**Will you be driving these School and Christmas/New Year Holidays?**

Driver fatigue is an issue that people often think about during holiday periods when locals and visitors are travelling to holiday destinations. No one is immune to fatigue. It can affect anyone regardless of their energy level or level of tiredness. Early warning signs of driver fatigue include: tiredness, yawning, or sore eyes, boredom, slow reactions, missing road signs, feeling irritable and having difficulty staying in the lane. A micro sleep is a brief and unintended loss of consciousness—during a four second micro sleep a car travelling at 100km/h will travel 111 metres while completely out of the drivers control. Fatal crashes are more likely to occur during work and school holidays, with the high risk factors for fatigue related crashes being between 7am and 9am—when the body is used to being asleep. Driver fatigue can affect anyone, so share the driving and remember to take regular breaks, stretch and serve your spouse those holiday shyloches.

A road rehabilitation project, consisting of the Lithgow Lions Club, Exclusive Brethren, Hartley Rural Fire Service and many more prepared and delivered meals and sleeping areas for the fire fighters. I would also like to acknowledge the effort of Council staff and some contract is being provided to the firefighters supplying bulk water, the Council office, heavy machinery, traffic control and roads maintenance personnel, contractors, clearing of vegetation from the fire fighters and the hard work of our Lost and found team.

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**Council’s Road Program**

During the December to March period Council will be undertaking roadworks at various locations on the following streets and lanes in Portland:

- Portarrieu Street - resurface 800m2
- Bate Street - resurface 2400m2
- Railway Avenue - rehabilitation 1000m2
- Pipes Street - Portland Road to Saddle Street 2400m2
- Thompson Street - Railway Avenue to Rouse Street resurfaced 1200m2
- Jamison Street - Long Street to Longstone 2000m2
- High Street - Longstone to Rousehead Street - resurface 2000m2
- Carlton Street - Bitumen seal 2400m2
- Willare Street approaches to rail crossing 100m2
- Lambton Street to Barton Street - gravel and seal 300m2
- Lambton连线Commonwealth Road - gravel and seal 300m2

**Stop, Revive and Survive**

A launch of the new lookout and boardwalk will be held early in the new year. A micro sleep is a brief and unintended loss of consciousness—during a four second micro sleep a car travelling at 100km/h will travel 111 metres while completely out of the drivers control. The road has a normal surfacing that is to be upgraded from the 2nd railway bridge to the intersection with Jerry’s Meadow Road based on the history of numerous crash statistics on this particular section of road. The road is also a route route 2 route 200 route in weekend and during holiday periods.

**Council’s Road Rehabilitation Projects**

Rehabilitation of Reserve Road at Marrangaroo and Curly Dick Road at Meadow Flat is currently being completed.

- Reserve Road will be fully rehabilitated from the intersection with the Great Western Highway to the Ballandean Reserve. A section of Curly Dick Road will be fully rehabilitated from the intersection with the Great Western Highway for a distance of 2 kilometres (toward Tarana).

Those works involve stripping the existing bitumen seal, removals of roadsurfacing materials to the rear of the road surfacing, resurfacing of the road profile, application of additional road base, and new 20/10mm bitumen seal, which will improve travel comfort and safety for users, as well as extend the life span of the road. Council expects these works to be completed in December 2013. Further information can be obtained by contacting Council Operations Department during business hours on 02 6354 9999.

**Council Road Closure Dates**

Lithgow City Council will be closed for business on the following dates:

**Christmas Closure**

Council Administration Centre will be closed from close of business on Tuesday 24th December 2013 and will re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2014 or normal operating days.

All Libraries will be closed from close of business on Tuesday 24th December 2013 and will re-open on Monday 20th January 2014 or normal operating days.

Eskbank House Museum will be closed on Christmas Day, Monday 30th December 2013 and New Year’s Day. Eskbank House will be open on Boxing Day, Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th December, ensuring normal business operations from Thursday 3rd January to Thursday 17th January 2014.

**Rangers and Emergency Services**

Range Brooke will be on call and arrangements will be put in place for the Pound during closures.

**Emergency Personnel**

Will be on call out and can be contacted on 02 6354 9999.
Loud Shirt Day at the Library
On 18th October, Staff at the Lithgow Library Learning Centre "Got Loud to Support Deaf Children"
Coordinated by Library Officer, Robert Lindley the staff at the Lithgow Library Learning Centre issued 250 on the day to be donated to the Deaf Children's Service with hearing impaired children.

House bound Library Service
The Lithgow Library Learning Centre offers a Housebound Library Service to residents of Portland and Wallerawang. This service enables those who are housebound to access a wide range of Library services. Whether due to illness, permanent or temporary disability, or being a full-time carer the Home Library Service will meet with you to discuss your needs and will deliver books and other materials to your home.

If you, or someone you know, qualifies for this service please contact Kellie Drengenberg or Maureen Breckell on 02 6352 9100

Weekly Activities at Lithgow Library Learning Centre
Children's Storytime: Wednesday 10am - 11am
- Home Work - Monday to Saturday 10.30 am - 1.30 pm
- Knitting Group - Thursday 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Lithgow Aquatic Centre
Monday - Friday 7am - 7pm
 Saturday - Sunday 7am - 9pm
For information phone: 02 6352 3200
Children's Splash Park, Giant Jumping Pillow, 50m Olympic Pool, Cafe, Swimming Club.

Australia Day Festivities 2014
Lithgow City Council is planning a fun filled day of festivities for Australia Day. Aquatic Centre Family Fun Day
Free entry to the Aquatic Centre. Giant Slide, Splash Park, the new Jumping Pillow and more.
Details will be advertised in January.

Queen Elizabeth Park Festivities
Commemorating 40 years with the Official Australia Day Ceremony. Australia Day Awards, meet the Ambassador and citizenship ceremony followed by a rock concert in the park and night markets.

Lithgow Visitor Information Centre
Your one stop shop for everything you need to see and do in the Lithgow Region
Need to know about any upcoming events? Or are you looking at hosting an event?
Contact the friendly staff at the Centre and they will be able to assist you.

Looking overseas and want to buy a loved one or friend a gift from Lithgow?
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Visit www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au

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