

# **SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

## **MONDAY 30 JULY 2012**

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### **PRESENT**

Mr Iain Stewart (Acting Chairman), Mr Graeme Leard, Mr Neil Hutchinson, Mr Glen Ryan, Mr Mitch Tomazin, Mr John Legge, Mr Danny Whitty, Mrs Robyn Whitty, Mrs Debbie Williams, Mr Ray Stoneley, Mrs Nerryl Wood, Mr Terry Nolan (Recreation Supervisor) and Miss Leanne Kearney (Assets and Project Engineer).

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Neville Castle, Mrs Heather Younger, Mrs Helen Hughes, Mr Peter Hughes, and Mr Rod Case.

The Committee resolved to accept the apologies from Councillor Neville Castle, Mrs Heather Younger, Mrs Helen Hughes, Mr Peter Hughes, and Mr Rod Case.

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Neil Hutchinson

### **REPORT**

#### **ITEM 1 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nil.

#### **ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 25 June 2012, were adopted by Council on 23 July 2012.

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

- Mr Ray Stoneley advised that the Lithgow Athletics Club have cleared the vegetation surround the plinths at Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow, and the missing sections are now easily identifiable and ready for replacement by Council. Mr Terry Nolan advised that this project will be placed on Council's works program for completion.

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

MOVED: Ray Stoneley

SECONDED: Nerryl Wood

#### **ITEM 4 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS**

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

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

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

- Emily Watts (Athletics) – Emily competed in the Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Championships held at Eastern Creek, coming 4<sup>th</sup> and qualifying for the Polding Team (regional team) which will compete against all schools in NSW at the NSW PSSA State Cross Country Championships held at Eastern Creek in July 2012.
- Wayde Egan (Basketball) – Wayde was a member of the Lithgow High School Open Basketball Team that competed in the Final 8 CHS tournament in June 2012.

The Committee selected Emily Watts (Athletics) as the Junior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for June 2012.

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>RECIPIENT</b>
January	Jenna Heath (Athletics)
February	Portland Central School Cricket Team (Cricket)
March	Ryan O'Donnell (Swimming)
April	Sam Forbes (Lawn Bowls)
May	Kyle Cummings (Soccer) and Darcy Allan (Rugby League)
June	Emily Watts (Athletics)
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Senior nominations for the month of June 2012 were received from the following:

- John Baxter (Target Rifle Shooting) – John competed in the Lou Hook Aggregate 2 day competition Northern Territory Queens Prize (Territory Championships) 3 day competition. John took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Lou Hook Aggregate, and was the winner of the Northern Territory Queens Prize, winner of the Northern Territory Grand Championship, winner of the Day 2 aggregate Northern Territory Queens Series, winner of the Day 3 aggregate Northern Territory Queens Series, winner of the 900 metre match Day 3 Northern Territory Queens Series Gold Medal – highest veteran shooter.

The Committee selected as the Senior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for June 2012.

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>RECIPIENT</b>
January	Darren Lee (Kayaking)
February	Roxsanne Van Veen (Cricket)
March	Johnathon Van Veen (Cricket)
April	Brad De Losa (Wood Chopping)
May	No nominations received
June	John Baxter (Target Rifle Shooting)
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The Committee resolved to select Emily Watts (Athletics) as the Junior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for June 2012, John Baxter (Target Rifle Shooting) as the Senior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for June 2012 and for merit certificates to be awarded to Wayde Egan (Basketball).

MOVED: Neil Hutchinson

SECONDED:

Debbie Williams

## ITEM 6 – BOOKING REQUESTS

The following bookings were received between 26 June 2012 and 30 July 2012, and do not conflict with any other approved bookings.

<b>KREMER PARK, PORTLAND</b>			
<b>User</b>	<b>Dates / Times</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Portland Community Group	Between 10.00am and 4.00pm on Saturday, 27 October 2012	Portland Spring Fair	Approved subject to standard conditions
<b>LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, LITHGOW</b>			
<b>User</b>	<b>Dates / Times</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Western School Sports Association	Weekdays between 10.00am and 2.30pm from Monday, 19 November 2012 to Friday, 30 November 2012	School Learn to Swim Program	Approved subject to standard conditions
<b>TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW</b>			
<b>User</b>	<b>Dates / Times</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Lithgow Flash Gift Committee	Between 7.30am and 4.00pm from Wednesday, 20 February 2013 to Sunday, 24 February 2013, with Exclusive use between 6.00am and 6.00pm on Saturday, 22 February 2013	2013 Lithgow Flash Gift	Approved subject to standard conditions
Lithgow Primary School	Between 11.00am and 2.00pm on Tuesday, 31 July 2012	Touch Football Game	Approved subject to standard conditions
NSW Rural Fire Service	Between 8.00am and 4.00pm on Wednesday, 17 October 2012	NSW Rural Fire Service Cadet Graduation Display	Approved subject to standard conditions  <b><i>NSW RFS have requested that the fee of \$430.00 be waived for this event due to the community based nature of the event</i></b>
Lithgow Show Society	Between 6.00am and midnight from Thursday, 7 March 2013 to Wednesday, 20 March 2013, with exclusive use required between Thursday, 14 and Tuesday, 19 March 2013	2013 Annual Lithgow Show	Approved subject to standard conditions
Lithgow Show Society	Between 6.00am and 8.00pm on Friday, 25 and Saturday, 26 January 2013	2013 Annual Summer Horse Show	Approved subject to standard conditions
<b>LAKE WALLACE, WALLERAWANG</b>			
<b>User</b>	<b>Dates / Times</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Comments</b>
MET School	Between 8.30am and 3.00pm on Friday, 21 September 2012	Fun Run	Approved subject to standard conditions

Mr Danny Whitty advised that the booking for Kremer Park, Portland may impact on the 2012 / 2013 cricket season draw, however, the Lithgow District Cricket Association will arrange alternative grounds if required. Mr Danny Whitty advised that communication from the Portland Community Group in relation to last years event was not clear, and hoped that any issues arising in relation to this booking are communicated to the Lithgow District Cricket Association in a clear and timely manner.

Mr Danny Whitty further advised that the booking by the Lithgow Show Society for the 2013 Annual Lithgow Show will impact on the finals of the Lithgow District Cricket Association's 2012 / 2013 competition by reducing the number of turfs available. Mr Iain Stewart advised that the timing of this booking does not differ from any other year (being the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in March), and there are alternative grounds available for use by the Lithgow District Cricket Association to use.

The Committee resolved

1. for all bookings detailed in Item 6 to be approved; and
2. to support the NSW Rural Fire Service's request for Council to consider providing a donation of \$430.00 toward the Cadet Graduation Display (equivalent to the hire fees).

MOVED: Graeme Leard

SECONDED: Neil Hutchinson

#### **ITEM 7 – LITHGOW DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC – NEW MEMBERS**

Correspondence has been received from the Lithgow District Football Association Inc advising of a change in Sports Advisory Committee delegates, being Ms Donna Lowry and Mr Mitch Tomazin.

The Committee resolved to accept Ms Donna Lowry and Mr Mitch Tomazin as the Sports Advisory Committee representatives from the Lithgow District Football Association Inc.

MOVED: Nerryl Wood

SECONDED: Ray Stoneley

#### **ITEM 8 – LITHGOW ATHLETICS CLUB – NEW MEMBERS**

Correspondence has been received from the Lithgow Athletics Club advising of a change in Sports Advisory Committee delegates, being Mr Ray Stoneley as the primary delegate, and alternative delegates being Sheree Elliott and Charlie Healey.

The Committee resolved to accept Mr Ray Stoneley as the primary delegate and Ms Sheree Elliott and Mr Charlie Healey as the alternative delegates for the Sports Advisory Committee representing the Lithgow Athletics Club.

MOVED: Graeme Leard

SECONDED: Neil Hutchinson

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

- Mr Iain Stewart advised that the Sports Advisory Committee had received a card from Lynne and Rob Ritchie and family thanking the Committee for its support and kind words after the recent passing of Mr Eric Arnold.
- Mr Graeme Leard thanked Council for their assistance with the mowing, rubbish removal and other maintenance prior to the recent junior hockey championships held at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow, as it was greatly appreciated by the Lithgow Hockey Association.
- Mr Neil Hutchinson enquired if all of the playing field lighting at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow had been repaired / replaced, and Mr Terry Nolan advised that Council's electrical contractor has approximately six (6) starters yet to be replaced, and then the lighting will be operational at full levels.
- Mr Neil Hutchinson requested a progress report on the investigation into the feasibility of installing gates on the cricket training nets at Watsford Oval, Lithgow. Mr Terry Nolan advised that Council's turf contractor advised that gates aren't usually installed on training nets as they add to vandalism occurrences, however, the contractor will be in the area within the next month to undertake maintenance on other local turfs, and will look into what can be undertaken to achieve the same result.
- Mr Neil Hutchinson enquired if any maintenance works will be undertaken on the cricket training nets at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow. Mr Terry Nolan advised that there isn't a budget allocation for any upgrading works during the 2012 / 2013 financial year, and will investigate the suggestion of possibly closing two (2) of the four (4) nets to enable focussed maintenance to be undertaken.

- Mr Neil Hutchinson enquired of the progress of the construction of change rooms at Conran Oval, Lithgow. Miss Leanne Kearney advised that a Development Application Construction Certificate approval had been granted, however, believed that there was an issue in providing an adequate power supply to the area, and the project had stalled due to this. Mr Iain Stewart advised that Council has included new public amenities as part of Stage 1 of the development of the Lithgow Aquatic Centre, and a progress report regarding the change rooms would be provided to the Committee. Mr Neil Hutchinson advised that he will liaise with Mr Terry Nolan in relation to a possible grant for funding available through the Mitchell Cricket Council to get change rooms constructed.
- Mr Mitch Tomazin enquired if Council has a written policy in relation to alcohol consumption on playing fields, and if so, can this policy please be forwarded to the Lithgow District Football Association Inc so they can enforce the policy. Mr Iain Stewart advised that Council will forward a copy of the policy to all sporting bodies for notification and enforcement.
- Mr Mitch Tomazin advised that on Saturday mornings, a number of needles and other drug implements are being discovered in the canteen area and sideline sheds at Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow, and enquired if Council is able to do anything about this. Mr Iain Stewart advised that the Police can be called, however, by the time they arrive on site, the offenders have usually fled the scene. If persons are observed undertaking drug practices on sporting fields, users are advised to contact Council's Rangers on 6354 9999 (if it is during working hours), or the Police (for after hours incidents).
- Mr Danny Whitty requested that the Lithgow District Cricket Association be provided with a copy of the quotation for the installation of security gates on the cricket training nets at Watsford Oval, Lithgow when it is received from Council's cricket net contractor, as the Association may be able to provide funding for this project dependant on costs.
- Mr Danny Whitty enquired if Council opts to close two (2) cricket training nets at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow, could the rubber belting be removed and installed on the new nets at Watsford Oval, Lithgow. Mr Terry Nolan advised that there is a new professional way of protecting the netting in lieu of rubber belting, and will enquire of the cost of this from the contractor when he is on site.
- Mrs Debbie Williams thanked Council for the repairs to the window at the Lithgow Tennis Club clubhouse.
- Mrs Debbie Williams advised that the fencing surrounding the toilets at the Lithgow Tennis Club requires repairing, and Mr Terry Nolan advised that he has a meeting with Council's fencing contractor this week, and will arrange for an inspection to determine if the materials available will be sufficient to complete the repairs.
- Mrs Debbie Williams enquired if Council had a no smoking policy that could be provided to the Lithgow City Tennis Club for advice and enforcement. Mr Iain Stewart advised that Council has a policy for no smoking in Council buildings, but has not adopted a policy for open spaces. Mr Graeme Leard advised that the State Government have a guideline policy available on their website for groups to use. Mrs Debbie Williams enquired if Council could provide assistance in relation to adoption and enforcement of a policy, as they would like to eliminate smoking on site, but are concerned they will be challenged by the public. Mr Graeme Leard advised that the Lithgow Tennis Club should adopt a no smoking policy as part of their by laws, and then they can enforce their policy without being challenged.
- Mr Ray Stoneley advised that Mr Eric Arnold was awarded life membership from NSW Little Athletics, and was advised of this just prior to his passing, however, the official notification has only just been received.
- Mrs Nerryl Wood thanked Ray Stoneley for his efforts in nominating Mr Eric Arnold for life membership from NSW Little Athletics, as it was assumed that Eric had already been awarded this honour.
- Mr Danny Whitty suggested that the Committee investigate the possibility of creating a new award in conjunction with the annual LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Awards to honour Mr Eric Arnold's contribution to sport in the Lithgow area, and the Committee unanimously agreed.
- Mr Iain Stewart noted that this would be the last Committee meeting that Miss Leanne Kearney would be attending due to her upcoming maternity leave. Iain thanked Leanne for her efforts in relation to the Committee over the past fifteen (15) years, and wished her well in her future endeavours.

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

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Nerryl Wood

The meeting closed at 5.30pm.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **THAT**

1. Council consider providing a donation of \$430.00 to the NSW Rural Fire Service toward the Cadet Graduation Display (equivalent to the hire fees);
2. Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 30 July 2012.