. However a detailed site assessment of the golf course including geotechnical assessment is now required to be completed prior to approval of this project. This assessment requires consideration of number of environmental and health issues, and drainage profiles for the site including impact of winter and wet weather. Achieving the

necessary assessments to satisfy these concerns will considerably extend the design phase of this project.

Council will further recall that at the meeting held on 9 May 2011, Council returned a Grant of \$50,000 for irrigation of the Lithgow Golf course for the use of treated effluent. (A copy of the report is attached).

With regard to the funding agreement for the Lithgow Golf course project, there are a number of issues causing concern for Council, the most important being that of budget. The Grant funds of \$350,000 will only make a minor contribution to the total estimated cost which is estimated in excess of \$2,000,000. At this stage no funds have been provided in Council's budget or in the 10 year plan to fund the major portion of this project.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report dated 9 May 2011
2. Report dated 20 September 2010

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council terminate the agreement with the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities for the supply of effluent from the Lithgow STP to the Lithgow Golf Course.

ITEM-18 OPER - 04/06/12 - 2011/12 MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW OF CAPITAL ROADS PROGRAMME

REPORT BY: I STEWART – GROUP MANAGER OPERATIONS

REFERENCE

Min No 12-156: Ordinary Meeting of Council 14 May 2012

SUMMARY

To recommend to Council certain adjustments to the Capital Road works Programme following the recent adoption of the Quarterly Performance Report for the period 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012

COMMENTARY

The March Performance Report was adopted at the last Council meeting with an adjusted deficit of \$32661. It was highlighted in the report that an additional expenditure of \$130,000 was required for maintenance works on councils road network due to the extreme wet weather conditions in the latter part of 2011. The additional funds required for this increase in maintenance costs were achieved by adjusting the capital Works programme, items of which had been significantly delayed by the inclement weather conditions. The purpose of this report is to identify those specific items which will need to be deferred to the 2012/13 Capital Works Programme for execution.

Further to the identification of the required \$130,000 for urgent maintenance works Council has been successful in its application for a flood damage grant to restore wet weather damaged rural and urban roads. The grant will cover any over-expenditure incurred on **urgent** maintenance to the roads network and the only capital item which will be affected is the cleaning and resealing of the Lithgow CBD Main St pavers. This item has been deferred due to the need for substantial repairs to be undertaken on sections broken, displaced and cracked pavers in a number of locations. This work will be carried out early in the 2012/13 programme and then followed by cleaning and resealing. This item was identified as a saving of \$50,000 in the adjusted budget for 2011/12.

Whilst every effort is being made to complete the capital works programme a number of bitumen sealing works will need to be deferred until the 2012/13 financial year. It is intended that funds for these projects will be revoted to ensure that the improvements are not deleted. Items affected include the urban roads resealing programme for Portland, and the reseals for Lithgow/Portland lanes as detailed in the Infrastructure Levy Programme (See attached programme details). Councils works programme has also been impacted by the recent \$400,000 programme (50% funded by the NSW State Government) which has to be completed by the 30th June 2011. Progress on the execution of this programme is currently satisfactory.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Proposals comply with the adopted quarterly March review.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2011/12 Urban Roads Program

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report concerning adjustments to the Capital Road Works Programme for 2011/12 be noted.

COMMUNITY AND STRATEGY REPORTS

ITEM-19 **COMM - 04/06/12 - SECTION 356 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

REPORT BY: V GULABOVSKI - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

REFERENCE

Min No 11-02:	Ordinary Meeting of Council 24 January 2011
Min No 11-74:	Ordinary Meeting of Council 7 March 2011
Min No 11-211	Ordinary Meeting of Council 30 May 2011
Min No 11-212	Ordinary Meeting of Council 30 May 2011
Min No 11-339	Ordinary Meeting of Council 22 August 2011
Min No 11-405	Ordinary Meeting of Council 10 October 2011
Min No 11-468	Ordinary Meeting of Council 21 November 2011

SUMMARY

This report considers requests for Round 1 of 2012/13 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance.

COMMENTARY

Council provides financial assistance to not-for-profit community groups and organisations under Section 356 of Local Government Act, 1993.

Financial assistance is provided on the basis of the relative merits of each application and the benefits to the community from the project.

1. Recurrent Financial Assistance

Council has allocated a total of \$134,400 Financial Assistance in the draft 2012/13 Management Plan for distribution to community organisations. Of this amount, \$80,500 has been allocated for Recurrent Financial Assistance to the following organisations:

Lithgow Tidy Towns	\$2,000
Portland Tidy Towns	\$1,000
Cullen Bullen Tidy Towns	\$1,000
Wallerawang Tidy Towns	\$1,000
Ironfest	\$11,400
Lithgow Business Association	\$11,400
Arts OutWest	\$11,750
Solid Fuel Rebate	\$9,600
Lithgow Show	\$8,000
White Ribbon Day	\$850
LINC Rental Assistance	\$15,000
Western Region Academy of Sport	\$1,700

Lithgow Golf Club Sponsorship	\$2,000
Portland Golf Club Sponsorship	\$800
Portland Art Show	\$2,250
School Presentations	\$750
Total Recurrent	\$80,500

2. Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance

Council has also allocated \$53,900 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance in the draft 2012/13 Management Plan for distribution throughout the 2012/13 Financial Year.

This will be allocated in two funding rounds, in April and October 2012.

Council called for applications from the community for Round 1 of 2012/13 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance from 1 – 30 April 2012.

This report considers those requests as follows. A further report will be presented to Council in December 2012 detailing requests under Round 2 of 2012/13 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance.

Organisation and Project	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Lithgow District Car Club General rate waiver for Yvonne Martin Memorial Motorsport Park.	\$1,150	\$1,000
Rydal AH & P Society Sponsor heavy horse section of 2013 Rydal Show.	\$500	\$500
Portland Mens Shed Expand Workshop Facilities	\$4,980	\$2,500
Lithgow Mens Shed Purchase a woodturning lathe and attachments.	\$2,400	\$2,400
Mitchell Conservatorium Lithgow 2013 Scholarships for 2 students.	\$2,500	\$800
Lithgow City Rangers Soccer Club Renovations to soccer fields and clubhouse at Delta Park Sportsground.	\$2,534	\$2,000
PCYC Lithgow 60 th anniversary grand re-opening following renovations.	\$3,260	\$0 Not recommended as this is for an opening event and not for a specific service.
Nepean Blue Mountains Heath District & Medicare Local Consumer Committee Conduct two sessions of a Health Consumer Community Forum in Lithgow in November 2012.	\$2,000	\$1,000
LINC Communities and Kids, Bowenfels Parents and Children's Group Program to develop trusting relationships between parents and children in the Bowenfels area.	\$2,940	\$2,000

Rydal Showground Trust Fence the showground perimeter.	\$1,000	\$1,000
Hartley Recreation Reserve Trust Weatherproofing toilet facilities at Old Hartley School.	\$3,000	\$3,000
Hartley District Progress Association Lights and heating in Hartley community hall.	\$3,000	\$0 Applicant has advised that application for weatherproofing toilets is a higher priority.
Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation Activities in recognition and celebration of Lithgow NAIDOC Week on 15 September 2012.	\$3,000	\$2,000
Portland Central School Industry Links Program Encouraging young people to develop work readiness skills in hospitality, metal and engineering areas.	\$1,000	\$1,000
Lithgow City Band Toilet refurbishment, hall maintenance, new uniforms, new music and handbooks.	\$9,900	\$1,000 for new uniforms, new music and handbooks only
Rydal Village Association Printing, promotions and event insurance for Daffodils at Rydal event.	\$2,994	\$2,000
Lithgow Legacy Provide advice on financial, emotional, health and welfare issues to dependants of deceased veterans.	\$3,000	\$1,000
Lithgow Senior Citizens Club Contribution to lease costs of new premises at Lithgow Masonic Lodge due to move from Hoskins Building.	\$5,000	\$5,000
Lithgow Owners and Trainers Annual hire and bond for Showground trotting track.	\$1,120	\$760 Annual hire charge only, no bond
Tarana Tanker Trailers Register 12 tanker trailers for safe use in fire fighting.	\$980	\$980
VMX Magazine Hold Suzuki Classic Dirt 9 to celebrate off-road bikes from the 60s, 70s and 80s.	\$3,000	\$0 For-profit applicant which falls outside guidelines. May be able to seek assistance from Lithgow Tourism/Events budget.
Lithgow Community Projects Hold Union Rock band event for young people.	\$2,500	\$2,000
Hampton Cricket Club Upgrade cricket ground to again enable games to be played.	\$5,000	\$0 Project has total cost of \$55,000 however no information provided on source of remaining funds.
Lithgow Family Support Service Homework centre for children aged 5-14 yrs in the Bowenfels area.	\$4,000	\$2,000
Wallerawang Kids Club Waiver of Council fees and charges for Wallerawang Memorial Hall.	\$735	\$700

Lithgow Flash Dragons Dragon Boat purchase.	\$3,000	\$0
Lithgow Family Support Service Bowenfels Love Bites program Assist young people 11-16 yrs with conflict resolution, anger management, healthy relationships and self esteem.	\$5,000	\$2,500
State Mine Heritage Park Ongoing costs of Council rates, utility fees and insurance etc.	\$3,000	\$2,000
Mountain Sports Glow Worm Trail Marathon weekend event.	\$3,000	\$0 For-profit applicant which falls outside guidelines. May be able to seek assistance from Lithgow Tourism/events budget.
Mountain Sports Tableland Tour 104km cycle tour scheduled for late 2012.	\$3,000	\$0 For-profit applicant which falls outside guidelines. May be able to seek assistance from Lithgow Tourism/events budget.
Lake Wallace Community Boating Centre Pontoon for access during water sports including people with a disability.	\$6,000	\$3,000
LINC 50% rate waiver for Bowenfels Cottage, 174 Landa street Lithgow.	\$826	\$0
LINC Drug and alcohol free disco for the residents of Lithgow who have an intellectual, physical or mental health disability.	\$2,500	\$0 Considered that this event can occur without financial assistance
Matthew Sharpe Scholarship Fund To assist local young people whose families are suffering financial hardship that is limiting their opportunity to gain an education and to fulfil their potential.		\$2,000 Youth Council recommended to Council on 27 February 2012 (Min 12-100 of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 March 2012) that recurrent funding be allocated to this project.
Lithgow Partnerships Against Domestic Violence and Family Abuse Awareness and education campaign to encourage the community to have a voice in reducing domestic and family violence.	\$2,784	\$2,000
Lithgow Highland Pipe Band Band equipment.	\$1,000	\$1,000
Fee Waivers To allow for waiver by General Manager of Council fees and charges throughout the year.		\$1,000
TOTAL	\$101,603	\$48,140

3. Lithgow Show Society

The Lithgow Show Society receives \$8,000 recurrent financial assistance from Council and pays a discounted fixed amount of \$3,450 (\$3,570 in 2012/13) in Council fees and charges for use of the Tony Luchetti Showground and Civic Ballroom and for related Council services.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 21 November 2011 (Min 11-468) Council resolved as follows:

5. Council approves an additional amount of \$3,450 as a donation to the Lithgow Show Society.

This additional amount was to offset payment of Council's fees and charges for the holding of the 2012 Lithgow Show. No request has yet been received from the Lithgow Show Society for this additional financial assistance towards holding of the 2013 Lithgow Show. It is recommended that this matter be held over until Council considers Round 2 of 2012/13 Financial Assistance requests in late 2012.

4. Translinc

Council resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 10 October 2011 (Min 11-410) to allocate \$5,500 to Translinc to assist with payment of rent for office premises in Mort Street Lithgow leased from Council and to review this allocation in the 2012/13 budget. Translinc has recently advised that they will be vacating the premises so this amount will not be required in 2012/13.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Financial Assistance is provided under Policy 4.4 Financial Assistance – Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council provides Financial Assistance to not-for-profit community groups and has allocated a total of \$134,400 in the draft 2012/13 Management Plan.

Council has already allocated \$80,500 in the draft 2012/13 Management Plan for Recurrent Financial Assistance.

The Council has set aside \$53,900 in Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance for distribution throughout the 2012/13 Financial Year of which \$48,140 is recommended for allocation in Round 1 in July 2012.

This will leave a further \$5,760 for allocation by Council in Round 2 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance in October 2012 and for "as resolved" amounts as requested throughout the year.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act NSW 1993, Section 356

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provides Round 1 2012/13 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance to the following organisations:

Organisation and Project	Amount Recommended
Lithgow District Car Club General rate waiver for Yvonne Martin Memorial Motorsport Park.	\$1,000
Rydal AH & P Society Sponsor heavy horse section of 2013 Rydal Show.	\$500
Portland Mens Shed Expand Workshop Facilities	\$2,500
Lithgow Mens Shed Purchase a woodturning lathe and attachments.	\$2,400
Mitchell Conservatorium Lithgow 2013 Scholarships for 2 students.	\$800
Lithgow City Rangers Soccer Club Renovations to soccer fields and clubhouse at Delta Park Sportsground.	\$2,000
Nepean Blue Mountains Heath District & Medicare Local Consumer Committee Conduct two sessions of a Health Consumer Community Forum in Lithgow in November 2012.	\$1,000
LINC Communities and Kids, Bowenfels Parents and Children's Group, Program to develop trusting relationships between parents and children in the Bowenfels area.	\$2,000
Rydal Showground Trust Fence the showground perimeter.	\$1,000
Hartley Recreation Reserve Trust Weatherproofing toilet facilities at Old Hartley School.	\$3,000
Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation Activities in recognition and celebration of Lithgow NAIDOC Week on 15 September 2012.	\$2,000
Portland Central School Industry Links Program Encouraging young people to develop work readiness skills in hospitality, metal and engineering areas.	\$1,000
Lithgow City Band	\$1,000

New uniforms, music and handbooks.	
Rydal Village Association Printing, promotions and event insurance for Daffodil at Rydal event.	\$2,000
Lithgow Legacy Provide advice on financial, emotional, health and welfare issues to dependants of deceased veterans.	\$1,000
Lithgow Senior Citizens Club Contribution to lease costs of new premises at Lithgow Masonic Lodge due to move from Hoskins Building.	\$5,000
Lithgow Owners and Trainers Annual hire and bond for Showground trotting track.	\$760
Tarana Tanker Trailers Register 12 tanker trailers for safe use in fire fighting.	\$980
VMX Magazine Hold Suzuki Classic Dirt 9 to celebrate off-road bikes from the 60s, 70s and 80s.	\$0
Lithgow Community Projects Hold Union Rock band event for young people.	\$2,000
Lithgow Family Support Service Homework centre for children aged 5-14 yrs in the Bowenfels area.	\$2,000
Wallerawang Kids Club Waiver of Council fees and charges for Wallerawang Memorial Hall.	\$700
Lithgow Family Support Service Bowenfels Love Bites program Assist young people 11-16 yrs with conflict resolution, anger management, healthy relationships and self esteem.	\$2,500
State Mine Heritage Park Ongoing costs of Council rates, utility fees and insurance etc.	\$2,000
Lake Wallace Community Boating Centre Pontoon for access during water sports including people with a disability.	\$3,000
Matthew Sharpe Scholarship Fund To assist local young people whose families are suffering financial hardship that is limiting their opportunity to gain an education and	\$2,000

to fulfil their potential.	
Lithgow Partnerships Against Domestic Violence and Family Abuse Awareness and education campaign to encourage the community to have a voice in reducing domestic and family violence.	\$2,000
Lithgow Highland Pipe Band Band equipment.	\$1,000
Fee Waivers To allow for waiver by General Manager of Council fees and charges throughout the year.	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$48,140

ITEM-20 COMM - 04/06/12 - RYDAL VILLAGE PUBLIC AMENITIES

REPORT BY: M JOHNSON - MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

SUMMARY

This report details discussions between Council and members of the Rydal community relating to the provision of public amenities in Rydal.

COMMENTARY

Council was approached in 2011 by a number of members of the Rydal community requesting that Council establish a playground and public toilets within the village. Rydal residents identified a block of land within the village for further investigation by Council. Following a preliminary assessment, Council officers advised that the land was unsuitable for onsite wastewater disposal as it is traversed by a watercourse.

Another potential site was identified by Council officers next to the former Police station however it was determined that due to the cost involved in purchasing land and in constructing and maintaining a public toilet and playground, the showground area and adjacent park might provide a better option for providing these facilities.

Council wrote to the Rydal Showground Trust in September 2011 in these terms and advising that Council had set aside \$50,000 in the 2011/12 Management Plan towards amenities however this allocation would not be sufficient to purchase land as well.

The Showground Trust replied to Council in December 2011 advising that the matter had been discussed at a meeting of the Trust where it was decided that the Showground toilets would not be suitable for general public use due to their distance from the village and the recurring vandalism and water theft that required them to be kept locked.

Council wrote again to the Showground Trust and Rydal Village Association in March 2012 asking that they reconsider their earlier response as no other suitable alternatives are available for such facilities to be provided within the village.

Both the Trust and Village Association have replied again stating that the Showground is not a suitable location for these facilities due to:

- Distance from the village
- Access difficulties, especially for people in wheelchairs
- The toilets cannot be left open due to vandalism and theft, including the recent theft of copper piping and a hot water service.
- The lack of room for playground equipment which would sterilise areas required for exhibits and parking during the annual Rydal Show.
- Concerns about responsibility for cleaning and for the payment of water usage costs.

The Village Association repeated its view that the public amenities be located in the village itself due to the number of older people visiting the village, especially on

weekends. They conclude by stating that there is suitable land within the village that Council could purchase for this purpose.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council had set aside \$50,000 in the 2011/12 Management Plan towards amenities in Rydal.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act NSW 1993, Section 356

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letters from Council to Rydal Showground Trust dated 04/08/11 (DWS Doc 727316) and 20/09/11 (DWS Doc 745294)
2. Letter of reply from Rydal Showground Trust dated 13/12/11 (DWS Doc 773275)
3. Letters from Council to Rydal Showground Trust (DWS Doc 801596) and Rydal Village Accusation dated 23/03/12 (DWS Doc 801958)
4. Further letter of reply from Rydal Showground Trust to Council dated 23/04/12 (DWS Doc 812296)
5. Further letter of reply from Rydal Village Association to Council dated 10/04/12 (DWS Doc 809285)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Receives the above report on investigations into the provision of public amenities in Rydal.
2. Advises the Rydal Showground Trust and Rydal Village Association that Council is unable to fund construction of public toilets and playground in the Rydal Village.

ITEM-21 COMM - 04/06/12 - NIGHTRIDER LATE NIGHT TAXI TRIAL

REPORT BY: M JOHNSON - MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

REFERENCE

Minute 11-123 of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 28 March 2011
Minute 11-157 of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 18 April 2011
Minute 11-218 of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 30 May 2011
Minute 11-511 of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 12 December 2011
Minute 12-53 of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 13 February 2012
Minute 12-78 of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 5 March 2012
Minute 12-141 of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 April 2012

SUMMARY

This report advises Council of the results of the Nightrider Maxi -Taxi Crime Prevention Project, funded by the NSW Department of Attorney General and Justice, which ran for seven weeks from 20th March to 12th May 2012.

COMMENTARY

Background

A seven week initial trial of the Nightrider Maxi-Taxi service ran from 20th March to 12th May between 12 midnight and 4.00am (last pickup 3.00am) each Friday and Saturday night from participating liquor venues. The trial will be continued for a further six-seven weeks in the warmer months of 2012.

Operated by Lithgow Taxis and using an 11 seater maxi-taxi (passenger capacity of 9), the Nightrider service aims to get patrons of late night premises home directly, quickly and safely.

Crime statistics show that after midnight on a Friday and Saturday night is the time when problems are most likely to occur on the street.

The Nightrider Maxi-Taxi service forms part of a broader Crime Prevention project, funded by the NSW Department of Attorney General and Justice and supported by Lithgow City Council and the Lithgow Liquor Accord, which aims to reduce alcohol related violence and malicious damage in the community.

Patrons are transported from participating venues directly home within Lithgow town and not between licensed venues. A gold coin donation is requested.

For safety reasons, patrons must show a photo ID to obtain a voucher from participating licensed premises and there are two staff on the maxi-taxi. No significant safety concerns have been reported from the trial.

Trial Results

The results of the trial were discussed at a recent Liquor Accord meeting. Patronage was lower than expected (about 5-6 people per night) with most demand between 2.00am and 3.00am, mostly from the Courthouse Hotel as it is the only venue operating after 2.00am.

Liquor Accord members report that the number of people attending liquor venues is lower than average at the moment which would contribute to the low patronage of the Nightrider service.

On balance, the trial has been worthwhile as it takes time for the community to become aware of and to accept new services. Although patronage has been lower than hoped for, the trial has demonstrated that there is potential demand for late night transport and the times and venues where this demand is most likely. The initial trial has also provided useful information on aspects of the service that might be changed when the trial continues in the warmer months of 2012. The Nightrider trial also reflects an important partnership between Council, licensed venues and the taxis to address public safety.

The Police have not been able to provide any data to date on any effects the trial has had on crime rates. These will be reported to Council as they come available.

The Liquor Accord is willing for the trial to run again in the warmer months of 2012 and Lithgow Taxis have indicated that they are prepared to run the service again also.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has received \$50,000 funding from the NSW Department of Attorney General and Justice for the one-year Crime Prevention Project.

The 7 week initial Maxi Taxi Trial cost approximately \$7,500 including publicity costs. The Crime Prevention grant will contribute approximately \$4,000 to these costs with the balance from Council and the Liquor Accord.

The cost of the full 13 week trial, including expenditure on the initial trial, will be approximately \$15,000. The Crime Prevention grant will contribute approximately \$8,000 with the balance from Council and the Liquor Accord.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act NSW 1993, Section 356

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the results of the Nightrider Maxi-Taxi Crime Prevention Project trial.

**ITEM-22 COMM - 04/06/12 - TREE REMOVAL PROPOSAL FOR ESKBANK
HOUSE AND MUSEUM**

REPORT BY: M JOHNSON - MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

REFERENCE

Min No 12-168 Ordinary Meeting of Council held 14 May 2012

SUMMARY

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 May 2012 (Min 12-168), Council considered a proposal by Endeavour Energy to remove a large number of Cypress trees along the Inch Street frontage of Eskbank House & Museum. Council resolved to defer consideration of the matter and to approach Endeavour Energy requesting that it investigate the option of running powerlines underground. Council subsequently wrote to Endeavour Energy in these terms. This report discusses Endeavour Energy's response.

COMMENTARY

As reported to Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 14 May 2012 (Item 16), Endeavour Energy wrote to Council seeking approval to remove a row of Golden Cypress trees which have grown inside powerline clearances and which it considers are posing a risk to the Endeavour Energy network.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 14 May 2012 (Min 12-168), Council resolved that:

1. Council defer consideration on this matter and approach Endeavour Energy requesting that it investigate the option of running the powerlines underground; and
2. A report be provided to Council on the feasibility of this option.

Council subsequently wrote to Endeavour Energy seeking their consideration of undergrounding the powerlines.

Endeavour Energy has responded advising that:

- There may be technical constraints to undergrounding cables as these would need to be functional with the rest of the network.
- The cost of putting this section of mains underground would have to be met by Lithgow City Council as Council has requested the works.
- The trees need to be trimmed as soon as possible to maintain the integrity of their network.

- Endeavour Energy considers that tree removal is the best option as Endeavour Energy has agreed to meet the cost of removal.

As reported at Council's 14 May 2012 meeting, there are 57 Golden Cypress trees, some up to a height of 15 meters, which appear to date from the 1960's. At various times, the trees have been pruned back from powerlines by Endeavour Energy and its predecessors. The trees have also been underpruned many years ago from the ground up to a height of approximately 1.5 meters which has diminished the aesthetic qualities of the trees and their value as a screen for the Eskbank House garden.



Integrated Design Consultants, who prepared the Eskbank House Conservation Management Plan for Council in 2011 support removal of the Cypress trees as they are not historically significant.

Integrated design have requested that due to the possible location of archaeological materials related to the former gate and path entrances, a heritage architect should be present during removal of the trees at both ends of the Cypress hedge. Endeavour Energy will be advised of this requirement.

Lithgow Tidy Towns also advises that it has no objection to removal of the trees.

In view of Endeavour Energy's response to Council, that there are technical constraints to undergrounding the cables and that to do so would be at Council's cost and the urgency of the matter, it is recommended that Council authorise removal of the trees.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Policy 10.15 Removal of Trees from Public Land, Clause 3 requires that residents are to be consulted prior to removal where the tree(s) are part of a theme. The Cypress trees are not considered to form part of a theme so this clause does not apply.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The full cost of removal of trees, stumps and waste will be met by Endeavour Energy.

The draft 2012/13 budget includes an allocation of \$45,000 (50% grant funded) for new heritage fencing on the Inch and Bennet Street boundaries.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The NSW Native Vegetation Act 2003 does not apply to land in urban areas.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from Integrated Design
2. Email from Lithgow Tidy Towns
3. Email from Endeavour Energy

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorise the removal of all 57 Golden Cypress trees along the Inch Street boundary of Eskbank House and Museum by Endeavour Energy at Endeavour Energy's cost and subject to a heritage architect being on site during the removal of the trees at both ends of the hedge.

FINANCE REPORTS

ITEM-23 FINAN - 04/06/12 - REQUEST TO REASSIGN LEASE OF GUMNUT HOUSE LOT 298 AND 290 DP 751650 PROTO AVE LITHGOW

REPORT FROM – C FARNSWORTH - FINANCE MANAGER

REFERENCE

NIL

SUMMARY

To advise Council of a request from SDN Children's Services to reassign the lease of Gumnut House Lot 298 & 290 DP 751650 Proto Ave, Lithgow from Lithgow Rural Multi Purpose Child Care Assoc Incorporated, Gumnut House, to SDN Children's Services from 1 August 2012.

COMMENTARY

SDN Children's Services advised Council on 23 May 2012 that they, and the Gumnut House Executive, are in the process of transferring management of Gumnut House Child Care Centre from 1 August 2012. They wish to include, in the transfer, the lease of the Proto Ave, Lithgow premises to SDN Children's Services.

SDN Children's Services is a not for profit organisation with more than 100 years experience in educating and caring for children. They provide long day care, preschool and targeted support services for children and families facing challenges and currently operate 23 children services in NSW and the ACT.

SDN Child and Family Services Pty Ltd is an owned subsidiary of SDN Children's Services which contracts with the government for work with children and families. It has ATO endorsement as a charity with both Public Benevolent Institution status and Deductible Gift Recipient status, which allows donations to be tax deductible to donors.

SDN Children's Services has entered into a transfer agreement with Gumnut House, a copy of which has been provided to Council to ensure Gumnut House is in agreeance with the arrangement. This agreement was signed by the Association on 18 May 2012 and includes the transfer of the assets, liabilities and the management of Gumnut House to SDN Children's Services.

A condition of the transfer agreement, and to allow SDN to obtain a licence from the Department of Family and Community Services to operate the service, requires a transfer of the lease of the premises with Lithgow City Council.

SDN has reviewed the existing lease and is prepared to accept the conditions of the current lease. They note that the current lease is open for a period of 15 years, expiring

on 2 June 2015 and request a lease on the same conditions, a period of 15 years. At the current time Council may look at reassigning the existing lease and at the conclusion enter into negotiations for future occupation of the site.

The existing lease for Gumnut House is as follows:

Property:	Lots 289 & 290 DP 751650 Proto Ave Lithgow
Lessee:	Lithgow Rural Multi Purpose Child Care Assoc Incorporated
Term:	15 years and 4 months
Commencing Date:	3 February 2000
Terminating Date:	2 June 2015
Rent:	\$100.00 per annum plus rates, annual charges & water
Outgoings:	The lessee is responsible for all outgoings: electricity, gas etc

Should Council consider reassigning the existing lease of Lot 289 & 290 DP 751650 Proto Ave Lithgow to SDN Children's Services the following terms are proposed:

Lessee:	SDN Children's Services
Term:	2 years and 10months
Commencing Date:	1 August 2012 (Original lease date: 3 February 2000)
Terminating Date:	2 June 2015
Rent:	\$100.00 per annum plus rates, annual charges & water
Outgoings:	The lessee is responsible for all outgoing: electricity, gas etc
Legal:	Lessee to pay all legal costs associated with the transfer
Public Liability:	Minimum of \$20,000,000 a copy of which is to be provided to Council on renewal each year

SDN Children's Services are aiming at commencing operations on 1 August 2012, but to do this they need to apply for a licence from the Department of Family and Community Services which requires notification of the lease arrangement.

SDN Children's Services have provided Council the following documentation to support their application:

Public Liability Insurance:	\$20,000,000
Professional Indemnity:	\$20,000,000
ATO Endorsement:	Charity Status
	Deductible Gift Recipient - Public Benevolent Institution

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Lease of Lots 298 & 290 DP 751650 Proto Ave, Lithgow

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- 1) Council reassigns the existing lease of Lots 298 & 290 DP 751650 Proto Ave Lithgow on the following terms:

Lessee: SDN Children's Services
Term: 2 years and 10months
Commencing Date: 1 August 2012 (Original lease date: 3 February 2000)
Terminating Date: 2 June 2015
Rent: \$100.00 per annum plus rates, annual charges & water
Outgoings: The lessee is responsible for all outgoing: electricity, gas etc
Public Liability: Minimum of \$20,000,000 a copy of which is to be provided to Council on renewal each year

- 2) SDN Children's Services to pay all legal costs associated with the transfer of the lease; and
- 3) Council authorise the affixing of the Common Seal, pursuant to Section 220 of the Local Government Act 1993, to all documents pertaining to the lease of Lots 298 & 290 DP 751650 Proto Ave, Lithgow to SDN Children's Services.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**ITEM-24 COMM - 04/06/12 - YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES 24/04/12**

REPORT BY: V GULABOVSKI - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

REFERENCE

Min – 11-58 Ordinary Meeting of Council 14 February 2011
Min – 11-508 Ordinary Meeting of Council 12 December 2011
Min – 12-54 Ordinary Meeting of Council 13 February 2012
Min – 12-100 Ordinary Meeting of Council 26 March 2012
Min – 12-138 Ordinary Meeting of Council 23 April 2012

SUMMARY

This report details the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 24 April 2012.

COMMENTARY

Youth Council meets monthly with a large and regular number of young people participating. It is a robust and active group that is making a significant contribution to giving young people a voice to Council and to planning for youth programs and activities. At the Youth Council meeting held 24 April 2012 there were several items discussed by the committee including:

- A progress update on installation of toilet signage and shade cloth at the Lithgow skate park.
- A report on the 14 April 2012 Union Rock Youth Week event at the Union Theatre
- Recruitment of new members for Youth Council
- Work on addressing underage drug and alcohol consumption.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with the terms of reference of S355 Committees of Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act NSW 1993, Section 356

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of Youth Council meeting held 24 April 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council notes the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held 24 April 2012.

**ITEM-25 OPER - 04/06/12 - TRAFFIC AUTHORITY LOCAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES - 03/05/12**

REPORT FROM: I STEWART - GROUP MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

SUMMARY

This report details the Minutes of the Traffic Authority Local Committee Meeting held on 3 May 2012.

COMMENTARY

At the Traffic Authority Local Committee held on 3 May 2012, there were a number of items discussed by the Committee.

1. Ongoing business from previous meeting held on 1 March 2012. – 12 Items
 - Intersection of Cox, Lett, Vale and Tramway Streets Portland
 - Sunny Corner and Portland Road speed statistics.
 - Reserve Road Marrangaroo.
 - Magpie Hollow Road South Bowenfels.
 - Speed Limit reduction request – Cox’s River Road
 - Proposed bus pull-off area Great Western Highway/Baaners Lane intersection.
 - Speed Limit Browns Gap Road Hartley
 - First Street Lithgow - Jones Bros Bus Company
 - First Street Lithgow- request for traffic calming devices
 - St Pats School Crossing Request – Bent Street Lithgow
 - Fields Road Hartley - request for load limit signage
 - Cox’s River Road Hartley - speed zone review request
3. Request for speed humps -Coalbrook Street Lithgow
4. Request to install parallel parking – laneway beside Queen Elizabeth Park Lithgow
5. Request for pedestrian crossing Mort Street Lithgow
6. Angus Place Colliery car park Wolgan Road
7. Range Road Portland-road safety matter
8. Protea Place and Robinia Drive Lithgow
9. Referral of road safety issues on State roads- RMS
10. Top 100 roads in NSW - speed zone reviews RMS
11. Request for No Stopping zone-laneway behind Hassan’s Walls Road Lithgow
12. Crane Road Lithgow - proposal to alter current traffic flow
13. Sunny Corner Enduro - Sunny Corner
14. Thankyou note for TALC
15. Request for resident only parking and installation of steps- Chifley Road Lithgow
16. Road safety issues - Good Forest
17. Cullen Bullen- resident issues with heavy vehicles and other matters
18. Coalpac proposal - Great Western Highway and Castlereagh Highway-proposed traffic movement’s heavy vehicles
19. Request for update to signage - Cook Street Lithgow
20. Coerwull School laneway - traffic mirror

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes from the Traffic Authority Local Committee meeting of 3 May 2012

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Notes the minutes of the Traffic Authority Committee held on 3 May 2012.
2. Install an access gate in the vicinity of the tennis courts in Albert Street Lithgow.
3. Make available to the RMS all available speed and traffic data for the speed zone review of Sunny Corner Road at Portland.
4. Make available to the RMS all available speed and traffic data for the speed zone review of Reserve Road Marrangaroo.
5. Make available to the RMS all available speed and traffic data for the speed zone review of Magpie Hollow Road at South Bowenfels.
6. Make available to the RMS with all available speed and traffic data for the speed zone review of Cox's River Road at Hartley.
7. Make available to the RMS all available speed and traffic data for the speed zone review of Brown's Gap Road at Hartley.
8. Investigate the possibility of installing rumble strips or speed humps in the vicinity of the children's crossing located in Bent Street Lithgow and note that the RMS have this matter under investigation and shall report back to the next TALC meeting.
12. Continue to monitor the heavy vehicle issue on Fields Road at Hartley and that no further action be taken at this time.
13. Make available to the RMS with all available speed and traffic data for the speed zone review of Cox's River Road at Hartley.
14. Conduct speed and traffic counts of Coalbrook Street Lithgow and report the results to the committee at the next meeting.
15. Monitor the parking situation in the laneway located between Hassan's Walls Road and Queen Elizabeth Park Lithgow.
16. Install large T-intersection signage and curve warning signage on the approach to the intersection of Range Road and the Wallerawang Portland Road and that the concrete centre barrier at this intersection is painted with reflective paint.
17. Note that the intersection of Protea Place and Robinia Drive South Bowenfels is classed as a legal T-intersection.
19. Write to Tony Hendry, Road Safety and Traffic Manager at the RMS in Parkes regarding any safety issues raised on highways and major roads in the region.

20. Note the speed zone changes that shall occur in the Lithgow Local Government Area on the Great Western Highway between Mount Victoria and Lithgow
21. Install the statutory No stopping signage and zone at the entrance to the laneway located between Queen Elizabeth Park and Hassan's Walls Road and note that there shall be ongoing monitoring of this matter.
22. Note that the resident's proposal to alter the current traffic flow in Crane Road Lithgow has been considered and no further action shall be taken at this time.
23. Have no objections to the running of the Sunny Corner Enduro event as it complies with the event outline described and provided that the event organisers comply with any conditions that have been given by police or other parties.
24. Note the thank you letter received by TALC from Mr Jerry Hatton.
25. Investigate the request for resident only parking spaces and for steps to be installed at selected properties in Chifley Road Lithgow and report back to the next meeting.
26. Investigate the requests received from residents of Jenolan Caves Road at Good Forest and report back to the next meeting.
27. Conduct a letter box drop of the properties 30-48 Castlereagh Highway at Cullen Bullen asking for comment on a one-way street proposal and that further investigation into the matters presented to the committee in regards to Cullen Bullen is completed and reported back to the next meeting.
28. Refer the Coalpac traffic and transport assessment to the RMS for their review and contacts Blue Mountains City Council to advise of the proposed increase of heavy vehicle movements daily on the Great Western Highway and councils adverse concerns. That council notes the concerns over the proposed increase in heavy vehicle movements on the Castlereagh Highway and the Great Western Highway in the submission to the Department of Planning.
29. Investigate the installation of approved signage to allow for the fire brigade members to park their vehicles when in emergency situations in Cook Street Lithgow and report back to the next meeting.
30. Investigate a possible location for the placement of a traffic mirror in the laneway located between Coerwull Infants and Primary Schools between Methven and Martini Parade Lithgow.

**ITEM-26 COMM - 04/06/12 - SOUTH LITTLETON HALL RENOVATION
SECTION 355 COMMITTEE MEETING 01/05/12**

REPORT BY: M JOHNSON - MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

REFERENCE

Min No 11-452 Ordinary Meeting of Council held 1 November 2010
Min No 11-480 Ordinary Meeting of Council held 21 November 2011
Min No 11-510 Ordinary Meeting of Council held 12 December 2011
Min No 12-77 Ordinary Meeting of Council held 5 March 2012
Min No 12-101 Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 March 2012
Min No 12-139 Ordinary Meeting of Council 23 April 2012
Min No 12-165 Ordinary Meeting of Council held 14 May 2012

SUMMARY

This report details the Minutes of the South Littleton Hall Renovation Committee meeting of 1 May 2012.

COMMENTARY

At the South Littleton Hall Renovation Committee meeting held on 1 May 2012, there were various items discussed by the committee including:

Item 4 Works Progress

An update was provided on works progress to date with installation of a new kitchen being the only significant remaining works.

Item 5 Income and Expenditure

A report was provided on income and expenditure to date which shows \$1,225.60 in remaining funds at 1 May 2012. Note that Council has since allocated a further \$2,000 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 April 2012 (Min12-139) bringing the total remaining funds to \$3,225.60.

Item 6 Open Day and Community Survey

The 21 April 2012 open day was very well attended with over 40 people attending including a number of locals not connected to the Men's Shed. Very positive feedback was given by those attending and no adverse comments were received.

Of the 550 surveys that were letterbox dropped in the South Littleton area, 85 were returned to Council. Community survey responses are strongly in favour of continuing and long term use of the hall by the Men's Shed and demonstrate a high level of appreciation of the work of the men in renovating a formerly derelict facility.

The survey results and a report on future use of the hall were reported to Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 14 May 2012 where Council resolved (Min 12-165) to offer a 4 year lease to the Men's Shed.

Item 7.1 Men's Shed AGM

The Men's Shed first AGM will be held at 2.00pm on 4 June 2012 at Treeview Lodge.

Item 7.2 Thanks to Council

The Men's Shed members expressed their thanks to Council staff and Councillors including Col Hunter, Leanne Kearney, Jim Nichols, Terry Nolan, Viktoria Gulabovski and Matthew Johnson.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with the terms of reference of S355 Committees of Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$16,500 in Community Building Partnership Funding has been fully expended.

\$16,500 in Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program funding has been fully expended.

Of the \$10,000 Council funding for the project, \$1,225.60 remained at 1 May 2011. Council has since allocated a further \$2,000 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 April 2012 (Min12-139) bringing the total remaining funds to \$3,225.60.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act NSW 1993, Section 356

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of South Littleton Hall Renovation Committee meeting dated 1 May 2012

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council notes the minutes of the South Littleton Hall Renovation Committee meeting of 1 May 2012.

**ITEM-27 OPER - 04/06/12 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES 28
MAY 2012**

REPORT BY: ASSETS AND PROJECTS ENGINEER – LEANNE KEARNEY

SUMMARY

Details of the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 28 May 2012 for Council adoption.

COMMENTARY

At the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 28 May 2012, there were seven (7) 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:

- 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Awards
- Booking Requests including;
 - Portland Colts RLFC
 - Lithgow Athletics Club
- General Business including;
 - Venue for Indoor Hockey Competition;
 - Lighting repairs in Lithgow Bears RLFC room at Ashley Grandstand; and
 - Confirmation of Guest Presenter for 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award – Suzie Balogh

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 28 May 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 28 May 2012.

DELEGATES REPORTS

ITEM-28 DELEGATES REPORT - 04/06/12 - NSW MINING RELATED COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2012

REPORT FROM: THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR N CASTLE

SUMMARY

This report outlines the discussions from the Centroc meeting held in Parkes on Thursday 23rd February 2012.

COMMENTARY

The most recent meeting of the NSW Association of Mining Related Council's was held on the 11th May in Parkes. We were welcomed to Parkes by their Mayor Councillor Ken Keith.

The meeting had significant discussions on the "Royalties for Regions". The Association has been pushing the idea of mining royalties for the regions from where the mining takes place for some time. This idea was in fact embraced by the State Government prior to the election and in fact was an election promise. Now some 15 months after the election this promise is no closer to becoming a reality which is very disappointing. A small group of the executive met with the Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner a few weeks ago and he was saying that the Government had no money at this point in time.

The feeling of the meeting was that this was still an election promise which was a \$160 million over four years and keeping in mind that the infrastructure sale of the desalination plant has bought in over \$2 billion it is disappointing that the Association still has no further advancement on trying to get the Government to uphold their election promise.

The Association will be writing to both the Premier and the Deputy Premier to invite them to our next meeting which will be in Singleton in August.

Other issues include the Parliamentary enquiry by Tony Windsor regarding Fly in Fly out (FIFO) which is looking at the impacts on mining communities of this type of labour supply where jobs are available in a particular location but most of the income is not spent in that location as the people who are employed tend to fly in do their work and then fly back to their home and still spend their money in their normal place of living. This has significant impacts on the family doing this particular type of commuting as well as there not being as many people in the community where the mining takes place which can disrupt things such as sporting teams right through to volunteering and flow on affects to local schools and hospitals.

Arrangements are underway for their to be addressed at the August meeting in Singleton from a group called "Doctors for the Environment" which will be particularly important

because of the large scale amount of open cut mining that exists in the Maitland, Singleton, Cessnock areas.

The new executive of the Association believe that the Association needs a higher profile to be able to be a better advocate for the Council's it represents. As such DANIELI studios have been engaged for 1 year to promote the Association's activities through the media.

The Association noted with interest the forums regarding the NSW Government Regional Land Use policy and the rift that is developing between mining groups and the NSW Farmers Association. The NSW Mining Related Councils will be keeping a close eye on the progress of these forums and the outcome of the overall State Land Use strategies.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the report on the NSW Mining Related Council meeting held on 11th May 2012.

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.*