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Dear Sir,

I wish to respond to the invitation to join the Council's Advisory Committee. I was appointed to this Committee, the Heritage Advisory Committee. ~~I was appointed to this Committee~~ and I hope to continue to serve in this area. Lithgow and district has a wonderful history and situationally is so important in the "crossing" of the mountains. There is much in the preservation of history, landscape & built environment important in this distant which needs care from the Council so there is a continuation and preservation of assets in this important part of N.S.W.
The Council has already my credentials and background which was supplied with my initial invitation to join this committee.

Yours sincerely,
Dr Helen Clements


Please note - I lost my computer in the storm on 24 Feb. - so email not reconnected at present.



The General Manager
Lithgow City Council
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Lithgow NSW 2790

2nd March 2017

Dear Sir


RE Application to join Local Heritage Advisory Committee

I read the recent advertisement seeking applications from community members to join the Lithgow City Council Local Heritage Advisory Committee and write to express my interest.

My wife and I have a passionate interest in the European heritage of the Hartley Valley and the region generally. As our personal 1988 bicentenary project we acquired a run down heritage property in Hartley and have recently completed a project to fully restore it. Since moving initially part time to the district we have taken an active interest in heritage matters and both served on the 1813 committee of the Hartley District Progress Association that delivered the very succesful 1813 bicentenary program in partnership with Council. For my part, I act as a committee member of that association and also act as treasurer of a charitable trust, The Western Crossings Trust that we set up in Hartley to provide a vehicle to consider and reflect on the consequences of the European crossing of the mountains in 1813 and to provide a vehicle for the acquisition of relevant items of movable cultural heritage.

In my role on the HDPA 1813 committee I was responsible for the development and much of the implementation work for the Hartley Valley Heritage Property Date Signing Project. This project is currently operating a full pilot in Hartley Vale. I also acted as the lead guide in our 1813 committee's Cox's Road walks Program that we are replicating again this year. In connection with these and other 1813 committee projects I was an occasional attendee at Council's now disbanded Western Crossings Committee.

My passion and concern for the heritage of the district is probably captured by a piece I wrote in the Mercury at the time of reconsideration of Councils listing of additional heritage properties in the Local Environment Plan. I will attach a copy that was ultimately sent as a petiton signed by thirty or more like minded individuals to each Lithgow City Councillor at the time of the reconsideration of the LCC LEP Heritage Listings in March 2014. Ultimately I believe our regional heritage, if properly



managed, will form the foundation for an important element of regional tourism for our future economy.

I am now largely retired after having consulted in the area of environmental sustainability for several years since leaving my role as Director Corporate Affairs for Fuji Xerox in 2008. I am a Chartered Accountant and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and provide pro bono services to a number of charitable and not for profit entities that I support. In addition to my HDPa heritage involvement I am a member of the National Trust and treasurer of the local branch of that organisation.

I would be happy to supply further information or to attend an interview if that would assist.

Your Faithfully

Ramsay Moodie

Appendix

20th March 2014

Dear Councillor

We were surprised and disappointed to hear that Council, in the process of finalising our new Local Environment Plan, had voted to exclude from recognition a host of heritage properties that had been proposed to be listed as items of regional heritage significance. While this is the lowest level of recognition that can be conferred on a heritage property, it is an important acknowledgement of its value.

When a history conference like that which was held in the Workies in 2011 can draw nearly two hundred attendees. When a history exhibition like the one run in Hartley last year can draw over a thousand locals. When the guided walks run on Cox's road last year drew more than fifty percent of attendees from the local community. When we are almost unique with our family history society; we clearly have a community that loves its heritage. How can such a community not want to recognise its built heritage?

We live in an area richly endowed in all types of heritage, natural, built and Aboriginal. But our built heritage is amazing. Embankments, drains and causeways, of roads built by convicts from the reigns of George III, William IV and George IV. Victorian Edwardian streetscapes, funded by our industrialisation, that are virtually unique in Australia. A host of early graveyards, many secreted away on private land. The first three buildings erected west of the blue mountains. Hundreds of other stone, pise, convict brick and weatherboard houses that mark the earliest settlement and development of the Central West. Powerful symbols of our earlier importance, the Hartley Courthouse, the gun emplacements, the Coerwull Academy buildings. Items of original 1870s railway infrastructure that are unique. Remnant remains of our industrialisation and 'in town' mining

and its supporting infrastructure that underpin a fascinating story of early Australian capitalism and the growth of the union movement. And so the list could go on.

It was back in the 90's that Council took the farsighted decision to build on earlier work by going through a process to definitively catalogue this wealth of heritage assets. Professor Ian Jack assembled a report over several years that is still a 'must read' document in the Library for those who might seek to understand the rich past of this town and its surrounding country side and villages. It provided an exhaustive and inspirational document to inform the long awaited new 2014 Lithgow Region LEP.

Council's staff have gone through an extensive process to advise and consult with owners of the properties proposed for listing as local heritage items. In all they sent over one thousand letters during the course of the last year advising owners of heritage properties of their intention to confer heritage recognition on their properties in the LEP.

Many will have received those letters with delight; as a long overdue recognition of the heritage values that they themselves appreciate. Some will have welcomed the recognition for the enhancement of value that a heritage listing can bring, others because it may enable them to access assistance with the conservation of their building. Others again, because they appreciate that planning guidelines are written to encourage adaptive use of such properties to ensure their viability in a modern world, providing utilisation flexibility that extends far beyond normal land use zone limits. Others, in conservation zones, may have appreciated that the listing was more for the classic streetscape than the balance of the property and that they would be subject to only normal planning controls in respect of additions within or behind their building.

Having advised owners that their property is to be listed, one would assume that all recipients that were concerned by such a prospect would respond to Council expressing their concern in writing. The fact that only twenty owners wrote letters objecting to their properties classification again highlights the fact that people in this region love their history. On the other hand a number of people wrote confirming their support of the process or seeking to correct the heritage information attaching to their property. In one case a company wrote to explain that their heritage property had not been listed and seeking that it should be.

In the light of all this, Council's decision to only list the ninety or so properties that had been incorporated in the 1994 LEP seems to run against the grain. It denies the proposition that Lithgow loves its heritage, it denies that less than 2% of property owners were concerned to formally object. Worse, it denies the benefits of listing to the many hundreds of heritage property owners who had eagerly anticipated their listing based on Council's advice last year. It also denies the fact that twenty objections could be handled by exception, each considered, modified or determined based on their specific circumstances.

As an enlightened community that loves our story we need to ensure that our heritage assets are properly recognised and catalogued. In a future where we will become a more service oriented economy our wealth of heritage assets and our proximity to a market of 5million people will underpin a thriving heritage tourism industry. Our children will only thank us for proceeding boldly to acknowledge our heritage by properly recognising it in our new Local Environment Plan.

As our elected representative, we would ask you to urgently reconsider this situation.

Your Sincerely

Ramsay Moodie Hartley, Susie Moodie Hartley, Brendan Child South Bownfels, Sarah Childs South Bownfels, Jeremy Dawkins Hartley Vale, Kate Miller Hartley Vale, Adrian Leighton Little Hartley, Fran Leighton Little Hartley, Duncan Wass Little Hartley, Barbara Wass Little Hartley, Trish Ryan Hartley, John James Hartley Vale, Hilary James Hartley Vale, Fiona Disney Kanimbla Valley, Joan Kent Kanimbla Valley, Tom Kent Kanimbla Valley, Ian Campbell Hartley, Joanna Bailey Lithgow, Danny Whitty Wallerawang, Robyn Whitty Wallerawang, Celia Ravesi Hampton, Merle Gill Lithgow, Helen Clements Lithgow, John Martin Hampton, John Facchina Hartley, Enid Facchina Hartley, Jan Pennington Hampton, Catherine Shead Little Hartley, David Peters Hartley Vale, Raphael Fitzpatrick Little Hartley

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Nomination for Council Committee

I would like to nominate for the Lithgow Local Heritage Advisory Committee

As a former Councillor I was a member of this Committee.

I have a keen interest in Heritage and the preservation of heritage.

I have been involved with a number of heritage projects in the Rydal area that we have been recognized for.

I believe that I could have a positive impact on this Committee.

Yours sincerely

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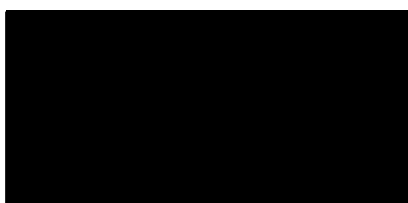
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Mr Andrew Muir
A/g General Manager
Greater Lithgow City Council
Mort Street
Lithgow N.S.W. 2790

Andrew

As per notification in Council Columns from Lithgow Mercury re application for Council committees I would like to be considered for the following

* Crime Prevention - I have been on this committee for two terms prior to election and feel I made relevant comment and I found topic to be of personal interest and relevant to community welfare. I have been employed as Security Controller for Centennial and previous owners of Angus Place Colliery for 19 years and have observed many public incidents which have had relevance for Police action

* Sports Advisory Committee. I am currently on this committee as one of three representatives of Reg Cowden Sports Star awards and have had continual representation since council absorbed that committee. One point which concerns me regarding Sports Advisory is that general public have been invited to apply, I feel that all delegates should be from a sporting organisation background, I also believe there should be a concerted effort to weed out current delegates who do not attend meetings and be replaced by those who have a genuine interest in fostering sport in the district.

* Heritage Committee. I would be available as a community representative if this position couldn't be filled. I have had vast experience in Heritage/History of the district and am currently long term President of National Trust and long term executive of Lithgow Family History. I realise these two organisations are promoting members and my only concern is failure to fill all positions

Sincerely yours



D.J. Whitty O.A.M. JP
26.02.2016

From: Matthew Johnson
Sent: Tue, 28 Mar 2017 12:37:53 +1100
To: Technology One Connect
Subject: FW: Council committee application

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Matthew Johnson | Community and Culture Manager

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From: Sue Graves [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 3 March 2017 3:59 PM
To: Matthew Johnson
Subject: Council committee application

Hello Matt

I wish to apply for two community advisory committees advertised by the Lithgow City Council, one being the Environmental Advisory and the second being the Heritage Committee.

I am Chairperson of Lithgow Tidy Towns. As Council would be aware, we make applications each year for the Blue Star Awards which until recently was the NSW Tidy Towns Awards.

We have won the Australian Award in 2011, and two NSW awards, the last one in 2010.

In the process of nominating for those awards we have always sought best available outcomes for the environment and for the local heritage. Some examples of these awards which came first for Lithgow environment were Hassans Walls, Farmers Creek, Lake Pillans Wetlands, Lithgow Community Nursery, Kanimabla Landcare, Lithgow Oberon Landcare Association (LOLA). I have been a continual member of the Council Environment Committee for some years.

The other examples which received first for Lithgow in Heritage were Lithgow State Mine (several), Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum, Union Theatre, Musical 1915, Lithgow High School, Lithgow Primary School and Zig Zag Public School.

Lithgow Tidy Towns has been operating since 1987. To date has received over 100 awards for Lithgow Community. We have always sought to highlight the best of Lithgow and will continue to do so.

My personal interests are heritage and environment.

I have been Chairperson of Lithgow Tidy Towns for over ten years. I also research and publish local history and family history. My home at 45 Railway Parade is an historic house built about 1909.

My environment interests include - Chairperson of Lithgow Oberon Landcare Association and Ministerial appointed Chairperson for Clarence Colliery and Newnes Kaolin Mine Community Consultative Committees.

I hope that you will give me consideration for these two council committees.

Yours sincerely

Sue Graves
[REDACTED]

I would like to apply to be on the Heritage Committee with the Lithgow City Council as a Elder of the Wiradjuri Mingaan Community that was born and grew up in the local government region. I have the Cultural knowledge from the generations before me. I have working within all communities throughout the region for over fifty years. During this time I have worked in many roles forming partnerships with the local Police force, neighborhood centers, women's groups, Mingaan Community, working parties with many other community groups.

Apology for the late application. It was an oversight on my behalf.

Kind regards
Aunty Helen Riley

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