

SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2012

PRESENT

Councillor Neville Castle (Chairman), Mr Graeme Leard, Mr Neil Hutchinson, Mr Glen Ryan, Ms Heather Younger, Mr Paul Glasson, Mr Ross Smith, Mr Mitch Tomazin, Ms Debbie Williams, Mr Iain Stewart and Terry Nolan.

APOLOGIES

Nil

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, 30 July 2012, were adopted by Council on 13 August 2012.

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

ITEM 4 – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS

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

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

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

- Morgan Watts (Equestrian) – Morgan and her horse Sunny competed at the Wingham Show, against riders from all ages from the North Coast and as far away as Wollongong. Morgan competed well in the jumping and dressage events against adults and far more experienced riders and horses. Morgan and Sunny rose to the occasion under lights in the sporting events, winning the barrel racing, diamond flags, and second in the bends. Morgan and Sunny were awarded the Reserve Sporting Champion of the Show trophy.
- Riley Dukes (Motocross) – Riley has been placed NSW Junior Motocross Champion in 2 different classes, the 65c 9 to Under 11 years and the 9 to Under 12 years 85cc class. Riley also won the Queensland Sun State Shell Advance Championships in the 65cc and 85cc events.
- Lithgow Under 13 Girls Hockey Team (Hockey) – the Lithgow District Under 13 Girls Hockey Team competed at the State Championships in Grafton.
- Presley Johnson (Taekwondo) – Presley won gold in the 12 – 13 years 34 – 38kg Red Belt division at the State Championships (one weight division up from his normal weight division), and gained selection in the State team to compete at the National Championships in October 2012, where he will defend his National Championship won in 2011.

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

MONTH	RECIPIENT
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)
July	Riley Dukes (Motocross)
August	
September	
October	
November	

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

- Darren Lee (Kayaking) – competed at the NSW State Championships, winning Gold in the Men's K1 40-45 years 24km marathon and Gold in the Mixed K2 40-45 years 24km marathon (with Margi Bohm). Darren also won the Joan and Bruce Morison State Marathon Perpetual trophy for Competitor of the Meet.

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

MONTH	RECIPIENT
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)
July	Darren Lee (Kayaking)
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The Committee resolved to select Riley Dukes as the Junior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for July 2012, Darren Lee as the Senior winner of the 2012 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award for July 2012 and for merit certificates to be awarded to all other nominees.

MOVED: Graeme Leard

SECONDED: Ray Stoneley

ITEM 6 – BOOKING REQUESTS

The following bookings were received between 30 July 2012 and 27 August 2012, and do not conflict with any other approved bookings.

TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Lithgow Athletics Club	Wednesdays and Fridays between 4.00pm and 5.00pm from 31 August 2012 to 12 April 2013	Training and competition for the 2012 / 2013 season (specifically javelin throw)	Approved subject to standard conditions, noting shared use with other approved users and unavailability due to exclusive use by other users
Lasalle Academy	Tuesday 11 September 2012 11:30 – 2.30pm	Junior Rugby League	Approved subject to standard conditions
TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND PRECINCT, LITHGOW			
Ironfest	Friday 19 April to Monday 23 April 2013 Exclusive Use	Festival	Approved subject to standard conditions and special conditions as per contract.
JIM MONAGHAN ATHLETICS OVAL, LITHGOW			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Lithgow Athletics Club	Wednesdays and Fridays between 4.00pm and dusk from 31 August 2012 to 12 April 2013	Training and competition for the 2012 / 2013 season	Approved subject to standard conditions, noting shared use with other approved users and unavailability due to exclusive use by other users
KREMER PARK, PORTLAND			
User	Dates / Times	Purpose	Comments
Portland Tidy Towns	Between 6.00am and 7.00pm on Sunday, 28 October 2012	Portland Tidy Towns Swap Meet	Approved subject to standard conditions

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

MOVED: Glen Ryan

SECONDED: Neil Hutchinson

ITEM 7 – PARTICIPATION AND FACILITY PROGRA (PFP) – SPORT AND RECREATION

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Communities Sport and Recreation advising that applications are now open for applications under Round One of the Participation and Facility Program (PFP).

There are two distinct project types eligible for funding under the Participation and Facility Program:

- Participation projects – that deliver a sport or physical activity participation experience to an identified group of people; and
- Facility development projects – building new or upgrading existing sport and recreation facilities.

Details about the Participation and Facility Program, including the Guidelines and the online application process, are available at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants.

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit incorporated organisations and local government authorities, and Applicants should read the Guidelines to assist in the preparation of their application. Applicants can also call Sport and Recreation on 131 302 if they require additional information regarding the program.

The Committee resolved to note the information regarding Sport and Recreation's Participation and Facility Program (PFP).

MOVED: Graeme Leard

SECONDED: Neil Hutchinson

ITEM 8 – LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS GRANT

Correspondence has been received from Senator Matt Thistlethwaite advising that applications are now being accepted for individuals and teams for funding available under the Local Sporting Champions Grant.

These grants aim to help young people pursue their sporting dreams, as young people find it difficult to meet the ongoing and significant costs associated with participation at sporting competitions, particularly those from regional areas.

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12 - 18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships.

Application forms are available from the Australian Government website:

http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/local_sporting_champions

The Committee resolved to note the information regarding the Australian Government's Local Sporting Champions Grant.

MOVED: Ray Stoneley

SECONDED: Glen Ryan

ITEM 9 – 2013 AAMI CITY VERSUS COUNTRY RUGBY LEAGUE

Council was invited by NSW Country Rugby League to submit an expression of interest to host the 2013 AAMI City versus Country rugby league origin match after we narrowly missed selection to host the 2012 game.

The nominations for the 2013 game were assessed and shortlisted, with a delegation from NSW Country Rugby League recently inspecting the facilities available within the Tony Luchetti Sporting Precinct for suitability to host this major event.

Unfortunately, Lithgow's bid to host the 2013 event was unsuccessful, however, Council has been informed by Country Rugby League that our application has been kept on file for any future decision. The ARL Commission have indicated that given the proposed outcomes of the TV Rights deal, and that Country versus City Origin is included on the calendar, host areas may nominate in advance for the 2014, 2015 and 2016 events.

Whilst Council maybe required to outlay approximately \$50,000 to \$80,000 to provide services required to cater for the full needs of the event (such as additional portable grandstand seating, support for corporate events etc), the opportunity to host one of these events will provide great benefits to Lithgow, not only economically in terms of increased trade for local businesses (such as accommodation and retail outlets), but also highlight Lithgow as a desirable destination to visit. If the event is successful, it will also place Council in a great position to host additional major events within the Precinct, again highlighting the great attributes the Lithgow region possesses.

Should Council be successful in securing this prestigious event for one of these years, serious consideration will need to be given in relation to the existing approved bookings and subsequent future bookings to ensure that the grounds (particularly Field 1) are utilised in a manner that will enable the surface to be in pristine condition for this event. All users need to understand the importance of this requirement, and work with Council to ensure that the precinct is presented and maintained in an exceptional condition.

The Committee resolved to:

1. Submit future bids to host the 2014, 2015 and 2016 Country versus City Origin League matches; and
2. To liaise with all users to ensure that the precinct is presented favourably should Council's submission be successful.

MOVED: Glen Ryan

SECONDED: Graeme Leard

ITEM 10 - GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 1 – Lithgow Indoor Hockey Sub committee.

It was noted a copy of a submission prepared by the Lithgow Indoor Hockey sub committee seeking permission to utilise the indoor sports stadium for an indoor hockey competition and representative team training has been forwarded to the Lithgow Basketball Association. Any assistance that can be provided by Council representatives in facilitating this request will be provided.

Item 2 – Tony Luchetti Sportsground Score Board.

Following complaints about the inability of spectators to see the score board at all locations it was suggested that a cost be obtained for the purchase of a smaller portable scoreboard to be installed at a suitable location.

Item 3 – Lithgow Little Athletics

Representative Mr Ray Stoneley raised the issue of replacing the long jump mat in the near future and will obtain quotations and report to a future meeting of Sports Advisory.

Item 4 – Lithgow District Cricket Association

Approval for the use of all grounds for the upcoming cricket season was granted. Subject to dates being supplied from representatives of the Lithgow District Cricket Association.

Item 5 –

Sports Advisory Committee extended there congratulations on his impending retirement and thanked him for his long term dedication to the sports advisory committee and sport in general.

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

MOVED: Graeme Leard

SECONDED: Debbie Williams

The meeting closed at 5:45pm.

RECOMMENDATION

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