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THIS WEEK IN THE NEWS

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- [My Culture My Story – Brass, Beer, Methodism and Mining: the British Migrants who shaped Lithgow](#)

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- [Have your say on the future of the Lithgow LGA](#)

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- [Youth Week Cinema a Hit with Families](#)

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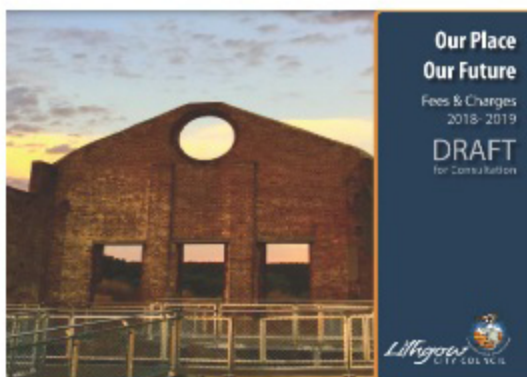
- [Lake Wallace Tree Removal – April 2018](#)

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- [Lithgow Set To Contend For Regional Skating Crown](#)

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Council Connections eNewsletter 26 April 2018



Have your say on 2018/19 Draft Operational Plan and Schedule of Fees & Charges

Residents of the Lithgow local government area are invited to have their say on the projects and programs planned for 2018/19.

Visit www.haveyoursay.lithgow.com where you can view a video providing an overview of key capital projects and programs in the Draft Operational Plan, download fact sheets, or view the Draft Operational Plan and Schedule of Fees & Charges in full.

22.5%

If you have any questions, come along to **Cook Street Plaza on Thursday 3 May between 11.30am and 2.30pm** to meet with Council Officers and Councillors to discuss the 2018/19 Draft Operational Plan and Schedule of Fees and Charges.

(In the event of inclement weather, the session will be held in the Council Chambers, 180 Mort Street, Lithgow.)

The 2018/19 Draft Operational Plan and Schedule of Fees & Charges will be on exhibition from Tuesday 24 April to Midnight, Monday 21 May. Anyone wishing to make a submission may do so, on the [Have Your Say website](#)

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The Councillors and staff of Lithgow City Council would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New year. Council will be closed over Christmas/New Year from Close of Business Friday 21 December 2018 and reopen on Monday 7 January 2019. During this time essential services will operate and can be contacted on 02 6354 9999

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Council will be closed over Christmas/New Year from Close of Business Friday 21 December 2018 and reopen on Monday 7 January 2018 at 8.15am.

On Friday 21 December, the Council Customer Service Centre will:

- Receive development applications between 8.30am and 12.00noon
- Cashiers will close at 2pm.

The following Essential Services will operate over Christmas/New Year

- Lithgow Visitor Information Centre
- Ranger
- Eskbank House Museum

- Rural Tip Controller
- Cleaner Driver (emptying street bins)
- Streetsweeper
- Water and Sewerage Treatment Plants
- Plumbers
- Waste and recycling collection
- Parks Crews
- Transport maintenance services.

For emergencies please call Council's after hours number 6354 9999.

J M Robson Aquatic Centre Christmas Opening Hours

As all are aware the festive season is fast approaching and during this period the Lithgow Aquatic Centre will be operating at non-standard hours as follows;

- Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve) – 6am – 5pm
- Tuesday 25th December (Christmas day) – CLOSED
- Wednesday 26th December (Boxing Day) – 8am – 4pm
- Thursday 27th December – 6am – 7pm
- Friday 28th December – 6am – 7pm
- Saturday 29th December – 8am – 6pm
- Sunday 30th December – 8am-6pm
- Monday 31st December (New Years Eve) – 6am – 5pm
- Tuesday 1st January (New years day) – 8am- 4pm

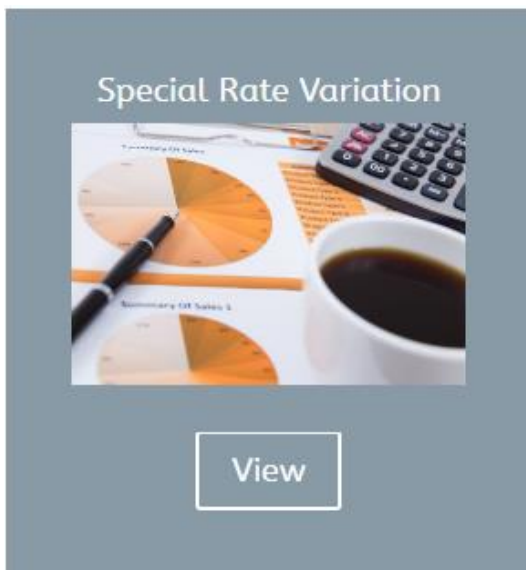
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 - [Shade Sails Installed at Children's Playground in Cullen Bullen](#) 20 Dec 2018
 - [New Electronic Resources at Lithgow Library](#) 19 Dec 2018
 - [Future Finders – It's a Wrap for 2018](#) 19 Dec 2018
 - [Changes to Effect Trade Waste Businesses](#) 18 Dec 2018
 - [Changed Road Conditions on Inch Street](#) 17 Dec 2018
 - [Library Hours Over Christmas/New Year](#) 17 Dec 2018
 - [Council Works – Week ending 14 December 2018](#) 17 Dec 2018
 - [Special Rate Variation – The Process](#) 17 Dec 2018
 - [Council's proposed works program for 2019/20 revealed](#) 13 Dec 2018
 - [J M Robson Aquatic Centre Christmas Opening Hours](#) 12 Dec 2018
 - [What would the proposed Special Rate Variation be used for?](#) 12 Dec 2018
 - [Have Your Say – Special Rate Variation Telephone Survey](#) 10 Dec 2018
 - [No Secret Women's Business](#) 10 Dec 2018
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 - [Council expresses disappointment at Dept. Premier and Cabinet stance on Wallerawang](#) 7 Dec 2018
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Written Submissions

Written submissions quoting reference no. SRV19-20 will be accepted by Council until midnight on 11 January 2019:

- Lithgow City Council, PO Box 19, LITHGOW 2790 or email council@lithgow.nsw.gov.au

Proposed Special Rate Variation – Telephone Survey Results

Council would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to respond to the telephone survey and to contact Council with either a submission for/against the SRV or questions.

Council has received the results of the telephone survey undertaken by Micromex Consulting from 10 -12 December. 401 respondents were selected by means of a computer based random selection process using the electronic White Pages and SamplePages. 86% of respondents were ratepayers with 14% being non ratepayers. The survey sampling was representative of the entire local government area across all planning precincts with 56% from Lithgow, 13% from Portland, 13% from Wallerawang, 9% from Rural North and 9% from Rural South.

Key findings from the telephone survey showed:

- Prior to contact 62% of residents were already aware of the proposed SRV – 57% become aware via the Council mailout
- 58% of residents were at least somewhat supportive of Option 2 (Maintain the Current SRV + Rate Peg + One-off (permanent) 4.23% SRV) compared to 52% who were at least somewhat supportive of Option 1 (Current SRV Expires + Rate Peg)
- Residents were split with regards to their preferred option, with 50% selecting Option 1 (Current SRV Expires + Rate Peg) and 50% selecting Option 2 (Maintain the Current SRV + Rate Peg + One-off (permanent) 4.23% SRV) as their first preference
- Primary reasons residents selected Option 1 included: 'Council are ineffective/I do not trust they will spend any extra money effectively' (19%), 'I cannot afford a rate increase/I am a pensioner' (12%) and Option 1 'is the most affordable option' (8%)
- Primary reasons for selecting Option 2 included: 'I am supportive of services/facilities/infrastructure being kept up to standard/improved' (29%), 'we cannot afford to have services/facilities/ infrastructure further deteriorate' (7%) and 'it is evident the City needs additional funding' (5%)

As we go through this process we are endeavoring to ensure that we respond to your concerns. A number of matters have been continually arising and a fact sheet has been developed in response along with a copy of the Telephone Survey Report by Micromex consulting is now available

on www.haveyoursay.lithgow.com .

Submissions on the Special Rate Variation close on 11 January 2018. You can have your say on this important matter by:

1. Completing the online version of the survey on www.haveyoursay.lithgow.com OR
2. In writing to Lithgow City Council, PO Box 19, Lithgow 2790 or email council@lithgow.nsw.gov.au quoting reference SRV19-20

All submissions and survey results will be included in the report to Council at the Extra Ordinary Meeting to be held on Tuesday 29 January to consider the application for the Proposed Special Rate Variation.

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Council proposes to amend the 2013 Generic Plan of Management by inserting the community asset known as Wallerawang Memorial Hall and the adjoining land (comprising Lots 1 to 5 in Deposited Plan 15683 and situate at Commens Street, Wallerawang.

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Lithgow City Council invites submissions from suitably qualified and experienced Tenderers to undertake gravel re-sheeting to four rural roads within the Lithgow Local Government Area.

Documentation containing further information in relation to this Tender can be obtained free of charge from www.tenderlink.com/lithgow/.

Tender documents will be available from Tuesday 11th December 2018. Submissions will be received up until 10:00am, Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Tenders are to be delivered by the means described in the tender documents and must be received by the specified closing time. Late tenders will not be accepted.

For further information, please contact Council's Acting Director Infrastructure Services, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Contacting Councillors or Council staff other than the designated contact person directly will result in disqualification from the tender process.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Council is in receipt of a development application to Modification of Consent - Decommissioning & Rehabilitation of Clarence Colliery Emplacement Area 3 Complex at Lot 24 & 25 DP 751631, Lot 7022 DP 1126644 & Lot 7005 DP 1020664 - Clarence Colliery Road CLARENCE NSW 2790.

The application and plans are available for public inspection at Council's Environment & Development Department, in the Council Administration Centre, free of charge, during office hours until 11 January 2019.

During this period any person may inspect the plans and make a written submission on the proposal quoting Council's file reference, Development Application No. (MOD035/18). All submissions received during this period will be taken into consideration prior to Council's determination of the application.

Exhibition of Draft Policies

At its meeting of 26 November 2018, Council resolved to place the following Policies on public exhibition and comment for 28 days.

- [8.10 Exemption from Water Supply and Sewerage Special Rates](#)
- [10.4 Bus Shelters / Street Seating](#)
- [10.5 Footpath Reservations](#)

The draft policies are available to view at the Customer Service Administration Centre, Lithgow Library, and on Council's [website](#).

Written submissions should be addressed to the General Manager, [by mail or email](#). Submissions must be received by Council no later than 4pm on Friday on Thursday 10th January 2018

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[Lithgow Halloween 18 set to entertain the whole family](#) **24 Oct 2018**

[NBN Construction – Main Street, Lithgow](#) **24 Oct 2018**

[Councillor Ring meets with the Small Business Commissioner at the LGNSW Conference](#) **24 Oct 2018**

[Successful first day at the LG NSW Conference](#) **23 Oct 2018**

[Lithgow Council has success with Crown Lands Management motion at the LG NSW Conference](#) **22 Oct 2018**

[Lithgow Councillor hits the Springboard](#) **22 Oct 2018**

[Back to School Reminder for Motorists](#) **18 Oct 2018**

LITHGOW HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Saturday 27th October 2018

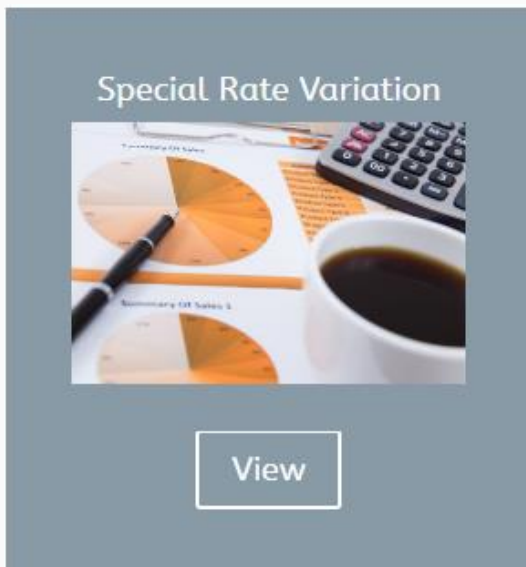
Temporary Road Closure of Main Street

Main Street Lithgow will be closed for the Halloween Festival.

Eskbank Street will be temporarily closed to traffic for Event bump in from Railway Parade to Main Street from 10.00am on Friday 26th October to 2.00am on Sunday 28th October.

Main Street will be closed from Bridge Street to Station Street from midday Saturday 27th to 2.00am Sunday 28th October.

If you would like any further details please contact Simon Francis, Tourism Manager on (02) 6350 3230



Over the coming months in 2018/19, Council will be continuing to seek community input into the proposal to apply for a Special Rate Variation to commence in 2019/20.

The Have Your Say website is being continually updated with fact sheets, documents and information designed to answer all of the communities questions regarding the SRV. A rates calculator has been developed and is available on the site so that you can see what the impact would be on your rates if Council is/isn't successful in obtaining a Special Rate Variation to commence on 1 July 2019.

LJ Hooker Reg Cowden Memorial Sports Star of the Year - Monthly Award Nominations

Nominations for outstanding sporting achievements in October 2018 will be accepted by Lithgow City Council until until 14th November 2018 and November nominations will be accepted until 21st November 2018. . Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting Council's Customer Service Department on (02) 6354 9999, or can be downloaded from council's website <http://council.lithgow.com/sports-star-awards/>

Pet of the Week

'Zeus' is a Male, not de-sexed, Bulldog X Great Dane about 12 Months old. Is a large boy, who is happy and friendly. Good around people, and happily walks on a lead. He is vaccinated and Micro-chipped.

If adopted, they will receive a free grooming treatment at Lithgow Bizzi Paws, 62 Ferro Street Lithgow.

Please contact Lithgow City Council's Rangers if you are interested in adopting these dogs on (02) 6354 9999 during business hours.



DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Council is in receipt of a development application for a subdivision of 1 lot into 83 residential lots and a lot for open space purposes on land known as Lot 817 DP814174, 5 Ikara Street, Lithgow NSW 2790.

The application and plans are available for inspection at Council's Economic Development & Environment Department, in the Council Administration Centre, 180 Mort Street, Lithgow, free of charge, during office hours for a period of 30 days **until 5 November, 2018**.

During this period any person may inspect the plans and make a written submission on the proposal quoting Council's file reference Development Application No. DA230/18. All submissions received during this period will be taken into consideration prior to Council's determination of the application.

WHAT'S ON

For information on upcoming events and what to see and do in the Lithgow region visit the [Lithgow Tourism Website](#)

Libraries

Keep up to date with what's happening at the Libraries [here](#)

Callout to local artists

We invite local artists to submit an application to hold an exhibition at Lithgow Library for one month during 2019. The Library has a gallery hanging system for artworks and we also invite displays to be housed in our cabinets such as sculpture and pottery. There is no charge for exhibiting in the Library.

For more information please call Lithgow Library on 63529100

Tech Savvy Seniors – Classes @ Wallerawang and Portland

Do you struggle with using an iPad or tablet device? Does your smart phone frustrate you? Do you have questions about cyber safety or social media? If you answered yes to any of these questions then we're here to help!

Tech Savvy Seniors classes will be run at **Wallerawang Library on Wednesday 31 October, Thursday 1 November, Wednesday 7 November and Thursday 8 November from 10am -12pm** covering all of these issues and more.

Tech Savvy Seniors classes will also be run at **Portland Library on Wednesday 14 November, Thursday 15 November, Wednesday 21 November and Thursday 22 November from 10am 10 12pm.**

Bring along your device and your Apple or Google ID info if you want to download any apps.

For a full program or to make a booking please contact Lithgow Library on 6352 9100.

JM Robson Aquatic Centre

Keep up to date with what's happening at the Aquatic Centre [here](#)

The JM Robson Aquatic Centre offers a range of **Aqua Aerobics Classes** designed to suit everyone.

Day	Time Description
Monday	7:00am Deep Aqua 9.30am Gentle Aqua
Tuesday	7:00am Aqua Bootcamp 6.00pm Aerobics
Wednesday	7:00am Swimfit 1.15pm Gentle Aqua 6:00pm Aerobics
Thursday	7:00am Aerobics 6.00pm Aqua Bootcamp
Friday	7:00am Flipperfit 9.30am Gentle Aqua
Saturday	8.30am Circuit Aqua
Sunday	8.30am Boxing

Council would like to ensure that drought affected farmers are aware that they can apply for rate relief under Council's Hardship Policy.

Farmers affected by the current drought can apply for assistance available to ratepayers as set out in Council's Hardship Policy. The Hardship Policy permits Council to enter into payment agreements with ratepayers who cannot meet their normal installment payments. Accrued interest on rates and charges may also be written off in cases of hardship.

Drought affected farmers may apply for hardship relief on Council's Rates and Charges Hardship Application Form.

Council's Hardship Policy (Policy 8.6) and the Hardship Application Form are available on Council's [website](#).

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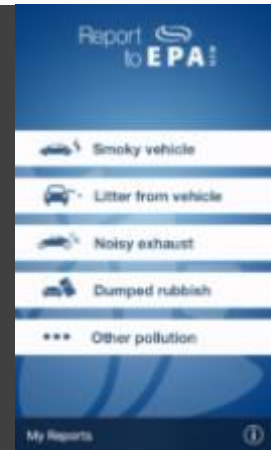
And select the "Pay Invoices" button. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

Illegal Dumping

Council is cracking down on illegal dumping around the Local government area.

Council deploys surveillance cameras to catch perpetrators in the act and significant fines apply.

To report illegal dumping please phone Council on 63549999, report via the [online portal](#) or download the 'Report to EPA' App from the App Store or Google Play.



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TABLE TOP GAMING EXHIBITION

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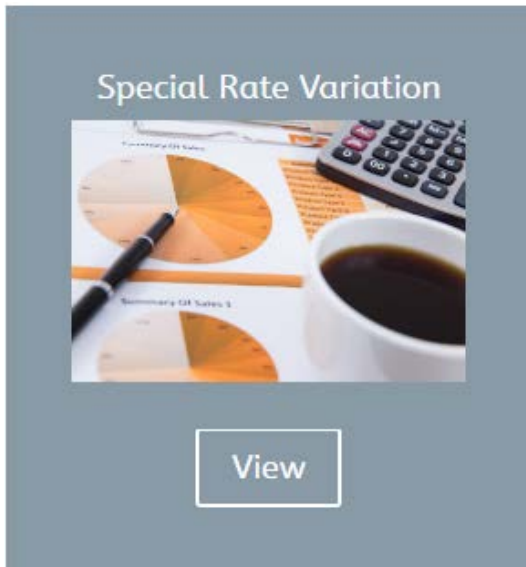
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Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme Progress

Lithgow City Council has received the Concept Design Technical Report for the Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme. The concept design process is undertaken to provide a preliminary layout for infrastructure and ensure the scheme will have as little impact to residents and property whilst being able to serve the desired purpose.

To provide the community further information Council will be holding a Community Information Session on the **15th of January 2019 at the Cullen Bullen Progress Association Hall starting at 5pm** to discuss the progress and gain feedback from the residents on the concept design. [More...](#)



Lithgow City Council
Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme Concept Design
Technical Report

December 2018

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TABLE TOP GAMING EXHIBITION

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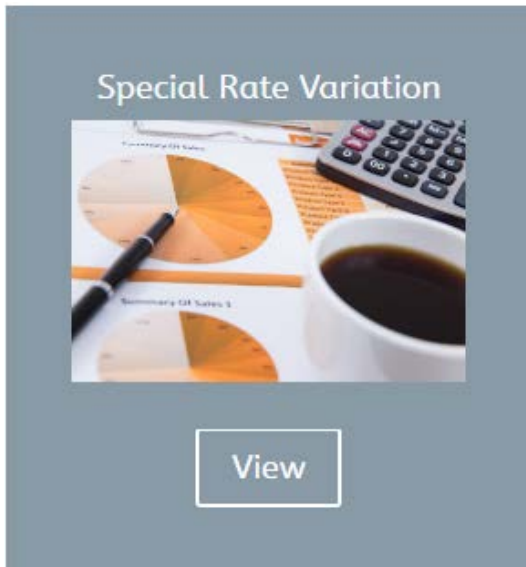
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THIS MONTH IN THE NEWS

The following media releases have been published this week on Council's website and may be viewed [here](#)

- [Road Re-Sealing – January 2019](#) 10 Jan 2019
 - [Temporary Closure of Wallerawang Landfill](#) 10 Jan 2019
 - [Re-Opening of Railway Parade, Lithgow](#) 9 Jan 2019
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For more information on the proposed Special Rate Variation visit the [Have Your Say](#) website



Council has developed its Draft Works Program for Transport, Buildings and Stormwater Drainage so that the community can make an informed decision with regard to the proposed special rate variation.

Download a copy of the proposed Transport, Stormwater Drainage and Buildings Program for 2019/20 from www.haveyoursay.lithgow.com or call into the Council Administration Centre or the Libraries to pick up a copy. The draft works program is subject to the consideration and approval of Council as part of the 2019/20 Operational Plan.

Written Submissions

Written submissions quoting reference no. SRV19-20 will be accepted by Council until midnight on 11 January 2019:

- Lithgow City Council, PO Box 19, LITHGOW 2790 or email council@lithgow.nsw.gov.au

Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme Progress

Lithgow City Council has received the Concept Design Technical Report for the Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme. The concept design process is undertaken to provide a preliminary layout for infrastructure and ensure the scheme will have as little impact to residents and property whilst being able to serve the desired purpose.

To provide the community further information Council will be holding a Community Information Session on the **15th of January 2019 at the Cullen Bullen Progress Association Hall starting at 5pm** to discuss the progress and gain feedback from the residents on the concept design. [More...](#)



Lithgow City Council
Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme Concept Design
Technical Report

December 2018

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council to consider the application for a proposed Special Rate Variation to IPART

Tuesday, 29 January at 7pm in the **Council Chambers**, 180 Mort Street, Lithgow

Members of the community that would like to address Council at Monday night's council meeting need to register by midday on Tuesday, 29 January.

Copies of the Agenda are placed on Council's website by close of business on the Thursday prior to the meeting and can be found [here](#).

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF PROPOSED LICENCE TO ANGLICAN

PARISH OF LITHGOW

At its meeting on 26 November 2018 Council resolved to exhibit its intention to enter into a licence with the Anglican Parish of Lithgow for the use of part of the Wallerawang Memorial Hall situate at Commens Street, Wallerawang and comprised in part of Lot 1 Deposited Plan 15683.

The licence will be publicly exhibited until Monday 4 February 2019, allowing for submissions in accordance with section 47 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

The draft licence is available on Council's website at www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au from 24 December 2018, and at the Council Administration Building from 7 January 2019.

Written submissions marked "Submission - draft licence to Anglican Parish of Lithgow" must be received by Council no later than 4pm on Monday 4 February 2019.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED]

Notice of public exhibition and public hearing regarding an amendment to Council's 2013 Generic Plan of Management

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 November 2018, Council resolved to place on public exhibition the proposed amendment to Council's 2013 Generic Plan of Management.

Council's 2013 Generic Plan of Management outlines the values and features of Council's "community" land assets, and clarifies how Council intends to manage, use or develop the land in the future. The purpose of the Plan of Management is to:

- Contribute to the City's broader strategic goals and functions
- Ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1993; and
- Provide clarity in the future development, use and management of community land.

Council proposes to amend the 2013 Generic Plan of Management by inserting the community asset

known as Wallerawang Memorial Hall and the adjoining land (comprising Lots 1 to 5 in Deposited Plan 15683 and situate at Commens Street, Wallerawang.

Council invites public submissions on the amended Plan of Management, which is on public exhibition from Friday 24 December 2018 until Friday 8 February 2019, and is available for public viewing at:

- Council's website www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au
- Council Administration Centre (from 7 January 2019)
- Lithgow Library/Learning Centre (from 7 January 2019)

Should any person or group wish to make a submission on the amended Plan of Management, it should be in writing and be received **by 4.30pm on Friday 8 February 2019**. Submissions should be addressed to The General Manager, quoting reference POM-GEN.

A public hearing into the categorisation of Lots 1 to 5 in Deposited Plan 15683 as General Community Use is to be conducted in the Council Chambers, 180 Mort St Lithgow, on **Wednesday 6 February 2019 from 10.30am – 11:30am**. Members of the public wishing to make a submission to the public hearing should register their interest prior to the commencement of the hearing by contacting [REDACTED]

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LITHGOW BUSINESS AND TOURISM MATTERS



Welcome to the November/December issue of ***Lithgow Business & Tourism Matters***.

Our newsletter is designed to keep local businesses updated with information about current and future business events and initiatives. This newsletter, and those to follow, will provide information and opportunities for businesses in Lithgow.

In this month's edition we share some amazing news - we are shooting a suite of tourism movies to market our amazing destination, and we also have the statistics and insights from research conducted at Lithgow Halloween 2018. In this month's issue we also remind main-street businesses there is a fund on offer to assist with store-front improvement works, and Council is currently seeking feedback on a proposed special rate variation. And the date has been set for the 2nd meeting of the Lithgow Small and Home Based Business Network meeting. In this issue:

- Destination Movies Underway
- Halloween Stats and Insights
- Store-Front Improvements Support Fund
- Date Set for 2nd Small/Home Based Business Network Meeting
- Special Rate Variation Proposal

Cheers....Andrew

Andrew Powrie

Senior Economic Development & Destination Manager, Lithgow City Council

andrew.powrie@lithgow.nsw.gov.au, 0438 575 452 (call or email me anytime!).

DESTINATION MOVIES UNDERWAY

Here's something everybody knows - everywhere you look in Lithgow there is something fascinating on offer; from stunning views, to amazing heritage, to inspiring locations, to creative excellence, to one-of-a-kind events, to tales of yester-year, to places that are just awe-inspiring to be at.

So the ability to brand our region and then market it far and wide is on-hand, and place branding and marketing is key for promoting local competitiveness and for capturing significant mind and market share.

Our number one reason for marketing the Lithgow region is to promote it in a way that, if done properly, should attract visitors and drive tourism. So - to promote the region we knew we needed to develop suitable marketing and advertising material.

As such Council has approved and endorsed the development of a suite of movies to be used to brand and market the Lithgow destination via digital and social media channels. So 7 movies have been briefed in to Taylor Film (our local movie-maker):

1. Lead-in-Movie - "This is the Lithgow Destination"
2. LithGlow
3. Lithgow Halloween
4. The Foundations Portland
5. Ironfest
6. Capertee Valley and Surrounds, and
7. Wolgan Valley and Surrounds

The movies are planned to be completed in February 2019, so watch this space and await the launch of Lithgow's own destination movies.



HALLOWEEN 2018 STATS/INSIGHTS

Research conducted at Lithgow Halloween 2018 confirmed the event is incredibly well received and supported by the vast majority. A snap-shot of key statistics are covered below:

Question 1: What is your postcode?

Local 40%

Bathurst 15%

Blue Mts 24%

Question 2: How did you find out about Lithgow Halloween?

Family/Friends 30%

Social Media 26%

TV 10%

Question 3: Did you stay in Lithgow overnight?

Yes I live in the area 39%

Yes with Family 11%

No 47%

Question 4: Best thing about Lithgow Halloween?

Everything 27%

Costumes 26%

Atmosphere 17%

Entertainment 16%

Question 5: What time did you arrive at the event?

3 - 4.pm 36%

4 - 6.pm 52%

Question 6: How did you travel to the event?

Car 79%

Walk 14%

Question 7: What were the age groups in your group?

Family with school aged children 30%

Adults 25%

Family with children 21%

Teenage group 15%

Family with children and grandparents 9%

Question 8: How would you rate the event with 10 being the best?

10 30%

9 17%

8 34%

Question 9: What would you like to see more of?

More Markets 21%

Rides 24%

Trick or Treat 14%

More Music 13%

Street performers 10%

More seating 9%

Question 10: How safe did you feel at Lithgow Halloween?

Extremely Safe 49%

Very safe 42%

Question 11: Will you be back next year?

Yes 87%

Question 12: How likely are you to recommend Lithgow Halloween?

Extremely likely 56%

Very likely 36%



2nd MEETING SMALL/HOME BASED BUSINESSES

The Lithgow Home-Based-Business Network (the LHBBN) has been created to enable connections in the region. At the kick-off meeting in November the call was made to open the network to small businesses who could benefit from such a network. As such the LHBBN now has an "S" in it to reflect the change of terms - Now the Lithgow Small & Home Based Business Network. The network will offer:

1. Regular networking events to provide opportunities to meet others and to hear successful business people share key insights relevant to running a home-based business,
2. Speakers and information provision on all the pieces that are important to running a home-based business, including; business plans, accounting, marketing, working in the digital age, supply-chain management, etc,
3. Insight of, and referrals to, available business support and growth programs, and,
4. Direct access to Lithgow City Council's specialist business support Economics Development, Events and Tourism Division.

The next network meeting is on Wednesday the 12th of December at 5.00pm at the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre (Great Western Highway). There will be a

presentation by a Business Coach from our Regional Business Enterprise Centre (Central West BiZHQ).

If you would like to attend the forum please email me to register your attendance:

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MAIN ST FACADE RESTORATION PROGRAM

The Main Street facade Restoration program was developed to provide financial assistance to owners of properties within the Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland CBDs, to assist in the restoration of the external facade of premises that will enhance our town centre precincts.

Support for works in a number of areas are available; repair, maintenance, or reinstatement of traditional windows, awnings or decoration as well as reinstatement of colour schemes.

Funds are allocated to successful applicants on a dollar for dollar basis following completion and inspection of pre-approved works by Council, to a maximum of \$2,500 (note there is a budget allocation and funding is capped every year).

To be considered for such a project a formal application must be submitted to Council detailing the project, description of the colours or materials to be used, written quotations from suppliers or licensed trades-person, a time-frame of when the work will be undertaken and written owners consent if applicable.

If you are interested in this program send [REDACTED] an email:

[REDACTED]



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For more information on the proposed Special Rate Variation visit the [Have Your Say](#) website which is continually being updated with fact sheets, documents and

information designed to answer all of the community's questions regarding the SRV. A rates calculator has been developed and is available on the site so that you can see what the impact would be on your rates if Council is/isn't successful in obtaining a Special Rate Variation to commence on 1 July 2019.
