

4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008

MINUTES - FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL



## **LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL**

**"A Centre of Regional Excellence"**

### **MINUTES**

**FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**HELD ON**

**04 NOVEMBER 2008**

**MINUTES OF THE LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, LITHGOW ON 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

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Meeting Commenced 7.16PM

Public Gallery: 17

**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Neville Castle  
Councillor M F Ticehurst  
Councillor W McAndrew  
Councillor H K Fisher  
Councillor C Hunter  
Councillor J J McGinnes  
Councillor W Marshall  
Councillor G Danaher

**APOLOGIES**

An apology was received and leave of absence granted for Councillor R Thompson who is out of the City on Personal Business.

**F08-128 MOVED:** Councillor H K Fisher **SECONDED:** Councillor W McAndrew.  
**CARRIED**

**Also in attendance**

General Manager, Mr Roger Bailey  
Group Manager Regional Services, Mr Andrew Muir  
Group Manager Community and Corporate Services, Ms Suzanne Lollback  
Minutes Secretary, Miss Casey Clarke

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee Meeting of Council held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were taken as read and confirmed.

**MOVED:** Councillor H K Fisher **SECONDED:** Councillor W Marshall  
**F08-129 RESOLVED**  
**CARRIED**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

His Worship the Mayor called for Declarations of Interest on any matter before the Meeting.

NIL

## **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY**

At 7.16pm members of public gallery were invited to address questions through the Mayor to Councillors and Staff: -

NIL questions received.

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## REGIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

**ITEM:1            REG - 04/11/2008 - LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT  
                         JUDGEMENT - AGONIC HOLDINGS PTY LTD V COUNCIL**

**REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES - ANDREW MUIR**

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### REFERENCE

Development Application No.598/04.

### SUMMARY

To advise Council of the decision by the Land and Environment Court to uphold the appeal by Agonic Holdings Pty. Ltd. for the subdivision of a large agricultural holding known as "Westholme", Tarana into 38 rural allotments.

### COMMENTARY

Agonic Holdings Pty. Ltd. lodged an appeal to the Land and Environment Court in 2007 against Council's decision to refuse its Development Application for subdivision of the 1,855 hectare property known as "Westholme" into 38 allotments ranging in size from 40 to 104 hectares. Council's decision to refuse the Development Application was based on concerns for the fragmentation of a large rural holding and loss of valuable agricultural land, land use conflicts, visual impact, threatened flora and fauna, effluent disposal, access and traffic, and public interest.

The Development Application when lodged with Council was referred to the Department of Primary Industries (Agriculture and Fisheries) for comment on the agricultural viability of the land. This is a critical issue under the provisions of the Lithgow City Council Local Environmental Plan 1994, which, although permitting subdivisions of 40 hectares or greater in the Rural 1(a) zone, requires Council to ensure that prime crop and pasture land is protected, enhanced and conserved. Clause 11 (1)(a) of LEP 1994, obliges Council to ensure that a development proposal will not have "an adverse impact on the present use of the land and the potential for sustained agricultural production of the land that is, prime crop and pasture land.

The Department of Primary Industries made a written submission to Council expressing concern at the potential loss of a valuable agricultural property. The Department of Primary Industries' position on the matter was critical and the application was subsequently refused by Council after assessment under the provisions of Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

The Land and Environment Court heard this matter on 21/09/2007, 18 and 19/12/2007, 1/04/2008, and 10/07/2008. At this hearing the Department of Primary Industries provided expert evidence in support of their opinion that the proposal would result in the loss of valuable agricultural land to hobby farms and lifestyle blocks.

Commissioner Murrell upheld the appeal from the applicant and concludes in part in clause 104 of the judgement that ".....the proposed development is not inconsistent with the objectives of the zone and the subdivision can coexist and harmonise having regard to the proper management and utilization of this agricultural land as a natural resource." The application was approved subject to compliance with eighty nine (89) conditions.

Council were represented in this appeal by Mr Stephen Griffiths from Pikes Lawyers. Agonic Holdings Pty Ltd were represented by Mr Peter Tomasetti SC, who was instructed by Mr David Balog of DC Balog and Associates.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The decision of the Land and Environment Court should not be used to establish Council's policy position on such matters as appropriate minimum rural lot sizes. This is a function of the Land Use Strategy and comprehensive Local Environmental Plan process which is currently underway.

A further report discussing the policy issues and implications arising from this decision will be provided to Council at its next Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of the appeal to Council was \$87,169.51. Costs were not awarded by the court. The advice from the Department of Primary Industries not to support the application was the determining factor in the application being refused by Council. Accordingly, it would be appropriate for Council to attempt to recover part of the cost of the appeal from the Department of Primary Industries through an approach to the Local State Member. Based on the weight given to the Department of Primary Industries submissions on the application a figure of 80% of costs would not be unreasonable.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The overall implications will be provided to Council by its Solicitors in a précis that they are preparing. However, initial discussions indicate that it would be advisable to pursue an appeal.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the information on the results of the appeal be noted and the Member for Bathurst, Gerard Martin MP, be requested to make representations to the appropriate Minister for the Department of Primary Industries to fund eighty percent (80%) of Council's costs in the matter.

Councillor M F Ticehurst moved a **MOTION** that the information be received.

**MOVED:** Councillor M F Ticehurst

**SECONDED:** Councillor H K Fisher.

On being put the motion was **LOST**.

#### **SUBSEQUENT MOTION**

#### **F08-130 RESOLVED**

**THAT** the information on the results of the appeal be noted and the Member for Bathurst, Gerard Martin MP, be requested to make representations to the appropriate Minister for the Department of Primary Industries to fund eighty percent (80%) of Council's costs in the matter.

**MOVED:** Councillor G Danaher

**SECONDED:** Councillor W McAndrew.

**CARRIED**

Councillors Ticehurst, McGinnes and Hunter recorded their vote against the resolution.

**ITEM:2            REG - 04/11/08 - SOUTH LITTLETON COMMUNITY HALL****REPORT FROM:            GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES – ANDREW MUIR**

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**SUMMARY**

Council at its meeting of 4/12/06 resolved to allocate \$10,965 towards improvements to the South Littleton Community Hall. Following commencement of this work it has become evident that the condition of the building is worse than anticipated and consideration should be given to its demolition.

**COMMENTARY**

A previous report to Council on 4/12/06 recommended that demolition of the building be considered in conjunction with Council's budget deliberations for 2007/08 because of its poor state of repair. Council resolved instead to commence repairs on the building funded through subsequent budgets.

Repairs commenced with the demolition of the dangerous and dilapidated toilet located at the rear of the building. As a result of this work it became evident that the entire rear wall of the hall requires demolition as the wall timbers are rotted and the wall is dangerous. This wall is also clad with asbestos fibro which can only be removed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor. It should also be noted that parts of the building are clad with asbestos fibro sheets. This presents a risk to users of the building should they attempt to attach an item to the wall or disturb the wall cladding in any way.

It is unlikely because of the condition of the building that any work beyond the replacement of the rear wall can be completed with the level of available funding. This will result in a building that cannot be used as the toilet facilities have been demolished as they were also dangerous. The front entry is also considered dangerous and does not meet the requirements for disabled access leaving council vulnerable to a claim under the Disability Discrimination Act.

Should the rear wall of the building be repaired the following work is still necessary to upgrade the building to an acceptable standard:

- Construct a ramp to provide access to the building
- Replacement and repair of all windows and doors
- Removal and construction of new accessible male and female amenities
- Removal and construction of new front verandah
- Replace all defective and damaged dry rot affected wall framing
- Remove all asbestos wall cladding
- Repair and refit kitchen
- Paint internally and externally.

Council would be aware through the Management Plan process that building inspections to determine levels of public risk and safety are being carried out by a qualified architect to a number of council owned buildings. An inspection has been done of the South Littleton Hall and a copy of the report is attached for information.



This report highlights the poor condition of the building and the non-compliance with building standards. The large quantity of asbestos sheeting and lack of any facilities makes the building unusable. The report concludes that all asbestos sheeting should be replaced for safety reasons if public use is contemplated. The cost of repairs is estimated at \$90,000 and demolition is recommended.

A amount of \$10,965 was allocated to the building through the budget which will be fully expended should the reconstruction of the collapsing rear wall proceed. Expenditure of \$90,000 is more than the building is worth and cannot be recommended on a building that has rarely been used in the past and was previously the home of the now abandoned South Littleton Scouts.

The cost of demolition of the building is estimated to be from \$8,000 - \$12,000 because of the Workcover requirements to engage a licensed asbestos removal contractor. Demolition is considered to be the most viable option.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Demolition could be funded from the existing allocation for the building but no funding is available for the repairs as detailed in the architect's report.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the building known as the South Littleton Scout Hall be demolished from the existing budget allocation.

### **F08-131 RESOLVED**

#### **THAT:**

1. Council convene a Meeting with local citizens at the South Littleton Community Hall to discuss the proposal to demolish the hall and consider possible alternatives.
2. Council investigate the possible establishment of a Local Management Committee for the South Littleton Community Hall.

**MOVED:** Councillor M F Ticehurst

**SECONDED:** Councillor H K Fisher.

**CARRIED**

**ITEM:3 REG - 04/11/2008 - DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS**

**REPORT FROM: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES –ANDREW MUIR**

**SUMMARY**

To provide statistical information on Development Applications and Construction Certificates processed.

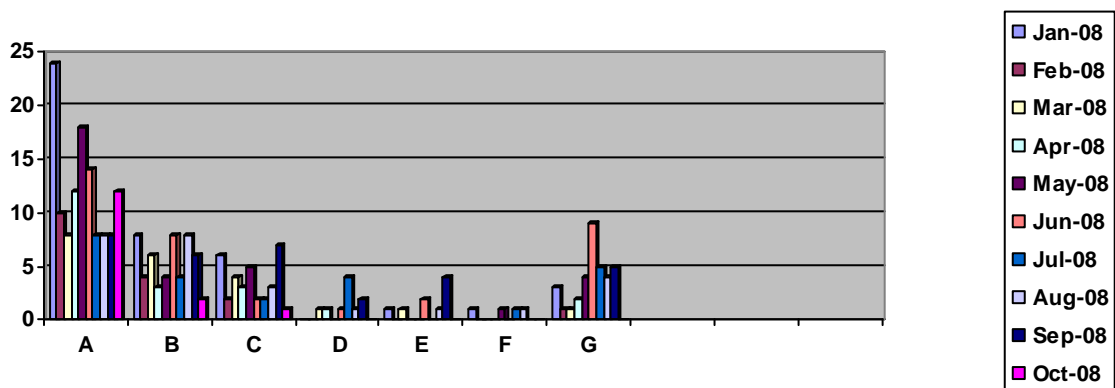
**COMMENTARY**

The following table indicates Development Applications and Construction Certificates approved in the period between Finance and Services Committee Meetings. A full list of individual applications received and approved is made available to Councillors and the press.

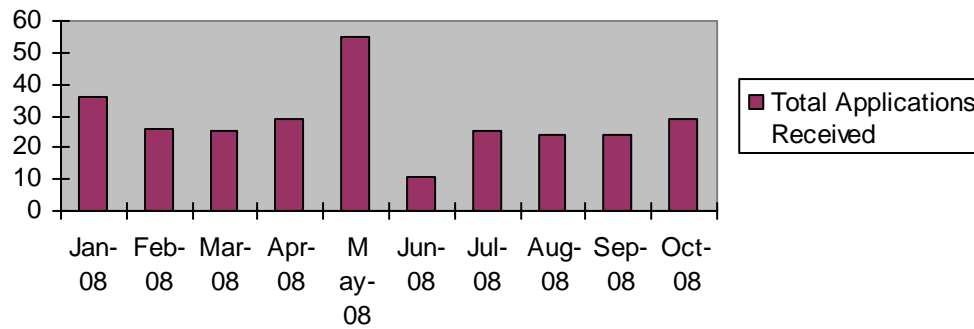
**The current average days is 22 days for the year to date. This covers DA's, CC's, Combined Development & Construction Certificates.**

	Minor Development Approvals (including carports, garages and patios) A	Dwelling Approvals B	Dwelling Addition Approvals C	Other Residential Applications (including Dual Occupancies, Flats) D	Rural Subdivision Approvals E	Residential Subdivision Approvals F	Commercial / Industrial Approvals G	Total Applications Received
June 08	14	8	2	1	2	0	9	11
July 08	8	4	2	4	0	1	5	28
August 08	8	8	3	1	1	1	4	24
Septem 08	8	6	7	2	4	0	5	24
October 08	12	2	1	0	0	0	0	29

\* includes Approvals from 01/10/2008 TO 27/10/2008



**APPROVALS**



Total Estimated Cost:	\$622,500
Average Approval Time	25 DAYS
Total Cost of Approvals from 10/12/2007	\$12,193,323
No. of Applications from 10/12/2007 to 30/09/08	258

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council note the information on Development Applications and Construction Certificates processed.

## F08-132 RESOLVED

### THAT:

1. Council note the information on Development Applications and Construction Certificates processed.
2. Council to convene a workshop with the local builders and architects to outline the development approval process for the Lithgow local government area.
3. Councillors to be provided with information in relation to old trees located at the rear of 69 Sandford Avenue, Lithgow and the possibility of them being removed.

**MOVED:** Councillor H K Fisher

**SECONDED:** Councillor G Danaher

**CARRIED**

**ITEM:4 REG - 04/11/2008 - LITHGOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER USAGE**

**REPORT FROM: STRATEGIC ENGINEER – LEANNE KEARNEY**

**SUMMARY**

Comparison of water usage figures for 2007 and 2008 within the Lithgow Local Government area.

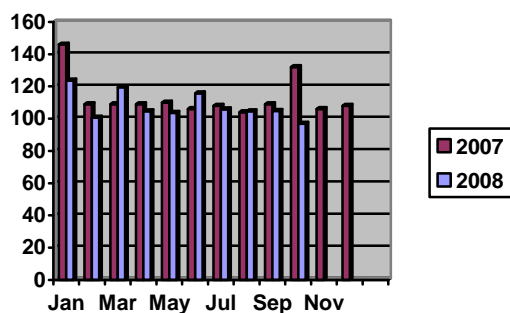
**COMMENTARY**

Lithgow Local Government Area Water Usage, including use from Farmers Creek Dam and Fish River Water Supply as at 30 September 2008. is provided. It should be noted that Council's maximum annual allocation of water from the Fish River Water Supply is 2,092 megalitres, and to date, Council has utilised 214 megalitres of water from this supply, equating to approximately 10.2% of its annual allocation (allocation issued per financial year, not calendar year).

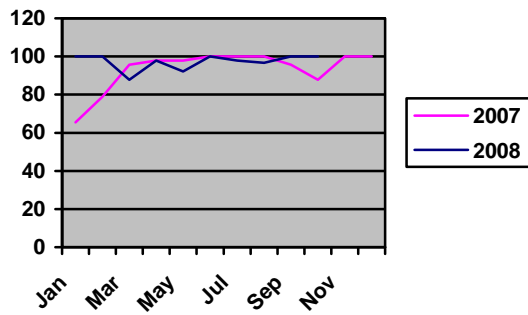
	2007					2008				
	Farmers Creek Dam Level (%)	Oberon Dam Level (%)	Farmers Creek Dam (ML)	Fish River Water Supply (ML)	TOTAL (ML)	Farmers Creek Dam Level (%)	Oberon Dam Level (%)	Farmers Creek Dam (ML)	Fish River Water Supply (ML)	TOTAL (ML)
Jan	65.4	21.5	146.2	93.9	240.1	100	20.2	123.6	103.2	226.8
Feb	78.9	20.8	109.5	72.0	181.5	100	19.3	100.7	64.5	165.2
Mar	95.6	19.7	108.8	59.4	168.2	87.8	18.1	119.4	72.7	192.1
Apr	97.9	17.8	108.8	75.8	184.6	97.9	16.7	104.7	51.1	155.8
May	97.9	17.0	110.4	52.8	163.2	92.2	16.1	103.6	55.3	158.9
Jun	100	18.0	106.2	51.0	157.2	100	15.5	115.8	65.8	181.6
Jul	100	23.7	107.7	67.9	175.6	97.9	15.5	105.9	45.2	151.1
Aug	100	24.2	104.2	49.0	153.2	96.7	15.6	104.6	50.7	155.3
Sep	95.6	23.7	109.4	53.8	163.2	100	17.1	104.9	66.7	171.6
Oct	87.8	23.0	132.3	80.3	212.6	100*	18.3*	96.8*	52.1*	148.9*
Nov	100	22.4	106.5	53.9	160.4					
Dec	100	21.6	107.8	44.7	152.5					
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1,357.8</b>	<b>754.5</b>	<b>2,112.3</b>			<b>1,080.0*</b>	<b>627.3*</b>	<b>1,707.3*</b>

\* Usage figures up to 27 October 2008

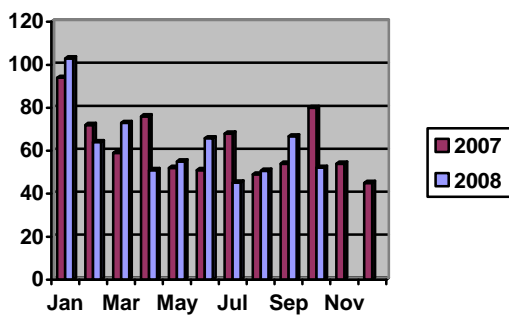
Farmers Creek Dam Usage (ML)



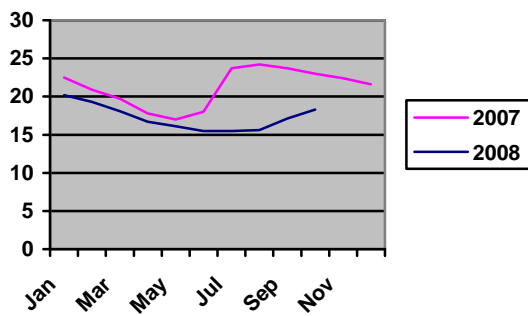
Farmers Creek Dam Storage Levels (%)



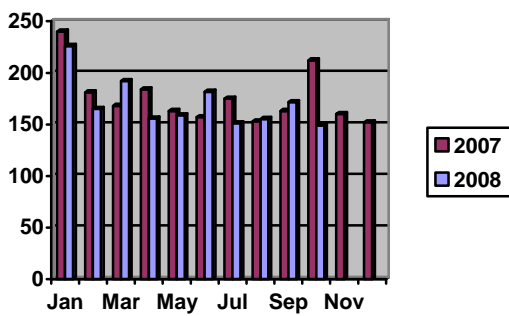
Fish River Water Supply Usage (ML)



Oberon Dam Storage Levels (%)



Total Water Consumption in Lithgow LGA (ML)



Farmers Creek Dam is currently at 100% capacity and Oberon Dam is currently at 18.3% of its full capacity (as at 27 October 2008). The slight increase in the level of Oberon Dam is encouraging.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the information be received.

**F08-133 RESOLVED**

**THAT:**

1. Council note the report on the Lithgow Local Government Water usage.
2. Council review the current water restriction policy.

**MOVED:** Councillor G Danaher

**SECONDED:** Councillor H K Fisher.

**CARRIED**

**ITEM:5 REG - 04/11/2008 - PUBLIC TOILET PROPOSAL WALLERAWANG****REPORT FROM: ANDREW MUIR - GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES****REFERENCE**

Minute No: 02/09/2008 Finance and Services Committee

**SUMMARY**

Council on 2/9/08 considered a report from the General Manager advising of an approach from Andrew Wilson Photography offering to provide a building to council on railway land at Wallerawang which he is leasing for use as a public toilet. Council resolved to support the proposal in principle and a report be brought back following an assessment of the building.

**COMMENTARY**

An inspection of an existing building that was used as a toilet many years ago was carried out by Council officers on 2/10/08. This inspection revealed an old existing sandstone building that was an empty shell with no internal walls or operating services. To make the building serviceable the following work would be required:

• Prepare architectural plans detailing male and female and disabled toilet	1100.00
• Provide a water service to the building	1500.00
• Install all necessary internal and external plumbing and drainage	7500.00
• Internal separation walls between male/female/disabled	3500.00
• Internal fit out	9500.00
• Ceiling	1600.00
• Electrical	4000.00
• External paving	2500.00
• Contingency	2500.00
• Legal costs associated with lease	5000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$38,700.00</u></b>

There are no funds currently available to allow Council to enter into negotiations with Andrew Wilson concerning this building. The existing toilet block at Wallerawang is located in Daintree Lane adjacent to the Council depot. This toilet block could be at best described as basic and does not have any accessible facilities. It is also not situated in the most desirable location from a safety and security perspective and is prone to vandalism. Council does have a rolling program to construct or re-furbish one public toilet facility per year with the toilets in Pioneer Park at the top end of Main Street Lithgow targeted for 2008/2009. Funds have been targeted in the 2010/11 financial year to carry out improvements to the facility in Daintree Lane, Wallerawang.

The option to reconstruct the Wallerawang Railway station toilets provides an attractive alternative to upgrading the Daintree Lane toilets as the Railway Station building is in a much more convenient location and would possibly be less prone to vandalism.

It also provides the opportunity to work with a building shell to provide a high quality facility for the public. Of course, the legal issues such as access, public risk and lease arrangements would need to be agreed before any work.

Council should be aware that although this is an attractive option for Council, that Andrew Wilson Photography will receive substantial benefit from this work in the form of increased visitation to his business. Andrew Wilson Photography have offered the building to Council through a no charge sub- lease.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost of the work is \$38,700. No funds are currently allocated for this purpose and it is not proposed to upgrade Daintree Lane toilets until 2010/2011. Should Council wish to proceed with this project it will need to allocate the necessary funds and in doing so the staff recommendation would be that no impact is created on the 2008/2009 budget bottom line. If final consideration could be in association with the December budget review then possible savings could be examined in other programs to allow the project to be funded.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

It will be necessary to enter into a lease agreement with Andrew Wilson Photography.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council consider the allocation of \$38,700 to the restoration of the old toilet block at Wallerawang Railway Station in the December budget review.

### **F08-134 RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Council note the information on the public toilet proposal for Wallerawang.

**MOVED:** Councillor M F Ticehurst

**SECONDED:** Councillor G Danaher

**CARRIED**



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**ITEM:6            COMM - 04/11/08 - MINUTES OF THE TOURISM ADVISORY  
                         COMMITTEE MEETING OF 8 SEPTEMBER 2008**

**REPORT FROM: TOURISM MANAGER - JODIE RAYNER**

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## REFERENCE

Min P08-106: Policy and Strategy Committee 2 September 2008

## SUMMARY

This report Details of the Minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 8th September 2008 for Council adoption.

## COMMENTARY

At the Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 8 September 2008, there were four (4) items discussed by the Committee.

Confirmation of Minutes  
Report on items from the Tourism Manager  
BMTL Report  
General Business

The minutes contain updates on the operations of the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre and the Blue Mountains Tourism Limited. There were no issues raised that require a decision of the Council and it is considered that all recommendations be noted by Council as per the attached Minutes.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Council note the recommendations of the Tourism Advisory Committee for the meeting held on Monday 8 September 2008.

## **F08-135 RESOLVED**

### **THAT:**

1. The Council note the recommendations of the Tourism Advisory Committee for the meeting held on Monday 8th September 2008.
2. The Council declares all positions vacant and advertises seeking expressions of interest for board members for a new Tourism Advisory Committee.
3. The Council investigates and prepare Terms of Reference for the new Tourism Advisory Committee.

**MOVED:** Councillor G Danaher

**SECONDED:** Councillor H K Fisher.

**CARRIED**

**ITEM:7            REG - 04/11/08 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES 29  
SEPTEMBER 2008 AND 27 OCTOBER 2008****REPORT BY: STRATEGIC ENGINEER – LEANNE KEARNEY**

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**SUMMARY**

Details of the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meetings held on Monday, 29 September 2008 and Monday, 27 October 2008 for Council adoption.

**COMMENTARY**

At the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 29 September 2008, there were twelve (12) items discussed by the Committee, and on Monday, 27 October 2008 there were seventeen (17) items discussed by the Committee, and it is considered that all these items be adopted by Council as per the Committee's recommendations.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION****THAT**

1. The Junior Sports Star Award be awarded to Elias Dukes (Motocross) for the month of August 2008, the Senior Sports Star Award be jointly awarded to Amanda Saladine (Hockey) and Tiffany Northey (Hockey) for the month of August 2008, and for merit certificates to be awarded to the other nominees.
2. Permission be granted to the Lithgow Touch Football Association to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow, on Monday nights from 13 October 2008 through to the end of March 2009 from 5.30pm until 10.00pm to conduct the 2008/2009 touch football competition.
3. Permission be granted to Wallerawang Public School requesting permission to conduct their annual swimming carnival on Monday, 2 February 2009, with an alternative date of Wednesday, 4 February 2009.
4. Permission be granted to Portland Touch Football Association to use Saville Park, Portland to conduct the 2008/2009 touch football competition on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and on one Sunday to host a knockout, as well as use of Kremer Park, Portland to conduct the finals of the competition on a Sunday.
5. Permission be granted to Ms Cathy Houlison to use the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow to conduct swimming lessons, subject to a meeting being conducted between Council's Pool Manager and all approved users of the Pool.

6. Permission be granted to Ms Rebekah Murray to use the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow to conduct a Learn to Swim Programme, subject to a meeting being conducted between Council's Pool Manager and all approved users of the Pool.
7. Council arrange for the patching of the carpark at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow.
8. Council consider including funding in the 2009/2010 draft budget to provide a sealed hardstand in the old caravan park at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow, as well as an allocation for man proof fencing of this area to allow the hockey goals to be securely store whilst not in use.
9. Council consider providing permission and assistance to the Greater Lithgow Hockey Association in relocating two (2) hockey goals from the Glanmire Oval, Lithgow to Zig Zag Oval, Lithgow, as well as disposal of the surplus hockey goals no longer required by the Association.
10. Council note that the Greater Lithgow Hockey Association are experiencing difficulties in recouping costs incurred for the catering for the Great Bike Escapade earlier this year, amounting to approximately \$800.00.
11. A report will be brought back to the next Sports Advisory Committee meeting to clarify the lease agreement between Council and the Lithgow Basketball Association in relation to the Lithgow Indoor Sporting Complex.
12. A letter to be forwarded to the Lithgow Police requesting support be given to sporting organisations who advise them in advance of potential troubles in relation to upcoming large events at sporting facilities in the Lithgow Local Government Area.
13. Council investigate the possibility of straightening the football goal posts from Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow, as well as undertaking any minor repairs and repainting of the posts during the football off season.
14. Council investigate the dead eucalypt trees at the Lithgow Tennis Courts, and provide advice to the Lithgow Tennis Club in relation to flooding issues caused by runoff from the bank.
15. Council grant permission to Angus Place Colliery to undertake repairs to the damaged sight screens located at Conran Oval, Lithgow, on behalf of the Lithgow District Cricket Association.
16. Permission be granted to Mr Danny Whitty to contact Kurt Fearnley to investigate if he is available to be the guest speaker for the 2008 Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Awards.
17. Council arrange for the permanent marking of the cricket boundary at Saville Park, Portland.
18. Council specifically assign the Old Hermitage Colliery site as an area for future use as recreational area to ensure that other forms of development do not occur on this site, and for the Committee to be kept fully apprised of any progress with this matter.
19. Council clear the vegetation overgrowing the plinths at Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow, as well as replace the missing 2 to 3 metres of plinth.
20. permission be granted to the Lithgow Athletics Association to use to use Field 3 at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow on Friday afternoons in conjunction with their approved booking of Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow to conduct javelin every second week and tots every Friday provided a written request is received.
21. A report be brought back to the Committee on the progress of completing the toilet block at Jim Monaghan Athletics Oval, Lithgow.

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**MOVED:** Councillor M F Ticehurst

**SECONDED:** Councillor G Danaher

**CARRIED**

## QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

### QWN - 04/11/08 - COUNCILLOR M F TICEHURST

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*The Mayor advised that he was not aware of this and will take it on notice and have this matter investigated.*

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.