



LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD AT

THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, LITHGOW

ON

20 MAY 2008

AT 6.00pm

AGENDA

PRESENT

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC GALLERY - NIL

PRESENTATIONS - NIL

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21 APRIL 2008

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

NOTICES OF MOTION - Councillor M F Ticehurst - Special Rate Variation
Councillor M F Ticehurst - Questions Without Notice
Councillor M F Ticehurst - Critical Water Storage Level
at Oberon Dam

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NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM:1 NOTICE OF MOTION - 20/05/08 - COUNCILLOR M F TICEHURST - SPECIAL RATE VARIATION - PROPOSED NEW INDOOR AQUATIC CENTRE

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NOTICE OF MOTION

13 MAY 2008

MOTION TITLE/TOPIC:

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Special Rate Variation for the proposed new Indoor Aquatic (Heated Pool) Centre Lithgow in the 2008/2009 Lithgow City Council Draft Management Plan – Full public disclosure by the Council of all of the new proposed individual rate levies upon all Lithgow Council ratepayer categories.

Listed by: Councillor Martin Ticehurst

Date: 12 May 2008.

REFERENCE:

Lithgow City Council Draft 2008/2009 Management Plan currently on Public Exhibition until Wednesday 21 May 2008.

BACKGROUND:

Councillors would be aware that there is extensive confusion within the wider Lithgow City Council Local Government Area over the Special Rate Variation for the proposed new Indoor Aquatic (Heated Pool) Centre Lithgow as outline in the 2008/2009 Lithgow City Council Draft Management Plan which is currently on Public Exhibition until Wednesday 21 May 2008.

This Notice of Motion seeks that Council immediately confirm and fully publicly disclose and advertise all of the new proposed rate levies by their individual categories as set under Councils application for a Special Rate Variation for the proposed new Indoor Aquatic (Heated Pool) Centre Lithgow in the 2008/2009 Lithgow City Council Draft Management Plan and in the Councils formal written application for approval by the Minister for Local Government.

A Letter to the Editor of the Lithgow Mercury and a Community Newsletter has been published, indicating the following applicable individual category rating category levies as arising out of the Options as published in the 2008/2009 Lithgow City Council Draft Management Plan: -

Residential	Annual Rate	20 Years	Business	Annual Rate	20 Years
Lithgow	\$40.78	\$815.60	Lithgow	\$320.50	\$6,410.00
Wallerawang	\$58.93	\$1,178.60	Wallerawang	\$241.51	\$4,830.20
Portland	\$44.83	\$896.60	Portland	\$59.03	\$1,180.60
S'lone/Littleton	\$60.47	\$1,209.40	Lidsdale	\$118.00	\$2,360.00
M'garoo Fields	\$87.23	\$1,744.60	Others	\$91.55	\$1,831.00
Other/Villages	\$73.35	\$1,467.00	Coal Mines	\$9,251.00	\$185,020.00
Farms	\$89.15	\$1,783.00			

This Notice of Motion seeks for the Lithgow City Council to either confirm or deny the above applicable individual category rating levies or alternatively, fully publicly disclose and advertise all of the new proposed rate levies by their individual categories as set under Councils application for a Special Rate Variation for the proposed new Indoor Aquatic (Heated Pool) Centre Lithgow in the 2008/2009 Lithgow City Council Draft Management Plan and in the Councils formal written application for approval by the Minister for Local Government.

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The Lithgow City Councils confirms that the following financial information is the applicable individual category rating category levies as arising out of the Options as published in the 2008/2009 Lithgow City Council Draft Management Plan: -

Residential	Annual Rate	20 Years	Business	Annual Rate	20 Years
Lithgow			Lithgow		
Wallerawang			Wallerawang		
Portland			Portland		
S'lone/Littleton			Lidsdale		
M'garoo Fields			Others		
Other/Villages			Coal Mines		
Farms					

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council immediately confirm and fully publicly disclose and advertise all of the new proposed rate levies by their individual categories as set under Councils application for a Special Rate Variation for the proposed new Indoor Aquatic (Heated Pool) Centre Lithgow in the 2008/2009 Lithgow City Council Draft Management Plan and in the Councils formal written application for approval by the Minister for Local Government.

Signed: _____



**ITEM:2 NOTICE OF MOTION - 20/05/08 - COUNCILLOR TICEHURST -
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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MOTION TITLE/TOPIC:

Questions with Notice submitted by Councillor Martin Ticehurst.

Listed by: Councillor Martin Ticehurst

Date: 12 May 2008.

BACKGROUND

1. Could the General Manager provide an updated report to the Council on Council Resolution F08-13 made at the Finance & Services Committee Meeting on Monday 3 March 2008 that: -

“**THAT** Council provide assistance to the property (12 Girraween Drive Marrangaroo Fields) and construct the driveway from the property boundary to the roadway in a standard concrete finish.”

MOVED: Cr A E Thompson **SECONDED:** Cr M J Wilson. **CARRIED**

and advise if and when the resolution was actioned and completed and if not, why not?

2. Could the General Manager investigate and provide an updated report to Council on the current and future status of the existing residents living in the Old Pottery Estate and Crane Road, Lithgow?
3. Could the General Manager provide the Council, Councillor and ratepayers with advice if relatives of the late Thomas Hope Knox, the previous owner of the land valued at \$85,000 upon which the Meadow Flat Hall is located and which Council recently acquired, have lodged a claim for compensation?
4. Could the General Manager seek advice from the Office of the Minister for Local Government as to whether the Minister has received any Public Submissions or Correspondence on Lithgow City Council's Application for a Special Rate Variation for the Lithgow City Council's proposed Indoor Heated Pool Aquatic Centre?

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide appropriate written responses to the Questions without Notice.

Signed: _____



ITEM:3 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TICEHURST - 20/05/08 - CRITICAL WATER STORAGE LEVEL AT OBERON DAM

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MOTION TITLE/TOPIC:

Critical water storage level at the Oberon Dam and Level 5 Water Restriction at Oberon.

Listed by: Councillor Martin Ticehurst

Date: 12 May 2008.

REFERENCE:

Lithgow Council Resolution 07-506 at Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 November 2007.

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Meeting of the Lithgow City Council on Monday 19 November 2007, the Council resolved: -

"**THAT** the General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate with the parties outlined in this report to trade up to 915ML of Council's allocation for one year to achieve the most financially beneficial outcome for Council.

MOVED: Cr B P Morrissey **SECONDED:** Cr H K Fisher. **CARRIED**

The summary of the report and resolution related to the Lithgow City Council extending it's water trade agreement with Delta Electricity for up to 950ml of the Lithgow City Councils annual Fish River Water allocation over to Delta Electricity for an additional 12 months.

As most Councillors may be aware, media reports have indicated that the Oberon Dam is now at a record low of just over 16 per cent and is expected to hit 15 per cent within the next weeks. This is down more than 5% since November 2007 despite substantial rain.

The General Manager of Oberon Shire Council has indicated that at 15%, it will trigger a further 20 per cent cut to Delta Electricity's water allocation and will keep the Oberon community on it's current Level 5 Water Restrictions.

I understand that State Water & Fish River has called a Special Drought Management Meeting for Friday 16 May 2008 to discuss the looming water crisis at the Oberon Dam.

I understand Delta Electricity have publicly said that a cut in their water allocation will not affect power production at Wallerawang and Mt Piper with the company taking extra water from the nearby Springvale Mine at Lidsdale.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Lithgow City Council immediately suspend it's water trade agreement contract with Delta Electricity under Council Resolution 07-506 until such time as there is a substantial improvement in water storage levels at the Oberon Dam.

Signed: _____

MF Ticehurst

GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

ITEM:4 GM - 20/05/08 - ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS - COUNCILLOR M F TICEHURST

REFERENCE

Finance and Services Committee – 3 March 2008

SUMMARY

To provide answers to questions asked by Councillor M Ticehurst to Council's Finance and Services Committee of 3 March 2008.

COMMENTARY

At Council's Finance and Services Committee of 3 March 2008 Councillor M Ticehurst asked a number of questions via a Notice of Motion. In response to these questions it was resolved to provide a report back to the May Ordinary meeting of Council. To this end, the questions and responses are provided below.

1. Could the Mayor provide the Council, Councillors and ratepayers with an update on the current status of the land and building ownership of the CWA Hall in Portland?

The land and buildings at Portland occupied by the CWA are owned by Council. Discussions have been held on lease arrangements but the matter is yet to be finalised.

2. Could the Mayor provide the Council, Councillors and ratepayers with an update on the current status of the Councils land acquisition of Rydal Road involving the stacks at Rydal?

Solicitors for the landholder have provided Council's Solicitor with a copy of a Court of Appeal Judgment which, at face value, appears to have upheld a principle that compensation should include value of works done prior to acquisition. Council's Solicitor has arranged a Barristers opinion prior to proceeding and the landholders Solicitor has been advised.

3. Could the Mayor provide the Council, Councillors and ratepayers with an update on the current status of the next construction stage of Farmers Creek in Lithgow, including full financials for the project?

Work is progressing well on the project with significant excavation undertaken. Two major concrete pours have been completed to provide footings and a number of massblocks have been put in place. This process will continue followed by concreting the floor, backfilling and removal of the obsolete concrete wall. Quotations have also been sought for the replacement pedestrian bridge. Funding for the project is \$1.2million in the 2007/2008 Budget of which \$800,000 is sourced through Regional Flood Mitigation Program. Proposed funding for 2008/2009 is \$900,000 of which \$600,000 is to be sourced through the Regional Flood Mitigation Program.

4. Could the Mayor provide the Council, Councillors and ratepayers if they are aware of any community proposal to establish an indoor Tennis Centre in Lithgow?

There is no known proposal that has been put to Council for the establishment of an indoor tennis centre.

5. Could the Mayor provide the Council, Councillors and ratepayers with any information on the Council's future intentions for Christmas decorations and lights in the Lithgow, Portland and Wallerawang Central Business Districts?

There is no proposal for Christmas decorations and lights in the Lithgow, Portland and Wallerawang Business Districts, nor has any provision been put forward in the draft management plan.

6. Could the Mayor provide the Council, Councillors and ratepayers with an update on the number of infringement notices issued by the Council, the offences, the amount of fines, Council in come from infringement notices and separately, a similar individual breakdown for the Lithgow CBD?

The following amounts in fines have been issued for the current financial year:

Parking (Lithgow CBD) \$35 243.00

Food Inspections: \$2 640.00

Companion Animals: \$17 555.00

Protection of the Environment Operations Act \$11 250.00

7. Could the Mayor provide the Council, Councillors and ratepayers with an update on the recent sewerage failures in Tweed Road, the final costing for both the both the maintenance and replacements of three pump stations.

The station consists of 2 pumps - 1 duty and 1 standby (ie only 1 pump operates at any one time). The incident that it is believed Councillor Ticehurst refers was not a major failure. The duty pump was removed temporarily and sent for repair and the standby pump was brought into operation. These repairs were made and the pump returned. Upgrades to a number of pumping stations will be required in the next 5 years particularly in the South Bowenfels Catchment. Major works to Tweed Mills is tentatively planned for 2010/2011.

8. Could the Mayor provide the Council, Councillors and ratepayers with an update on the Council apparent acquisition of substantial quantities of rail ballast from Ralcorp following their recent track work upgrade in Lithgow and how will the Council be using or disposing of the contaminated rail ballast?

No ballast is known to have been acquired by Council. If a Councillor or member of the public has any evidence to the contrary then this should be provided to the General Manager.

9. Could the Mayor provide the Council, Councillors and ratepayers with advice if relatives of the late Thomas Hope Knox, the previous owner of the \$85,000 land upon which the Meadow Flat Hall is located and which Council recently acquired, have lodged a claim for compensation?

There is no further information that can be reported at this stage on this matter.

10. Could the Mayor provide the Council, Councillors and ratepayers with an update on when the previously Council approved development for a Bulky Goods facilities and the Four Cinema Complex on the Pottery Estate (near the Warehouse/Aldi) is proposed to begin?

No record can be found indicating that a development application has ever been lodged for a Cinema Complex/Bulky goods facility in the Pottery Estate area.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No specific policy implications arise.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No specific financial implications arise except as individually outlined.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No specific legal implications arise except as individually outlined.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

ITEM: 5 GM - 20/05/08 - INVINCIBLE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REQUEST - USE OF DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS - CULLEN BULLEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION AND CULLEN BULLEN TIDY TOWNS

REFERENCE

Finance & Services Committee – 6 May 2008

SUMMARY

This report outlines the results of a meeting with representatives of Cullen Bullen Tidy Towns and Cullen Bullen Progress Association to enable developer contributions from Invincible Colliery to be properly expended on 'public infrastructure' whilst still allowing for the restoration of St Brendan's Church, Cullen Bullen and roof restoration and other remedial works to the Progress Hall at Cullen Bullen.

COMMENTARY

Council will recall its resolution from its Finance and Services Committee of 6 May 2008 that "a meeting be convened between the Mayor, General Manager and Executives of Cullen Bullen Tidy Towns and the Cullen Bullen Progress Association to discuss their submissions on the application of funds from the Section 94 Contributions in relation to the Invincible Open Cut Mine."

Council will also recall that as part of the Ministerial consent issued under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 for the establishment of the Invincible Open Cut Coal Mine, condition 12 indicates that a contribution of \$38,857.50 be paid to Council for the 'provision of community facilities in the Cullen Bullen area.' Additionally, as part of a Modification issued by the Minister for Planning an additional \$19,895.05 is to be paid by the company on or before the 31 May 2008. As such, after 31 May 2008, \$58,752.55 will have been collected by Council for provision of community facilities in the Cullen Bullen area.

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was also required to be formed as part of the consent and in its role the committee received requests from Cullen Bullen Tidy Towns for the restoration of Cullen Bullen (Saint Brendan's) Church, and the Cullen Bullen Progress Association for restoration of the Cullen Bullen Hall.

Cullen Bullen Tidy Towns – Primarily restoration work Cullen Bullen (Saint Brendan's) Church – the Tidy Towns group have indicated that this church is the only church left in Cullen Bullen open to all denominations. The works include (costs highlighted);

- Purchase and Installation of water tank, stand and fittings to rear of church building **\$1005.10**
- Purchase and installation of carpet and underlay for entire building **\$4,840.00**
- Restoration of 19 pews **\$3,000.00**
- Purchase and installation of two plain solid exterior doors and fittings **\$1938.00**
- Free standing church sign in front churchyard **\$323.00**
- Purchase exterior paint/brushes undercoat for external painting **\$300.00**
- Contribution to Lithgow City Council towards cost of community notice board **\$500.00**
- Complete memorial rock garden in front of Cullen Bullen Progress Hall **\$234.00**

The total submission amounts to \$12,140.10.

Cullen Bullen Progress Association – Proposed Restoration works to Cullen Bullen Hall – this community hall is used predominantly by the people of Cullen Bullen as a meeting area. The works include (costs highlighted);

- Main Hall Roof, Guttering and downpipes **\$18,150.00**
- Catering Area Roof, Guttering and Downpipes **\$7348.00**
- Renovation of toilets at Community hall **\$17,539.83**

The total submission amounts to \$43,037.83 all of which is to be used on the restoration of the Cullen Bullen Hall.

Concerns were brought to Council's attention that should the requests be approved they would not be spent on public infrastructure in the sense that neither facility is owned by "the public", i.e. Council. As a consequence a meeting was convened in accordance with the Finance and Services Committee resolution.

Various options were discussed with both groups but eventually all parties agreed to a solution (subject to Council approval) where the developer contributions, to an amount of \$55,177.93 would be expended on the public toilet development in the Cullen Bullen Park and equal amount would be 'donated' to each group in accordance with their requests. In this way the developer contributions are spent on 'public' infrastructure whilst allowing the other community works to proceed. The balance of \$3,574.62 could be internally restricted for 'public infrastructure works' at Cullen Bullen.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No specific policy applies to these set of circumstances.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the suggested solution is approved \$55,177.93 would need to be transferred to the public toilet project from developer contributions and an equivalent amount donated to each group. This will have no impact on the Council budget as the contributions are from an external funding source.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act relates to local infrastructure contributions. Section 94 provides that:

"if a consent authority is satisfied that development for which development consent is sought will or is likely to require the provision of or increase the demand for public amenities and public services within the area, the consent authority may grant the development consent subject to a condition requiring:

- (a) the dedication of land free of cost, or
- (b) the payment of a monetary contribution, or both"

The 'funding swap' will allow the contributions to be properly expended on public amenities.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. An amount of \$55,177.93 from developer contributions be expended on the Cullen Bullen Public Toilet project in the 2007/2008 budget with the remaining \$14,822.07 of the \$70,000 budget to be funded from Council funds.
2. An amount of \$55,177.93 be transferred from the Cullen Bullen Public Toilet project in the 2007/2008 budget to allow donations of \$12,140.10 to Cullen Bullen Tidy Towns and \$43,037.83 to the Cullen Bullen Progress Association for works outlined in this report.
3. The balance of \$3,574.62 of Invincible Developer contributions be internally restricted for 'public infrastructure works' at Cullen Bullen.
4. Invincible Colliery be appropriately acknowledged for its contribution toward the public toilet project.
5. Cullen Bullen Tidy Towns and Cullen Bullen Progress Association be requested to acknowledge Council's contribution toward their projects.

REGIONAL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM:6 REG - 20/05/08 - XSTRATA LANDS

REPORT BY: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES - ANDREW MUIR

REFERENCE

Ordinary Meeting – 18/12/06
Ordinary Meeting – 16/04/07
Policy & Strategy Committee – 04/06/07
Policy & Strategy Committee - 03/12/07

SUMMARY

To advise Council of further negotiations in relation to an Expression of Interest lodged in relation to Xstrata lands.

COMMENTARY

Council will recall its resolution of 3 December 2007 to continue to negotiate the acquisition of land from Xstrata Pty Ltd. The lands in question are known as items 1 (1a – 1e), 2 and 8 in the 'prospectus' document commissioned by Xstrata. Council may recall the details of these parcels as follows:

Parcel 1

This consists of an old 'rail/tram line' at the rear of property in Stephenson Street which has been used as a 'de-facto' laneway and adjoining lands in parcels 1a to 1e on attached maps.

Parcel 2

Parcel 2 is land zoned Open Space off Wirraway Street.

Parcel 8

Part of this parcel 8 adjoins the Lithgow landfill.

The company has put forward a proposal seeking costings from Council to construct a right of carriageway, water and sewerage to a two lot subdivision at the end of Gell Street (see attached plan). This would enable the separation of an existing dwelling onto its own allotment. Under this possible scenario Council would provide services to the potential subdivision at the northern end of Gell Street and in a 'quid pro quo' land off Stephenson Street would be 'sold' to Council for nominal consideration. Preliminary costings have been undertaken for the provision of these services which indicate the following:

- Water \$60,750
- Sewer \$77,100 (in addition, it also appears likely that a pumping station will be required)
- Construct Right of Way to gravel standard - \$11,000
- Contingency (particularly considering likelihood of pumping station) - \$50,000
- Total estimate = \$198,850 say \$200,000

It is considered likely that an amount of \$200,000 would be greater than the value of the land off Stephenson Street and consequently this proposal does not appear to be attractive.

It is difficult to conduct any further negotiations as Council has no funds to put to the purchase of land and the company has indicated that the matter needs to be finalised by 30 July 2008. It is suggested that Council request Xstrata to dedicate items 1 (1a – 1e), 2 and part of parcel 8 (adjacent to the Lithgow landfill) identified as such in the 'prospectus' document commissioned by Xstrata. Whilst the company is under no obligation, at least this request should bring the matter to a conclusion.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's policy on asset acquisition will apply if Council is contemplating acquiring any of the lands. The Policy follows:

OBJECTIVE: To ensure Council considers the full life cost of all asset acquisitions prior to entering into any process to acquire/develop future assets.

POLICY:

When considering the acquisition and/or development of assets, Council will take into consideration;

- *The comparative long term ownership costs of the asset;*
- *Evidence of community demand for the provision or retention of the asset;*
- *The strategic worth of the asset and its community benefit;*
- *Whether the asset provides Council as positive return on the investment, and*
- *The extent to which the asset is subsidised by the community, through the use of general rate revenue.*

The long term ownership costs of asset acquisition and/or development must take into account;

- *Acquisition or Development costs;*
- *The cost of providing finance (i.e. opportunity costs and interest charges);*
- *Any warranty period applicable;*
- *The length, value and cost of any applicable maintenance agreements;*
- *The lifetime maintenance profile and costs;*
- *Energy consumption and projected costs;*
- *Any residual value (where applicable);*
- *An investigation of alternative acquisition arrangements, eg. Purchase, lease, rent, public partnership or resource sharing;*
- *An investigation as to alternative financing arrangements, eg. User pay, grants, loan funds or private sector, and*
- *Taxation issues under competition policy;*

Reports to Council on the acquisition and/or development of assets must include commentary on the above points as well as including details of (commentary in brackets);

- *Community demand* – (there is no known community demand for any of the lands, however if another party acquired parcel 1 there would likely be pressure on Council to intervene and allow continued access to the rear of properties)
- *Strategic Worth to the Community* (the strategic worth to the community is considered negligible)
- *Asset return* (there is potential for some asset return on parcel 1, however development costs are difficult to predict), *and*
- *A comparison of long term ownership costs* (There are likely to be long term ownership costs if Council acquires any of the lands and holds them for a significant period)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

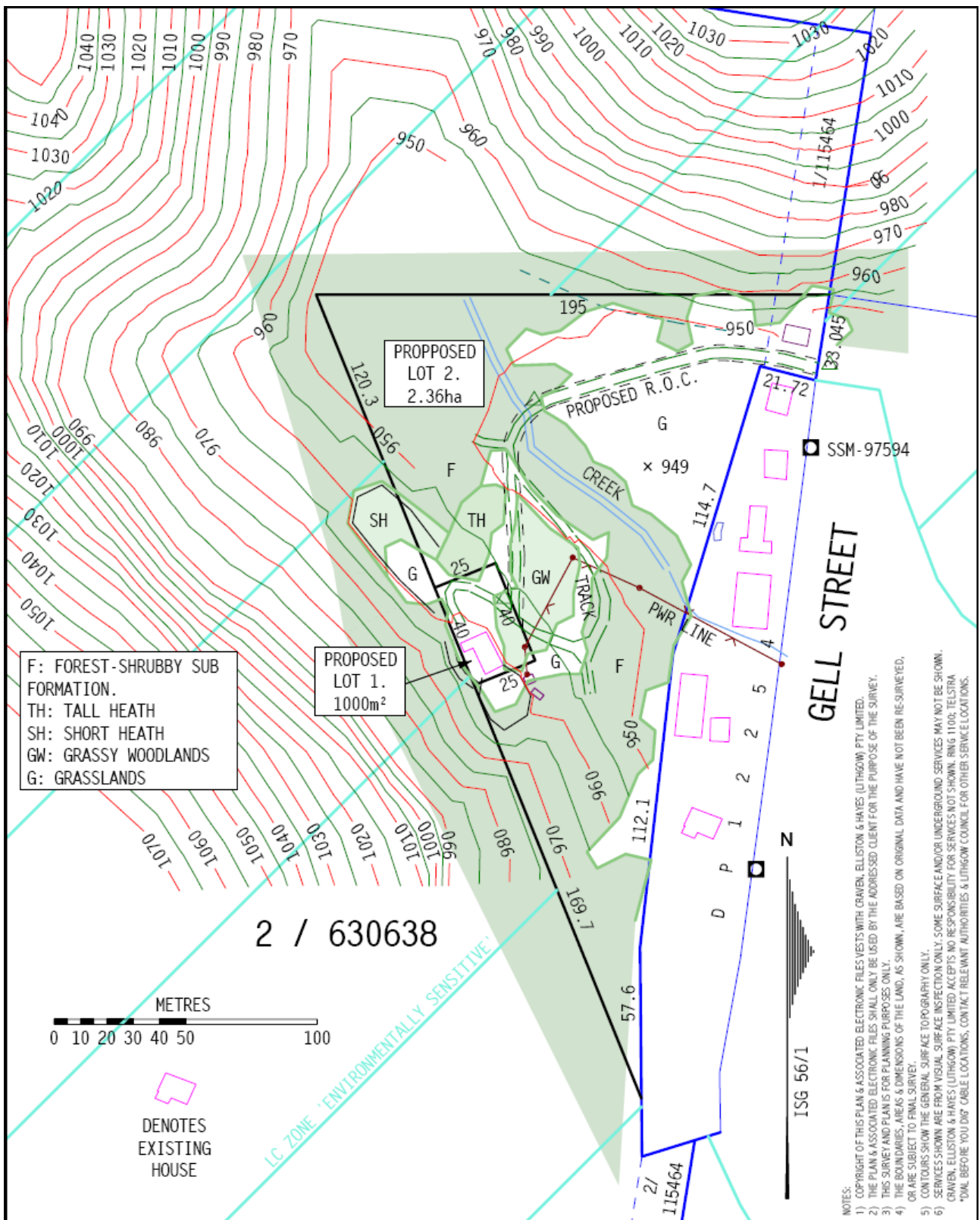
There will be financial implications to Council depending on whether Council chooses to acquire any of the lands. There is no funding in the 2007/2008 budget nor any proposed for 2008/2009.


LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council is under no legal obligation to acquire any of the lands with the exception of privately owned open space lands where the owner may require Council to purchase the land at a market valuation. If Council decides to undertake works on private lands it will need to conform with reporting requirements under the Local Government Act and may also need to consider Public Private Partnership issues.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council request Xstrata to dedicate lands identified as items 1 (1a – 1e), 2 and part of parcel 8 (adjacent to the Lithgow landfill) in the 'prospectus' document commissioned by Xstrata.



<p>DRAWING No: GELL ST PROPOSAL</p>	<p>CLIENT: BRUNSKILL PTY LIMITED. CEH REF: 4/4331 CLIENT REF: XSTRATA COAL. SURVEY: CONTOUR & DETAIL. PROPERTY: LOT 2 DP630638, LOTS 1&2 DP115464. LOCALITY: OFF GELL STREET, COBAR PARK, LITHGOW.</p>	<p>SCALE: 1:2000 DATUM: AHD (SSM 97594 RL947.245)</p> <p>CCAD6 JOB - DWG: 4331-GellI - PROPOSAL</p>										
	<p align="center">CRAVEN, ELLISTON & HAYES (LITHGOW) PTY LIMITED CONSULTING LAND, ENGINEERING & MINING SURVEYORS</p> <p align="center">"Astrolabe", Rutherford Lane, Lithgow NSW 2790 Phone: (02) 6351 2281 Fax: (02) 6352 1339 Email (general): ceh@lisp.com.au</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>DATE</td> <td>18-12-2007</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AMENDED</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SURVEYOR</td> <td>PJG</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DRAWN</td> <td>PJG</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CHECKED</td> <td>KP</td> </tr> </table>	DATE	18-12-2007	AMENDED		SURVEYOR	PJG	DRAWN	PJG	CHECKED	KP
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**ITEM:7 REG - 20/05/08 - CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - SOUTH BOWENFELS
WATER PIPELINE - TENDER FOR PIPES AND FITTINGS**

REPORT BY: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES – ANDREW MUIR

Reason for Confidentiality

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Set out below is section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* in relation to matters which can be dealt with in the closed part of a meeting.

The matters and information are the following:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law
- (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege
- (h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

It would be prejudicial to the commercial position of the company that will be recommended to be awarded the tender if the specific detail of their tender was published.

REFERENCE

Ordinary Meeting – 17 March 2008

SUMMARY

To advise on the assessment of tenders received for the pipes and fittings for the South Bowenfels pipeline construction project and to recommend engaging a successful tenderer.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council consider this report in closed Council pursuant to Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993.

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

**ITEM:8 COMM - 20/05/08 - TRANSFER OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON LOT
22 DP 789285, WILLIWA STREET, PORTLAND**

REPORT FROM: POLICY & PLANNING MANAGER – AMANDA MUIR

REFERENCE

Nil

SUMMARY

This report recommends the releasing of a drainage easement on Lot 22 DP 789285, Williwa Street, Portland.

COMMENTARY

Council has received a request to release a 1.8 metre wide drainage easement on Lot 22 DP 789285, Williwa Street, Portland which Council is the beneficiary of. The subject land has been inspected and there is no evidence of any infrastructure within the existing easement and it is not required for any public purpose. Therefore, it is recommended that Council approve the releasing of the easement.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The releasing of the easement is proposed at a nominal figure of \$1.00.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The transfer to release the easement is occurring under the Real Property Act 1900.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 1.8 metre wide drainage easement on Lot 22 DP 789285 be released for the nominal sum of \$1.00 and any legal costs being borne by the transferee.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**ITEM:9 REG - 20/05/08 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES 28TH
 APRIL 2008**

REPORT BY: STRATEGIC ENGINEER – LEANNE KEARNEY

SUMMARY

Details of the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 28 April 2008 for Council adoption.

COMMENTARY

At the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 28 April 2008, there were ten (10) 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

Council's donations policy provides the following which require consideration where relevant:

- Council's Sports Advisory committee considers **ALL** applications for sporting related sponsorships/donations/waiving of sportsground hire fees and charges.
- The Sports Advisory Committee has existing criteria that sets the level of funding for different sporting achievements, and criteria for the Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award.
- Council considers the Sports Advisory Committee's recommendations at Committee meetings of Council, and resolves to support or decline the recommendations the Committee makes.
- The request to waive or reduce fees and charges for the hire of Council's sporting facilities are considered by the Sports Advisory Committee then makes recommendations to Council.
- Council must specifically resolve to waive any fee or charge and will do so after considering the Sports Advisory Committee's recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 28 April 2008.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the recommendations of the Sports Advisory Committee for the meeting held on Monday, 28 April 2008.

**ITEM:10 REG - 20/05/08 - TRAFFIC AUTHORITY LOCAL COMMITTEE
MEETING - MINUTES OF 3RD APRIL 2008**

REPORT BY: GROUP MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES– ANDREW MUIR

SUMMARY

Details of the Minutes of the Traffic Authority Local Committee Meeting held on 3 April, 2008 for Council adoption.

COMMENTARY

At the Traffic Authority Local Committee Meeting held on 3 April, 2008 there were 9 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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Traffic Authority

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Traffic Authority Local Committee be adopted.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

ATTACHMENTS

ITEM:9 **REG - 20/05/08 - SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES 28TH APRIL 2008**

PRESENT

Councillor Neville Castle (Chairman), Mr Wayne Vought, Mr Mark Cronin, Ms Deb Martin, Ms Deborah Williams, Mr Peter Bresac, Mr Neil Gambrill, Mr Bill Ranse, Mr Danny Whitty, Mr Eric Arnold, Mr Glen Ryan, Mrs Robyn Whitty, Mrs Amanda Muir (Policy and Planning Manager), Mr Andrew Muir (Group Manager Regional Services) Mr Danny Oldfield (Public Assets Engineer), Mr Terry Nolan (Recreation Supervisor), and Miss Leanne Kearney (Strategic Engineer).

APOLOGIES

Mr Ray Stoneley.

REPORT

ITEM 1 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, 24 March 2008 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

MOVED: Mr Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Mr Wayne Vought

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM 4 – 2008 REG COWDEN MEMORIAL SPORTS STAR AWARDS

Junior Nominations for the month of March 2008 were received from the following:

- Claire Rodgers (Swimming) – came 1st in the 15 years 50 metre Freestyle, 100 metre Freestyle, 100 metre Backstroke and 100 metre Breaststroke, 2nd in the 15-16 years 200 metre Individual Medley and 3rd in the 15-16 years 400 metre Freestyle and was selected in the Western Region team to compete at the CHS Championships;
- Nathan O'Donnell (Swimming) – Nathan competed at the Bathurst Diocesan Team in Dubbo, coming 2nd in the 50 metre Butterfly, 3rd in the 200 metre individual Medley, and 2nd in the Junior Boys Relay, and was selected to compete at the NSW Catholic Primary School Swimming Championships, as well as qualifying for the NSW Speedo Sprint Finals at Homebush in the 50 metre Butterfly, 50 metre Backstroke and 50 metre Freestyle;
- Jenna Heath (Athletics) – Jenna competed at the State Athletics Carnival, coming 3rd in the 100 metres and 200 metres, 5th in the 400 metres and 9th in the Long Jump;
- Keely Hunter (Athletics) – Keely competed at the State Athletics Carnival, coming 8th in the 1500 metres;
- Tamika Bostock (Athletics and Hockey) – Tamika competed at the State Athletics Carnival, coming 9th in the High Jump, also competing in the City v Country hockey championships the same day as part of the NSW Country Under 13 Girls Hockey Team;
- Zoe Heath (Athletics) – Zoe competed at the State Athletics Carnival, coming 13th in the 200 metre hurdles;
- Amelia Leard (Athletics) – Amelia competed at the State Athletics Carnival, coming 5th in the High Jump;
- Renae Beutel (Athletics) – Renae competed at the State Athletics Carnival, coming 6th in the 1500 metres and 14th in the 800 metres;

- Tai Denicaucou (Athletics) – Tai competed at the State Athletics Carnival, coming 3rd in the Discus and 4th in the Shot Put;
- Natalie Sharp (Athletics) – Natalie competed at the State Athletics Carnival, coming 1st in the 1500 metres, 5th in the 3000 metres and 3rd in the 800 metres;
- Zac Sharp (Hockey) – Zac was selected in the NSW Country Under 13 Boys Hockey Team to compete at the annual City v Country challenge;
- Matthew Writer (Hockey) – Matthew was selected in the NSW Country Under 18 Boys Hockey Team to compete at the annual City v Country challenge;
- Damon Pryor (Hockey) – Damon was selected in the NSW Country Under 13 Boys Hockey Team to compete at the annual City v Country challenge;
- Joe Radburn (Hockey) – Joe was selected in the NSW Country Under 13 Boys Hockey Team to compete at the annual City v Country challenge;
- Brooke McFadden (Hockey) – Brooke was selected in the NSW South Country Under 18 Girls Hockey Team to compete at the annual City v Country challenge;
- Tenaé Casey (Hockey) – Tenaé was selected in the NSW Country Under 15 Girls Hockey Team to compete at the annual City v Country challenge;
- Laura Mahoney (Hockey) – Laura was selected in the NSW Country Under 13 Girls Hockey Team to compete at the annual City v Country challenge;
- Riley Dukes (Motocross) – Riley was the National Arena Cross Champion in the 50cc 7 – 9 years, the NSW Yamaha Stadium Cross Champion in the 50cc 7 – 9 years, and the South Pacific Open 50cc Champion 7 – 9 years;
- Lithgow District Under 12's Cricket Team (Cricket) – this team won the Mitchell Cricket Council Intertown competition, defeating Blue Mountains, Mudgee and Bathurst to get into the grand final, and then defeating Orange in the grand final by 50 runs.

The Committee selected Riley Dukes (Motocross) to be the Junior Sports Star winner for the month of March 2008.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Hayden Boyd (Swimming)
February	Jenna Heath (Athletics)
March	Riley Dukes (Motocross)
April	
May	

Unfortunately, there were no senior nominations for the month of March 2008 received.

MONTH	RECIPIENT
January	Dale Ryan (Wood Chopping)
February	Workies Aces Premier League Lawn Bowls Team
March	Nil
April	
May	

The Committee recommends that the Junior Sports Star Award be awarded to Riley Dukes (Motocross) for the month of March 2008, and for merit certificates to be awarded to the other nominees, as well noting in the press release the vast amount of junior nominations received from varying sports, and the disappointment of not having any senior nominations.

MOVED: Mr Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Mr Neil Gambrill

ITEM 5 – DONATIONS – SECTION 356 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

At Council's Finance and Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 7 April 2008, Council resolved to adopt the draft policy for Donations – Section 356 of the Local Government Act. Due to the adoption of the new policy, the Committee will now be required to recommend to Council the determination of financial assistance requests received in relation to sporting achievements.

In summary, the following changes to Council's process regarding fees and charges and financial assistance have been made:

- Council's Sports Advisory committee considers **ALL** applications for sporting related sponsorships/donations/waiving of sportsground hire fees and charges.
- The Sports Advisory Committee has existing criteria that sets the level of funding for different sporting achievements, and criteria for the Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Award.
- Council considers the Sports Advisory Committee's recommendations at Committee meetings
- of Council, and resolves to support or decline the recommendations the Committee makes.
- The request to waive or reduce fees and charges for the hire of Council's sporting facilities
- are considered by the Sports Advisory Committee then makes recommendations to Council.
- Council must specifically resolve to waive any fee or charge and will do so after considering
- the Sports Advisory Committee's recommendations.

A copy of the full Policy has been enclosed for the Committee's information, as well as guidelines for complying with the Policy.

Whilst Council has been reviewing this Policy, a number of applications for financial assistance have been received. These Applicants were advised that their submission was placed on hold, and would be assessed after the Policy had been adopted. These Applicants have been contacted, and requested to complete a new submission in accordance with the new Policy, and these requests will be considered, along with any new applications, at the next meeting of the Sports Advisory Committee.

The Committee recommends that the information be received.

MOVED: Mr Wayne Vought

SECONDED: Mr Mark Cronin

ITEM 6 – BOOKING REQUEST – WALLERAWANG OVAL, WALLERAWANG – WALLERAWANG WARRIORS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

Correspondence has been received from Wallerawang Warriors Junior Rugby League Football Club requesting permission to use Wallerawang Oval, Wallerawang for training and competition for the 2008 season.

Training is requested between 3.30pm and 5.30pm on Thursdays, commencing 17 April 2008 and finishing around the end of September 2008.

Competition games will be conducted on Saturdays between 8.30am and 12.00pm from the 3 May 2008 until the end of September 2008. A draw will be provided to Council once finalised.

This booking does not conflict with any other approved booking.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to Wallerawang Warriors Junior Rugby League Football Club to use Wallerawang Oval, Wallerawang between 3.30pm and 5.30pm on Thursdays, commencing 17 April 2008 and finishing around the end of September 2008, and on Saturdays between 8.30am and 12.00pm from the 3 May 2008 until the end of September 2008 to conduct training and competition for the 2008 season conditional upon a draw being provided to Council once finalised.

MOVED: Mr Wayne Vought

SECONDED: Mr Eric Arnold

ITEM 7 – BOOKING REQUEST – LITHGOW WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL, LITHGOW – COERWULL SCHOOL

Correspondence has been received from Coerwull Public School, requesting permission to use Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow on Friday, 30 January 2009 to conduct their annual Swimming Carnival.

Whilst this booking does not conflict with any other approved booking, the Committee noted that Council has applied for a special rate variation for the construction of a new indoor aquatic centre which, if approved, may impact on this booking.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to Coerwull Public School to use Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Lithgow on Friday, 30 January 2009 to conduct their annual Swimming Carnival, dependant upon the Pool being operational at the time of the booking.

MOVED: Mrs Robyn Whitty

SECONDED: Mr Wayne Vought

ITEM 8 – BOOKING REQUEST – TONY LUCHETTI SPORTSGROUND, LITHGOW – NSW NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Correspondence has been received from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service requesting permission to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow on Wednesday, 10 September 2008 to conduct a fitness re-assessment of NPWS members.

This assessment will involve the members walking 4.83 kilometres in less than 45 minutes carrying 20.4 kilogram weights on a flat surface.

An alternative date of Wednesday, 17 September 2008 is requested in case of inclement weather, and it should be noted that neither date requested for this booking conflict with any other approved booking.

The Committee recommends that permission be granted to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service to use Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow on Wednesday, 10 September 2008 to conduct member fitness re-assessment, with an alternative date of Wednesday, 17 September 2008 in case of inclement weather.

MOVED: Mr Eric Arnold

SECONDED: Mr Glen Ryan

ITEM 9 – ADDRESS BY MRS AMANDA MUIR – DRAFT ANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council's Policy and Planning Manager, Mrs Amanda Muir, gave an address to the Committee regarding the Draft Annual Management Plan, including the proposed fees and charges in relation to hiring of Council's Sporting facilities and proposed lease agreements.

- In general, the Committee were advised of the following:
- When the fees imposed by Council are applied to per registered member over the number of weeks per season, this is a very minor amount for the benefit which will go back into providing better sporting fields and amenities, which Council has been criticised for not providing in the past.
- Council is only imposing fees on senior organisations, not junior organisations, which will help assist combating detrimental health issues with junior community members.
- The Annual Management Plan details Council's proposed future works over the next three (3) years, with the 2008/2009 projects being set in concrete, however the additional two (2) year programmes will be reviewed and amended prior to each financial year, according to new issues which may be unforeseen at the time of adoption of the Plan.
- Rates account for approximately 29% of Council's revenue, and of this, 28% contributes towards salaries, 2% toward loan repayments, 50% toward materials and services, 1% for insurances, 1% for energy costs, 1% for community donations, and 17% for depreciation.
- Council expended approximately \$1.2 million in the 2006/2007 year on sporting fields, including parks, gardens, the Lithgow Golf Club and the Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool.
- Council has applied for a special rate variation of 6.75%, to cover costs of \$8 million to construct a new Indoor Aquatic Centre (6.45%) as well as infrastructure improvements (0.3%). This generally equates to an increase of approximately \$50.00 per year.
- The Draft Annual Management includes two (2) options, the first including if Council is approved the special rate variation, and the second includes figures should Council not be successful in receiving the rate variation (ie with no infrastructure improvements or new indoor aquatic centre).
- Council has conducted community briefing sessions in relation to the Draft Annual Management Plan, to determine the support for the new indoor aquatic centre, with Council expecting the majority of the community to support the proposal, noting that a number of locals are currently regularly visiting Bathurst and Katoomba indoor aquatic centres for training, recreation and physical therapy purposes.
- Negotiations have taken place with the PCYC, who would undertake the administration and operation of the new aquatic centre, after selling their current facility, would be able to contribute financially to the new indoor aquatic centre by inclusion of a gymnasium area, making the facility a 12 month training facility.
- The special rate variation would also be applicable to any new properties constructed within the twenty (20) year life of the loan for the aquatic centre.
- New fees and charges for sporting field use have been drafted, which will affect all users, however, more notably users including senior cricket, senior hockey, senior soccer, Lithgow touch football and Portland touch football, as charges have not been applicable to these users in previous years.
- Council is currently liaising with its legal representatives regarding the drafting of a lease agreement for some users, particularly basketball and netball who use buildings, and once a draft agreement has been compiled, Council will be contacting the affected groups to conduct individual meetings regarding this.
- Council has reviewed the lighting charges for Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Kremer Park and Wallerawang Oval, as there were some notable anomalies in the previous fees and charges.
- An error in the fees for Kremer Park, portland have been identified, with the fee being \$908.00 per season, not \$804.00 per season.
- Submissions in relation to the Draft Annual Management Plan need to be received by Council prior to 21 May 2008, quoting Council's reference "DAMP08-11", with copies being available on Council's website, at the front counter in Council's Administration Building, and at Lithgow, Portland, Wallerawang and Rydal Libraries.

- Issues raised by the Committee in relation to these changes included:
- When the Lithgow District Cricket Association conduct night games at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow, they only use a portion of the lights, and will make a submission regarding the possibility of a fee for part use of the lights.
- During football training, the entire ground is utilised, however, there are a number of lights currently not working, which makes it difficult to train effectively, and therefore the lights have to be utilised for a longer period of time to accommodate all users. Council will investigate the possibility of replacing the lights which are currently not operational, as well as investigating the minimum running time to ensure effective lifespan of the light globes and prevention of lights being damaged.

The Committee thanked Mrs Amanda Muir for the useful presentation, and her time take to explain and discuss the Committee's concerns.

The Committee recommends that Mrs Amanda Muir's address be received, and for individual sporting groups to review the Draft Annual Management Plan and make individual submissions as they relate to their organisations.

MOVED: Mr Neil Gambrill

SECONDED: Mr Peter Bresac

ITEM 10 – GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mr Danny Whitty advised that the junior cricket training day with Brian Taber has been set as Wednesday, 1 October 2008, and should not conflict with any other booking as it is during the school holidays as well as within the general cricket season booking, however, a formal booking will be submitted once the schedule is finalised.
- Mr Wayne Vought enquired if Council or the Greater Lithgow Hockey Association is responsible for signage regarding parking in front of the emergency access gates at the Glanmire Oval, Lithgow, as this was recently highlighted after a medical emergency occurred at the grounds. Mr Terry Nolan advised that he has arranged an onsite meeting with Mr Neil Gambrill to discuss this, and Council will endeavour to assist with this issue where possible.
- Mr Mark Cronin advised that during the Ironfest event over the weekend, vehicles were observed parking on the cricket wicket at Conran Oval, Lithgow, and enquired if Council granted permission to the event organisers for this, as well as enquired if any damage occurred to the wicket. Mr Terry Nolan advised that permission was not given for parking on the playing surface of Conran Oval, Lithgow, and that some damage had occurred, including damage to the fence which was vandalised in gaining access to the grounds as well as the cricket wicket and surrounding area, and expected this damage to be repaired with additional works to the grounds. Mr Danny Whitty further advised that Ironfest were advertising a fee of \$2.00 per vehicle for parking. The Committee recommended that correspondence be forwarded to Ironfest organisers expressing disappointment at the lack of respect shown to sporting fields and Council's direction for no parking to occur Conran Oval, and further advising that sporting bodies who have supported the Ironfest event by moving grounds for competitions held over that weekend will be considering their position in supporting the event in future years due to these actions. The Committee further recommended to fully support Council in any request for financial reimbursement from the Ironfest event organisers to rectify the damage to the fields. MOVED: Mr Neil Gambrill
SECONDED: Mr Bill Ranse
- Mr Neil Gambrill requested a progress update on the proposed Hermitage Colliery Sporting Oval, and Mrs Amanda Muir advised that Council has a funding allocation in the upcoming budget for investigative works. Councillor Neville Castle further added that Council has been investigating the possibility of funding grants for construction, and that this is an item that has been identified in Council's long term plans.

Neil further enquired if this information could be relayed to the public in the local media, which will suppress any negative comments from the community as well as inform them of the progress of this issue.

- Mr Neil Gambrill enquired if Council has considered the construction of sporting fields in new subdivision areas, and Mrs Amanda Muir advised that historically Council has tended to commit to “pocket parks” in new areas, however, due to new legislation, Council in the near future will be undertaking an Open Space and Recreational Study which will identify any improvements/upgrades that may need to be undertaken, including provision or relocation of open spaces which can serve as playing fields.
- Mr Eric Arnold enquired if Council could undertake some maintenance of the grass on the cross country tracks at Lake Wallace, Wallerawang, as these tracks had not been maintained for approximately ten (10) years, and will be utilised for the cross country event in July 2008. Mr Terry Nolan advised that Mr Arnold can contact him or Council’s Lake Wallace Groundsman to arrange for appropriate works to be undertaken.
- Mr Neil Gambrill advise the Committee that forty two (42) teams competed in the recent Hockey Tournament at Glanmire Oval, Lithgow, which is a vast increase in previous numbers, and noted that it was satisfying to see all of the fields being well utilised.
- Mr Peter Bresac advised that the Junior Rugby League draw for 2008 has been finalised, and a copy will be provided to Council this week, as home games will be commencing as of Saturday, 3 May 2008.
- Councillor Neville Castle advised it is pleasing to note that Lithgow is being recognised for a number of large sporting events, including the recent Great Escapade Bicycle Ride and the upcoming Wold Masters Game in October 2009 which will see between 1,000 and 1,500 people competing in the Orienteering event at Long Swamp. These events have a positive financial benefit to the local economy, as well as displaying our local attractions to visitors.
- Mr Bill Ranse advised that he has held a meeting with Country Rugby League representatives in relation to the possibility of conducting a City versus Country game at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, Lithgow in future years, however, some works will need to be undertaken to ensure the grounds meet the Country Rugby League’s criteria. Workmen’s Club RLFC will investigate the criteria, and advise Council of works to be done, and Council can then cost the works, and determine the feasibility of progressing with this event, noting that the vent would provide positive benefits to the local economy.
- Mr Andrew Muir introduced Mr Danny Oldfield (Public Assets Engineer) and Mr Terry Nolan (Recreation Supervisor) to the Committee after their recent appointments at Council. Terry’s duties include overseeing of all of the operational and maintenance projects for parks, gardens and sporting fields, and Danny is responsible for overseeing Terry’s functions as well as other Council programmes including the Lithgow Pool, Council’s buildings and cemeteries.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee be adopted.

TRAFFIC AUTHORITY LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes, 3 April, 2008

PRESENT- Bob Walker, George Schurr, Cr Howard Fisher, Bob Wilison, Kym Snow

APOLOGIES- Paul Creelman, Sgt Mark Brown

REPORT

ITEM 1 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST- Nil

ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Traffic Authority Local Committee Meeting held on 7 February, 2008, were read and confirmed.

The Committee recommends that the Minutes be taken as read and confirmed

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 40kmh Precinct process continuing-A meeting is to be held with Daryl Minham (RTA) to inspect the 40k Precinct and advise us on measures to be taken and how to use the available funding.
- Lights on in Daytime program process continuing- The "Lights on in Daytime" program has been put within the projects for Lithgow's RSO, Kym Snow FOR 2008-2009
- Plans for the load limit zone continuing
- 80kmh speed limit on the Castlereagh Highway – assessment of the area is continuing.
- A proposal for loading zones within the Lithgow CBD will be tabled at the next meeting.
- Signs for the school zone, bus stop and "no stopping" on either side of the hospital carpark will all be installed by the end of this week.

The Committee recommends these issues are tabled

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ITEM 4 – The safety of the pedestrians crossing in Main Street Lithgow (Cook Street Plaza) has been raised and asked for TALC to report on the progress in dealing with this issue.

The Committee recommends that the existing trees be removed and replaced with more appropriate vegetation(lower height to improve vision).

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ITEM 5 – ANZAC Day road closures for Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland.(Letter not yet received from Portland RSL).

The Committee recommends that the procedures of previous ANZAC Day events be followed. Future events should include prepared proposals in line with RTA event guidelines, subject to Police guidelines and approved traffic plans.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ITEM 6 – Signage to make drivers aware of birds and falling debris in Rabaul Street, Lithgow. Many native birds are being killed and cars are being hit.

The Committee recommends that appropriate signage be looked at in consultation with Bob Walker who will look at signage for similar situations from other states. The signs are to be erected when the birds are feeding off the acorns.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ITEM 7 – A request has come in from Council to TALC as to what actions can be taken against Cookes Metal Industries with their current work practices. Letter and photos attached. Rangers are currently monitoring the business and its activities.

The Committee recommends that a Disabled Parking space be put outside 67 Inch Street. Also that the work practices of Cookes Metal Industries continue to be examined by Council's Rangers on a regular basis and that Council's planning staff look at how the Development Application conditions relate to the way in which business is conducted. The photos that were supplied showing bins being left on Inch street and various trucks and trailers being unloaded by forklift on Inch Street were of concern to the committee.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ITEM 8 – A letter from Mr Falloon about some general traffic issues.

The committee recommends that the stop sign at the intersection of Mort and Chifley Streets remains in place as it was a concern that making it a Give Way sign would encourage drivers to go faster around the corner into Chifley Street and could present an safety risk to other drivers.. The request for a "Left Turn after stopping" sign at the intersection of Mort and Lithgow Streets was denied because of the presence of a school in the area.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ITEM 9 – GENERAL BUSINESS

- A request has been made to the General Manager from the Lithgow Business Association to further look at timed parking in the Eskbank Car park.- SUBMISSION NOT RECEIVED
- A traffic plan was received for Ironfest, on the 25,26,27 of April- It was decided not to accept this traffic plan and to request that the organisers of Ironfest source some suitably qualified people to draw up a suitable traffic control plan to be approved by Police, RTA and Council.

The Committee recommends that appropriate actions be undertaken.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Seargent Mark Brown was shown a copy of the minutes on the 4 April in a meeting with Paul Creelman at Lithgow Police Station, and was in full concurrence with all recommendations.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 5 June, 2008, at 2.00pm** in the Committee Room, Administration Building, 180 Mort Street, Lithgow.

The meeting closed.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Traffic Authority Local Committee be adopted.