



# MINUTES

Sports Advisory Committee

held at

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

on

Wednesday 18 February 2026

at 5:30 PM

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

## **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

The Mayor 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 Cassandra Coleman (Mayor / Chair)  
Councillor Ray Smith  
Danny Whitty - Reg Cowden Trust  
Robyn Whitty - Reg Cowden Trust  
Greg Guest - Lithgow Golf Club  
Mark Fordham - Lithgow Workmens Soccer Club  
Bronwyn Thompson - Lithgow Croquet Club  
Cass Hawkins - Lithgow Croquet Club  
Laura Nightingale - Lithgow Storm Junior Rugby League  
Jeff Kemp - Lithgow Workmens Soccer Club

Officers:

David Anderson - Building and Recreation Facilities Manager  
Rhiannan Whiteley - Minutes

## **3. Apologies**

Robyn Millar – Lithgow Hockey Association  
Suzy Morris – Lithgow Workies Wolves RLFC

Officers  
Councillor Darryl Goodwin  
Councillor Eric Mahony  
Jonathon Edgecombe - Director Infrastructure & Project Delivery

## **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

### **ACTION**

THAT it be noted the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held 10th December were presented and adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28th January 2026.

**MOVED:** Cr R Smith

**SECONDED:** Bronwyn Thompson

## **5. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

## **6. Financial Assistance Requests**

### **6.1. Financial Assistance Requests**

#### **SUMMARY**

There were no complying financial assistance requests received in January/February 2026.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

It was asked as to whether Financial assistance requests could be asked retrospectively. 17yr old went to England in December. Can this be considered after the fact? David Anderson advised he will make enquiries.

**\*\*As per policy 4.2 Financial Assistance - Section 356 of the Local Government Act. Financial assistance will not be provided retrospectively. All financial assistance requests are to be submitted to Council on the Financial Assistance Program Application Form.\*\***

#### **ACTION**

**THAT** that the information regarding financial assistance be noted.

**MOVED:** Greg Guest

**SECONDED:** Ray Smith

#### **CARRIED**

Note: David Anderson noted to the committee that Greg Guest was not an official member and a submission to the committee was required and the committee are required to vote on this. Mayor Coleman dismissed this and suggested that she was accepting Greg's nomination from the floor and past the motion to have Greg as an approved member.

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

### **7.1. 2026 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Awards**

#### **JUNIOR**

There was a written Junior nominations for the month of *December/January* received for:

- *Sienna Hemmy (Hockey)* who represented NSW at the National Indoor Hockey Championships held in Goulburn in January 2026.

#### **SENIOR**

There were no written Senior nominations for the month of *December/January* received.

\*\*Floor Nominations can be accepted at the meeting.

Floor Nominations received for:

- Archie Morris (Rugby League)
- Nikera Hann (Cricket) - Nikera was selected to compete on the Western Outlaw Cricket team in the Central West and won the knockout in the Zone Championships.
- Amy Luck (Sport)

Month	Junior Recipient(s)	Senior Recipient(s)
December/January	Sienna Hemmy (Hockey)	Nikera Hann (Cricket)
February	Archie Morris (Rugby League)	Amy Luck
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		

Committee asked for clarification around the ages for Jnr & Snr can be clarified (what the age is for a senior) and asked if the requirements for the Awards can be confirmed for example if someone lives in Lithgow but is playing in Bathurst team are they eligible?

\*\*Under the Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Awards Criteria, Juniors are considered to 18 years and under to be eligible for the Junior Category. It also should be noted that all nominees must be residents of the Lithgow Local Government Area to be eligible. \*\*

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## **ACTION**

### **THAT**

1. The 2026 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Junior Sports Star of the Year Award for December 2025/January 2026 be awarded to Sienna Hemmy (Hockey);
2. The 2026 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Senior Sports Star of the Year Award for December 2025/January 2026 be awarded to Nikera Hann (Cricket); and
3. The 2026 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Junior Sports Star of the Year Award for February be awarded to Archie Morris (Rugby League); and
4. The 2026 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Senior Sports Star of the Year Award for February be awarded to (Amy Luck) (Sport).

**MOVED:** Greg Guest

**SECONDED:** Jeff Kemp

### **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 7th February 2026
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 7th March 2026
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 4th April 2026
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 4th July 2026
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 1st August 2026
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 5th September 2026
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 3rd October 2026
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2026
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 5th December 2026

#### **Conran Oval**

- Lithgow District Senior Cricket – Back Up Oval Saturdays 2026

#### **Glanmire Oval**

- Lithgow District Senior Cricket – Back Up Oval Saturdays 2026

#### **Kremer Park**

- No Bookings

#### Lake Wallace

- St Patricks School Cross Country – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- St Patricks School Cross Country – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (BACK UP DATE)

#### Marjorie Jackson Oval

- Lithgow Workmen's Soccer Training every Tuesday & Thursday from 5:30pm – 07:00pm from 03/02/2026 – 29/06/2026
- Lithgow Workmen's Soccer – Pre Season Match – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### Saville Park

- Portland Touch Competition – Wednesday & Thursday – Until 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Wednesdays & Thursdays from the 7<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026
- Portland Touch Nick Way Memorial Knock Out – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Easter Festival Committee Portland & Fusion Australia – Monday 06<sup>th</sup> April 2026

#### Tony Luchetti

##### Regular Hirers:

- Lithgow District Cricket 2025 – 2026 Season
  - Saturdays from 3<sup>rd</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026
- Lithgow Touch Football Competition
  - Mondays from 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026
- Lithgow Show 2026 – 6<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- Lithgow Storm JRL – Season Training – Tuesday to Friday from 28/01/2026 – 04/09/2026

##### General Hirers:

- National Rugby League – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- National Rugby League – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### Wallerawang Oval

- Wallerawang Warriors Junior Rugby League – Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 4:00pm – 6:00pm from 24/02/2026 – 18/09/2026

#### Watsford Oval

- No Bookings

#### Zig Zag Oval

- No bookings

#### ACTION

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

**MOVED:** Laura Nightingale

**SECONDED:** Danny Whitty

**CARRIED**

## **9. New Members**

### **SUMMARY**

- No correspondence has been received advising of a change in Sports Advisory Committee delegates

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

The Sports advisory Committee accepted Greg Guest as a representative from the Golf Club as a new member on the Committee. Greg will complete the necessary paperwork and nominate a proxy in his absence. As outlined in point 6.1

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council accepts Greg Guest as the Sports Advisory Committee representative from the Lithgow Golf Club

**MOVED:** Cr Ray Smith

**SECONDED:** Jeff Kemp

**CARRIED**

## **10. General Business**

Heart Foundation – Active Ideas for grants up to \$30,000.00

[Application guide - Active Australia Innovation Challenge | Heart Foundation](#)

Councillor Coleman encouraged the committee members to look at the criteria for the Heart Foundation Grants that are available and advised that she was happy to provide letters of support to anyone who wanted to apply.

Jeff Kemp advised that he is now the President of the Lithgow Workies Soccer Club. Mark is now the Jnr Vice President and Laurin Shirt is the Snr Vice President.

Bronwyn Thompson raised concerns about driving on sporting fields at a particular location. The Administration advised they will look into placement of bollards.

Ray Smith made an enquiry about issues raised at previous meetings and whether there was an action register to keep track of where requests are up to. He provided the repairs at the Hockey Fields as an example. Can an action plan be developed? The committee then started raising

maintenance issues and David Anderson advised that maintenance/cleaning requests are not a to be raised at the committee meeting as they can be addressed quickly through direct contact with the council and should be submitted directly through Council either via phone call, Email or to Council's Snap Send Solve app.

Laura Nightingale raised concerns over the access to Sheds. Women in League need access to sheds but there appears to be a particular club that are laying claim to one or more sheds despite no longer having teams. Council owns the building so it was requested that Council make representation to this particular club to arrange necessary access to the teams that are in need of it. David Anderson to follow up

Danny Whitty made enquiries about the removal of the old nets at Watson Oval and asked when this was occurring. Trish Haynes advised that a backhoe had been arranged.

Laura Nightingale requested new goal posts be installed in a particular location at the ovals so that an additional field can be used and they don't need to keep measuring out the field each game. She advised that the club would be happy to pay for them (Jnr Sized Rugby league posts). They committee discussed and agreed that the posts would need to be easily removable if other events where to be held at the location.

Laura Nightingale requested that all fields be installed with adequate hydration stations. Is there a grant for this? David Anderson advised that he had put in a business case for consideration to have hydration stations similar to the ones the Basketball centre has for all sporting fields. Laura advised that Storm JRL would be happy to contribute.

It was request if all Grant Opportunities are being communicated to the committee. David advised the committee that any grant opportunities that come through council are distributed to our members via email.

It was raised that at Majorie Jackson - PH1 Field (carpark end near the 18 yard box, canteen) has a leaking sprinkler in the field. Mentioned it when training and two of the plumbers from Council who also happen to be members of the club said they would look at it. Trish Haynes advised that they will have a look at it.

Bronwyn Thompson mentioned that she had heard good feedback about the recent Swimming carnival that was held at the pool however it was noted that the absence of the kiosk was disappointing. The committee briefly discussed what the current situation with the kiosk was.

## **11. Meeting Close**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 5:30pm in the 176 Meeting Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:13pm.