Environment and Recreation Committee Terms of Reference

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

Environment Policy development on:

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

Recreation Policy development on:

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

Chairperson: Cr Daniel Kogoy
Deputy Chairperson: Cr Gordon Weiss

Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose Country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.
NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Environment & Recreation Committee will be held in the Supper Room, Leichhardt Town Hall on Wednesday, 6 June 2012 at 6:30pm.

Peter Head
General Manager

AGENDA

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Apologies
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and Non-pecuniary Interest
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 4 April 2012
4. Summary of Resolutions
5. Correspondence
   5.1 Precinct Activation and Visitor Services re Callan Park Golvers Street Drainage Works (ERC17/12)
   5.2 NSW Department of Primary Industries (ERC15/12)
6. Reports from the Community
7. Report – Climate Change Taskforce Minutes (May 2012)
8. Report – Update of Open Space and Recreation Reports to Council
9. Report – Fishing Activity on the Balmain Peninsula Six Monthly Update
10. Report – Carbon Neutral Offset Options Report (to be provided at the meeting)
11. Other Business
12. Next Meeting – 1 August 2012
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES – 4 APRIL 2012

AUTHOR: DAVID WILSON
MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & URBAN PLANNING

FILE REF:
DATE: 30 MAY 2012

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1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of Minute Recommendations of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 4 April 2012.

2. **Recommendation**

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 4 April 2012 with the accompanying recommendations.
MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 4 April 2012.

Present at the meeting: Cr Daniel Kogoy (Chair), Cr Stamolis, Paul Geraghty, Jane Mowbray, David Lawrence Steve Arnerich, Gillian Leahy.

Staff Present: Aaron Callaghan, Vince Cusumano, Jon Stiebel

Apologies: Francis Breen, Cr Gordon Weiss, Bronwen Campbell, Ian Poulton, David Wilson

Meeting Commenced: 6.30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

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

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BUSINESS:

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC12/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/STAMOLIS

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Francis Breen, Cr Gordon Weiss, Bronwen Campbell, Ian Poulton, and David Wilson.

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

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 1 February 2012

ERC13/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/LAWRENCE

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 1 February 2012.
ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC14/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/ STAMOLIS

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

Matters Arising

ERC47/10 – If additional monies are required for the community nursery then a budget bid be applied for as part of the 2012/13 financial budget process.

ERC15/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/ GERAGHTY

It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Department of Primary Industries requesting a timeline for a declaration of *Celtis sinensis* as a noxious weed.

Action: Vince Cusumano

ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE
Nil

ITEM 6
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

- Climate Change Balmain

A Sea Change movie event was held on 3rd April. Around a hundred people attended the event at Palace on Norton Street. The movie was a big success and was also funded through an environmental grant from Council. This was greatly appreciated. Well received by the committee.

- FOWCVP

Community Garden

Consultation on the proposed community garden at 25 Whites Street is proceeding. The draft garden plan has been reviewed by Council officers and there have been a few issues raised in relation to the proposal. The FOWCVP Group are concerned and are unhappy with a couple of the suggested changes which have been recommended and the group now needs to review the proposal.
Houses in Whites Street (marked for demolition)

The houses which are currently vacant are also being squatted in at present. This is a serious issue as the buildings have been handed over to Council. There have been some break-ins locally and the NSW police have been involved.

ERC16/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/LEAHY

A report to the next Ordinary Council meeting (May) is required on the demolition and when it will be enacted. The committee wants to see this occur ASAP before the end of this term of Council. The DA for the demolition needs to be enacted. A five line note is required from the Property Manager on where this process is up to and the timeline for demolition. The Committee also requested that the Mayor and the General Manager be advised of the urgency of this matter.

Glovers Community Garden

ERC17/12 RECOMMENDED ARNERICH/LEAHY

That clarification be sought on the recent drainage works which have been undertaken at Glover Street adjacent to the Glover Street Community Garden and under whose responsibility the work was undertaken.

ITEM 7
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 7 March 2012

ERC18/12 RECOMMENDED ARNERICH/MOWBRAY

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 7 March 2012 be noted. (Attachment 1)

Matters Arising:

1. Cr Stamolis to Cr Kogoy – Budgetary Issue raised on the $1.1 or $1.2 million on climate change initiatives. Explanation was provided by Cr Kogoy and Jon Stiebel, Team Leader Environment Strategy.

2. A request from Cheryl Walker, LMC Waste Projects Officer, to contact Jane and Steve in relation to the collection/recycling of light bulbs (mercury issues).

ITEM 8
WATER SAVINGS ACTION PLAN 2012

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

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

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

**ERC19/12 RECOMMENDED ARNERICH/MOWBRAY**

That:


2. The consultant will conduct water audits of Leichhardt Council’s top ten water consuming sites and these results will be provided at a future Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.

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

4. Council investigate restarting the interest free water tank loan programme for the community.

**ITEM 9 UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That:

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

2. Council note that the Footprints Film Festival and Eco Festival planning are both underway and Treading Lightly events have been organised from January to June 2012.
3. Council note that actions are being carried out to implement the Environmental Engagement Strategy to support the community with sustainable education.

**ERC20/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/LEAHY**

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

4. That Footprint Eco festival be investigated to be held in August 2012 and that this matter be raised and clarified by Councillors with the General Manager.

5. That arrangements for this event be brought back to the committee for future consideration.

**ITEM 10
UPDATE REPORT FOR INFORMATION ONLY RE CALLAN PARK PLAYING FIELDS**

**ERC21/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/MOWBRAY**

That the committee note the attached Mayoral minute from the March 2012 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to sporting field provision and future sporting field upgrade works at Callan Park. The report highlights the progress which is being made in this area as well as the steps which are being initiated by Council in relation to enabling future use of the Balmain Road Playing field. *(Attachment 2)*

**ITEM 11
OTHER BUSINESS**

1. The Committee has requested a short report and update on the ewaste process and why Leichhardt Council cannot have a pick up service for televisions like other neighbouring Councils i.e. Marrickville.

2. The Committee has requested that Council write to AUSGRID in relation to the butchering of street trees in the Leichhardt Council area. As part of the
community information process Council issue phone and email numbers for AUSGRID contact details as well as document this issue in the Council newsletter.

ITEM 12
NEXT MEETING

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

Future Meetings for 2012:

6 June
1 August
3 October
5 December

Meeting closed at 8:40pm
# LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## REPORT

**DIVISION:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT  
**SUBJECT:** SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS  
**AUTHOR:** DAVID WILSON  
**FILE REF:**  
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Accessibility  
Place where we live and work  
A sustainable environment  
Business in the Community  
Sustainable Services and Assets |
| **Staffing Implications:** Nil |
| **Notifications:** Nil |
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1. **Purpose of Report**

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

2. **Recommendations**

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<td>4. The EcoFestival will remain in August as requested</td>
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<td>5. That arrangements for this event be brought back to the committee for future consideration.</td>
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<td>2. The Committee has requested that Council write to AUSGRID in relation to</td>
<td>15 October 11 and Canada Bay Council on 29 February 12.</td>
<td>Leichhardt was scheduled to hold another joint event with Ashfield Council in April 12 and had requested to join Burwood Council’s event in June 12. Unfortunately Leichhardt has been advised by Marrickville and Ashfield Councils that they cannot join their e-waste events in future due to traffic management issues. Burwood Council denied Leichhardt’s request to join their e-waste in June 12. Canada Bay Council only hold one e-waste event per year. Leichhardt is currently investigating the option for residents to take TV’s and computers / peripherals to the Weekend Transfer Station in Moore Street Leichhardt over a period of time eg every weekend for a month free of charge as an Interim measure until the National TV / Computer Scheme has provided the required TV/Computer drop off collection points for the inner city region. A report on the above investigations will be sent to the June 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council. A copy of this report and update will be provided to the next Environment and Recreation Committee.</td>
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2. Information on contact details for Ausgrid tree pruning provided to Citizens Services
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<td>the butchering of street trees in the Leichhardt Council area. As part of the community information process Council issue phone and email numbers for AUSGRID contact details as well as document this issue in the Council newsletter.</td>
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<td><strong>ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION BUDGET 2012/13</strong></td>
<td>That a recurrent budget of $78,000 be allocated to the Environmental Education Program beginning in 2012/13 to maintain the program at current levels of activity.</td>
<td>Noted</td>
<td>David Wilson</td>
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<td>ERC09/12</td>
<td><strong>PROPOSED EXPANSION OF WHITES CREEK COMMUNITY GARDEN</strong> ERC07/12</td>
<td><strong>This work has been completed-Council at its April 2012 Ordinary Meeting passed subsequent resolutions relating to a draft amendment to the existing Community Garden Policy. This is now going out on exhibition for a period of 42 days. The Garden group at Whites Creek Valley Park has been asked to resubmit a revised Plan of Management for the Garden. Once received this will hopefully be reported back to Council at the same time the proposed amendment to the Community Garden Policy goes back to Council.</strong></td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan</td>
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<td>1. That subject to the receipt of a Plan of Management for the proposed Community garden from the Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park and its adherence to Council’s Community Garden Policy Council publicly exhibit for a period of 28 days a proposed amendment to the Whites Creek Valley Park Plan of Management which supports the establishment of a community garden at Number 25 White Street, Lilyfield.</td>
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<td>2. Council note that as part of the exhibition period the community is provided with a period of 42 days to provide written comment on the proposed amendment to the Whites Creek Valley Park Plan of Management and that submissions are reviewed by Council as part of the reporting process at the May 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council.</td>
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<td>3. A Community consultation meeting in relation to the proposed community garden is held on site at Whites Creek Valley Park during the exhibition period and that outcomes from this meeting are also reported back to Council as part of the reporting process.</td>
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<td>Review underway.</td>
<td>David Marshall</td>
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<td>ERC46/11</td>
<td>TREE PLANTING FOR SIGHT LINES</td>
<td>1. The proposed policy will be exhibited in June 2012.</td>
<td>Heidi Webb</td>
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<td>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>2. A report will be brought back to Council in August 2012.</td>
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<td>ERC44/11</td>
<td>ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR 2012</td>
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<td>2. That an additional $25,700 be allocated from the Environmental Sustainability Fund to allow for new environmental education activities in 2012.</td>
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2. That Council undertake investigations on the feasibility of upgrading the current tennis courts at Cohen Park and Basket Ball Court at Whites Valley Creek Park for multi purpose use and that such investigations are reported back to Council no later than December 2011 with a full analysis of the cost implications associated with such improvements including floodlighting provision.  

3. That Council inform all local netball clubs of the investigations which are currently being undertaken and a timeframe for reporting back to Council.  

4. That Council write to the Minister of Planning and the CEO of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) detailing Council’s need for additional land for sporting and recreational purposes and that this should be a key element of any future planning processes for areas within the Bays Precinct within | 1. To be actioned once workload eases.  

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<td>3. In progress. Leichhardt Community Resourcing policy is being project managed by Social Planning and Community Development.</td>
<td>Laura Wynne</td>
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<td>Fishing Activity on the Balmain Peninsula ERC15/11</td>
<td>1. That Council receive and note this report.</td>
<td>1. Noted</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano</td>
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<td>2. That a report on this matter be brought back to the Committee on a 6 monthly basis and that the Manager Parks and Streetscapes offer to present to the Precincts.</td>
<td>2. Presentation delivered at November 2011 Committee meeting. Report to June 2012 committee meeting.</td>
<td>Lyn Gerathy</td>
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<td>ERC65/10 That the sponsorship policy review be expedited as it is impeding progress on items that the Committee is dealing with.</td>
<td>Review underway (see also ERC06/12)</td>
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<td>Matters Arising: ERC65/10</td>
<td>That the sponsorship policy review be resolved as a matter of urgency by the General Manager, that a workshop be held with Councillors and this issue is brought back to the Ordinary Council for consideration as soon as possible.</td>
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| **COMMENCEMENT OF THE BUSHCARE CARBON OFFSETTING SCHEME** | 1. That the endorsed BCOS be commenced in January 2011 on the basis of volunteer hours recorded during the period 1st Jan – 31st Dec 2010 and that the financial contribution for carbon offsets from Council is capped at $5,000 for 2010/11 financial year.  
2. That, following commencement of the scheme, with the purchase of offsets for the year 2010, offsets be purchased on an ongoing quarterly basis as set out in the October 2009 report to the Ordinary Council Meeting.  
3. That funding be sought in the 2011-2012 budget to continue with the Bushcare Carbon Offset Scheme at a budget level of $10,000 per year for three years commencing from 2011/12. | 1, 2 & 3. Commencement of the scheme will be deferred until sponsorship issue is resolved (see above resolutions ERC12/11 & ERC65/10). | Doug Anderson |
| **Summary of Resolutions** | That the information in the Summary of Resolutions be received and noted with the following amendments to be included in the revised Summary of Resolutions. Additional Resolutions to:  
4. ERC53/10 – Proposed Tree Removal by the RTA on the City West Link Rd  
   - That the RTA be requested to confirm the consultation strategy regarding the proposed tree | 4. RMS have carried out the majority of the works and will be undertaking the revegetation over the coming weeks | Vince Cusumano |
## Environment & Recreation Committee Agenda – June 2012

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<td>3. That the RTA ensure information is distributed through Annandale and Rozelle/Lilyfield Precinct Committees and the Friends of Whites Valley Creek Park.</td>
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<td>4. That RTA liaise with Leichhardt Council to arrange this meeting.</td>
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<td>Demolition and remediation completed at Wisdom St nursery site December 2011. Construction commenced in February 2012</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano</td>
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<td>1. Additional resolutions to ERC36/10 – Community Native Nursery, 22 Wisdom Street, Annandale</td>
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<td>• That a Community Native Nursery timeline is prepared and brought to the Environment and Recreation Committee including the following:</td>
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| 2. Additional resolutions to ERC 03/10 – Community Orchard, White Street | • That written correspondence is sent to the relevant state department seeking an immediate closure and securing of the properties at White Street to prevent access by vandals who are currently damaging the property.  
  • That Council seeks a meeting with the relevant department and prepares a report to the next Environment and Recreation committee seeking clarification on the status of the houses at White Street. | 2. White Street houses fenced (hired building site fencing.) Demolition of houses commenced in mid-May 2012 and is expected to finish mid-April. Environmental consultants have been appointed to test the site (including under the demolished houses) for contaminants, and the result of that testing will determine future action and timelines. |         |
| ERC28/10 Urban Forest Strategy Sections 7 Guidelines For Tree Management | 2. That Council officers develop an education programme for local residents outlining the Urban Forest Policy, suitable trees for planting on their properties and residential responsibilities in maintaining private trees.  
  3. That as part of the development of the new LEP a review is undertaken on registering significant trees which exist on private property within the LGA.  
  4. That Council investigate and report back to the Environment and Recreation Committee on the provision of a means tested service for urgent tree maintenance on private land with special emphasis on aged pensioners and people with disabilities. That the investigation also includes options for volunteer gardening services which currently exist in this area. | 2. To be developed.  
  3. completed  
  4. To be investigated. | Vince Cusumano |
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<td>ERC21/10 BALLAST POINT PARK (VERBAL REPORT)</td>
<td>A report be prepared on the issue of Ballast Point Park being transferred to Leichhardt Council, particularly in context of the Long Term Financial Plan, Strategic Asset Management Plans and Council’s Risk Management Plan.</td>
<td>Report will be prepared once estimated costs are determined from various sources and sections of Council.</td>
<td>Lyn Gerathy</td>
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| ERC47/09 UPDATE ON CELTIS SINENSIS (August 09)          | 1. That Biodiversity Officer to produce a *Celtis sinensis* information leaflet for targeted distribution to residents. The leaflet to include alternative trees suitable for planting which are good food and habitat sources for small birds and possums.  
2. That a programme including the issuing of control notices, community education and eradication measures to control Celtis sinensis be implemented as outlined in Section 4 of this report.  
3. That Biodiversity Officer to be authorised to issue weed control notices. | 1, 2 & 3 Awaiting declaration by DPI. Refer also to ERC 58/10  
A draft brochure is being developed in anticipation of declaration by DPI. Brochure will be presented to Environment & Recreation Committee prior to being finalised.  
Letter sent to DPI confirming Council’s commitment and seeking clarification from DPI as to current status as to Celtis declaration.  
Celtis sinensis was not included in the latest round of Class 4 weed declarations. DPI have responded to Council’s inquiry into the matter, confirming that Celtis sinensis will be included in the next round of declarations. | Doug Anderson |
Item 5.1 – Correspondence re ERC17/12

-----Original Message-----
From: Damian J eacle [mailto:Damian.J eacle@shfa.nsw.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 May 2012 5:07 PM
To: Sikder, Mohammad
Cc: Paton, David; Cusumano, Vince; Callaghan, Aaron; Debra Dawson
Subject: RE: Callan Park-Glovers Street Darinage works.

Hi Sikder

Thank you for your email.

May I first please take this opportunity to clarify that the works were undertaken by the current
landowner in that location being NSW Health as such the Authority wasn’t involved. I did have a positive
response from Aaron (please see attached email chain) that the drainage works carried out by Health
were satisfactory for the Council and that a more permanent solution would be resolved once the
Council proceeds with further development of the playing fields (please see comments from 'Dave' to
Vince & Aaron in the attached email).

When I last corresponded with Aaron (see attached email) I was able to assist by providing the relevant
contact at Health and I also liaised with that contact passing on Aaron’s contact details. Both Aaron and
Greg (from Health) seemed quite pleased that they had each other’s details and said that they would
liaise on relevant issues when and if they arose.

In your email you mentioned that you gave advice to “your plumber”, which infers the Authority’s
plumber, is it possible for you to provide me the name of this person so I can investigate who it was and
when. I will then be able to provide further feedback.

I appreciate the issue is causing concern, in particular the discharge content and needs to be addressed
so I think further discussions with Greg at Health may be the best option.

I also need to update you and Aaron that I have returned the my role as Director of Precinct Activation
& Visitor Services and Debra Dawson has returned from leave to resume her role as Director Darling
Harbour (I was covering her leave when the initial issue came to light). I have cc’d Debra on this email
and I had briefed her re the original correspondence between Aaron, Greg and myself so she is aware of
the issue.

Please liaise with Aaron and Greg from Health and let Debra know how things progress.

Regards

Damian Jeacle
A/Director, Precinct Activation and Visitor Services
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e. Damian.Jeacle@shfa.nsw.gov.au
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Item 5.2 – Correspondence re ERC15/12

Contact: Vince Cusumano
Phone: 9367 9013

17 May 2012

NSW Department of
Primary Industries
Locked Bag 21
ORANGE NSW 2800

RE: TIMELINE FOR THE DECLARATION OF CELTIS SINENSIS AS A CLASS 4 NOXIOUS WEED
Council Reference: DW 1550069

At the recent Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held at Council in April 2012, the Committee asked that a timeline be sought from the Department of Primary Industries on the declaration of Celtis sinensis as a Class 4 noxious weed in the Leichhardt local government area.

Council therefore seeks written advise as to when the Department will declare Celtis sinensis, a Class 4 noxious weed.

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

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

In the past, Celtis sinensis has been planted as a street and park shade tree and in private gardens, mostly in the inner Sydney Region. Although no longer actively planted by public land managers, these plantings provided the original seed source from which the plants have spread.
*Celtis sinensis* seedlings are quick to germinate and establish in cleared or disturbed areas, and can tolerate a wide variety of soil types and aspects. In this situation they form a dense monoculture, which excludes other plant species from becoming established. The seedlings also possess an ability to germinate in relatively undisturbed areas. The seedlings grow vigorously, eventually out-competing established native species in remnant bushland and revegetated areas, impacting on biodiversity in suburbs already under threat from fragmentation and intense urban impacts.

Seedlings also commonly grow in inappropriate locations around residential and commercial properties and in cracks and crevices on driveways and other paved areas. They can then cause structural damage to the surface on which they grow. This can be prevented by removing young seedlings before they are fully established and limit the need and cost of removing a large poorly located tree in the future.

Council is already undertaking the gradual removal of *Celtis sinensis* in bushland areas through its bush regeneration and Bushcare programs, where it is usually controlled or eradicated along with other environmental weeds and where follow-up maintenance can be undertaken. Council has also embarked on the strategic removal of mature *Celtis sinensis* trees located within parks and streetscape areas as operational budgets allow. However, the effectiveness of this work is compromised by the existence of widely distributed mature and developing infestations on private land and public land under the care, control and management of various State Government Departments.

Council is receiving more and more complaints about *Celtis sinensis* spreading into gardens and revegetated areas. While it is exempt from Council’s revised draft Tree Preservation Order it is not declared a Noxious Weed in the Leichhardt Municipal Council LGA. Consequently, Council is unable to control the spread of *Celtis sinensis* from private land, except by recommending and educating residents to remove the trees.

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

If *Celtis sinensis* is not declared a noxious weed in the Leichhardt Municipal Council LGA and is not controlled, it will:

- continue to spread prolifically, especially to new areas.
- have a negative impact in other LGAs where it may be declared.
- lead to increased cost of control in the future.
- council will continue to receive increasing complaints from residents.
- council will continue to be powerless to act regarding private property infestations, especially those near bush regeneration sites.

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

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

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

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

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

Once *Celtis sinensis* is declared a noxious weed, a Class 4 Management Plan will be developed for the Leichhardt Municipal Council LGA, as required under the legislation. This plan will outline council’s strategic approach and help mitigate any financial impacts. It will aim to:

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

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

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the Manager – Parks & Streetscapes, Vince Cusumano on 9367-9013.

VINCE CUSUMANO
MANAGER – PARKS & STREETSCAPES
### LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

#### REPORT

**DIVISION:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT  
**SUBJECT:** CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES  
2 MAY 2012  
**AUTHOR:** JON STIEBEL  
TEAM LEADER ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY  
**DATE:** 30 MAY 2012

### DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

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| Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan Objective: | Community Well-being  
Accessibility  
Place where we live and work  
A sustainable environment  
Business in the Community  
Sustainable Services and Assets |
| Staffing Implications:   | Nil |
| Notifications:          | Nil |
| Other Implications:     | Nil |
1. **Purpose of Report**

   To advise the Environment and Recreation Committee of the status of minute recommendations of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 2 May 2012.

2. **Recommendations**

   That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 2 May 2012 be noted.
Minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 2 May 2012.

Present at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillors: (Rochelle Porteous), Daniel Kogoy, Gordon Weiss

Staff: Jon Stiebel, Guido den Teuling

Community: Marghanita Da Cruz, Francis Breen

Meeting Commenced: 6:45pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Kogoy performed acknowledgement of country.

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

BUSINESS

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

Recommended Weiss/Da Cruz

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Peter Conroy, Stephen Arnerich and Lea Richards.

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

Recommended Kogoy/Weiss

ITEM 3
MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 7 March 2012

Recommended Da Cruz/Kogoy

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 7 March 2012 be accepted.
ITEM 4
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - Nil

Recommended  Da Cruz/Weiss

1. That a story on Council’s recent LED lighting projects be included in an upcoming sustainability E-Newsletter.

2. That a report to the next Climate Change Taskforce include cost and energy savings of LED light tubes compared to T5 light fittings.

3. That a PV system be included with the construction of the Rozelle Bay Native Nursery.

ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

Recommended  Kogoy/Weiss

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

ITEM 6
LOW CARBON AUSTRALIA CARBON NEUTRAL PROGRAM

Officer Recommendation

That the committee note:

1. That the National Carbon Offsets Standard (NCOS) sets minimum requirements for calculating, auditing and offsetting the carbon footprint of an organisation or product to achieve ‘carbon neutrality’.

2. That the process for carbon neutral certification involves the following:
   - Calculating a corporate Carbon Footprint
   - Developing an Emissions Management Plan
   - Preparing a Public Disclosure Summary
   - Obtaining Independent Verification of the Carbon Footprint, Emissions Management Plan (EMP) and Public Disclosure Summary (collectively referred to as the ‘Application Package’)
   - Submitting the Application Package to Low Carbon Australia
   - Assessment for Carbon Neutral Certification by Low Carbon Australia

3. That the process for maintaining ongoing Carbon Neutral Certification involves the following:
   - Monitoring and reducing emissions
   - Purchase and cancel of eligible carbon offset units for any residual emissions
β Reporting to Low Carbon Australia annually
β Obtaining independent report verification
β Submit documentation to the Program Administrator to determine the maintenance of Carbon Neutrality

4. That a further report outlining the financial and resource implications required for council to become certified carbon neutral be brought to the Climate Change Taskforce Committee.

Recommended Porteous/Kogoy

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   β Obtaining independent report verification
   β Submit documentation to the Program Administrator to determine the maintenance of Carbon Neutrality

4. That Council commits to allocating funding in the 2012/13 budget to purchase the required amount of GreenPower and offsets to ensure Council is carbon neutral by the end of 2012.

5. That Council starts the process to attain carbon neutral certification as soon as possible.

6. That a report be brought to the June Environment and Recreation Committee on the different GreenPower and Offset products available to enable decisions about the mix of greenpower and offsets to purchase.
7. That the Climate Change Taskforce Committee acknowledges that Environment Team staff resources will need to be prioritised towards achieving carbon neutral in 2012.

ITEM 7
CAPITAL WORKS STATUS UPDATE

Officer Recommendation

That the report is received and noted.

Recommended Da Cruz/Kogoy

1. That the report is received and noted.

2. That a verbal update be given to the next Climate Change Task Force on the temperature settings and operation of the AC unit in the gym at LPAC.

3. That a capital works status update be brought to the next Climate Change Taskforce Committee.

ITEM 8
AUSGRID STREETLIGHTING PROPOSALS

Recommended Da Cruz/Weiss

To receive and note the report.

ITEM 9
UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

Officer Recommendation

1. That the committee note that the first sustainability forum for 2012 will be held on 5 June to coincide with World Environment Day and will showcase sustainable neighbourhood initiatives around the world.

2. That the committee note that the forum will assist with promoting the expanded Living Streets sustainable neighbourhoods program to the community and encourage participation.

Recommended Porteous/Weiss

1. That the committee note that the first sustainability forum for 2012 will be held in June to coincide with World Environment Day and will showcase sustainable neighbourhood initiatives around the world.
2. That the committee note that the forum will assist with promoting the expanded Living Streets Sustainable Neighbourhoods program to the community and encourage participation.

3. That the committee request an additional speaker be added to the forum in June.

4. That future sustainability forums also consider including information on the climate change science and the importance of taking action.

5. That waste be considered as the topic for a future forum.

ITEM 10
OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

ITEM 11
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce will be held on Wednesday, 25 July 2012. Please note that the meeting has been rescheduled from 4 July to 25 July per Council Resolution C27/12 February Ordinary Meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2012

25 July – meeting rescheduled from 4/7 to 25/7 per 2012 Feb Ordinary Meeting
5 September
7 November

The meeting closed at 8.45pm
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: UPDATE OF OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION REPORTS TO COUNCIL

AUTHOR: AARON CALLAGHAN – SENIOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLANNER
        VINCE CUSUMANO – MANAGER - PARKS & STREETSCAPES

FILE REF:

DATE: 22 May 2012

WORD PROCESSING REF:

DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Nil

Policy Implications: Nil

Strategic Plan Objective:
Community Wellbeing
Accessibility
Place Where We Live and Work
Sustainable Environment

Staffing Implications: Nil at this stage

Notifications: None

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

To outline to the Environment and Recreation Committee major issues which have been reported to Council over the last five months in relation to parks and open space planning issues.

2. **Recommendations**

That the Environment and Recreation Committee note this report.

3. **Background**

The parks and open space planning unit of the Environment and Urban Planning section of Council is responsible for strategic planning of Council’s Parks and Open Space network. This includes planning work associated with park plans of management, park development initiatives, policy development and administration, park booking and event administration and community consultation relating to park access and development with key stakeholders including local sporting clubs, community groups, local residents and park users.

From time to time major issues relating to the management, development or use of parks and open spaces arise which require direct consideration at the Ordinary Meetings of Council. This report highlights and provides a summary of information to the committee on parks and open space reports which Council has considered since January 2012. For the purposes of clarity major issues from the Parks Infrastructure and Service Delivery Section of Council have also been included.

4. **Report**

The following summary provides the Environment and Recreation Committee with an update on key strategic and policy issues concerning parks and open spaces which have been considered by Council since February 2012.

**February 2012**

- **Callan Park - Balmain Road Playing Field**

This report is related to correspondence received from the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority in relation to a proposed license agreement between NSW Health and the Balmain and District Football Club for access and use of the Balmain Road Playing field at Callan Park. The report outlined to Council park management and community issues associated with the proposal and the status of proposed use in relation to the Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002 and
the Callan Park Master Plan which is currently being reviewed by the NSW State Government.

The report recommended that Council seek urgent discussions with the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) and NSW Health in relation to the Minister of Planning’s previous advice on the issue of sports field management within the park as well as the possibility of Council fast tracking care, control and management of the Balmain Road Playing field and the Waterfront Playing fields at Callan Park.

Committee Update

As a result of the recommendations which were adopted by Council from this report, Council is currently negotiating with SHFA for care, control and management of the Balmain Road Playing field as well undertaking budget estimates for upgrading this area. Council has also recently completed an expression of interest process for sporting use of the playing field, the outcomes of which will be considered at the June 2012 Ordinary Council meeting.

- **Dedication of Public Open Space 100-102 Elliott Street Balmain - D/2011/529**

This report is related to open space dedication and developer contributions in respect of the development application (D/2011/529) at 100 – 102 Elliot Street, Balmain.

Importantly the report was solely focussed on the Developer Contributions and Council’s Section 94 Developer Contributions Plan as it relates to open space dedication. This report did not deal with Section 94 contributions for community facilities or for transport and access. The report was not focussed on addressing built form issues associated with the other parts of the application which were all subject to a separate officers’ report to the Joint Regional Planning Panel which determined the development application.

The report recommended that Council request the Joint Regional Planning Panel impose the following Conditions of Consent should the Development Application for the proposed mixed development (at 100-102 Elliott Street Balmain) be approved in accordance with Council’s Section 94 Developer Contributions Plan:

1. a foreshore land dedication to Leichhardt Council of 2680 square metres (as highlighted in Attachment 1);

2. a monetary contribution in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Section 94 Plans.
Committee Update

In April 2012 the Joint Regional Planning Panel rejected the development application on the grounds of inappropriate bulk and scale and the applicant has been requested to resubmit proposals which address the panel’s concerns. The application is now being reassessed by the developer.

April 2012

- Lambert Park Proposed Upgrade

This report followed on from an earlier report in July 2011 where a report was presented to Council which provided information on the successful application made by APIA Leichhardt Tigers to the NSW State Government under the Department of Sport and Recreation’s Regional Grant Programme. The club was successful in receiving 2.2 million dollars worth of funding support for improvements to the sporting section of Lambert Park.

The April 2012 report focussed on the proposal by the APIA CLUB in relation to capital improvements, namely the provision of a synthetic playing surface, new floodlights, an amenities block and palisade fencing. The report submitted by Council officers addressed the need for a sinking fund to cover future costs associated with the synthetic playing surface replacement (in year ten) and issues associated with variations to the lease which the APIA club has with Council for access and use of the park.

Committee Update

Council resolved in April 2012 to amend the current lease which the APIA Club has with Council for access and use of Lambert Park. The variation includes the requirement for the Club to pay Council $45,000 annually to cover replacement costs associated with a new playing pitch (in year 10) as well as changes to the lease to reflect new use of the park. This includes restricting floodlighting for training until 9pm week days and scheduled games until 10pm. In addition the club has had its fees and charges for the use of Leichhardt 2 and 3 sporting fields amended to ensure they are in line with Council’s fees and charges schedule.

- Proposed Amendment to Council’s Community Garden Policy

This report focussed on community issues raised as part of proposed provision of a new community garden at 25 Whites Street. The proposal for an extension to the existing Community garden was supported by the Environment and Recreation Committee in February 2012 and the recommendations of the committee were subsequently endorsed at 2012 February Ordinary Council meeting.
The issue raised as part of the community consultation process requested that Council amend its community garden policy requiring garden groups to be separate from parent bodies or be stand alone bodies. Council’s Community Garden Policy currently allows community groups to be incorporated or be auspiced by an incorporated body.

At the 2012 April Ordinary meeting Council resolved to exhibit a proposed amendment to the current community garden policy relating to incorporation status.

Committee Update

The proposed draft amendment to Council Community Garden Policy is currently on exhibition and the community has up until the 6th July 2012 to make comment on the proposed amendment. A public meeting is also being held at Council on the 28th June 2012 to discuss the amendment. Further reporting to Council on the proposed amendment and the outcomes of community consultation will be reported to the July 2012 Ordinary Council Meeting.

May 2012

• Hawthorne Canal Light Rail Stop-Access through Hawthorne Reserve

This report is concerned with Transport NSW proposed “Hawthorne” Light Rail Stop which is planned to be located mid-way along the eastern side of the Hawthorne Canal Reserve. As a result of the proposed light rail stop a new pedestrian bridge access from the Ashfield local government area is planned along with a dedicated pedestrian path which will connect up with the light rail stop. At the time of the report Transport NSW had proposed that a pedestrian path be built which would cut across the existing off-leash dog area of the park, dividing it into two (2) smaller and separate areas.

The proposals by Transport NSW were not supported by Council officers as they would result in segregating or dividing Hawthorne Canal Reserve into two distinct areas – thereby impacting upon its overall functionality. Fencing off or dividing the park would in effect reduce the open space which is currently freely available for off leash companion animal exercise and socialisation. Dividing the park into two district areas would also force dog owners and their pets to utilise the northern area of the park (Café Bones area) rather than freely enjoy both the southern and the northern areas.

Committee Update

Council unanimously supported the officers’ report and resolved to request Transport for NSW to redesign access to the proposed Hawthorne Light Rail Stop to include:

1. A bridge across Hawthorne Canal, immediately to the north of the existing Café Bones building;
2. The construction of a new building to accommodate Café Bones, the Leichhardt Dog Training Group and a new amenities block at a location approximately 15 metres to the west of the existing building;

3. Demolition of the existing Café Bones building;

4. Provision of a path, to Hawthorne Light Rail Stop, to the east of the proposed new Café Bones building;

5. Construction of a decorative fence along the new path’s south-western perimeter, separating the path from the off-leash dog area, without separating Café Bones from the off-leash area.

In addition Council has also resolved to have a public meeting to discuss the scope, reporting and public consultation associated with the Companion Animal Access to open space review which is currently being undertaken. A public meeting is being held at Hawthorne Canal Reserve on the 6th June 2012.

- **Tree Planting 2-8 Weston Street Balmain**

This report, penned by Council’s Parks and Streetscape Manager focussed on a revised tree planting plan for new parkland currently being developed at 2-8 Weston Street Balmain (*Bells foreshore*). The report highlighted additional community consultation which had been undertaken in April in relation to the proposed tree planting highlighted in the adopted landscape plan for the site along with a revised tree planting plan for the new parkland. Residential opposition to the planting scheme is focussed on view loss of Sydney harbour and the foreshore.

The proposed landscape scheme was subsequently independently assessed by a qualified landscape architect resulting in a revised landscape scheme being submitted to Council for further consideration.

**Committee Update**

At the Ordinary Council meeting in May, Council resolved to undertake a further meeting with interested residents, chaired by the Director Infrastructure and Service Delivery and an independent tree expert to look at the species and locations of the trees. A further report will be brought back to the Ordinary Meeting in June.

5. **Conclusions**

Council’s Parks and Open Space Planning Unit along with Parks Infrastructure and Service Delivery is tasked with managing a diverse range of open space issues from planning and development, to policy administration and day to day management, use and maintenance of parks and their related assets.
Reports to the Ordinary Meeting of Council are an important function of these two sections of Council in ensuring that Councillors are adequately informed of proposed developments and have direct input and informed guidance for decision making in both the planning, development and policy areas which affect public access and use of these important community facilities.

This report while highlighting the diverse nature of reporting to the Ordinary Council meetings also provides the Environment and Recreation Committee with an update of the key issues which both sections of Council have been focussed on in the first half of 2012.
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REPORT

DIVISION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY
SUBJECT: FISHING ACTIVITY ON THE BALMAIN PENINSULA SIX MONTHLY UPDATE
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DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Nil
Policy Implications: Nil
Strategic Plan Objective: 3. A Place Where we Live and Work, 4. A Sustainable Environment, 6. Sustainable Services and Assets
Staffing Implications: Nil
Notifications: Notices have been placed at known fishing problem spots
Other Implications: Nil
1. **Purpose of Report**

To provide the Environment and Recreation Committee with a six monthly update on fishing activities on the Balmain Peninsula.

2. **Recommendations**

That Council erect signage at Yurulbin Park and Peacock Point banning open fires.

3. **Background**

In March 2011 at the Ordinary Council Meeting a Notice of Motion was raised in regard to this matter. At this meeting, Council resolved as follows:

1. **Council to arrange for redistribution of the brochure advising persons involved in fishing activity of their responsibilities in using local parks and wharves. The brochure should detail issues relating to litter, safety, hygiene and other. These brochures should be written in several languages.**

2. **Brochures should be hand delivered to persons involved in fishing activity where it can be explained to these persons and any questions can be answered by Council rangers or other authorized persons.**

3. **Council to investigate the provision of amenity for persons involved in fishing activity such as bins and plastic tidy bags and signage.**

4. **Council should commit to cleaning up foreshore parks and wharves where problem fishing activity takes place. This clean-up should be prior to 7:00am on mornings identified.**

   **Further, that Council call for a report on the costing of the clean up activities.**

5. **Council to report on options available to restrict use of local parks and wharves by those persons deemed to be inappropriately using these public areas.**

6. **Council to investigate restriction of fishing activity in off leash areas for dogs to reduce risk for pets.**

7. **Council to investigate the use of Thames Street wharf by private commercial operators and determine whether an alternative location can be found for this activity which is away from residences.**
The Environment and Recreation Committee received a report at their meeting in May 2011 in regard to this matter and resolved as follows:

1. That Council receive and note this report.

2. That a report on this matter be brought back to the Committee on a 6 monthly basis and that the Manager Parks and Streetscapes offer to present to the Precincts.

In November 2011 a presentation was given to the ERC on fishing activities. At this meeting the Committee again resolved as follows:

1. That Council receive and note this report.

2. That a report on this matter be brought back to the Committee on a 6 monthly basis and that the Manager Parks and Streetscapes offer to present to the Precincts.

4. Report

4.1 Cleaning of Wharves and Parks and Compliance

Since the last presentation to the ERC in November 2011, Council has continued to undertake activities aimed at reducing the incidence of littering by fishers in Council parks and on wharves and jetties around the Balmain peninsula.

Council has continued to undertake regular patrols of the known hotspots such as Yurulbin Point, Peacock Point and Thames St wharf. Council’s compliance staff have reported that there has been an improvement in the behaviour of persons involved in fishing in Council parks however there is still rubbish being left in a number of locations.

Parks & Streetscape staff involved in cleaning of the parks have reported that on the weekends, patrols of known hotspots have shown that there is still fishing litter being left in parks. This is usually discarded bait bags and other items such as empty drink bottles and cans. The weekend cleaning crew have the parks clean by 7am. During the week, the incidence of rubbish in parks is greatly diminished.

On a positive note the incidence of actual fishing line and hooks has also reduced and the tangler bins which have been installed are being used with these items being collected as part of the regular litter bin emptying operations.

One area of concern which persists is where fishers have created fires at Yurulbin Park and one occasion at Peacock Point. Many of these are from charcoal or heat bead portable BBQs. These seem to occur late at night. The associated residue from these fires is cleaned up by Council staff when they are undertaking their regular park cleaning operations. Council will install signage
banning open fires at these two locations and monitor their effectiveness. A draft copy of the proposed signage is attached to this report as Appendix A.

Council’s Compliance Section report that they have received reduced incidences of complaints from the public in relation to fishing activities on the Balmain Peninsula. They have however undertaken patrols at known hotspots and spoken to a number of fishers in regard to litter being left at these locations.

With the opening of new locations such as Yeend St pontoon and the now opened King George Park pontoon, added fishing opportunities have been created and these will be added to the regular cleaning patrols. Tangler bins and signage in a number of languages will also be installed where there is a demonstrated demand and need for such facilities.

Council continues to receive funding from Waterways – now RMS to have our contract amenities cleaner undertake cleaning of the commuter wharves three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. This arrangement also includes special one-off cleaning of these wharves should instances of excess litter, be it from fishing or other activities, is reported to Council by RMS.

In the past six months, this has occurred on two occasions and our cleaner has responded within 12 hours of receiving the report. It is envisaged that this arrangement will continue into the foreseeable future.

Council has recently received correspondence from RMS seeking an extension to this agreement to include the recently opened Yeend St pontoon due to fishing litter. Council has responded that this will be added to the regular wharf cleaning programme.

4.2 Restriction of Fishing Activities in Council Parks and Reserves

The numbers of person fishing is increasing all over the Sydney Harbour area. Figures from NSW Fisheries show that NSW recreational fishers used a range of fishing platforms including boats (private, hire and charter), shore (ocean beach and rocks, man-made structures).

Fishing from the shore attracted a greater level of activity (59% of events) than fishing from boats (41% of events). Of the boat-based fishing effort, more than 92% of fishing events were conducted from private fishing boats as opposed to 4% from charter vessels and 4% from hire boats.
Council has at this stage, not introduced any restriction on fishing activities in parks or on wharves and jetties. With the current level of compliance and cleaning frequencies, the level of complaint from the general public has been reduced.

For the most part, fishers are complying with the requirements and respecting the environment. Council will continue to undertake regular patrols and issue educational brochures to persons and where necessary take the appropriate action to have them comply with littering legislation.

As new facilities come on board such as dinghy racks and other soft water access areas, Council will include as part of these upgrades, Tangler Bins and the associated educational signage.

Figure 1  Number of Recreational Fishers in NSW
The Lighting of Fires is Prohibited in this Park
ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE OPERATION GUIDELINES

1. **Date & Time**
   - First Wednesday of every second month commencing in February
   - 6:30pm – 8.30pm. The timing of the meeting can be extended by vote on the night.

2. **Location**
   - Leichhardt Town Hall Supper Room

3. **Chair**
   - Elected by Councillors and as determined

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

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

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

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

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

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

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