Wednesday
1 April 2009
Environment and Recreation Committee Terms of Reference

The Environment and Recreation Committee, being guided by the principles of ecologically sustainable development and maximising local passive and active recreation opportunities, deals with, but will not be limited to, the following:

Environment Policy development on:

- Council’s Sustainability Strategy
- Environmental health
- Waste minimisation and resource recovery
- Stormwater management
- Corporate Sustainability
- Trees and open space
- Landscaping
- Environmental education
- Pollution monitoring
- Biodiversity conservation and enhancement

Recreation Policy development on:

- Open space plans of management and masterplans
- Management of companion animals in open space
- Management and provision of open space, including small parks and sports fields
- Management and provision of recreational facilities
- Provision of recreational programs and services

Chairperson: Cr Rochelle Porteous
Deputy Chairperson: Cr Michele McKenzie

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.
NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Environment & Recreation Committee will be held in the Supper Room, Leichhardt Town Hall on Wednesday, 1 April 2009 at 6:30pm.

Peter Head
General Manager

AGENDA

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 4 February 2009

3. Summary of Resolutions

4. Correspondence – Nil

5. Reports from the Community

6. Policy Items Environment

   6.1 Climate Change Task Force Minutes
   6.2 Environmental Education for Schools in 2009

7. Policy Items Recreation

   7.1 Proposed Use of Balmain Glasshouse
   7.2 Implications of the Extention of Season Closure of The Dawn Fraser Baths

8. Reports on Major Projects: Environment and Recreation – Nil

9. Verbal Updates

   9.1 ACF GreenHome Program: Dates and Venues
   9.2 Verbal Update – Rainwater Tank Seminar (held 17th March 2009)

10. Other Business

11. Next Meeting – 3 June 2009
**DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

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Place where we live and work 
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| Staffing Implications:   | Nil |
| Notifications:           | Nil |
| Other Implications:      | Nil |
1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of Minute Recommendations of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 4 March 2009.

2. **Recommendation**

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 4 March 2009 with the accompanying recommendations.
MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 4 March 2009.

Present at the commencement of the meeting:
Bronwen Campbell, Stephen Arnerich, Kim Wheatley and Bev Maunsell
Crs Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Daniel Kogoy, Alan Cinis, Gordon Weiss and John Stamolis

Staff Present:
Gill Dawson, Anna Broome, Mary Hare, Aaron Callaghan, Allan Wilding, Cheryl Walker, Doug Anderson

Meeting Commenced: 7.00pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:
Cr Rochelle Porteous performed acknowledgement of country in her capacity as chair.

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

ERC11/09 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of David Lawrence, Elizabeth Dark and Cr Vera-Ann Hannaford.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 4 February 2009

ERC12/09 RECOMMENDED

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ITEM 3
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC13/09 RECOMMENDED
That the information in the Summary of Resolutions be received and noted.

ITEM 4
CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

ITEM 5
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

ERC14/09 RECOMMENDED
That an update on progress towards delivery of the new Rozelle Bay Community Nursery is provided at the next meeting.

ITEM 6
POLICY ITEMS ENVIRONMENT

ITEM 6.1
REVIEW OF GENERAL HOUSEHOLD (CLEAN UP) COLLECTION SERVICE TO ENCOURAGE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING OF LARGE WASTE ITEMS

ERC15/09 RECOMMENDED

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ERC16/09 RECOMMENDED

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3. Provide a verbal report on the sustainability of shower facilities within the LPAC extension.

ITEM 7
POLICY ITEMS RECREATION

ITEM 7.1
VERBAL REPORT FROM AARON CALLAGHAN, SENIOR RECREATION PLANNER – PARKS PLANNING WORK PROGRAMME

ERC17/09 RECOMMENDED

That the report on the parks planning work programme was received and noted.

ITEM 7.2
REPLACEMENT SPECIES FOR SIGNIFICANT TREES

ERC18/09 RECOMMENDED

1. That the list in Section 4 of this report be used as a guide when replacing Significant and/or Heritage Trees.

2. That it is noted that this list is not final and may be added to as Council expands its Significant Tree Register. This will be required if Council is successful in the acquisition of Callan Park where large numbers of significant tree will, at some point in time require replacement.

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4. That should a cat trapping trial be undertaken, Council carries out a fauna study before and after the trapping trial at the locations outlined in this report.

5. That Council prepare a report to committee on an education program for responsible cat ownership (registering / keep in at night etc) in accordance with the NSW Companion Animal Act to reduce the impact of domestic cats on local wildlife.

ITEM 9
OTHER BUSINESS

ERC20/09 RECOMMENDED

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ITEM 10
NEXT MEETING

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Meeting closed at 8.55 pm
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

AUTHOR: MARY HARE
ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL OFFICER

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Staffing Implications: Nil

Notifications: Nil

Other Implications: Nil
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To advise the Council of the status of the Environment and Recreation Committee Resolutions of March 2009.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.
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<td>ERC07/05 - POTENTIAL SPORTING FIELDS (FEB 2006)</td>
<td>3. The relevant Council officer should liaise with Leichhardt High School to come to an arrangement about the use of the parcel of STA land adjacent to the school as a public sporting field.</td>
<td>3. Federal Infrastructure Grant funding for this project has been successfully awarded and staff are currently awaiting finalisation of principal agreements. A meeting regarding the upgrading of the sports field is currently being organised by Council staff through the Mayor’s office.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan, Senior Recreation Planner</td>
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| ERC35/06 - BRIDGEWATER PARK – POTENTIAL SPORTING FIELD | 3. That a Draft Plan of Management for Bridgewater Park be developed within the next 12 months which includes provision for low impact sporting activities, landscaping improvements and public amenities.  
5. That Council look at options for the inclusion of native corridors connecting through Bridgewater Park. | 3. The preparation for the draft POM has commenced.  
5. To be addressed as part of the concept in the development of a POM for the park. | Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner |
<p>| ERC43/06 - SPORTS GROUNDS MANAGEMENT IN NSW | That a report be brought to the February 2007 meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee, discussing the potential impacts of identifying open space for further active recreation on green corridors, biodiversity and quiet spaces. | A report on Open Space provision in relation to the Inner West Regional Strategy will be brought at a future date when staff resources allow. | Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner |
| ERC 44/07 BOOMERS BASEBALL – APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION OF SPORTING FEES - BLACKMORE OVAL | 2. Council undertake a comprehensive review of its sporting code oval hire rates. | 2. Due to the current workload Council staff are endeavouring to finalise this project and report to Council in May 2009. | Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner |
| ERC 57/07 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME | 4. That a report on the progress of LGETS be brought back to Council prior to the completion of the transitional year after which Council will decide whether to continue for the remaining years of the | 4. Launch meeting of LGETS has been held in April 2008. Steering Group met in June and full meetings on 5/8/08, 30/9/08 and 1/12/08. Next meeting on 9/02/09. Rules and purpose still | Anna Broome Senior Environment Officer |</p>
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<td>being discussed. Transitional period may commence March 2009 for 2 years. When rules are agreed Committee will be informed for approval.</td>
<td>Anna Broome Senior Environment Officer / Lyn Gerathy</td>
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<td>ERC 16/08 COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROPOSAL, WHITES STREET</td>
<td>That funds be set aside for the establishment of an orchard, chicken run and bee hive in the 2008-9 budget in accordance with the adopted plan of management for White Creek Valley Park (noting a slight variation to the fence line).</td>
<td>Collecting data to ascertain costs. A report will be brought to the June meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes</td>
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<td>ERC18/08 COMPANION ANIMAL ACCESS BLACKMORE PARK</td>
<td>2. Council publicly exhibit the new regulations pertaining to Blackmore Park for a period of 28 days following which the introduction of an enforcement regime is implemented which includes the introduction of new signage and compliance works to educate companion animal owners of their responsibilities. This was amended as follows at Ordinary Council on 24 June 2008: That the decision with regards to access changes to Blackmore Oval be reviewed to ensure pedestrian access is retained and no action taken in this regard until a full report is brought back to the July Council Meeting on how this can be achieved.</td>
<td>2./3. Exhibition period complete. A site visit by Councillors was held 28 February 2009. Consultation with a range of stakeholders to be arranged. Council has also resolved to review the LCAMP provisions for the park involving full community consultation. Work on this review will commence in April 2009.</td>
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| **ERC35/08** COUNCIL’S SIGNIFICANT TREE PROGRAMME AND THE URBAN FOREST POLICY | 1. That Council adopt the following tree management strategies as outlined in this report including:  
- The removal and replacement procedure for significant trees  
- The community consultation strategy  
- Council’s succession planting procedure  
2. That Council commence the process to have Camphor Laurel listed as a W4 Category noxious weed as per section 5 of this report.  
3. A list of proposed replacement species for significant trees is brought to committee for approval. | 1. Council is implementing these as per the resolution.  
2. Class 4 declaration process underway. Sydney Central Regional Weds Committee is in the process of formulating regional management plan.  
3. List was brought to March 09 Environment and Recreation Committee meeting and accepted. | 1. Vince Cusumano  
Manager Parks and Streetscapes  
2 & 3 Doug Anderson  
Biodiversity Officer |
| **ERC45/08** OTHER BUSINESS | 1. With regards to the Cameron’s Cove Water Police site it was resolved that Council:  
- Develop a report on stability and other liability issues with regards to the site and this be presented to the next available Council meeting.  
- Arrange a site inspection at earliest convenience for Councillors, Environment and Recreation Committee and Residents.  
- Assist the Cameron’s Cove Bushcare Strategy Committee to become a bushcare group. | 1. A report on the site was considered by Council at the ordinary meeting 25/11/08. The site has been identified as being contaminated with friable asbestos and the site requires restricted access. A copy of the report was provided to the NSW Police on 20/11/08. Council resolved to seek a meeting with the NSW Minister for Police, request further investigations be undertaken by the NSW Police, that an FOI application be made for access to all reports held by State Government relating to soil, site contamination, remediation, site stability and groundwater at 4 Jubilee Place, Balmain. As the future of the site is uncertain, steps for the Cameron’s Cove Bushcare strategy committee to become a bushcare group will not be considered at this time. | 1. Gill Dawson  
Manager Environment & Urban Planning |
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<td>2. Council review installation, use and impact of light towers and shade sail at children’s playground at Birchgrove Park in consultation with the community and present a report to be presented at the next available Committee meeting, to include estimated costs for any proposed changes.</td>
<td>2. A site meeting at the park was held with the Precinct Committee with Council officers and chaired by the Mayor on the 23rd February 2009. A full report on this issue will be tabled at the Ordinary Council meeting in April 2009.</td>
<td>2. Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner</td>
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<td>3. Report to Environment and Recreation Committee on the possibility of replacing grass verges in entire streets with native grasses or plants.</td>
<td>3. Currently obtaining information to present to the Committee.</td>
<td>3. Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes</td>
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<td>5. Set a target for Council to achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2012 and the Environment Sustainability Strategy be aligned to achieve this with emphasis on improving energy efficiency. A report should be brought to Committee discussing how this should be achieved and suitable targets and actions for community carbon reductions.</td>
<td>5. The Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy has been amended to include this target. A Climate Change Task Force has been established to progress the Council towards Carbon Neutrality and to reduce community emissions.</td>
<td>5. Anna Broome Senior Environment Officer</td>
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<td>6. Committee requests further information on the water saving shower heads at the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre and the possibility of implementing push button shower systems such as at Victoria Park pool.</td>
<td>6. A verbal report will be given at the March 09 Committee meeting.</td>
<td>6. Bill Meany Recreational Facilities/ Anna Broome Senior Environment Officer</td>
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<td>ERC49/08 BIRCHGROVE PARK TREES</td>
<td>1. That a report on developing a strategy for dealing with destruction and/or poisoning of trees on public property be brought to the February 2009 meeting.</td>
<td>1. Report to be brought to the June 09 Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.</td>
<td>1. Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes/</td>
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<td>ERC50/08 URBAN FOREST POLICY UPDATE</td>
<td>2. That sections of the proposed Urban Forest Strategy be presented to the Environment and Recreation Committee over the next year for</td>
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<td><strong>ERC07/09 BALLAST POINT PLANTING DETAILS</strong></td>
<td>2. That common names be provided in the planting list.</td>
<td>2. Biodiversity Officer will ensure this occurs for all future lists.</td>
<td>Doug Anderson</td>
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| **ERC08/09 INDIAN Myna CONTROL** | 1. That Council maintains a watching brief on trapping trials and research efforts in other Council areas and research institutions.  
2. That Council keeps a register of persons expressing interest in becoming actively involved in a trapping programme.  
3. That Council continues to provide information to residents about the passive control measures available to them. | 1. Further investigations with other councils is on-going.  
2. Register is open.  
3. Brochure is available and information is on website. | 1, 2 & 3  
Doug Anderson |
2. That Council endorse the declaration of Celtis sinensis as a Class 4 noxious weed under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 in the Leichhardt Municipal Council LGA.  
3. That Celtis sinensis be exempted from Council’s | 1. Supported at Ordinary Council meeting February 2009.  
2. as above  
3. Report to be presented in April 09 to Planning Committee. | 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5  
Doug Anderson |
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<td>Tree Preservation Order and the matter be referred to the planning committee for further discussion.</td>
<td>4. Under development</td>
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<td>4. That a draft leaflet and a report on a programme of works to eradicate <em>Celtis sinensis</em> be developed and brought back to the June committee meeting.</td>
<td>5. Ongoing</td>
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<td>5 That grant funding opportunities are explored to assist with this work.</td>
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**ERC12/09**

**ITEM 2**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** 4 February 2009

That a Committee report is prepared on the need for increasing the staff of the Bushcare Crew and whether this could be done within the present budget, either by replacing vacancies or retraining or whether an application to expand the budget in the 2009/10 year needs to be made.

This issue is being addressed as part of a budget bid for the 2009/10 budget.

**Vince Cusumano**

**ERC14/09**

**REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY**

That an update on progress towards delivery of the new Rozelle Bay Community Nursery is provided at the next meeting.

Report to be presented to the Environment and Recreation Committee in May 09.

**Vince Cusumano**

**ERC15/09**

**REVIEW OF GENERAL HOUSEHOLD (CLEAN UP) COLLECTION SERVICE TO ENCOURAGE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING OF LARGE WASTE ITEMS**

1. That Council review its educational information on the general household clean up collection to place greater emphasis on steps to reuse/recycle prior to placing materials out for collection.

   Educational information will place greater emphasis on steps to reuse/recycle in yearly waste calendar currently being developed for the 2009/10 distribution (June 09). Website information will be updated to align with yearly calendar.

   **Allan Wilding Cheryl Walker**

2. That Council investigate the reuse or recycling of mattresses and fridges offered by external companies.

   Council is now promoting the Fridgebuy back program on website and will be included in the upcoming waste calendar. Investigations continue with mattress collection.

3. That Council reviews the Second Hand

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8. That should a cat trapping trial be undertaken, Council carries out a fauna study before and after the trapping trial at the locations outlined in this report.  
5. That Council prepare a report to | 1. noted  
2. Council to consult with Balmain High School and local residents to determine feasibility and acceptability of a trapping program  
3. Council does not have care control and management of Callan Park, notwithstanding an inspection of the buildings may be carried out to determine the number of cats subject to gaining access.  
4. Noted | Doug Anderson  
5. Report to be prepared for August 2009 |
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1. Purpose of Report

To advise Council of the status of Minute Recommendations of the Climate Change Task Force meeting held on 4 March 2009.

2. Recommendation

That Council adopt the minutes of the Climate Change Task Force meeting held on 4 March 2009 with the accompanying recommendations.
MINUTES of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 4 March 2009, 6-7pm.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Community: Richard Dudley-Smith, Fiona Jury, Paul Geraghty, Lindsay Souter, David Eckstein and Stephen Arnerich
Crs: Daniel Kogoy, Rochelle Porteous, Alan Cinis, Gordon Weiss and John Stamolis

Staff Present: Peter Conroy, Gill Dawson, Anna Broome and Mary Hare

Meeting Commenced: 6:00pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:
Cr Rochelle Porteous performed acknowledgement of country in her capacity as chair.

BUSINESS:

1. Introductions

2. Background

The background paper attached was discussed in the meeting.

3. Terms of Reference

Recommended that the terms of reference for the Climate Change Task Force are as follows:

1. Investigate the policies and actions required for the Council to become Carbon Neutral by 2012 with an emphasis on carbon reductions and enhanced ecological sustainability
2. Develop a program of actions that will reduce the carbon footprint of the community by addressing:
   • Energy Use and Green House Gas Emissions
   • Education and Engagement with the wider community
   • Lobbying and Advocacy
3. The committee to be a sub committee of the Environment & Recreation Committee.
4. **Membership**

   Recommended that additional members for the Climate Change Task Force be sought from members of the community by:
   
   - Seeking recommendations from Task Force members.
   - Advertising in the Mayoral Column.

   New members should be required to provide details of the areas of expertise and interest that they bring to the task force.

5. **Future meeting times**

   Recommended that:
   
   2. The Climate Change Task Force meets bi-monthly, alternating with Environment & Recreation Committee meetings for 2009 on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Internal Council focused issues will be from 6-7 pm and the Community focused part of the meeting will be from 7 pm.
   
   3. Chair & Deputy Chair remain the same for both.
   
   4. A Proposal be brought back to Taskforce regarding a community workshop at the weekend with a facilitator and expert input.
   
   5. Cr Gordon Weiss and Lindsay Souter to speak at an early meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 May 2009.

*Meeting closed at 7 pm*
EMISSIONS TASKFORCE – Background paper

DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK

ACTION 1 Energy Use and Green House Gas Emissions

Accelerated global warming and climate change as a result of greenhouse gas emissions are the primary environmental issue confronting humanity. Observable changes in weather patterns, rates at which long established ice formations are melting, times at which crops are maturing are all indicators of this increased rate of change. According to the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change\(^1\), temperatures could rise by between 1.4 and 5.8 degrees C by the end of this century, resulting in sea level rise, changes in established climate patterns, and more intense weather events. Flooding and droughts will become more common, both in the developing world and in Australia.

Current levels of energy use - electricity, gas, and fuel are the main cause of greenhouse gas emissions. The processes that give rise to these rates of change will take decades to turn around. As such there is now an urgent need to reduce our emissions.

Leichhardt is a coastal municipality located within a broader metropolitan area that has limited water and agricultural resources. Leichhardt and greater Sydney, its people and its infrastructure are potentially vulnerable to a range of climate change impacts. Recent research through the Sydney Coastal Councils Group\(^2\) has shown that our highest vulnerabilities relative to other Sydney Coastal Councils are to Extreme Heat, Sea Level Rise, Extreme Rain and Ecosystem impacts.

Regionally, nationally and internationally, action is required by the whole of society to address the currently increasing rate of greenhouse gas emissions. This includes action by all levels of government, individuals, and the private sector. Climate change is an environmental, economic, security, health, agriculture, trade and employment issue. As highlighted in the Stern Review\(^3\), the cost of dealing with climate change will only increase into the future and therefore immediate action is required.

1 Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change
2 Systems approach to Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Metropolises
Current proposed targets within the Leichhardt Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS) relevant to the Climate Change agenda

Ensure a minimum of 5 Star Australian Building Greenhouse Rating (ABGR) for all new commercial buildings

Maintain number of cars per head at 2006-7 levels

Reduce Council emissions by 25% by 2020 based on a 1996 baseline

Reduce Council greenhouse emissions by 20% (4% per annum) based on 2005/6 baseline over a 5 year trial period (2008-13)

Council to be carbon neutral by 2012

Reduce the Community’s emissions by 25% by 2020 based on a 1996 baseline

To double weekday bicycle trips from 0.5% to 1.0% and to provide 500 bicycle parking spaces over the next five years (2007-12)

Maintain the total water usage of the Council at 2005-6 baseline levels

Maintain the total water usage of the Community at 2005-6 baseline levels

Develop a Flood Risk Management Plan in accordance with the NSW Government’s Floodplain Management Process

Increase hectarage of revegetated habitat by 5% per annum from 2008 levels

Reduce methane emissions from community waste by 50% by 2020 from 2006/2007 levels

The ESS identifies action plans that support delivery of the above.
ACTION 2 Education and Engagement with the wider community

- Partner with the Community
- Develop and disseminate information about
  - What can we do?
  - How can we do it?
  - What is the most effective response to a particular issue or desire?
    - What is the best fridge to buy?
    - What power do I buy?
    - What are the relative merits of Solar Panels versus Solar Hot water?
- De-mystify the issue/s and make it easier for the community to know what to do, what are the best options etc.

ACTION 3 Lobbying and Advocacy

- Partner with other organisations
- Produce consistent
  - Reports
  - Documents
  - Facts and Figures
- For use by Councillors, Staff and Community, for example:-
  - Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme
  - Tariffs
  - Gas Usage across Local Government Area
POSSIBLE APPROACH
1. Research

1.1 Evidence Based Quality Research
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Assessment Reports.

1.2 Best Practice and Benchmarking

Best Practice
Awards are regularly made in recognition of projects or actions that have made a significant contribution to the development or progress of a particular discipline or activity. For example each year the Federal Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) conduct a National Award for Local Government.

Benchmarking
Benchmarking involves comparing or measuring our work against other organisations in order to identify best practice, innovation, and opportunities for improvement. Benchmarking allows us to:
- Confirm the strengths of what we are doing
- Gain new ideas and insights about how we can deliver services better or improve our processes
- Challenge areas of our current performance or service delivery that do not “measure up” to other organisations
- Ensure that we are delivering the best possible services to our local community
- Ensure that we are maintaining industry standards and practices

Benchmarking is an important part of the overall continuous improvement activities of the organisation.

Some Best Practice Sites
http://www.lcca.co.uk/server.php?show=nav.005001
http://www.woking.gov.uk/environment/climate

1.3 Topic Areas
Council Emissions and Carbon Neutrality
Neutrality / trading / offsets
Streetlighting
Fleet
Buildings / tenancies
Consumption / purchasing
Local energy generation – wind / solar / co-gen etc

Community and reducing the Community carbon footprint
Behaviour change (Energy / Water)
Transport
Food / consumption
Planning – LEP and Social Plan
Waste
Sustainable Construction / planning
Urban forest policy

2. Results

3. Expert Guest Speakers

4. Community Forum

5. Actions, Priorities, Delivery and Targets adopted by Council

Potential terms of reference for the Climate Change Task Force

- Investigate the policies and actions required for the Council to become Carbon Neutral by 2012.
- Develop a program of actions that will reduce the carbon footprint of the community.
# LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## REPORT

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| Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan Objective: | Place where we live and work  
| | A sustainable environment |
| Staffing Implications:  | Limiting factor to delivery is staff resources                              |
| Notifications:          | All schools via yearly environmental education program letter and flyer    |
| Other Implications:     | Nil                                                                         |
1. **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the environmental education program and support offered to the primary and secondary schools in the LGA for 2009.

2. **Recommendations**

That Council receive and note the Environmental Education for Schools in 2009 report.

3. **Background**

There are 17 schools (15 primary and 2 secondary) in the Leichhardt LGA. Council aims to consistently provide and support environmental education to each of these schools every year. At the beginning of each academic year, a letter is sent to each school informing them on the programs and support on offer by Council for that year. This report outlines the programs and approach taken in 2009 toward supporting environmental education in schools.

4. **Report**

Council sent a letter to each school within the LGA on 13 February 2009 (see Appendix 1) to provide support for environmental education in schools. Included with the letter were flyers on various environmental education resources available outside of Council (for example Sustainable Schools NSW, and Teach Sustainability) and also a flyer on the environmental education programs and support on offer from Council in 2009 (see Appendix 2). This flyer included initiatives from across Council departments, with input from the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Officer, the Environmental Education Officer, and the Biodiversity Officer.

It was decided to invite the schools to a meeting to discuss the environmental education programs on offer by Council and also provide an opportunity for schools to suggest ways Council may be able to support school environmental initiatives. In addition, Council invited a representative from the Department of Environment and Climate Change Sustainable Schools program, to inform schools of the resources available under this program. An invitation and details of this meeting were provided in the letter sent 13 February 2009 (Appendix 1).

The meeting with schools was held on 12 March 2009 (the agenda is included as Appendix 3) and received a very positive response considering the limited time teachers have to attend this type of meeting. Eleven teachers attended, representing 8 of the 17 schools in the LGA. Participating schools included:

- Annandale Public School
- Birchgrove Public School
• Father John Therry Catholic School
• Leichhardt Public School
• Orange Grove Public School
• St Columbas’ Primary School
• Sydney Secondary School, Balmain campus
• Sydney Secondary School, Leichhardt campus

Included in the Agenda for the day was an overview of Council’s existing programs and invitation for feedback, a presentation of the updated ‘Schools and Sustainability’ section on Council’s website and an overview of the Sustainable Schools program. Importantly the program is now resourced to offer assistance for schools to develop their School Environmental Management Plan, which is a requirement of the State Government. Examples of the type of assistance provided includes offering professional learning/teacher training workshops to assist schools develop their School Environmental Management Plan, providing teacher release for teachers to attend workshops, and providing a drop-in centre for teachers to receive support in writing their School Environmental Management Plan.

Key outcomes of the meeting included feedback on the programs currently offered by Council, all of which were considered relevant and of value to both students and teachers. There was also interest in new programs on offer including Fizzics Education’s Renewable Energy module for primary schools, which is only being offered to the secondary schools this year. Dates were also discussed for workshops to be held as part of the Sustainable Schools Professional Learning program, which assists schools develop their School Environmental Management Plan. These workshops will be coordinated by the Sustainable Schools Officer at the Department of Environment and Climate Change and Council officers, with teachers nominating their choice of the most suitable focus areas, for example developing waste management and recycling processes, energy auditing, and solar technologies. All teachers that attended the meeting said that it was worthwhile and they would be interested in having a yearly meeting.
13 February 2009

Peter Watkins  
Principal  
St Brendan’s Primary School  
30 Collins Street  
Annandale NSW 2038

RE: Council Update on Environmental Education for Schools

Dear Peter

Happy New Year!

Leichhardt Council is pleased to present you with the initiatives and programs on offer for 2009 – please see the flyer attached.

Also enclosed are some flyers promoting online environmental education resources available to schools. These can assist in providing resources for the classroom, developing your school’s SEMP and more!

Leichhardt Council would also like to invite you to an informal meeting with our environment staff and fellow schools in the Leichhardt area. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss the programs offered by Council and the resources available. It will also be a chance for you to provide suggestions on ways Council may be able to support your school’s environmental initiatives in future. Details are as follows:

Date: Thursday 12th March 2009  
Time: 3:30pm – 5pm  
Location: Leichhardt Town Hall, Councillors’ Room, corner of Norton St and Marion St (enter from Marion St)  
RSVP: Rachel Maitland on rachelm@lmc.nsw.gov.au or 9367 9381.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Walker  
RESOURCE RECOVERY & WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICER  

Rachel Maitland  
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OFFICER
Leichhardt Council is offering a range of FREE environmental education initiatives to schools in 2009 – see below! Please contact the relevant person for each initiative to organise your school’s involvement.

1. **Workshops on Worm Farming or Composting or Grow your own Kitchen Garden:** Grow sprouts and herbs in recycled containers or **No-Dig Gardening** or **Non-Toxic Body Care:** make a smelly sneakers potion
   If you would like to organise a workshop for your school, please contact Teresa Rutherford from Compost Happens to discuss dates and times for your students:
   T: 0419 430 762 or email composthappens@ozemail.com.au. There will be ONE workshop ONLY offered to each school (maximum 35 students). Workshops will need to be completed by June 2009.

2. **Composting Tours - SPECIAL 2009 OFFER ONLY**
   To celebrate International Compost Awareness Week, Sunday 3 to Saturday 9 May 2009, Council will sponsor 10 schools for a *FREE tour (valued at $150 per class of 25) at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney. Students who take the tour will find out about the wonders of compost and worm farms, for more productive plants, dynamic soils and a healthier environment! Tours for primary school students go for 90 minutes and secondary school students’ tours last two hours. Transport to and from the tour and all booking arrangements will be the responsibility of the school. To reserve your schools place, please phone the Waste Officer on 9367 9227 (available to the first 10 schools who respond).

3. **Water and Sustainability Environmental Education Programs**
   Keep Australia Beautiful NSW are able to deliver a full day of environmental education to all the primary schools in the Leichhardt area. Schools will be able to choose between the Water Savings and Sustainability modules. This day will be offered during September and Keep Australia Beautiful NSW will be in contact to organise your school’s environmental education day. For more information in the meantime, please visit www.kabnsw.org.au (and look under Programs → Waste Watchers).

4. **Renewable Energy Environmental Education Workshops**
   Fizzics Education are able to deliver a day (3 classes with 30 students in each) of education on renewable energy to the secondary schools in the Leichhardt area. These workshops are authorised by the NSW Department of Education and Training and are appropriate for Years 7 to 10. Topics covered include examples of renewable energy and how to reduce energy consumption in the home. Please phone Rachel on 9367 9381 to nominate potential dates for your school (April/May preferred).
5. **Environmental Newsletters**
Leichhardt Council produces two environmental newsletters which your school may like to receive – Sustainability News and the Biodiversity Newsletter (a copy of each is enclosed). These newsletters are produced 4 times a year and can be emailed or posted to your school. If you would like to receive one or both of these, please email Rachel on rachelm@lmc.nsw.gov.au with your school’s postal address, who to address it to, which newsletter/s you would like, and how many copies.

6. **Streamwatch**
Streamwatch is an education and action program that brings science to life by testing water quality in local streams. Schools are trained by their regional coordinator to monitor water quality in a local stream. The data your school collects may even be used in Council’s State of the Environment Reporting! For further information, please visit www.streamwatch.org.au. If you would like to get involved, please contact the regional coordinator for Leichhardt, Haley Bates on 02 9350 6191 or email hayley.bates@sydneywater.com.au.
Environment Education Meeting
Schools and Leichhardt Council

Date: Thursday 12th March 2009
Time: 3:30pm – 5pm
Location: Councillors Room, Leichhardt Town Hall

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Contact details for schools
3. Environmental Education programs offered to schools
   i. Feedback
   ii. Suggestions
4. ‘Schools and Sustainability’ section on Council website
5. Guest speaker – Megan Craig, Project Officer, Sustainable Schools NSW (Department of Environment and Climate Change)
   i. Sustainable Schools website
   ii. Workshop possibilities for schools
   iii. Eco Schools and National Solar Schools programs
6. Other items
   i. Grant support
   ii. Resources for fetes
   iii. Interest in regular school network meeting
   iv. Suggestions from schools
7. Close
# Item 7.1

**LEICHRADT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

## REPORT

**DIVISION:** INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY  
**SUBJECT:** PROPOSED USE OF BALMAIN GLASSHOUSE  
**AUTHOR:** DOUG ANDERSON – BIODIVERSITY OFFICER  
**FILE REF:** F97/00402  
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1. **Purpose of Report**

To inform Council of a proposed in-kind arrangement with the Cornucopia Nursery involving improved utilisation of Council’s glasshouse at Balmain.

2. **Recommendations**

1. That Council permit Mars Inc to use a section of the Balmain Glasshouse for the production of native plants for a 12 months trial in exchange for the provision of in-kind advice to community bushcare volunteers on methods of propagation, and regarding the setting up of the soon to be built community nursery in Wisdom St Annandale.

2. That an agreement be drawn up with Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery and Mars Inc to formalise the use of the Balmain Glasshouse

3. That following the 12 month trail a further report to bought back to Council on the use of the Balmain Glasshouse by these two groups

3. **Report**

The Balmain Glasshouse has been in use for the past three years by the Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery (RBCNN) for the purpose of growing native plants of local provenance from cuttings. The plants are then used in revegetation projects on Council land. While a formal agreement on the use of the Balmain Glasshouse was called for at the time of the recent refurbishments, it was not possible to undertake this exercise due to the fact that the RBCNN is not an incorporated body.

Propagation at the Balmain Glasshouse has been less than successful due to a lack of expertise on the part of Council staff and volunteers.

Community volunteers have suggested that Robbie Renu from the Cornucopia Nursery be permitted to use part of the glasshouse in return for in-kind advice on native plant propagation. This partnership will allow for a fuller utilisation of this facility and will provide a greater diversity plants for use in Council’s volunteer and in-house bush revegetation activities.

Cornucopia Nursery is owned by MARS Inc, a not-for-profit organisation which provides employment for people with a psychiatric disability. It is a provenance growing nursery providing plants to local councils for revegetation projects from premises in the grounds of Gladesville Hospital. The use of the glasshouse will provide additional opportunities for these persons to gain experience in the propagation of native plants.
Leichhardt Council has a long association with Robbie Renu and the Cornucopia Nursery, who have provided many thousands of plants for Council’s revegetation projects over the years.

Robbie has inspected the nursery and is certain that the facility is suitable for growing native cuttings.

It is therefore recommended that Mars Inc be granted permission to use the nursery for a 12 month trial and that following the 12 months a report be bought back to Council on the Balmain Glasshouse operations.

Council’s Manager Property Services will draw up an agreement for these groups which will outline the arrangement should Council grant permission for this trial to proceed.

Council will be setting up a new native nursery at Wisdom St, Annandale in the near future, and MARS Inc has agreed to provide an appropriate level of in-kind advice in regard to the efficient and successful use of this nursery. This will be key in the initial setting up phase of the nursery and will allow Council and the community volunteers to make best use out of this community facility.

Attached are letters from Beth Buchanan, representing Leichhardt’s bushcare volunteers, and Robbie Renu of MARS Inc, outlining the agreement.
Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery
Chapman Rd.,
Annandale. 2038
5 /3/ 2009

Dear Vince,

The Balmain Glasshouse has been in use for the past three years for the purpose of growing local provenance native plants from cuttings. Unfortunately this enterprise has been less successful than we may have hoped, due to a lack of technical knowledge on the part of our volunteers.

I have discussed this matter with Robbie Renu from the Cornucopia Nursery, who has inspected the glasshouse and is certain that the facility is suitable for the growing of cuttings. It is simply a matter of knowing how to go about it.

I would like to suggest to you that it would be very beneficial to our propagation activities if we were to allow Robbie the use of a proportion of the glasshouse in return for his guidance in the preparation of cuttings and the operation of the glasshouse. This arrangement would be strongly supported by all volunteers from the Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery, who are keen to receive guidance from Robbie in all matters related to native plant propagation.

I believe that an in-kind arrangement of this nature would be beneficial to all parties, and would be timely in regard to setting up the new nursery in Wisdom St.

Regards,

Beth Buchanan

Beth Buchanan
6/03/09
Vince Cusumano
Manager, Parks and Streetscapes
Leichhardt Municipal Council

Re: Use of Propagation House at Balmain Town Hall

Thank you for the opportunity to make use of the propagation house.

MARS Inc is a not for profit organisation which employs people with a psychiatric disability. The businesses are a providence growing nursery supplying to local councils, garden maintenance and catering. We employ over 50 employees and pay them wages linked to the award. Our business is run with the support of Ryde Community Mental Health to give work opportunity and job skill experience.

The propagation house will provide

- the opportunity to grow providence cutting material for sale
- the opportunity to expand propagation training for MARS employees and volunteers.

We understand we will be sharing the premises with Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery (RBCNN) who will require part of the space.

We understand that the RBCNN volunteers have had little success making the propagation house productive, and will therefore require technical advice to increase their level of productivity. We are happy to provide this assistance.

We understand the use of the facility is ongoing and that MARS Inc will be responsible for the use of water in the propagation house only.

All the materials necessary for growing will be supplied by MARS Inc. Supervision will be by qualified Horticulturists.

MARS Inc will provide in kind to Leichhardt Council native propagation advice and consultation in connection with the current Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery and its proposed future operations at Wisdom St., Annandale.

Thank you

Robbie Renu
Vocational Trainer Horticulture
# LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
## REPORT

**DIVISION:** CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES  
**SUBJECT:** IMPLICATIONS OF THE EXTENTION OF SEASON CLOSURE OF THE DAWN FRASER BATHS UNTIL THE END OF THE AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2008  
**AUTHOR:** BILL MEANEY – MANAGER RECREATION FACILITIES ANDREW BEAMER – MANAGER DAWN FRASER BATHS  
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Accessibility  
Place where we live and work  
A sustainable environment  
Business in the Community  
Sustainable Services and Assets |
| Staffing Implications:   | Staff to be rostered to cover opening hours |
| Notifications:           | Members and key holders of DFB  
Signage at the Baths |
| Other Implications:      | None                                                                     |
1. **Purpose of Report**

To report back to Council the outcome of extending the season and hours of operation of the Dawn Fraser Baths for the 2007/08 Season. The period of extension was from Easter Monday (24\(^{th}\) March 2008) until the end of the Autumn 2008 school holidays (Sunday 27\(^{th}\) April 2008). The hours of operation were reduced to 10.30am until 5pm for 35 extra days.

2. **Recommendations**

1. That the trial be extended to include 2008/09 season.

2. That the 2008/09 season would then be extended from Tuesday 14\(^{th}\) April to Monday 27\(^{th}\) April inclusive 14 extra days to include the school holidays.

3. That the Baths be opened for the extended period from 10.45 to 18.00 with one shift per day, with winter key access for morning regular swimmers;

3. **Background**

At the December 2007 Environment and Recreation committee meeting a resolution was made to lengthen the 2007/08 season to the end of the autumn school holidays after a request had been submitted.

The resolution was to have staff on site from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm seven days. Key holders would be able to gain entry prior to 10.30am during daylight hours.

4. **Report**

The following is an analysis of activity for the extended period last season:

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Note: The Dawn Fraser Baths was closed due to heavy rainfall and the possibility of pollution and water quality issues for a total of 14 days out of the 34 extended days.

The success of the Dawn Fraser Baths extended opening hours for the 2007/08 season to the end of the Autumn School Holidays was inconclusive; because that particular season was very rain affected and during the extended period was closed for almost half the time.

It is recommended that the trial be extended to include the 2008/09 season and the 2008/09 season would then be extended from Tuesday 14th April to Monday 27th April inclusive ie 14 extra days.

It is further recommended that the Baths be opened for the extended period from 10.45 to 18.00 with staff on site from 10.30 to 6.15 (i.e. one shift per day) with winter key access available prior to these hours for morning regular swimmers.

The additional cost of this recommendation would be $6,265 for wages, income is difficult to estimate due to weather conditions.
ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE
OPERATION GUIDELINES

1. **Date & Time**
   - First Wednesday of every second month commencing in February.
   - 6:30pm – 8.30pm. The timing of the meeting can be extended by vote on the night.

2. **Location**
   - Leichhardt Town Hall Supper Room

3. **Chair**
   - Elected by Councillors and as determined

4. **Quorum**
   - Two Councillors (including chair)
   - In the absence of a quorum at the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting, it is proposed that the meeting proceed as long as one (1) Councillor is present (ERC10/05).

5. **Time period to wait for Quorum**
   - 30 minutes from starting time of meeting

6. **Councillor and Staff Attendance**
   - 4 Councillors
   - Manager Environment & Urban Planning and/or
   - Senior Environment Officer, Environment Officer
   - Senior Recreation Planner, Recreation Officer

7. **Community Representation**
   - Participation by community members, representatives of local community organisations and government agencies is to be actively encouraged.

8. **Decision made by Committee**
   - Decisions are made by majority vote of Councillors and community representatives.
   - Where a vote is tied the Chair shall exercise a casting vote.
   - Committee meeting minutes, including all decisions made by the Committee shall be referred to a meeting of Council to be endorsed.
   - Following the absence of a quorum at the Committee meeting, the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Ordinary Council meeting as a supplementary item (ERC10/05).

9. **Agenda and Report Availability**
   - Agendas and reports will be circulated to committee members by mail in the week prior to meeting.
   - Agendas and reports will be made available to the public 7 days prior to the meeting.

10. **Conflict of Interest**
    - At the commencement of each meeting the chairperson will ask all persons present to declare any conflicts of interest in relation to any items on the agenda. The chairperson will determine what action should be taken if such a conflict.