



# Minutes

Community Development Committee  
Tuesday 10 November 2020  
4:00 – 5:00pm

Item	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Confirmation of minutes
3	Business arising from previous minutes
4	Ability Awards
5	Lithgow Dementia Alliance
6	Community Recovery Officer Update
7	Update on current projects
8	General Business
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**ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Coleman, Councillor Statham, Leanne Walding, Kas Hilton, Gaye MacFarlane, Rachael Young and Glenda Anthes.

**APOLOGIES:** NIL

**OFFICERS:** Ali Kim, Rachel Nicholl and Matthew Johnson

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** Councillor Coleman and Kas Hilton declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 4 Ability Awards and left the room during discussion of that item.

**ACTION**

**THAT** The list of Present and Apologies and Declarations of Interest be noted.

**MOVED:** Glenda Anthes

**SECONDED:** Councillor Statham

**ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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The Minutes of the 8 September 2020 meeting were endorsed by three people who were present and were reported to Council on 28 September 2020.

**ACTION**

**THAT** The endorsement of the Minutes of the 8 September 2020 meeting by three people present and their reporting to Council on 28 September 2020 be noted.

**MOVED:** Rachael Young

**SECONDED:** Gaye MacFarlane

**ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**3.1 Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Rental offset Financial Assistance**

Council resolved on 28 September 2020, as recommended by the Committee, to provide \$6,000 Non-Recurrent Financial Assistance to Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre to assist with offsetting their rental payment to Council.

**3.2 Adventure Playground Signage**

Council resolved on 28 September 2020, as recommended by the Committee, to note that representations will be made to Local Member and Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole, requesting that signage be installed on the Great Western Highway to alert drivers to the Adventure Playground.

## ACTION

THAT The discussion under Business Arising be noted.

**MOVED:** Gaye MacFarlane

**SECONDED:** Kas Hilton

**ITEM: 4 ABILITY AWARDS**

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## SUMMARY

The Committee was asked to determine winners for the Ability Awards 2020

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## COMMENTARY

Council called for nominations for the 2020 Ability awards in a number of categories.

The Committee discussed the nominations and determined the following category winners:

**The Lithgow Ability Mastery Award** - This award will be presented to an individual with a disability in recognition of their extraordinary achievement in a field of their choice – be it arts, film, medicine, science, industry, technology, education, community development, human rights, sports or more.

**Winner:** Priscilla Steele **Finalists:** Saaskia Girdler, Dan Smith and Leyton Barker.

**Community Spirit Award** - This award will be presented to a person with a disability who exhibits community or non-profit leadership and advocacy for the rights and needs of people with a disability.

**Winner:** Jeff Thurlow.

**Covid Innovation Award:** This award recognizes a community group, service or individual who has made innovative changes to their project, program or service to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities in our community during the unprecedented changes of 2020.

**Winners:** Sharron Bowman Centwest Entertainment and Lithgow Community Choir. **Finalist:** Lithgow City Rangers Soccer Club.

**Volunteer of the Year Award** - This award recognises the significant contribution to volunteering that a person with a disability has made to the community.

**Winner:** Saaskia Girdler **Finalist:** Katie Coleman.

**Sport, Health and Wellbeing Award** - This award recognises sport, health and wellbeing programs /services that are creating equal access for persons with disabilities.

**Winner:** Lithgow City Rangers Soccer Club **Finalists:** Lithgow-Leles community Ukulele Group

**Business/employer Award** - This award recognises businesses that have improved access to their business to welcome and cater for disabled customers whether it is physical access such as a ramp or user friendly access such as online ordering, large print resources or specialised staff. It may also be awarded to a business that has an exceptional record of disability friendly practices, including hiring persons with disabilities, making reasonable accommodations and demonstrating efforts beyond simple compliance.

**Winner:** Euphoria Cleaning **Finalist:** McDonalds Lithgow.

**Special Commendation for Young Innovator:** Bryce Pearce.

Awards will be presented at an online celebration event in December 2020.

## **ACTION**

**THAT** The award of the 2020 Ability Awards category winners be noted.

**MOVED:** Rachael Young **SECONDED:** Leanne Walding

## **ITEM: 5 LITHGOW DEMENTIA ALLIANCE**

### **SUMMARY**

Lithgow Dementia Alliance has been approved for funding by Dementia Australia for a pilot project starting in January 2021.

### **COMMENTARY**

Kas Hilton gave the committee an update on the Lithgow Dementia Alliance, auspiced by LINC, which has received \$11,000 to present 6 monthly workshops on music, art and mindfulness at Gang Gang Gallery

### **ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The update on the Lithgow Dementia Alliance be noted.

**MOVED:** Kas Hilton **SECONDED:** Glenda Anthes

## **ITEM: 6 COMMUNITY RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE**

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### **SUMMARY**

An update was provided by Council's Community Recovery Officer Rachel Nicoll on Community Recovery activities since the last CDC meeting.

### **COMMENTARY**

Rachel Nicoll provided the following update on Community Recovery activities since the last CDC meeting.

- Council's Outreach Survey has seen a strong number of responses and feedback, which has assisted Council in being able to follow up on available supports, identify principal themes and issues and collect important information for recovery operations.
- Bushfire recovery information is currently being distributed through a monthly newsletter to impacted residents and growing number of subscribers and agencies.
- In response to several grant funds available, Council hosted an online information session for community members last Thursday 5 November.
- Lithgow Council will be hosting with Step by Step two small-scale community events for Clarence and Dargan. The first of these will be this coming Saturday (14/11) at the Bay Tree Nursery, Clarence from 11am – 2pm. This will be followed by a similar event at the Killibinbin Native Nursery, Dargan on Saturday (28/11).
- Around the grounds I've been attending a number of meetings with RFS Brigades and Head Office, Lithgow Police and community groups, building upon the recovery action plan and in preparation for the upcoming season.

Finally, and most recently announced is the Lithgow Bushfire Recovery and Community Day on Saturday, 5th and Sunday, 6th December 2020 at the Civic Ballroom, Lithgow. The program which runs from 9am to 3pm is repeated and includes:

- Learning how to prepare your property for bushfires.
- Latest information about the season ahead.
- Q & A sessions with bushfire experts.
- An Expo - Meet and talk with a wide range of bushfire service and product providers.
- Workshops and demonstrations.
- The opportunity to connect with bushfire recovery support services, and
- Information about building and renovating in bushfire prone areas.

Due to covid restrictions attendance is limited. Registrations are through Eventbrite as part of Council's Covid safe plan and to ensure contact tracing.

## **ACTION**

**THAT** The update on Community Recovery activities be noted.

**MOVED:** Kas Hilton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Statham

## **ITEM: 7 UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS**

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### **SUMMARY**

A report was given on current projects in the Community and Culture Department.

### **COMMENTARY**

#### **Drought Round 2 Projects**

Union Theatre front of house works are close to completion and the installation of shade sails and toilets at Wallerawang and Portland skateparks are in progress and expected to be fully complete by January 2021.

### **Lake Pillans**

Tenders have closed for reconstruction of the bushfire destroyed boardwalks with the tender expected to be awarded by Council in late November and with works likely to be completed by 30 June 2021.

### **Pump Track**

The design and construct tender has been awarded by Council to Common Ground Trails, a company with a lot of experience in pump tracks. Design work may commence pre-Christmas and construction is likely to be completed by 30 June 2021.

### **Headspace**

On Saturday 5 December from 10:00am-1:00pm Youth Council will be collaborating with Headspace Lithgow to present an event in Cook Street Plaza. The focus is on the mental health of young people in our community following the bushfires. The event will include music, food and stalls with relevant information.

### **ACTION**

**THAT** the discussion on current projects be noted

**MOVED:** Councillor Statham

**SECONDED:** Leanne Walding

### **ITEM: 8**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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#### **8.1 Adventure Playground Survey**

Ali Kim spoke about a recent small sample survey of Adventure Playground users which showed that the hamster wheel and flying fox are the most popular attractions. Survey participants highlighted the need for more equipment for younger aged children and fencing.

The Committee asked that consideration be given to a future stage of works catering for younger children and with fencing.

#### **8.2 Opera Australia**

Gaye will contact Opera Australia to see if they may be available for a performance at the Union Theatre in March or April 2021. The Committee felt that even if commercial sponsorship is available for the event, tickets be subsidised but not be provided for free.

#### **8.3 Farmers Markets**

Gaye MacFarlane discussed her ideas for setting up a farmers market specialising in local produce and product and was provided with a number of local contacts to follow up.

#### **Main Street Banners**

Council has received NSW State Government funding and support from Endeavour Energy to install a raise-and-display banner system on 28 light poles along Main Street between Lithgow Street and Bridge Street.

The banners will enable Council to run an annual program of banner content that will celebrate our unique community, encourage support of local businesses, and promote key attributes and experiences of the region. The first campaign will be 'Local Heroes'

to acknowledge those who have supported the community through a challenging year. This will be followed by banners celebrating Christmas.

The raise-and-display system will enable banners to be changed by Council staff from ground level avoiding the need for costly contractors and road closures. Other works also being undertaken as part of this grant include landscaping and beautification works in Pioneer Park as well as a trial of revised traffic flow at the Main Street/ Bridge Street intersection.

### **Signage**

Councillor Statham asked that directional signage be replaced to Ida Falls and Evans Crown. Staff to follow up.

### **ACTION**

#### **THAT**

1. The discussion under General Business be noted
2. Staff give consideration to a future stage of Adventure Playground works catering for younger children and with fencing.
3. Council staff follow up the replacement of directional signage to Ida Falls and Evans Crown.

**MOVED:** Rachael Young

**SECONDED:** Kas Hilton

### **ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING:**

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**Next Meeting:** 4:00 – 5:00pm on Tuesday 8 December 2020 in the Council Committee Room

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**There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.30 pm**