



# MINUTES

Sports Advisory Committee

held at

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

on

Wednesday 8 April 2026

at 5:30 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5:33pm.

## **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**

Present:

Cr Darryl Goodwin (Chair)  
Cr Eric Mahony  
Cr Ray Smith  
Greg Guest - Lithgow Golf Club  
Peter Morris - Lithgow Workies / Storm

Officers:

David Anderson - Building & Recreation Facilities Manager  
Leah Stubbs - Minute Taker  
Kaitlin Cibulka - Minute Taker

## **3. Apologies**

Apologies:

Cr. Cassandra Coleman - Mayor  
Robyn Whitty - Reg Cowden Trust  
Danny Whitty - Reg Cowden Trust  
Jonathon Reid - Lithgow District Cricket Association

## **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

### **ACTION**

THAT it be noted the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held 18th February 2026 were presented and adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23rd March 2026.

**MOVED:** Peter Morris

**SECONDED:** Greg Guest

## **5. Declaration of Interest**

Cr Eric Mahony declared a non-pecuniary interest advising he has resigned from external sporting Committees due to the conflict in representing both the club as well as council. It was noted, however he will continue to volunteer within the sporting community.

## **6. Financial Assistance Requests**

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

#### **SUMMARY**

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

#### **ACTION**

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

**MOVED:** Cr Darryl Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Peter Morris

**CARRIED**

## **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**

#### **SUMMARY**

There were no written Junior nominations for the month of *March 2026* received.

There were no written Senior nominations for the month of *March 2026* received.

*The Committee discussed nominations from the floor noting Harry Bender's recent performance at a Golf tournament.*

*Cr Darryl Goodwin advised that he will sit with relevant staff to review how the awards will proceed / revamp awards process to seek more community interest / nominations.*

<b>Month</b>	<b>Junior Recipient(s)</b>	<b>Senior Recipient(s)</b>
<b>December/January</b>	Sienna Hemmy (Hockey)	Nikera Hann (Cricket)
<b>February</b>	Archie Morris (Rugby League)	Amy Luck (Soccer)
<b>March</b>	No Nominations	Harry Bender (Golf)
<b>April</b>		
<b>May</b>		
<b>June</b>		
<b>July</b>		
<b>August</b>		
<b>September</b>		
<b>October</b>		
<b>November</b>		

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**ACTION**

**THAT**

1. The 2026 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Senior Sports Star of the Year Award for *March 2026* be awarded to *Harry Bender (Golf)*.

**MOVED:** Darryl Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Ray Smith

**CARRIED**

## **8. Booking Requests**

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Blast Furnace Park**

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

#### **Conran Oval**

- No Bookings

#### **Glanmire Oval**

- No Bookings

#### **Jim Monaghan Oval**

- St Patricks School Athletics Carnival – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- Coerwull Public School – Athletics Carnival – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026
- Coerwull Public School – Athletics Carnival (Back Up Date) – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- La Salle Athletics Carnival – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Zig Zag Public School – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

#### **Kremer Park**

- No Bookings

#### **Lake Wallace**

- No Bookings

### Marjorie Jackson Oval

- Lorraine Keay - Lithgow District Football Inc – Monday to Friday from 3:00pm – 6:00pm from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026
  - Erin Moloney - Lithgow Workmen's Soccer every Tuesday & Thursday from 5:30pm – 07:00pm from 02/04/2026 – 29/09/2026
- \*\* Note that there are clashes with Sunday dates but assume both parties have discussed this.**

### Saville Park

- Ironfest – Parking Area – 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Tony Luchetti

#### Regular Hirers:

- Lithgow Storm JRL – Laura Nightingale - Season Training – Monday to Friday from 01/04/2026 – 30/09/2026
- Lithgow Workies Wolves – Season Training – Tuesdays & Friday from 01/04/2026 to 30/09/2026
- Lithgow Workies Wolves – Season Matches
  - Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>

#### General Hirers:

- Coerwull Public School – Cross Country (Back Up Date) - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026
- Coerwull Public School – District PSSA touch trials – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Coerwull Public School – PSSA touch football – 12<sup>th</sup> May 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

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- No Bookings

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

Cr Eric Mahony expressed his appreciation to Kaitlin Cibulka for her dedicated efforts in assisting everyone with the use of the booking system.

#### **ACTION**

**THAT** All bookings detailed in Item 8 be approved.

**MOVED:** Cr Darryl Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Cr Eric Mahony

**CARRIED**

### **9. New Members**

#### **SUMMARY**

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

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **ACTION**

**THAT** the committee notes the information provided.

**MOVED:** Cr Darryl Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Peter Morris

**CARRIED**

### **10. General Business**

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The Committee went around the room to raise General Business matters as follows:

- Peter Morris raised concerns about the lighting at the showground, noting that the area is quite dark and requires further attention. David Anderson advised that Council is keeping an eye out for any grant opportunities to renew lighting across all sporting fields, also noting that both the hockey and soccer clubs have previously submitted their own grant applications for their respective locations, Council are unaware at this stage of the status of the applications.
- Peter Morris raised concerns regarding the dressing shed at Tony Luchetti Showground, noting that previously stored items remain on site and need to be removed. David Anderson advised that he has contacted the local club, requesting that the items be cleared by 23 April 2026.
- Cr Ray Smith followed up on the matter for an action register to be presented within the agenda for each action item raised during Committee meetings. Administration advised that this will proceed, with an action list would be included for future meetings.
- Cr Eric Mahony raised the possibility of incorporating a high-mounted lighting panel along the roofline, oriented toward Field 1, and requested that this be considered as part of the design options.
- Cr Eric Mahony conveyed the soccer community's compliments regarding the competition game held at Tony Luchetti Showground, and noted that it was an excellent turnout for the town.
- Greg Guest noted that participation numbers are increasing, particularly in relation to members playing golf.
- Greg Guest also noted that the Lithgow Golf Club is exploring the possibility of implementing fairway watering.
- David Anderson mentioned that he has met with a fencing contractor regarding the netting at the Lithgow Golf Course and will update Greg Guest once the quote has been received.
- David Anderson noted that the Cricket Association recently cancelled matches thus resulting in hours of preparation work to the turfs that ultimately went unused, and expressed his disappointment that this occurred.
- - Cr Darryl Goodwin raised the possibility of renaming the Grandstand at Tony Luchetti Showground from the "Bill Ashley Grandstand" to the "Barry Rushworth Grandstand." He noted that Barry is still alive, and it would be meaningful for him—particularly given his current health—to witness this recognition. It was also observed that there is currently no signage or plaque indicating the grandstand's name.
- Cr Eric Mahony noted that Bill Ashley had a background in politics rather than in sport.

- Cr Ray Smith provided a brief history of Bill Ashley and noted that the grandstand was named the “Bill Ashley Grandstand” in 1958.
- Cr Eric Mahony and Cr Ray Smith emphasized the importance of contacting Bill Ashley’s family to inform them of the potential renaming of the grandstand and suggested discussing other ways to acknowledge his achievements.
- A report will be presented to Council with community consultation to be conducted on this matter.
- The Committee members in attendance support the suggestion to rename the grandstand at Tony Luchetti Showground.

Note: David Anderson investigated post the SAC meeting to seek early advice on the correct process of potential Renaming of Assets. The advice received from the General manager is:

Council has **Policy 10.3 – Naming of Council Facilities** (attached), which outlines the required process for naming or renaming a facility. The process is as follows:

### **The process**

1. An initial naming proposal is reported to the **Community Development Committee**, which then provides a recommendation to Council.
2. If Council resolves to proceed with the proposed name, it is advertised for **community comment for a minimum of 14 days**.
3. The outcomes of the consultation process are reported back to Council.
4. Council then resolves how to proceed, which may include:
  - o Acceptance of the proposed name
  - o Rejection of the proposal
  - o Further advertising or consultation
  - o No further action

While the policy refers to reporting through the Community Development Committee, it is also possible for a naming proposal to originate from the **Sports Advisory Committee**.

This information was emailed to Darryl Goodwin for advice

## **11. Meeting Close**

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 5:30pm in the 176 Meeting Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:20pm.