ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday
17 July 2013

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Environment and Recreation Committee Terms of Reference

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

Environment Policy development on:

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

Recreation Policy development on:

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

Chairperson: Cr Daniel Kogoy
Deputy Chairperson: Cr Frank Breen

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, 17 July 2013 at 6:30pm.

Peter Head
General Manager

AGENDA

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Apologies
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and Non-pecuniary Interest
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 1 May 2013 P04
4. Summary of Resolutions P12
5. Correspondence
6. Verbal Update – Ecofestival: Costa Atzemis, Emily Williams
7. Report – Climate Change Taskforce Minutes – 5 June 2013 P27
10. Report – Biodiversity Update P43
12. Reports from the Community
13. Other Business
   13.1 ecoPops P51
14. Next Meeting – 4 September 2013
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES – 1 May 2013

AUTHOR: JON STIEBEL
TEAM LEADER ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

FILE REF: 6 JULY 2013

DATE:

WORD PROCESSING REF:

DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Nil

Policy Implications: Nil

Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan Objective: A sustainable environment

Staffing Implications: Nil

Notifications: Nil

Other Implications: Nil
1. **Purpose of Report**
   To advise Council of the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 1 May 2013.

2. **Recommendations**
   That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 1 May 2013 with the accompanying recommendations.
MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 1 May 2013.

Present at the meeting: Cr Daniel Kogoy (Chair), Cr Craig Channells, Cr Frank Breen, David Lawrence, Bronwen Campbell, Jane Mowbray, Bev Maunsell

Apologies: Cr Vera Ann Hannaford, Cr Rochelle Porteous, Gael Kennedy

Staff Present: Jon Stiebel, Lyn Gerathy

Meeting commenced: 6:36pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Daniel Kogoy performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as Chair.

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BUSINESS

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC 11/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / BREEN

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of: Cr Vera Ann Hannaford, Cr Rochelle Porteous, Gael Kennedy.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS – Nil
ITEM 3
LEICHHARDT 2025+ Exhibition

ERC 12/13 RECOMMENDED BREEN / GERATHY

Jon Stiebel presented on the upcoming public meetings for the Leichhardt 2025 and summarised the community engagement process to date.

Presentation received and noted.

ITEM 4
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – SITES FOR CHILDCARE CENTRES – FOR DISCUSSION

ERC 13/13 RECOMMENDED LAWRENCE / BREEN

Lyn Gerathy gave a presentation regarding community engagement for proposed childcare centres.

Presentation received and noted.

ITEM 5
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 6 MARCH 2013

ERC 14/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / CHANNELLS

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 6 March 2013.

Matter Arising:

Request ERC 04/13 be amended to Recommended - Kogoy/Breen

ITEM 6
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC 15/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / CHANNELLS

In relation to ERC 15/13 a number of discussions points were also raised as additional items to the summary of resolutions. These discussion points resulted in a number of recommendations arising from the committee. These recommendations are outlined as follows:
1. Bushcare Team positions: Clarification is required at the next meeting from the Director Infrastructure and Service Delivery regarding the number of bushcare team positions within the current council structure and resourcing strategy.

2. Whites Creek Community Orchard: Committee requests an update on the current status of the Whites Creek Community Orchard project and a timeline for its completion. The Committee also requests a copy of the soil contamination report for the Whites Creek Community Orchard for the next meeting.

3. Elkington Park Wharf: There are issues at Elkington Park Wharf with Fishing including littering and using the gardens as a toilet. The area needs more surveillance and signage to address these issues.


5. That the proposed policy referred to in ERC 46/11 on page 34 of the May 2013 Agenda, Tree Planting for Sight Lines, is not progressed further.

6. An email is requested to update the Glovers Garden Group regarding the Development Application for the removal of the Celtis tree.

ITEM 7
CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM 7.1
SYDNEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

ERC 16/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / CHANNELS

1. That a copy of correspondence sent by Council to Sydney Secondary School regarding community use of school basketball courts be received and noted (refer ERC05/13).

2. That a letter is also sent to the Principal of the Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt requesting community use of their Basket Ball courts and Cricket Nets and that a copy of the letter is included on the Agenda for the next committee meeting.
ITEM 7.2  
DRAFT JOHNSTON’S CREEK MASTER PLAN  

ERC 17/13 RECOMMENDED  
LAWRENCE / KOGOY  

1. That a copy of correspondence from the Lord Mayor City of Sydney sent to residents regarding Community consultation for the Draft Johnston’s Creek Master Plan be received and noted.  

2. That a special meeting is called of the Environment & Recreation Committee before the May Ordinary Council Meeting to discuss the Council’s report on the Draft Johnston’s Creek Master Plan.  

ITEM 8  
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 3 APRIL 2013  

ERC 18/13  
RECOMMENDED  
BREEN / GERAGHTY  

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 3 April 2013 be noted.  

(Attachment 1)  

ITEM 9  
CLOTHES SWAP EVENT  

ERC 19/13  
RECOMMENDED  
CHANNELLS / MAUNSELL  

That a Children’s Toy and Clothes Swap be held on 12 June 2013 at 10am in the Leichhardt Town Hall.  

ITEM 10  
COMMENCEMENT OF THE BUSHCARE CARBON OFFSETTING SCHEME  

ERC 20/13  
RECOMMENDED  
BREEN / CHANNELLS  

1. That the endorsed Bushcare Carbon Offsetting Scheme is commenced in October 2013 with the purchase of offsets covering volunteer hours for the period July 1 2012 – June 30 2013.  

2. That, following commencement of the scheme with the purchase of offsets for the 2012/13 period, offsets are purchased annually on an ongoing basis.  

3. That ongoing funding is sourced from the Friends of the Park budget.
ITEM 11
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

1. The Community Nursery requires its watering system and shade cloth.

2. Concern was raised about the condition of the lands behind the Annandale Light Rail stop.

ERC 21/13     RECOMMENDED     KOGOY / GERATHY

1. That a report be brought to the next committee meeting on the status of the Community Nursery Development Application and a timeline for the completion of outstanding works.

2. That a report be brought to the next committee meeting on cleaning up and planting more vegetation on the raised lands behind the Annandale Light Rail stop.

ITEM 12
OTHER BUSINESS

1. Concerns were raised about whether Council’s Weed Management Policies are being adhered to in relation to where steam wand and herbicide is being used.

2. Concerns were raised regarding responsible cat ownership and residents not bringing cats in at night.

ERC 22/13     RECOMMENDED     KOGOY / MAUNSELL

1. That Council re-commence its responsible cat ownership education activities.

2. That a copy of the Companion Animals Act be brought to the next committee meeting.

ERC 23/13     RECOMMENDED     CHANNELLS / KOGOY

1. That Council reaffirms its commitment to the Leichhardt Weeds Policy

ITEM 12.1
ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS 2012/13

ERC 24/13     RECOMMENDED     GERATHY / CHANNELLS

1. That Council note that no applications were received for funding under the Environmental Grants Program – Round 2 for the 2012/2013 financial year.
2. That Council carry forward the full amount totalling $5,423 to the 2013/14 Financial Year.

ITEM 12.2
ECOFESTIVAL 2013

ERC 25/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/CHANNELLS

1. That the Footprints Ecofestival be held on Sunday, 25 August 2013 and include the Footprints Film Competition.

2. That as per the 2012 program, $5000 of prizes is budgeted for Film Competition Finalists.

ITEM 13
NEXT MEETING

ERC 26/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/BREEN

The committee discussed the cancellation of the committee meeting on 3 July 2013 per Council resolution C25/13. The committee agreed to reschedule the July meeting (arranged for 17 July).

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2013:

17 July
4 September
6 November

The meeting closed at 8.32pm
## 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 Council of the status of the Environment and Recreation Committee Resolutions of May.

2. **Recommendations**

   That the information be received and noted.
### Environment & Recreation Committee

**May 2013**

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3. **Elkington Park Wharf**: There are issues at Elkington Park Wharf with Fishing including littering and using the gardens as a toilet. The area needs more surveillance and signage to address these issues.

4. **ERC 43/12 point 9**: The report on the Resourcing Strategy for the Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan is requested for the next meeting.

5. **That the proposed policy referred to in ERC 46/11 on page 34 of the May 2013 Agenda, Tree Planting for Sight Lines, is not progressed further.**

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<td>A specification for bushcare maintenance services has been prepared and quotations sought for a trial.</td>
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<td>The Community Orchard/Food Forest Concept has now been approved by Council. A further report to the August Council meeting is being commissioned by Council’s finance unit on how the shortfalls in funding will be achieved. A further explanation will be provided at the next ERC meeting.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan</td>
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<td>Council will install an 80 litre bin down by the wharf in Fitzroy Park. An Area Based team does monitor this site as part of their 20 day maintenance cycle. We will monitor the condition of the site once the bin is installed and if littering continues to be a problem then we will look at installing signage.</td>
<td>Rick Jarvis</td>
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<td>6. An email is requested to update the Glovers Garden Group regarding the Development Application for the removal of the Celtis tree.</td>
<td>4. A report is to be presented in July.</td>
<td>DWS Document Number (to be included)</td>
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<td>5. Noted and actioned. A resolution stating “Council does not plant, prune or remove trees for private sight lines except when a provision of a park Plan of Management” would assist to demonstrate the policy.</td>
<td>6. D/2013/59 for the removal of the Celtis Tree at Callan Park was approved on 3 April 2013.</td>
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<td>2. Discussions with the School Principal have advised Council officers that the P&amp;C is not supportive of community use of this facility due to liability issues associated with public use after school hours.</td>
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2. That, following commencement of the scheme with the purchase of offsets for the 2012/13 period, offsets are purchased annually on an ongoing basis.  
3. That ongoing funding is sourced from the Friends of the Park budget. | 1. Being Actioned.  
2. To be actioned.  
3. Actioned | Doug Anderson |
| **REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY**          | 1. The Community Nursery requires its watering system and shade cloth.  
2. Concern was raised about the condition of the lands behind the Annandale Light Rail stop. | 1. The program is  
- installation of the shade sail - completion by July 26th  
- installation of irrigation system - completion by July 31st  
- sign off by PCA - completion by 2nd August  
2. Minor maintenance of vegetation is proposed on a regular cycle. | Doug Anderson |
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<td>1. Referred to the Environmental &amp; Public Health Education Officer.</td>
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<td>2. Concerns were raised regarding responsible cat ownership and residents not bringing cats in at night.</td>
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<td>2. Further explanation from the committee required on the context of this resolution.</td>
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<td>1. Doug Anderson</td>
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Leichhardt Council is committed to eradicating weeds as stated in its Weed Policy. Council has deliberated on the methods of weed control and have adopted a policy which provides for the extensive use of steam/hot water treatment of weeds and the limited application of chemical herbicides. Council staff carefully and selectively use herbicides in order to effectively manage problem areas and all staff who use chemicals have completed a Chemcert course in the correct way to use and handle chemicals.
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<td>While Council uses the steam method to control weeds throughout the Municipality, there are situations where it is not used. This can be because certain areas are not accessible to the steam units, such as Cove Street Reserve, Birchgrove, areas of Birchgrove Oval, Zig Zag Lane in East Balmain and near the Booth Street bridge in Whites Creek, Annandale. Also, the steam method is not effective on perennial weeds with established storage organs, such as rhizomes or bulbs. This includes common weeds such as onion weed, dandelions and nut grass. While the steam method will remove the above ground parts of the weed, it will not kill any sub surface parts of the plant and thus will not prevent it’s regeneration. Therefore steam on its own will not effectively control all weed’s in the Municipality and needs to be used in conjunction with other methods, such as manual weeding and the use of herbicides for effective control.</td>
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2. That Council carry forward the full amount totalling $5,423 to the 2013/14 Financial Year. | 1. Noted  
2. Noted for Action with Finance | Jon Stiebel |
| ECOFESTIVAL 2013 ERC 25/13                 | 1. That the Footprints Ecofestival be held on Sunday, 25 August 2013 and include the Footprints Film Competition.  
2. That as per the 2012 program, $5000 of prizes is budgeted for Film Competition Finalists. | 1. Noted for Action Ecofestival and Film Competition are being promoted.  
2. Noted for Action. Advertising for the Film Competition includes that $5000 of prizes available | Costa Atzemis |
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<td>OTHER BUSINESS Yurulbin Point (Long Nose Point) ERC 09/13</td>
<td>That Council engage Bruce McKenzie in the 2013/14 financial year to undertake a Restoration Plan for Yurulbin Point Birchgorve.</td>
<td>Will be actioned subject to budget funding for Plans of Management in the 2013/14 financial year.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan</td>
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| SIGNIFICANT STREET TREE LOCATIONS ERC 08/13 | 1. That Council acknowledge the list of streets mentioned in report below as streets that contain significant trees.  
2. That this list is to be provided to Ausgrid prior to the commencement of pruning works in the Local Government Area.  
3. That as part of the reporting process Council also write to other councils informing them of Council's approach to Ausgrid on this issue and encourage other council's to also write to Ausgrid with their concerns.  
4. That Council take a strategic approach with regards to street tree planting and that a list of appropriate trees to provide habitat and vegetation for native birds within urban streets is reviewed. In developing this list Council note the environmental conditions and limitations associated with planting suitable trees in urban streets. | 1. Noted  
2. To be developed and actioned.  
3. To be actioned.  
4. Noted and to be actioned. | Heidi Webb |
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| ENDORSEMENT OF LEICHHARDT NATIVE REVEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN ERC 07/13 | 1. That the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan be endorsed.  
2. That any sites or site extensions recommended under the plan can only be undertaken after consultation with nearby residents, and issues such as maintenance of views have been taken into consideration. This process is to be carried out in a manner consistent with Council’s Community Engagement Strategy.  
3. That any site extension carried out under the plan on Crown land can only proceed after the relevant statutory authority has been informed.  
4. That the Committee thank Doug Anderson and Volunteer Bushcare Group for their excellent work within the Leichhardt LGA.  
5. That Council investigate and that a verbal report be brought back to the next Committee meeting on the issue of the installation of lights in the Hill’s fig adjacent to the Tennis Courts in Louisa Road. | 1. Noted  
2. Noted and to be actioned  
3. Noted and to be actioned.  
4. Noted with thanks  
5. Lights are used seasonally by the resident to deter bats from feeding in the tree over this property. Agreement was reached to manage the seasonal bat problems without detriment to the tree or extensive pruning. | Doug Anderson |
| SUMMARY RESOLUTIONS OF RESOLUTIONS ERC 04/13 ERC 05/13 | In relation to ERC 04/13 a number of discussions points were also raised as additional items to the summary of resolutions. These discussion points resulted in a number of recommendations arising from the committee. These recommendations are outlined as follows:  
2. Status of Bushcare Offsets-Update required.  
   That an update on the status of the Bush Care | 2. A specification for bushcare maintenance services has been prepared and quotations sought for a trial. | Doug Anderson |
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<td>Offsets be brought back to the next Committee meeting.</td>
<td>3. View lines in Parks – The Committee as a whole discussed the issue of view lines and trees in public parks. The committee felt that views from parklands should take priority over views from private residential properties across parklands to the harbour. That Council provide clarification on the issue of view lines with respect to the issue of harbour views from adjoining parklands and the principal that view line assessment in relation to trees are taken from the parkland to the harbour and other public spaces rather than views from private residential properties.</td>
<td>3. Committee resolved “That the proposed policy referred to in ERC 46/11 on page 34 of the May 2013 Agenda, Tree Planting for Sight Lines, is not progressed further.”</td>
<td>Heidi Webb</td>
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<td>4. Outstanding position of the Bushcare Officer – Update requested.</td>
<td>4. Noted for Action</td>
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<td>Peter Gainsford</td>
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<td>In the absence of a Parks Manager clarification from the Director of Infrastructure and Service Delivery is required for the next meeting on the outstanding position of the Bush Care Officer.</td>
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<td>5. Clarity is required on Council’s issues of tree planting for sight lines from Council’s Parks Technical Officer. That a verbal report be brought back to the next Committee meeting on the issue of tree planting in parks with respect to site lines.</td>
<td>5. This issue is being addressed as part of a formal report which is being developed in relation to view lines in parks and will be reported to the Environment and Recreation Committee in July 2013.</td>
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|                                                        | Ballast Point Regional Park – Status of Memorandum of Understanding  
That the draft Memorandum of Understanding for Ballast Point be brought back to the Environment and Recreation Committee for consideration at the earliest opportunity. | 6. A meeting has been organised with SHFA to move the formation of a draft Memorandum of Understanding forward. The first meeting was held in early May. A Draft Copy is currently being examined by Council’s Legal Section once approved this will be brought back to Council for Consideration (the rational for this will be explained at the next ERC meeting). | Aaron Callaghan |
| WHITES CREEK VALLEY PARK ORCHARD ERC45/12 | 1. That Council undertake consultation with the community on the development of an orchard in Whites Creek Valley Park.  
2. That Council immediately remove identified weed species from the proposed Orchard Site at Whites Creek Valley Park. | 1. Reported to Council at June Ordinary meeting.  
2. The Implementation Plan deals with weed controls. | Rick Jarvis |
| LEICHHARDT NATIVE REVEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN ERC43/12 | NOTE: At the Ordinary Meeting on 23/10/12 the following point was added to Item 9:  
"Council notes that the Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan (p16) provides for the protection, restoration and enhancement of our natural environment and native biodiversity within our urban context. Council also notes that our parks are key areas for enhancing our natural environment and biodiversity. Council resolves that any changes to the plans of management for our parks take into account this provision of the Strategic Plan and specifically address the contribution to the protection, restoration and enhancement of our natural environment and native biodiversity." | | Doug Anderson |
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<td>That the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan be endorsed for public exhibition.</td>
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<td>Doug Anderson</td>
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<td>That the results of the exhibition are reported back to the Environment and Recreation Committee.</td>
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<td>That any sites or site extensions recommended under the plan can only be undertaken after consultation with nearby residents, and issues such as maintenance of views have been taken into consideration. This process is to be carried out in a manner consistent with Council’s Community Engagement Strategy.</td>
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<td>That any site extension carried out under the plan on Crown land can only proceed after the relevant statutory authority has been informed.</td>
<td>5. Will consider along with other education initiatives being developed</td>
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<td>That following the completion of the exhibition period, Council consider the opportunities for promoting the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan, including opportunities within local schools as an environmental and educational tool.</td>
<td>6. DA to monitor and report opportunities for expansion.</td>
<td>Doug Anderson</td>
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<td>During the consultation process additional opportunities within parks and open space areas be considered for additional biodiversity and bush care improvements.</td>
<td>7. Briefing meeting can be arranged.</td>
<td>Rick Jarvis</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>That a briefing session be held with new Councillors on Council’s bushcare programme and the exhibited</td>
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### Environment & Recreation Committee

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<td>Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan.</td>
<td>8 . Completed and plan amended</td>
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<td>That during the exhibition period Council officers review the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan to ensure that the proposals for Callan Park are consistent with the Draft Callan Park Master Plan and Conservation Management Plan.</td>
<td>9. A specification for bushcare maintenance services has been prepared and quotations sought for a trial.</td>
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<td>That a report is brought back to the next Environment and Recreation committee on a resourcing strategy for implementing the Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan with special emphasis on Callan Park bushcare works.</td>
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**SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS**

ERC36/12

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

**Matters Arising for General Discussion and Clarification**

- The Director of Infrastructure and Service Delivery, Mr Peter Gainsford also confirmed that PV is going on the Nursery roof at 28 Wisdom Street.
- Installation completed.

**FISHING ACTIVITY ON THE BALMAIN PENINSULA SIX MONTHLY UPDATE ERC30/12**

- That Council erect signage at Yurulbin Park and Peacock Point banning open fires.
- Signs received. Installation to be scheduled.

Rick Jarvis
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<td>NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (ERC15/12) ERC26/12</td>
<td>That an update be provided to the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting on the progress of the response to this letter.</td>
<td>2. Awaiting response, update to be provided at next committee meeting.</td>
<td>Rick Jarvis</td>
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<td>TREE PLANTING FOR SIGHT LINES ERC46/11</td>
<td>1. That the proposed policies for tree planting in parks with regards to visual views and the proposed policy on pruning existing street and park trees for visual site lines is placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. 2. Following the completion of the public exhibition period a further report is brought back to Council to assess submissions received during the exhibition period and the adoption of the proposed policies.</td>
<td>1. Committee resolved “That the proposed policy referred to in ERC 46/11 on page 34 of the May 2013 Agenda, Tree Planting for Sight Lines, is not progressed further.” 2. Committee resolved “That the proposed policy referred to in ERC 46/11 on page 34 of the May 2013 Agenda, Tree Planting for Sight Lines, is not progressed further.”</td>
<td>Heidi Webb</td>
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# Item 7

## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise the Environment and Recreation Committee of the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 5 June 2013 including the additional recommendation from the 25 June 2013 Ordinary Meeting.

**ITEM D9 CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES - 5 JUNE 2013**

C302/13 RESOLVED PORTEOUS / KOGOY

That Council adopt the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 5 June 2013 and the accompanying recommendations as shown below with the additional point that;

Council officers prepare a report on the costs and benefits of working towards a Corporate Target of 100% Renewable Energy by 2025, and in doing so give consideration to:

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- The financial implications of powering all of council operations from renewable energy
- The implications of a 100% renewable energy target on the recent $1 million plus Council investment in relation to the LPAC cogeneration plant which runs off gas
- That the institute for sustainable future be notified of Council’s intention to work towards a 100% renewable energy target to assist with their preparation of the SSROC renewable energy master plan.

2. **Recommendations**

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 5 June 2013 including the additional recommendation from the 25 June 2013 Ordinary Meeting (C302/13) be noted.
Note: Additional recommendation from the 25 June 2013 Ordinary Meeting.

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MINUTES of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 5 June 2013.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Councillors: Cr Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Cr Frank Breen, Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr Craig Channells

Community: Paul Geraghty

Staff: Jon Stiebel, Clare Harley

Meeting commenced: 6:35pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

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

BUSINESS

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

CCTF 14/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / BREEN

That apologies be accepted for the non-attendance of: Lea Richards and Marghanita da Cruz.

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

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 3 April 2013

CCTF 15/13 RECOMMENDED BREEN / GERAGHTY

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 3 April 2013 be accepted.

ITEM 4
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – Nil

ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

CCTF 16/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / KOGOY

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

2. There were two matters arising from the Summary of Resolutions:

   a) Request that consultants on the SSROC Renewable Energy Master Plan be asked to consider Building Integrated Solar PV at Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre and within its adjoining car park and also Integrated Solar PV with acoustic walls alongside main roads.

   b) A response is still required regarding: That a report be prepared by the Manager Information Technology on the feasibility of utilising electronic communication tools such as Skype to allow broader participation with the Climate Change Taskforce Committee on page 6 of the Agenda.
ITEM 6
LEICHHARDT PARK AQUATIC CENTRE COGENERATION LAUNCH

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Cogeneration project is now complete and the system is operational.

2. That Council note a project launch event has been organised for Tuesday 11th June 2013 and an invitation extended to the Federal Member for Grayndler, Anthony Albanese MP, in acknowledgement of the $459,000 Federal Government Community Energy Efficiency Program Grant for the project.

CCTF 17/13  RECOMMENDED  PORTEOUS / KOGOY

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3. That the Climate Change Taskforce and Environment and Recreation Committee be consulted and given appropriate notice regarding the timing of launch of events for sustainability projects so that attendance at these events can be arranged in advance.

ITEM 7
LEICHHARDT RENEWABLE ENERGY MASTER PLAN UPDATE

CCTF 18/13  RECOMMENDED  CHANNELLS / BREEN

1. That Council note the Renewable Energy Master Plan, a partnership with eight SSROC councils, and identified within the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan as a high priority action, has commenced for completion within the 2013/14 Financial Year.

2. That Council note formal engagement via workshops with Councils, large energy users, community members and groups will commence in July (dates to be determined).

3. That Council note stage one of the project is complete, with the production of an Energy Situation Analysis, which looks into the current energy consumption and renewable energy generation within the eight participating Local Government Areas: Ashfield, Bankstown, Canada Bay, Canterbury, Kogarah, Leichhardt, Marrickville and Rockdale.
ITEM 8
CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Draft Terms of Reference presented in this report (as Attachment 1) be adopted.

2. That the Climate Change Taskforce note the work program for the Environment team and relevant staff in relation to the implementation of the Climate Change Plan during 2013/14 is as summarised in section 4.1 of this report.

3. That the Climate Change Taskforce becomes an Advisory Committee a) to be consistent with Council’s committee structure and b) reflecting its advisory role on the implementation of the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan.

4. That the timing of meetings be changed from bi-monthly to quarterly

CCTF 19/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / BREEN

1. That the Terms of Reference for the Climate Change Taskforce be the following:

   **Principal Objectives:**
   The Climate Change Taskforce meets quarterly to:

   1. **Work towards a Corporate Target of 100% Renewable Energy by 2025;**
   2. **Enable the wider Leichhardt community to considerably increase Energy Conservation, Energy Efficiency and the uptake of Renewable Energy;**
   3. **Review progress towards meeting the Objectives and Actions of the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan;**
   4. **Review progress and provide input into an annual review of the Climate Change Plan;**
   5. **Assist in the identification of priorities and resources for the upcoming financial year;**
   6. **Works to demonstrate Council commitment for Climate Change Action and on the implementation of Climate Change Plan’s objectives, actions and targets;**
   7. **Harness local community expertise to provide and share information, data and research that may assist in the implementation of the Climate Change Plan.**

   The Climate Change Taskforce is a sub-committee of the Environment and Recreation Committee. Minutes are submitted to the Environment and Recreation Committee for Council to adopt
**Principal Role:**

1. To oversee and champion progress towards implementing the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan.

2. To increase Council and community awareness, understanding and the profile of the Climate Change issue in the Leichhardt Council area.

3. To provide and share information, data and research that may assist in the annual review of the Climate Change Plan.

4. To consider the annual implementation program in relation to the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan including timing, resources and funding.

**Meeting Frequency: Quarterly**

2. That the Climate Change Taskforce note the work program for the Environment team and relevant staff in relation to the implementation of the Climate Change Plan during 2013/14 is as summarised in section 4.1 of this report.

3. That the timing of meetings be changed from bi-monthly to quarterly.

**ITEM 9**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**9.1 Estimated Financial Savings from Climate Change Plan Implementation**

*CCTF 20/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / CHANNELLS*

1. Climate Change Taskforce requests that a report be submitted to an Ordinary Council meeting outlining the estimated financial savings from the full implementation of the Climate Change Plan.

**9.2 Proposed Greenway Biodiversity Compensation Package**

*CCTF 21/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / CHANNELLS*

1. That a response to Transport for NSW regarding the proposed Greenway Biodiversity Compensation package is urgently addressed by council officers.

2. That feedback to Transport for NSW includes that the proposed Biodiversity Compensation package target conservation outcomes for high priority flora and fauna and that a whole of corridor approach is taken.

3. That an urgent meeting is organised with Greenway Steering Committee Councillor representatives and relevant Council Officers from the four Greenway Councils to establish a joint response to Transport for NSW on the proposed Biodiversity Compensation package.
4. That Council make representations to Transport for NSW and the Minister for Transport so that adequate funding is provided to establish habitat for high priority flora and fauna in the Greenway Corridor.

ITEM 10
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce will be held on Wednesday, 7 August 2013.

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2013:

7 August
4 December

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm
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**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

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1. **Purpose of Report**

To update the Committee on the recent clothes swap event held 12 June 2013.

2. **Recommendations**

1. That the Committee note the scheduled Clothes Swap event was held on 12 June 2013 with forty parents attending the event.

3. **Background**

Objectives of Leichhardt’s Environmental Sustainability Strategy include providing waste reduction and avoidance services to the community, and changing community consumption patterns. Actions listed in the strategy include:

- *CW12* Continue to research, develop and deliver a range of programs and policy options that will increase the community’s capacity for improved purchasing decisions.

- *CW15* Continue to deliver waste avoidance and resource recovery education programs to a range of community sectors.

Council currently delivers a range of services to promote waste avoidance and reuse of resources, and to change community consumption patterns. Initiatives include Second Hand Saturday and ongoing support for the Bower Reuse Referral Service.

4. **Report**

4.1 **Kids’ Toy & Clothing Swap**

Leichhardt Council hosted a Kids’ Toy & Clothing Swap on Wednesday 12 June 2013 in the Leichhardt Town Hall. The event was promoted through Council’s Sustainability e-Newsletter; ads in Ciao magazine and the Inner West Courier; posters on Council noticeboards; social media (LMC Twitter and Facebook); and free online event listings such as Live Local and ABC Big Diary.

Approximately 40 parents attended the event along with their children. Each participant brought a number of items including clothes, shoes, toys and books to swap. Most people brought well over ten items each. Many items were new and still in the original packaging.

The swap presented an opportunity for participants to ensure their items were reused rather than disposed of, and resulted in reuse of resources and...
avoidance of unnecessary consumption. We estimate that over 400 items were diverted from landfill.

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, and very few items were left over at the end of the event. Remaining items were donated to charity.

Out of the residents who told us where they learned about the swap, 7 people heard about it from Ciao or Inner West Courier; 6 from Facebook; 9 from friends; and 6 from the Council website or Sustainability e-Newsletter.

Building on the success of the June Kids’ Toy & Clothing Swap, the Footprints Clothing Swap will be held at the Footprints Eco Festival on Sunday 25 August 2013 (Refer Attachment 1) and the Children’s Toy and Clothes swap will be repeated again in early 2014.

5. **Summary**

A children’s clothing swap was held on Wednesday 12 June 2013 in Leichhardt Town Hall and was well attended by local residents. The next swap event will be held at the Footprints Eco Festival on 25 August 2013 (refer **Attachment 1**).
ATTACHMENT 1

footprints

Clothing Swap

Sunday 25 August
11am-1pm

Whites Creek

Have a bunch of clothes you don’t wear anymore? Swap them for something ‘new’!

Bring up to 6 items of clothing in good condition to the Footprints Ecofestival at Whites Creek Valley Park, Annandale between 11:00-11:40am for a 12:00pm start

RSVP: footprints@lmc.nsw.gov.au or 9367 9381

Footprints-Clothing-Swap
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LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: ‘FOOD FOR THE FUTURE’ FORUM UPDATE

AUTHOR: EMILY WILLIAMS
SUSTAINABILITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

FILE REF: 

DATE: 5 JULY 2013

WORD PROCESSING REF:

DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Nil, project is within current budget allocation

Policy Implications: In line with Council’s commitment to promote and develop Leichhardt as a sustainable community

Strategic Plan Objectives: A Sustainable Environment

Staffing Implications: Within current resourcing

Notifications: Nil

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

To update the Committee on the recent Climate Change Forum, ‘Food for the Future’, held on 27 June 2013.

2. **Recommendations**

1. That the Committee note the recent “Food for the future” sustainability forum held 27 June 2013 with over sixty people attending the event.

3. **Background**

A Strategic Objective of the Leichhardt Community and Cultural Plan is ‘Promoting Health and Wellbeing’

“Council believes this objective is important because healthy living can support more sustainable social and environmental outcomes. At a local level, encouraging practices and programs that reduce carbon footprints, encourage healthy eating, and support individual health outcomes can contribute to the wider social picture of health and wellbeing.”

The Leichhardt Climate Change Plan under Objective Build community capacity and connections to tackle climate change includes an action:

*Deliver minimum one forum annually on current sustainability issues with climate change as the overarching and connecting theme.*

At the April 2013 Ordinary Council meeting the following was resolved:

**Refer C183/13**

*That the next Climate Change Forum: “Food for the Future” be held on 27 June 2013 at Balmain Town Hall focusing on Sustainable Food issues and initiatives with Climate Change as the overarching theme.*

4. **Report**

4.1 **Overview**

Accordingly, the Sustainability Forum “Food for the Future” was held at the Balmain Town Hall on Thursday 27 June 2013.

Over sixty people attended on the night to learn about sustainable food and what they can do as individuals to make better choices. Attendees sampled some entrees provided by Sydney food truck the Veggie Patch Van and wandered the stalls before formal presentations began. Handing out information were groups
Oxfam GROW, Do Something! and a display of children’s artwork and home-grown produce from the Annandale Public School’s learning garden.

Councillor Frank Breen opened the night with a brief background on sustainable food and how Leichhardt Council has addressed the issue over recent years.

Professor John Crawford from the University of Sydney set the scene with a comprehensive global overview to the problem of food security.

Jon Dee, co-founder of Planet Ark and Do Something! described the problem of food waste in Australia and how we can change our habits at home, demonstrating the many useful tools available at foodwise.com.au.

Youth Food Movement co-founders Alexandra Iljadica and Joanna Baker, explained how young people can learn from the older generation, bringing importance back to knowing where food comes from and describing the activities of the Youth Food Movement and how they are engaging with young people.

Jane Mowbray from Glover’s Community Garden gave an enthusiastic presentation about the social, environmental and economic benefits of community gardening.

Audience members had the chance to ask questions during the Q&A, after which more delicious food was served by the Veggie Patch Van. All of the guest speakers made a wonderful effort to network and speak with attendees individually.

While the topic of food security may seem daunting, the message from each presenter was one of hope and encouragement. People in the audience said they felt that they were much better equipped to start making changes at home. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with people signing on to the mailing list and eagerly looking forward to future environmental sustainability events.

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<td>Councillor Frank Breen</td>
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<td>Outline the structure of the forum 1-2 Questions after each speaker</td>
<td>MC: Tim Stackpool</td>
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<td>Panel session opportunity to ask questions</td>
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<td>6:40 pm</td>
<td>Present broad overview of climate change and importance of sustainability in urban areas, especially in relation to food</td>
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4.3 Promotion and feedback

The forum was promoted through newspaper ads in Ciao magazine and the Inner West Courier, 2ser radio, articles in the Sustainability e-Newsletter, email and social media. Out of the residents who gave us feedback, 7 heard about the forum through word of mouth; 6 through the Council newsletter or email; 5 from printed ads in the paper; 3 from the Leichhardt Council website; and 2 through 2ser radio.

The majority of participants were either in the 25-35 age range or over 56. From the 26 people who completed evaluation forms, 10 were under the age of 35 and 11 were over the age of 56. All of the feedback was positive, with 18 people very satisfied and 6 people satisfied with the forum. The only complaints were that the space lacked heating and the event went past 8:30pm.
# DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

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1. **Purpose of Report**

To provide an update of bushcare and biodiversity related works, programmes and issues in the period Aug 2012 – June 2013.

2. **Recommendations**

That this report be received and noted.

3. **Report**

**Biodiversity-related works, programmes and issues June 2012 – June 2013**

3.1 **Bushcare**

In the period June 2012 – June 2013 Council and the community have continued to improve and expand areas of bushland revegetation. Thirteen new bushcare volunteers have been added to Council's volunteer database, and the number of currently active volunteers remains steady at 35. The number of volunteer hours worked increased from 2,574 hours during the 2011/12 period to 2,832 during the 2012/13 reporting period (as at 31/5/13). These figures are for regular volunteers only, and do not include one-off planting days such as National Tree Day or the EcoFestival planting.

The number of bushcare groups remains steady at 6. There is strong, ongoing interest in the weekly and monthly Callan Park bushcare groups and the bi-weekly Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery volunteer group.

In September 2012, The Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery (RBCNN) was relocated to Wisdom St., Annandale, and continues to attract enthusiastic volunteer involvement. The relocation enabled major upgrades to the facilities including improved glasshouse, shade and hardening-off areas, potting area and tool shed, kitchen, morning tea area, office and toilet facilities. The nursery is now an excellent space for community engagement and the environmental education of volunteers and the wider community. The increased growing capacity of the new nursery will provide opportunities for increased native revegetation in Council’s parks, and for the provision of native plants for use in residential properties.

The number of native tubestock planted during the period is 7,700 plants. This is well above the average annual number of tubestock planted in previous years. Unlike previous years where many of the plants were sourced from the Cornucopia Nursery, all tubestock planted in 2013/13 were sourced from the RBCNN.
The amount of native revegetation on public lands has increased from 54,500 sq.m to 57,700 sq.m during the period. This has been achieved by means of an additional 1000 sq.m of revegetation at Callan Park, a further 1,900 sq.m of revegetation at Leichhardt Park, and extensions to the White’s Creek Valley corridor totalling 300 sq.m.

3.2 White’s Creek Wetland

The Whites Creek Wetland continues to provide the ecological function of filtering stormwater before it reaches Rozelle Bay & Sydney Harbour, as well as providing a freshwater habitat for a number of native species including long-necked tortoises, frogs, native fish, insects and other aquatic life-forms.

The low dissolved oxygen sensor installed in the pumppwell of the wetland system has detected low oxygen levels due to sewerage overflows on a number of occasions during the period. The LDO device senses the reduction of oxygen levels caused by raw sewerage, and immediately signals the pump control system to de-activate the wetland pump. This prevents the introduction of raw sewerage into the wetland ponds. An SMS message is automatically sent to relevant council staff informing them of incident. Appropriate action is then taken to clear the pumppwell and re-activate the pump.

A new pump that is better able to handle the gritty environment and is less prone to breakdowns and expensive rebuilds has been installed in the wetland. Wetland function has improved as a result with a dramatic decrease in service requirements.

3.3 Cook’s River to Iron Cove Greenway

The Greenway corridor passes through the Leichhardt, Ashfield, Marrickville and Canterbury LGAs along the Hawthorne Canal and the Rozelle to Dulwich Hill goods railway corridor. It provides the basis for an environmentally sustainable transport corridor between the Cooks River and Iron Cove. An integral component of the GreenWay vision is the re-establishment of local provenance native vegetation to provide a continuous vegetation and habitat corridor from Rozelle to Dulwich Hill.

Council staff are working with staff from partner Councils and Transport for NSW to finalise details of a biodiversity compensation package designed to ensure that habitat lost through the construction of light rail infrastructure is compensated by means of native revegetation established elsewhere in the Greenway Catchment. The native revegetation is to be established and maintained by Transport for NSW for a period of five years.

Leichhardt Council has submitted two sites where compensatory native revegetation may be established. Those sites are in the Darley Road Reserve adjacent to the light rail corridor, and in Leichhardt Park adjacent to Iron Cove. Both sites are included in the Greenway Bushcare and Native Revegetation Plan.
3.4 Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan

The Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan was developed by Council's Biodiversity Officer in consultation with representatives from the Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery and local bushcare groups. The plan documents the manner in which Council can maintain and enhance biodiversity values in the LGA, and proposes a number of sites where native revegetation may be established.

The plan was endorsed for implementation at the May Ordinary Council Meeting.

Native revegetation works proposed under the plan will be implemented in partnership with the bushcare and nursery volunteers. As in previous years, these works will be funded from the Friends of the Parks budget.

3.5 Bushcare Carbon Offsetting Scheme

A Bushcare Carbon Offsetting Scheme was endorsed at the May Ordinary Council Meeting. For every volunteer hour worked, Council will purchase $1 worth of carbon offsets on behalf of the volunteer. The offsets will be sourced from various projects including renewable energy projects in developing countries and forestry projects in Australia.

This level of funding will provide significant personal carbon offsetting for volunteers. For example, a volunteer who contributes 4hrs of labour per week for 11 months of the year will have $188 per year contributed to the fund on their behalf. This will be used to offset approximately 27 tonnes of CO2 emissions, which is roughly equivalent to the total carbon emissions produced by an average Australian citizen per year.

The scheme is designed to contribute to local community efforts to combat climate change, add environmental value to our community bushcare program, and assist in attracting and retaining bushcare volunteers.

3.6 Class 4 Weed Declarations

Reports seeking endorsement for the declaration of Celtis sinensis, African Olive, Camphor Laurel, Turkey Rhubarb, Moth Vine, Madeira Vine and Morning Glory as Class 4 noxious weeds under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 in the Leichhardt LGA have been provided to Council. Council has resolved to endorse these declarations.

Class 4 classification allows local councils to specify control measures that take local factors into consideration. Management plans can therefore be tailored to avoid potential environmental or financial difficulties.
The declaration of these weeds is still under consideration by the National Weeds Advisory Commission.

3.7 Cameron's Cove

Following extensive weed removal, over 2,000 native tubestock have been planted in the area above Ewenton Park, East Balmain which was recently handed over to Council by NSW Police. The plants are progressing well and increasing the habitat value of the existing native vegetation.

A timber boardwalk is currently being installed through the area, linking the foreshore at Ewenton Park with Ternen St., Balmain.

The Cameron’s Cove site has been included in the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan.
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

SUBJECT: RESOURCING STRATEGY FOR THE REVEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: The program is funded in the Parks and Streetscapes Management budget.

Policy Implications: Implementing the Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan

Strategic Plan Objective: 4. A Sustainable Environment
6. Sustainable Services and Assets

Staffing Implications: Nil

Notifications: Nil

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

At its May meeting, the Environment and Recreation Committee requested a report on the Resourcing Strategy for the Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan.

2. **Recommendations**

That the report be received and noted.

3. **Report**

All revegetation works are undertaken by Bushcare volunteer labour led and facilitated by Council’s Biodiversity Officer. The Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan provides a planned program of works. The program is funded in the Parks and Streetscapes Management budget.

The Schedule for revegetation works below has been extracted from the Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan. Routine maintenance of revegetated areas is proposed to be provided under a service contract. A specification has been documented in preparation for engaging in a trial of contract maintenance.

**Schedule for revegetation works 2013 – 2018**

1. **Prioritisation of revegetation works**

New revegetation works will be prioritised according to the following criteria:

1. Community commitment to actively participate in the establishment and maintenance of the proposed site.
2. Confirmed sightings in areas adjacent to the proposed site of locally vulnerable fauna that are likely to benefit from the site.
3. The proposed site extends an existing corridor or site.

Sites are prioritised below according to a ranking system where criterion 1 is worth 3 points, criterion 2 is worth 2 points and criterion 3 is worth 1 point.

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Maps that detail each site location are included in the Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan.

2 Rate of expansion

It is important to set a realistic rate for the expansion of native revegetation in the Leichhardt LGA. Maintenance of new sites can be very labour-intensive during the first few years of establishment due to the large amount of weed seed in parkland soils, and high levels of weed recruitment from surrounding areas. Both new and mature sites must be visited on a regular basis to avoid the proliferation and long-term entrenchment of weed species. Expansion rates must therefore take into account the availability of volunteer and staff maintenance labour.

At time of writing, all sites are satisfactorily maintained. However, recent site expansions totalling 14,000 square metres over the past three years (Cameron’s Cove, Leichhardt Park, Callan Park, White’s Creek Valley) have stretched the capacity for expansion under current levels of staffing and volunteer participation. Therefore, the site expansions over the coming years are only to be undertaken if volunteers are committed to maintaining the proposed site through increased participation. A maintenance contract is being developed.

3 Works recommended for the period 2013 - 2018

The opening of the new community nursery at Wisdom St, Annandale, has created significant community interest in expanding the native revegetation along the White’s Creek Valley. Community interest in the restoration of the bushland remnant at Callan Park also continues to grow. As these two sites rate very highly in terms of habitat value, it is recommended that extension of native revegetation sites in the Leichhardt area over the coming five years focuses on these two sites. An expansion rate of no more than 2000 square metres per year is recommended (i.e. 1000 square metres per year per site).

It is anticipated that over the coming five years all proposed extensions of both the White’s Creek Valley corridor and bushland remnant at Callan Park can be completed. It is also anticipated that a further 2000 sq.m of native revegetation can be established at Leichhardt Park below the LPAC during this period.

In addition to these larger, priority sites, other small revegetation projects may be undertaken if maintenance resources are available.
Item 13.1 – ecoPops
Cr Kogoy has requested that this matter be listed on the agenda

ecoPOPs:

Living knowledge, Growing understanding, Sharing responsibility

The ecoPOPs program is focused on installing Sustainability Education within our schools, villages, and office spaces.

Designed by leading Sustainability advocate and coach, Michael Mobbs, ecoPOPs are a low-cost, easy-to-maintain way of informing and connecting with people of all ages around issues of food, waste, water & energy and simple ways we can all live more sustainable lifestyles.

- ecoPOP Schools – a hands-on installation providing students from K - 10 a safe and accessible way to learn about sustainability, supported by web-based lessons and teacher resources
- ecoPOP Villages – involving communities in creating and understand the benefits of sustainable lifestyles to household budgets and neighbourhood wellbeing
- ecoPOP Offices – demonstrating corporate sustainability goals and objectives to employees at the work place

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ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE
OPERATION GUIDELINES

1. Date & Time
   - First Wednesday of every second month
   - 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
   - Three members, one of whom must be a Councillor

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

6. Councillor and Staff Attendance
   - 5 Councillors
   - Manager Environment & Urban Planning and/or
   - Team Leader Environmental Strategy, Sustainability Engagement Officer
   - Senior Parks & Open Space Planner, Parks & Open Space Planner
   - Manager Parks & Streetscapes

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

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

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

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