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AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

29 JUNE 2015

AT 7.00pm

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# AGENDA

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

## **APOLOGIES**

## **PRESENT**

## **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 1 JUNE 2015**

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Current Replacement of The Black Bridge at Wallerawang - Clr M Ticehurst  
Public Recognition of 'Lithgowites' who served and died during WW2 and the Korean War - Clr M Ticehurst

## **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - NIL**

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**NOTICE OF RECISSIONS - NIL**

**BUSINESS OF GREAT URGENCY**

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

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## GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS

ITEM-1            GM - 29/06/15 - CODE OF CONDUCT APOLOGY BY CLR MCGINNES

REPORT BY: R BAILEY - GENERAL MANAGER

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### REFERENCE

Min No 15-139:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 1 June 2015

### SUMMARY

In accordance with the Council resolution made in relation to a Code of Conduct complaint against Clr McGinnes an apology is required to be made by him to the Mayor for his aggressive and threatening behaviour.

### COMMENTARY

The following resolution was made by Council at its meeting held on 1 June 2015:

#### 15-139 RESOLVED

##### THAT:

1. This report be received and noted.
2. Councillor McGinnes displayed aggressive and threatening behaviour towards the Mayor Councillor Maree Statham at a Council Meeting held on 27 October 2014; and displayed disorderly conduct and unruly behaviour at the Council meeting held on 27 October 2014. This conduct resulted in Councillor McGinnes being ejected from the Council Meeting on 27 October 2014 and the NSW Police being called to remove him from Council Chambers. This conduct amounted to a breach of sections 3.1 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e); 3.2; 3.3; 6.5 and 6.6 of the Lithgow City Council Code of Conduct, and that Councillor McGinnes be required to apologise to the Mayor, Councillor Maree Stratham, at the next Ordinary Council meeting, both verbally and in writing, and that the apology contains the words *"that I make an unreserved apology to the Mayor, Councillor Maree Stratham for my inappropriate behaviour during the Council Meeting held on 27 October 2014 which resulted in my ejection from Council and the subsequent adjournment of the Council Meeting held on 27 October 2014 including that the NSW Police were called for my removal from Council Chambers"*.
3. Councillor McGinnes be censured for the breaches of the Code of Conduct under s.440G of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).
4. The matter be referred to the Office of Local Government under the misconduct provisions of the Act.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Council's Model Code of Conduct and Procedures.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

As this matter has been previously dealt with by Council the subject person (i.e. Cllr McGinnes) is to confine his comments to complying with the resolution of Council. This is a similar provision to that of 8.17 of the Code of Conduct Procedures.

Councillors should also be aware of the following provisions of the Council's Code of Conduct:

- 8.10 Where you are a councillor or the general manager, you must comply with any council resolution requiring you to take action as a result of a breach of this code.
  
- 8.14 Complaints alleging a breach of this Part (Part 8) by a councillor, the general manager or an administrator are to be made to the Division of Local Government.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council now provide Councillor Joe McGinnes the opportunity to apologise in accordance with resolution 15-139.

**ITEM-2            GM - 29/06/15 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM - FIT FOR THE FUTURE**

**REPORT BY: R BAILEY - GENERAL MANAGER**

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**REFERENCE**

Min No 14-456:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 November 2015

**SUMMARY**

On 10 September 2014, the NSW Government announced the “Fit for the Future” package relating to local government in NSW. More recently the Government released its self-assessment tool, templates and guidance for the program.

Councils across the State are to submit a proposal to the NSW Government and IPART by 30 June 2015.

**COMMENTARY**

Council will be aware that on 10 September 2014 the State provided a response to the Independent Local Government Review Panel and Local Government Acts Taskforce reports. With the release of the templates and guidance for the Fit for the Future Program Council prepared a proposal consistent with the Fit for the Future criteria.

The package announced by the Government is a \$1 billion program aimed at making local government in NSW stronger and financially sustainable in the long term, and to help deliver jobs and infrastructure such as better roads, footpaths and sporting fields.

The Fit for the Future package includes:

1. \$258 million to assist councils who decide to merge and make the changes needed to provide better services to communities;
2. Cheaper finance for councils to build and maintain necessary community facilities, saving them up to \$600 million;
3. Up to \$100 million savings through reduced red tape and duplication;
4. Improvements to the local government system, including the laws that govern it, the way the State works with councils and the support that councils receive.

The Fit for the Future package is based on the Independent Local Government Review Panel’s recommendations following three years of research and consultation. Since the release of the package a series of roundtable meetings have been held with local councils throughout NSW to discuss the Fit for the Future package and to answer any concerns or questions that arise.

The NSW Government is now asking that all councils undertake a self-assessment against the criteria.



Council will also recall that Centroc has become a Pilot Joint Organisation of Councils (a Pilot) as mooted in the “Fit for the Future Joint Organisations a Roadmap for Intergovernmental Collaboration in NSW”. Activities here are well underway.

Council sought input from the community on the issue and also provided advice through the community consultation sessions held in April and May 2015.

The Government has established four criteria it considered necessary for a council to be ‘Fit for the Future’ (FFTF):

- Scale and capacity to engage effectively across community, industry and governments
- Sustainability
- Effectively managing infrastructure and delivering services for communities
- Efficiency

Benchmarks have been identified for the above. These include:

- 1. Sustainability**
  - Operating Performance Ratio
  - Own Source Revenue Ratio
  - Building and Asset Renewal
- 2. Effective Infrastructure and service management**
  - Infrastructure Backlog Ratio
  - Asset Maintenance Ratio
  - Debt Service Ratio
- 3. Efficiency**
  - Real Operating Expenditure

The Government asked IPART to perform the role of the independent Expert Panel to assess how council proposals meet the FFTF criteria. Councils are to prepare proposals as to how they will meet the criteria over the medium term (ie, to 2019-20) for submission by 30 June 2015.

According to the Terms of Reference, IPART is to:

1. Develop a methodology for assessing proposals
2. Undertake the assessments of whether each council is FFTF, consistent with the methodology, and
3. Provide the Government with a final assessment report by 16 October 2015.

### **Submission**

Council’s submission has been prepared and workshopped with councillors. The starting point of this submission is the Local Government Independent Review Panel recommendation of:

*“Council in Central West JO”*

Therefore it is considered that the Panel believes that Lithgow City Council already has the scale and capacity. Lithgow City Council has also assessed and presents its track record of strategic capacity against the elements proposed by the Review Panel.

Added to this during 2014 Council's Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager met with representatives from the surrounding and nearby councils of Bathurst, Blayney and Oberon to discuss options under the Fit for the Future proposals. The outcome of those discussions was that the councils considered that mergers were not considered appropriate for their council areas. Given this Council's submission has therefore been prepared on the basis of a "stand alone" Council.

In addition to having scale and capacity as recommended by the Independent Local Government Review Panel (ILGRP), Lithgow City Council meets several of the Fit for the Future criteria that have been set by the NSW Government for its financial sustainability over the next five years in respect of sustainability, infrastructure and service management and efficiency.

In addition:

- TCorp assessed Council as being financially sustainable, with a 'Sound' financial sustainability rating
- Lithgow City Council was involved in an amalgamation process in 2004 where areas of the former Evans and Rylstone shires were included in the Lithgow LGA.
- Lithgow City Council has a long track record of operating under regional arrangements, including shared services and resource sharing through CENTROC and strategic alliances.
- Council is operating as per the Independent Review Panel Recommendation as a Council in a joint organisation
- Lithgow City Council is a strong performer in the delivery of large capital projects partnering with State and Federal Government funding bodies
- Council has implemented all recommendations from the 2007 Office of Local Government Promoting Better Practice Review, indicating that it is operating at best practice across all its operations
- Council participates in the NSW Local Government Professionals *Operational and Management Effectiveness Survey* demonstrating Council's commitment to benchmarking performance and enabling management decisions to improve its performance
- Council was given a rating of 'moderate' in the OLG Infrastructure Audit demonstrating its performance in managing infrastructure

The submission shows that Council performs in comparison to the set benchmarks:

Criteria	Current	2019/20
<b>1. Sustainability</b>		
- Operating Performance Ratio	×	×
- Own Source Revenue Ratio	×	✓
- Building and Asset Renewal	✓	×
<b>2. Effective Infrastructure and service management</b>		
- Infrastructure Backlog Ratio	×	✓

- Asset Maintenance Ratio	×	✓
- Debt Service Ratio	✓	✓
<b>3. Efficiency</b>		
- Real Operating Expenditure	×	×

Note: Council does not need to meet the above criteria by 2020 but has to demonstrate that it is working towards meeting those targets.

Submissions are to close on 30 June 2015.

### **Legislative Council Select Committee Inquiry**

As a further issue in this process the General Purpose Standing Committee No 6 has also recently commenced an inquiry into local government in New South Wales. The Committee will be chaired by the Hon Paul Green MLC of the Christian Democratic Party, and includes representatives of the Liberal Party, the Australian Labor Party and the Greens.

The inquiry was established to examine the New South Wales Government's 'Fit for the Future' reform agenda for local government, including the financial sustainability of the local government sector. This inquiry has been established in response to concerns relating to potential council amalgamations and further cost shifting.

The Committee has identified a number of aspects of the Fit for the Future agenda that will be explored in detail. These include the potential impact of forced mergers on rates, as well as on local infrastructure investment and maintenance. Added to this the Committee will also examine how any forced amalgamations may affect the needs of regional and rural councils and communities, especially in terms of the impact on local economies and the reality of having local issues addressed.

The closing date for submissions to the Inquiry is Sunday 5 July 2015. It is understood that hearings will be held in Sydney and regional New South Wales shortly thereafter.

### ***Fit for the Future Innovation Fund***

In recent days the Government has also released guidelines for the \$4 million *Fit for the Future* Innovation Fund. About 50 councils with populations of less than 10,000 may be eligible to apply for one-off grants to promote their long-term sustainability.

Rural and regional councils will be eligible to apply for funding if they have a population of less than 10,000 and complete a Template 2 or 3 proposal. Councils in the Far West region with a population under 10,000 are also eligible.

A total of \$4 million has been declared under the Innovation Fund as part of the *Fit for the Future (FFTF)* package. LGNSW has previously advocated that this level of funding provided is inadequate and should be increased.

The program will provide one-off grants of:

- Up to \$150,000 for individual councils
- Up to \$400,000 for projects involving more than one council.

If the project involves more than one council, at least one council must have a population of less than 10,000 and be the primary beneficiary of the funding. Individual councils or groups of councils will also need to provide a co-contribution of at least 30 per cent, cash or in-kind.

Successful councils will be able to use the funding for implementation costs of their project, and up to 20 per cent can be used for project planning and administration.

Applications are invited for projects which focus on:

- Performance improvement
- Service delivery
- Improved governance
- Systems improvement
- Creative use of technology
- Innovative infrastructure
- Capacity building and sharing innovation.

Applications will be open from November 2015 to February 2016.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Office of Local Government Circular 14-23 - Release of Fit for the Future Self-Assessment Tool, Templates and Guidance material (Details can be found at the Fit for the Future website: <http://www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au>)
2. Lithgow City Council's Fit for the Future submission to the NSW Government - Template 2

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council adopt the draft submission on Fit for the Future.

## ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

### ITEM-3            ENVIRO - 29/06/15 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 008/11DA MODIFICATION OF CONSENT FOR TWO ADDITIONAL REFRESHMENT ROOMS - HUNGRY JACKS RESTAURANT

**REPORT BY: A MUIR – GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

## REFERENCE

Min No 11-236:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 June 2011  
Min No 11-394:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 October 2011  
Min No 12-20:             Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 January 2012

## SUMMARY

To assess and recommend determination of 008/11DA Modification of Consent S96037/14. The recommendation is for approval subject to amended, deleted and additional conditions of consent.

## COMMENTARY

The application 008/11DA has the following history:

**Original DA:**            Approved 20 June 2011 by the elected Council.

Consent was issued on 23 June 2011. The approved development included demolition, restaurant, internal/ external playground areas, standard Hungry Jack's signage, a 37 space car park, traffic management devices, site landscaping and beautification.

**Modification 1:** Approved 12 October 2011 by the elected Council.

Removal of condition 70 requiring the left turn movement from Caroline Avenue onto the Great Western Highway to be indicated by a left turn arrow on traffic signalisation.

**Modification 2:** Approved 24 January 2012 by the elected Council.

- Revised roof plans to the main building and drive through awning,
- Revised signage,
- New enclosed bin room to replace the outdoor fenced enclosure,
- Revised building floor plans and elevations,
- Minor adjustment to car park with the car parking numbers to remain the same as previously approved,
- Revised landscaping plans.

### **Modification 3: S96037/14 - Subject of this assessment**

Council is currently in receipt of a modification of consent application from Martin, Morris & Jones Pty Ltd on behalf of Hungry Jacks seeking to add two refreshment room tenancies, change the site layout and to change the floor plans of the proposal. The refreshment room tenancies would be two additional dedicated spaces for restaurant/café uses although the actual occupiers are not known at this stage.

Additionally the applicant requests that conditions of consent be modified to clarify that certain basic activities such as survey works may be undertaken prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate. This is due to current approval conditions stating that no work is to be undertaken until a Construction Certificate is issued. Furthermore, the applicant requests that individual applications for the actual 'fit out' of the two new tenancies be subject to separate Development Applications. This is because consent is only sought for the use at this stage and the actual occupants, who will require specific layouts, are not yet known.

#### **PERMISSIBILITY UNDER LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 1994**

The original development proposal was permissible in the 2(a) Residential zone under Clause 9 of Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 1994 which indicates that a 'Refreshment Room' is permissible in the zoning. A Refreshment Room would be a restaurant, café or the like. This permissibility is not proposed to change as part of this modification as the proposal was submitted prior to the gazettal of Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 2014. However, the tenancy approval for 'refreshment rooms' is being sought to allow future uses of this type within Tenancy 1 and 2 (shown on plans within the 79C report), which are not permitted in the R1 General Residential zoning (defined as 'takeaway food and drink premises') under Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 2014.

The application was originally submitted under LEP1994. Therefore, the assessment of the current modification application is pursuant to the provisions of LEP1994 in terms of permissibility.

#### **PERMISSIBILITY UNDER LITHGOW LOCAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2014**

Whilst prime consideration of the permissibility of the proposal is assessed against LEP1994, consideration must also be given to draft Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 2014 which was in draft form at the time of lodgement of the modification. The application has taken some time for assessment due to amended plans being required twice by the Sydney Catchment Authority (Water NSW).

Under draft LEP2014 (now gazetted) the development is defined as a 'take away food and drink premises' and is not permissible in the R1 General Residential zone. Therefore, the development does not comply with the provisions of the draft LEP as exhibited. However, it is open to Council to determine what weight should be applied to the draft LEP. It is appropriate in this instance to assign determinative weight to LEP 1994 rather than the draft due to the permissibility of the proposal under that planning instrument, particularly given that the proposed modification does not represent a deviation from the use approved in the original development application.

#### **EXHIBITION & COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Although the Regulation does not require the notification of the modification, Council undertook notification to adjoining and adjacent landowners with no submissions

received. The application was referred to Roads and Maritime Services, Water NSW, Council's Operation's Department and Council's Building Officer for comment with no objection to the proposal subject to conditions of consent as detailed in the attached Section 79C report.

**CONCLUSION**

The proposal complies with the relevant provisions of the applicable Environmental Planning Instruments. The proposal is not considered likely to have any significant negative impacts upon the environment or upon the amenity of the locality subject to conditions of consent being imposed. As such it is recommended that development consent be granted subject to the conditions as detailed within the attached Section 79C assessment.

**OTHER MATTERS**

**Off Street Car parking Development Control Plan**

In relation to the car parking standards, the proposal would be classed as a 'refreshment room' with the Council's Development Control Plan requiring 66 spaces. However, previous calculations for the site have used the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Guide to Traffic Generating Developments which is based on extensive survey and analysis. The RMS criteria is considered to be very robust.

Therefore the calculations from the guide have been applied as below:

Land Use	Parking Requirements
<b>Refreshments</b>	
Drive-in take-away food outlets	Developments with no on-site seating: 12 spaces per 100m <sup>2</sup> GFA  Developments with on-site seating: 12 spaces per 100m <sup>2</sup> GFA <u>or greater of:</u> 1 space per 5 seats (internal and external), or 1 space per 2 seats (internal)  Developments with on-site seating and drive through facilities: <u>greater of:</u> 1 space per 2 seats (internal), or 1 space per 3 seats (internal and external) plus queuing area for 5 to 12 cars (see 5.8.1)

Developments with onsite seating and drive through facilities:

- 58 (internal seating) / 2 = 29 spaces **or** 78 (all seating) / 3 = 26 spaces
- Plus queuing area for 5 to 12 cars.

A total of 37 spaces was originally approved and is not proposed to change with this modification and this is considered to be adequate with a queuing area for 10 car spaces. Therefore, it is considered that the car parking requirements are met by the development.

**Adjoining land uses:**

The adjoining land uses are for residential purposes; however the conflict between these uses has been previously addressed through assessment and conditions of consent. It is considered that the change to include two extra tenancies will not have any significant increased impact compared to previous assessments.

**Condition changes:**

It is requested that conditions of consent be modified to clarify that carrying out of survey work and works to identify any existing damage to Council's property by conditions 4 and 75, may be undertaken prior to a Construction Certificate. This is due to the current approval conditions stating that no work is to be undertaken until a Construction Certificate is issued.

Furthermore, the applicant requests that the individual applications for the fit out of the two tenancies be subject to separate Development Applications as this Development Application is to approve the use only. This is reasonable given that Council does not have any information on the future fit out or business other than for a 'refreshment room' and most internal works can be assessed as a Development Application/ Construction Certificate at a later date.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The original development application was approved by Council pursuant to **Policy 7.7 - Calling in of Applications by Councillors**. Although the Policy does not specifically require subsequent modification applications to be reported to Council for determination, this has been the convention.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The application must be assessed in accordance with the heads of consideration of Section 79C (1) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979. A full assessment under Section 79C is attached.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Complete Section 79C Planning Report under separate cover which includes plans.

**RECOMMENDATION****THAT:**

1. Section 96 Modification of consent no. S96037/14 for 008/11DA being Hungry Jack's restaurant development be **APPROVED**, subject to the conditions outlined 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-4            ENVIRO - 29/06/15 - DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS PROCESS**

**REPORT BY: A MUIR – GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT**

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### **REFERENCE**

Min No 15-04: Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 February 2015

### **SUMMARY**

To provide Council a report on investigating efficiencies in the development application process.

### **COMMENTARY**

At its ordinary meeting of 9 February 2015 the Council requested a report on investigating efficiencies in the development approvals process with the view to reducing approval times. A number of actions have been taken prior to and since February 2015. This has included the following:

- Meetings with relevant staff to try and identify blockages and potential areas for improvement and subsequent improvement.
- Review of statistical data to identify any areas where hold ups can occur
- Full development application process review undertaken with external consultant provided through funding by the Department of Planning

The prime issue that was identified which can lead to delays was that of incomplete applications. The requisite information accompanying any development application is governed by the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation. These are attached to demonstrate the complexity of the system and also that various information is legislatively required. A number of actions to deal with incomplete applications have been put in place including press releases, information in Council's column, DA guides made available on Council's website and in the past, public information sessions. It is proposed to continue to promote the pre-lodgement meeting process.

The second issue flowing from incomplete applications is how to deal with them once they are lodged. Traditionally, Council officers have tried to assist applicants and guide them through the process. The basis for this is good customer service and particularly for first time and inexperienced applicants, there has always been an acceptance that the system is complex and people need help to navigate through it. However, waiting for information leads to increased determination days.

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation provides that development applications may be rejected within 14 days of receipt in certain instances such as if:

- the application is illegible or unclear as to the development consent sought

- the application does not contain any information, or is not accompanied by any document, specified in the requirements in the regulations mentioned above and attached to the business paper
- the application requires concurrence of another authority and the requisite concurrence fees are not included with the application (this is a fee that Council forwards to the relevant concurrence authority)
- the application is for integrated development (this is similar to concurrence) and the application fails to identify all of the approvals referred to in section 91 of the Act or fails to include the approval fees appropriate for each approval relevant to the development.

Some of the options available for rejection are considered to be unreasonable, particularly for first time applicants and some discretion still needs to be applied. However, the submission of a complete application is legally incumbent on an applicant and continuing to work through a substandard application must be weighed up against rejecting the application; refunding fees and starting afresh with a complete application.

Where an application is to a standard where rejection is not warranted but it still requires additional information, correspondence is forwarded to the applicant requesting the information. If the information is not forthcoming a second letter is sent. If the information is still not provided the application may be refused. In many cases the applicant withdraws the application and re-lodges when all information is ready. Some judgement is still required, for example where most of the information has been provided and Council officers believe that the balance of the information is imminent; the information has been required by an external authority; or where the application is for a proposal that is likely to generate significant employment.

Finally, it should be noted that Council's approval times are not unreasonable. However, the process should always be subject to scrutiny and review to identify any problems that evolve and improvements that can be made. The table below outlines approval statistics for 2013/2014 for nearby Councils.

Council name	Mean gross time for DA determined	Median gross time for DA determined	Mean net time for DA determined	Median net time for DA determined
Bathurst Regional Council	38	25	29	22
Lithgow City Council	74	42	31	21
Mid-Western Regional Council	79	47	49	30
Blue Mountains City Council	81	63	50	37
Orange City Council	42	24	28	20

The **Mean Net Determination Time** is the average time taken by a council to determine a DA when time is measured from the day the application is lodged to the day the application is determined and stop the clock time is deducted. The 'net' time is the most common measure in comparing a councils performance against the statutory 40 day 'deemed refusal' period and is generally considered to be the industry benchmark measure.

The **Mean Gross Determination Time** is the average time taken by a council to determine a DA when time is measured from the day the application is lodged to the day the application is determined and no days are excluded. A higher gross time can be related to an increased number of referrals to external agencies or requests for additional information. For example, in 2013/2014 approximately 32% of development applications received at Lithgow required referral to an external agency such as Water NSW (Sydney Catchment Authority), Mine Subsidence Board, Rural Fire Service, Roads and Maritime Services and Office of Water. Indeed many applications required referral to multiple agencies. This compared to other Local Government areas such as Bathurst – 3% of applications and Orange - 3% of applications.

In conclusion, the issue of substandard applications will continue to require ongoing education, a tougher stance on incomplete applications and refusal of applications where applicants don't comply with requests for information. There are also some unique circumstances to Lithgow requiring the involvement of external agencies. This will always make it difficult to maintain comparative gross determination times when compared to many other local government areas. However, pre-application discussion and encouraging applicants to consult early with those agencies can also reduce the possibility of additional information requests.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The development application process is governed by the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and its Regulations.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the information contained in the report on the development application process be noted.

**ITEM-5            ENVIRO - 29/06/15 - WALLERAWANG POULTRY FARM UPDATE**

**REPORT BY: A MUIR- GROUP MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT**

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**REFERENCE**

- Min No 14-483:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15 December 2014
- Min No 15-07:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 February 2015
- Min No 15-41:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 2 March 2015
- Min No 15-55:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 March 2015
- Min No 15-76:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 April 2015
- Min No 15-101:           Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 May 2015

**SUMMARY**

This report has been provided in relation to the following resolution of 11 May 2015:

**THAT** Further reports to Council in relation to complaints and ongoing odour surveys for the Wallerawang Poultry Farm only occur in instances where an odour level of 2 or more is recorded on the odour intensity scale by Council’s odour specialist.

**COMMENTARY**

Council was previously reporting on the Wallerawang poultry farm monthly, however as of meeting 11 May 2015 it was resolved to only report when an odour level of 2 or more is recorded by Council’s odour specialist.

The last complaint received for the poultry farm was on the 20 March 2015. However, odour surveys have been ongoing since this time with no odour over the intensity detection of 1 being:

*Odour present in the air, which activates the sense of smell and the characteristics may or may not be distinguished and/or definite, but not objectionable in short durations. This is characterized by occasional “whiffs” of odour, but is not persistent.*

However, an odour detection of 2 was experienced on the 28 May 2015 with information as below. No complaints were received during this period. Refer to attachments 1 and 2 for the associated Site Map and Odour Intensity Scale:

Location on Site Map	Date	Time	Odour Intensity Detected (Refer to Attachment 2)		Comments/Odour Characterised
			Maximum Level	Minimum Level	
1	Thursday 28 May 2015	3:45pm to 3:59pm	0	0	No comment.
2		3:48pm to 3:53pm	0	0	No comment.

3		3:30pm to 3:35pm	2	2	A detection of a level 2 odour was experienced for the full 5 minute period.
4		3:36pm to 3:41pm	0	0	No comment.
5		3:42pm to 3:47pm	0	0	No comment.

This is the first time since the commencement of odour surveys that a level 2 odour has been experienced. The owner/operator of the business has been contacted and requested to explain the operations during this period to help explain why this exceedance may have occurred. The operator was requested to 'show cause' as to why Council should not proceed with a penalty notice due to the non-compliance with condition 8 of the consent as below:

*8. No offensive odours due to the development shall be emitted beyond the boundaries of the property.*

The owner/operator has replied, indicating that an emergency cleanout had to be carried out as a bird delivery was brought forward two weeks by a supplier. At the time of this report consideration was being given to issuing a penalty infringement notice.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

To ensure that the development complies with the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* in relation to compliance with conditions of consent.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Site Map of Chicken Farm and Odour Investigation Area
2. Odour Intensity Scale

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the information regarding odour surveys and Council actions for the Wallerawang Poultry Farm be noted.

## OPERATION REPORTS

### ITEM-6 OPER - 29/06/15 - WATER REPORT

REPORT BY: I STEWART – GROUP MANAGER OPERATIONS

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## REFERENCE

Min No 15-120: Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015

## SUMMARY

This report provides an update on various water management issues as per Minute Number 15-104.

## COMMENTARY

### Current Dam Levels for both Farmers Creek and Oberon

Farmers Creek Dam # 2 capacity on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May was 100%. Oberon Dam capacity on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 was 57%.

### Current Water Usage from Each Supply

Table 1 below indicates total output from the Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant (consumption), the volume transferred from the Clarence Water Transfer System (CWTS) and the volume of water purchased from Fish River for 2014/2015. Table 2 below indicates total output from the Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant (consumption), the volume transferred from the Clarence Water Transfer System (CWTS) and the volume of water purchased from Fish River for 2012/2013 & 2013/2014.

**Table 1 - Oakey Park Monthly Output and Clarence Transfer 2014/2015**

Month	Oakey Park WTP (ML)	Clarence Transfer (ML)	Fish River Supply (ML)
July 2014	80	0	63
August 2014	145	0	45
September 2014	105	0	66
October 2014	112	0	61
November 2014	120	0	65
December 2014	84	0	36
January 2015	89	0	100

February 2015	95	0	66
March 2015	143	0	67
April 2015	99	0	71
May 2015	105	0	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>695</b>

**Table 2 - Oakey Park Monthly Output and Clarence Transfer 2012/2014 & 2013/2014**

Month	2012/13			2013/14		
	Oakey Park WTP (ML)	Clarence Transfer (ML)	Fish River Supply (ML)	Oakey Park WTP (ML)	Clarence Transfer (ML)	Fish River Supply (ML)
July	107	0	53	93	0	44
August	106	0	49	96	0	67
September	115	0	55	102	0	73
October	140	0	65	130	0	58
November	140	5	62	106	0	61
December	135	81	76	100	0	47
January	146	73	68	111	0	109
February	92	0	66	93	0	73
March	114	0	81	62	0	68
April	109	0	106	105	0	61
May	123	0	62	118	0	59
June	154	0	70	101	0	67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>787</b>

### **Oakey Park Water Quality Summary**

Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant is currently supplying water to Lithgow. No health-based ADWG values were exceeded for the period 23/05/2015 to 19/06/2015.

Monitoring results for the licence to operate the water treatment plant have been published on the Lithgow City Council website as required by the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

Council recently engaged a surveyor to carry out a bathymetric survey of Farmers Creek No. 2 Dam. This survey found the total capacity of the Dam to be 410.92ML.

### **Fish River Water Scheme Water Quality Summary**

Fish River Water Supply is currently supplying water to Marrangaroo, Wallerawang, Lidsdale, Portland, Cullen Bullen, Glen Davis and Rydal. No health-based ADWG values were exceeded for the period 23/05/2015 to 19/06/2015.

### **Current Water Restrictions Update**

Level 1 restrictions are effective from Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

### **Water Saving Schemes or Processes Update**

Council's Rainwater Tank and Domestic Appliance Rebate Program continued with Council approving one (1) application for household appliance rebates and no applications for water tank rebates for the period 23/05/2015 to 19/06/2015.

### **Water Reticulation Complaints**

Fourteen (14) varying complaints were received during the period 23/05/2015 to 19/06/2015 concerning water quality issues in the following areas:

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Concern</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Calero Street, Lithgow	Customer advised that their water is very dirty this morning, was ok yesterday but very putrid colour today.	High iron content. Complied with ADWG health limits. Main flushed to clear build-up of iron in reticulation.
Main Street, Lithgow	Caller stated that they have extremely dirty water.	Water tested. All results within reasonable range and complied with ADWG. Main flushed.
Riowena Place, Lithgow	Caller advised that after the no water situation around Landa Street, the water is back on but is really dirty.	High iron content. Complied with ADWG health limits.
Andrew Street, Lithgow	Caller advised that she is experiencing dirty water, it is a rusty brown colour.	High iron content. Complied with ADWG health limits. Main flushed after burst main in Landa Street area.
Lithgow Street, Lithgow	Experiencing dirty rusty like water.	High iron content. Complied with ADWG health limits. Main flushed to clear build-up in reticulation.
Ninda Place, Lithgow	Caller advised of dirty / cloudy water.	Cloudy water caused by air in the pipe. Testing conducted and complied with ADWG.



Percy Street, Lithgow	Experiencing dirty water, brown water in toilet and going through wash. About the 3rd time this has occurred.	High iron content. Complied with ADWG health limits. Main flushed to clear accumulation in dead end section of the network.
Ridge Street, Portland	Has really dirty water and it's all through her hot water system.	High iron content. Complied with ADWG health limits.
Laurie Street, Portland	Caller said she has filthy dirty water.	High iron content. Complied with ADWG health limits. Main flushed to reduce concentration of iron at this location.
Wolgan Road, Lidsdale	Bad smell for the last 2 days. Really bad, unable to wash up or shower.	Testing complied with ADWG. No evidence of quality issues.
Ridge Street, Portland	Dirty water.	Flushed water main.
Hartley Valley Road, Lithgow	Experiencing dirty water.	High iron content. Complied with ADWG health limits. Main flushed to eliminate build up in dead end section of reticulation.
Laurie Street, Portland	Caller stated she has dirty water.	Flushed water main.
John Street, Lithgow	Dirty Water.	Flushed water main.

A number of residences are continuing to experience relatively high iron content in their water supply. This is believed to be caused by residual iron from the dam turnover event in March remaining in Council's reservoirs. Testing is currently being undertaken to determine the exact cause. If excessive iron is found to be accumulated in the reservoirs, arrangements will be made to remove this iron build-up.

Analysis of the quality of water entering the Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant indicates acceptable levels of iron in the supply from Farmers Creek, and that the treatment process is producing water which complies with the ADWG.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council note the water report.

## **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY REPORTS**

### **ITEM-7            CORP - 29/06/15 - ARTS OUT WEST MEMORIANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2015-2018**

**REPORT FROM:            M JOHNSON - MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE**

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## **REFERENCE**

Min No 08-131: Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 August 2008

## **SUMMARY**

The current three year Memorandum of Understanding between Lithgow City Council and Arts OutWest is due to expire, this report recommends renewing the MOU for a further three year period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2018.

## **COMMENTARY**

Arts OutWest is the regional arts board for the Central West which aims to promote, facilitate, educate and advocate for arts and cultural development for communities of the NSW Central West.

Arts OutWest is financially supported by most Centroc Councils, the NSW government through Arts NSW and by Charles Sturt University.

Arts OutWest have requested that Council renew the current Memorandum of Understanding for a three year period to 30 June 2018.

Council has allocated \$12,868 recurrent financial assistance to Arts OutWest in the 2015/16 Operational Plan.

In its latest Annual Report, Arts OutWest identified the following highlight initiatives that it took in Lithgow in 2013/14 with an estimated value of \$34,162:

- Arts OutWest worked in partnership with National Parks and Wildlife Services to curate and manage the Kew-Y-Ahn Gallery at Hartley, showing and selling work by Aboriginal artists from the NSW central west region
- Presented a Portfolio Project Workshop of professional development for creative practitioners to create their digital portfolio.
- Held a Winter Arts Networking Night in Lithgow to give locals the opportunity to share and promote their arts practice or project and connect those working in arts & culture in the area.
- Central West Creative Lab workshops for Aboriginal Artists included a session with Wiradjuri elders at a location within the Lithgow LGA.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council's contribution in 2014/15 was \$12,670.80 based on \$0.60 per head of population and 2013 ABS estimated resident population figures of 21,118. Council's financial contribution for the three years of this MOU will remain \$0.60 per head of population and will be adjusted each year in line with the latest ABS estimated resident population figures.

Council has allocated \$12,868 recurrent financial assistance to Arts OutWest in the 2015/16 Operational Plan.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Memorandum of Understanding between Arts OutWest and Lithgow City Council 1 July 2015 - 30 June 2018

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council authorise the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Lithgow City Council and Arts OutWest for 2015-2018.

**REPORT FROM: J BROZEK - GROUP MANAGER CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY****REFERENCE**

Min No 15-18:	Ordinary meeting of Council held on 9 February 2015
Min No 15-45:	Ordinary meeting of Council held on 2 March 2015
Min No 15-63:	Ordinary meeting of Council held on 23 March 2015
Min No 15-88:	Ordinary meeting of Council held on 20 April 2015
Min No 15-123:	Ordinary meeting of Council held on 1 June 2015

**SUMMARY**

To advise Council of investments held as at 31 May 2015 in the 2014/15 financial year.

**COMMENTARY**

Council's total investment portfolio, as at 31 May 2015 when compared to 30 April 2015, has increased by \$33,206.36 from \$17,647,677.65 to \$17,680,884.01.

There is an overall increase in cash and investments of \$2,464,720.27.

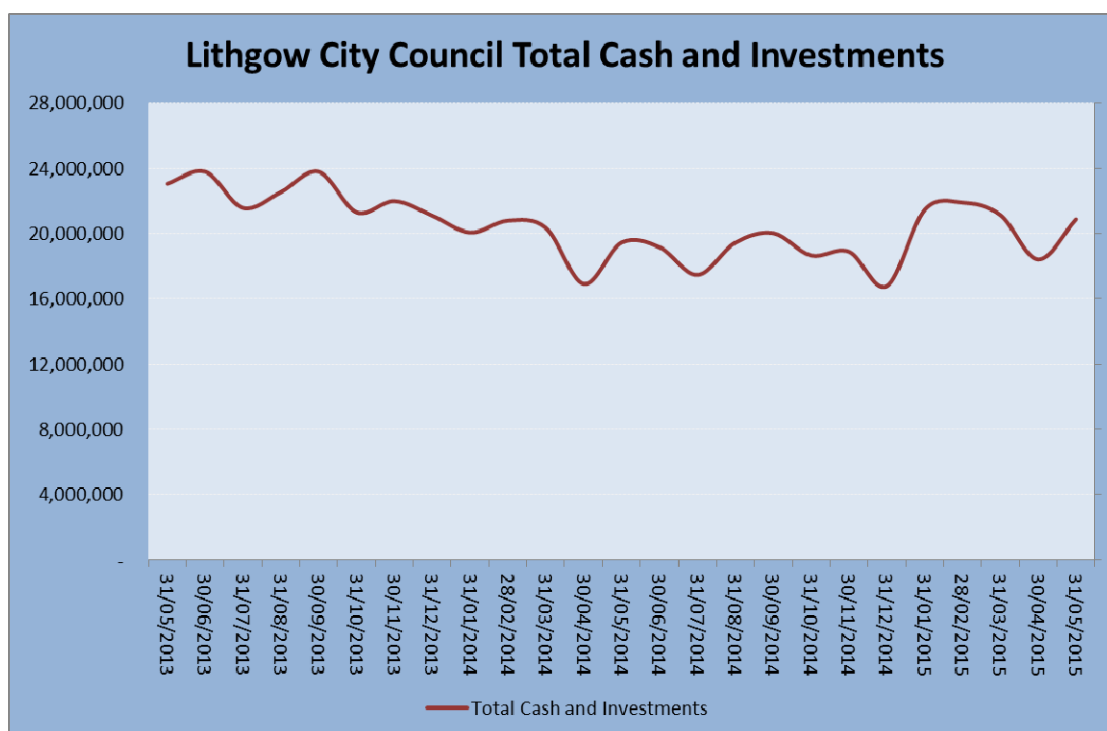
INVESTMENT REGISTER 2014/15								
INSTITUTION	INV TYPE	DATE LODGED	DATE DUE	DAYS	INT	VALUE 30.04.15	VALUE 31.05.15	% OF TOTAL
AMP	On Call	26.08.14			2.55	1,018,528.80	1,020,872.81	5.77%
CBA	On Call				1.95	1,512,961.86	1,515,519.39	8.57%
IMBS	TD	18.05.15	17.08.15	91	2.75	1,025,899.87	1,033,700.93	5.85%
	TD	23.03.15	02.07.15	101	3.00	1,008,476.71	1,008,476.71	5.70%
NAB	TD	25.05.15	24.08.15	91	2.97	1,035,901.56	1,044,036.94	5.90%
	TD	21.04.15	20.07.15	90	3.00	1,008,737.04	1,008,737.04	5.71%
	TD	17.03.15	15.06.15	90	3.12	1,035,896.61	1,035,896.61	5.86%
	TD	27.02.15	01.07.15	124	3.10	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	5.65%
WESTPAC	TD	09.04.15	09.07.15	91	2.76	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	5.65%
ST GEORGE	TD	19.03.15	19.06.15	92	2.95	963,455.81	963,455.81	5.45%
	TD	26.03.15	26.06.15	92	2.95	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	5.65%
ME BANK	TD	23.02.15	24.08.15	182	3.00	504,300.68	504,300.68	2.86%
	TD	27.02.15	24.06.15	117	2.97	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	11.31%
NEWCASTLE PERMANENT	On Call	25.05.15			2.00	1,016,805.63	1,024,410.78	5.79%
FAMILY FIRST CREDIT UNION	TD	07.05.15	05.08.15	90	2.75	1,016,713.08	1,021,476.31	5.78%
BANK OF QLD	TD	27.02.15	01.07.15	124	3.02	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	8.50%
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>17,647,677.65</b>	<b>17,680,884.01</b>	
I, Juli-Ann Brozek, Lithgow City Council's Manager Corporate & Community certify as required under Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, that Council's investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Regulations and Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy.								

The movement in Investments for the month of May 2015 were as follows:

Opening Balance of cash and investments as at 30 April 2015	\$18,403,395.10
Plus New Investments – May 2015	\$2,464,720.27
Less Investments redeemed – May 2015	\$0.00
Closing Balance of cash and investments as at 31 May 2015	\$20,868,115.37

If the movement in the bank account is negative, this is shown as a net redemption. If the movement in the bank account is positive this is shown as a net new investment.

On the graph below historical and current investments to 31 May 2015 are shown.



A large proportion of Council’s investments are held as restricted assets for specific purposes. Restricted assets may consist of externally restricted assets which must be spent for the purpose for which they have been received e.g. Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Domestic Waste, Parking, or internally restricted assets which have been set aside by Council resolution. Some internal restrictions are held to fund specific liabilities such as employee leave entitlements and bonds and deposits.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Investments are held in accordance with the Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy at the date of investing funds. On 27 October 2014 Council adopted a draft of the Investment Policy as Policy 8.7 which includes the Minsters Investment Order of 12 January 2011.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Interest earned to 31 May 2015 is \$501,963.51 Interest is paid on the maturity date of the investment, however an entry is performed at month end to account for interest earned but not yet received. The budget for interest income is determined by the average level

of funds held and the rate of return. Adjustments to the budget estimate are processed through Council's Quarterly Budget Review process. Interest Returns are determined by average funds invested and the rate of interest return.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Investments are held in accordance with the Lithgow City Council's Investment Policy at the date of investing the funds. On 27 October 2014 Council adopted a draft of the Investment Policy as Policy 8.7 and investments will comply with this Policy which includes the following:

- Local Government Act 1993 - Section 625
- Local Government Act 1993 - Order dated 12 January 2011
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997 Section 14A (2), 14c(1) & (2)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Investments of \$17,680,884.01 and cash of \$3,187,231.36 for the period ending 31 May be noted.

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

ITEM-9            CORP - 29/06/15 - 12 MAY 2015 - TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPORT BY -    K BARROW – TOURISM MANAGER

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### REFERENCE

Min No 15-21:        Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 February 2015  
Min No 15-65:        Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 March 201

### SUMMARY

This report details the Minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2015

### COMMENTARY

At the Tourism Advisory Committee held on 12 May 2015, there were numerous items discussed by the Committee that requires action from Council including;

- Update on Delivery Program
- Update of Lithgow Economic Development Strategy
- Implementation of Operational Review
- Key Actions from Tourism Strategy
- 2015/2016 Key Actions from Tourism Strategy
- Tourism Managers Report

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes from the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting of 12 May 2015

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council note the minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee held on the 12 May 2015



**ITEM-10            OPER - 29/06/15 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES - 26TH MAY 2015**

**REPORT BY: I STEWART – GROUP MANAGER OPERATIONS**

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**REFERENCE**

Min No 15-109:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**SUMMARY**

This report details the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**COMMENTARY**

At the Sports Advisory Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015, there were numerous items discussed by the Committee, including:

- Financial Assistance Requests
- 2015 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Sports Star of the Year Awards
- Booking Requests

**ATTACHMENTS**

1.            Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**ITEM-11            OPER - 29/06/15 - OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING - 28TH MAY 2015**

**REPORT BY: I STEWART – GROUP MANAGER OPERATIONS**

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## **SUMMARY**

This report details the Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

## **COMMENTARY**

At the Operations Committee Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015, there were a number of items discussed by the Committee including:

- Review of Major Projects
- Dates For Future Committee Meetings
- Eskbank Street Carpark

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Minutes from the Operations Committee meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **THAT:**

1. Council note the minutes of the Operations Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
2. Council alter the operating hours of the Indoor Aquatic Centre eliminating the period of closure between 11.0 am and 1.00 pm during weekdays.

**ITEM-12            CORP - 29/06/15 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 JUNE 2015**

**REPORT BY: M JOHNSON - MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE**

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**REFERENCE**

Min No 15-20:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 February 2015  
Min No 15-25:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 February 2015  
Min No 15-47:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 2 March 2015  
Min No 15-92:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 April 2015

**SUMMARY**

This report details the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on 2 June 2015 including Round 1 2015/16 Non-recurrent Financial Assistance recommendations.

**COMMENTARY**

At the Community Development Committee meeting held 2 June 2015 various items were discussed by the committee, including:

- A guest speaker discussion on the possible provision of a change facility for people with a disability, as part of the proposed adventure playground at Endeavour Park.
- 2015/16 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance recommendations.
- An update on the development of Blast Furnace Park.
- An update on the proposed WWII Memorial in Queen Elizabeth Park and the Lithgow Gun Emplacement.

**Financial Assistance**

Council has allocated a total of \$162,487 Financial Assistance in the 2015/16 Operational Plan for distribution to community organisations, comprised of \$78,621 for Recurrent Financial Assistance and \$83,866 for Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance.

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

Financial Assistance is provided under the following categories with the 2015/16 amounts shown:

**Recurrent Financial Assistance**

Lithgow Tidy Towns	\$2,000
Portland Tidy Towns	\$1,000
Cullen Bullen Tidy Towns	\$1,000
Wallerawang Tidy Towns	\$1,000

Ironfest	\$12,000
Lithgow Business Association	\$12,000
Arts OutWest	\$12,868
Solid Fuel Rebate	\$10,223
Lithgow Show	\$12,000
White Ribbon Day	\$500
LINC Rental Assistance	\$10,683
Western Region Academy of Sport	\$1,738
Portland Golf Club Sponsorship	\$842
School Presentations	\$767
<b>Total Recurrent</b>	<b>\$78,621</b>

### **Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance**

Council has allocated \$83,866 for Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance. It is recommended that the following be allocated from this:

#### **1. Fee Waivers**

- a) \$1,000 for the waiver by the General Manager of fees for the use of Council facilities throughout the year.
- b) \$10,000 for four Civic Ballroom and Tony Luchetti Showground fee waiver packages each up to the value of \$2,500. These are provided once only to each applicant; are not to be provided to organisations already receiving Financial Assistance for major events at these venues, and; applications are to be received at least 3 months prior to the event for consideration by a meeting of Council. One application under this category from the Mountain Cruizers Car Club was approved by Council in 2014/15.

#### **2. Sporting Related Financial Assistance**

- a) \$2,500 for sporting-related sponsorships/financial assistance including the waiving of sportsground hire fees and charges and financial assistance for junior representatives. These applications are considered by Council's Sports Advisory Committee and reported separately to Council for approval.

### **Rounds 1 and 2 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance**

The remaining \$70,366 from the total Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance allocation of \$83,866 is for distribution in two funding rounds, with applications called for in April and October 2015.

Council called for applications from the community for Round 1 from 1 – 30 April 2015. The Community Development Committee Council considered these applications on 2 June 2015 and has made recommendations to Council on the projects and amounts to be funded.

This report considers those requests as follows. A further report will be presented to Council in December 2015 detailing requests under Round 2 of 2015/16 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance.

## Round 1 2015/16 Financial Assistance Requests and Recommendations

	<b>Organisation and Project</b>	<b>Project Outline</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
<b>(a)</b>	Lithgow Men's Shed  <b>Administrative Assistance</b>	Assistance for recurring administrative expenses including phone, internet, computing/printing, software and stationery.	\$2,000	\$1,000
<b>(b)</b>	Lithgow Workmen's Club Men's and Women's Bowling Club  <b>Promotional Magnets</b>	Produce a magnet advertising Workmen's Club Bowls around the Lithgow district and in away competitions in other areas, aiming to bring more visitors to the area.	\$680	\$200
<b>(c)</b>	Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre  <b>Circle of Security Parenting Program</b>	Eight week parenting program for parents and carers with children 8 years and younger.	\$4,716	\$2,000
<b>(d)</b>	Lithgow State Mine Heritage Park & Railway  <b>Ghosts of Gondwana</b>	The Museum is currently upgrading and expanding interpretations. The Ghosts of Gondwana exhibit is intended to provide an insight into the geology of the coal seams worked in the Western Coalfield. It will also showcase the interesting Glossopteris fossils donated to the museum in the past 20 years.	\$2,000	\$1,000
<b>(e)</b>	Lithgow PCYC  <b>Activity Equipment Upgrades</b>	Upgrade activity equipment for archery, boxing, boxing for fitness and karate etc.	\$3,000	\$1,500

	<b>Organisation and Project</b>	<b>Project Outline</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
<b>(f)</b>	Combined Districts Kart Club  <b>Lithgow City Raceway Signage</b>	The club has recently erected an outgrid shelter at the track and the old sign needs replacing. The new sign will promote Lithgow City Raceway in all their local, state and national advertising and will include the LCC logo.	\$574	\$574
<b>(g)</b>	Lithgow City Band  <b>General Financial Assistance</b>	Ongoing assistance including purchasing new music, and supporting a program of maintenance and gradual replacement of instruments.	\$2,000	\$1,500
<b>(h)</b>	National Trust of Australia (NSW)  <b>John Wellings Award</b>	The John Wellings Award encourages young people to explore their local heritage by holding an art competition on a different heritage subject each year. Students and schools are awarded cash prizes for participation. Last year over 100 entries were received and were displayed in the Lithgow Library for a month.	\$800	\$500
<b>(i)</b>	Blast Furnace Theatre Company  <b>Hansel and Gretel</b>	Stage a production of the children's play Hansel and Gretel by local playwright Catherine Lockley at Eskbank House and aimed at children 12 years and under.	\$3,000	\$2,500
<b>(j)</b>	Mitchell Conservatorium Inc. Lithgow Division  <b>2016 Scholarships</b>	Sponsorship of 2-3 student scholarships in 2016 recognising talented students and providing a reduction in tuition fees	\$2,500	\$1,500
<b>(k)</b>	Mingaan Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation  <b>NAIDOC</b>	NAIDOC celebrations this year will again be held at Lake Wallace and will provide education and a unique cultural experience for all of the community	\$3,000	\$2,000

	<b>Organisation and Project</b>	<b>Project Outline</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
	<b>Week 2015</b>	and an opportunity to enhance knowledge of Aboriginal culture, language, food and music.		
<b>(l)</b>	Lithgow Community Housing  <b>Crisis Accommodation Assistance Baskets</b>	Provide practical assistance to families and individuals in crisis situations including those escaping domestic violence and homelessness with a washing basket full of items such as cleaning products, kitchen utensils, cutlery, kitchenware, small appliances such as toasters and kettles, and bedding such as blankets, quilts and pillows.	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>(m)</b>	Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre  <b>Migrant and Refugee Mentoring Program</b>	Provide social and academic support for migrants and refugees in the Lithgow LGA. Mentors will be matched with newly arrived people in the community who are in need of a helping hand.	\$3,407	\$2,000
<b>(n)</b>	Lithgow Community Transport  <b>Bus window tinting</b>	Tint the windows of Lithgow Community Transport's two buses for frail aged or people with a disability to improve passenger comfort.	\$1,800	\$1,000
<b>(o)</b>	Lithgow Legacy  <b>General running costs</b>	Legacy assists dependants of deceased veterans and the families of incapacitated veterans with pension applications, compensation claims, financial, emotional and welfare support.	\$3,000	\$1,500

	<b>Organisation and Project</b>	<b>Project Outline</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
<b>(p)</b>	Lithgow Uniting Church  <b>Noah's Ark Babies Group</b>	Noah's Ark Babies Group is a unique group that assists parents/carers with children birth to 2 years to participate in a social and learning environment. The group wishes to expand resources including engaging early childhood teachers, speech pathologists and early intervention services to identify vulnerability or additional needs in children, and support their parents.	\$3,000	\$1,500
<b>(q)</b>	Lithgow Child Protection Interagency  <b>Children's Expo, Community Fun Days and Professional Development</b>	The LCP Interagency aims to promote the safety and wellbeing of children, their families and the community. Community Fun Days build a sense of community by providing free events in Bowenfels and Portland during 2015 and 2016. An expo will be held for all services in Lithgow and surrounding areas providing opportunity for service promotion, collaboration/partnership building and networking.	\$4,520	\$2,000
<b>(r)</b>	Lithgow Athletics Club  <b>Project Defib</b>	The Red Cross are currently helping sporting clubs install a defibrillator and complete training for using the equipment. As there are many sporting events at the Toni Luchetti Sports Ground the defibrillator will help save the lives of competitors and spectators should an emergency occur.	\$2,600	\$2,000



	<b>Organisation and Project</b>	<b>Project Outline</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
<b>(s)</b>	Greater Lithgow Arts Council  <b>Lithgow District Cultural Awards</b>	Recognise the outstanding achievements and cultural endeavours of people and groups within the Lithgow LGA. The recognition awards will have 3 levels; Youth, Adult and Group.	\$3,000	\$2,400
<b>(t)</b>	Pied Piper Preschool  <b>Solar Panels</b>	The project aims to raise \$5,500 to fund the installation of solar panels at the preschool to reduce emissions, reduce fee increases to families through increased electricity costs and teach the children about more sustainable ways of living.	\$2,000	\$500
<b>(u)</b>	Wallerawang Kids Club  <b>Reimbursement of Wallerawang Hall hire charges</b>	The Wallerawang Kids Club provides activities for up to 55 children and has 20 volunteer staff.	\$1,060	\$500
<b>(v)</b>	Portland Men's Shed  <b>Establish workshop facilities</b>	Purchase equipment to maintain the workshop facilities of the Portland Men's Shed as well as assisting with the shed's various outreach community projects.	\$3,985	\$1,000
<b>(w)</b>	Gindaay Youth Centre (Fusion Australia Ltd) Portland  <b>Ongoing running costs for Gindaay Youth Centre Portland</b>	The Portland Youth Centre (Gindaay) is a not for profit drop in centre for young people, providing off street activities in a safe, supervised environment after school each Monday and Wednesday.	\$2,000	\$1,500
<b>(x)</b>	Crystal Theatre Community Cinema	Purchase and install digital projection equipment in order to continue showing movies that are now only	\$3,000	\$1,500

	<b>Organisation and Project</b>	<b>Project Outline</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
	<b>Purchase and install digital projection equipment</b>	produced in digital format.		
<b>(y)</b>	Rydal AH & P Society <b>Sponsorship</b>	Sponsorship of the Heavy Horse Section & Yard Dog Trials at the 2016 Rydal Show.	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>(z)</b>	Rydal Village Association <b>Daffodils at Rydal 2015</b>	Assistance with promotion costs of Daffodils at Rydal and purchase of more bulbs to help with improving the Daffodil image of Rydal.	\$2,000	\$1,200
<b>(a1)</b>	Tarana Tanker Trailers <b>Tanker Trailer Registration</b>	Register 12 tanker trailers for safe use in fighting fires.	\$1,100	\$1,100
<b>(b1)</b>	Hartley Recreation Reserve Trust <b>Provision of electrical power to The Old Hartley School and grounds</b>	Connect power to the outbuildings and shelters to enable the community to use the facility after dark.	\$2,500	\$1,800
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$65,242</b>	<b>\$37,774</b>

### **Conclusion**

A total of \$83,866 approved by Council for Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance in 2015/16 is recommended for allocation as follows:

Twenty eight (28) projects to the value of \$37,774 are recommended for Round 1 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance. This will leave a further \$32,592 for allocation in Round 2 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance later in 2015/16.

The committee has recommended that Council provide \$500 to the National Trust of Australia (Lithgow Branch). The Committee has further recommended that as Council is providing the funds, the award should not be named in recognition of an individual person and instead be named Lithgow City Council Award.

The John Wellings Award has been an annual history competition organised by the Lithgow Regional Branch of the National Trust in memory of the late John Wellings, a former resident of Rydal and local history teacher that encourages young people to

explore their local heritage. An art competition is held on a different heritage subject each year with students and schools awarded cash prizes for participation.

The John Wellings Award was established in 2007 by Council resolution (Min 07-33 of the 5 February 2007 Policy and Strategy Meeting of Council). Council has provided Financial Assistance to the John Wellings Award since 2013/14.

In 2014 over 100 entries were received and were displayed in the Lithgow Library for a month.

This year local school children have been invited to produce and submit an A3 poster with the theme: "How the Great War affected people of Lithgow and the Surrounding Area". Entries will be on display at the Lithgow Library from 1 - 12 September and the presentation to the winners of the competition will be held on Friday 12 September.

It is therefore recommended that the financial assistance for the award be provided subject to suitable recognition of Lithgow City Council being given in the naming and promotion of the award.

### **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 \$162,487 in the 2015/16 Operational Plan. It is recommended \$162,487 be allocated as follows:

- \$78,621 for Recurrent Financial Assistance.
- \$70,366 in Rounds 1 and 2 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance of which \$37,774 is recommended for allocation in Round 1 in July 2015, leaving a further \$32,592 for allocation by Council in Round 2 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance in October 2015.
- \$1,000 for waivers by the General Manager of fees for the use of Council facilities throughout the year.
- \$2,500 for Sporting Related Financial Assistance including the waiving of sportsground hire fees and charges and Financial Assistance for junior representatives.
- \$10,000 for four packages of up to \$2,500 each to nonprofit community groups towards the cost of hiring the Civic Ballroom and/or Tony Luchetti Showground for major events that demonstrate an economic and social benefit to Lithgow.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Local Government Act NSW 1993, Section 356

## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held 2 June 2015.
2. Provide Round 1 2015/16 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance to the following organisations:

	<b>Organisation and Project</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
(a)	Lithgow Men's Shed <b>Administrative Assistance</b>	\$1,000
(b)	Lithgow Workmen's Club Men's and Women's Bowling Club <b>Promotional Magnets</b>	\$200
(c)	Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre <b>Circle of Security Parenting Program</b>	\$2,000
(d)	Lithgow State Mine Heritage Park & Railway <b>Ghosts of Gondwana</b>	\$1,000
(e)	Lithgow PCYC <b>Activity Equipment Upgrades</b>	\$1,500
(f)	Combined Districts Kart Club <b>Lithgow City Raceway Signage</b>	\$574
(g)	Lithgow City Band <b>General Financial Assistance</b>	\$1,500
(h)	National Trust of Australia (NSW) <b>John Wellings Award</b>	\$500
(i)	Blast Furnace Theatre Company <b>Hansel and Gretel</b>	\$2,500
(j)	Mitchell Conservatorium Inc. Lithgow Division <b>2016 Scholarships</b>	\$1,500
(k)	Mingaan Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation <b>NAIDOC Week 2015</b>	\$2,000
(l)	Lithgow Community Housing <b>Crisis Accommodation Assistance</b>	\$1,000

	<b>Organisation and Project</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
	<b>Baskets</b>	
(m)	Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre  <b>Migrant and Refugee Mentoring Program</b>	\$2,000
(n)	Lithgow Community Transport  <b>Bus window tinting</b>	\$1,000
(o)	Lithgow Legacy  <b>General running costs</b>	\$1,500
(p)	Lithgow Uniting Church  <b>Noah's Ark Babies Group</b>	\$1,500
(q)	Lithgow Child Protection Interagency  <b>Children's Expo, Community Fun Days and Professional Development</b>	\$2,000
(r)	Lithgow Athletics Club  <b>Project Defib</b>	\$2,000
(s)	Greater Lithgow Arts Council  <b>Lithgow District Cultural Awards</b>	\$2,400
(t)	Pied Piper Preschool  <b>Solar Panels</b>	\$500
(u)	Wallerawang Kids Club  <b>Reimbursement of Wallerawang Hall hire charges</b>	\$500
(v)	Portland Men's Shed  <b>Establish workshop facilities</b>	\$1,000
(w)	Gindaay Youth Centre (Fusion Australia Ltd) Portland  <b>Ongoing running costs for Gindaay Youth Centre Portland</b>	\$1,500
(x)	Crystal Theatre Community Cinema  <b>Purchase and install digital projection equipment</b>	\$1,500
(y)	Rydal AH & P Society  <b>Sponsorship</b>	\$1,000
(z)	Rydal Village Association	\$1,200

	<b>Organisation and Project</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
	<b>Daffodils at Rydal 2015</b>	
<b>(a1)</b>	Tarana Tanker Trailers <b>Tanker Trailer Registration</b>	\$1,100
<b>(b1)</b>	Hartley Recreation Reserve Trust <b>Provision of electrical power to The Old Hartley School and grounds</b>	\$1,800
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,774</b>

3. Allocate \$1,000 from the Non-recurrent Financial Assistance allocation for waivers by the General Manager of fees for the use of Council facilities throughout the year.
4. Allocate \$10,000 from the Non-recurrent Financial Assistance allocation for four(4) fee waiver packages of up to \$2,500 each to non-profit community groups towards the cost of hiring the Civic Ballroom and/or Tony Luchetti Showground
5. Allocate \$2,500 from the Non-recurrent Financial Assistance allocation for Sporting Related Financial Assistance.
6. Rename the award formerly known as John Wellings Award to the Lithgow City Council Award

**ITEM-13            CORP - 29/06/15 - 16 JUNE 2015 - TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**REPORT BY -    K BARROW – TOURISM MANAGER**

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**REFERENCE**

Min No 15-21:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 February 2015  
Min No 15-65:            Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 March 2015

**SUMMARY**

This report details the Minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 June 2015

**COMMENTARY**

At the Tourism Advisory Committee held on 16 June 2015, there were numerous items discussed by the Committee that requires action from Council including;

- Update on Delivery Program
- Update of Lithgow Economic Development Strategy
- Implementation of Operational Review
- Key Actions from Tourism Strategy
- 2015/2016 Key Actions from Tourism Strategy
- Tourism Managers Report
- Blue Mountains Lithgow Oberon Tourism (BMLOT)

**BMLOT**

During 2015 several meetings of the BMLOT have been held with a number of concerns raised including governance, financial stability, State Government funding and lack of performance by the board. The committee recommends the following; Council give written notice terminating membership of BMLOT and advising cessation of Council's annual funding for BMLOT. That Council supports the Destination NSW Tourism Forum on development of a sustainable model for regional tourism. That Council retain the proposed 2015/16 allocation for regional tourism and marketing in the Council Budget until review of the outcomes of the Destination NSW forum.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Minutes from the Tourism Advisory Committee meeting of 16 June 2015

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **THAT** Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee held on the 16 June 2015
2. In accordance with clause 10.1(a) of the BMLOT constitution, gives written notice resigning the Council's membership of BMLOT and advising the cessation of the Council's annual funding for BMLOT.
3. Welcomes and supports Destination NSW's tourism forum on development of a sustainable model for regional tourism and marketing for the Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon, which will be held in June/July 2015 and that the Council advises Destination NSW that it will be an active participant.
4. Retains the proposed 2015-2016 allocation for regional tourism and marketing in Council's budget until the Council has reviewed the outcomes of the Destination NSW forum and options for sustainable models for regional tourism are presented and considered.



## SUMMARY

This report details the Minutes of the Mining Taskforce Meeting held on 16 June 2015.

## COMMENTARY

At the Mining Taskforce meeting held on 16 June 2015 there were a number of issues discussed including:

- The progress of the Centennial Coal Application for the Springvale Mine
- The progress on other mine applications
- Baal Bone Colliery
- Clarence Colliery water
- Gardens of Stone
- Summary of correspondence sent/received by Council.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Mining Taskforce meeting held on 16 June 2015

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council note the minutes of the Mining Taskforce meeting held on 16 June 2015.

## DELEGATES REPORTS

### ITEM-15 DELEGATES REPORT - 29/06/15 - CENTROC MEETING - 28 MAY 2015

#### REPORT FROM: COUNCILLOR MAREE STATHAM, MAYOR

## REFERENCE

Min No 15-70: Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 March 2015

## SUMMARY

This report outlines the discussions from the Centroc meeting held at Parliament House on Thursday 28 May 2015.

## COMMENTARY

With the Deputy Mayor, Clr Thompson, and Council's General Manager I attended the Centroc Board meeting at Parliament House Sydney 28 May 2015. The Centroc Executive also met prior to the Board that morning. Centroc representatives also met with several Ministerial meetings the day before.

Member for Bathurst and Minister for Local Government The Hon. Paul Toole, assisted with organising the Parliament visit. We were fortunate to have the following Ministers address the Board.

- The Hon Mr John Barilaro, Minister for Regional Development
- The Jillian Skinner, Minister for Health
- The Hon Paul Toole, Minister for Local Government
- The Hon Duncan Gay, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight and Mr Andrew Gee Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads
- The Hon Robert Stokes, Minister for Planning,
- Mr John Sidoti, Parliamentary Secretary for Roads and Transport

Prior to our Board meeting, on the Wednesday the Chair, Cr Bill West, met with:

- The Hon Mr John Barilaro, Minister for Regional Development
- The Hon Mr Rick Colless Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources and Regional Planning
- The Hon Ms Sarah Mitchell, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural & Regional Health and Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW
- The Hon Mr Niall Blair, Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Water and Land
- Treasurer the Hon Gladys Berejikian and
- The Deputy Director General of Water of NSW Department of Primary Industries, Mr Gavin Hanlon.

I provide the following report for Council's information, along with the meeting minutes.

**Transport Infrastructure** - Centroc Members resolved to adopt the report tabled by RDACW in collaboration with Centroc on the Freight, Logistics and Transport infrastructure priorities completed in April. Members will be able to use this work to support funding applications for transport infrastructure at both the State and Federal levels.

A review of priority project completed by REROC is suggested with a view to value adding the Centroc approach with a freight specific outcome.

The Centroc and RDA Regional Infrastructure Assessment: Decision Support Matrix was presented to the Treasurer the Hon Gladys Berejiklian on the Wednesday afternoon enabling opportunities to share and optimise the Regional Infrastructure Priority Matrix information across the State. It was well received and further work is being undertaken with Treasury staff to find its fit with Treasury Guidelines.

**Water Security** – The revised Advocacy Water Plan and the Regional Strategic Business Plan for Water were both adopted by the Board.

A report will be received following a regional workshop on optimising of the Priority Infrastructure Matrix in the context of the current funding framework. This builds on the growing body of strategic work in the region that has enabled the Councils of Central NSW to be highly successful for funding applications for water.

A meeting with Mr Gavin Hanlon, the newly appointed Deputy Director General, Water to discuss a number of issues relating to the cost and compliance burden of the Best Practice Framework, particularly for Integrated Water Cycle Management Plans was held on the Wednesday. Further follow is underway and will be reported to the Board at a later date where Mr Hanlon has agreed to visit the region in the near future.

A Meeting with the Hon Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water at this meeting the following key items were raised with him:

- To brief the Minister on the success of the State Government consultation with Local Government and the agricultural sector on scoping for a potential new dam on the Belubula;
- To offer support to co-ordinate project development and communication with regional stakeholders for implementation of cross boundary water security projects;
- Advice on the pathway for Central NSW Councils and our agricultural sector to collaborate with the State Government on a review of the Murray Darling Basin Plan in our region;
- The Minister's support for the development of a Food and Fibre Plan for Central NSW;
- An update from the Minister on the progress of the Crown Lands Management Review; and
- Advice from the Minister regarding the status of the Weather Station for Central NSW and the Orana Region.

**Health** – Support for the Carewest and Ronald McDonald projects was resolved, where further follow up on what requirements are expected from Centroc.

A report will be provided to the Board on the merits of a case study visit to James Cook University Medical School in Townsville and specific support be given to the Murray Darling Medical School Model in the context of ongoing general support for all university activity in the medical space in this region.

Centroc representatives met with Ms Sarah Mitchell, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural & Regional Health and Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW. An invitation has been extended to Ms Mitchell and it is hoped to work more closely with her, given her new role of Premier and Cabinet and fit with it as Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW.

A hand delivered letter was presented to the Hon Pru Goward, Minister for Mental Health, regarding concerns for the future of the Centre for Rural and Remote Health and the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program.

**Regional Development** – A MOU between Centroc and Regional Development Australia Central West (RDACW) was signed with the Minister for Regional Development as a witness.

Further follow up with Minister Barilaro is underway with an invitation extended to him to visit our region.

Centroc resolved to sponsor the Sustainable Economic Growth Regional Australia event that will be held at Bathurst in October.

A report will be received from the Department of Agriculture regarding the briefing notes provided to advisor to the Hon Barnaby Joyce, Mr Richard Hyett.

During his presentation Minister Barilaro provided advice that he was keen to see more activity in the regions in support of agriculture and subsequent to the Board meeting RDACW have provided advice that they are investing in a value add agriculture strategy.

**Telecommunications** - RDACW has indicated in principle support for overseeing a project to review telecommunications infrastructure priorities for the region. Members are encouraged to take part in this process.

**Planning** - The Regional Growth Plan is currently progressing very well through the Planners Group in collaboration with DoPE.

The Hon Robert Stokes, Minister for Planning Addressed the Board and follow up is being taken up from his presentation to the Board on:

- Consideration of a review of the population projections methodology used by the Department of Planning in the context of their implications for investment in regional areas
- New classes of complying development reflecting the needs of the regions
- The reintroduction of the planning reforms
- Planning for growth in Central NSW and its fit with the NSW Government policy on decentralisation, and

- all of the above in the context of a recognition of the need to do planning differently in regional NSW.

**The JO pilot progress** – The Board thanked Cr David Somerville for his work with the Legal Framework discussion paper for the JO pilot.

The Regional Priorities Statement that is a mandatory activity prescribed by the Office of Local Government was endorsed by the Board along with the Communication Plan.

Various meetings for the JO pilot have taken place since the February Board. Members should refer to the JO updates for more detailed advice.

**Operational** – Centroc staff continue to maintain savings for the Region. To date a total Net Savings of \$2,872,066 has been achieved for councils for its operational support program since its inception in 2009.

**Financial** – There have been two main variations to the original Centroc budget. The first variation is the adjustment to the income and expenditure lines for the CEEP 2 Project. The bulk of the Project's work has occurred in 2014/2015 and the Project is due for completion by 30 June 2015. The final funding payment of \$200,000 is to be paid upon submission of the final report.

The second significant variation relates to the Joint Organisation Pilot. It is anticipated that the first 50% funding payment of \$150,000 will be received before the end of this financial year with the remaining amount expected in the first half of next financial year.

There is a lot of valuable collaborative activity going on in this region, through our JO Pilot program, all activities are tracking well to date and engagement with state agencies continues to grow stronger.

Centroc members should be congratulated for their collaborative efforts for better outcomes for the region.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Delegates Report from the Centroc Board Meeting 28 May 2015 at Parliament House be noted.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

**ITEM-16 NOTICE OF MOTION - 29/06/15 - CURRENT REFURBISHMENT OF THE 50-METRE OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL AT LITHGOW AQUATIC CENTRE - CLR M TICEHURST**

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### REFERENCE

Current construction underway on the refurbishment of the 50-metre Outdoor Swimming Pool at Lithgow Aquatic Centre.

### COMMENTARY

- Q. Could the General Manager and/or Senior Council Officers provide an update to this Ordinary Meeting of Council on the current construction underway on the refurbishment of the 50-metre Outdoor Swimming Pool at Lithgow Aquatic Centre?

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the General Manager and/or Senior Council Officers provide an update to this Ordinary Meeting of Council on the current construction underway on the refurbishment of the 50-metre Outdoor Swimming Pool at Lithgow Aquatic Centre.

**ITEM-17 NOTICE OF MOTION - 29/06/15 - CURRENT REPLACEMENT OF THE BLACK BRIDGE AT WALLERAWANG - CLR M TICEHURST**

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**REFERENCE**

Current construction underway on the replacement of the Black Bridge at Wallerawang.

**COMMENTARY**

Q. Could the General Manager and/or Senior Council Officers provide an update to this Ordinary Meeting of Council on the Current construction underway on the replacement of the Black Bridge at Wallerawang?

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the General Manager and/or Senior Council Officers provide an update to this Ordinary Meeting of Council on the current construction underway on the replacement of the Black Bridge at Wallerawang.

**ITEM-18 NOTICE OF MOTION - 29/06/15 - PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF  
'LITHGOWITES' WHO SERVED AND DIED DURING WW2 AND THE  
KOREAN WAR - CLR M TICEHURST**

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**REFERENCE**

Letter from Mrs Lorraine Ryan of South Bowenfels.

**COMMENTARY**

- Q. Could the General Manager and/or Senior Council Officers provide an update to this Ordinary Meeting of Council on the current talks being held towards the formal public recognition of 'Lithgowites' who served and died during WW2 and the Korean War?

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Letter from Mrs Lorraine Ryan of South Bowenfels.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the General Manager and/or Senior Council Officers provide an update to this Ordinary Meeting of Council on the current talks being held towards the formal public recognition of 'Lithgowites' who served and died during WW2 and the Korean War.



## **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.*