



MINUTES

Sports Advisory Committee

held at

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

on

Wednesday 10 June 2026

at 5:30 PM

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

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

Cr Eric Mahony (Chair)

Cr Darryl Goodwin

Cr Ray Smith

Jeff Kemp – Lithgow Workmens Club Soccer

Cass Hawkins – Croquet Club

Bronwyn Thompson – Croquet Club

Danny Whitty – Reg Cowden Trust

Robyn Whitty – Reg Cowden Trust

Mark McAulay – Lithgow Table Tennis

Jonathon Reid – Lithgow Cricket Association

Suzy Morris – Lithgow Workies Wolves

Lauren Turner – Lithgow Netball Association

Officers:

David Anderson – Building & Recreation Facilities Manager

Trish Haynes - Works Co-ordinator - Building & Recreation

Kaitlin Cibulka – Minute Taker

Leah Stubbs – Minute Taker

3. Apologies

Cr Cassandra Coleman – Mayor

4. Confirmation of Minutes

ACTION

THAT it be noted the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8th April 2026 were presented and adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 29th April 2026.

MOVED: Cr Darryl Goodwin

SECONDED: Cr Ray Smith

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The Chair called for any matters arising from previous minutes.

Cr Darryl Goodwin advised the Committee that he is arranging a time to meet with David Anderson to discuss the renaming of the grandstand at the Tony Luchetti Showground.

Darryl mentioned about the Barry Rushworth stand has gone to the previous notice of motion at the last Council meeting.

Cr Darryl Goodwin also advised that he is considering alternative ways to recognise Bill, with public comment currently invited through the website on whether the proposal is supported.

Cr Eric Mahony advised that there is strong community support for the renaming of the grandstand. He also gave an overview of Bill Ashley's family background and life prior to his passing.

Danny Whitty noted multiple world champions from the Lithgow LGA and suggested a recognition process for those not yet acknowledged. Cr Eric Mahony, Cr Ray Smith & Jeff Kemp also agreed and suggested alternative locations within the LGA to honour world champions. Danny Whitty also confirmed his full support for Barry Rushworth.

ACTION REGISTER

DATE OF MEETING THAT MATTER WAS RAISED	ITEM	ACTION/ COMMENT	ONGOING/COMPLETED
18 th February 2026	Access to additional change rooms for users at Tony Luchetti.	The Previous occupants of the changeroom facility (The Bears) have begun moving items out of the Change facility. Not all items have been removed as yet but the facility is being utilised by other user groups already.	Ongoing
18 th February 2026	Concerns of Vehicles driving on sports fields (Glanmire Oval)	Bollards have been arranged, still to be installed.	Ongoing
18 th February 2026	Removal of Old Nets – Watsford Oval	A works request has been lodged, with the required works still pending completion..	Ongoing

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18 th February 2026	Request for New Junior Sized Rugby Post to be installed at Tony Luchetti Sportsground	Council approval has been granted, quotes have been obtained and provided to the Juniors. The matter is now with the Juniors, who will provide Council with an update.	Ongoing
18 th February 2026	Request for Hydration Stations to be placed at Tony Luchetti Sportsground	Business case has been submitted for funding to be made available, still awaiting the result of this business case. If funding is not made available Council will look for grant funding opportunities.	Ongoing
8 th April 2026	Cr D Goodwin to meet with staff to review how awards will proceed / revamp process to seek more interest	Will Discuss with Clr Goodwin a suitable time to discuss.	Ongoing.
8 th April 2026	Concerns raised about the lighting of the Tony Luchetti Sportsground	Council still actively looking for grant funding opportunities	Ongoing
8 th April 2026	Installation of Netting – Lithgow Golf Club	Quote obtained, will discuss further with the Golf Club	Ongoing.
8 th April 2026	Renaming of the Grandstand at Tony Luchetti	Following Policy 10.3 the renaming of the facility is currently out for public consultation. Consultation closes on the 22nd of June and a late report will be put forward to the June Council meeting with the outcomes of the consultation	Ongoing

ACTION REGISTER:

- Item – ‘Access to additional change rooms for users at Tony Luchetti’

David Anderson advised the Committee that he has made multiple attempts to contact “The Bears” to arrange for the removal of items left in the change facility. He further noted that Council is in possession of the key to the facility.

- Item – ‘Concerns of Vehicle driving on sports fields (Watsford Oval)

Bronwyn Thompson noted that individuals were seen near the Croquet area installing what appeared to be poles, though their purpose was unclear. David Anderson confirmed he was not aware of any works being carried out in that location and stated he would follow up on the matter.

Jeff Kemp also requested the installation of bollards at the Marjorie Jackson Sportsfields and asked whether this could be arranged. David Anderson advised that he would investigate the matter further.

- Item – ‘Removal of Old Nets at Marjorie Jackson’

David Anderson advised the Committee that this item is on the list and is scheduled to be actioned shortly.

- Item – ‘Request for New Junior Sized Rugby Post to be installed at Tony Luchetti Sportsground’

David Anderson advised the Committee that this relates to the installation of new junior-sized rugby posts and indicated that responsibility rests with the relevant party. Eric responded that, as this is a Council asset, it should not be delegated to a committee, as oversight should remain with Council.

- Item – ‘Request for Hydration Stations to be placed at Tony Luchetti Sportsground’

David Anderson noted that Council is awaiting funding for this item before it can proceed.

- Item – ‘Cr D Goodwin to meet with staff to review how awards will proceed / revamp process to seek more interest’

David Anderson advised that this item is still in progress.

- Item – ‘Concerns raised about the lighting of the Tony Luchetti Sportsground’

David Anderson mentioned that costing for the lighting upgrades is currently being assessed, with funding opportunities and grants being explored. Dave noted that some funding has been secured to support lighting improvements at Tony Luchetti Sportsground, as advised by Centennial. While the funds have not yet been received, confirmation has been provided in writing, and improvements are expected to commence as a result. Eric welcomed the progress, noting it is encouraging to see advancement in the new lighting systems.

- Item – ‘Installation of Netting – Lithgow Golf Club’

Dave advised that he has obtained a quote for side netting and noted that further discussion is required with the Golf Club to coordinate and progress the proposal.

- Item – ‘Renaming of the Grandstand at Tony Luchetti’

Suzy Morris raised concerns about the condition of the inside of the grandstand, noting significant issues with pigeon droppings throughout the structure. David Anderson suggested potential mitigation options, including bird deterrent lighting or a culling program, and commented on the ongoing difficulty and impracticality of effectively cleaning the grandstand due to the extent of the issue. Suzy Morris added that the current state is embarrassing, particularly given the number of visitors to the town, and emphasised the importance of maintaining facilities to a standard that the community can be proud of. Danny mentioned a program used by the Lithgow Hockey Association called “Duck Off” and suggested that it may be worth exploring as a potential option to help minimise the issue.

6. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

7. Financial Assistance Requests

7.1. Financial Assistance Requests

ACTION

THAT that the information regarding financial assistance be noted.

MOVED: Mark McAulay

SECONDED: Cr Ray Smith

CARRIED

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

8.1. 2026 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year Awards

ACTION

THAT *This Item to be held over to the next meeting for further nominations to be received.*

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Robyn Whitty

CARRIED

9. Booking Requests

SUMMARY

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

Blast Furnace Park

- Walk n Talk – Saturday 6th 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 7th November 2026
- Walk n Talk – Saturday 5th December 2026
- Christmas Carols – Nathaniel Hanslow – Saturday 12th December 2026

Conran Oval

- No Bookings

Glanmire Oval

- No Bookings

Jim Monaghan Oval

- Lithgow Public School – Matthew Broadhead - Friday 19th June 2026
- Lithgow Public School – Matthew Broadhead - Friday 26th June 2026 (Back Up Date)
- Hampton Public School – Katherine Barnes - Wednesday 5th August 2026
- Hampton Public School – Katherine Barnes - Wednesday 12th August 2026

Kremer Park

- No Bookings

Lake Wallace

- No Bookings

Marjorie Jackson Oval

- Lithgow District Football Inc – Lorraine Keay - Monday to Friday from 3:00pm – 6:00pm from 1st April 2026 – 30th September 2026
- Lithgow Workmen’s Soccer - Erin Moloney - every Tuesday & Thursday from 5:30pm – 07:00pm from 02/04/2026 – 29/09/2026
- Zig Zag Public School – Tracey Dewear – Friday 12th June 2026 from 12:00pm – 2:30pm

Saville Park

- No Bookings

Tony Luchetti

Regular Hirers:

- Lithgow Storm JRL – Laura Nightingale - Season Training – Monday to Friday from 28/01/2026 – 04/09/2026
- Lithgow Workies Wolves RLFC 2026 Training – Eric Mahony – Every Tuesday & Friday from 07/04/2026 – 29/09/2026
- Lithgow Workies Wolves – Season Matches are: (see dates below listed)
 - o Sunday 31st May 2026
 - o Sunday 28th June 2026
 - o Saturday 18th July 2026

General Hirers:

Coerwull Public School – PSSA Touch Football – Jack Wolffs – Wednesday 3rd June 2026 from 10:30am – 2:30pm

- ICARE Lung Bus Screening – Joel Fernanes – Monday 10th August 2026 – Friday 21st August 2026
- Classic Landcruiser Club Of NSW Inc – Kierran Mackenzie – Friday 2nd October 2026 – Sunday 4th October 2026 – TENTATIVE

Wallerawang Oval

- Wallerawang Warriors Junior Rugby League – Rebecca Donnan – Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 4:00pm – 6:00pm from 24/02/2026 – 18/09/2026
- Wallerawang Football Soccer Club Training – Alisa Barnes – Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 3:30pm – 6:30pm from 20/04/2026 – 24/09/2026

Watsford Oval

- No Bookings

Zig Zag Oval

No Bookings

ACTION

THAT The committee note that all bookings detailed in Item 9 have been approved.

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Mark McAulay

CARRIED

10. 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: Suzy Morris

SECONDED: Jeff Kemp

CARRIED

11. General Business

- Bronwyn Thompson would like to thank the Council for arranging the repair of the broken bins at the Croquet Club. Unfortunately, the bins had been missed for several weeks and were not being emptied. David Anderson has advised that he will follow up with the Waste Department regarding the missed collections.
- Bronwyn Thompson also mentioned that the toilet door at the Croquet Club is jammed and requested that it be repaired or replaced when possible.
- Cass Hawkins mentioned that a sign on the front of the building is loose and needs to be screwed back into place. The sign is still in position but requires securing.
- Cr Eric Mahony mentioned that the Waste Team has a Return and Earn program, which will be rolled out to sporting venues. He advised that crates are expected to be received in June for distribution.
- Jeff Kemp asked if there is a timeframe for the installation of the poles behind the goals at the rear fence of Marjorie Jackson Sportfields. Trish advised that the work is scheduled to take place tomorrow.

12. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th August 2026 at 5:30pm 176 Training Room (Old Centrelink Building)

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:26pm.