

Community Submissions 2020/21

Operational Plan

Please note: all personal details have been removed from the submissions and only the request has been included in this document for information except for community groups/businesses.

What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?	<p>I would like for the work to be undertaken on the dirt area between the aquatic centre, showground and the playing field on George Coates Ave. The area is currently a mess, full of potholes. This area is used as a parking area for uses of the aquatic centre, show ground and playing fields. It is difficult to get in and out of the parking area. people are often parked in. I was advised that this area would be address in this year's plan, but there appears to have not had any budget allocated to the works.</p>
What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?	<p>I believe it is important for Lithgow city council to incorporate a kitchen/compost weekly collection as part of moving forward to creating a sustainable city, in line with the EPA's goals.</p>
What changes do you propose to the Draft 2020/21 Fees & Charges and why?	<p>https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/waste/waste-facilities/organics-processing-facilities</p> <p>The inclusion of creation of a organics processing facility</p>
What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?	<p>Composting at the tip & the facility to exchange/swap/collect useful materials/goods (eg wooden pallets, bricks, concrete, domestic goods etc (inc compost) thus reducing landfill</p>
What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you	<p>I would like to see an Organics Processing Facility in Lithgow which could provide jobs and reduce the waste going to our tip.</p> <p>This would also provide the community with a valuable resource ie</p>

like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?	compost as well as reducing methane gas. Perhaps the recycling of methane gas could also be considered!
What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?	I am asking for Lithgow city council to create an organics processing facility for the Lithgow area so we can reduce what goes into our landfill and create jobs and product that can be sold. Thank you.
What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?	INFRASTRUCTURE Rydal Village has been asking for Public Toilets for years. This issue affects tourism stopping to see our historic village every day of the week. It's embarrassing to have to tell people that we have no public toilets.
What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?	The bridge over the Great Western Railway at Sodwalls has been in a unsafe condition for at least a year and is further damaged regularly by trucks attempting to pass over it and make the turn, as they travel east. The repair/rebuilding of the bridge is urgent and I ask Council to give this priority when considering the allocation of funds. there is a real risk that someone will be seriously hurt if the temporary barricade moves and a vehicle falls onto the railway line.
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What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in	Oh behalf of the Rydal Village Association we would like the following to be considered: ASSET MANAGEMENT on capital works

**the Draft 2020/21
Operational Plan?**

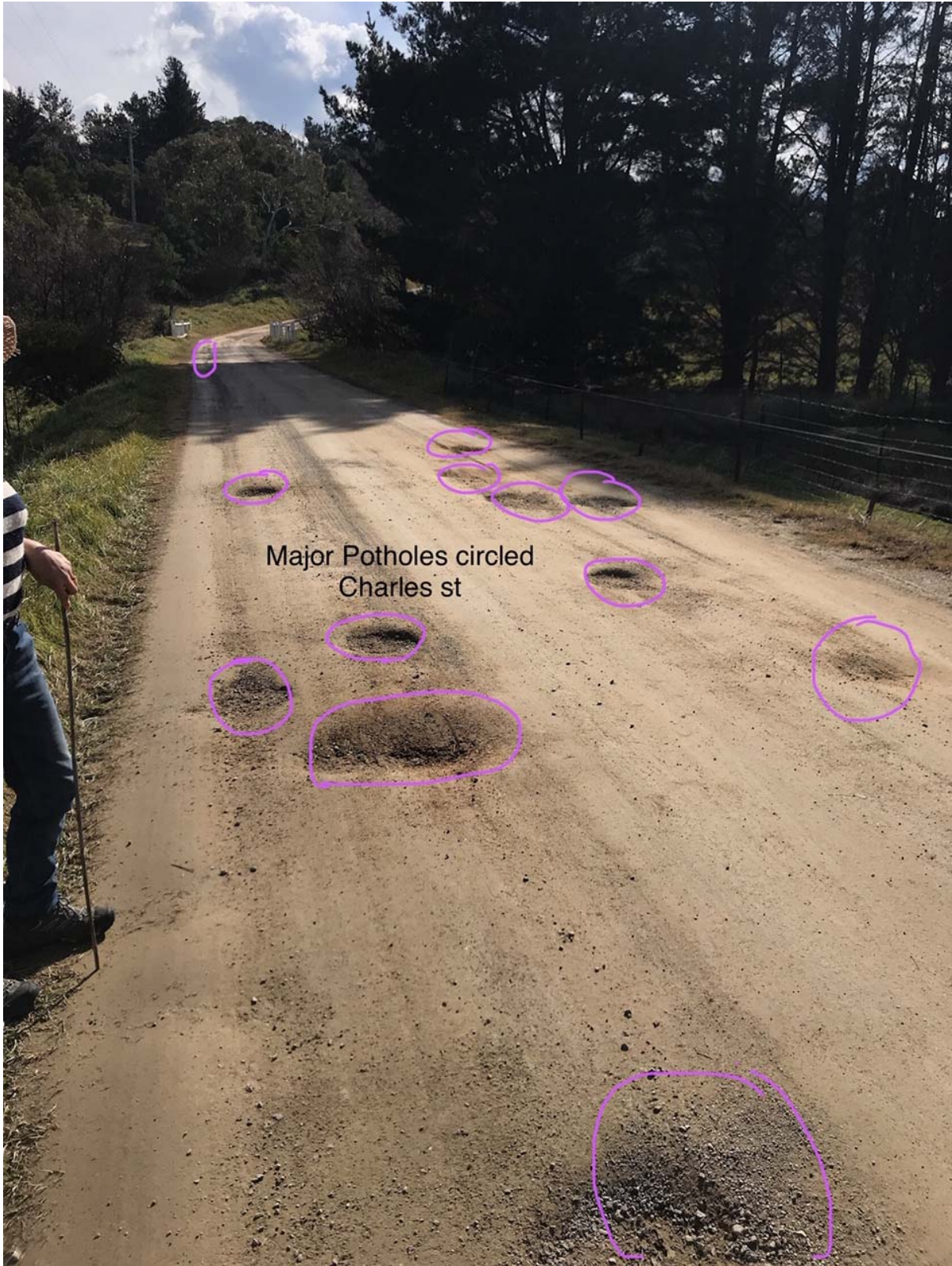
- all ROADS to and within the village to be sealed and culverts constructed
- the state of Old Western Road is embarrassing, and the unsealed roads both east and west of the railway are positively dangerous through erosion and lack of proper drainage
- public TOILETS to be installed in the village
- the FOOTBRIDGE over Solitary Creek at the bottom of Quarry Street is MOST UNSAFE
- as Rydal has suffered from the drought (Daffodil Weekends will probably see no daffodils) and covid19 restrictions (Daffodil weekends cancelled) we would like to perpetuate the 'floral' theme in Rydal by installing LARGE PERMANENT PLANTER BOXES, as in Lithgow town centre, to keep the village beautiful and interesting throughout the year.
- a LARGE SIGNPOST needs to be erected at the right turn from Old Western Road to Pike's Lane indicating the turn to the Great Western Highway. Too many cars miss it and end up down the rough unsealed road which continues ahead. Also this sign not to be obliterated by trees!
- and a CAFE for the village. There is nowhere for residents to meet up during the day, nor for visitors on road trips through this lovely part of the state to stop and have light refreshment.

Please note to all the above: Rydal has been overlooked for attention for too long. Consider this: the village has raised \$200,00 FOR LITHGOW TOWN CAUSES over the years Daffodil Weekends have been running. We would like this to continue, but the village feels very much let down by the town.

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WE NEED OUR ROADS MENDED. I requested this to happen last October. Nothing has happened. At my last registration check I was told that my suspension and bushes were in poor condition and it was suggested that I do not go off road in my 'toy' SUV! I don't go off road driving except when I go out and come home!! Railway Street, Charles Street and Market Street West are a minefield - literally like bomb craters and earthquake cracks!

Also I notice in the Operational Plan that a section of Rydal to Hampton road is due to be resealed. Why? The road from Rydal to Magpie Hollow road is a wonderful road to drive. But Pike's Road to the village on the western side, is appalling!



What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be

INFRASTRUCTURE

Old Western Road from Pike's Lane to the beginning of Hampton Road

<p>considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?</p>	<p>is a disgraceful mish mash of stopped up potholes, making mounds and eroding verges. Very embarrassing for the village.</p>
<p>What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?</p>	<p>UNSEALED ROADS To reach home we travel along RAILWAY STREET (sealed but drainage on the eastern side is poor and creating a bog and potholes) CHARLES STREET - potholes everywhere, unable to miss them, and one day someone will go down into the ditch trying to avoid them. Further up 2 deep chasms down to the substructure of the road. Drainage is non-existent. MARKET STREE WEST - again, deep chasms and potholes. These unsealed roads caused misery for residents during the drought due to the clouds of dust created by passing vehicles. PLEASE SEAL THESE ROADS PROPERLY. There are 7 permanent residents living along these roads, using 10 vehicles regularly</p>
<p>What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?</p>	<p>A cafe. This village has no heart during the day. The pub only opens intermittently, and people don't always want to go to a pub for a coffee and light snack. Especially visitors who are staying in the area's B&Bs. We have heritage buildings, good heritage walks and bushwalks, but nowhere for people to go to eat. Those of us living here would use it a lot to meet up. Doesn't need to be gourmet, just simple and comfortable, preferably with an outdoor sitting area.</p>
<p>What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?</p>	<p>PUBLIC TOILETS</p>
<p>What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?</p>	<p>Rydal could really do with Public Toilets. With many travellers visiting our little village it is really important for people to have some facility.</p>
<p>What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be considered in the Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan?</p>	<p>I would love to see Rydal having a Cafe with toilets facilities to be set up at Rydal as the Pub is hardly ever open & it would love to see somewhere for people to stop & enjoy the Village.</p>

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CHARLES STREET, RYDAL. FULL of potholes AGAIN. This needs sealing.
The dust kicked up covers my whole property.

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We are in need of a public toilet in Rydal. This has been an ongoing
request for over ten years now. I have walked around the village with
three Mayors now to suggest a suitable site. Nothing ever happens.

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Capital Works:
Regrade and Reseal all the roads/streets on the Western Side of Rydal
Village - so Station Street, Charles Street, Coach Road, Quarry St and
Market St.

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Recreational Capital Project:
Support the village of Rydal to finally build/install toilets for public
use.

Rydal Streets & Roads

I wish to ask Council to include the upgrading of the road surfaces of several streets in the Village of Rydal.

The appalling condition of Cartwright, Quarry and Markets Streets and Coach Road are making these roads very dangerous to drive on and are causing damage to cars travelling on these neglected roads.

As ratepayers we should be entitled to have road surfaces that are safe to drive on and not destroy our vehicles.

Infrastructure - Toilet for Rydal.

I am asking that Council consider moving forward with building toilets in the village of Rydal. This item has been on the agenda for many years and still nothing has happened.

There is quite a distance to the nearest toilet when someone comes into the village expecting to find a public toilet facility and many travellers then don't know where to go from Rydal to find the closest toilet.

Application for Jamieson St upgrade

Reference number IPR17-21

To the General Manager,
Lithgow City Council,

I would like to make an application for a sealed upgrade to Jamieson street Portland, from the corner of Roxburgh street to the northern end of Jamieson street.

Currently the street is unsealed and as the area is becoming more populated with increased traffic some safety concerns are becoming apparent with increased dust and washed gutters in the road after heavy rain.

Attached are some pictures showing the faults with the street and it's condition, and the fact that it rarely gets any attention from the local council.

I would appreciate if this upgrade could be considered in your 2020/21 operational plan and budget.





Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on the Council's proposed Draft Operational Plan 2020/2021.

Museum Advisor Program, Library, Resource Recovery Centre, Lithgow Cemetery, Farmers Creek

Firstly, may I congratulate Council on the following:

- Continuation of the Museum Advisor Programme. As a committee member of the Lithgow & District Family History Society we have benefitted from this programme since its inception. Working with Tegan Anthes in the last few months has been most beneficial, and the Society is looking forward to the continuation of the partnership in the future. The benefits may not become evident to the public for some months as Covid19 restrictions have halted the work we can perform in our Resource Centre, but we are looking forward to returning to a 'new' normal and continuing our work of providing increasing access to the resources donated to our Society be members of the community over the past few years.
- Lithgow Library & Learning Centre - awning and facade. The replacement of the old awning with a new one will be a benefit to all members of the community from a practical as well as aesthetic view. Hopefully the design of the new structure will enhance the streetscape in Main Street.
- Resource Recovery Centre at Lithgow Waste Facility. This undercover Centre will be a welcome addition to the current recycling area at the Facility and I feel sure will be used by many people to access recycled products in a safe environment.

I would like to make comments and suggestions on the following items in the Plan.

- Lithgow Cemetery, Great Western Highway, Bowenfels. Consideration should be given to a large map of the Cemetery being placed on display at the front gate, naming the areas by denomination and the row numbers in each area. The sign could include a QR Code link to the list of burials in the Lithgow cemetery on the LCC website. Repainting of the faded row numbers on the current paths and, where applicable new signs to indicate the row numbers in the older sections, would

enhance the experience of users of the cemetery, whether they be tourists, interested family historians or anyone seeking to find the grave of a family member or friend.

- Farmer's Creek. Weed control in Farmer's Creek is an ongoing problem and the lack of same is probably most evident in the new section of concrete channel between the hockey fields and Geordie Street crossing. If Council is not allowed by law to let out a contract for this work, then pressure should be continued on the NSW Government to ensure that this work is a priority to ensure flood waters flow freely as planned.
- Farmer's Creek. Shared Pathway. Recent communication from Council has alerted residents of Burton Street to the possibility of bridging Farmer's Creek to allow for the pathway to proceed along the street to Inch Street before proceeding towards Waterworks Gully. A community meeting between Council staff, Councillors and residents held earlier this year resulted in a request by residents for Council to revisit this proposal. The original plans for the Farmer's Creek Precinct Masterplan was to construct a shared pathway adjacent to Farmer's Creek to provide a pleasant recreational avenue between the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre and Waterworks Gully, the increased costs to be met by application of grants. The agreement by Council staff and councillors at the conclusion of this meeting to revisit the original ideals of the plan is to be applauded. The outcome will hopefully be to provide a pleasant continuation of the current shared pathway along the creek, rather than on public thoroughfares.

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to make this submission.

Railway Bridge at Sodwalls, Jerry's Meadow Road, Sodwalls

The bridge at Sodwalls must be addressed. It is amazing it has not fallen onto the railway track.

Whilst Council is working on Anarel Road and Jerry's Meadow Road Sodwalls at the moment it will be interesting to see if it lasts more than a few months before falling into disrepair as usual. These have to be some of the most dangerous roads in the Lithgow area. Especially considering bike and car rallies often come through at incredible speeds and it is amazing they have not gone over the edge on the bends.

Anarel and Jerry's Meadow Road are a disgrace with fallen trees and are a fire hazard as experienced earlier this year. For 26 years we have been picking up the fallen trees on the verge along the roadway of "Badine" 520 Jerry's Meadow Road. We do not have a tractor and pick up all the fallen trees by hand. Every year we stack up the rubbish and invariably Council come along and push it all, along with the "dirt" from the road, back onto our fences. As we are on the low side of the road this also damages our fences and can lead to cattle getting out onto the road.

For some reason every time the road is graded another run-off is created whereby trees are knocked over and buried under the dirt creating more rubbish. Surely we do not need so many run-offs which are creating a different flow for the water which now lays across the road rather than flowing into the run-offs.

Lithgow Council does not appear to have any pride in country roads and whilst verges along roads with bitumen are tended the unsealed roads are totally ignored. When the road is graded the rubbish is just pushed out of the way and left.

If Jerry's Meadow Road is classed as an inconsequential road, why grade some sections of the road wider and then coming back into a narrow track. The road is dangerous, and bike and car rally drivers should not be lulled into a false sense of thinking it is an unrestricted racetrack.

Due to being so close to the road and problems with dangerous chemicals from fertiliser trucks going into our gutters and hence our water, the Council put a strip of bitumen in front of our house. We have been left to buy bags of bitumen from Bunnings and repair the road ourselves as it falls into disrepair.

We were lucky to survive the fire earlier this year created when a hay truck hit an overhanging branch and a fire erupted in the rubbish along the roadway.

It would be nice to see some pride from Council and workers towards country roads, we pay our rates the same as those in the town.

PS. Whilst Council are working on the road, they might like to pick up the pile of rubbish from the verge which has been piled neatly at the corner of Anarel and Jerry's Meadow Roads. Also, they might pick up the two remaining piles which are in front of our house from a previous snowstorm when Council told us to pile it up and they would come and collect. They came a number of years ago and picked up some, said they would come back for the rest and that was the last we saw of them. I remember the year well as we were about to leave for the UK for our daughter's wedding. She is celebrating her 10th anniversary next week so it would be appreciated if Council could please clean it up.

Rydal Public Toilet

Sir,

I am writing regarding the on-going need for a public toilet in the village of RYDAL.

This has been on Council's agenda for a number of years, with a substantial amount of money being allocated for this project.

I, as president of the Rydal Village Association at the time, made representation to Council at two meetings, and NEVER received a satisfactory reply, or result apart from one brief on-site meeting.

I own the Alexander Hotel in Rydal, and I am providing toilet facilities for visitors to the village who are often not customers at the hotel, when my premises are open, all at my cost as far as water, paper, septic tank inspections and pump-outs. I do not believe it is my responsibility to do so, despite what certain Councillors have stated in the past.

It is high time a solution was found to this issue, as it is a basic right for humans to have a suitable facility to use when required. The hotel is only open on certain days at certain times.

I look forward to your reply

Phil Paton

Hotel Alexander

26 Bathurst Street

Rydal 2790

Rydal Streets

Sir,

I am writing in relation to the shocking condition of a number of un-sealed roads in the village of RYDAL, which have not received any maintenance for over a year.

These roads suffered during the prolonged dry months, and then were hit with torrential rain in February and the following months.

CARTWRIGHT STREET has a very deep gutter cut into the road, caused by improper drainage at the intersection with Market Street. This has been an on-going problem for many years, despite some drainage work a couple of years ago. Water crosses the road even before it gets to the drainage pipe.

CHARLES STREET has major potholes for much of its length spanning the width of the road to the bridge crossing Solitary Creek, and further up the hill there are two very deep channels running down the centre of the road caused by water run-off.

COACH ROAD from the Charles Street intersection and up the hill has major ruts in it, as well as uneven gravel surface. The road surface requires grading work onwards through the public gate and up to the entrance of 19 Coach Road.

These defective sections of road are not only causing severe damage to motor vehicles but present a safety issue where unwary drivers can easily lose control.

I look forward to your reply,

Portland – Stormwater Drainage

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment on any matters in the abovementioned plan.

It would be appreciated if the following matters could be considered:

- **Last year I made comments on the plan for 2019/20 regarding necessary work to be carried out on Schiedel Lane in Portland, I was advised that the work would be considered in the 2020/21 Budget, it is not mentioned. I appreciate that sealing work has been carried out just recently, however there is other major problems with the lane and this work will quickly deteriorate, unless works with water problems are carried out and funds should be allocated to ensure it is fixed.**
- **I note an item concerning spending of infrastructure monies towards Stormwater Drainage and would appreciate if some funds could be considered for the stormwater drainage between High and Long Streets in Portland.**

Many thanks for your assistance and trust that my requests will be given full and favourable consideration.

Kind Regards

Community Submissions 2020/21 Fees & Charges

What changes do you propose to the Draft 2020/21 Fees & Charges and why?

I would like to propose the following amendments to the Draft fees and Charges.

Section JM Robson Aquatic Centre

The proposed amendments relate to the following

Page 53 - Learn to Swim

Page 54 Exercise Class

Page 54 Squad Preparation Class.

These items include entry fees as part the proposed charges. I would like to see the entry fees separated from the fees for the following reasons.

There are a number of families that currently have a fitness passport or a multi pass or a 6 or 12 month leisure pass. These families are essentially being charged double entry fees for any child attending lessons, as the entry charge has not been separated out. It is also forcing families to pay entries for their children regardless of if they turn up for their lesson or not, particularly if they are unable to attend a make up lesson. Separating the entry fee will be much more equitable and will encourage families to purchase a multi pass or 6 or 12 month leisure pass. There are many families involved in swimming club that have children participating and have younger siblings in swimming lessons. The older children enter the pool on a 6 or 12 month leisure pass or a fitness passport, whilst the parent is unable to use the same passes for the younger children as the cost has not been separated out of the learn to swim and squad preparation classes. Everyone should pay an entry fee as they enter the aquatic Centre or swipe their appropriate pass card and not have entry fees tied up with class fees.

What activities, capital works and new initiatives would you like to be

Submission in regards to charges within the draft fees and charges document for 2020/2021.

The points that I wish to question are in regards to

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charges regarding the JM Robson Aquatic Centre in particular relation to Learn to swim charges on Page 53.

**What changes do you propose to the
Draft 2020/21 Fees & Charges and why?**

I hold a Fitness Passport like many Government and Non-government agency employees in the LGA.
Currently Learn to swim lessons have the entry fee included in the cost of the terms lesson.
My family use the pool more frequently than the once a week I use the pool for lessons and so find value in using my fitness passport or for some families I know who buy a season pass for either 6 or 12 months.
I and many others would prefer the entry component to be taken out of the learn to swim fee

Dear Sir,

I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed draft fees and charged planned for the Lithgow solid waste facility.

As a business operator struggling along with many other local businesses I for the life of me cannot understand how council can consider a large rate increase on commercial waste which will be way over the CPI with council reading itself to take over the facility surely the gain of full revenue from the site would be adequate.

Further to the increase to asbestos this material is merely buried in a separate hole with no other operation required yet it is being charged at over \$200 per tonne. I feel this is setting the promotion of illegal dumping which will be catastrophic.

I would suggest if council was more vigilant and charged all persons/businesses that use the facility that who are suppose to pay did, the revenue increase would be there without any tonnage increase, or would I dare suggest a user pay for all user system as used in Bathurst and other regional areas would again boost council revenue without cost increase.

I hope this letter will go somewhere toward a sensible decision that may benefit local businesses, residents and council.

27.5.2020.

P.O. Box 107
Wallerawang 2895

Lithgow City Council.

Dear Sir/Madam.

Please accept my submission to see if sufficient funds may be available respectfully, to finish the surface sealing of Thompson's Creek Road Wallerawang and Range Road. This distance of say 4 kilometers when sealed would be a great advantage to the residents of Thompson's Creek Road and surrounding areas.

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Yours Sincerely.
Wayne Hollands.
(resident).
0263551675.

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Barbara Watters
74 Bells Road
Lithgow NSW 2790

30 May 2020

General Manager
Lithgow City Council

Dear Sir

\$796,800 GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO LITHGOW COUNCIL

Clean up Farmers Creek from Bridge in Victoria Avenue to Bragg Street Oakey Park

I have lived at 74 Bells Road since 1989 and despite many written and verbal contact with Council authorities very little work has been done to clean up our creek and remove dangerous over-hanging dead trees on the river banks. Much work has been done with the creek back towards town but we are the "forgotten area" of Oakey Park.

Also the causeway from Mills Street to Island Parade is very much in need of a good clean out and has the potential for a great picnic area.

My question is. I hope consideration is given by Council to undertake this work in conjunction with part of the above funding.

I am aware of plans ahead for a walkway along Farmers Creek but this appears to be well into the future. Surely funds and manpower could be available now.

I will appreciate a written response to my letter.

Yours faithfully

Barbara Watters

LITHGOW COUNCIL TO RECEIVE \$796,800 IN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING BOOST

Central West councils will be supported as part of the Federal Government's \$1.8 billion boost for road and community projects through local governments across Australia.

The investment will support local jobs and businesses and boost local economies struggling under the effects of COVID-19.

Lithgow Council is set to receive \$796,800 in funding under the programme.

Calare MP and Minister for Decentralisation and Regional Education Andrew Gee, said the package included the establishment of a new \$500 million Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program and the bringing forward of \$1.3 billion of the 2020-21 Financial Assistance Grant payment.

The new programme is based on the successful Roads to Recovery programme and will enable local councils to deliver priority projects with a focus on upgrades and maintenance to local roads and community infrastructure.

Mr Gee said more than \$8.8 million in funding will go to accelerating local infrastructure projects which will support jobs and the local economy in the Central West.

"Every single job we support makes a huge difference in our local communities, both now and as we navigate out of the coronavirus pandemic," Mr Gee said.

"Not only will this package support jobs and economic activity across the Lithgow Council area, it will improve our local roads and provide for new and upgraded community infrastructure, which is a great investment.

"I will be working closely with Council to make sure projects get underway to help support local employment and businesses as soon as possible.

"A broad range of community infrastructure projects will be eligible, including new or upgraded bicycle and walking paths, community facilities, and picnic shelters and barbeque facilities at parks which will provide significant enhancement to our region," said Mr Gee. Local road projects to be delivered under the programme include but are not limited to constructing or improving bridges and tunnels, street lighting, and heavy vehicle facilities such as rest areas.

The funding allocation for each council was based on the Roads to Recovery programme formula in which the size of the road networks in each local government area is a key factor.

Guidelines for the programme will be provided directly to local governments by the Department of Infrastructure,

Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

Enquiries about the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program can be directed here iip@infrastructure.gov.au

REMINDER

Valve Removal in Inch Street, Lithgow

A reminder that Council will be undertaking valve removal and replacement works this Wednesday, 27 May 2020 in Inch Street, Lithgow weather permitting.

To complete the removal of the valve, a number of mains will be shut down in area around Bridge Street, Tank Street and Inch Street which will disrupt supply to a large number of residents and businesses in Oakey Park, Inch Street, Henderson Place, Thornley Close, Railway Parade Hoskins Avenue, John, Clarice, Roy, Spooner, Hayley and Padley Streets.

Council will commence works at 8am, Council cannot provide a timeframe for the completion of works but will aim to minimise the period of disruption and provide updates as they become available.

Upon return of normal service, residents will experience dirty water for a period. Council will endeavour to minimise this by flushing the mains. Before using the water for domestic purposes, residents are advised to run the first tap that services their property to ensure the water is clean and any dirt released into the system has been flushed before running internal taps. If the water does not run clear within a couple of minutes please contact Council on (02)6354 9999

Residents are asked not to tamper with hydrants whilst the mains are being flushed. The process is required to remove dirty water from the system as to minimise the effect on residents. Council apologizes for the interruption and would like to thank the community for their patience.

CENTENNIAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Centennial Springvale (Springvale) are writing to advise the commencement of Exploration Drilling activities within EL6974 on the Newnes Plateau within the Newnes State Forest.

The purpose of the drilling program is to confirm the location and thickness of the coal barrier between future (approved) Springvale mine workings and the existing Lithgow State Mine Workings. Maintaining an adequate coal barrier is integral to the ongoing safety of mineworkers.

The exploration drilling is estimated to commence in early May 2020 and is anticipated to be completed by August 2020. Following drilling, all boreholes will be sealed.

If you have any questions or require any further information regarding this matter, please contact the Exploration Geologist on (02) 6352 7791.

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and efficient to ensure the delivery of the plan at a time when costs are rising faster than income. Council will continue to seek grant funding to develop programs which will ensure we can value add to programs identified within the Delivery Program.

Growth in the overall workforce has been restrained despite a growing capital program in recent years. This has resulted in tough decisions being made with only

KIDS BACK IN SCHOOL

Decentralisation and Regional Education Minister and Member for Calare Andrew Gee, has welcomed the return of face-to-face teaching across New South Wales and Queensland, as schools returned on Monday.

Mr Gee has strongly advocated for the return of classrooms in country Australia, where rates of COVID-19 have generally been lower than in metro areas and capital cities.

"I'm very pleased to see kids heading back to school and particularly welcome the opening of regional and rural schools," said Minister Gee.

"There's been a highly unusual and

SAFETY MUST REMAIN ON TRACK AT RAIL CROSSINGS

With regional passenger and freight trains operating as usual through the coronavirus situation, motorists are reminded to be alert and put safety first at rail crossings.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said even though travel restrictions remain in place, rail corridors are operating as usual and motorists need to be aware at rail and road intersections.

"After two near misses at Bathurst and Orange last week, we are reminding Central West motorists to slow down and look before driving through a rail crossing," Mr Toole said.

"While there may appear to be less traffic on the road, the rail corridor is still as busy as usual. Freight is continuing to flow and NSW TrainLink services



vanilla

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OPEN AGAIN

Major Announcement!

As of Monday 1 June 2020, Vanilla Cafe will be able to move from only seating 10 customers at a time to having up to 50 customers on the premises at once! We must still follow the four square metre rule and all customers need to be seated.

Take-aways are still operating as before!