



MINUTES

Sports Advisory Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 14 February 2024

at 5:30 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5:30pm.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

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
Councillor Almundena Bryce
Richard Marjoram
Robyn Whitty
Danny Whitty
Matt Tuxford
Mark Fordham
Dominic Smith
Suzy Morris
Robyn Millar
Romesh Kamalaharan
Eric Wood

Chair

Lithgow Basketball Association
Reg Cowden Trust
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Lithgow District Cricket Association
Lithgow District Football
Lithgow Workmens Soccer
Lithgow Storm Junior Rugby League
Lithgow Hockey Association
Wallerawang Indoor Sports Association
Lithgow Swimming Club

Guests:

David Burns DB Consulting

Officers:

David Anderson Buildings and Recreation Facilities Manager
Trish Haynes Recreation Works Coordinator
Kaitlin Cibulka Minutes

3. Apologies

Apologies:

Glen Ryan Reg Cowden Trust
Cassandra Coleman Councillor
Mark McAulay Lithgow Table Tennis
Eric Mahony Lithgow Workies Wolves

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13th December are proposed to be presented to the Council on 26th February 2024.

ACTION

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

MOVED: R Marjoram

SECONDED: M Fordham

5. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

6. Financial Assistance Requests

SUMMARY

A request for financial assistance has been received from Alexis Reid after her selection in the European Circuit for Taekwondo in April 2024. It is recommended that Council provide *Alexis Reid* with \$500.00 toward the cost of participating, as participation will see Alexis representing Lithgow in Taekwondo.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved** - \$2,500.00
- **Cost centre** – PJ 800158 – Governance – Section 356 Donations and Contributions
- **Expended to date** - \$1,100.00
- **Future potential impact** – if the request is approved for \$500.00, the budget remaining will be \$600.00

Recommendation

THAT Council provide *Alexis Reid* with toward the cost of participating.

MOVED: D Whitty

SECONDED: M Fordham

CARRIED

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

The committee discussed the concerns of the decline of nominations for the Reg Cowden Awards and the following suggestions were made to improve the program:

- Providing vouchers instead of trophies
- Social media campaign , recognising winners and thanking sponsors
- Sporting bodies assisting with promotions and nominations of the awards

Cr A Bryce requested to move a motion that the communication officer be approached to assist with promoting the awards.

ACTION

THAT

1. The monthly awards remain as per previous years; and
2. The administration work with the newly appointed Communications Officer to work out media campaigns to get information out into the community for nominations and announce winners: and
3. The administration speak with sponsors about potential change of awards from trophies to vouchers and sponsorship value.

MOVED: Cr A Bryce

SECONDED: D Whitty

CARRIED

8. Booking Requests

SUMMARY

The following bookings were received, and do not conflict with any other approved bookings.

Blast Furnace Park

- Walk N Talk – Saturday 3rd February 2024
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 2nd March 2024
- Wedding Ceremony – Tuesday 12th March 2024
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 6th April 2024
- [TBC – Aussie Food Markets – 21st April 2024](#)
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 4th May 2024
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 1st June 2024
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 6th July 2024
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 3rd August 2024
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 7th September 2024
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 5th October 2024
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 2nd November 2024
- Walk N Talk – Saturday 7th December 2024

Conran Oval

- No bookings - (Western Wildfire Wet Weather Back up venue)

Glanmire Oval

No bookings

Jim Monaghan Oval

- Coerwull Public School – Athletics Training – Wednesday 10th April 2024 – 11:00am to 3:00pm
- Coerwull Public School - Athletics Training – Wednesday 1st May 2024 – 11:00am to 3:00pm
- La Salle Academy - Athletics Carnival – Friday 24th May 2024 – 8am to 3:30pm

Kremer Park

- Portland RSL Sub Branch – Swap Meet – 27th October 2024

Lake Wallace

- No Bookings

Marjorie Jackson Oval

- 2024 Soccer Season – 1st April 2024 to 30th September 2024

Saville Park

- Portland Touch Football – Wednesdays & Thursdays – 5:30 to 7:30 from 11th October to 21 March 2024

Tony Luchetti

- Lithgow Touch Football – Mondays 5:30pm to 8:30pm – from 1st October 2023 to 31st March 2024
- Western Wildfires Cricket – Tuesday 12th December 2023
- Western Wildfires Cricket – Tuesday 30th January 2024
- Western Wildfires Cricket – Tuesday 12th March 2024
- Lithgow Show Society – 2024 Lithgow Show – 15/16/17 March 2024

Wallerawang Oval

- Peachy / Richardson – Primary School Gala Day – 26th March 2024 - 8:30am to 3:00pm

Watsford Oval

- Creative Community Concept Events
 - 13th February 2024
 - 20th February 2024
 - 27th February 2024
 - 5th March 2024

Zig Zag Oval

- No bookings received

S Morris raised the fees and charges for seasonal sports. The committee were advised that the fees are set by Council each financial year with sporting bodies paying a seasonal fee. It was noted that hirers of Tony Luchetti do have higher bills due to the hourly lighting charges , however this is being reviewed for the new financial year. If any club is experiencing hardship , they can write to Council requesting assistance by way of a reduction that can be considered by Council.

ACTION

THAT All bookings detailed in Item 7 be noted.

MOVED: Cr A Bryce

SECONDED: S Morris

CARRIED

9. New Members

SUMMARY

Correspondence has been received from Wallerawang Indoor Sports Association advising of new members in Sports Advisory Committee and their delegates, being Romesh Kamalaharan and Morgan Starkey.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council accept Romesh Kamalaharan and Morgan Starkey as the Sports Advisory Committee representatives from Wallerawang Indoor Sports Association.

MOVED: Cr A Bryce

SECONDED: D Whitty

CARRIED

10. General Business

The Buildings and Recreation Facilities Manager introduced David Burns from DB Consulting who has been engaged to carry out the Sport Precinct Masterplan. D Burns gave a presentation to the committee of his background in this area of works and advised that committee of proposed site inspections and community engagement with individual sports associations and users as part of the project. Once the report is drafted it will be reported back to the committee and Council for endorsement.

The chair asked for any general business and the following was raised:

- R Millar asked for an update on the fence around the Hockey Fields and when the repair is scheduled for. An update was provided
- S Morris passed on thanks to Council for the flooring in the change rooms and setting up field 1 for the Western Rams tournament.
- E Wood of Lithgow Swimming Club provided an update on the recent changes to the club and the district carnival held at the aquatic centre over the weekend of the 3rd / 4th February.
- M Tuxford advised the committee that the T10 tournament was successful even though the weather was not favourable for the turfs to be used. This is a tournament that is looking to be continued in the future. It was also noted that there are 3 general rounds left before the final rounds of finals commence.
- D Whitty raised a concern of when cricket is being played at Glanmire, the public safety risk of people walking along the footpath while a game is being played. It was requested if Council could investigate installing signage to advise pedestrian of a game in play. It was also asked if about parking on the George Coates Avenue whilst a game is being played at Watsford. The administration advised that an investigation will be carried out for signage in both areas. D Whitty also advised that he has been in talks with the Baggy Blues coming back to the area and was asking if there is any grants that could be applied for.

- R Marjoram thanked the Council for the maintenance carried out the surrounds of the stadium. It was advised that the representative season has kicked off and teams travelled to Griffith last weekend , with a successful campaign particularly the U18's. It was also asked if solar is being considered for the building. The Buildings and Recreation Facilities Manager confirmed that this is being considered and engineer reports will be source to confirm if the structure can hold the additional weight on the roof. R Marjoram also advised that they are having trouble sourcing a contractor to carry out works for the entry for the building with relation to the main doors , the Buildings and Recreation Facilities manager advised that he would be in contact to assist with sourcing an appropriate contractor.
- Cr A Bryce advised of an upcoming cricket event being held at Tarana with a match between Tarana & O'Connell for the Fish River Cup. Cr Bryce also raised the matter of running a canteen within the aquatic centre as it's a great facility that isn't being used and suggested leasing out the space. The Buildings and Recreation Facilities manager advised that this route is being investigated.

11. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 5:30pm in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:22pm.