Environment and Recreation Committee Terms of Reference

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

Environment Policy development on:

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

Recreation Policy development on:

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

Chairperson:  Cr Rochelle Porteous
Deputy Chairperson:  Cr Michele McKenzie

Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose Country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.
NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Environment & Recreation Committee will be held in the Supper Room, Leichhardt Town Hall on Wednesday, 4 February 2009 at 6.30pm.

Peter Head
General Manager

AGENDA

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 3 December 2008

3. Summary of Resolutions

4. Correspondence – Nil

5. Reports from the Community - Nil

6. Policy Items Environment
   6.1 Presentation – Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy
   6.2 Environment Trust Grant

7. Policy Items Recreation
   7.1 Ballast Point Planting Details
   7.2 Indian Myna Control
   7.3 Declaration of Celtis Sinensis as a Class 4 Noxious Weed

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

9. Other Business
   9.1 Presentation – Recreation Newsletter

10. Next Meeting
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1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of Minute Recommendations of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 3 December 2008.

3. **Recommendation**

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 3 December 2008 with the accompanying recommendations.
MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 3 December 2008.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Cr Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr John Stamolis, Cr Gordon Weiss, Bronwen Campbell, Paul Geragthy, David Lawrence, Bev Maunsell, Anna Rienstra, Richard Rienstra, Mary Kinney

Staff Present: Gill Dawson, Anna Broome, Mary Hare, Vince Cusumano

Meeting Commenced: 6.30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

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

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC46/08 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Michele McKenzie and Aaron Callaghan.

ITEM 2
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 5 November 2008

ERC47/08 RECOMMENDED

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 5 November 2008 with the accompanying recommendations.

ITEM 3
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC48/08 RECOMMENDED

1. That the information in the Summary of Resolutions be received and noted.
2. ERC35/06: wording changed to “as part of the concept”

**ITEM 4**  
CORRESPONDENCE – NIL

**ITEM 5.1**  
BIRCHGROVE PARK TREES

ERC49/08 RECOMMENDED

That a report on developing a strategy for dealing with destruction and/or poisoning of trees on public property be brought to the February 2009 meeting.

**ITEM 6**  
POLICY ITEMS ENVIRONMENT – NIL

**ITEM 7.1**  
URBAN FOREST POLICY UPDATE

ERC50/08 RECOMMENDED

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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.

3. That Council, concerning the Ballast Point Site, urgently request information from SHFA regarding the plant list, the provenance of the plants, habitat for small birds and clarification as to when community involvement in planting will commence.

4. That a report be brought to the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting on the issue of feral cats.

5. That the Council website be developed to include achievements of the Urban Forest Policy, links to *Grow Me Instead*, native nurseries and any other sites that assist people with decisions on what to plant.

6. Bring updated leaflet on native planting options to February 2009 meeting for approval.
ITEM 8.1
BUSHLAND BIODIVERSITY UPDATE

ERC51/08 RECOMMENDED

1. That this report be received and noted.

2. The Committee congratulate staff and Bush Care volunteers for their strong commitment to bush care and the excellent work that has been achieved for the municipality and bush care.

3. That a verbal update on preventative measures, education leaflets and the Blacktown Council eradication plan for Indian Mynas be given at the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.

ITEM 8.2
ENVIRONMENT TEAM WORK PROGRAM

ERC52/08 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council receive and note the Environment Team Work Program report.

2. The Committee congratulate the Environment Team on their report and achievements.

ITEM 8.3
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME OPTIONS FOR 2009

ERC53/08 RECOMMENDED

That:

1. The information in this report be received and noted.

2. Council support the implementation of the ACF GreenHome Program to take advantage of the funding from the NSW Climate Change Fund.

ITEM 9
OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 9.1
WATER FOR LIFE GRANT UPDATE

ERC54/08 RECOMMENDED
A brief update on the media campaign supported by the grant was given in the meeting.

ITEM 10
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 February 2009.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm
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  - Community Well-being
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  - 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 Council of the status of the Environment and Recreation Committee Resolutions of December 2008.

2. **Recommendations**

   That the information be received and noted.
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<td>ERC07/05 - POTENTIAL SPORTING FIELDS (FEB 2006)</td>
<td>3. The relevant Council officer should liaise with Leichhardt High School to come to an arrangement about the use of the parcel of STA land adjacent to the school as a public sporting field.</td>
<td>3. Following resolutions at the November 2008 Ordinary Council meeting (in relation to the Federal infrastructure Grants), a number of meetings have been held with Leichhardt secondary school and a proposed partnership agreement is currently being considered by the school and the Department of Education in relation to community access, management and maintenance of the playing field.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan, Senior Recreation Planner</td>
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<td>ERC35/06 - BRIDGEWATER PARK – POTENTIAL SPORTING FIELD</td>
<td>3. That a Draft Plan of Management for Bridgewater Park be developed within the next 12 months which includes provision for low impact sporting activities, landscaping improvements and public amenities. 5. That Council look at the potential for native corridors connecting through Bridgewater Park.</td>
<td>3. The preparation for the draft POM has commenced. 5. To be addressed as part of the concept in the development of a POM for the park.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner</td>
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<td>ERC43/06 - SPORTS GROUNDS MANAGEMENT IN NSW</td>
<td>That a report be brought to the February 2007 meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee, discussing the potential impacts of identifying open space for further active recreation on green corridors, biodiversity and quiet spaces.</td>
<td>A report on Open Space provision in relation to the Inner West Regional Strategy will be brought at a future date when staff resources allow.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner</td>
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<td>ERC 44/07 BOOMERS BASEBALL – APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION OF SPORTING FEES - BLACKMORE OVAL</td>
<td>2. Council undertake a comprehensive review of its sporting code oval hire rates.</td>
<td>2. Report and presentation to Council at the Council Ordinary meeting in early 2009</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner</td>
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<td>ERC 57/07 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME</td>
<td>4. That a report on the progress of LGETS be brought back to Council prior to the completion of the transitional year after which Council will decide whether to continue for the remaining years of the trial period.</td>
<td>4. Launch meeting of LGETS has been held in April 2008. Steering Group met in June and full meetings on 5/8/08, 30/9/08 and 1/12/08. Next meeting on 9/02/09. Rules and purpose still being discussed. Transitional period may commence March 2009 for 2 years. When rules are agreed.</td>
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<td>ERC 67/07 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – ESD REVIEW</td>
<td>7. Council improve energy usage monitoring of the individual buildings on the site so that changes in energy usage can be quantified and reviewed.</td>
<td>7. Building manager informed and technical support provided.</td>
<td>Anna Broome Senior Environment Officer / Lyn Gerathy</td>
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<td>ERC 16/08 COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROPOSAL, WHITES STREET</td>
<td>That funds be set aside for the establishment of an orchard, chicken run and bee hive in the 2008-9 budget in accordance with the adopted plan of management for White Creek Valley Park (noting a slight variation to the fence line).</td>
<td>Collecting data to ascertain costs</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes</td>
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<td>ERC18/08 COMPANION ANIMAL ACCESS BLACKMORE PARK</td>
<td>2. Council publicly exhibit the new regulations pertaining to Blackmore Park for a period of 28 days following which the introduction of an enforcement regime is implemented which includes the introduction of new signage and compliance works to educate companion animal owners of their responsibilities. This was amended as follows at Ordinary Council on 24 June 2008: That the decision with regards to access changes to Blackmore Oval be reviewed to ensure pedestrian access is retained and no action taken in this regard until a full report is brought back to the July Council Meeting on how this can be achieved. 3. Following the public exhibition of the new regulations the gate at the north eastern end of Blackmore Oval is removed and the fence line</td>
<td>2./3. Exhibition period complete. Site visit to be organised with the new Council in February 2009.</td>
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| ERC35/08 COUNCIL’S SIGNIFICANT TREE PROGRAMME AND THE URBAN FOREST POLICY | 1. That Council adopt the following tree management strategies as outlined in this report including:  
- The removal and replacement procedure for significant trees  
- The community consultation strategy  
- Council’s succession planting procedure  
2. That Council commence the process to have Camphor Laurel listed as a W4 Category noxious weed as per section 5 of this report.  
3. A list of proposed replacement species for significant trees is brought to committee for approval | 1. Council is implementing these as per the resolution.  
2. Completing forms to forward to Dept. of Agriculture to have Camphor Laurel listed as a W4 noxious weed  
3. Report to be presented at March 09 Env & Rec Committee Meeting. | 1,2 & 3 Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes |
| ERC41/08 SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS | 1. ERC43/06, Item 5: Committee requests clarification on staff resources and timetable to look at potential impacts for identifying open space for further active recreation on green corridors etc.  
2. ERC07/05: Committee requests that the Mayor send a letter to Hon. Verity Firth regarding the need for state funding to improve the condition of the playing field at Leichhardt High in the context of the shortage of playing fields in the area. | 1. To be addressed when staffing resources permit. A full report of the park planning and community recreation work programme will be provided to the committee in the new year.  
2. This issue will be addressed as part of ongoing discussions with the Secondary School in relation to possible community use and access. Further reporting on this issue will be provided. Refer to earlier comments on this issue. | 1. Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner  
2. Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner |
<p>| ERC44/08 BIG BIKE DAY | 3. Council refer issue to Youth Council of ways to increase youth attendance at Big Bike Day 2009. | 3. Discussions have been held with Council’s Senior Youth Officer and the Youth Council is to be consulted on ways in which they can be actively involved in the running and promotion of Big Bike Day in 2009. | 3. Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner/ Erla Ronan Manager Social Planning &amp; Community Development |</p>
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<td>4. Review registration process so as to more effectively capture number of attendees including children in future years.</td>
<td>4. More volunteers are needed for registration duties. It is recommended that the Environment and Recreation Committee be approached to volunteer, participate and assist with registration activities associated with the running of Big Bike Day in 2009.</td>
<td>4. Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner</td>
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<td>ERC45/08</td>
<td>1. With regards to the Cameron’s Cove Water Police site it was resolved that Council:  • Develop a report on stability and other liability issues with regards to the site and this be presented to the next available Council meeting.  • Arrange a site inspection at earliest convenience for Councillors, Environment and Recreation Committee and Residents.  • Assist the Cameron’s Cove Bushcare Strategy Committee to become a bushcare group.</td>
<td>1. A report on the site was considered by Council at the ordinary meeting 25/11/08. The site has been identified as being contaminated with friable asbestos and the site requires restricted access. A copy of the report was provided to the NSW Police on 20/11/08. Council resolved to seek a meeting with the NSW Minister for Police, request further investigations be undertaken by the NSW Police, that an FOI application be made for access to all reports held by State Government relating to soil, site contamination, remediation, site stability and groundwater at 4 Jubilee Place, Balmain. As the future of the site is uncertain, steps for the Cameron’s Cove Bushcare strategy committee to become a bushcare group will not be considered at this time.</td>
<td>1. Gill Dawson Manager Environment &amp; Urban Planning</td>
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<td>2. Council review installation, use and impact of light towers and shade sail at children’s playground at Birchgrove Park in consultation with the community and present a report to be presented at the next available Committee meeting, to include estimated costs for any proposed changes.  3. Report to Environment and Recreation Committee on the possibility of replacing grass verges in entire streets with native grasses or plants.</td>
<td>2. A comprehensive report on this issue will be provided to the committee in the new year.</td>
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<td>5. Set a target for Council to achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2012 and the Environment Sustainability Strategy be aligned to achieve this with emphasis on improving energy efficiency. A report should be brought to Committee discussing how this should be achieved and suitable targets and actions for community carbon reductions. 6. Committee requests further information on the water saving shower heads at the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre and the possibility of implementing push button shower systems such as at Victoria Park pool. 7. Waste Officer to produce a report to consider mechanisms to reduce or recycle the number of large waste items left by the community for the bi-annual Throw out Rubbish Night.</td>
<td>5. The Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy has been amended to include this target. The Community Environment Education Program Report discusses one possible action for 2009. 6. A verbal report will be given at the March 09 Committee meeting. 7. A report will be submitted to the March 09 meeting to be in line with the budget process and coordination of yearly waste and associated service notifications to residents.</td>
<td>5. Anna Broome Senior Environment Officer 6. Bill Meany Recreational Facilities/ Anna Broome Senior Environment Officer 7. Cheryl Walker Waste and Resource Recovery Officer</td>
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1. **Purpose of Report**

To report on the success of the Leichhardt Council led partnership grant application to the NSW Environment Trust for $1,617,000 funding through the Urban Sustainability (Urban Waterways) Program.

2. **Recommendations**

The report be received and noted.

3. **Report**

Leichhardt Council has successfully led a partnership grant application to the NSW Environment Trust for $1,617,000. The project aims to further restore the estuarine function of Iron Cove.

One of the key elements of Council’s draft environmental sustainability strategy relates to biodiversity. The most extensive and intact Natural System in or adjoining the Leichhardt LGA is the Sydney harbour and its catchments. Until recent times, the biodiversity values of Sydney Harbour have tended to be overlooked and our key focus has been on attempts to re-establish habitat in a highly modified urban setting. However Iron Cove, which is the least polluted of our bays - information from University of Sydney Water Quality Monitoring expert Gavin Birch - is well worth investing in to create an aquatic wildlife reserve right in the centre of Sydney Harbour. Recent studies by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) have shown that Iron Cove has fairly extensive sea grass beds and a smattering of salt marsh along the northern banks in Canada Bay. Sea grass beds are particularly valuable as nursery, feeding and shelter areas for many aquatic animals. A number of wading birds also use the bay for feeding, many of which are included in the Conservation Plan for Migratory Shorebirds under the East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership, such as the Bar-tailed Godwit and Terek Sandpiper.

Low stormwater flows from the Dobroyd Canal and Hawthorn Canal will be diverted via two Stormwater Infiltration Basins (SIBs) to remove pollutants. These water courses are the main sources of storm water pollution into Iron Cove. Research has shown that SIBs are particularly effective at removing diffuse pollutants such as heavy metals, organo chlorine compounds and poly aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). In addition, project outcomes will be promoted and community awareness of stormwater quality and biodiversity issues raised. A research element will also investigate the most effective medium for use in the SIBs and is to be provided by Sydney University. Outcomes will be promoted through the Sydney University’s outreach and community education programs. Partners include Ashfield Council, Canada Bay Council, Sydney Water, University of Sydney, NSW DPI (Biodiversity Monitoring) and Sydney Metro
CMA. The grant provides for a project manager who will be employed. A business plan will be prepared shortly and project manager recruitment started.

The Iron Cove Water Quality Improvement Project was initiated due to a number of key factors, including maintaining existing ecological systems and the recent fishing bans in Sydney Harbour due to concerns about toxicity levels in fish. Advice from the DPI expert indicated that reducing sediment levels coming into Iron Cove would allow the sea grass to expand in extent and could potentially encourage back into the area iconic species such as sea horses and pipe fish. Councils have been addressing this matter over the years with GPTs being installed at various points along the peninsular, but the Environment Trust Grant will create a steep shift in improved estuarine function that should see clearly monitorable improvements in habitat. With the leisure and recreational benefits offered by the Bay Run, LPAC and the new boating pontoon for kayakers etc. there will be lots of opportunities to promote to the community the aquatic biodiversity values in their area and hopefully this will lead to further improvements in littering and stormwater polluting behaviours.
Item 7.1

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY
SUBJECT: BALLAST POINT PLANTING DETAILS
AUTHOR: DOUG ANDERSON – BIODIVERSITY OFFICER
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Policy Implications: Urban Forest Policy
Strategic Plan Objective: A Sustainable Environment Community Wellbeing
Staffing Implications: Nil
Notifications: Nil
Other Implications: Nil
1. **Purpose of Report**

   To inform Council of the planting details for the Ballast Point development. This report has been prepared in response to a request from Councillors at the Dec 2008 meeting of the Environment and Recreation committee.

2. **Recommendations**

   That this report be read and noted.

3. **Background**

   Concerns were expressed at the last meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee as to whether the planting arrangements being organised by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority would be consistent with the bushcare strategies currently favoured by our bushcare community in terms of plant species and provenance, habitat provision and community involvement.

4. **Report**

   Plants for the Ballast Point development are presently being grown by the Toolajoola nursery from seed collected within the Sydney Harbour Basin. All species to be planted are locally indigenous, and the planting list includes many species suitable for the creation of small native bird habitat.

   The species list provided by SHFA is as follows:

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SHFA will be undertaking a community planting day as the project nears completion. At present this is planned for April, however details will be finalised when SHFA have further certainty on the construction program.

5. Conclusion

The planting details provided by SHFA indicate that the planting of the Ballast Point development will be carried out in a manner consistent with the strategies employed by Leichhardt’s bushcare community on sites throughout the Leichhardt LGA.

It should be noted that in the event that the park is handed over to Council, supplementary planting can be carried out by Council and the community to ensure an adequate density of mid-layer shrubs, and to ensure that there are open areas of native ground covers/grasses adjacent to the dense shrubby areas. This will ensure that the planting is suitable as small bird habitat.
**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

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1. **Purpose of Report**

   To inform Council of the possible ecological value of establishing an Indian Myna trapping programme in the LGA. Report has been prepared in response to a request for information from Councillors at previous meeting.

2. **Recommendations**

   That Council maintains a watching brief on trapping trials and research efforts in other Council areas and research institutions.

   That Council keeps a register of persons expressing interest in becoming actively involved in a trapping programme.

   That Council continues to provide information to residents about the passive control measures available to them.

3. **Background**

   Indian Mynas were introduced to Australia in 1862 to control insect pests in crops. They have since spread to most areas of the eastern seaboard. They survive well in urban areas, and have become a dominant bird species in the Leichhardt area.

   Indian Mynas are a serious threat to native biodiversity in urban areas. In addition, they carry bird mites and potentially expose humans to avian borne diseases. They cause problems in public areas, making a huge amount of noise at roosting sites and fouling areas with their droppings.

   Council currently has no trapping programme in place, preferring instead to combat the problem by re-introducing native vegetation into our parks and reserves, and encouraging residents to do likewise. This strategy has been adopted in the belief that it will increase the number of native birds and reduce the number of Mynas. In addition, residents are encouraged by means of a brochure and information on the website to adopt measures such as restricting access to food scraps and pet food, and decreasing nesting opportunities by repairing eaves and gaps in roofs.

4. **Discussion**

   **Ecological Impact**

   Indian Mynas compete with native species for food and tree hollows. They will destroy eggs and kill the young of other birds to take over nesting spaces, and are even capable of evicting mammals such as small possums from nesting
sites. Mynas occupy one hollow at a time, but often keep four other hollows or themselves by shooing other birds away. They have even been known to fill other hollows with rubbish to make them unliveable for other birds.

Bird species uncommonly observed in the Leichhardt LGA (Saunders, 2008) that may be adversely affected by Indian Mynas include the Boobook Owl, Sacred Kingfisher, Azure Kingfisher, Dollarbird and parrot species such as the Little Corella, Eastern Rosella, Crimson Rosella, Australian King Parrot, and the Red-rumped Parrot. Species such as the Kookaburra, Galah, Rainbow Lorikeet and the Sulfur-crested Cockatoo may also be affected, although these latter species are more commonly observed in the LGA, indicating that they compete well with Mynas.

Indian Mynas are a dominant bird species in urban and urban/bushland interface areas throughout the Greater Sydney Region. Any effective control programme will need to be approached at a regional level. The elimination of birds on a unilateral basis will result in migration from neighbouring LGAs, limiting the ecological benefits of the control programme.

The problems associated with Indian Mynas are not limited to the Sydney area. They have become a serious pest throughout eastern Queensland, NSW, Victoria and the ACT. Mynas are extremely adaptable birds. They have broad climatic and habitat tolerances and are capable of expanding well beyond their present range. Although they are strongly commensal – ie, attracted to human habitation - they are perfectly capable of existing without humans. Mynas are not just urban birds; they are becoming increasingly common in the modified woodlands that dominate much of Australia.

**Control Options**

Because of the nature of Leichhardt’s urban landscape, the planting of native vegetation is highly unlikely to have any effect on the Indian Myna population. Our bushland areas are not large enough to exclude Mynas, and this situation is highly unlikely to change. The only active control measure that is likely to significantly reduce Indian Myna numbers is trapping and euthanasia by means of gassing.

Trapping programmes and trials undertaken by councils in the Sydney region (e.g. Waverly, Sutherland, Warringah, Blacktown, Baulkham Hills) have generally met with limited success. Programmes are ongoing and results are likely to improve as knowledge and skills are developed by volunteers and council staff.

The relatively successful trapping programme undertaken in the ACT by the Canberra Indian Myna Action Group (CIMAG) suggests that a large scale programme pitched at a regional level may significantly reduce Myna numbers. As at June 2008, over 18,000 birds have been trapped and euthanised by 300 volunteers in backyards across 79 Canberra suburbs in a two year period.

The results of a bird survey carried out in 2007 by the Canberra Ornithological Group recorded, for the first time in 25 years, a drop in Myna numbers in the ACT.
Individuals have reported local effects with parrots and other natives returning to breed successfully in hollows previously occupied by Indian Mynas. However, there is no real evidence of an impact other than individual anecdotes.

A study is currently underway by PhD student Kate Grarock at the Australian National University in Canberra to determine the biodiversity impacts of Indian Myna trapping. It is anticipated that this study will provide the information necessary to resolve issues such as: the most effective control/trapping methods; whether trapping is likely to have more than a local, temporary impact; the relationship between the level of trapping and observed ecological benefits; and the minimum size of area that needs to be targeted for effective Myna control. The study is being conducted over fifteen Canberra suburbs, and is due for completion in September 2010.

5. **Summary/Conclusions**

Indian Mynas are a serious ecological problem throughout eastern Australia and the problem is likely to get worse. Achieving effective control of these birds will require concerted and well-informed regional action.

Despite the absence of a regional trapping programme, it is possible that a trapping programme within the Leichhardt LGA will nevertheless provide local biodiversity conservation benefits.

Trials and research currently underway will provide valuable information over the coming two years, and will be invaluable in determining the likely value of a trapping programme in the Leichhardt area.
### Item 7.3

#### LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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1. **Purpose of Report**

To inform Council and gain endorsement to seek declaration of *Celtis Sinensis* as a Class 4 noxious weed.

2. **Recommendations**

   2. That Council endorse the declaration of *Celtis sinensis* as a Class 4 noxious weed under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 in the Leichhardt Municipal Council LGA.
   3. That *Celtis sinensis* be exempted from Council’s Tree Preservation Order.

3. **Background**

*Celtis sinensis*, or Chinese Hackberry as it is commonly known, is a serious environmental weed in the Sydney region.

A native tree of China, Korea and Japan, this deciduous tree can grow up to 12-20 meters tall in Sydney, forming dense crowns in spring. The bark is smooth and silvery grey and the leaves are dark green and glossy, with a paler underside and pronounced veins. Unlike other Celtis species, it has a serrated leaf edge in the upper half of the leaf only. Flowers are produced in late winter and spring and small berries 7-8 mm in diameter which turn reddish brown when ripe are produced in autumn and early winter. These small berries are distributed by fruit eating birds, flying foxes and water.

In the past, *Celtis sinensis* has been planted as a street and park shade tree and in private gardens, mostly in the inner Sydney Region. Although no longer actively planted by public land managers, these plantings provided the original seed source from which the plants have spread.

4. **Current Situation**

*Celtis sinensis* seedlings are quick to germinate and establish in cleared or disturbed areas, and can tolerate a wide variety of soil types and aspects. In this situation they form a dense monoculture, which excludes other plant species from becoming established. The seedlings also possess an ability to germinate in relatively undisturbed areas. The seedlings grow vigorously, eventually out-competing established native species in remnant bushland and revegetated areas, impacting on biodiversity in suburbs already under threat from fragmentation and intense urban impacts.
Seedlings also commonly grow in inappropriate locations around residential and commercial properties and in cracks and crevices on driveways and other paved areas. They can then cause structural damage to the surface on which they grow. This can be prevented by removing young seedlings before they are fully established and limit the need and cost of removing a large poorly located tree in the future.

Council is already undertaking the gradual removal of *Celtis sinensis* in bushland areas through its bush regeneration and Bushcare programs, where it is usually controlled or eradicated along with other environmental weeds and where follow-up maintenance can be undertaken.

In line with Council’s adopted Urban Forest Policy Council will embark on the strategic removal of mature *Celtis sinensis* trees located within parks and streetscape areas in a sequential removal and replacement basis as operational budgets allow. However, the effectiveness of this work is compromised by the existence of widely distributed mature and developing infestations on private land and public land under the care, control and management of various State Government Departments.

While it is exempt from Council’s revised draft Tree Preservation Order it is not declared a Noxious Weed in the Leichhardt Municipal Council LGA. Consequently, Council is unable to control the spread of *Celtis sinensis* from private land, except by recommending and educating residents to remove the trees. If the tree was declared a Noxious Weed, Council would be able to use this declaration to have these trees removed and their spread suppressed.

Council is receiving more and more complaints about *Celtis sinensis* spreading into gardens and revegetated areas. Council has also been approached by representatives from the various volunteer bushcare groups including the Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery and the Callan Park Bushcare Group seeking Council support to have this tree declared a noxious weed.

The core infestations of *Celtis sinensis* appear to be in the inner urban LGAs of Sydney, Leichhardt and Woollahra. However it is now spreading from this base to other council areas in the inner west and north shore.

If *Celtis sinensis* is not declared a noxious weed in the Leichhardt Municipal Council LGA and is not controlled, it will:
- continue to spread prolifically, especially to new areas;
- have a negative impact in other LGAs where it may be declared;
- lead to increased cost of control in the future;
- council will continue to receive increasing complaints from residents and bushcare groups; and
- council will continue to be powerless to act regarding private property infestations, especially those near bush regeneration sites.
5. Process for having *Celtis Sinensis* Declared as a Class 4 Noxious Weed in Leichhardt

Leichhardt Municipal Council is a member of the Sydney Central Regional Weeds Committee. Many local government representatives on the committee have discussed and agreed upon seeking a regional listing for *Celtis sinensis* as a declared noxious weed under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993. Two local government areas represented on the Sydney North Regional Weeds Committee also wish to have it declared a noxious weed in their areas.

On 16 November 2007, the Sydney Weeds Committees submitted the final *Sydney Regional Celtis Management Plan* to the NSW Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee (NWAC) for approval. This plan has been developed to coordinate a regional, strategic approach to *Celtis sinensis* in the Sydney region, in an effort to manage and reduce its environmental effects.

One of the objectives of the plan is to seek the declaration of *Celtis sinensis* as a Class 4 noxious weed. The control category for a Class 4 weed is "The growth and spread of the plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in a management plan published by the local control authority." The objective for weed control Class 4 is to minimise the negative impact of those plants on the economy, community or environment of NSW.

*Celtis sinensis* has already been declared as a Class 3 Noxious Weed in the NSW North Coast Region, for its damaging effects on regenerating rainforest and riparian vegetation communities, as well as impacts on agriculture. In the Sydney Region where the plant has not yet established itself so firmly the control objective for weed control class 4 is considered more appropriate.

Declaring *Celtis sinensis* as a Noxious Weed will allow council to effectively deal with a significant proportion of mature trees and establishing infestations on land outside its direct care, control and management.

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<td>Yes - <em>Celtis sinensis</em> is considered one of the worst environmental weeds in the inner Sydney area and is spreading fast.</td>
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<td>Consult Stakeholders, Regional Weeds Advisory Committees and adjoining Local Control Authorities</td>
<td>Completed – Consultation occurred through 2 regional weed committees.</td>
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<td>Are current resources sufficient to meet goals</td>
<td>Yes – Possibility of also acquiring additional grant funding through its declaration.</td>
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Is the current legal status of the weed under the Noxious Weeds Act adequate

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<td>This report dated February 13 has been prepared for Council endorsement - other councils have agreed to do the same.</td>
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<td>Minister for Primary Industries accepts declaration or may request the plan to be reviewed</td>
<td>To be undertaken by the Regional Weeds Committee once endorsements and application forms for the region are received.</td>
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Once *Celtis sinensis* is declared a noxious weed, a Class 4 Management Plan will be developed for the Leichhardt Municipal Council LGA, as required under the legislation. This plan will outline council’s strategic approach and help mitigate any financial impacts. It will aim to:

- plan for the progressive reduction in large *Celtis sinensis* infestations on public land (such as gradual removal in target areas like contract sites, Bushland revegetation sites, designated sub-catchments, areas of high conservation significance etc. where sufficient resources are available for control, maintenance and replacement planting if required);
- prioritise and target *Celtis sinensis* control programs according to available resources, for example, initially focus on one catchment area.
- justify inaction in particular areas;
- encourage increased assistance from the community and bushcare volunteers;
- encourage *Celtis sinensis* control on private land through education and incentives, and so reduce the need for regulatory action;
- replace *Celtis sinensis* with less invasive and more suitable plant species;
- look at coordinating the Urban Forest Policy to deal with *Celtis sinensis* plantings in trees and parks through sequential removal and replacement of these trees with more suitable species; and
- assist in attracting external funding.
6. **Summary/Conclusions**

The declaration of *Celtis sinensis* as a Class 4 Noxious Weed would greatly assist in its strategic management, through more integrated and effective control across land management and LGA boundaries in the Sydney region and raising awareness of its identification, impacts and control. It would also significantly improve the effectiveness of current control programs and reduce potential costs in the future through prevention.
Happy New Year!

Welcome to a Special Edition of the ‘Sport and Recreation Matters’ Newsletter.

As you will see when you read the Newsletter, we have many things happening in our Council Area.

Recreation for All - Recreation for Life

Aaron & Mandy
Leichhardt Municipal Council Recreation Team

Callan Park Update
You can make your voice heard and be kept informed with the issues and future of the Park.

Register your details to be updated about Callan Park.

In 2009 Council will email regular updates to email addresses received through registration on the website.

Photo (left) – Callan Park
Click here to view the actual area granted to Leichhardt Council for care, control and management.

CALLAN PARK

In late 2008 the NSW Government announced that they would grant care, control and management of a significant portion of Callan Park to Leichhardt Council. While Council has welcomed this news, there are still major negotiations required prior to any formal agreement being reached with the State Government on the future management of the park.

Financially there are significant challenges for Council in the management of Callan Park, not only in terms of ongoing maintenance, management and capital investment but also in terms of the need to develop a comprehensive master plan for the site. Such a plan will require extensive community consultation with a wide range of stakeholders and interest groups. This plan would take many months to prepare and it is envisaged that any draft master plan will be subject to wide public exhibition and input. Council staff will endeavour to keep the community informed of any progress on this important issue. Currently Callan Park is under the control of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA). Any information requests relating to the park and its use should be directed to SHFA in the first instance. SHFA can be contacted on 1300 225 526.
Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC)

The Development - What’s happening?

The new Indoor Pool, Gym and associated works Construction commenced on the 4th August 2008. Works are:

- A new building at the western end of the site featuring an indoor program pool (18mx10m) with stairs and accessible ramp, and a new gym and group fitness studios on the upper level to provide much needed space for equipment, classes and stretching
- Family change rooms adjacent to the new indoor pool
- Modifications to the main entry/reception area of the LPAC to improve access and functionality
- New main ramp to pool level, as well as a lift from the gymnasium level, to improve access
- Landscaping and redesign of the northern car parking areas to improve pedestrian access, safety and appearance

The works incorporate the principles of passive and active sustainable design, including sun shading, insulation and effective use of natural light, Solar panels for heating the water in the new pool, a 40,000 litre rainwater tank, Change room design for the new gym incorporating a large earth mound above to provide thermal mass and stable temperatures, Opening windows to allow natural cross ventilation to the gym and program rooms, and efficient water fittings and pool filtration.

Construction has commenced and should be complete by September 2009. The works have been designed to allow LPAC to remain operational throughout the construction. However with such a large project there will be some inconvenience and we seek your understanding and co-operation over the coming year.

2 NEW Regional Playgrounds opening in early February 2009

**Mort Bay Park** - Off Cameron St, Birchgrove

**Leichhardt Park** - Between Lilyfield Rd and Glover St, Lilyfield

Up-Grades to LMC Sporting Grounds

1. New lights at King George Park
2. New Soccer Goals at Cohen Park
3. Refurbishment of Leichhardt Oval 2 and an irrigation system installed at Leichhardt Oval 3
4. New playing surface and amenity improvements at Leichhardt Oval – Home of the Wests Tigers
The Leichhardt Tigers Junior Soccer Club is located in the heartland of Australian Football in Leichhardt and is the only club in the metropolitan area that offers a direct pathway in the elite NSW Premier League. A.P.I.A Leichhardt Tigers are proud to announce the arrival of Socceroos legend and former captain, Italian Serie A and English Premier League Superstar Paul Okon, as head coach for the upcoming 2009 TeleChoice Premier League season.

Join Australia’s most famous Soccer Club - our club has had more Socceroos and National Team captains than any other club in the history of Australian Football. Players, Managers and Coaches are required for all teams. For details please contact the club on 0417 375 279 or visit www.apiatigers.com

Leichhardt Juniors Rugby League Football Club's 2008 season finished with three teams making the final series. Our under 11’s made the finals for the 2nd year only to again be beaten in ‘golden point’ time. It was a fantastic effort by the team which included some new recruits to rugby league this season.

Our under 12’s were again runner's up in the grand final. It was another fine performance with new players making their entry into the game and the team taking on a new coach for the first time since under 6’s.

Under 16’s also were runner's up in the grand final. Under a new coach, the team played strongly all year and produced their best finishing result. They will be bigger and better in 2009.

As 2008 marked the centenary of rugby league in Australia, two of Leichhardt Juniors' stalwarts received centenary medals in recognition of their longevity as volunteers. William (Bill) Burke and Brian Coleman were 2 of only 250 recipients of this medal issued by the ARL. Bill and Brian have over 70 years of volunteering for Juniors between them.

Juniors will be taking registration for 2009 for under 6-A grade every Tuesday and Thursday commencing from the 2nd Tuesday in February 2009. For further information call 9818 1688 or visit www.leichhardtsaints.com

Leichhardt Saints Football Club is gearing up for another busy season. Following the success of the small sided games that we introduced for under 6s last season (which encouraged more under 6s to register with us than ever before) we are looking forward to extending it to include the under 6s and 7s this year. The rest of the Club continues to prosper, with more and more of our players choosing to continue playing with us for 10 years or more, continuing into the senior ranks. For information on the Club, its policies, or how to register please visit www.leichhardtsaints.com

Balmain Rugby Club is the fastest growing club in Sydney. We will field 5 grades this year from our now spiritual home of Blackmore Oval in Leichhardt. Established in 2005 we have grown from 2 teams in our first year to fielding 4 senior teams and a Colts in 2009. Training will begin on the first Wednesday in February from 7pm. For more details visit www.balmain.rugby.net.au

The Leichhardt Wanderers Rugby League Club will hold their season launch at the Leichhardt Town Hall on Saturday 7 March 2009. If you would like more information, please contact our Secretary Ray Gerrie on 0438 625 281. Our thanks go to the Balmain District Junior League & all affiliated clubs for allowing Joshua Anderson to play rugby league. Joshua has very poor eyesight & at the cost to his parents, special prescription spectacles were purchased to enable him to participate in a team sport for the very first time. Josh has a place in the U6 team & has grown in confidence so much that he leads his team mates in singing the team song – “We are Leichhardt Wanderers through and through – HOW ABOUT YOU!” For updates regarding registration, players, teams and functions visit www.leichhardtwanderers.org.au
Sporting Club News – Straight from the Clubs!

NEXT GAME(s)

NRL
PROTON
WESTS TIGERS
V
Raiders
R1 16 March 2009
Campbelltown Sports Stadium

NYC TOYOTA CUP
WESTS TIGERS
V
TBC

NSW VB CUP
BALMAIN
RYDE-EASTWOOD
TIGERS
V
2009 WORLD 9's
Cabramatta Sports Complex
7th & 8th February

NSWRL JUNIOR REPS
TRIALS

HAROLD MATTHEWS
BALMAIN TIGERS
V
PENRITH
5:00pm
Saturday 24th January
TG Milner, Eastwood

S.G. BALL
BALMAIN TIGERS
V
PENRITH
6:30pm
Saturday 24th January
TG Milner, Eastwood

BDJRL - Registration Dates
Registrations commence in February with Holy Cross commencing January 31st. For information regarding our Junior Clubs’ registration dates, log on to Balmain’s Leaguenet website.
http://balmain.leaguenet.com.au

40 years still going strong
It has been 40 years since the historic Grand Final win by the Tigers in 1969 when they were not given a chance of winning the Premiership. Souths had won the last two and beat the Tigers in the Final to advance to the Grand Final. In the final Balmain trailed against Manly until late in the match when winger, George Ruebner charged for the corner post to snatch a win in dramatic fashion. In the Grand Final Souths boasted 11 internationals but were outclassed by the underdog Tigers. That spirit is what keeps the Tigers alive and still going strong 40 years later and in 2009 we will be celebrating that marvellous victory.

The 99th Annual General Meeting of Members of the Balmain District Junior Rugby League will be held at Balmain Leagues Club, Victoria Road, Rozelle on Monday 9 February 2009, commencing at 7.00pm. For more information visit www.tigers.org.au

Balmain PCYC will once again field several junior teams in Rugby League & Netball in 2009. We warmly welcome new people to both sports & encourage participation with New Players, Umpiring & Refereeing, Coaching, Managing & Management.
Pop in and see us at 372 Darling Street Balmain or call 9810 2234.

Sydney Tsunami Dragon Boat Club
Our motto is ‘Serious Fun’ and we mean it! The club was formed 16 years ago and is a diverse mix of male and female paddlers of all ages and backgrounds. Sydney Tsunami is actively involved in NSW’s dragon boat community and club paddlers are regular inclusions in the NSW and Australian representative teams. In addition to results on the water, the crew enjoys a full social life off the water. Sydney Tsunami’s calendar includes breakfast after Saturday morning training, regular team dinners, and trips to race in exotic destinations like The Philippines and Penang. Want to have fun, get fit, and meet new people? Dragon boating could be the sport for you. If you’re interested in trying dragon boating but don’t know how to get started check out www.sydneytsunami.org.au or email info@sydneytsunami.org.au

Balmain District Football Club is preparing for another exciting season in 2009. Registration for new and returning players will be held over two weekends - Saturday January 31 & February 1, and February 7 & 8 at Balmain High School, between 9am and 3pm. The club is stepping up its junior’s development program through small sided games (U6-U9), plus several other initiatives including professional coaching coordinators for boys and girls. The club recently elected Jill Lawrence as the new president. Visit www.balmaindsc.com

Junior Sports Teams 2009
The **Wests Boomers Baseball**
Summer season got off to a great start with several new teams and an increase in our total player base of over 30%.
We now have 6 senior teams (1 more than last summer) which includes a women’s team that plays on Friday nights and we now also run our own 6 team under 6 years of age competition which includes a team from Five Dock. We have also gained two extra under 7 teams this year which takes the junior club to 13 teams comprised of 131 players.
This is an increase of 30% on last year’s player numbers. Our greatest achievement in the juniors is that there are now 36 females playing which is 27% of the player base and includes one whole team of 7 year old girls mainly from the Montessori school at Balmain. At the time of writing nearly all the teams are competitive and looking at Semi Final spots in March in both juniors and seniors.
For more information visit www.balmain.baseball.com.au

**Leichhardt Rowing Club**
Congratulations to LRC rowers Sarah Moxon and Rosa Brown who have been selected to join Rowing Australia’s National Elite Development Plan.
The plan is looking at potential national U23 rowers and will monitor their progress in their rowing career aiming to move into senior rowing teams, and ultimately to gain selection in national teams to compete at world championships and the Olympic Games.
Sarah has been selected to train in the women’s B eight, and Rosa has been selected for the lightweight squad.
Sarah already has some rep. experience. She was a member of the NSW Interstate Youth Eight in 2005 at the Interstate Regatta. This is Rosa’s first potential step into the representative sphere.
Leichhardt Rowing Club is very proud of Sarah and Rosa, and is actively supporting their endeavours, both on and off the water.
For more information visit www.lrc.com.au

**Leichhardt Bicycle Users Group (LBUG)**
LBUG Sunday Rides are held most Sundays. They usually start at 8.30am at the Bakehouse Cafe in Moore St, Leichhardt (200m down from Balmain Rd). Meet earlier for a pre-ride coffee. Rides open to non-members (small donation appreciated), you can join later if you wish. We are a touring and leisure group of mixed age and ability. There are rides of varying grades to suit all abilities. New or returning cyclists can try our EasyRiders every month. We try to keep the group together so no one is left behind. We appreciate riders on our easy to moderate rides who are prepared to help with duties such as pointing the way or helping slower riders. For more info call 98103706 or visit www.lbug.org.au

**Balmain Little Athletics Club**
Zone Championships – Randwick Botany Little Athletics Centre
31st January and 1st February 2009
Balmain belongs to the Inner City Zone, along with Randwick-Botany, Canterbury, Eastern Suburbs, South Eastern, and Western Suburbs.
Forms will be available shortly for athletes to nominate up to 4 events at the Zone Carnival. Selections will be based on performances.
If you would like further information about the Zone Carnival, go to www.laansw.com.au, then to "competitions“ then “championships“ and scroll down to “Zone Championship“ – here you will find a list of events for the Saturday and Sunday program.
Please note, the Zone carnival is for athletes in the U7 age groups and above. The U7’s do not progress past the Zone carnival and the U8’s do not progress past the Regional carnival.
For more information visit www.blac.net.au
Leichhardt Council has limited funding available to assist residents to achieve their goals in National and International competitive events.

The provision of funding for sporting and other activities remains at the discretion of Leichhardt Council and is subject to funds availability in each financial year.

There are strict funding guidelines in place which applicants must satisfy in order to be eligible for financial support (a form will be posted on the website when the Recreation Section has been completed in February 09 for applicants to fill in).

In the meantime, for further information on the grant and how to apply please feel free to contact Council’s Recreation Planning Team (Aaron Callaghan or Mandy Smith) on 9367 9281.

NSW Sport and Recreation Courses
@ Sydney Olympic Park:

What: Resuscitation (15 years & over)
Course: For anyone interested in learning the correct methods of ‘mouth-to-mouth’ resuscitation and external cardiac compression. All successful participants will be issued with a WorkCover approved resuscitation certificate valid for one year.
When: 9 Feb 2009
Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Cost: $35

What: Assessor and presenter training
Course: Designed to develop the knowledge & skills of individuals involved with presenting to and assessing NCAS (National Coaching Accreditation Schemes) or NOAS (National Officiating Accreditation Schemes) candidates so they can be assured they are adhering to competency based training principles.
When: 21 and 22 Feb 2009
Time: 9:30pm - 5:00pm
Cost: $120

What: Intermediate General Principles Coaching
Course: This course replaces the Level 2 general principles of coaching course. Aims are to improve the knowledge and skills of experienced community coaches who are currently accredited Level 1 coaches. The Intermediate coaching principles component, combined with the sport specific component plus practical coaching hours, will provide accreditation within the NCAS.
When: 6 to 8 March 2009
Time: 4pm to 9pm Fri and 8:30am - 5pm Sat and Sun
Cost: $275

DSR can cater for special requests such as running a sports taping or sports massage courses specifically for a club or group. Other courses include; ‘Orientation to managing a sports team’ and other sports education courses like ‘Fun warms and stretches’ and ‘Core strength and flexibility’

For more information contact miguel.andrade@dsr.nsw.gov.au or 9006 3710 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au
ARE YOU A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER?

Use the checklist below and see:

- You must have a leash in your hand at all times
- Your dog must be on-leash in all public areas, including footpaths
- You are responsible for ensuring that your dog remains in the exercise area
- It is your job to pick up your dog’s waste and dispose of it in a bin. Doggy bags can be found in all of Council’s parks
- Your dog must be micro chipped and registered
- If you have a dangerous dog, it is not allowed off-leash
- You should ensure your dog’s vaccinations are up to date
- You should have voice control over your dog
- Remember to keep early morning and evening noise to a minimum at all times

WHERE YOU CAN’T TAKE YOUR DOG

Dogs are not allowed on or off-leash in:

- On ANY SPORTING OVAL
- Children’s play areas - (within 10m)
- Food preparation and eating areas – (within 10m)
- Recreation areas where dogs are prohibited
- Public bathing areas where dogs are prohibited
- School grounds
- Child care centres
- Shopping areas where dogs are prohibited
- Wildlife protection areas

UNRESTRICTED AREAS

Areas not subject to any of the above constraints could be off-leash. Parts of these areas should be considered as free run areas.

Free Run Areas - There should be areas within the LGA where dogs are able to exercise without restriction. These areas should be physically separated from other uses and should be located in areas which are not suited/easily adapted or used for other recreation or leisure purposes.

DESCRIPTIONS

On-leash Areas
Dogs in these areas are to remain on-leash at all times.

Off-leash Areas
- Dogs in these areas may be unleashed but must be under the effective control of their owner/responsible person at all times.
- Time Share Off-leash Areas - These areas are the same as off-leash areas during the identified time periods. Outside identified times they revert to on-leash areas.
- Free Run Area - A free run area is the same as an off-leash area except in so far as the area is physically separated from other users so that dogs are able to run and play without the potential to affect other park users who are not within the free run area.
- Leichhardt Council recognises that owners of companion animals, particularly dogs, are a significant part of the community and should have equivalent levels of access to open space areas in the LGA.
- There is limited open space in the LGA so Council needs to strike an appropriate balance between access to open space for residents and their companion animals without impacting unreasonably on those who do not have companion animals.
Sports Forums

All sports clubs and associations who utilise recreational facilities in the Leichhardt Municipality are invited to attend forums to discuss a range of relevant sports and recreation issues.

The Recreation Team will be looking to have the next forum in early March 2009. More details to come.

Recreation issues which are discussed which affect a range of sports clubs, eg potential improvements to ground facilities such as floodlighting, shared ground usage, identifying and applying for external funding opportunities, and the future of Callan Park.

Winter Sporting Field Applications for Seasonal Usage are due now.
There are new booking forms for Seasonal Bookings that cannot be found on the website.
Please contact the Parks & Open Spaces Planner – Mandy Smith on 9367 9281 for more details

School Applications for bookings of Sporting Grounds and Parks are now OVERDUE!
If your school has not submitted their application – please do so ASAP.
Go to the LMC website for forms.
NB - Local schools are not charged for the use of the sporting grounds and parks. Out of LGA Schools will be charged for their use of parks/sporting grounds.

Events in LMC

Check out the events taking place in the Municipality by clicking on the Events Calendar.

5 April - ANZAC Commemorative Service
11am - 12pm. Loyalty Square, Balmain

19 April - Balmain’s Urban Acoustic Music Festival
12pm - 8.30pm. Birchgrove Oval

ONE FOR THE DIARY
11 October 2009 – Big Bike Day.
War Memorial Park. Lilyfield
(more info to come!)

The Wet Weather Hotline is 9367-9190.
It is the hirer’s responsibility to check the status of the grounds by calling this number or checking the wet weather page of the LMC website.

Future information on ‘Recreation Matters’ will now appear in Council’s community newsletter that is delivered to all households an businesses throughout the year. More details to come...

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| **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
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| ▶ First Wednesday of the month on a monthly basis, 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. |