

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.
ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA – JUNE 2009

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, 3 June 2009 at 6:30pm.

Peter Head
General Manager

AGENDA

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 1 April 2009 P04

3. Summary of Resolutions P10

4. Correspondence

5. Reports from the Community

6. Policy Items Environment

7. Policy Items Recreation
   7.1 Recreation Planning Team Work Program P22
   7.2 Poisoned Tree Policy P26
   7.3 Update on Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery P30

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

9. Item for Discussion
   9.1 Proposed Festival at Whites Creek

10. Other Business

11. Next Meeting – 5 August 2009
### Item 2

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

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**Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan Objective:**

- Community Well-being
- Accessibility
- Place where we live and work
- A sustainable environment
- Business in the Community
- Sustainable Services and Assets

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1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of Minute Recommendations of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 1 April 2009.

2. **Recommendation**

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 1 April 2009 with the accompanying recommendations.
MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 1 April 2009.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Bronwen Campbell, Paul Geraghty, David Lawrence Crs Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Daniel Kogoy, Vera-Ann Hannaford and John Stamolis

Staff Present: Anna Broome, Rachel Maitland, Aaron Callaghan

Meeting Commenced: 6.30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

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

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC21/09 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Hugh Malfroy, Bev Maunsell and Doug Anderson.

ITEM 2
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 4 March 2009

ERC22/09 RECOMMENDED

That:

1. Council adopt the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 4 March 2009 with the accompanying recommendations.

2. Paul Geraghty be added to the attendance list.

3. The Parks Planning Work Programme Verbal March Agenda Item be brought as a report to the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.
ITEM 3
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC23/09 RECOMMENDED

That:

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

2. Re: ERC 35/06, the Draft Plan of Management for Bridgewater Park be brought to the Environment and Recreation Committee for consultation.

3. Re: ERC 16/08, information on funding for the Community Orchard Proposal be brought to the next meeting.

4. Re: ERC 45/08, a report be brought to the next meeting on the progress at the Cameron’s Cove Water Police site and look at options to progress this as soon as possible.

5. Re: ERC 50/08, a review of the Urban Forest Policy Strategy and how it has progressed along with a draft Urban Forest Policy leaflet be brought to the next meeting.

6. Re: ERC 19/09, Council write a letter to SHFA regarding a resident that is feeding feral cats in the vicinity of the convalescent cottages at Callan Park and to take appropriate action, and ask what action is being taken to remove the feral cats from Callan Park.

ITEM 4
CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

ITEM 5
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY – Nil

ITEM 6
POLICY ITEMS ENVIRONMENT

ITEM 6.1
CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE MINUTES

ERC24/09 RECOMMENDED

That:

1. Council adopt the minutes of the Climate Change Task Force meeting held on 4 March 2009 with the accompanying recommendations.

2. The next Task Force agenda includes a presentation on the CPRS, lead by Cr Daniel Kogoy, and the issues that arise from it at a Council level.
ITEM 6.2
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR SCHOOLS IN 2009

ERC25/09  RECOMMENDED

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

ITEM 7
POLICY ITEMS RECREATION

ITEM 7.1
PROPOSED USE OF BALMAIN GLASSHOUSE

ERC26/09  RECOMMENDED

That:

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

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

3. Following the 12-month trial a further report to brought back to Council on the use of the Balmain Glasshouse by these two groups.

ITEM 7.2
IMPLICATIONS OF THE EXTENSION OF SEASON CLOSURE OF THE DAWN FRASER BATHS

ERC27/09  RECOMMENDED

That:

1. The trial period be extended to include 2008/09 season.

2. The 2008/09 season would then be extended from Tuesday 14th April to Monday 27th April inclusive 14 extra days to include the school holidays.

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

4. The Councillors and Ordinary Council receive an outline of how the additional staffing costs would be met and an assurance that there would not be a reduction in any other services due to this allocation of costs.
ITEM 9
VERBAL UPDATES

9.1 ACF GREENHOME PROGRAM: DATES AND VENUES

ERC28/09 RECOMMENDED

Received and noted.

9.2 RAINWATER TANK SEMINAR (held 17\textsuperscript{th} March 2009)

ERC29/09 RECOMMENDED

Received and noted.

ITEM 10
OTHER BUSINESS

ERC30/09 RECOMMENDED

That:

1. The Committee commends the Council for the opening of 31 White Street, and particularly thanks the Mayor, Lyn Gerathy, and the Whites Creek Community Committee members.

2. Council thank Anna Broome for her contribution and wish her all the best for the future.

ITEM 11
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 June 2009 at 6:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Meetings for 2009

3 June
5 August
7 October
2 December
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To advise the Council of the status of the Environment and Recreation Committee Resolutions of April 2009.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.
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<td>ERC07/05 - POTENTIAL SPORTING FIELDS (FEB 2006)</td>
<td>3. The relevant Council officer should liaise with Leichhardt High School to come to an arrangement about the use of the parcel of STA land adjacent to the school as a public sporting field.</td>
<td>3. Federal Infrastructure Grant funding for this project has been successfully awarded and staff are currently awaiting finalisation of principal agreements. A meeting regarding the upgrading of the sports field is currently being organised by Council staff through the Mayor’s office. DA for floodlights for sports training has been lodged.</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 options for the inclusion of 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. This matter is under review and will be reported to Council in the second part of 2009 following a workshop with Councillors.</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, 1/12/08 and 9/2/09. Rules and purpose still being discussed. When rules are agreed Committee will be informed for approval.</td>
<td>David Eckstein Senior Environment Officer</td>
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<td>ERC 16/08 COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROPOSAL, WHITES STREET</td>
<td>That funds be set aside for the establishment of an orchard, chicken run and bee hive in the 2008-9 budget in accordance with the adopted plan of management for White Creek Valley Park (noting a slight variation to the fence line).</td>
<td>Collecting data to ascertain costs. A report will be brought to the August meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes</td>
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<td>ERC18/08 COMPANION ANIMAL ACCESS BLACKMORE PARK</td>
<td>2. Council publicly exhibit the new regulations pertaining to Blackmore Park for a period of 28 days following which the introduction of an enforcement regime is implemented which includes the introduction of new signage and compliance works to educate companion animal owners of their responsibilities. This was amended as follows at Ordinary Council on 24 June 2008: That the decision with regards to access changes to Blackmore Oval be reviewed to ensure pedestrian access is retained and no action taken in this regard until a full report is brought back to the July Council Meeting on how this can be achieved.</td>
<td>2./3. Exhibition period complete. A site visit by Councillors was held 28 February 2009. Consultation with a range of stakeholders to be arranged. This work has been finalised subject to dates being agreed allowing full community consultation to proceed. Council has also resolved to review the LCAMP provisions for the park involving full community consultation. Work on this review commenced in April 2009.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner</td>
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<td>ERC35/08 COUNCIL’S SIGNIFICANT TREE PROGRAMME AND</td>
<td>1. That Council adopt the following tree management strategies as outlined in this report including: • The removal and replacement procedure for</td>
<td>1. Actioned – Council is implementing these as per the resolution.</td>
<td>1. Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes</td>
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| THE URBAN FOREST POLICY                          | 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.  |
|                                               | 2. Class 4 declaration process underway. Sydney Central Regional Weeds Committee is in the process of formulating regional management plan.  
3. Actioned – List was brought to March 09 Environment and Recreation Committee meeting and accepted.  |
|                                               | 2 & 3 Doug Anderson Biodiversity Officer |
| ERC45/08 OTHER BUSINESS                         | 1. With regards to the Cameron’s Cove Water Police site it was resolved that Council:  
• Develop a report on stability and other liability issues with regards to the site and this be presented to the next available Council meeting.  
• Arrange a site inspection at earliest convenience for Councillors, Environment and Recreation Committee and Residents.  
• Assist the Cameron’s Cove Bushcare Strategy Committee to become a bushcare group.  
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.  |
|                                               | Council at the meeting of 28 April 2009 resolved that it would accept transfer from the NSW Police Hillside Area only after it has been remediated to a Recreational Open Space land use criteria and that a Remediation Action Plan be prepared and implemented by NSW Police.  
2. A site meeting at the park was held with the Precinct Committee with Council officers and chaired by the Mayor on the 23rd February 2009. Costs associated with replacement towers are currently being obtained following the completion of a lighting report by a qualified independent lighting engineer. A full report on this issue will be tabled at the Ordinary Council meeting in July 2009.  |
|                                               | 1. Gill Dawson Manager Environment & Urban Planning  
2. Aaron Callaghan Senior Recreation Planner |
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<td>1. That a report on developing a strategy for dealing with destruction and/or poisoning of trees on public property be brought to the February 2009 meeting.</td>
<td>1. Actioned – Report to be brought to the June Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes</td>
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<td>ERC50/08 URBAN FOREST POLICY UPDATE</td>
<td>2. That sections of the proposed Urban Forest Strategy be presented to the Environment and Recreation Committee over the next year for discussion and comment.</td>
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<td>Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes 2 &amp; 6.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>5. Ongoing research and development of website in conjunction with opening of new nursery.</td>
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<td>6. Bring updated leaflet on native planting options to February 2009 meeting for approval.</td>
<td>6. Ongoing research in conjunction with opening of new nursery. Draft leaflet to be tabled at the June Environment &amp; Recreation Committee meeting for consideration.</td>
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<td>3. Report to Environment and Recreation Committee on the possibility of replacing grass verges in entire streets with native grasses or plants.</td>
<td>3. Report to be prepared.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes</td>
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<td>5. Set a target for Council to achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2012 and the Environment Sustainability Strategy be aligned to achieve this with emphasis on improving energy efficiency. A report should be brought to Committee discussing how this should be achieved and suitable targets and actions for community carbon reductions.</td>
<td>5. The Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy has been amended to include this target. A Climate Change Task Force has been established to progress the Council towards Carbon Neutrality and to reduce community emissions.</td>
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**ERC49/08**

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**ERC50/08**

**URBAN FOREST POLICY UPDATE**

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<td>ERC09/09 DECLARATION OF CELTIS SINENSIS AS A CLASS 4 NOXIOUS WEED</td>
<td>1. That a draft leaflet and a report on a programme of works to eradicate <em>Celtis sinensis</em> be developed and brought back to the June committee meeting.</td>
<td>Under development.</td>
<td>Doug Anderson</td>
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<td>ERC12/09 ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 4 February 2009</td>
<td>That a Committee report is prepared on the need for increasing the staff of the Bushcare Crew and whether this could be done within the present budget, either by replacing vacancies or retraining or whether an application to expand the budget in the 2009/10 year needs to be made.</td>
<td>This issue is being addressed as part of a budget bid for the 2009/10 budget.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano</td>
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<td>ERC14/09 REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY</td>
<td>That an update on progress towards delivery of the new Rozelle Bay Community Nursery is provided at the next meeting.</td>
<td>Actioned – Report to be presented to the June Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano</td>
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<td>ERC15/09 REVIEW OF GENERAL HOUSEHOLD (CLEAN UP) COLLECTION SERVICE TO ENCOURAGE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING OF LARGE WASTE ITEMS</td>
<td>1. That Council review its educational information on the general household clean up collection to place greater emphasis on steps to reuse/recycle prior to placing materials out for collection. 2. That Council investigate the reuse or recycling of mattresses and fridges offered by external companies. 3. That Council reviews the Second Hand Saturday program so that three (3) combined events are held each year via adjoining suburbs, rather than coinciding with the general household clean up collection. 4. Preliminary investigations have commenced for schools to tour eg Reverse Garbage. Resident tour investigation to commence in</td>
<td>1. The yearly waste calendar is currently in draft and has been updated as per the resolution. Once the calendar is finalised website will be updated accordingly. 2. Information on the Fridgebuy back program &amp; mattress recycling is on the website and included in the current draft calendar. 3. There is no further action re the SHS’s. 4. Preliminary investigations have commenced for schools to tour eg Reverse Garbage. Resident tour investigation to commence in</td>
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<td>ERC19/09 FERAL/STRAY CAT CONTROL</td>
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<td>1. That Council be informed that feral/stray cats are a threat to biodiversity conservation efforts in the area, particularly at Callan Park and Balmain High School.</td>
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<td>Doug Anderson</td>
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<td>2. That Council considers a programme of trapping within the grounds of Balmain High carried out in accordance with the guidelines outlined in this report and that funding be set aside in the 09/10 budget and management plan.</td>
<td>2. Council to consult with Balmain High School and local residents to determine feasibility and acceptability of a trapping program</td>
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<td>3. That should Council take over Callan Park, that Council investigates the best means of dealing with the feral/stray cat problem at Callan Park with a view to implementing control measures upon handover. This would likely include an inspection of disused buildings in Callan Park to determine which of these are likely to be harbouring feral/stray cats and the development of a programme of trapping, and exclusion of cats from abandoned buildings by means of meshing/boarding where possible.</td>
<td>3. Council does not have care control and management of Callan Park, not withstanding an inspection of the buildings may be carried out to determine the number of cats subject to gaining access. Note: Council has recently written to SHFA in relation to the Feral Cat problem—refer to correspondence section of the June report.</td>
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<td>4. That should a cat trapping trial be</td>
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<td>undertaken, Council carries out a fauna study before and after the trapping trial at the locations outlined in this report.</td>
<td>5. That Council prepare a report to committee on an education program for responsible cat ownership (registering / keep in at night etc) in accordance with the NSW Companion Animal Act to reduce the impact of domestic cats on local wildlife.</td>
<td>5. Report to be prepared for August 2009 Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.</td>
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<td>ERC22/09 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</td>
<td>That:</td>
<td>4. The Parks Planning Work Programme Verbal March Agenda Item be brought as a report to the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan</td>
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<td>Resolutions from the April Community Services Safety &amp; Facilities Committee CSSFC 34/09</td>
<td>That the information in the summary of resolutions be received and noted, with the following recommendations:</td>
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<td>David Eckstein</td>
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<td>2. That items regarding Parks and Open Space will henceforth be referred to the Environment and Recreation Committee.</td>
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<td>i. Still to be undertaken by Energy Australia. Lighting levels along pathways were installed to meet relevant Aust. Standards</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano</td>
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<td>ii. Some pruning works already carried out. A new pruning program being considered by Council staff and NSW Police.</td>
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<td>iii. Not completed. Waiting until Friends of Park group established. Waiting for landscaping pruning to be completed. Still to be undertaken.</td>
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<td>1. That a review of the landscape conditions within Pioneer Memorial Park be undertaken to assess:</td>
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<td>iii. Condition, wording and location of signage within the park.</td>
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<td>2. That a report be made to Council following a landscape review by Council’s Parks and Streetscapes Manager.</td>
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<td>3. That a scoping meeting be held between local residents and Council Officers to discuss the possibility of forming a Pioneer Park friends group to support Council in its long term management and development of the park.</td>
<td>3. Protocols being developed will be reported to the committee in August 2009.</td>
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<td>assist in improving neighbourhood consultation and community safety. That a review of pruning and maintenance works to take part and reported back to the CSSFC.</td>
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<td>Feedback – Pioneer Park CSSFC 17/09</td>
<td>That Council note that Council Officers will refer further matters relating to Pioneer Park Safety Assessment (CSSFC 50/08) to the Environment and Recreation Committee for consideration.</td>
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<td>CSSFC 03/09 War Memorial Park – paper tabled at the meeting following community consultation on 2 Feb 09</td>
<td>1. That Council investigate options for the construction of new public toilets at War Memorial Park which take into account crime prevention through environmental design principles (CPTED) and environmental sustainability principals (ESD).</td>
<td>1. Being Actioned.</td>
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<td>2. That the public toilets at War Memorial Park remain closed until options for new toilets are fully investigated and reported back to Council; and that a report on this matter is brought back to Council by the Director of Infrastructure and Service Delivery no latter than May 2009.</td>
<td>2. Underway.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan</td>
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<td>3. That Council note the public comments recorded at the public meeting held on the 2 February 2009.</td>
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<td>4. That the community is informed of Council’s resolutions in relation to this issue.</td>
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<td>5. That long term consideration is given by Council to the development of a comprehensive Public toilet strategy for the Leichhardt LGA.</td>
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<td>6. Council’s Senior Recreation Planner to meet with residents to discuss the design issues of new toilet facilities. Consultation with Park users to include options for opening the women's toilet as a unisex facility as a temporary measure until the future of the existing facilities is decided by Council. Discussion also to be held on the possibility of relocating the children's playground closer to the existing toilets.</td>
<td>6. A meeting was held with the community on the 2(^{nd}) of February 09 in relation to the resolutions which was followed up by a second meeting on the 16(^{th}) February 09 following additional resolutions from the Committee.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan</td>
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13 May 2009

Ms Diana Talty
Executive Director, Major Projects
PO BOX N408 , GROSVENOR PLACE NSW  1220

Dear Diana,

RE: CALLAN PARK-FERAL CATS

Council’s Environment and Recreation Committee has requested that I write to you in relation to the ongoing problem of feral cats at Callan Park.

As you will be aware the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) is currently charged with the administration and management of this site. Council has noted that there are significant problems with feral cats in the former convalescent cottages located in the Kirkbride Curtilage Precinct.

Approximately twenty feral cats are present in this area and have been observed living in, on and around the convalescent cottages. Council has also been informed that these cats are being fed on a regular basis by an unknown person.

As you will be aware the presence of feral cats on this site poses significant risks to local wildlife particularly the local wren population within Callan Park and other invertebrates including blue tongue lizards which have been observed within the park.

Council would appreciate it if SHFA could take steps to address this problem and inform Council on what measures are being undertaken to address this issue.

Council’s Senior Parks and Open Spaces Planner Aaron Callaghan can be contacted to discus this matter further on (02) 93679270.

Yours Sincerely

Aaron Callaghan
Senior Parks and Open Spaces Planner
**Leichhardt Municipal Council**

**Report**

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**Director’s Summary - Organisational Implications**

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**Staffing Implications:**
The Recreation Planning Team currently comprises of two full time staff and the work programme in its current form is noted as challenging and demanding with limited room for additional projects.

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1. **Purpose of Report**

   To provide an update to the Environment & Recreation Committee on the progress of Council’s Recreation Planning team’s work program.

2. **Recommendations**

   That the community recreation planning work program be noted.

3. **Report**

   The following report provides an update on the status of Recreation Planning Team’s Work Program. A spreadsheet on the work program will be distributed at the meeting.

4. **Work Program Priorities for 2009/10**

   The priorities outlined below provide an indication of the scope of work carried out by the Community Recreation Planning Team.

   Additional projects are added to the work program as they arise through Council resolutions, responding to emerging issues and community requests.

   **Current strategic planning projects include:**

   - Grant Applications, reporting and claims – Includes the Metropolitan Green Space Grants, Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Grants, Regional Sporting Grants and the NSW Sport and Recreation Capital Assistance programme. Grants are submitted and pursued in line with priorities identified in current strategic documents including existing Park Plans of Management (POMs) and Council’s Recreation and Open Spaces Needs Study. It should be noted that Grant Applications can take considerable time and effort to prepare.

   - Development of Park Plans of Management for Bridgewater Park, Punch Park, Lambert Park and War Memorial Park.

   - Review of Fees and Charges as they relate to open space access and use. This will include a discussion paper on the issue of sporting fees across the LGA.

   - Yeend Street Balmain – Work in consultation with SHFA to provide improved car parking, open space linkages and parkland embellishment
associated with improvements to Mort Bay Park and the new Ballast Point regional parklands.

- **Teenzones** – through an internal work team identify key areas for teenzones, initiate youth engagement, identify key community agencies and report to Council on proposed types and locations of Teenzone facilities across the LGA.

- **Regional Playgrounds** – Delivery and opening of the two regional playgrounds at Mort Bay Park and Leichhardt Parks, including public consultation.

- Participate in integrated planning process with special emphasis on open space linkages, development of quality recreation facilities and the development of open space which is reflective of community needs and aspirations.

- Work in partnership with local secondary schools on shared community use of recreation facilities.

- Undertake community consultation and work with Council’s Parks Operations Manager on the development of a dedicated cycle way at Hawthorne Canal.

- Develop a policy for the use of public open space by commercial fitness (Personal trainers).

- Day to day management of park hire and access to open space by external agencies (i.e. schools and corporate event holders), members of the public and sporting group. Note: workload associated with this is extremely high.

- **Website Review and Update** – ongoing monthly updates.

- Development of a community wide policy on community gardens and the amendment and exhibition of the Whites Valley Creek Park POM.

- Review of LCAMP provisions as they relate to Blackmore Park and the public consultation process and reporting to Council associated with this work.

- **War Memorial Park Toilets** - develop options in consultation with the community.

- **2-8 Weston Street** –Ongoing involvement with the conservation and adaptive reuse planning works associated with the 1880’s Stone building and landscape planning.
5. **Conclusions**

The work programme for the community recreation planning team for 2009/10 is diverse, strategically directed and principally community focused. The work programme in its current form is noted as challenging and demanding with limited room for additional projects without requiring other projects listed being deferred.

Strategic priorities are reflective of current needs and management issues affecting community recreation provision and open space management within the Leichhardt LGA. They are also reflective of the current deficiencies in the provision of recreational areas and therefore form the focus for much of the scheduled work program outlined for 2009/10.

Community consultation and liaison with parks users, sporting bodies, community groups, the general public and government agencies represents a large component of the recreation planning teams work and this will continue to be an ongoing feature of the teams work programme.
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY
SUBJECT: POISONED TREE POLICY
AUTHOR: HEIDI WEBB - PARKS TECHNICAL OFFICER
FILE REF: F05/0106
DATE: 27 MAY 2009
WORD PROCESSING REF: F:\store\council reports\council reports\poison trees 050-09

DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Funds to erect any structures on poisoned trees will need to come from the Tree Management budget

Policy Implications: Urban Forest Policy and Draft Poisoned Tree Policy will be added to Council’s policy register


Staffing Implications: Nil

Notifications: Will be placed on any tree suspected of being poisoned. Notifications will be placed on any hoardings put on dead trees

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

To provide a draft policy/procedure for dealing with illegally pruned, poisoned and/or vandalised Council trees.

This report has been provided in response to request from Environment & Recreation Committee.

2. **Recommendations**

That the Poisoned Tree Policy set out in Section 5 of this report be implemented where Council suspects a tree on Council land has been poisoned or illegally pruned, ringbarked or damaged.

3. **Background**

In 2008 The Environment and Recreation Committee resolved as follows:

**ERC 49/08**

*Birchgrove Park Trees*

*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.*

Council is occasionally contacted by residents who are concerned regarding Council Trees that have may have been poisoned or vandalised. We are currently dealing with such requests by letterboxing the surrounding area, and placing notices on the tree or adjacent to tree’s location asking for people to bring forward any information that they may have in relation to the suspected tree poisoning/vandalism. Recently, a resident was fined for vandalism of a significant street tree in Leichhardt. This fine was as a result of information and evidence that was brought to Council from the community.

Council’s Urban Forest Policy provides a number of objectives which enable the creation of a policy to deal with trees which have been vandalised. These are:

1. **Enable the community to value, nurture and protect trees, vegetation and wildlife in their gardens, streets and public spaces**

2. **Provide trees and plantings that beautify and enhance the streetscapes and that are appropriate to the location.**

3. **Ensure the community is aware and educated about trees and vegetation and involved in decision making about this issue in their area.**
4. *Deliver effective management approaches and programs based on sustainability principles so that optimal benefits are delivered at acceptable costs.*

4. **Report**

Up until now Council has no formal mechanism policy or procedure for dealing with trees which are suspected of being poisoned or damaged in manner which would require the tree to be removed.

In cases such as the tree being ringbarked in Arthur Street, Council was able to gain a conviction due to the evidence provided by the surrounding residents. This is not always the case. In the case of Mort Bay Park where a number of trees were cut down and poisoned, despite successive notices and investigations with the adjoining residents, no evidence that would lead to a prosecution was obtained.

Other Councils such as Woollahra and Randwick Councils have a number of celebrated cases where trees which were poisoned by persons unknown to gain a view or the waterfront have had the tree shrouded in a shadecloth type structure and signage put up stating that the tree has been poisoned.

This has worked as a deterrent and the numbers of tree poisoned and/or damaged has been reduced.

The attached draft policy will give Council a way of dealing with this situation if and when it occurs and aligns itself with Council’s Urban Forest Policy.

Prior to any works being undertaken on the tree to erect hoarding etc, the matter will be brought to the Environment and Recreation Committee for final approval.

The draft policy also outlines the steps and procedures for the replacement tree. This will where possible be a native species

5. **The Draft Poisoned Tree Policy**

**Council Policy on the Treatment of Public Trees which have been Illegally Poisoned, Pruned/Destroyed**

**OBJECTIVE**

To provide an effective strategy and procedure for dealing with illegally pruned, poisoned and/or vandalised Council public tree assets throughout the Municipality.

This strategy is to act as a deterrent to others who may wish to carry out similar actions and will also be used as method of possibly identifying those persons who have wilfully
perpetrated this action. This will be achieved through the erection of a banner and/or shrouding the tree with material such as shadecloth of similar dimensions of the canopy of the tree which has been illegally attacked to deny the perpetrators of any benefit from the removal of the vegetation such as view enhancement, or perceived benefits from reduced leaf and/or seed drop.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

Local Government Act 1993:

**Injuring or removing plants, animals, rocks and soil in or from public place**

629 Injuring or removing plants, animals, rocks and soil in or from public place

(1) A person who, without lawful excuse, wilfully or negligently injures, damages or unnecessarily disturbs any plant, animal, rock or soil in a public place is guilty of an offence.

Where a tree on Council Land is suspected of having been poisoned or illegally pruned, ringbarked or damaged, a notice will be placed on the tree asking the community to provide any information they may have which would lead to the identification and possible prosecution of the offender.

If the tree is identified as having been illegally pruned, or vandalised by poisoning, ringbarking etc, and where such a tree is dead or likely to die, the tree is to be pruned to remove the risk of branch failure which could cause injury to the public. The main trunk and limbs, which outline the tree’s shape and dimensions, are to be retained.

A notice is to be placed on the remainder of the tree informing the community that the tree has been vandalised/poisoned asking them and to forward any information to Council which may help with identifying the person(s) responsible.

Where that it is deemed appropriate, due to possible injury to the public from the tree falling or limbs falling, Council will remove the dead tree or tree that is likely to die and erect a banner that mirrors the dimensions of the removed tree with wording to be written on the banner informing the community that the tree has been vandalised/poisoned and to forward any information to Council which may help with convicting the person(s) responsible.

A replacement tree(s) is to be planted if the tree is totally removed which is of a species which will assimilate the dimensions and habit of the tree which was removed. If the tree is an exotic species, preference is to be given to the use of a native tree.

Prior to any of the abovementioned actions being undertaken, the matter will be bought to the next possible Environment & Recreation Committee meeting for endorsement.
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON ROZELLE BAY COMMUNITY NATIVE NURSERY
AUTHOR: VINCE CUSUMANO MANAGER PARKS AND STREETSCAPES
FILE REF: TBA
DATE: 27 MAY 2009
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DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: $200,000 allocated in the 2008/09 budget

Policy Implications: Nil


Staffing Implications: Nil

Notifications: Once approvals are obtained, notifications on site and to surrounding residents will be undertaken

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

To provide an update to the Environment and Recreation Committee on the proposed Community Nursery site at 22 Wisdom Street.

2. **Recommendations**

That the committee receive and note this report.

3. **Background**

At the March 2009 Environment and Recreation Meeting the following resolution was adopted:

**ERC 14/09**

**Reports from the Community**

*Re: update on progress towards delivery of the new Rozelle Bay Community Nursery.*

In December 2006 Council approved the amendment to the Whites Creek Valley Park Plan of Management to allow for the construction of a community nursery facility in the disused Nissen Hut site at 22 Wisdom Street.

The land is owned by the NSW Department of Planning (DoP) who were to carry out the demolition and remediation of the site to allow for Council to build the proposed community nursery.

To this end, Council has been undertaking on-going negotiations with the Department of Planning to obtain the site.

In conjunction with these discussions, Council has engaged an architect to prepare a design for the nursery. This design is based on best practice and includes a number of features which were identified by Council and community volunteers who undertook a fact finding tour of a number of other Council operated community nursery facilities in Randwick, Strathfield and Marrickville Council.

Council also sought the input of the Ryde School of Horticulture Nursery School who had input into the design and who have reviewed the final design and found it be in line with current best practice.

The design has met with approval from the Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery and the Callan Park Bushcare group and has been shown to a number of other community volunteers who have also endorsed the draft design.
This design has been lodged with Council for Development Application approval. This was obtained in October 2008.

4. Report

Since the adoption of the amended plan of management for the park, Council has been negotiating with the DoP to obtain tenure of the site. The initial discussions were centred around the DoP undertaking the demolition of the Nissen hut and the removal of the other structures on the site. They were also to carry out the remediation on the site and present Council, with site suitable for its intended use, that of a community nursery facility. That would require the removal of the concrete slabs and the removal of the contaminated waste and the area then capped to the required levels.

Subsequent to these initial discussions, the DoP have come back to Council and stated that they would be willing, to expedite the matter to determine the costs to carry out these works and then hand the site over to Council, with the agreed settlement funds to cover these works and allow Council to undertake the project management of the project.

Council agreed to this process in principle based on a fair and equitable funding arrangement being agreed upon. To allow this to be undertaken, the DoP have had to review the Remediation Action Plan (RAP) for the site as the original RAP was predicated on the use being for open space and not for a commercial activity such as a nursery.

Council has, for the last six months been in negotiations with the DoP seeking a date for when this RAP review will be finished. In the latest meeting held with the DoP in April 2009, the DoP have asked if the remediation could be undertaken with the slabs being left in situ to act as a capping layer. Council has carried out investigations regarding the concrete slabs and has found that the design of the nursery could be accommodated with the slabs being left in place.

The DoP have also asked that the retaining wall on the Hutchinson lane side of the site also be left in site. This is not possible as it would compromise a number of key features of the design such as the disabled access, the space available for the storage areas, the rear access way and a reduction in the growing on and hardening off areas of the nursery. This would also require a redesign and therefore a modification to the existing development consent.

Council has scheduled a meeting with the DoP to resolve this matter on Friday 29 May and a verbal report on the outcomes from this meeting will be provided to the Environment and Recreation Committee at the June meeting.
5. **Summary/Conclusions**

Once these matters are resolved to the satisfaction of Council, formal handover of the site with the commensurate funding can be carried out. Council will then be in a position to undertake the works to establish this much needed community facility.

Council will continue to negotiate with the DoP to resolve this matter as soon as possible.
ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE
OPERATION GUIDELINES

1. Date & Time
   - First Wednesday of every second month commencing in February.
   - 6:30pm – 8:30pm. The timing of the meeting can be extended by vote on the night.

2. Location
   - Leichhardt Town Hall Supper Room

3. Chair
   - Elected by Councillors and as determined

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

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

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

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

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

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

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