



MINUTES

Sports Advisory Committee

to be held at

Council Administration Centre
Council Chambers
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 11th October 2023

at 5:30 PM

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Meeting Opened: 5:30pm

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.

2. Present

Councillor Darryl Goodwin (Chair)

Councillor Almudena Bryce

Councillor Cassandra Coleman

Danny Whitty

Robyn Whitty

Matt Tuxford

Diane Plaza

Richard Marjoram

Mark McAulay

Suzy Morris

Robyn Millar

Eric Mahony

Reg Cowden Trust

Reg Cowden Trust

Lithgow District Senior Cricket

Lithgow District Netball Association

Lithgow Basketball Association

Lithgow Table Tennis

Lithgow Storm JRL

Lithgow Hockey Association

Lithgow Workies Wolves RL

Special Guest:

Neece Carrigan

NSW Office of Sport

Officers:

David Anderson

Trish Haynes

Kaitlin Cibulka

Building and Recreation Facilities Manager

Recreation Works Coordinator

Minutes

3. Apologies

Glen Ryan

Peter Morris

Lithgow Axemans Association / Reg Cowden Trust

Lithgow Workies Wolves

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on 9th August 2023, were presented to the ordinary meeting of Council held on 28th August 2023.

ACTION

THAT the committee note the minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee meeting held on 9th August 2023

MOVED: D Whitty

SECONDED: M McAulay

5. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6. Financial Assistance Requests

6.1. Financial Assistance Requests

SUMMARY

No financial assistance requests have been received since the previous meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ACTION

THAT the committee notes the information provided.

MOVED: R Whitty

SECONDED: D Whitty

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 was one written Junior nominations for the month of *August 2023* received;

Lyndall Peychers (Swimming) – Lyndall competed in the NSW Team at the School Sports Australia on between the 25th & 29th August 2023, where she did very well. Lyndall placed 2nd in the 10yrs girls 100m Backstroke and 50m Backstroke. She then went on to place 4th in the 100m Freestyle and 4th in the Medley Relay events.

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

There were no written Senior nominations received.

Off the floor nominations received:

- Cheryn Van-Veen – Hockey
- Eli Morris – Rugby League
- Sam Lane – Rugby League
- Workies Wolves U18's Rugby League Team
- Lithgow Panther's Women's Team – Hockey

From the floor nominations were received for the below however were advised that they would be presented to the next meeting as they completed in the month of October:

- Junior Nomination - Nate Green – Western Rams Team Selections
- Senior Nomination - Jae Daley – Weight Lifting

Month	Junior Recipient(s)	Senior Recipient(s)
December/January	No Nominations	No Nominations
February	No Nominations	No Nominations
March	No Nominations	No Nominations
April	No Nominations	No Nominations
May	No Nominations	No Nominations
June	Dakota Hann (Rugby League)	No Nominations
July	No Nominations	Cheryl Rutherford (Hockey)
August		
September		
October		
November		

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ACTION

THAT

1. The 2023 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Junior Sports Star of the Year Award for *August 2023* be awarded to *Lyndall Peychers (Swimming)*;
2. The 2023 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Junior Sports Star of the Year Award for *September 2023* be awarded to *Eli Morris (Rugby League)*;
3. The 2023 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Senior Sports Star of the Year Award for *August 2023* be awarded to *Cheryn Van-Veen (Hockey)*; and
4. The 2023 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Senior Sports Star of the Year Award for *September 2023* be awarded to *Sam Lane (Rugby League)*.

MOVED: R Marjoram

SECONDED: D Whitty

8. Booking Requests

SUMMARY

The following bookings were received/ occurred between *October 2023* and *April 2024*, and do not conflict with any other approved bookings.

Blast Furnace Park

- Western Sydney Uni – Science & Art Event – Saturday 14th October 2023
- Walk N Talk Event – Saturday 4th November 2023
- Walk N Talk Event – Saturday 2nd December 2023
- **TENTATIVE(Awaiting on further information)** – Aussie Food Markets – Sunday 17th December 2023

Conran Oval

- Lithgow District Senior Cricket – 2023/2024 Season
 - Rd1 – 14th October 2023 – Conran – Backup Glanmire
 - Rd2 – 21st October 2023 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd3 – 21st October 2023 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd4 – 4th November 2023 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd5 – 11th November 2023 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd6 – 18th November 2023 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd7 – 25th November 2023 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd8 – 2nd December 2023 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd9 – 9th December 2023 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd10 – 3rd February 2024 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd11 – 10th February 2024 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd12 – 17th February 2024 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd13 – 24th February 2024 – Conran - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd14 – 2nd March 2024 – Conran - Backup Glanmire

Glanmire Oval

- No bookings received.

*Note that this is a backup ground for the 2023/2024 Senior Cricket Season

Jim Monaghan Oval

- No bookings received.

Kremer Park

- Portland Men's Shed Swap Meet – Sunday 29th October 2023

Lake Wallace

- Go Fishing Day – Sunday 15th October 2023

Marjorie Jackson Oval

- No bookings received.

Saville Park

- Portland Touch Football Competition – Wednesdays & Thursdays – from 11th October 2023 to 21st March 2024
- Portland Touch Football – Nick Way Memorial Tournament – 3rd & 4th February 2024

Tony Luchetti

- Lithgow Touch Football – 2023/2024 Season – Mondays from 9th October to 31st March 2024
- Lithgow District Senior Cricket – 2023/2024 Season
 - Rd1 – 14th October 2023 – Turf 1 – Backup Glanmire
 - Rd2 – 21st October 2023 – Turf 1 - Backup Glanmire
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 - Rd13 – 24th February 2024 – Turf 1 - Backup Glanmire
 - Rd14 – 2nd March 2024 – Turf 1 - Backup Glanmire
 - Qualifier – 9th March 2024
 - Elimination Rd 1 – 9th March 2024
 - Elimination Rd 2 – 16th March 2024
 - Final – 23rd March 2024

*Note that a single day tournament will be held on either 16th December 2023 or 20th January 2024 – Date to be confirmed.

- Western Wildfires District Cricket Association 2023/24 Season
 - Wednesday 1st November 2023 – Turf 2
 - Tuesday 12th December 2023
 - Sunday 21st January 2024 – TBC
 - Tuesday 30th January 2024
 - Tuesday 12th March 2024 – (may be moved to Conran dependant on Show dates)

Wallerawang Oval

- No bookings received.

Watsford Oval

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

Zig Zag Oval

- No bookings received

CANCELLATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ACTION

THAT All bookings detailed in Item 7 be noted.

MOVED: Cr A Bryce

SECONDED: R Whitty

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.

Diane Plaza from the Lithgow District Netball expressed interest in becoming a member of the committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council accepts Diane Plaza as the Sports Advisory Committee representative from Lithgow District Netball Association.

MOVED: Cr A Bryce

SECONDED: R Millar

10. General Business

R Marjoram advised that Lithgow Basketball has hosted 4 weekends of indigenous basketball. They were very pleased with the stadium and likely to return to the region. It was also noted that Basketball would like to seek funding to expand the stadium. R Marjoram also raised that there has been some difficulty getting contractors to carry out minor works at the stadium in relation to the installation of the new entry doors. It was requested if the carpark at the stadium be patched, and new line markings done and also an investigation of the installation of a pedestrian crossing near the stadium. The Building & Recreation Facilities Manager advised that a traffic study will be conducted as part of the Sporting Precinct Masterplan that is being carried out.

M McAuley advised that there are no matters to raise from Table Tennis. However, the committee noted that there are currently 18 Table Tennis members in the community with plans in place to build this sport back up in the region.

M Tuxford advised that there are currently 8 teams registered for the 2023/24 Cricket Season, with plans to also hold a one-day tournament over multiple fields in the area like a round robin with all teams.

D Whitty noted that there are dwindling numbers not only in cricket but across all codes with the cost associated with participating.

R Millar advised that the summer hockey competition has commenced and is growing. There are approximately 100 juniors registered. It was requested when the fence will be repaired as it is a hazard. The Building and Recreation Facilities Manager advised that quotes are still being sourced. C A Bryce also noted that the lighting towards the back of the field are quite dim and would like this to be looked into.

S Morris advised that the Storm Junior Rugby League season is now completed and expressed appreciation to Council on the preparation of the facilities for their use over the season. It was also raised that there is a water leak from the floor within the Workies Wolves change room. It was advised that this be passed on to the plumbers for investigation. E Mahony also noted a broken panel in the wall behind the door of this area may be inspected.

D Plaza advised that Netball has struggled to keep numbers up, its believed that this is due to the rising costs associated with participating and management of the stadium at Wallerawang. It was advised that investigations are taking place in relation to the management of the stadium. The Building and Recreation Facilities Manager also noted that there has been a delay with the resurfacing of the outdoor courts but hopes to have this project completed over the next few weeks.

E Mahony advised that there is a notable decline in participation, volunteers and increase of fees with the increase cost of living. However Senior Rugby league had a successful season with many women to field a league tag side making it to finals and the Under 18s making it to the grand final. The Rugby League for the area spread across Lithgow to Nyngan, whilst this makes for a healthy competition, there is a duty of care as it is a 10-hour round trip to play a game. Talks are in place with NRL for Lithgow to push toward the east in the Penrith competition. E Mahony also noted that there is a 4-week rugby league competition occurring in the area with teams from Portland, Blackheath, Kandos and Carcoar with the first round held in Wallerawang over the weekend.

The committee discussed the women's shed, noting that construction has commenced.

Cr A Bryce noted that the with the discontinuation of the active kids vouchers this has not helped families to have kids participate in sports especially with the cost of living rising.

Neece Carrigan advised on the following items that the NSW Office of Sport are promoting and assisting sporting associations and council across NSW:

- Infrastructure Grants
- Webinar on Child Safe policies and safeguarding
- Information on Member Protecting Roles – guidance advice and pathways

Email to come with further information and will be distributed to the committee.

D Whitty also noted that he has been in contact with the Baggy Blues to bring their suicide prevention program back to the area. Currently awaiting further advice.

11. Meeting Close

Meeting closed: 6:36pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 5:30pm
Council Chambers, Administration Building
180 Mort Street LITHGOW NSW 2790