ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

11 March 2015

MINUTES
MINUTES of ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room, Leichhardt Town Hall, 107 Norton Street, Leichhardt, on 11 March 2015 at 6:30pm.

Present at the meeting:  Cr Breen (Chair), Cr Kogoy, Cr Hannaford, Richard Dudley-Smith, Andrew Fraser, Koko Clark, Angela Michaelis, Paul Geraghty, Lea Richards, David Lawrence.

Staff Present: Manager Environment and Urban Planning, Team Leader Environmental Strategy, Sustainability Engagement Officer

Meeting commenced:  6.31pm

** ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose Country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.

** APOLOGIES

ECCC01/15 RESOLVED BREEN/KOGOY

That apologies be accepted for the absence of Cr Channells.

** THIS MEETING IS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL’S CODE OF CONDUCT.

** DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cr Kogoy is employed by a company associated with the Our Solar Future event and will not participate in Item 5.
ITEM 1  ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES – 3 DECEMBER 2014

ECCC02/15  RESOLVED  GERAGHTY/LAWRENCE

That the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 3 December 2014 be received and noted.

ITEM 2  CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 3 DECEMBER 2014

ECCC03/15  RESOLVED  GERAGHTY/KOGOY

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 3 December 2014 be received and noted.

ITEM 3  SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ECCC04/15  RESOLVED  HANNAFORD/MICHAELIS

1. That the information in the summary of resolutions be received and noted.

2. That Council invite a member of the Boomerang Alliance to attend the next Environment and Climate Change Committee meeting to discuss the details of the proposed Container Deposit Scheme

ITEM 4  DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE AND OPERATING GUIDELINES

ECCC05/15  RESOLVED  GERAGHTY/LAWRENCE

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee:
1. Adopt the Operation Guidelines and Meeting Time in Report Section A with the exception of Agenda and Report availability which is to be amended to make available printed copies of the Agenda.
2. Adopt the Terms of Reference in Report Section B
3. Advise the Senior Management Team.
ITEM 5  CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM

ECCC06/15  RESOLVED  GERAGHTY/FRASER

Councillor Kogoy declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting whilst Item 5 was discussed.

That Council note that the next climate change forum will be held on Saturday, 18 April 2015 at the Leichhardt Town Hall to showcase solar energy initiatives and options for residents.

ITEM 6  SUMMERAMA 2015

Councillor Kogoy returned to the meeting.

ECCC07/15  RESOLVED  KOGOY/LAWRENCE

That Council note:

1. Leichhardt Council is a member of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group. Each year the Sydney Coastal Councils Group and its member Councils organise and participate in Summerama, an environmental education program focusing on coastal and marine environments, targeting children and families during the holiday period.

2. Two educational tours of the Whites Creek Wetland were scheduled in January 2015.

3. The education program was designed and delivered in-house by Council’s Sustainability Engagement Officer at nil cost.

4. The committee thanks Emily Williams, Sustainability Engagement Officer for the Summerama program

ITEM 7  GREENWAY PLACE MANAGER'S REPORT

ECCC08/15  RESOLVED  KOGOY/LAWRENCE

That Council receive and note the GreenWay Place Manager’s Report dated 18 November 2014.
ITEM 8 GREENWAY STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 2014

ECCC09/15 RESOLVED MICHAELIS/KOGOY

1. That Council receive and note the minutes of the GreenWay Steering Committee’s 13 October 2014 meeting.

2. That a member of the Greenway Steering Committee be invited to give a presentation on the current status of the greenway

ITEM 9 GREENWAY STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES DECEMBER 2014

ECCC10/15 RESOLVED LAWRENCE/KOGOY

1. That Council receive and note the minutes of the GreenWay Steering Committee’s 1 December 2014 meeting.

2. That the committee raises its concerns about the impact of over development on the greenway corridor and on the effectiveness of the light rail in the long term due to the increasing density of development.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Statutory Signage

ECCC11/15 RESOLVED LAWRENCE/HANNAFORD

That Leichhardt Council review options to consolidate and reduce statutory signage across the LGA in light of the work by Mosman Council and the City of Sydney to reduce signage and improve the local amenity of heritage neighbourhoods.

2. Whites Creek Community Orchard

ECCC12/15 RESOLVED GERAGHTY/KOGOY

The committee would like to thank all Council staff and the Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park involved in the development and opening day for the Whites Creek Community Orchard.
3. Installing Waste Bins - North Eastern Part of Elkington Park

ECCC13/15 RESOLVED MICHAELIS/CLARKE

That Council investigate installing waste bins in the north eastern part of Elkington Park, Balmain (near the boat launching area) and that this be used as a trial for clearly marked alternate bins for general waste and drink containers such as those being used by Mosman and Waverley Councils.

The next meeting is an extraordinary meeting to be held on Wednesday, 22 April 2015 at 6.30pm to engage on the Draft Environmental Sustainability Plan 2015 – 2025 while on exhibition.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm