



# MINUTES

Sports Advisory Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre  
Council Chambers  
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 12 February 2025

at 5:30 PM

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The Acting Chairperson Cllr D Goodwin declared the meeting open at 5:30 pm.

## **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

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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**

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Present: Councillor C Coleman, Councillor D Goodwin, Councillor R Smith, Councillor E Mahony Richard Marjoram, Shane Milne, Dom Smith, Catherine Barbour, Bronwyn Thompson, Cass Hawkins, Romesh Kamalaharan, Mark Fordham, Robyn Miller, Mark McAulay,

Officers: D Anderson, L Kearney, T Haynes, K Cibulka, P Way (Minutes).

## **3. Apologies**

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Apologies: Danny Whitty, Robyn Whitty, J Edgecombe, Lithgow Workies Wolves/Jr Rugby league

## **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

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The minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were presented to the Council on 25<sup>th</sup> November 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**

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There were no declarations of interest made.

## **6. Terms of Reference and Election of Chairperson**

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### **Summary**

It is a requirement that a refreshed Terms of Reference be presented to each Committee, for their consideration and endorsement, before their adoption at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council. The document is attached to this report.

### **Commentary**

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At the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024, it was determined that the following Councillors will be delegates for the Sports Advisory Committee during their term of Council. The delegated Councillors are:

- Councillor Darryl Goodwin
- Councillor Eric Mahony
- Councillor Ray Smith

A chair and deputy chair for this Committee must be selected from the nominated Councillors.

The Terms of Reference for the Sport Advisory Committee has had no changes since the last adoption.

Sports Advisory Committee is an advisory body only, with no decision-making or budgetary delegations. It is a strategic directional committee that advises the Council on matters related to:

- Determine applications to use sporting and recreation facilities under Council's control where a possibility exists for conflicting bookings.
- Determine nominations for monthly and annual sports awards.

Requests for minor maintenance on sporting fields, buildings or structures such as mowing or fencing repairs are issues that Council is able to undertake without presentation to Sports Advisory Committee. These items should be referred to the Council's Customer Service Department for a request to be logged in Council's Action / Request system for assessment and placement on Council's regular works program. All members of the community have this ability to make a request at any time (Council's after hours call centre are able to log a request as well)

### **Policy Implications**

N/A

### **Financial Implications**

- Budget approved - N/A
- Cost centre - N/A
- Expended to date - N/A
- Future potential impact - N/A

### **Legal Implications**

The Committee is established under section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 which states:

*A function of a council may, subject to this Chapter, be exercised:  
(b) by a committee of the council.*

### **Attachments**

- Terms of Reference – Sports Advisory Committee

Cr D Goodwin read through the terms of reference.

It was noted that the wording Group Manager Operations be changed to Director of Infrastructure & Economy.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT**

1. Council endorse the draft Terms of Reference for the Sports advisory Committee; and
2. Note that Councillor D Goodwin has been elected as the chair and that Councillor E Mahony has been elected as the deputy chairperson.

**MOVED:** Councillor E Mahony

**SECONDED:** Councillor C Coleman

**CARRIED**

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**7. Financial Assistance Requests**

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A request for financial assistance has been received from Charlie Evans after his selection in the 2025 National Age Swimming Championship to be held in April 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council provides Charlie Evans with \$300.00 toward the cost of participating in the 2025 National Age Swimming Championships.

**MOVED:** Cr E Mahony

**SECONDED:** R Marjoram

**CARRIED**

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

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**JUNIORS**

There were no written junior nominations for the month of June 2024

There were no written junior nominations for the month of July 2024

Junior nominations for the month of August 2024 were received from:

- Lithgow Lazer's U'18 Basketball team (Basketball) - The team competed in the NSW State Championships in August 2024. The team played right through to the final where they came 2nd in state.

There were no written junior nominations for the month of September 2024

There were no written junior nominations for the month of October 2024

There were no written junior nominations for the month of November 2024

There were no written junior nominations for the month of December 2024

There were no written junior nominations for the month of January 2025

**SENIORS**

There were no written senior nominations for the month of June 2024

There were no written senior nominations for the month of July 2024

Senior nominations for the month of August 2024 were received from:

- Rylee Millar (Hockey) - Rylee was selected in the NSW Country Women's Hockey Team that competed at the national tournament in August 2024. During this competition Rylee has been selected in the Australian Country Team to compete in Hong Kong and Singapore in April 2025.

A nomination from the floor for Senior award for the month of September 2024 was received from:

- Lithgow Women's Panthers hockey team for competing in 9 grand finals out of 14 (Hockey)

There were no written Senior nominations for the month of October 2024

A nomination from the floor for Senior award for the month of November 2024 was received from:

- Brad Delosa: The Chopperoos Winner's in the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS Team World Championship (wood chopping) 2024 in Paris

There were no written Senior nominations for the month of December 2024

There were no written Senior nominations for the month of January 2025

Richard Marjoram nominated Abbey Wilson for February 2025, due to her selection in the Hockeyroos (Hockey). Abbey is set to compete in February therefore this nomination will be held over until the next meeting for consideration.

## **ACTION**

### **THAT**

1. The 2024 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Junior Sports Star of the Year Award for *August 2024* be awarded to *Lithgow Lazer's U'18's Team (Basketball)*;
2. The 2024 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Senior Sports Star of the Year Award for *August 2024* be awarded to *Rylee Millar (Hockey)*;
3. The 2024 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Senior Sports Star of the Year Award for *September 2024* be awarded to *Lithgow Panthers Women's Team (Hockey)*

**MOVED:** S Milne

**SECONDED:** M McAulay

**CARRIED**

## **9. Booking Requests**

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

### **Blast Furnace Park**

- Walk n Talk – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- Lithgow Uniting Church – Sunrise Easter Service – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025

- Walk n Talk – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### **Conran Oval**

- Western Wildfires – Cricket Match – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### **Glanmire Oval**

- No bookings received for the venue

### **Jim Monaghan Oval**

- Lithgow Little Athletics – 24/25 Seasons – Every Friday until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- La Salle Academy – Athletics Carnival – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Katoomba North Public School – Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August (Wet Weather Back up 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025)

### **Kremer Park**

- No bookings received for the venue

### **Lake Wallace**

- No bookings received for the venue

### **Marjorie Jackson Oval**

- Lithgow District Football Association – 2025 Season – 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025
  - Training – Monday to Friday between 3pm to 8:00pm
  - Matches – Saturdays & Sunday 7:00am to 5:00pm
- Lithgow Workmens Senior Soccer – 2025 Season – 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025
  - Training – Thursdays between 5:00pm to 7:00pm
  - Matches – Sundays 10:30am to 5:00pm

\*\* note clashes with Sunday matches - awaiting draws from both associations to finalise match bookings to ensure each association is catered for\*\*

### **Saville Park**

- Portland Touch Football – 24/25 Touch Competition – Wednesday & Thursdays until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- St Joseph's School – School Event – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- Easter Festival Committee – Portland East Family Festival – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

### **Tony Luchetti Sportsground**

- Lithgow Touch Football – 24/25 Touch Competition – Mondays until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- Lithgow Storm JRL – NSWRL Trophy Presentation – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Western Rams (NRL) - Comp Game Rnd 2 Rams v Central Coast – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (also training on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Western Wildfires – Cricket Matches – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- NRL – Junior Sports Program – Wednesdays (26/02, 05/03, 12/03, 19/03, 26/03, 02/04)
- Lithgow Show Society – Swap Meet Event – 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Lithgow Show Society – 2025 Lithgow Show – 13<sup>th</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> March (Main Show Dates 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March)
- Avid Leisure Pty Ltd – Street Feasts Lithgow – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- Lithgow Workies Wolves – 2025 Season
  - Training Tuesdays & Fridays from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025
  - Comp Games – 26/04, 10/05, 01/06, 26/07, 02/08, 09/08 (draw subject to change)

### **Wallerawang Oval**

- No bookings received for the venue

### **Watsford Oval**

- Venue closed due to works, this closure is expected to be in place until 31/07

### **Zig Zag Oval**

- Resident Booking – Cricket Match – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March

### **ACTION**

**THAT** All bookings detailed in Item 7 be approved.

**MOVED:** S Milne

**SECONDED:** R Marjoram

**CARRIED**

## **10. New Members**

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The Committee was advised Catherine Barbour and Lauren Turner are now the Lithgow Netball Association Sports Advisory Delegates.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council accept Catherine Barbour and Lauren Turner as the Sports Advisory Committee representatives from the Lithgow Netball Association.

**MOVED:** R Marjoram

**SECONDED:** Councillor E Mahony

**CARRIED**

## **11. General Business**

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B Thompson addressed the Committee and requested Council support with mowing maintenance at the Lithgow Croquet Club. It was suggested once per fortnight for 3 hour is the estimated requirement. It was noted there has been a previous discussion between J Edgecombe, Mayor Coleman and the members of the Croquet Club and this will be followed up once J Edgecombe returns from leave.

M Fordham queried if the Sports Precinct Plan is underway. It was noted that it is under review and will be discussed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Strategic Review Committee. Once reviewed it will go out for public exhibition.



R Marjoram raised concerns about parking on the weekend of the show as the Basketball Association is hosting a round of the 2025 Western Junior League Basketball Competition and are expecting a substantial number of players and spectators. To ensure some parking is available, the Basketball car park will be blocked off. Discussions ensued including local resident feedback regarding the accessibility and location of limited mobility parking, alternative parking locations including private and Council owned land, with private land being ruled out due to insurance and safety concerns. Contact will be made with the Show Society to meet and create a traffic management plan to mitigate issues. The use of Council land (Watsford Oval) and other options will be considered. It was noted that promoting Glanmire parking which is connected via newly constructed walking paths would be beneficial.

S Milne thanked Council for the new dugouts at the Marjorie Jackson Oval, they are a welcome addition. Lithgow's round of the Western Youth Soccer League will be held Sunday 25th May and noted concerns mentioned in the Lithgow Mercury about parking extending all the way up to Geordie Street. To minimise issues S Milne will speak with Lithgow Hockey Association regarding the use of their car park. Cr R Smith suggested the Council owned land across from Coalbrook Street could be useful if it was developed into a mixed-use space for car parking etc.

R Marjoram informed the Committee of the upgrade works being done at the Lithgow Basketball stadium to accommodate wheelchair access and new flooring.

Cr E Mahony congratulated Lithgow Rugby League officials on the standard of players coming through the ranks. Highlighting Suzy and Pete Morris's commitment to the club and players. It was noted that Eli Morris is named in the Melbourne Storm Pre-Season Squad 2025, Archie Morris captained the North Sydney Bears in the Harold Mathews Cup, Tallan Egan affiliated with the New Zealand Warriors, Wade Egan continues to play in the New Zealand Warriors first grade, Cooper Egan/ Sam Lane affiliated with Penrith Panthers, Bree Muldoon and Emma Rushworth being selected in their respective womens NRL Pathways leagues.

It would be beneficial to remind the affiliations of the above mentioned about nominating the players for the Reg Cowden awards

Appreciation to T Haynes and staff for their work and the Lithgow Show Society for the installation of a new P A System at Tony Luchetti. D Anderson thanked the Lithgow Show Society for being successful in the grant funding secured to provide the new PA system, which will be a great benefit to all community groups

## **12. Meeting Close**

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### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 16th February at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:11 pm.