ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday
4 April 2012
**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 Daniel Kogoy  
Deputy Chairperson: Cr Gordon Weiss

**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, 4 April 2012 at 6:30pm.

Peter Head
General Manager

AGENDA

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Apologies

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and Non-pecuniary Interest

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 1 February 2012

4. Summary of Resolutions

5. Correspondence

6. Reports from the Community

7. Report – Climate Change Taskforce Minutes (March 2012)


9. Report – Update on Community Engagement Activities

10. Report – Update Report for Information Only re Callan Park Playing Fields

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting – 6 June 2012
**ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA – APRIL 2012**

**Item 3**

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

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1. **Purpose of Report**

   To advise Council of the status of Minute Recommendations of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 1 February 2012.

2. **Recommendation**

   That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 1 February 2012 with the accompanying recommendations.
MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 1 February 2012.

Present at the meeting: Cr Daniel Kogoy (Chair), Cr Vera Ann Hannaford, Cr Gordon Weiss, Gillian Leahy, Bronwen Campbell, Jane Mowbray, Steve Arnerich, David Lawrence, Francis Breen, Ian Poulton

Staff Present: Aaron Callaghan, Vince Cusumano, Jon Stiebel

Meeting Commenced: 6.30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Kogoy performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as Chairperson.

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BUSINESS:

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC01/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/WEISS

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Porteous, Cr Stamolis and Paul Geraghty.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

ITEM 3
PRESENTATION – SYDNEY METROPOLITAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

ERC02/12 RECOMMENDED WEISS/ KOGOY

That the presentation given by Peter Freewater from Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority regarding the Sydney Harbour Water Quality Improvement Plan be received and noted.

Attachment 1 – copy of presentation
ITEM 12 (Brought Forward)
SYDNEY HARBOUR WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

ERC03/12 RECOMMENDED LAWRENCE/LEAHY

That Council contribute $10,000/yr for three (3) years, and in-kind, to the development of a Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) for Sydney Harbour Catchment commencing 2012/13 funded from Council’s Stormwater budget.

ITEM 4
VERBAL UPDATE – TREADING LIGHTLY LAUNCH AND FILM SCREENING OF THE HUNGRY TIDE

ERC04/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/LAWRENCE

That the committee thank Laura Wynne for coordinating the successful Treading Lightly Launch and the film screening of The Hungry Tide.

ITEM 5
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 2 November 2011

ERC05/12 RECOMMENDED MOWBRAY/LEAHY

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 2 November 2011.

ITEM 6
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC06/12 RECOMMENDED LAWRENCE/BREEN

1. That the information in the Summary of Resolutions be received and noted.

2. That a report be brought back to the next committee meeting on progress with the sponsorship policy.

ITEM 7
CORRESPONDENCE
Nil

ITEM 8
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY
Nil
ITEM 14  (Brought Forward)
PROPOSED EXPANSION OF WHITES CREEK COMMUNITY GARDEN

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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ERC07/12  RECOMMENDED  LEAHY/POULTON

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4. That Council investigate the feasibility of retaining bricks from the demolition of neighbouring buildings for the construction of the community garden.
ITEM 9
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 7 December 2011

ERC08/12 RECOMMENDED ARNERICH/WEISS

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 7 December 2011 be noted. (Attachment 2)

ITEM 10
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION BUDGET 2012/13

ERC09/12 RECOMMENDED ARNERICH/LAWRENCE

That a recurrent budget of $78,000 be allocated to the Environmental Education Program beginning in 2012/13 to maintain the program at current levels of activity.

ITEM 11
UPDATE ON OUTCOMES OF SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES PROGRAM

ERC10/12 RECOMMENDED LAWRENCE/MOWBRAY

That the report be received and noted.

ITEM 13
WATER METERS IN MULTI-UNIT APARTMENTS

ERC11/12 RECOMMENDED ARNERICH/KOGOY

That the committee note and accept the report

ITEM 15
OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

ITEM 16
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 April 2012 at 6:30pm.

Future Meetings for 2012:

4 April
6 June
1 August
3 October
5 December

Meeting closed at 8.30pm
The Sydney Harbour Catchment Water Quality Improvement Plan
Overview

- SMCMA
- Approach
- Scope of SHCWQIP
- Benefits to Council
- Progress
One of 13 CMAs across NSW based on river catchment areas

NRM issues for the catchment

Major project – address the ongoing health of Sydney Harbour and its catchment through the development of a Water Quality Improvement Plan
- Encompasses the whole catchment & the Harbour
- A coordinated management framework for local councils, state & Commonwealth agencies
- Opportunity to implement critical aspects of “Our Harbour” Agreement adopted by majority of Sydney Harbour Councils
Objectives

- To develop a Water Quality Improvement Plan that will achieve an improvement in the water quality of Sydney Harbour and its catchments
- To engage key land managers and other stakeholders in the project design and process to encourage ownership of the outcomes
Making life easier for Council

- A variety of modelling tools
- Water Quality Decision Support System
- Training and technical support
- Project Coordination by the SMCMA
- Technical Reports
- DA Assessment
- Strategic Planning
Hydrologic Models are developed to estimate patterns of rainfall and runoff. Stakeholder Consultation

Pollutant Export Models estimate pollutant loads generated from each subcatchment and transported to receiving water.

Hydrodynamic Model (Delft 3D) simulates water movement and integrates with the pollutant export model to simulate the transport of pollutants through the estuary.

Ecological Response Model is used to estimate how current and future management actions influence the ecology of the receiving waters. Water Quality Decision Support System will be used to develop water quality targets and to evaluate stormwater improvement measures.

Catchment Water Quality Improvement Plan will provide an agreed plan of action to meet water quality targets.
Benefits to Council

1. Access to all the models:
   a) will help councils decide what changes in land use and management of stormwater pollutants could be done to achieve sub-catchment benefits and will assist councils to determine the costs of these actions
Benefits to Council

1. Access to all the models:
   a) will assist councils to see how they will be benefiting/how they can benefit the Harbour and its tributaries
1. Access to all the models:

   - illustrate issues to Senior Management, Councillors and wider community
Benefits to Council

1. Access to all the models:
   - determine impacts of large developments
   - identify contributions towards local water quality improvements

“SHCWQIP will assist with DAs”
Mark Evens (Holroyd)
Benefits to Council

1. Access to all the models:
   - will build staff capacity in running models and applying the model outputs
2. Access to a hydrologic model that can be used to model flood flows at a 20-50 ha sub-catchment scale
Benefits to Council

3. Access to the Pollutant Export Model

- estimates of total annual pollutant loads of sediment and nutrients
- load generation rates per hectare
- per major landuse class

Better strategic planning

“The Plan will make environmental planning easier and cheaper” Natalie Payne (Blacktown)
Benefits to Council

4. Access to an Ecological Response Model
   - describe the overall impact on the estuary
   - assist councils to see how they can influence and improve water quality in the estuary/harbour
5. **Access to a Water Quality Decision Support System to describe**

- The DSS will provide a means to identify actions for Stormwater Management Plans or similar plans or verify existing actions
- Provides a transparent process for decision making

“Our Council has developed a waste water plan and WSUD plan which requires 50% pollution reduction. The DSS from the Botany Bay plan helps to determine where to achieve this reduction and we expect the same from the SHCWQIP”

Bhakti Devi (City of Sydney)
6. Information to assist grant submissions for water quality improvement works or as part of s94 plans or similar contributory plans

The WQIP will be a valuable reference in planning policies, budget proposals and external funding applications

“The information produced will be important for DAs and a justification for development controls”

Ezaz Bizwas (Burwood)
7. An opportunity to contribute to the strategic management of Sydney Harbour and catchments and to see how each Council fits into the overall management strategy

“Parramatta Council felt it was responsible for the harbour because it starts at Parramatta and our LGA is a big contributor to stormwater”

Paul Hackney (Parramatta)
8. The WQIP will be a valuable reference in planning policies, budget proposals and external funding applications

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Ezaz Bizwas (Burwood)
9. Economies of scale offered through coordinated activities
   - Eg Flood models can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars per Council

   SMCMA will provide coordination and facilitation services

   “Access to resources at a low cost and the coordination from the SMCMA”
   Petrina Nelson (Canada Bay)
10. Community recognition

- part of an innovative project for the iconic Sydney Harbour
- opportunities for community engagement
- strength in numbers in terms of knowledge and also encouraging the involvement of federal and state government agencies
11. Participation in this project is likely to attract further funding to undertake onground works
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<td>Communication Strategy</td>
<td>Development of strategy underway – important to keep multiple partners informed</td>
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<td>Build and Calibrate Hydrologic Catchment Model</td>
<td>RAFT-XP Model construction underway</td>
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<td>Build and Calibrate Pollutant Export Model</td>
<td>Pollutant Export Model completed for the Upper Parramatta River – Catchment Simulation Solutions Lower Parramatta to be completed by March 2012</td>
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| Develop and Calibrate Ecological Response Model       | • SMCMA is working with Cardno to further develop their existing hydrodynamic Delft3D Model of Sydney Harbour.  
• SMCMA will be seeking advice from government and industry experts on developing an Ecological Response Model.  
• Pilot testing of a suitable ERM will be undertaken in 2012                                                                 |
| Partnerships with Councils                            | • Letter sent to Mayors and cc’d to Sydney Harbour Councils inviting funding partnership  
• MoU between councils and the SMCMA and the Business Case has also been sent                                                                 |
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| Partnerships/grants from State Government | • Office of Environment and Heritage has provided initial funding for the Ecological Response Model and Parramatta River water quality monitoring stations  
• Negotiations underway with Sydney Water and NSW Maritime for funding  
• Sydney Water has provided information on previous modelling projects and water quality monitoring data  
• Discussions to be held with OE&H regarding inkind support for field data collection.  
• Partnerships are also being pursued with other state agencies.                                                                 |
| Other Partnerships                 | Linking this project with the Sydney Institute of Marine Science’s project for Sydney Harbour                                           |
The SMCMA is committed to working with councils throughout this project to ensure the best outcome for all partners.

Council’s involvement in this high-profile project will demonstrate its commitment and leadership in improving the ecological integrity of its waterways and acknowledgement of the community values placed upon the iconic Sydney Harbour and Catchments.
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS
AUTHOR: DAVID WILSON
MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & URBAN PLANNING
FILE REF: 
DATE: 29 MARCH 2012
WORD PROCESSING REF: 

DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Nil
Policy Implications: Nil

Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan Objective:
- Community Well-being
- Accessibility
- Place where we live and work
- A sustainable environment
- Business in the Community
- Sustainable Services and Assets

Staffing Implications: Nil
Notifications: Nil
Other Implications: Nil
1. **Purpose of Report**

   To advise Council of the status of the Environment and Recreation Committee Resolutions of February 2012.

2. **Recommendations**

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<td>1, 2, 3, 4 Advertising is being finalised this week on the proposed amendment to the Plan of Management for Whites Creek Valley Park. A public meeting is to be held at Council on the 12th April at 6pm in the Council chambers and advertising will also be finalised for this meeting this week.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan</td>
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<td>ERC46/11 TREE PLANTING FOR SIGHT LINES</td>
<td>1. That the proposed policies for tree planting in parks with regards to visual views and the proposed policy on pruning existing street and park trees for visual site lines is placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. 2. Following the completion of the public exhibition period a further report is brought back to Council to assess submissions received during the exhibition period and the adoption of the proposed policies.</td>
<td>1. The proposed policy will be exhibited in late March 2012. 2. A report will be brought back to Council in May 2012.</td>
<td>Heidi Webb</td>
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<td>ERC44/11 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR 2012</td>
<td>1. That the committee approves the calendar of environmental events for 2012 within this report. 2. That an additional $25,700 be allocated from the Environmental Sustainability Fund to allow for new environmental education activities in 2012.</td>
<td>1. Noted for action 2. Noted for action</td>
<td>Laura Wynne</td>
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<td>ERC25/11 LEICHHARDT PARK – FEASIBILITY OF NETBALL FACILITY PROVISION</td>
<td>1. That Council investigates the feasibility of developing hard surfaced netball courts at the southern end of Hawthorne Canal Reserve and report back to Council no later than December 2011.</td>
<td>1. To be actioned once workload eases.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan</td>
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<td>2. That Council undertake investigations on the feasibility of upgrading the current tennis courts at Cohen Park and Basket Ball Court at Whites Valley Creek Park for multi purpose use and that such investigations are reported back to Council no later than December 2011 with a full analysis of the cost implications associated with such improvements including floodlighting provision.</td>
<td>2. To be actioned once workload eases.</td>
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<td>3. That Council inform all local netball clubs of the investigations which are currently being undertaken and a timeframe for reporting back to Council.</td>
<td>3. To be actioned once workload eases.</td>
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<td>4. That Council write to the Minister of Planning and the CEO of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) detailing Council’s need for additional land for sporting and recreational purposes and that this should be a key element of any future planning processes for areas within the Bays Precinct within Leichhardt Municipality.</td>
<td>4. To be actioned once workload eases.</td>
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<td>5. That Council investigate the shared use of local schools sporting facilities for netball provision.</td>
<td>5. To be actioned once workload eases.</td>
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<td>ERC23/11 WATER METERS IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS</td>
<td>1. That Council’s delegate on the SSROC Sustainability Committee propose a resolution to write to the NSW Premier, the Minister for Finance and Services, the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and the Managing Director Sydney Water as outlined in the conclusion to this report.</td>
<td>1. The SSROC Sustainability Committee did not meet again in 2011 after this resolution was adopted. The proposed resolution for SSROC will be made upon commencement of meetings in 2012. Refer Report to February 2012 Committee Meeting.</td>
<td>Jon Stiebel</td>
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<td>4. That council formally seek the support of the Sydney Coastal Council’s Group with a view to gaining further regional political support.</td>
<td>4. The CEO Sydney Coastal Council’s Group has given in principle agreement. Has recommended that letters be co-signed.</td>
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<td>ERC22/11 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS PROGRAM</td>
<td>3. That a further review of the Environmental Grants Program be undertaken as part of the broader Leichhardt Community Resourcing Policy currently in development.</td>
<td>3. In progress. Leichhardt Community Resourcing policy is being project managed by Social Planning and Community Development.</td>
<td>Laura Wynne</td>
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<td>Fishing Activity on the Balmain Peninsula</td>
<td>1. That Council receive and note this report.</td>
<td>1. Noted</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano Paul Vogt Lyn Gerathy</td>
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<td>ERC15/11</td>
<td>2. That a report on this matter be brought back to the Committee on a 6 monthly basis and that the Manager Parks and Streetscapes offer to present to the Precincts.</td>
<td>2. Presentation delivered at November 2011 Committee meeting. Report to be prepared for June 2012 committee meeting.</td>
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<td>Summary of Resolutions</td>
<td>That the information in the Summary of Resolutions be received and noted with the following matters arising:</td>
<td>Review underway (see also ERC06/12)</td>
<td>David Marshall</td>
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<td>ERC12/11</td>
<td>ERC65/10 That the sponsorship policy review be expedited as it is impeding progress on items that the Committee is dealing with. That the sponsorship policy review be resolved as a matter of urgency by the General Manager, that a workshop be held with Councillors and this issue is brought back to the Ordinary Council for consideration as soon as possible.</td>
<td>Review underway (see also ERC06/12)</td>
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<td>1. That the endorsed BCOS be commenced in January 2011 on the basis of volunteer hours recorded during the period 1st Jan –</td>
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<td>Additional Resolutions to: 4. ERC53/10 – Proposed Tree Removal by the RTA on the City West Link Rd  • That the RTA be requested to confirm the consultation strategy regarding the proposed tree removal adjacent to the City West Link.</td>
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<td>• That written correspondence is sent to the relevant state department seeking an immediate closure and securing of the properties at White Street to prevent access by vandals who are currently damaging the property.</td>
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<td>• That Council seeks a meeting with the relevant department and prepares a report to the next Environment and Recreation committee seeking clarification on the status of the houses at White Street.</td>
<td>2. To be developed.</td>
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<td>ERC28/10 Urban Forest Strategy Sections 7 Guidelines For Tree Management</td>
<td>2. That Council officers develop an education programme for local residents outlining the Urban Forest Policy, suitable trees for planting on their properties and residential responsibilities in maintaining private trees.</td>
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<td>4. That Council investigate and report back to the Environment and Recreation Committee on the provision of a means tested service for urgent tree maintenance on private land with special emphasis on aged pensioners and people with disabilities. That the investigation also includes options for volunteer gardening services which currently exist in this area.</td>
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<td>A report be prepared on the issue of Ballast Point Park being transferred to Leichhardt Council, particularly in context of the Long Term Financial Plan, Strategic Asset Management Plans and Council’s Risk Management Plan.</td>
<td>Report being prepared for the October Ordinary Council meeting.</td>
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| ERC47/09 UPDATE ON CELTIS SINENSIS (August 09) | 1. That Biodiversity Officer to produce a *Celtis sinensis* information leaflet for targeted distribution to residents. The leaflet to include alternative trees suitable for planting which are good food and habitat sources for small birds and possums.  
2. That a programme including the issuing of control notices, community education and eradication measures to control Celtis sinensis be implemented as outlined in Section 4 of this report.  
3. That Biodiversity Officer to be authorised to issue weed control notices. | 1, 2 & 3 Awaiting declaration by DPI. Refer also to ERC 58/10 | Doug Anderson |
| | | A draft brochure is being developed in anticipation of declaration by DPI. Brochure will be presented to Environment & Recreation Committee prior to being finalised. | |
| | | Letter sent to DPI confirming Council’s commitment and seeking clarification from DPI as to current status as to Celtis declaration. | |
| | | Celtis sinensis was not included in the latest round of Class 4 weed declarations. DPI have responded to Council’s inquiry into the matter, confirming that Celtis sinensis will be included in the next round of declarations. | |
Item 7

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES 7 MARCH 2012

AUTHOR: JON STIEBEL TEAM LEADER ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

FILE REF:

DATE: 28 MARCH 2012

WORD PROCESSING REF:

DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Nil

Policy Implications: Nil

Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan Objective: Community Well-being

Accessibility

Place where we live and work

A sustainable environment

Business in the Community

Sustainable Services and Assets

Staffing Implications: Nil

Notifications: Nil

Other Implications: Nil
1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise the Environment and Recreation Committee of the status of minute recommendations of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 7 March 2012.

2. **Recommendations**

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 7 March 2012 be noted.
Minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 7 March 2012.

Present at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillors: Rochelle Porteous, Daniel Kogoy

Staff: Jon Stiebel, Guido den Teuling, Peter Cormican, David Marshall

Community: Marghanita Da Cruz, Lea Richards

Meeting Commenced: 6:30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Porteous performed 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.

BUSINESS

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

Recommended Kogoy/Porteous

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Weiss, Cr Stamolis, Stephen Arnerich, Richard Dudley-Smith, Peter Gainsford and Peter Conroy.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS - Nil

ITEM 3
MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:  7 December 2011

Recommended Da Cruz/Porteous

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 7 December 2011 be accepted.
ITEM 4
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - Nil

Recommended Kogoy/Porteous

That a report be brought back to the committee on the budget and implementation timeline for the PV projects included in the draft Climate Change Strategy including the Rozelle Bay Native Nursery.

ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

Recommended Kogoy/Porteous

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

ITEM 6
CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY (MITIGATION) IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

That the report is received and noted.

Recommended Kogoy/Porteous

1. That the report is received and noted.

2. That a timeline for the implementation of the Draft Climate Change Strategy energy saving initiatives (adopted December 2011 Ordinary Meeting) be presented to the committee.

ITEM 7
SSROC STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Recommended Kogoy/Da Cruz

That the committee receive and note the report.

ITEM 8
VERBAL UPDATE ON PV INTERPRETIVE DISPLAYS

Council’s Technical Officer provided a presentation to the committee on the implementation of an onsite and web-based PV monitoring, reporting and interpretation system for council PV projects (refer attached presentation – Attachment 1).
ITEM 9
THE 10% CHALLENGE LETTER TO MAYOR

Officer Recommendation

That the committee consider the letter to Cr Jamie Parker regarding the 10% challenge.

Recommended: Porteous/Kogoy

1. That Leichhardt Council accept the “Do Something Foundation 10% challenge”.

2. That the response includes that Leichhardt Council intends to achieve well above a 10% emissions reduction target.

3. That the response from Council to the 10% challenge includes a recommendation that campaign wording be changed to reducing emissions, energy and fuel use by at least 10% and that the campaign encourages the adoption of time-bound targets.

Attachment 2 – copy of letter

ITEM 10
COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM GRANTS

Officer Recommendation

That the committee receive and note the report.

Recommended: Porteous/Kogoy

That Leichhardt Council submit a grant application to the Federal Government Community Energy Efficiency Program for the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre cogeneration project.

ITEM 11
VERBAL UPDATE MAY CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM

Recommended: Porteous/Kogoy

That a further update on the arrangements for the upcoming Climate Change forum be given to the April Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.

(Attachment 3 - presentation)
ITEM 12
EARTH HOUR EVENT 2012

Officer Recommendation

That the committee note and support the Earth Hour activities detailed in this report.

Recommended Porteous/Kogoy

1. That the committee note and support the Earth Hour activities detailed in this report.

2. That the Mayor writes to all businesses on the high streets in the municipality inviting to participate in Earth Hour.

ITEM 13
OTHER BUSINESS

The Team Leader Environmental Strategy gave a quick update and presentation on the timetable for completion of the remaining sections of the Climate Change Strategy.

The remaining sections in development include corporate and community adaptation and capacity building.

Corporate Climate Change Mitigation actions are complete and being implemented

A timetable for strategy completion was provided and is attached. (Attachment 4)

ITEM 14
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce will be held on 2 May 2012.

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2012

2 May
4 July
5 September
7 November

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm
PV monitoring for Council properties

07 March 2012
Overview

- Schematics
- Timeline
- Products
Schematics

- PV panel(s)
- Sunny SensorBox
- Grid power
- SMA Inverter
- Installed inside or in weatherproof casing. Data is encrypted

- Sunny WebBox
- (Local) network
- Internet

- FlashView
- PC
- Sunny Matrix
- Sunny Portal
- Smartphone/Pad

- RS 485 cable
- Bluetooth connection
- Ethernet cable
- Other connection
- GSM modem
  (not available with Bluetooth)
Timeline

- Request for quote to 3 installers by 9 March 2012
- Written proposals to be received on 16 March 2012
- Work to be completed by 30 April 2012
Products: Environmental data

Sunny SensorBox

Measures environmental data:
- Solar irradiation
- Sun intensity
- Module temperature
- Ambient temperature
- Wind speed values
Products: Data collection

Sunny WebBox

Automatic monitoring of up to 50 inverters;
Collects data and pushes it to online platform
Wireless connection possible
Products: Data display

FlashView

Indoor display of:
- Output
- Yield
- Environmental and local data
Products: Data display

Sunny Matrix

Outdoor display for all PV systems
1 February 2012

SUBJECT: 10% CHALLENGE

Dear Councillor Parker,

We would like to invite you and your fellow Councillors to support an important initiative, The 10% Challenge.

As leaders in each of our communities, we are increasingly aware of the risks and challenges facing us from the threat of climate change and the increasing concern over the rising cost of energy and fuel. That’s why we have committed, on behalf of the councils we represent, to take The 10% Challenge.

Initiated by Jon Dee, founder of Planet Ark and the Do Something Foundation, The 10% Challenge is simple. To take part in the challenge, a local council agrees to work towards either:

- reducing its emissions by 10%; or
- reducing its energy and fuel use by 10%.

Woollahra, Waverley and Randwick councils, through the 3-Council Ecological Footprint Program, have accepted The 10% Challenge.

The 10% Challenge will work alongside our existing carbon reduction actions and strategies.

It’s not just about reducing our own organisations’ emissions and consumption, it’s also about the important role we play in our community. We have the opportunity to demonstrate responsible leadership and encourage our staff, residents, local businesses and schools to take The 10% Challenge alongside us.

To participate and register in The 10% Challenge visit www.10percentchallenge.com.au. You’ll also find a wide range of information, as well as tips and advice to make it easy for your community to take part and start saving too. Alternatively, you can contact Jon Dee directly at Do Something! via jon.dee@dosomething.net.au.

We look forward to seeing many more local councils joining us to save money on energy and transport costs whilst helping the environment at the same time.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Susan Wynne,  
Mayor of Woollahra

Cr Scott Nash,  
Mayor of Randwick

Cr John Wakefield  
Mayor of Waverley
Climate Change Forums

• As resolved: Forum on Sustainable urbanism
• Objective of the forums are to support the objectives of the Integrated Planning Framework (Strategic Service Plans)
  • Community and Cultural Plan
  • Integrated Transport Strategy
  • Environmental Sustainability Strategy
  • Employment and Economic Development Strategy
Forum to support Strategic Objectives

- Create safe pedestrian and cycling environment (ITP)
- Promote health and wellbeing (ITP)
- Connecting people to each other (CCP).
- Connecting people to place (CCP).
- Reducing environmental footprints – water, energy, biodiversity, waste, pollution and emissions (ESS)
Format

• Speaker from UTS Institute of Sustainable Futures

• New ideas to reinvigorate the series
  – Propose to include appropriate films as well as speakers
  – Recommend consider venue change - Palace Cinema worked well for Treading Lightly launch – v comfortable, good acoustics, good visibility, ability to integrate short films into the format
  – Main speaker facilitate more structured discussion

• Q&A / close
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## DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

**Financial Implications:** Water Savings Action Plan will have budget implications.

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Plan Objective:**

**Staffing Implications:** Within current resources

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:**
1. **Purpose of Report**

To inform the Environment and Recreation Committee that work has commenced on updating Council’s Water Savings Action Plan in line with the requirements of the NSW Government’s *Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payments (WaSIP)* and the goals and targets of the Leichhardt Environmental Sustainability Strategy.

2. **Recommendations**

That:


2. The consultant will conduct water audits of Leichhardt Council’s top ten water consuming sites.

3. Subsequent to 2 above the Council staff will review the consultant’s report in June 2012 to ensure it complies with the NSW Government’s Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payments (WaSIP) and the goals and targets of the Leichhardt Environmental Sustainability Strategy.

3. **Background**

As part of Council’s Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, in 2010 Leichhardt Council adopted its Environmental Sustainability Strategy, a strategic service plan to set direction on Environmental Sustainability. The following goals and a target for water were adopted within the strategy:

**Goals:**

- Reduce Council’s and the community’s dependence upon mains water supply.
- Increase the application of water conservation, harvesting and recycling within Leichhardt.
- Reduce water pollution from all sources.
- Manage the risk of flooding within the Leichhardt local government area.

**Target:**

- Reduce Leichhardt Council’s annual usage of mains potable water, year-on-year, 2010-2014.

Leichhardt Council is also currently required under the NSW *Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payment (WaSIP)* program to prepare and implement a *Water Savings Action Plan (WSAP)* for its highest water consuming sites (top 10 sites). The first of these plans was prepared in 2006.
Leichhardt Council regularly undertakes public reporting of its mains potable water consumption from Council assets and operations within the State of the Environment Report, Annual Report and Quarterly Reports.

Annual consumption figures in kilolitres for 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 are provided in the table below.

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4. **Report**

Leichhardt Council has engaged a qualified and experienced consultant to review its *Water Savings Action Plan 2006* and undertake an audit of Leichhardt Council’s top 10 water consuming sites. This review and the audit will result in a set of recommendations that can then be adopted in an updated plan. The consultants work will also involve incorporating the recommendations of Leichhardt Council’s Water Reuse Feasibility Study (ISF 2010).

Budget for this work has been 100% covered by the NSW Government WaSIP program.

The consultant will conduct water audits of:
1. Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre
2. Lambert Park
3. Cohen Park
4. Easton Park
5. Leichhardt Administration Centre and Town Hall
6. Birchgrove Oval/Park
7. Leichhardt Depot
8. Railway Parade, Annandale
9. Mort Bay Park
10. King George Park

The consultant will conduct all necessary investigations and research and propose best and leading practice recommendations in relation to the reduction of potable water use across these top 10 water consuming sites. The consultants report will be delivered for review by council staff by end of June 2012.
5. **Summary/Conclusions**

Leichhardt Council has sought proposals from suitably qualified and experienced consultants to review Leichhardt Council’s WSAP 2006 and undertake an audit of Leichhardt Council’s top 10 water consuming sites.

The consultant will conduct all necessary investigations and research and propose best and leading practice recommendations in relation to the reduction of potable water use. The consultants report is due June 2012.
**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

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1. **Purpose of Report**

   To update the Committee on recent sustainability engagement activities.

2. **Recommendations**

   That:

   1. Council note that progress is being made in relation to the Living Streets program including works to improve Taylor Street and expand the playground. In conjunction with this work a neighbourhood sustainability network is being established.

   2. Council note that the Footprints Film Festival and Eco Festival planning are both underway and Treading Lightly events have been organised from January to June 2012.

   3. Council note that actions are being carried out to implement the Environmental Engagement Strategy to support the community with sustainable education.

3. **Background**

   In support of the Leichhardt Vision “Community and council working together to promote and develop Leichhardt as a sustainable and liveable community”, an Environmental Sustainability Strategy and supporting Environmental Engagement Strategy were adopted. This report outlines current actions to implement the strategy.

4. **Report**

4.1 **Living Streets update**

   Works have been progressing in Taylor Street to improve the street and expand the playground as part of the Living Streets program.

   In conjunction with these works, Council has been undertaking a sustainability engagement and education program. Two workshops have been held to establish a neighbourhood sustainability network. The workshops have been well attended by a number of enthusiastic residents, and a sustainability action plan is being generated based on the ideas emerging from the workshops.

   Ideas put forth by the neighbourhood network include:
A community garden
A men’s shed/community shed
Verge gardening
Street parties and festivals to improve neighbourhood connectivity
Skills-sharing sessions where residents can teach one another useful skills
Gardening workshops to teach people how to grow their own veggies

Council will work with the neighbourhood network to determine the viability of these initiatives and to help them initiate these actions through avenues such as grants. The recruitment process is currently underway for an officer to coordinate this neighbourhood network and to establish others across the LGA.

4.2 Footprints Film Festival planning

Leichhardt Council’s new sustainability event, the Footprints Film Festival, will be launched in April 2012.

In April 2012, promotional material will be distributed to advertise that the Festival is open for entry. Local filmmakers will be asked to submit films up to 7 minutes in length via a YouTube channel which is being set up for the event. Entries will be due on 25 July 2012.

The best films submitted will be selected to be screened at the Footprints Film Festival. The Film Festival will be held either at the Palace Cinema or the Cultural Centre at the Italian Forum in August. $5,000 worth of prizes will be awarded, and a panel of judges will be responsible for awarding these. The judges are yet to be confirmed, however will be made up of a mixture of local filmmakers and environmentalists.

The Footprints Film Festival will lead into the Footprints Eco-Festival. The Eco-Festival will be heavily promoted at the Film Festival, and films from the Festival can be screened at the EcoFestival.

Promotion for the Film Festival will be distributed throughout June, July and August.

4.3 Footprints EcoFestival planning

The Footprints EcoFestival has been scheduled for Sunday 16 September 2012 at Whites Creek Valley Park. Promotional material to attract expressions of interest from stallholders and other participants will be distributed throughout April.

A comprehensive report including a preliminary event plan will be presented to the Environment and Recreation committee at the June meeting.
4.4 **Treading Lightly events**

Leichhardt is continuing its involvement in the Treading Lightly program in 2012, in partnership with Burwood, Canada Bay and Ashfield Councils.

From January to June 2012, Leichhardt is offering the following workshops and events:

- Sustainable Renovation, 26\textsuperscript{th} February
- Ladies Clothing Swap, 14\textsuperscript{th} March
- Green Cleaning, 24\textsuperscript{th} March
- Sustainable urban food tour, 28\textsuperscript{th} April
- Making great compost workshop, 5\textsuperscript{th} May
- DIY upholstery workshop, 2\textsuperscript{nd} June

The Ladies’ Clothing Swap was held on Wednesday, 14\textsuperscript{th} March at the Exchange Hotel in Balmain. Over 60 people registered for the event, and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Another clothes swap will be included in the Treading Lightly calendar for July-December 2012.

The Sustainable Urban Food Tour will be visiting local sustainable food hubs including the Whites Creek Community Garden, Feather and Bone, Food Connect, About Life and Alfalfa House.

5. **Summary**

In support of the Leichhardt Vision "Community and council working together to promote and develop Leichhardt as a sustainable and liveable community", an Environmental Sustainability Strategy and supporting Environmental Engagement Strategy were adopted. Actions are being carried out to implement the Environmental Engagement Strategy and support the community with sustainability education.
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### DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

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| **Strategic Plan Objective:** | Community Wellbeing  
Accessibility  
Place Where We Live and Work  
Sustainable Environment |
| **Staffing Implications:** | Nil at this stage |
| **Notifications:** | Rozelle/Iron Cove Precinct Committee |
| **Other Implications:** | Nil |
1. **Purpose of Report**

   To update the Environment and Recreation Committee on Council resolutions and progress on the development of two new sporting fields at Callan Park.

2. **Recommendations**

   That the committee note the attached Mayoral minute from the March 2012 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to sporting field provision and future sporting field upgrade works at Callan Park. The report highlights the progress which is being made in this area as well as the steps which are being initiated by Council in relation to enabling future use of the Balmain Road Playing field.

3. **Background**

   In November 2011 Council received agreement from the NSW State Government for the temporary care control and management of the Glover Street Playing field. Design plans have now been prepared for reconstruction and upgrading of the Glover St playing field and detailed plans have recently been submitted to Council as part of a Development Application process.

   As part of the development of this field Council officers also developed an expression of interest (EOI) process with local sporting code users for the field. The outcomes associated with this process are to be reported to the Ordinary Council meeting in April 2012.

   Works on the Glover Street fields are likely to be in the region of $900,000 and subject to Development application approval, works are likely to be completed in September 2012 with the field ready for use in the 2012/13 summer period.

   In February 2012 the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority approached Council seeking its views in the context of community impacts and Callan Park Masterplan on a proposed licensing of Balmain Oval to the Balmain and District Football Club. The club had requested to use the playing field for junior soccer and possibly junior rugby in the 2012 winter season.

   The proposal submitted by The Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority on behalf of the NSW Government and the Balmain and District Football Club was contrary to previous advice received from the NSW Government in 2011 that such arrangements with Council would be subject to future discussions once Council's Masterplan for Callan Park had been considered by the NSW State Government.

   Council also raised a number of significant issues with the proposed license agreement including park management issues associated with the proposed use of the playing field including car parking arrangements, toilet facility provision, ongoing management of the park as a whole and the long term vision which has been adopted in the Callan Park Masterplan. The issue of community input
relating to the proposed community use and the upgrade of the playing field was also raised as a significant concern as was the need for an expressions of interest process for sporting use.

Council at its February 2012 Ordinary Council meeting resolved to

**C08/12 RESOLVED PORTEOUS/ CINIS**

1. That Council reaffirms its commitment to the establishment of the Callan Park and Broughton Hall Trust and the adoption of the Callan Park Masterplan and the Callan Park Conservation Management Plan in doing so confirms that any actions by Council should be consistent with the provisions of the Callan Park Masterplan and Callan Park Conservation Management Plan.

2. That Council recognises that the Callan Park Masterplan as adopted by Council includes two new sporting fields at Glover Street and Balmain Road.

3. That Council recognises that this term of Council has delivered the first new sporting field in more than 20 years for our local clubs which was funded under the Federal Government Stimulus Package and it will deliver a further sporting field, Glover Street Oval in 2012.

4. That in order to accommodate the short term needs of the BDFC junior players due to their membership drive this season, council allows BDFC to use Leichhardt Oval No 2 on Saturday 24 and 31 March for junior players only (no games are played over Easter) then from April 14 (the next playing day) BDFC be given the opportunity to invest in a temporary upgrade of the Glover St Oval for junior sport for the remainder of the season. Glover St Oval has already been assessed by staff in terms of parking and traffic management and toilet facilities already exist near the site on Leichhardt No 2.

5. That Council develops a traffic and management plan for Callan Park.

6. That Council writes to the sporting clubs advising them of the current campaigns at White Bay and deliberations of the Bays Precinct Taskforce. The assistance of the Sporting Clubs in these campaigns is essential if sporting needs are to be addressed as a priority.

7. That Council, in response to the request from the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, seeks NSW State Government approval for temporary care, control and management of the Balmain Road playing field, similar to the Glover St site in order to allow Council managed sporting activities to commence in accordance with the provisions of the Callan Park Master Plan.
8. In committing to this approach, Council in conjunction with the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and NSW Health, subsequently identifies funding options to undertake the establishment of upgraded sporting fields at the Balmain Rd site, the upgrade of existing public amenities and addressing the traffic management and car parking requirements. This will be followed by an open Expressions of Interest process, consistent with the provisions of the Callan Park Master Plan for the use of the upgraded Balmain Road playing field from the commencement of the 2012/13 Summer sporting season.

9. That subject to State Government approval for the temporary care, control and management of the Balmain Rd playing field, Council commit to allowing temporary use of the Balmain Rd field for the 2012 winter period only - restricted to junior sporting activities on weekdays and weekends following an open EOI process and provided traffic, parking and public amenities arrangements are first satisfied and formally approved by Council.

4. Report

An update on progress in securing the temporary care, control and management of the Balmain Road Playing field is attached in Attachment 1 of this report. This Mayoral minute and adopted resolutions attached provide the Committee with the most up to date progress on securing arrangements for local sporting use and the future development of this important area of open space.

5. Conclusions

This report provides the Environment and Recreation Committee with an update on progress in relation to securing additional sporting field facilities within the Leichhardt Local Government Area (LGA). This report highlights Council’s commitment to addressing identified recreational deficiencies within the Leichhardt Local Government area and the need to ensure that the community is adequately consulted and involved in the planning process in relation to the development of new sport and recreation facilities. Importantly the report highlights Council’s commitment to the establishment of the Callan Park and Broughton Hall Trust, the adoption of the Callan Park Masterplan and the Callan Park Conservation Management Plan.
ATTACHMENT 1

MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 1 BALMAIN ROAD PLAYING FIELD, CALLAN PARK

On Friday 23rd of March 2012 Council received correspondence (Attached) from the General Manager of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) advising Council that the Minister of Planning and Infrastructure has given in principal support for Leichhardt Council to assume temporary care, control and management of the Balmain Playing field at Callan Park pending the outcome of the NSW Government’s review of the Callan Park Master Plan.

This news is to be welcomed by Council and the community as a whole. The provision of this sporting field will assist in addressing highlighted deficiencies in sporting ground provision and recreational facilities for our local community. Deficiencies which been recognised and documented by Council in its adopted Recreation and Needs Study 2005.

The correspondence received from SHFA builds on the positive relationship which has been fostered over the last few years between Council and SHFA in relation to management issues at Callan Park and importantly it also acknowledges the development of the Master Plan for Callan Park by Council which is responsive to identified community needs.

SHFA has highlighted that the temporary licence agreement is subject to a number of key planning issues being addressed by Council and confirmation that the Balmain and District Football Club have come to an arrangement with Council in relation to the use of suitable alternative playing fields for the 2012 winter season.

In respect to the alternative arrangements Council is asked to note that through the assistance of the APIA Leichhardt Football Club and their willingness to relocate their junior teams from Leichhardt 2 on Saturday, an arrangement has been secured for the Balmain and District Football club to use this field on Saturday mornings and Leichhardt Number 3 on Sundays (if required). This also allows Council to move forward with the development of the Glover Street Playing field at Callan Park in the 2012 winter season. Importantly it also allows Council detailed time in which to undertake strategic master planning and budgeting for the proposed sporting field at Balmain Road, the upgrading of much needed public amenities and adequate community consultation which is needed with respect to future use and access. The costs associated with the development of a full sized playing field at Balmain Road have been identified at $500,000. Council officers have identified opportunities where possible grant funding support may be forthcoming to support Council’s
development of the Balmain Road Playing field and these should be applied for at the earliest opportunity.

SHFA has also highlighted that the Authority will require as part of the temporary license agreement that Council undertake an Expressions of Interest process to ensure equitable access to the playing field for the community and develop a traffic management plan for the Balmain Road field. Council is in fact, already committed to developing a traffic management plan for the whole of the Callan Park site and the preliminary work on this is underway.

C69/12 RESOLVED PORTEOUS

β That Council welcome the favourable response which has been received from the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure in relation to temporary, care, control and management of the Balmain Road Playing field at Callan Park.

β Council note the alternative arrangements which have been reached with the Balmain and District Football club in relation to access to Leichhardt 2 and 3 Playing fields for the 2012 winter sporting season

β Council note and acknowledge the community spirit and support which the APIA Leichhardt Football Club has provided to Council in making alternative arrangements to support junior sporting use of Leichhardt Number 2 by the Balmain and District Football club for the 2012 sporting season

β That a report be brought to April Ordinary meeting on the development of the Traffic Management Plan for Callan Park with the required budget and identified funding.

β That Council commence an Expressions of Interest process with local sporting clubs for the Balmain Road playing field.

β Subject to execution of the license agreement for the temporary care, control and management of the Balmain Playing field at Callan Park, that Council budget the required $35,000 for the upgrading and refurbishment of public toilets adjacent to the Balmain Road Playing field, to be made available to all park users, and that such works be carried out in 2012/13 financial year.

β Subject to execution of the license agreement for the temporary care, control and management of the Balmain Playing field, that Council budget the required funding of $500,000 for the development of the full sized playing field as adopted in the Callan Park Master in the 2012/13 financial year.
Council identify and seek grant funding support for the development of the Balmain Road Playing field which is responsive to adopted Master Planning principals for Callan Park.

The Vote FOR and AGAINST the above Resolution was:

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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
   - Team Leader Environment Strategy, Sustainability Engagement Officer
   - Senior Parks & Open Space Planner, Parks & Open Space Planner
   - Manager Parks & Streetscapes

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.

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