



MINUTES

Sports Advisory Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Council Chambers
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 14th June 2023

at 5:30 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5:35 pm.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Lithgow City Council acknowledges Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside. The Council also extends our respects to our neighbouring nations.

The Chair acknowledged Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside and extended respect to our neighbouring nations.

2. Present

Councillor Darryl Goodwin - Chair
Councillor Almundena Bryce
Eric Mahony - Lithgow Workies Wolves
Robyn Whitty - Reg Cowden Trust
Danny Whitty - Reg Cowden Trust
Glen Ryan - Reg Cowden Trust
Richard Marjoram - Lithgow Basketball
Suzy Morris - Lithgow Storm JRL
Peter Morris - Lithgow Storm JRL
Todd Crook - Lithgow Junior Cricket
Matt Tuxford - Lithgow Senior Cricket
Robyn Millar - Lithgow Hockey Association

Officers:

David Anderson - Building & Recreation Facilities Manager
Trish Haynes - Recreation Works Coordinator
Kaitlin Cibulka - Minutes

3. Apologies

Mark Fordham - Lithgow Soccer
Cass Hawkins - Lithgow Croquet
Alma Magus - Lithgow Croquet

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8th February 2023 presented to the Council on 27th March 2023.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: S Morris

SECONDED: R Marjoram

The committee raised concerns in relation to the development of the Women's Shed at Tony Luchetti Sportsground and the impact it will have on users in terms of parking space. It was noted that members received correspondence regarding the development this week however its only showing the development plan and not the surrounding areas it will impact noting that they don't show allocated parking. The administration advised that this will be taken on notice and advice will be sought from the Planning department to provide a response.

5. Declaration of Interest

The chair called for declarations of interest.

Eric Mahony declared an interest as he is a Councillor but is attending this meeting as a Lithgow Workies Wolves representative.

6. Financial Assistance Requests

6.1. Financial Assistance Requests

SUMMARY

A request for financial assistance has been received from Lyndall Peychers after her selection in the NSW National School Swimming at Sydney Olympic Park in August 2023. It is recommended that Council provide Lydall Peychers with \$300.00 toward the cost of participating, as participation will see Lyndall representing Lithgow in Swimming.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved** - \$2,500.00
- **Cost centre** – PJ 800158 – Governance – Section 356 Donations and Contributions
- **Expended to date** - \$800.00
- **Future potential impact** - if the request is approved for \$300, this would bring remaining funds to \$900.00.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide Lyndall Peychers with \$300.00 toward the cost of participating in the NSW National School Swimming in August 2023.

MOVED: R Marjoram

SECONDED: Cr A Bryce

7. LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Awards

7.1. 2023 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Awards

SUMMARY

- There were no written Junior nominations for the month of *February 2023* received.
- There were no written Junior nominations for the month of *March 2023* received.

- There were no written Junior nominations for the month of *April 2023* received, however financial assistance was granted to Alexander Evans (Swimming) to compete at the 2023 National Age Championships on the Gold Coast in April. Alexander is 15 years and qualified to compete in the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m freestyle, the 200m medley along with the 100m and 200m butterfly events.

- There were no written Junior nominations for the month of *May 2023* received.

There were no written Senior nominations received.

The committee raised a few notable sporting achievements over the few months in Hockey, Cross Fit, Basketball and Rugby League. It was determined that the committee will deliberate outside the meeting and will make suggestions to the next meeting for confirmation.

ACTION

THAT An email will be sent to the committee to nominate additional recipients to be accepted.

MOVED: S Morris

SECONDED: Cr A Bryce

8. Booking Requests

Blast Furnace Park

- Walk N Talk – Saturday 6th May 2023
- Lithglow (Council Event) – Saturday 13th May 2023
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 3rd June 2023
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 1st July 2023
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 5th August 2023
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 2nd September 2023
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 7th October 2023

- Walk N Talk – Saturday 4th November 2023
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 2nd December 2023

Conran Oval

- No bookings

Glanmire Oval

- No bookings

Jim Monaghan Oval

- St Patrick's School – Athletics Carnival – Friday 19th May 2023
- Coerwull Public School – Athletics Carnival – Thursday 25th May 2023

Kremer Park

- Portland Central School – Athletics Carnival – Friday 5th May 2023

Lake Wallace

- PSSA District Cross Country – Friday 26th May 2023

Marjorie Jackson Oval

- Lithgow District Soccer – 2023 Soccer Season – 1st April to 30th September 2023

Saville Park

- No Bookings

Tony Luchetti

- Coerwull Public School – Cross Country – Friday 5th May 2023
- St Patrick's School – Athletics Carnival – Friday 19th May 2023

Lithgow Storm JRL – 2023 Season – 1st April 2023 to 10th September 2023

- Training – Monday to Friday – 4pm to 6:30pm
- Games (draw to come) – Saturdays 8am to 2pm & Sundays 8am to 11:30am

Lithgow Workies Wolves SRL – 2023 Season – 18th April 2023 to 2nd October 2023

- Training – Monday, Thursday & Fridays – 5pm to 7:30pm
- Games – Saturdays & Sundays 10am to 5:30pm
 - 13th May
 - 3rd June
 - 25th June
 - 7th July
 - 15th July
 - 5th August

Wallerawang Oval

- Wallerawang Soccer FC – 2023 Season Training (April to September) – Monday to Fridays between 4pm to 7pm
- Wallerawang JRL – 2023 Season – April to September
 - Training – Thursdays & Fridays 4pm to 6pm
 - Games – (League Tag) Sundays
 - 7th May
 - 28th May
 - 4th June
 - 18th June
 - 25th June
 - 23rd July
 - 30th July
 - 20th August

Watsford Oval

- Lithgow High School – Wednesday School Sports – Wednesdays from 8th February to 13th December 2023

Zig Zag Oval

- No bookings received

ACTION

THAT All bookings detailed in Item 7 be noted.

MOVED: Cr A Bryce

SECONDED: S Morris

9. New Members

SUMMARY

- No correspondence has been received advising of a change in Sports Advisory Committee Delegates or request for membership to the committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ACTION

THAT the committee note there are no changes or new members requests.

MOVED: Cr A Bryce

SECONDED: R Marjoram

10. General Business

The Chair called for any general business items and proceeded to go around the room.

E Mahony advised that the senior rugby league competition is going well for all four grades (League Tag/ Under 18's/ Reserve & First Grades). It was put forward that better lighting is required for both Tony Luchetti Sportsground and Marjorie Jackson Soccer Oval to better facilitate users of the grounds. The administration confirmed this is noted and has been investigated in the past and are actively source grant funding for improved lighting at all sports fields. The ground maintenance was also complimented.

R Marjoram advised that Lithgow Basketball has recently gained a grant to install new front doors on the stadium and are actively looking for grants to create disability access to the amenities within the stadium, with a long-term plan to extend the stadium. The committee noted that there has been a large influx of players this year especially with girls, who recently won a silver medal at the Country Championships. It was also requested if the potholes could be filled in the carpark at the Basketball Stadium.

S Morris noted that the season is going well for Storm JRL and are working with the Senior Club (Workies Wolves). It was advised that the new amenities block behind the grandstand has no locks and also the lock on the large slider of the canteen is broken and may require replacing. The administration noted this for investigation.

D Whitty raised the ongoing conflict at the Wallerawang Indoor Sports Stadium in terms of fees being charged and noted that access should be provided to the whole community. R Marjoram also agreed that the fees to hire the venue are very expensive. Other members of the committee noted the amenities are not cleaned. This matter will be raised with management of the facility.

D Whitty advised that committee of Glen Ryan's recent induction into the Australian Axemans Hall of Fame in Tasmania for his years of service and dedication to the sport. R Millar also noted that Robyn Bannerman was also recently received a life membership for Outstanding Service to

Hockey in Australia at National and International level. The committee congratulated both awardees on their achievements.

It was noted that both Basketball & Hockey are holding Indigenous round in their respective sports in July 2023.

M Tuxford advised that Cricket had a successful 2022/2023 season with the recent merger with Blue Mountains Cricket and are looking forward to the next season. A question was asked about the unavailability of Turf #3 at Tony Luchetti. The administration advised that it was a decision made at this committee to leave the football posts up at that end of the field to still cater for football in the warmer season. M Tuxford also advised that whilst T20 did not occur this season this is being considered for next season.

T Crook noted that the junior cricket season also went well and praised the condition of the pitches during their season.

R Millar raised that the Hockey Club held a summer competition that was very successful and looking forward to bringing that back next summer. Premier league hockey is also going well. It was noted that the lighting at the hockey fields also needs to be investigated and the fencing around the area is deteriorating. The administration noted that the lights will be investigated, and funding has been allocated in the draft budget for the 2023/24 works program for new fencing around the hocky complex.

P Morris raised the lighting at Tony Luchetti Sportsground advised that 50% of the lights are not working. He also raised that the bins are overflowing between Senior and Junior game days and asked if an additional service could occur on those weekends and the bins in the grandstand are not being emptied. The administration confirmed that an additional service can take place and will ensure the bins in the grandstand will be emptied.

Cr D Goodwin raised an idea of getting the committee together to brainstorm ideas on how we can better the existing facilities and the standards required. It was noted that a representative of the NSW Office of Sport would like to attend a future sports advisory committee meeting.

11. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Wednesday 9th August 2023 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:40 pm.