



MINUTES

Sports Advisory Committee

held at

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

on

Wednesday 12 August 2026

at 5:30 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5:32 pm.

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/Councillor
Cr Ray Smith - Councillor
Danny Whitty - Reg Cowden Trust
Robyn Whitty - Reg Cowden Trust
Bronwyn Thompson - Croquet Club
Cass Hawkins - Croquet Club

Officers:

David Anderson - Buildings and Recreation Facilities Manager
Trish Haynes - Recreation Works Coordinator
Kaitlin Cibulka - Minute Taker
Johanna Koleda - Observer

3. Apologies

Cr Cassandra Coleman (Mayor)
Cr Darryl Goodwin - Councillor
Robyn Millar - Lithgow Hockey Association

4. Confirmation of Minutes

ACTION

THAT it be noted the Minutes of the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held 10th June 2026 were presented and adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Monday 29th June 2026.

MOVED: D Whitty
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr R Smith

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes / 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.	COMPLETED Access has now been given, matter has now been resolved.
18 th February 2026	Concerns of Vehicles driving on sports fields (Glanmire Oval)	Bollards have been arranged, still to be installed.	COMPLETED Bollards have been installed.
18 th February 2026	Removal of Old Nets – Watsford Oval	A works request has been lodged, with the required works still pending completion.	Ongoing Contractor has been engaged to carry out removal of the old nets.
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 D Anderson advised that this matter will be revisited prior to the next season.
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 Council are continuing to seeking funding for program.
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. Follow up Cr Goodwin to arrange a meeting.

8 th April 2026	Concerns raised about the lighting of the Tony Luchetti Sportsground	Council still actively looking for grant funding opportunities	Ongoing Council are continuing to seeking funding for this program. It was noted that a lighting engineer has been engaged to scope the project to assist Council when applying for funding.
8 th April 2026	Installation of Netting – Lithgow Golf Club	Quote obtained, will discuss further with the Golf Club	COMPLETED.
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 Investigations ongoing with historical data. It was also suggested Council look at other spaces that successful sports people can be commemorated in the Community.
10 th June 2026	Pigeon Issues/Cleanliness of Grandstand – Tony Luchetti Sportsground	Council exploring options to mitigate pigeon issue along with regular maintenance to occur for cleaning.	COMPLETED Council has engaged contractors to eradicate approximately 40 pigeons located within the grandstand. Area will be continued to be monitored.

6. Declaration of Interest

Nil

7. Lithgow Sporting Precinct Parking & Traffic Strategy Report

Commentary

Council has arranged a review and report into the traffic, parking and access around the sporting precinct of the Lithgow township.

Tonkin Consulting were engaged to review the current traffic and parking situations in and around Lithgow Basketball Stadium, Tony Luchetti Showground, JM Robson Aquatic Centre, Watsford Oval, Conran Oval, Glanmire Oval (Tennis Courts and Hockey Fields) and Marjorie Jackson Oval.

The review resulted in the preparation of a study report a report with several treatments options identified to improve the traffic flow, parking and access at each of the sites recommended for Council consideration.

Council Officers are now seeking feedback from a number of stakeholders, including this Committee, prior to the formal adoption of the study. It would be appreciated if any comments regarding the report could be submitted to Council's Team Leader – Projects, Mr Peter Fisher (council@lithgow.nsw.gov.au) by 30 August 2026. This report has also been provided to Council's Local Transport Forum and Infrastructure Committee for their comments.

Attachments

1. PDF 260323 Lithgow Sporting Precinct Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian Access Study

ACTION

THAT the Sports Advisory Committee provide any comments on the Lithgow Sporting Precinct Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian Access Study report to Council Officers by 30 August 2026.

MOVED: B Thompson
CARRIED

SECONDED: Cr R Smith

8. Financial Assistance Requests

SUMMARY

A request for financial assistance has been received from Lyndall Peychers after her selection to represent the NSW All Schools at School Sports Australia held in Melbourne in July 2026. It is recommended that Council provide Lyndall Peychers with \$300.00 toward the cost of participating, as participation will see Lyndall representing Lithgow in Swimming.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved** - \$2,500.00
- **Cost centre** - PJ800158
- **Expended to date** – Nil
- **Future potential impact** – if the request is approved for \$300.00, the budget remaining will be \$2,200.00

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide Lyndall Peychers with \$300.00 toward the cost of participating in the NSW All Schools at School Sports Australia.

MOVED: D Whitty
CARRIED

SECONDED: C Hawkins

9. Booking Requests

SUMMARY

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

Conran Oval

- No Bookings

Glanmire Oval

- No Bookings

Jim Monaghan Oval

- Lithgow Public School – Lithgow District Athletics – Friday 14th August 2026

Kremer Park

- Mountain Cruziers Car Club – Robert Farnsworth – Saturday 25th October 2026

Lake Wallace

- Wallerawang Acclimatisation Society Inc – Ray Tang – Friday 16th October to Sunday 18th October 2026

Marjorie Jackson Oval

Regular Hirers:

- 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

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 Touch Football Associations – 2026/27 Touch Football Competition – Mondays between 5pm to 8pm from 12/10/2026 to 22/03/2027

General Hirers:

- Audiometric Testing Truck Mobile Screening – Mia Broadway – Tuesday 11th August 2026 – Friday 14th August 2026
- Lithgow Storm Junior Rugby League – Laura Nightingale – Saturday 19th September 2026
- Classic Landcruiser Club Of NSW Inc – Kierran Mackenzie – Friday 2nd October 2026 – Sunday 4th October 2026
- Family Fun Day – Sally Kiss – Saturday 31st October 2026 – Sunday 1st November 2026

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ACTION

THAT All bookings detailed in Item 7 be approved.

MOVED: Cr R Smith
CARRIED

SECONDED: D Whitty

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

SUMMARY

Junior Nominations

- There were no written Junior nominations for the month of April 2026 received.
- There were no written Junior nominations for the month of May 2026 received.
- There were no written Junior nominations for the month of June 2026 received.
- There was a written Junior nomination received for the month of July 2026:
 - Lyndall Peychers (Swimming); Lyndall competed at the School Sports Australia competition held in Melbourne in July 2026.

Senior Nominations

- There were no written Senior nominations for the month of April 2026 received.
- There were no written Senior nominations for the month of May 2026 received.
- There were no written Senior nominations for the month of June 2026 received.
- There were no written Senior nominations for the month of July 2026 received.

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

ACTION

THAT The 2026 LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Junior Sports Star of the Year Award for July 2026 be awarded to *Lyndall Peychers (Swimming)*;

MOVED: Cr R Smith
CARRIED

SECONDED: D Whitty

11. 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 report.

MOVED: Cr R Smith **SECONDED:** D Whitty
CARRIED

12. General Business

Removal of Cricket Pitches

David Anderson to provide a verbal presentation to the committee on removing the cricket pitches at Kremer Park, Portland and Marjorie Jackson Oval, Lithgow due to safety concerns.

D Anderson advised the Committee that with the reduction of Cricket in the area, with pitches not being used extra maintenance and the safety concerns. Council are looking at the removal of the synthetic wickets at Kremer Park, Portland and at Marjorie Jackson Oval. There are still wickets available at (Tony Luchetti Sportsground – 2 x Turf) / Conran (1x Turf) / Glanmire (3 x Synthetic) and Watsford (1x Synthetic). The Committee did agree with the reasoning for the removal but suggested that Council approach the Cricket Association.

ACTION

THAT the administration consults with existing cricket clubs to advise of action and seek feedback.

Grant Funding Opportunities

Local Sport Defibrillator Program (LSDP) 2026/2027

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/local-sport-defibrillator-program-lsdp-2026/27>

Key information

- **Status:** Open
- **Grant amount:** Up to \$3,000
- **Application opened:** 7 August 2026
- **Application closes:** 7 October 2026, 1:00 pm

Program objective

Please ensure you read the [Program Guidelines](#) ☐ carefully.

The key objectives of the Program align to the Office of Sport Strategic Plan 'Everyone Plays Here', with the specific objectives to:

- Promote wider access to these devices across NSW
- Support local sport and active recreational clubs or related incorporated organisations located in, or servicing, the most disadvantaged areas of NSW in purchasing an AED package.

The NSW Government has allocated up to \$500,000 in 2026/27 for this Program.

- Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to fund the cost of an approved AED package listed in Appendix A.
- There is no mandatory financial contribution. However, where the cost of the selected package exceeds \$3,000, the organisation must fund the additional cost.
- Eligible organisations can only receive funding for one AED package under this round of the Program.

This program is administered by Department of Creative Industries, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport.

Croquet Club

B Thompson advised that there is a sign / eave hanging down from the Croquet Club building. She advised that this has been reported through Send Snap Solve.

Scoreboard

D Whitty advised that a while back when the new scoreboard was installed at the Tony Luchetti Sportsground the Committee resolved to name the scoreboard "The Bunny Abbott Scoreboard". Administration will investigate and report back to the committee.

Bollards

C Hawkins raised concerns about how emergency services access Glanmire area now with the new bollards in place. It was advised that considerations were given for wheelchairs and stretchers to fit through, with emergency vehicles having access through a gate via Albert Street entrance.

13. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 6:48pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 5:30pm
Council Chambers, Administration Building
180 Mort Street LITHGOW NSW 2790