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.
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE – NOTICE OF MEETING

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 August 2010 at 6:30pm.

Peter Head
General Manager

AGENDA

Acknowledgement of Country

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LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUTHOR: GILL DAWSON
MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN PLANNING
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DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

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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 Minute Recommendations of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 2 June 2010.

2. **Recommendation**

   That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 2 June 2010 with the accompanying recommendations.
MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 2 June 2010.

Present at the meeting: Cr Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Cr Gordon Weiss, Cr John Stamolis, David Lawrence, Paul Geraghty, Gael Kennedy

Staff Present: Doug Anderson, Vince Cusumano, Aaron Callaghan, Allan Willding

Apologies Mary Kinney, David Eckstein, Bronwen Campbell, Gill Dawson

Meeting Commenced: 6.35pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Rochelle Porteous performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as Chairperson.

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BUSINESS:

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC22/10 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Mary Kinney, Bronwen Campbell, David Eckstein and Gill Dawson.

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

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 7 April 2010

ERC23/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 7 April 2010 with the accompanying recommendations including the amendment per Council resolution (C178/10).
ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC24/10 RECOMMENDED

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

2. That the summary of resolutions is reviewed by officers and those items that are not current are removed including those issues which have been addressed at the Ordinary Council meetings.

ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE

ERC25/10 RECOMMENDED

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   • Letter to Sydney Secondary College concerning cat control at Balmain campus.

be received and noted.

2. That David Eckstein be complemented on his letter writing skills.

ITEM 6
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

1. Update provided by David Lawrence on the planned Eco-Festival scheduled for Sunday 6th June 2010.

2. Update requested on the issue of sponsorship of Council activities i.e., events and long term sponsorship proposals which is currently being reviewed by the General Manager.

3. Gael Kennedy (Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park) – Update provided on the community garden at Whites Creek Valley Park. Promotion of the gardens to take place at the Eco Festival. On going community education and working with local schools on promoting the gardens. Workshops planned to take place from July through to September 2010.
ITEM 7.1
RESOURCE RECOVERY INITIATIVES FOR ORGANICS

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ITEM 8.1
CLASS 4 WEED DECLARATIONS

ERC27/10 RECOMMENDED

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URBAN FOREST STRATEGY SECTIONS 7 GUIDELINES FOR TREE MANAGEMENT

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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- Section 7 – Guidelines for Tree Management

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ITEM 10
OTHER BUSINESS – Nil

ITEM 11
NEXT MEETING

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Other Meetings for 2010: 6 October, 1 December

Meeting closed at 8:45pm
## Item 4

### LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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   To advise Council of the status of the Environment and Recreation Committee Resolutions of June 2010.

2. **Recommendations**

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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>Council is still awaiting information from the Department of Planning on the disposal of these properties to Council and contamination issues that may be associated with these areas. Further to the above Council has put in a request to the Department of Planning under FOI as to when handover will occur. The Biodiversity Officer will develop estimates to establish these facilities in White St properties as shown on the WCVP POM. If handover is to occur in 2010 then these will be included in the 2010 – 2011 budget deliberations.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes</td>
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<td>ERC 03/10 February 2010</td>
<td>• That a formal request be made to the Department of Planning to separate the issue of the Wisdom St nursery from that of the properties at 35, 37 and 39 White Street and that the Mayor seek a further meeting with the Minister for Planning and the State Member for Balmain on this matter. Members of the native nursery to also be invited to attend the meeting to assist in conveying that the native nursery is being unnecessarily delayed as a result of debate on the use of the White Street properties. • Council’s Manager Property &amp; Commercial Services has sent a letter to the Minister for Planning</td>
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<td>2. That sections of the proposed Urban Forest Strategy be presented to the Environment and Recreation Committee over the next year for discussion and comment.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano</td>
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<td>ERC12/09</td>
<td>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. That a letter be sent to the Bushcare Group advising of the resourcing strategy for the Bushcare Crew for 2009/10.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano</td>
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<td>ERC39/09</td>
<td>2. That the sapling which recently died next to the mature Eucalyptus tereticornis at Birchgrove Park be replaced by two Eucalyptus tereticornis. 3. That Council examine opportunities for additional plantings and landscape embellishment at Birchgrove Park in consultation with the community. Following on-site meetings with community representatives the following works are scheduled to occur:  - The replacement of the Angophora costata with two Forest Red Gum trees will be undertaken in May.  - The planting of the new garden beds at the rear of the Louisa Rd properties with native shrubs is scheduled for June.  - Installation of the timber boardwalk over the roots of T3 Hills Fig and new path ways is proposed for July.  - The relocation of the Jacaranda tree by the tennis courts will be undertaken in</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. | July when the tree is dormant. | 1, 2 & 3 Awaiting declaration by DPI. A draft brochure is being developed in anticipation of declaration by DPI. Brochure will be presented to Environment & Recreation Committee prior to being finalised. | Doug Anderson |
| **ERC48/09 NATIVE PLANTINGS IN VERGES** | 1. That Council initiates a pilot programme in cooperation with residents to determine community interest in, and likely acceptance of, a broadscale native verge planting programme and that the program be considered as part of the Living Streets Project.  
2. That Council carry out community consultation in a selected street to gauge the likely participation and cost implications to undertake and adopt-a-verge programme of planting native plants instead of grass and that the results of this consultation be brought back to the Environment and Recreation Committee. | 1, 2 and 3. Being considered as part of Living Streets programme. | Vince Cusumano  
Doug Anderson |
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<td>Committee.</td>
<td>3. That the street chosen for the pilot programme will be derived from the current footpath replacement programme.</td>
<td>A review/check will be undertaken of the upcoming footpath programme and a list will be developed of appropriate species for use on verges.</td>
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<td>ERC51/09 BALLAST POINT PARK</td>
<td>That a report be brought back to Council and the Committee on management arrangements (if any) associated with Ballast Point Park, SHFA and Council in relation to ongoing management of the park.</td>
<td>Refer to ERC21/10.</td>
<td>Lyn Gerathy</td>
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<td>ERC59/09 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY PART 8 – STREET TREE SEQUENTIAL REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME</td>
<td>2. That Council undertake consultation for a trial of the sequential removal and replacement programme as outlined in Section 5 of this report in Stephen St Balmain.</td>
<td>2. Community consultation was held in December 2009. Support retention of all trees. Information received from contractor that root barriers can be installed in August 2010. A verbal report re costings to carry out root pruning and barriers for identified trees in Stephen St. to be provided to the Committee. 3. Programme of works to be developed regarding removal and replacement program.</td>
<td>Heidi Webb Vince Cusumano</td>
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<td>ERC10/10 CORNUCOPIA CAFÉ AND NATIVE NURSERY (GLADESVILLE HOSPITAL GROUNDS)</td>
<td>That Council write to the Department of Health, Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health) and Minister for Health emphasising the high value of services provided by Cornucopia Café and Native Nursery in terms of employment opportunity for persons suffering mental health conditions.</td>
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<td>ERC15/10 CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE – CORPORATE MINUTES</td>
<td>2. That consideration be given to renaming the Climate Change Taskforce to the Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Taskforce.</td>
<td>2. To be determined.</td>
<td>David Eckstein</td>
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<td>ERC 20/10 FUNGAL DISEASE FUSARIUM IN GLADSTONE PARK PHOENIX PALMS</td>
<td>5. That Council seek to promote this tree health issue to the public.</td>
<td>5. Press release to be developed in August advising of dangers of Fusarium.</td>
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<td>ERC21/10 BALLAST POINT PARK (VERBAL REPORT)</td>
<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 August Council Meeting.</td>
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CORRESPONDENCE
Submission to the Review Panel
re: Future of Cornucopia Café by Bronwen Campbell
(Resolution ERC 10/10)

SUBMISSION TO THE REVIEW PANEL
By Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery

The Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery (RBCNN) located in Annandale is run by volunteers with support from both Leichhardt and the City Of Sydney Councils. It has had a close relationship with the Cornucopia Nursery for many years and is anxious that the proposed changes to the MARS/CREATE program will result in inferior outcomes to all concerned.

The main problems outlined in the Review suggest concerns about:
* The lack of a formal contractual agreement between NSCCAHS and MARS
* Perceived potential risks
* Potential conflicts of interest
* Weaknesses in accounting.

It also suggests that NSCCAHS
* Wants the service to change to a transitional model (Maximum of 12 months in EOI tender)
* Sees Disability Employment as a Federal Government responsibility
* Wants an expansion of the range of employment opportunities.

That the EOI placed the tender limit at $310,000, well below the present costs of salaries, ($321,000), and less than half the estimated total costs ($753,100), strongly suggests that cutting costs was another factor.

According to the Review the MARS/CREATE Program has been operating successfully “for over 20 years without any significant issues arising.” (p30)

This would suggest that the potential risks and conflicts of interest are not major issues which could not be resolved in the process of formulating a formal contract.

The Cornucopia Nursery produces indigenous native plants of a high quality and consistent quantity which are in high demand by local Councils and private operators involved in valuable bushland restoration projects. Apart from small community nurseries like ours Cornucopia is unique in the inner west.

This must surely be a source of pride to the employees rather than “the potential for stigmatisation” (p21) asserted by the Review. In fact the long list of “Strengths of the Program and Consumer Outcomes” (p24) supports the evidence of valuable social, community and individual outcomes.

From stakeholder meetings attended, it is obvious that the programs enjoy overwhelming support from clients, their carers and families. This template for success should be used to extend opportunities for rehabilitation/ employment to other areas if the NSCCAHS really wants to expand the range of employment opportunities for those with mental health disabilities.

To separate rehabilitation and employment programs is to continue the fragmentation of mental health services that has resulted in “stakeholders hav(ing) limited awareness of the range of services and supports available.” (p21)
While the Review recommends “That the current consumer employees maintain their employment” (p23) this is not a guarantee of any such stability for future participants in the Program. A move to a mainly transitional model would destabilise the businesses, reducing the likelihood that they can be self sustaining and providing insecurity for vulnerable clients/employees.

According to the Review, “The salaries of the consumer employees and other operating costs… are met through the income provided by the Program.” (p29)

That the Program employs some 50 people plus volunteers at no direct cost to the NSCCAHS suggests it has a better employment result than the NSCCAHS VETE Service (23.87% of participants). (p43)

The RBCNN believes the MARS/CREATE Program performs a valuable community service by linking rehabilitation/employment for people with mental illness with, in the case of the Nursery, a unique and valuable environmental product. There are plans to extend this Program into bushcare activities in the local municipality.

Should the MARS/CREATE Program become dependent upon NGO funding or be swallowed up in a larger NGO, the expertise of 20 years’ experience could easily be lost and the chance to expand or replicate this Program will disappear through the revolving door of efficient throughput that does nothing for the community that ultimately sustains or marginalises its members with a mental health disability.

The RBCNN would therefore urge the adoption of –

* Option 1 regarding the Services Model
* Option 1 regarding the Governance of the Program

Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery

Bronwen Campbell
David Lawrence
Doug Anderson
Shirley Dean
Bev Maunsell
Tim Baker
## Item 7.1

### LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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| 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 Task Force – Corporate Strategy meeting held on 7 July 2010.

2. **Recommendations**

That the minutes of the Climate Change Task Force – Corporate Strategy meeting held on 7 July 2010 be noted.
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE
CORPORATE STRATEGY

Minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce – Corporate Strategy of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 7 July 2010, 6-7pm.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Councillors: Daniel Kogoy, Rochelle Porteous
Staff: David Eckstein, Lyn Gerathy, Leisha Deguara

Meeting Commenced: 6:05pm

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

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

That standing orders be suspended and item 5 is moved to the end of the meeting to allow community input.

Moved Cr Porteous, seconded Cr Kogoy.

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Gordon Weiss, Allan Willding, Peter Gainsford, Peter Conroy, Gill Dawson and David Marshall.

Moved Cr Porteous, seconded Cr Kogoy.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS
Nil

ITEM 3
MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 3 March 2010

Recommendation
That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce – Corporate Strategy meeting held on 3 March 2010 be accepted.

Moved Cr Porteous, seconded Cr Kogoy.
ITEM 4
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
Nil

ITEM 6
CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLANS
That the officer’s recommendations be adopted.

Moved Cr Porteous, seconded Cr Kogoy.

ITEM 7
ACTION REQUEST FROM MARCH CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MEETING

Recommendation
That lux levels are tested in Council buildings and advice be provided at the next Climate Change Taskforce on de-lamping opportunities in those buildings.

Moved Cr Porteous, seconded Cr Kogoy.

Regarding the March 2010 request that options be assessed for fans in council meeting rooms, it was noted that standing fans are an acceptable option when ceiling mounted fans are not possible for heritage or other reasons.

ITEM 5 FROM CORPORATE AGENDA
LGETS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME

Recommendation
That the officer’s recommendation be adopted with the following amendment to item (c):

   c. Leichhardt Council advise the scheme administrator that, while continuing to work with LGETS councils on greenhouse gas abatement initiatives it no longer wishes to remain a financial member of the scheme.

Moved Cr Porteous, seconded Cr Kogoy.

ITEM 8
OTHER BUSINESS

Recommendation
That, from August 2010 the corporate and community Climate Change Taskforce meetings be combined into one meeting, commencing at 6.30pm, with agenda items relating to corporate activities/decisions grouped separately from community items.

Moved Cr Porteous, seconded Cr Kogoy.
ITEM 9
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce-Corporate Strategy will be held on Wednesday, 1 September 2010.

The Meeting closed at 7.24pm
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

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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 Task Force – Community Strategy meeting held on 7 July 2010.

2. **Recommendations**

   That the minutes of the Climate Change Task Force – Community Strategy meeting held on 7 July 2010 be noted.
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE

COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce – Community Strategy of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 7 July 2010, 7 – 8pm.

Present at the commencement of the meeting:

Community: Stephen Arnerich (Climate Change Balmain/Rozelle), Paul Geraghty, Lea Richards, Richard Dudley-Smith

Councillors: Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Daniel Kogoy

Staff Present: David Eckstein, Leisha Deguara

Meeting Commenced: 7:24pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Rochelle Porteous performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as chair.

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

RECOMMENDATION

• That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Fiona Jury, Peter Conroy, Gill Dawson and Cr Gordon Weiss.

Moved Cr Porteous, seconded Cr Kogoy.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

ITEM 3
MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 26 May 2010

RECOMMENDATION

• That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce – Community Strategy meeting held on 26 May 2010 be noted and accepted.

Moved Cr Kogoy and seconded Cr Porteous.
ITEM 4
BUSINESS ARISING
Nil

ITEM 5
UPDATE – RENEWABLES AND WIND POWER FORUM

RECOMMENDATION

• That a leaflet and LGA wide letter box drop promoting this event be implemented and financing for this component of promotion of the event be sought from the Major Issues budget.

• That a letter be written to science teachers at schools in the Leichhardt area informing them of the event.

• That a banner be erected on Norton or Darling Street, Balmain/Rozelle promoting the forum.

Moved Cr Porteous and seconded Cr Kogoy.

ITEM 6
RESPONSES FROM SYDNEY COUNCILS RE: MAYORAL LETTER, APRIL 2010 RE: COLLABORATION OPTIONS AROUND RENEWABLE ENERGY

RECOMMENDATION

• That the report be received and noted.

Moved Cr Porteous and seconded Cr Kogoy.

ITEM 7
OTHER BUSINESS

Footprints Eco Festival – June 2010
A Verbal de-brief was provided and reference made to the official report on the festival that is to be presented to Council’s Ordinary Meeting.

Leichhardt Oval 1
Verbal update provided on greenhouse gas emissions associated with this property. It was confirmed that despite leasing arrangements Council owns the property and accepts responsibility for greenhouse emissions associated with its operation.

Request for Funding Climate Change Balmain Rozelle
Climate Change Balmain Rozelle’s representative inquired about availability of small scale funding assistance for the group, including for group administration costs.

Council staff will inform Climate Change Balmain Rozelle of Council grant-funding options available to community groups.
This item of business led to discussion of the small scale funding needs for group initiatives based in the local municipality focused on environment and climate change – specifically whether an allocation of such funds, administered by the Environment Strategy Team, could be included in future budgets.

ITEM 8
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce-Community Strategy will be held on Wednesday, 1 September 2010.

Meeting closed at 8.31pm
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REPORT

DIVISION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE HANDOVER OF THE COMMUNITY NATIVE NURSERY SITE, 22 WISDOM STREET, ANNANDALE
AUTHOR: LYN GERATHY, MANAGER PROPERTY AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES; JAKE BENNETT, ACTING MANAGER PARKS AND STREETSCAPES
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DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

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ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA – AUGUST 2010

1. **Purpose of Report**

To provide an update on the proposed Community Nursery site at 22 Wisdom Street, Annandale.

2. **Recommendations**

That the report be received and noted

3. **Report**

In December 2006 Council approved the amendment to the Whites Creek Valley Park Plan of Management to allow for the construction of a community nursery facility at 22 Wisdom Street, Annandale.

The land is owned by the NSW Department of Planning (DoP). Initially, it was proposed that DoP would demolish the Nissen Hut – DoP applied for and obtained consent in 2006 for the demolition – and then transfer it to Council which would construct the nursery and embellish the rest of the site as open space. Council has Development Consent and a Construction Certificate for the construction of the community nursery on the site.

Costs of remediation were not as significant factor 10-15 years ago when some of the Whites Creek sites were purchased by DoP. Over the last 5 – 10 years, awareness of contamination has increased and the potentially high costs of remediation have become an issue. DoP was to undertake the remediation of the sites still under both its ownership and control, with Council being responsible for sites which had earlier been transferred to Council’s care control and management. DoP was to demolish the Nissen Hut and remediate the site prior to it being handed to Council, and similarly with the White Street sites which were still under DoP’s control. As the registered owner of the land, DoP has the legal liability for remediation. DoP now wants to transfer title of all the sites to Council, not just control, although with restrictions on use, the right to lodge a caveat against the title and provisions for re-transfer. DoP says this is because it is not a land holder or manager but acquires properties which are then transferred to councils. However, one effect of the transfer of title is to transfer liability for any contamination and remediation to Council.

Council has been negotiating with the DoP, and now with the Office of Strategic Lands in the Land and Property Management Authority to which the officers and matter were transferred, to obtain the site remediated, or with sufficient funding to remediate or manage it, to the level acceptable for Open Space and Recreation.
Department of Lands / Office of Strategic Lands within the Land and Property Management Authority (still called DoP in this report) don’t want to demolish buildings and remediate the Whites Creek Valley Park sites (22 Wisdom Street Annandale and 19/21, 35, 37 and 39 White Street Lilyfield) prior to transferring them to Council. Instead they would like to transfer title to Council with a financial contribution and then Council will undertake demolition and remediation or other action to manage the contamination to make the sites suitable for use as Open Space and for Recreation. At a meeting last year, the parties discussed that DoP would undertake the testing and preparation of Audits, Remediation Action Plans as appropriate, obtain three quotes for demolition and remediation of each site, and provide these to Council, with supporting documents, to enable the parties to reach an informed decision on the amount of funding that DoP would provide. Council’s position is for DoP to cover the full anticipated costs however, when the offer was made by DoP at the end of 2009, it was not supported by any quotes or other documents.

Council considered the matter at the December Ordinary Council Meeting and resolved as follows

1. That the Mayor and Council staff urgently seek a meeting with the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Minister Kelly MP, and the State Member for Balmain, Verity Firth MP, seeking that the property at 22 Wisdom Street identified as the site for the Community Nursery within Whites Creek Valley Park be formally handed over to Council with the appropriate level of funding for the demolition of the disused building and remediation of the site immediately.

2. That the handing over of the property at 22 Wisdom Street not be delayed due to ongoing discussions on the handover of the properties at 29, 35, 37 & 39 White Street, Lilyfield.

3. That Council make a Freedom of Information application to obtain from the Department of Planning all reports and assessments relating to contamination and remediation and the estimated costs of remediation in respect of 22 Wisdom Street, Annandale and 29, 35, 37 and 39 White Street, Lilyfield.

Since this resolution Council has been unable to obtain a meeting with the current Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Tony Kelly MP however the meeting is still being pursued.

Council also made a Freedom of Information request to obtain various documents, and these were sent to Council’s environmental consultant for review. On advice, Council requested DoP to forward copies of the brief it had given its potential contractors to provide the quotes. Additional material was received by Council from DoP in July 2010 and this has now been forwarded to Council’s environmental consultant.
Once we have received this advice Council will be in a position to meet with DoP. Broadly however, it appears that:

- DoP has undertaken contamination investigations of the site at 22 Wisdom Street and obtained quotes for demolition and remediation. The information provided may be sufficient for Council and DoP to agree on an amount for DoP to pay Council which would cover the costs of remediation or management of contamination.

- In respect of the White Street properties, DoP has only obtained information on hazardous materials in one of the buildings and obtained quotes for demolition and removal of the materials from that house. DoP has not undertaken any investigations to ascertain contamination, if any, in the soil or the rest of the lots, and in each case the sites are several times the size of the area occupied by the buildings. DoP believe it is practical to demolish the buildings before investigation for other contamination. However, in its offer, DoP has offered a contingency amount which is unlikely to cover the costs of investigation of the 4 White Street sites, much less cover the costs of any work required to be done. Discussions with DoP indicate that Council may negotiate a higher amount, but we won’t be in a position until we get our own independent advice from our environmental consultant.

Once we have further advice on this Council will continue negotiations with DoP and should agreement be reached then a report will be represented to the September Council meeting for consideration.

In the meantime Council is seeking quotations on the building construction works. Should the transfer occur in October and Council will immediately proceed with demolition and remediation works with a view of commencing building works in 2011. Council has $200,000 budgeted for the building works and separate to this funding has arranged its day labour staff to reconstruct the kerb gutter and footpath along the frontage of the property toward the end of the building works.
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concealed perspex box roofing
roof fall
downpipe
existing trees

annandale wetlands
adjustable shadecloth awning
corrugated galvanised iron roofing
roof fall
downpipe
existing trees

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adjustable shadecloth
roof supported on galvanised tubular steel frame
box gutter

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this information is correct at date of issue. all dimensions are given in millimetres and may be subject to change. this drawing is not intended for construction. all project details, specifications and instructions are contained in the tender documents and any discrepancies shall be referred to the designer for clarification before proceeding with work.
ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

TREE DESTRUCTION – DARLING STREET ROZELLE

Dear Councillors,

Please find attached photos of 3 different street trees that formed a row near our home at 550 Darling St Rozelle. They were destroyed by vandals on the night of 10 July 2010. These trees have now been replaced - by new saplings that based on our long experience will soon be destroyed by another bunch of drunks or just plain vandals.

This cycle of waste of ratepayers’ money and council resources has been going on for years. Council puts in saplings with no protection. Vandals destroy them every few months. Council puts in saplings, vandals destroy them.

We and our neighbours have lost count of the number of times this ridiculous cycle has rolled on. We are sick of it. Same in other parts of Darling St that we have seen.

Street trees are important. We want them, the community wants them. We and our neighbours care for them. We have re-strapped their supports and watered them when council has not. Some people put plants at the base of the tree to protect the soil and help water retention. But whatever we do, they are always eventually torn down.

They are torn down because council endlessly puts in saplings that are small and vulnerable to vandalism - and then it provides the trees with no protection such as a steel cage. On core roads in areas managed by other councils, larger street trees are planted and/or protected by substantial steel barriers that enable the trees to become big enough to look after themselves.

Why does council persist on Darling St with putting in small, unprotected saplings that are always destroyed before they can establish? We have lived in the same home for 14 years, so we know what has happened.

Not only is it frustrating not to have decent street trees after so many years, it is appalling that council wastes money in this way. It a false economy to put in small, cheap trees and no protection (low one-off cost), but then have to replace those trees every few months, year after year (high accumulated cost). Who is benefiting from the constant despatching of council work crews and endless new sapling purchases?

The council street tree department’s policy seems to be to replace the broken saplings quickly. The endeavour is appreciated but it never lasts and just keeps costing money.

We request that council addresses this issue as a matter of urgency and comes up with a solution that delivers established, surviving street trees in good time. Other councils can do it.

Yours sincerely,

Mark and Sarah Furness and neighbours

550 Darling St, Rozelle, NSW 2039
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.