



MINUTES

Women's Advisory Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
176 - Training Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 20 October 2025

at 4:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at {time}.

1. Present

Present: Cllr Coleman, Tracy (LCP) Dee Kinney (LCP), Glenda Anthes, Cllr Evangelidis, Vanessa Browning, Zoe Walsh, Laura (Lithgow Show Society), Kim Usher (Oline)

Officers: Heather Chaffey, Alison Kim

2. Apologies

Present: Emma Mason, Kylie Manson, Katrina Dock, Karla Priestly

Officers: Shaun Elwood

3. 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.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

4.1. Confirmation of Minutes

ACTION

THAT it be noted the Minutes of the Women's Advisory Committee Meeting held 12 May 2025 were presented and adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 30 June 2025.

MOVED: Glenda Anthes

SECONDED: Cllr Evangelidis

CARRIED

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None raised.

6. Declaration of Interest

None raised.

7. Discussion Items

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

Moved to suspend standing orders bringing 7.3 and 7.4 to the front

MOVED: Glenda Anthes

SECONDED: Cllr Evangelidis

CARRIED

7.1. Community Strategic Plan 2050

Manager Community and Culture spoke briefly to the report.

7.2. International Women's Day 2026

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee discuss the 2026 theme and discuss ideas for a celebration in March 2026.

The committee discussed previous IWD events and activities.

Ideas shared include:

- Women of Lithgow and exploration of women who have made significant impact on the community of Lithgow throughout history. Raised by Mayor Coleman.
- Exhibition of Books written by women but published under a pseudonym.
- Include young women, increasing promotion of employment, DV, advocacy and leadership.
- Could be an opportunity to fundraise for new centre managed by LCP.

MOVED: Kim Usher

SECONDED: Cllr Evangelidis

CARRIED

7.3. Guest Speaker - Dee Kinney Manager Lithgow Community Projects

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee note the information presented by the Manager Lithgow Community Projects.

Dee Kinney Lithgow Community Projects. Housing and homelessness and DV specialist service. 30 + years. Lithgow women and children's crisis centre and Youth service merged in 2000 and LCP.

Current services include:

- Staying Home Leaving Violence Program (16years+)
 - Counselling
 - Homelessness services
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Building early intervention and prevention programs, mostly unfunded.

- Working with Lithgow Cares, an interagency focussed on child protection, DV and early intervention
- Working to build a men and boys program. We have to include men as part of the conversation to make change. Don't provide direct support to perpetrators of violence.

'Empowering our youth' community event Nov 24th. Open invitation to parents and whole community to generate change for these young people.

Discussion regarding local services and priorities was well received. Committee asked questions regarding domestic and family violence as well as the prevalence, funding and management of homelessness and housing services in Lithgow.

MOVED: Clr Evangelidis

SECONDED: Glenda Anthes

CARRIED

7.4. Guest Speaker - Lithgow Show Society

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT The Womens Advisory Committee note the presentation by Zoe Walsh and Lauren Elkins of the Lithgow Show Society.

Guest speakers Zoe Walsh and Lauren Elkins spoke to their lived experiences of adversity and opportunity and reflected on the impact of the Young Woman competition led by the Lithgow Show Society.

Zoe will participate in Acknowledgement to Country at the Halloween Carnivale festival and the Manager Community and Culture will include Zoe in future youth and community leadership initiatives.

MOVED: Clr Evangelidis

SECONDED: Glenda Anthes

CARRIED

8. General Business

8.1. Pickle Ball: Glenda Anthes noted this emerging sport and the positive impact initiatives around this type of recreation may have for community.

9. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: TBC with 2026 calendar of meetings

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5:38pm.
