About Lithgow City Council

Lithgow City Council was established in 1889 with the opening up of the region and continues to provide for the 20,000 plus population of the area. The Lithgow LGA comprises one large urban centre (Lithgow), two townships (Portland and Wallerawang) and various villages, hamlets and rural localities.

Lithgow LGA lies almost wholly within the Wiradjuri Aboriginal nation with the Darug nation located to the east, and Gundungurra to the south.

The Council vision is of a centre of regional excellence that:
• encourages community growth and development; and
• contributes to the efficient and effective management of the environment, community and economy for present and future generations.

This is consistent with the establishment of a university presence in the town which will enable local residents to participate in a variety of higher education opportunities.

To register to receive more information on upcoming events and future course offerings please visit www.uwscollege.edu.au
The University of Western Sydney and Lithgow City Council have been co-operating for several years to secure a viable and sustainable University presence in Lithgow. This has been an integral component in the Council’s Community Strategic Plan and is consistent with the University’s commitment to access and equity in higher education.

Outreach Campus Model
As the population of the Lithgow Local Government Area (LGA) is insufficient to sustain a fully-fledged University campus with teaching and research across a number of disciplines, an outreach campus model has been developed. The concept of the outreach model is that the University will offer a range of courses, programs and potential research collaborations that are in direct response to the employment needs of the Lithgow LGA. This will ensure that graduates will have the skills to secure local and regional employment. It is also envisaged that the University and the Council will co-operate around a range of cultural activities utilising the resources of both the University and the local community.

A key feature of the outreach model is also the engagement with local suppliers for the provision of the various requisite services for students such as textbooks, food and beverage, stationery, entertainment etc, which should provide a significant boost to retail and related activity on Main Street.

The development of the campus is possible through the Federal Government’s Structural Adjustment Fund which will contribute towards the refurbishment of the Hoskins building on Mort Street, thus returning a valuable resource to the community.