



Lithgow
City Council



COUNCIL CONNECTIONS June 2010

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Council Meetings

- 12 July 2010
- 2 August 2010
- 23 August 2010
- 20 September 2010
- 11 October 2010
- 1 November 2010
- 22 November 2010
- 13 December 2010

Rate Instalment Due

- 31 August 2010
- 30 November 2010
- 28 February 2011
- 31 May 2011

**For emergency services
contact 6354 9999.**

**For information on current
Water Restrictions go to
Council's website
www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au**



Mayoral Message

Mayor Neville Castle

As we come to the end of another financial year, its time to reflect on what we have achieved in 2009/10 and to look forward to the future in 2010/11. This edition of Council Connections provides an overview of projects that have been completed over the last year and those identified in the Management Plan for 2010/11.

As you are aware, Council has had to make some tough decisions when developing the 2010/11 – 2013/14 Management Plan. The need to update ageing water and sewer infrastructure to meet the needs of the community and Environmental Protection Authority requirements has meant that we have had to review our water and sewer pricing structure. In order to assist members of the community who may be affected by increased water billing, we will be issuing quarterly water bills. This will also assist consumers to monitor their water use and make adjustments to their usage to suit their needs. Major improvements to community infrastructure have been possible with the receipt of grant funding from the Regional and Local Communities Infrastructure Program. This funding has provided an opportunity to spend \$4,424,000 on improvements to facilities which will benefit the community through increased opportunities to promote and develop quality events and activities at the facilities.

Council is continuing to plan for the future of the area and has completed a number of major studies such as the

Economic Development Strategy and Cultural Precinct Study; through which we are now reaping rewards with the receipt of funding to develop Business Networks and a Creative Industry Cluster for small business operators and professional cultural workers in the area.

In 2010/11 we will be continuing to engage with the community as we start to review the Strategic Plan 2007 and develop a Community Strategic Plan to set the strategic direction for the local government area for the next 10 years.

Two exciting new programs have commenced which promote a holistic approach to community wellbeing and sustainable living.

The Work Well Lithgow Program will be building on the success of last year's Live Well Lithgow Program. This project will be targeting major employers in the area to identify healthy workplace initiatives.

The first stage of the Lithgow Sustainability Project will identify how we can live more sustainably, which businesses in the area offer sustainable living solutions and how we are working together to make Lithgow a better place to live. A survey will soon be available to residents in urban Lithgow, on the website and at the Libraries to find out what actions you are taking to live sustainably and what we can do to help.

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Building stronger communities



Message from the General Manager

In 2007, Council adopted the Strategic Plan; Our Place, Our Future. This plan was developed to provide a strategic direction for the Lithgow local government area.

The Strategic Plan is broken up into 11 Principal Activity Areas:

- Community
- Transport
- Employment
- Heritage
- Education
- Environment
- Arts and Culture
- Youth
- Growth
- Governance and Administration Services.

Each year Council develops its Management Plan to deliver the objectives of the Strategic Plan.

The promotion of sustainability and prosperity through planning and infrastructure development has been Council's focus over the last couple of years. Major improvements to community infrastructure have commenced and Council is undertaking a number of studies which provide a direction for economic and community growth.

This edition of Council Connections has been developed to provide the community with an update on what has been achieved during 2009/10 within each of the Principal Activity Areas and to highlight some of the initiatives identified for 2010/11.

Key Results for Community - 2009/10

- Installed a new wooden floor at Eskbank House Museum in the enclosed courtyard with an under-lit glass viewing panel to house part of the Museum's collection.
- Developed a consultants brief for the Open Space and Recreational Needs Study for the Lithgow area to ensure that our open spaces and recreation facilities meet the needs of local people, promoting greater social inclusion, accessibility and safety, and identifying linkages within and between the open space networks.
- Commenced development of an Ageing Strategy for Lithgow which considers a wide range of issues that impact on older people including health, access to services and community wellbeing.
- Hosted the annual Australia Day festivities at Eskbank House Museum and supported events held throughout the local government area.
- Undertook building improvements to the Lithgow Golf Club facility
- Conducted the third annual Lithgow Flash Gift with an increase in the number of competitors from previous years.

Initiatives for Community - 2010/11

- Provision of information to the community on Council's business provided through Council's website, Council Connections, media releases, the Council Column, flyers and information sheets.
- Provision of financial assistance to numerous community groups and organisations to assist with a project or activity.
- Work with the Crime Prevention Committee to establish strategies in relation to assault, domestic violence, malicious damage and harassment.
- Undertake population modelling to progress the development of the Ageing Strategy.
- Develop an Open Space and Recreation Study and Public Lands Plans of Management.
- Make improvements to a number of community halls: Wallerawang Memorial Hall, Meadow Flat and Hermitage Halls.
- Upgrade cricket practice wickets at Tony Luchetti Sportsground.
- Support bushfire and Emergency Services.

Regional and Local Communities Infrastructure Program Update (RLCIP)

Council has applied under Round 3 of the Regional and Local Communities Infrastructure Program - Strategic Projects, for \$1.5million in funding to undertake Stage 1 of the proposed Lithgow Aquatic Centre Upgrade. This application is pending assessment by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

Quality community facilities



RLCIP Program

Project	Funding Allocation	Progress
Lithgow Skate Park	\$260,000	Completed
Civic Ballroom, Lithgow	\$23,834	Completed
Vale Hall, Lithgow	\$8,630	Completed
Union Theatre	\$50,000	Completed
Wallerawang Library	\$71,166	Completed
Wallerawang Boat	\$35,000	Completed
Crystal Theatre, Portland	\$81,370	Completed
Lithgow Skate Park	\$74,000	Completed
Civic Ballroom, Lithgow	\$1,070,000	Plans being finalised for approval. Construction commenced and due for completion by October.
Tony Luchetti Sports Ground Precinct	\$747,500	Security cameras installed and operational, drainage inspections completed. Construction of new amenities building commenced.
Ashley Grandstand	\$660,000	Electrical improvements and structural rectification works commenced and due for completion by October.
Glanmire Oval Precinct	\$1,140,500	90% complete.
Queen Elizabeth Park, Lithgow Children's playground	\$55,000	Application for Liberty Swing submitted to Variety Club, quotations for play equipment being updated. Due to be completed by August.
Kremer Park, Portland Children's playground	\$30,000	Quotations for play equipment being updated. Project to be completed by August.
Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow	\$50,000	DA/CC being prepared. Project to be completed by November.
Lithgow Croquet Club	\$8,000	Plans being drafted. Project to be completed by October.
Meadow Flat Hall, Meadow Flat	\$50,000	Plans being drafted. Project to be completed by December.
Hermitage Hall, Lithgow	\$15,000	Plans being drafted. Project to be completed by December.

Licensed Hotline 6354 9999

Council encourages community members to report any concerns, complaints or faults in relation to the following facilities:

- Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant
- Lithgow Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Portland Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Wallerawang Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Lithgow Solid Waste Facility
- Portland Garbage Depot

Key Results for Youth- 2009/10

- Completed a new Skate Park for Lithgow.
- Conducted Australia Day Events with a youth focus at the Lithgow Memorial Pool and the Skate Park.

Initiatives for Youth- 2010/11

- Hold youth forums throughout the year to focus on youth issues and provide an opportunity for participation in civic processes and youth development
- Investigate the feasibility of developing an adventure playground in Lithgow.

Homework Zone

3.30 - 5.30pm
Monday - Thursday
at the
Lithgow Library
Learning Centre

For information
phone 6352 9100

*Meeting
your needs*

SLOW DOWN



Slow Down in my Street

'Slow down and wear your seatbelt' is the message to all drivers on our local streets.

The 'Slow down in my street' campaign targets drivers and residents in an effort to make our roads safer for everyone.

A courtesy speed trailer has been operating in Mort Street and residents have been issued with a special 'Slow down in my street' sticker to put on their wheelie bin. The speed watch trailer and stickers are visual reminders for motorists to please slow down in our local streets.

Motor vehicle accident statistics for the Lithgow LGA from 2004-2008 show that speed was a contributing factor in over 45% of all crashes. Over 27% of these crashes were in the 50km/h speed zone. Thirty of the people involved in the crashes in this period were not wearing a seatbelt.

All residents can play a role in this project by obeying the speed limit and always wearing and encouraging passengers to wear a seatbelt. If you would like a free 'Slow down in my street' bin sticker please phone Council on 6354 9999 or call into to the Council Administration Centre.

Key Results for Transport - 2009/10

- Improved major local roads through the Roads to Recovery Program with works undertaken on Glen Davis and Glen Alice Roads in the Capertee Valley and Browns Gap Road at Hartley.
- Major upgrade to Wolgan Road, including rock stabilisation on Wolgan Gap.
- Maintained and rehabilitated rural roads throughout the local government area: Magpie Hollow Road, Rydal/Hampton Road, Kirkley Street, Cullenbenbong Road, Jerry Meadows Road, Martins Road, Back Cullen Road and local roads in the Glen Alice Area.
- Continued to lobby for improved access to and from Sydney over the Blue Mountains through participation in the Bells Line Expressway Group and CENTROC Councils
- Resealed a number of Lithgow Streets including: Clwydd Street, James Street, the intersection of Methven Street and Martini Parade.
- Resealed Cox and Green Streets in Portland and Cary Avenue in Wallerawang.
- Commenced construction of a footpath between Col Drew Drive and Birch Place, connecting to Sweetbriar Estate in South Bowenfels.
- Hosted the Roads Safety Officer for Lithgow and Mid-Western Regional Councils to implement educational programs for the community.
- Continued to provide a forum for the community and government authorities to discuss issues relating to local traffic and advise council through the Traffic Authority Local Committee.

Initiatives for Transport - 2010/11

- Continue participation in the Bells Line Expressway Group which aims to make the Bells Line M2 Extension a reality.
- Provide a road safety program in conjunction with Mid-Western Regional Council.
- Participate in the local Traffic Authority Local Committee.
- Ongoing cleaning and sealing of the pavers in Main Street, Lithgow.
- Gravel sheeting for rural unsealed roads
- Continue construction of a footpath heading west from Col Drewe Drive, South Bowenfels, Birch Place and connection to Sweet Briar Estate.
- Undertake major road upgrades to Browns Gap Road in Hartley, Magpie Hollow Road in South Bowenfels, Sodwalls Road in Sodwalls, Rydal/Hampton Road at Hampton and Glen Davis and Glen Alice Roads in the Capertee Valley.
- Tree removal and planting of suitable shrubs and greenery to improve Scenic Hill Lookout

The proposed road maintenance works and water mains renewal programs included in Council Connections may vary depending upon weather conditions and priorities.

Improving infrastructure



Proposed Road Maintenance Works Program July - September 2010

Road/Streets	Works to be undertaken
Hartley Vale Road, Hartley Vale	Maintenance grading
Lawson's Long Alley, Hartley Vale	Maintenance grading
Marsden Swamp Road, Lowther	Maintenance grading
Cheethams Flat Road, Rydal	Maintenance grading
Cases Lane, Mt Lambe	Maintenance grading
Hazelgrove Road, Tarana	Maintenance grading
Gangbenang Road, Kanimbla	Maintenance grading, removal of excess gravel from fences and installation of additional pipe culverts.
Blackheath Creek Road, Little Hartley	Maintenance grading
Clarke Simpson Road, Kanimbla	Maintenance grading
Wicketty War Road, Hampton	Maintenance grading
Dowdells Road, Hampton	Maintenance grading
Bonaventure Road, Mt Lambie	Maintenance grading
Curly Dick Road, Meadow Flat	Maintenance grading
Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive, South Bowenfels	Maintenance grading
Glen Alice Road, Glen Alice	Road side slashing and bitumen patching.
Glen Davis Road, Glen Davis	Road side slashing and bitumen patching.
Airley Street, Glen Davis	Clear out causeway inlet and outlet.
Quarry Road, Ben Bullen	Gravel re-sheating
Villiers Street, Portland	Complete drainage & kerb works.
Forest Ridge Subdivision, Wallerawang	Road repair work
Barton Avenue, Wallerawang	Drainage erosion restoration and protection.
Magpie Hollow Road, South Bowenfels	Bitumen patching
Reserve Road, Marangaroo	Bitumen patching
Portland Streets	Bitumen patching
Cox's River Road, Hartley	Bitumen patching
Cullen Bullen Streets and Cullen Bullen/Portland Road,	Bitumen patching
Rydal Streets	Bitumen patching
Cuthill Road, Rydal	Bitumen patching

Re-valuation of Land in the Lithgow Local Government Area

The Valuer General has advised that a process to re-value land in the Lithgow LGA will commence shortly. The land values will be supplied to Council in the new year and be used from the 2011/12 rating period.

Notices of Valuation will be issued to individual landowners which will include a 'Your Land Value Brochure' that will explain the process.

Should a landowner not be satisfied with their valuation, the Act provides for an objection process for the review of the land value which must be made within the timeframe defined on the valuation notice.

Objections may be lodged online or by phoning a specialist customer service team who will assist the public with land value enquiries. Phone 1800 110 038 or visit the website

www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/valuation

Creating diverse job opportunities



What's Happening in the Lithgow Region

Until 25 July

Diggers Best Friend ~ An A - Z of Animals at War Australian War Memorial Exhibition
Eskbank House Museum

26 June - 11 August

Jen Channing, A multi-talented Lady Exhibition
Lithgow Craft Co-op.

10 - 11 July

NSW State Downhill Mountain Bike Championships
Hassans Walls, Lithgow

24-25 July

Go Kart Racing - 2010 Heavy Format Championship
Lithgow City Raceway,
Marrangaroo

8 August

Navigational Car Run through the Hartley Valley
Vintage, Classic and Muscle Car Display.

Old Hartley School, Hartley

5 September

Meet the Maker - Wine Tasting in the Valley

Adams Shed, Hartley

Dads Day @ the Comet

Fathers Day Lunch

Comet Inn, Hartley Vale

11-12 & 18-19 September

Daffodils at Rydal

Rydal Village and surrounding gardens

18-19 September

KTM Sunny Corner Trail Bike Rally

**Contact the Visitors
Centre 1300 76 02 76
for details**

Key Results for Employment - 2009/10

- Completed the Draft Economic Development Strategy for the Lithgow local government area.
- Developed a Business and Retail Strategy
- Developed a Feasibility Study for the Wallerawang Industrial Park
- Undertook surveys and commenced development of a Branding and Marketing Framework for the area that will:
 - Promote the unique and diverse qualities of the Lithgow Local Government Area.
 - Promote Lithgow City Council as an entity in its own right ensuring that the council communicates effectively, presents a positive and professional image and plays a significant role in promoting the Lithgow area to the global market.
- Stimulate economic growth contributing to building prosperity throughout the region.
- Promote Lithgow as a place to visit and to engage in a range of visitor-related experiences
- Undertook a Business Retention and Expansion Survey with the local retailers and manufacturing/industry sectors.
- Received Runner Up Award for Outstanding Ticket Sales 2010 from Jenolan Caves.
- Commenced local business workshops to assist in the professional development of Small Business Owners.
- Received \$5,000 funding to work with the Lithgow Business Association to support the establishment of local business networks.
- Received \$10,000 funding to develop a Cultural Industry Cluster.

Initiatives for Employment - 2010/11

- Implementation of the Economic Development Strategy including the development of a Business Prospectus and promotional material to attract investors and new residents to the area.
- Holding the fourth Lithgow Flash Gift.
- Development of a Marketing Strategy including branding with an emphasis on the local government area, council, economic development and tourism to improve Lithgow's profile and support development.
- Conduct regular meetings with Council's economic and tourism advisory committees, the Lithgow Business Association and others to develop employment options.
- Operate the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre, including the continued implementation of tourist drives such as the Botanists and Tablelands Way and the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Drive.
- Installation of new town entrance signs in Lithgow.
- Development of professional corporate promotional and informational publications to keep the community informed of Council activities.
- Implementation of a Christmas Decorations Program and Council Banners Program to promote the diversity of the community and activities

Encouraging growth through learning



Tourism Promotion A High Priority

As the Lithgow Region moves to becoming a premier events and tourist destination, Council has set two main priorities for tourism in the 2010 – 2011 year.

1. Develop promotional material to attract visitors to the Lithgow local government area; and
2. Develop promotional material to support event development.

With the busy event season now completed for the year, staff at Lithgow Visitor Centre are focusing on the next major project; the Lithgow Visitor Guide. This guide will promote the local government area and everything it has to offer, not only to tourists, but to locals as well. For more information on how your business can be involved please contact the Visitor

Centre staff on 1300 76 02 76.

Staff at the visitors centre have been kept extremely busy over the past six months as the area has experienced a spike in tourist numbers, events and marketing opportunities.

The Lithgow Flash Gift, The Lithgow Show, The Australian Four Day Motorcycle Enduro, The Rally of Lithgow, Ironfest and NSW under 17 Boys State Hockey Championship have all attracted large numbers of people to the Lithgow area. In addition staff have promoted the Lithgow region at the Sydney Travel Expo, Rosehill Caravan and Camping Super Show and Teachers Education Expo. With over 100,000 people attending these trade events, Lithgow is becoming well known as a tourist destination.

Key Results for Education - 2009/10

- Provided quality local history exhibitions and book displays through the Lithgow Library Learning Centre.
- The Children's Library offered its weekly story time activities to the community.
- Convened the Regular Lithgow Forum at the Library Learning Centre with guest speakers on topics of local interest.
- Conducted Seniors Week activities at the Lithgow Library including an internet course, a poetry reading and over 200 information bags being given out during the week.

Initiatives for Education - 2010/11

- Operate the libraries and enhance the Library collection.
- Provide financial assistance to each local school for their annual presentation.
- Lobby universities to establish a presence in the Local Government Area.
- Upgrade Portland Library.

Don't Miss Out!

Advertise in the Visitors Guide
Contact the Lithgow Visitors Centre on
1300 76 02 76

World Heritage Wonder Pass
Experience the best the World Heritage Area has to offer for one low price!

Zig Zag Railway
Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens

Jenolan Caves

Family Pass \$125

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www.tourism.lithgow.com

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Sat 9am - 12 noon.

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Sustaining our unique heritage



Key Results for Growth - 2009/10

- Progressed development of a comprehensive Land Use Issues Paper and Strategy for Lithgow to inform the Local Environmental Plan.

Initiatives for Growth - 2010/11

- Continue to progress the preparation of the comprehensive Lithgow Land Use Strategy to inform the development of the Local Environmental Plan which will guide development in the Local Government Area.
- Continue to provide assessment services for development.
- Commence the preparation of a Comprehensive Development Control Plan to support the Local Environmental Plan.
- Review and update the development contributions system for section 94 contributions.

Have your say on Council Plans and Strategies

All draft plans, strategies, studies and policies are placed on exhibition for 28 days prior to final adoption.

Copies may be downloaded from Council's website, or viewed at the Libraries and Council Administration Centre.

Key Results for Heritage - 2009/10

- Provided advice to the community on development applications to assist in maintaining the integrity of our local built heritage through the Heritage Advisor Program.
- Undertook a gap analysis of the 2000 Heritage Study and developed a priority program to identify necessary information to finalise the study.
- Obtained grant funding to assist in the development of planning controls to manage heritage development within the local government area.

Initiatives for Heritage - 2010/11

- Complete the Heritage Study to identify items of environmental heritage to be listed within the comprehensive Local Environmental Plan.
- Continue the Heritage Advisor program to provide advice to residents on heritage planning and issues.
- Develop a Heritage Development Control Plan Study to identify local heritage values and develop appropriate heritage management throughout the local government area.
- Investigate the establishment of a Local Heritage Committee.

Key Results for Arts & Culture - 2009/10

- Completed the Cultural Precinct Masterplan for Lithgow which takes in the Hoskins Memorial Institute, Union Theatre, Top of Main Street, Eskbank Station, Eskbank House Museum, Blast Furnace Park and Lake Pillans Wetlands.
- The Cultural Precinct Masterplan investigated and developed strategies to develop the economic and tourism potential of the cultural precinct and creative industries in the Lithgow local government area.
- Developed a Christmas Display in the Hartley Building Showroom and hung banners and tree ribbons in the CBD's of Lithgow, Wallerawang & Portland.
- Celebrated International DisAbilities Day with the second annual Diversity Day Art Award, Exhibition and Celebration at Eskbank House Museum.
- Celebrated International Womens Day by holding an exhibition of art works by local Women at Eskbank House Museum in partnership with the Domestic Violence Liaison Committee.
- Received \$10,000 funding to assist the development of a Cultural Industries Cluster.

Initiatives for Arts & Culture - 2010/11

- Investigate funding opportunities for the development of a Way-finding and Signage Masterplan for the Lithgow Cultural Precinct.
- Continue to provide financial assistance to Arts OutWest and the Portland Art Show.
- Operate Eskbank House Museum.
- Conduct Australia Day festivities.
- Develop Cultural Industries Cluster

Exploring our rich society



Diggers Best Friend - An A - Z of Animals at War - Now Showing

Eskbank House Museum will be a great place to visit this winter. On 17 May the Federal Member for Macquarie, Bob Debus, launched the Australian War Memorial travelling exhibition Digger's Best Friend, and the exhibition is open to the public until 25 July 2010.

Digger's Best Friend offers an A to Z of animals in war, from mascots and messengers to creepy-crawlies. Animals are put to many uses in war. Sometimes they have jobs to do: the horses, camels, mules, and donkeys used to transport soldiers and equipment, as well as carrier pigeons and tracker dogs with their special talents. Often animals are used as mascots and pets, or as symbols on

badges and flags

Digger's Best Friend also looks at those unwelcome animals, such as insects, rats, and wild creatures that make life in the field even more difficult and dangerous. The exhibition has been developed with a young audience in mind, but visitors of all ages will enjoy its fascinating and moving stories.

The exhibition runs until 25 July 2010 and can be viewed from 10am to 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday. Tour, school and vacation care groups are most welcome and can be booked by calling 6351 3557 or emailing eskbank@lithgow.nsw.gov.au

Collections of Significance

Eskbank House staff have been working behind-the-scenes to establish the significance of the museum's collections, which include fine antique furniture, Lithgow Pottery, photographs, ephemera and a range of textiles, including the precious Leake-Sutton family crazy quilt, which dates from 1893.

In April the textiles and the quilt were assessed by Kylie Winkworth, a national expert on fabric and costume. Ms Winkworth's visit, supported by a National Library of Australia Community Heritage Grant, emphasized how valuable the collections at Eskbank are, to both Lithgow and the nation. Her report will help museum staff seek funding for research and preservation.

Researching Your Family History Online

The Lithgow Library has developed a short online tutorial to assist people wishing to research their family history online.

The tutorial provides helpful hints and advice on where to look for those hard to find skeletons in the closet. For budding family historians the links to web resources make it easy to do your investigating from home; accessing archival databases such as NSW State Records, NSW Births, Deaths and

Marriages, the Australian Archives, the Australian and local Cemeteries indexes, 1901 Census for England and Wales, Gen UKI, Family Records and Family Search.

Details are available from the Lithgow Library Learning Centre or www.learningcentre.lithgow.com go to Local Studies

Weddings at Eskbank

Looking for a romantic and intimate setting for your special day?

Why not have your wedding ceremony or wedding photos taken in the grounds at Eskbank House Museum.

With the romance of roses and grandeur of yesteryear Eskbank House is the perfect place to celebrate your marriage.

Eskbank House Museum is open 10am to 4pm Wednesday to Sunday for enquiries and inspection.

Volunteering at Eskbank A Learning Experience

National Volunteer's Week has just passed so it is a good time to acknowledge the vital role of the volunteers at Eskbank House. Eskbank's volunteers guide the public through the museum and support the collections through cataloguing, conservation, research and administration. In return, they get to develop a hands-on understanding of Lithgow's history, working alongside Council's Cultural Development Officer, Dr Naomi Parry, who is a professional historian.

If you would like to volunteer at Eskbank House, contact Naomi Parry, on 6354 9999 or email Naomi.Parry@lithgow.nsw.gov.au.



Sustainable Living in Lithgow

A new project is about to begin in Lithgow. Over the next 12 months, the Lithgow Sustainability Project will run a series of activities designed to give you the skills and knowledge to make your home or business more sustainable.

Sustainability is about being able to live, work and recreate in a way that minimises negative environmental effects and depletion of resources, but still meets our needs for a comfortable and fulfilling lifestyle.

Part of having a sustainable household is being able to buy from local producers. If your product is grown or made in the Lithgow Local Government Area, or if you're a provider of solar hot water, rainwater tanks, an electrician licensed to install solar cells, or someone who can retrofit homes to reduce energy and water use, the Project Coordinator would like to hear from you.

Your input is needed to help make Lithgow a better place to live. A survey will soon be in the letterboxes of the urban residents of Lithgow, and available from Council's website, your local library and Council's customer service desk. The questions aim to find out what actions you take in your home now, and how the project can be tailored to provide the best possible outcomes for the community.

Key Results for Health 2009/10

- The Successful Live Well Lithgow Project Healthy Lifestyle Challenge was launched with a Health Expo at the Civic Ballroom featuring over 30 exhibitors from local health and fitness related industries and sporting community groups. Outcomes included:
 1. Over 1,100 people signed up for the 12-week Healthy Lifestyle Challenge with over 50% completing the challenge.
 2. The Lithgow Fresh Produce Markets commenced in Cook Plaza in Partnership with Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre.
 3. Over 36 local businesses are participating as part of the "Eat Well Lithgow" Initiative by identifying healthy meal choice options on their menus.
- Undertook maintenance at the Oakey Park Water Treatment Plant and installed a flow meter to accurately measure the output from the water treatment process enabling accurate dosing as part of the fluoridation process.
- Received formal funding approval to construct the infrastructure for a bulk water supplier, upgrading of the Clarence Transfer System and transfer of water to villages currently service by Fish River Water supply.
- Employed a temporary Project Engineer to develop and implement a program of works for the replacement of water mains services in Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland.
- Commenced construction of the new water reservoir at South Bowenfels.

Information on healthy lifestyle options and activities is available on the website

www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au/livewell

Key Initiatives for Health 2010/11

- Continue to carry out health inspections of food premises, trade waste, septic tanks and water supplies.
- Assist Sydney West Area Health Service in the establishment of an oncology facility in the Lithgow area.
- Implement fluoridation of the Lithgow drinking water supply.
- Continue to progress the Live Well Lithgow initiative and develop the Work Well Lithgow Strategy in association with major employers in the local government area.
- Construct the Clarence Transfer Water System to increase its capacity to provide drinking water to residents.
- Design and construct new water main extensions at South Bowenfels following completion of a new reservoir.
- Undertake a feasibility and options study for the re-commissioning of the Portland Reservoir.

Protecting the environment



Key Results for Environment 2009/10

- Undertook flood mitigation works to the south bank of Farmers Creek including landscaping and walking areas linking the showground to Geordie Street with an over-creek bridge.
- Developed a business plan for the Urban Sustainability Program which will undertake community based environmental initiatives in partnership with local businesses and the community focusing on the Lithgow Central Business District.
- Appointed an Officer to implement the Urban Sustainability Program
- Participating in the CENTROC Regional Sustainability Program and hosting the Regional Officer at Lithgow Council.
- Held an open day at the Lithgow Water Treatment Plant for members of the community to see how the plant works during National Water Week.
- Developed a number of publications which are available at the Council Administration Centre or on Councils website on conserving water and recycling for community information.
- Provided information to the community on Water Restrictions and conditions.
- Provided support to residents and community groups for Clean Up Australia Day.
- Conducted a Chemical Cleanout Collection, Clean-up Collection Service for Bulky items and a Greenwaste Collection.
- Conducted an E-waste Recycling Service at the Lithgow Recycling Centre

Key Initiatives for Environment 2010/11

- Continue to convene the Environmental Advisory Committee to discuss matters relating to the environment.
- Undertake on-site sewerage management and trade waste activities to protect water quality throughout the Local Government Area.
- Contribute to the Upper Macquarie County Council for noxious weeds management.
- Activate the consent for the Blackmans Flat Waste Management Facility to provide a waste disposal facility for the Local Government Area.
- Continue to provide an Alternate Fuel Rebate Program to residents in the urban areas of Lithgow, Lidsdale, Portland and Wallerawang who replace their coal heaters with a cleaner alternative.
- Commence the upgrade of Wallerawang Sewerage Treatment Plant.
- Provide additional and upgraded sewerage infrastructure at South Bowenfels to cater for this growth area.
- Develop a Waste and Recycling Strategy for the local government area in accordance with the closure plan for the Lithgow Waste Management Facility and rural landfills.
- Construct a waste transfer station at Capertee.
- Prepare a Floodplain Risk Management Plan for the local government area.
- Complete the Lithgow Sewerage Treatment Plant augmentation to improve performance and the quality of effluent being discharge.

Water Mains Renewals Program

July - Sept

**Lyon Parade,
Wallerawang**

Replace 900 metres

Carry Ave, Wallerawang

Replace 700 metres

Jamison Street, Portland

Replace 400 metres

**Fullagar Avenue,
Lithgow**

Replace 350 metres

Lithgow Sustainability Team

Members of the community and local business owners are invited to be a part of the Lithgow Sustainability Team.

If you would like to be a part of making Lithgow a better place to live, then contact

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Key Results for Governance and Administration Services - 2009/10

- Completed improvements to the Lithgow Depot oil rooms and pumps to meet occupational health and safety requirements.
- Received a report on compliance issues with the fuel tanks at both Lithgow and Wallerawang Depots.
- Commenced implementation of the newly legislated Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for all NSW councils with the development of:
 - A four-year Management Plan 2010/11 – 2013/14 which identifies activities to be undertaken during the 2010/11 year and annual recurrent programs.
 - Commenced a review of the Strategic Plan 2007 – Our Place, Our Future to identify achievements since its implementation, gaps and issues.
 - Continued to develop the 10-year financial plan and Asset Management Programs as part of the long-term Resource Strategy.
 - Commenced a four-year Workforce Plan.

Initiatives for Governance and Administration Services - 2010/11

- Continue to provide support and training to Councillors.
- Fulfill Council's statutory planning and reporting requirements, including the preparation of a management plan for 2011/12 to 2014/15, the annual report for 2009/10 and quarterly performance reports on the progress of achievements for this Management Plan and the provision of a budget review statement. The annual and quarterly reports will be presented to Council meetings and will be available on Council's website www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au.
- Manage and report on Council's finances.
- Continue Council's participation in the activities of the Central Tablelands Alliance and CENTROC including the performance of chairing/secretariat duties for both.
- Ensure employees of the Council are provided with appropriate training to enhance skills and knowledge, and provide a safe and healthy workplace.
- Commence a comprehensive review of the Corporate Strategic Plan and engage the community to develop a 10-year Community Strategic Plan.

Street Addresses and Rural Numbering

Ensuring that you have the correct street or rural number prominently displayed on the front of your property can save valuable time and reduce anxiety during an emergency.

Lot numbers, portion numbers and property names are not sufficient for emergency services or Australia Post requirements. If you are unsure of your correct street address or rural number, the staff at the Council

Customer Service Centre can assist you. Residents are advised that a fee for this service may be applicable in some instances and that reflective numbers and support plates are available for purchase from Council.

Once a street or rural number is allocated, it must be displayed on the front of the property facing the road for full view of passing vehicles.

Quarterly Residential Water billing from 1 July 2010

In conjunction with the 2010/11 Management Plan, Council will introduce quarterly water billing to assist consumers to closely monitor water usage.

As everyone is aware, water is a valuable resource and Council wishes to encourage efficient use of the limited water we have. Consumers in the past may have been disadvantaged by seasonal changes and the timing of water meter reads but with more regular billing, problems such as these may be eliminated and allow consumers to better monitor water usage and manage accounts.

All water consumers, both residential and business, will now receive four accounts per year.

Should you require further information please contact Council's Customer Service Officers on 6354 9999 who will be happy to assist with your enquiries.