**Environment and Recreation Committee Terms of Reference**

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

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

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

**Chairperson:** Cr Daniel Kogoy  
**Deputy Chairperson:** Cr Frank Breen

**Acknowledgement of Country**

*I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose Country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.*
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Item 3

Presentation of Leichhardt 2025+

Leichhardt Council is reviewing its Community Strategic Plan, and we want to make sure your voice is heard.

In 2007 Council worked with you to identify your priorities for the future of our community. Together we developed Leichhardt 2020+, the strategic plan that has guided Council for five years. We’ve made good progress and it’s time to revisit our vision and build an updated plan - Leichhardt 2025+: Our Community, Our Plan, Our Choice.

Make Your Voice Heard

Online Survey

Public Meetings
Saturday 23 March:
Community Workshop
6pm, Cotton Park, Building 504
(bottom of Wharf Road)

Monday 13 May
& Monday 17 June:
Public Meetings
6:30-8pm, Leichhardt Town Hall
Corner Norton and Marion Streets

Information Stalls
Saturday 9 March
10am-12pm Balmain, Loyalty Square
and Rozelle, Rozelle Square

Saturday 16 March
10am-1pm, Leichhardt, Norton Park
and Annandale
Corner of Johnston and Booth Streets

Extraordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday 21 May
7pm, Leichhardt Town Hall

Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday 26 June
7pm, Leichhardt Town Hall


for further information please contact Melissa (Mel),email: melissa@leichhardt.nsw.gov.au
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Community Consultation - Sites for Childcare Centres

New Childcare Centres – Community Consultation

Submissions by 3 May 2013

Leichhardt Council is investigating possible sites for new childcare centres.

The aim is to build new childcare centres for at least 60 children balancing financial viability and the environment for the children. The Education and Care Services National Regulations sets out the requirements for childcare centres. A childcare centre for 60 children would require a building of about 450m² and outdoor play space of at least 420m².

Long day centres typically operate Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

The proposed sites for new childcare centres are:

1. Leichhardt Park, near the Mary Street children’s playground.
2. Darley Road Leichhardt near its intersection with Allen Street.
3. Marion Street Leichhardt near the Leichhardt Town Hall and Council Administration Building.
4. Hamilton Street Rozelle, above the car park.

1. Leichhardt Park

The site in Leichhardt Park is near the Mary Street entry, the new children’s playground and the car park. The former caretaker’s cottage at 66 Mary Street may be converted to be part of the childcare centre building.

On the next page is an aerial photograph of Leichhardt Park and surrounding properties with the general area of the park being investigated outlined in red.

Less than half the outlined area would be needed for a childcare centre for 60 children.
The part within the outlined area where the centre could be built depends on the outcome of the community consultation and whether or not the caretaker’s cottage is adapted and incorporated into the childcare centre. Under the Plan of Management for Leichhardt Park, the former caretaker’s cottage is allowed to be privately rented as a residence until it can be used for a community or public purpose consistent with the park, so if the community supports the proposal for a childcare centre on this site, ideally the cottage would be incorporated as part of the centre. However, this may be difficult due largely to the steep change in ground levels in this part of the park including at the rear of the cottage. If the best option for the childcare centre and the park does not incorporate the cottage into the childcare centre, then (subject to consent of the Department of Lands) the cottage may be able to be demolished to replace part of the open space taken by the childcare centre building or it may be able to continue to be rented until another community or public purpose for it is determined.

The new children’s playground would be retained. It is thought that a children’s playground and a childcare centre are suitable neighbours.
The existing large trees would be retained, with the childcare centre built to avoid the trees’ protection zones.

**Concept Plans**

Following are concepts for a childcare centre in this area of the park.

**Concept 1**

The first concept plan below shows some administration functions in the converted cottage with a ramped passage to the balance of the childcare centre behind the trees and adjacent to the playground.
Concept 2

The second concept plan does not use the cottage. The childcare centre is shown behind the children’s playground.

Concept 3

A third possibility is to convert and incorporate the cottage and build the balance of the childcare centre buildings behind the existing cottage, opening to the outdoor play areas on the grassed section beside the existing playground.

There are possible variations on all concepts.

Meeting on Site

There will be a meeting on Saturday 13 April 2013 at 10:00 am near the Mary Street children’s playground in Leichhardt Park. Interested members of the public are invited to attend to look at the area under investigation and ask questions.
2. Darley Road Leichhardt

Below is an aerial photo of Darley Road with the proposed site of the childcare centre outlined in red.

Transport for NSW is currently constructing the new Hawthorne light rail station and a pedestrian path from the vehicular roadway to the station. Its plan shows "kiss and ride" and accessible parking spaces are to be provided on the roadway near the path.

The site of the proposed childcare centre is the area south of that new pathway. The entry to the childcare centre will be from the road at the south end (which looks like an extension of Allen Street) away from the main thoroughfare of Darley Road. An application may be made for 15 minute only parking at the times of morning drop off and evening pick up of children at that end of Darley Road.

Although the site looks like open space, it is actually part of the road reserve. An application must be made to the Department of Lands for the site to be permanently closed as road before the childcare centre can be built.
3. Marion Street Leichhardt

This site is part of the Council Leichhardt Civic Precinct, near the Leichhardt Town Hall and Council's Administration Building. Below is an aerial photo with the Marion Street site outlined in red.

Council is currently investigating the construction of a childcare centre, community centre, youth centre, underground parking and open space (or town square) east of the Leichhardt Town Hall.
4. Hamilton Street, Rozelle.

This site at 48 Merton Street is usually known as the Hamilton Street public car park. It is in Rozelle east of Victoria Road. At this stage, it is the only proposed childcare centre site identified east of Victoria Road on the peninsula.

Below is an aerial photo with the site outlined in red.

The proposal to be investigated is for a first floor childcare centre above the ground floor public car park.

Additional underground parking may be required to preserve the current number of public parking spaces and to provide the required parking for staff and parents of children attending the childcare centre.
Previous Council Reports on the Proposals

There have been several reports to the Ordinary Council Meetings. Copies are available from Council’s website:

- November 2012 - Possible Sites for New Childcare Centres
- December 2012 - Leichhardt Community Centre and Marion Street Civic Precinct
- February 2013 - Education and Care Services Needs Analysis
- February 2013 - New Childcare Centres – Investigations

Survey

You are invited to complete a short survey.

The survey may be completed on-line. There is a link from Council’s website at: www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au/ChildcareConsultation.

Hard copies of the survey form are available from Citizen Service, Leichhardt Library and Balmain Library.

Submissions

Written submissions and comments are invited until Friday 3 May 2013. They may be sent to Council:

- by email to lyng@lmc.nsw.gov.au
- by email to leichhardt.nsw.gov.au
- by letter to PO Box 45 Leichhardt NSW 2040
- by letter or delivery to 7-15 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040

Next steps

Comments made at the meeting at Leichhardt Park, survey responses, written submissions received and other results of this consultation with the community will be reported to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 May 2013. Anyone who attends the meeting at Leichhardt Park, completes the survey or makes a submission and provides contact details will be advised of the May Council Meeting and how to obtain a copy of the report.

If the community supports a new childcare centre in Leichhardt Park and if Council resolves to pursue consideration of this site for a childcare centre, then Council will commence the process to amend the Plan of Management for Leichhardt Park to allow a childcare centre to be constructed in this general area of the park. If the Plan of Management is amended and Council resolves to proceed, detailed plans will be prepared and a development application will be lodged.

Council will pursue an application to the Department of Lands for the relevant part of Darley Road to be closed as road. If the community supports a new childcare centre on Darley Road, then once the road is formally closed as road, a development application can be lodged for the childcare centre.
For the Marion Street Leichhardt civic precinct site, Council is currently obtaining advice on options and broad-brush concept plans for childcare, community and youth centres with underground parking and open space next to the town hall. This will be reported to Council. Any person who makes a submission relating to the new childcare centres and/or this site will be notified of the report and how to obtain a copy.

For Hamilton Street, depending on the submissions received and possible further consultation with neighbours, a Parking and Traffic Assessment and concept plans may be prepared.

Further Enquiries

Leichhardt Council’s contact officer for this consultation is:

Lyn Gerathy
Manager Property and Commercial Services
Telephone: 9367 9134
Email: lyng@lmc.nsw.gov.au
**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

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1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 6 March 2013.

2. **Recommendations**

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 6 March 2013 with the accompanying recommendations.
MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 6 March 2013.

Present at the meeting:  
Cr Frank Breen (Chair until 7:27pm)  
Cr Daniel Kogoy (Resumed Chair Arrived at 7:28pm)  
Bronwyn Campbell, Bev Maunsell, Paul Geraghty, Jane Mowbray, Gael Kennedy.

Apologies:  
Cr Vera Ann Hannaford, Cr Rochelle Porteous, David Lawrence

Staff Present  
Jon Stiebel, Aaron Callaghan, Roy Morizzi, Doug Anderson

Meeting commenced: 6:39pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Frank Breen performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as Chair.

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

Cr Kogoy arrived and took the chair.

BUSINESS

ITEM 1  
APOLOGIES

ERC 01/13  
RECOMMENDED  
BREEN / CAMPBELL

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

ITEM 2  
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS – Nil
ITEM 3

PRESENTATION – SMART Sustainable Business Program from Roy Morizzi - LMC

ERC 02/13 RECOMMENDED BREEN / CAMPBELL

That as part of the SMART Sustainable Business Program Council give consideration to the development of an annual Sustainability Award for local business involved in the SMART Sustainable Business Program and that an update is brought back to the next Committee meeting on options relating to the development of an appropriate award programme.

ITEM 4

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 5 December 2012

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 5 December 2012.

ERC 03/13 RECOMMENDED BREEN / MAUNSELL

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 5 December 2012.

2. That Council thank Councillor Vera Ann Hannaford for her attendance and chairing at short notice for the last Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.

ITEM 5

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

ERC 04/13 RECOMMENDED BREEN / MAUNSELL

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

In relation to ERC 04/13 a number of discussions points were also raised as additional items to the summary of resolutions. These discussion points resulted in a number of recommendations arising from the committee. These recommendations are outlined as follows:
ERC 05/13      RECOMMENDED       BREEN / Resolved Unanimously

2. Balmain Secondary School-Community use of the Basketball Court by the Community

   That Council’s Senior Parks and Open Space Planner Officer correspond with the Balmain Secondary School Principal in relation to community use of the school’s basketball courts after school hours.

3. Status of Bushcare Offsets-Update required.

   That an update on the status of the Bush Care Offsets be brought back to the next Committee meeting.

4. View lines in Parks – The Committee as a whole discussed the issue of view lines and trees in public parks. The committee felt that views from parklands should take priority over views from private residential properties across parklands to the harbour.

   That Council provide clarification on the issue of view lines with respect to the issue of harbour views from adjoining parklands and the principal that view line assessment in relation to trees are taken from the parkland to the harbour and other public spaces rather than views from private residential properties.

5. Outstanding position of the Bushcare Officer – Update requested.

   In the absence of a Parks Manager clarification from the Director of Infrastructure and Service Delivery is required for the next meeting on the outstanding position of the Bush Care Officer.

6. Clarity is required on Council’s issues of tree planting for sight lines from Council’s Parks Technical Officer.

   That a verbal report be brought back to the next Committee meeting on the issue of tree planting in parks with respect to site lines.

7. Ballast Point Regional Park – Status of Memorandum of Understanding

   That the draft Memorandum of Understanding for Ballast Point be brought back to the Environment and Recreation Committee for consideration at the earliest opportunity.

ITEM 6
CORRESPONDENCE – Nil
ITEM 7
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 6 FEBRUARY 2013

ERC 06/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / MOWBRAY

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 6 February 2013 be noted. (Attachment 1)

ITEM 8
ENDORSEMENT OF LEICHHARDT NATIVE REVEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan be endorsed.

2. That any sites or site extensions recommended under the plan can only be undertaken after consultation with nearby residents, and issues such as maintenance of views have been taken into consideration. This process is to be carried out in a manner consistent with Council’s Community Engagement Strategy.

3. That any site extension carried out under the plan on Crown land can only proceed after the relevant statutory authority has been informed.

ERC 07/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / MAUNSELL

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3. That any site extension carried out under the plan on Crown land can only proceed after the relevant statutory authority has been informed.

4. That the Committee thank Doug Anderson and Volunteer Bushcare Group for their excellent work within the Leichhardt LGA.

5. That Council investigate and that a verbal report be brought back to the next Committee meeting on the issue of the installation of lights in the Hill’s fig adjacent to the Tennis Courts in Louisa Road.
ITEM 9
SIGNIFICANT STREET TREE LOCATIONS

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council acknowledge the list of streets mentioned in report below as streets that contain significant trees.

2. That this list is to be provided to Ausgrid prior to the commencement of pruning works in the Local Government Area.

ERC 08/13 RECOMMENDED MAUNSELL / GERAGHTY

1. That Council acknowledge the list of streets mentioned in report below as streets that contain significant trees.

2. That this list is to be provided to Ausgrid prior to the commencement of pruning works in the Local Government Area.

3. That as part of the reporting process Council also write to other councils informing them of Council’s approach to Ausgrid on this issue and encourage other council’s to also write to Ausgrid with their concerns.

4. That Council take a strategic approach with regards to street tree planting and that a list of appropriate trees to provide habitat and vegetation for native birds within urban streets is reviewed. In developing this list Council note the environmental conditions and limitations associated with planting suitable trees in urban streets.

ITEM 10
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

10.1 Update from Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park

Gael Kennedy provided an update on various projects which FOWCVP are involved including the community garden, community orchard and ideas for improvements to Whites Creek Valley Park including Park interpretation, summer pop up volley ball.

Garden Clubs Australia – FOWCVP have become affiliated with the Garden Clubs of Australia to cover their insurance requirements for community gardening.

10.2 Update on Glovers Garden

Jane Mowbray provided an update to the committee on Glovers Garden. The community garden group have been working closely with SHFA in relation to subsidence issues and the community garden impacts at Glover Street. SHFA has
lodged a development application for the removal of the Celtis tree which will assist in speeding up works associated with addressing the subsidence at the Glover Street playing field. Update on the DA process will be reported to the next committee meeting.

ITEM 11
OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Yurulbin Point (Long Nose Point)

The committee as a whole discussed the recent works which Council had been undertaking in Illoura Reserve in East Balmain and commented on the changes and improvements which had been made to the park over the last 12 months. The recent restoration scheme developed by Bruce Mackenzie at Illoura Reserve was supported and seen as a catalyst in assisting Council and the community with planned improvements to the park. The management and maintenance of Yurulbin Point was raised as a concern by committee members and the committee raised the possibility and the opportunity of Council considering the engagement of Bruce Mckenzie to undertake a restoration plan for this park with Council funding support.

ERC 09/13 RECOMMENDATION MAUNSELL / Resolved Unanimously

That Council engage Bruce McKenzie in the 2013/14 financial year to undertake a Restoration Plan for Yurulbin Point Birchgorve.

ITEM 11.1
ANNANDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE WATER CONSUMPTION AND AUDIT

ERC 10/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / MOWBRAY

Following a request from Cr Hannaford, Team Leader Environmental Strategy outlined that concerns had been raised by the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre Management Committee regarding water usage at Annandale Neighbourhood Centre. Council Officers have placed a monitor on the water meter and are conducting a water audit to resolve any issues. That the outcomes of the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre regarding water consumption audit be reported to the next Committee meeting.

ITEM 11.2
ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS 2012/13

With respect to Item 11.2 the committee meeting failed to cover the issue of Environmental Grants Programme-Round 2 and this issue will need to be deferred and considered at the May 2013 Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.
ITEM 12
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 May 2013.

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2013:

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4 September
6 November

The meeting closed at 8:32pm
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To advise Council of the status of the Environment and Recreation Committee Resolutions of March.

2. **Recommendations**

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<td>4. That the Committee thank Doug Anderson and Volunteer Bushcare Group for their excellent work within the Leichhardt LGA.</td>
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<td>5. That Council investigate and that a verbal report be brought back to the next Committee meeting on the issue of the installation of lights in the Hill’s fig adjacent to the Tennis Courts in Louisa Road.</td>
<td>5. Noted with thanks</td>
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<td>SIGNIFICANT STREET TREE LOCATIONS</td>
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<td>2. To be developed and actioned.</td>
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<td>7. That as part of the reporting process Council also write to other councils informing them of Council’s approach to Ausgrid on this issue and encourage other council’s to also write to Ausgrid with their concerns.</td>
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<td>8. That Council take a strategic approach with regards to street tree planting and that a list of appropriate trees to provide habitat and vegetation for native birds within urban streets is reviewed. In developing this list Council note the environmental conditions and limitations associated with planting suitable trees in urban streets.</td>
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<td>OTHER BUSINESS Yurulbin Point (Long Nose Point) ERC 09/13</td>
<td>That Council engage Bruce McKenzie in the 2013/14 financial year to undertake a Restoration Plan for Yurulbin Point Birchgorve.</td>
<td>Will be actioned subject to budget funding for Plans of Management in the 2013/14 financial year.</td>
<td>Aaron Callaghan</td>
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<td>ANNANDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE WATER CONSUMPTION AND AUDIT ERC 10/13</td>
<td>Following a request from Cr Hannaford, Team Leader Environmental Strategy outlined that concerns had been raised by the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre Management Committee regarding water usage at Annandale Neighbourhood Centre. Council Officers have placed a monitor on the water meter and are conducting a water audit to resolve any issues. That the Water Audit received in late April. During the two week monitoring period in March 2013, the following was identified: Water usage averaged 2.6kL/day (compared with baseline of 1.3-</td>
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<td>• All water consuming fixtures were inspected for efficiency rating and leaks.</td>
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| WHITES CREEK VALLEY PARK ORCHARD ERC45/12                | 1. That Council undertake consultation with the community on the development of an orchard in Whites Creek Valley Park.  
2. That Council immediately remove identified weed species from the proposed Orchard Site at Whites Creek Valley Park. | 1. Consultation undertaken with community in November 2012. Quotations being obtained for orchard design works.  
2. No trees to be removed until design works completed. | Jacob Bennett |
| LEICHHARDT NATIVE REVEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN ERC43/12 | NOTE: At the Ordinary Meeting on 23/10/12 the following point was added to Item 9:  
“Council notes that the Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan (p16) provides for the protection, restoration and enhancement of our natural environment and native biodiversity within our urban context. Council also notes that our parks are key areas for enhancing our natural environment and biodiversity. Council resolves that any changes to the plans of management for our parks take into account this provision of the Strategic Plan and specifically address the contribution to the protection, restoration and enhancement of our natural environment and native biodiversity.”  
1. That the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan be endorsed for public exhibition.  
2. That the results of the exhibition are reported back to the Environment and Recreation Committee.  
3. That any sites or site extensions recommended under the plan can only be undertaken after | • Noted  
1. On exhibition 29/10/12 – 11/10/12  
2. DA to report back Feb 2013  
3. Ongoing | Doug Anderson |


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<td>5. Will consider along with other education initiatives being developed</td>
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<td>5 That following the completion of the exhibition period, Council consider the opportunities for promoting the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan, including opportunities within local schools as an environmental and educational tool.</td>
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<td>6 During the consultation process additional opportunities within parks and open space areas be considered for additional biodiversity and bush care improvements.</td>
<td>7. Meeting can be arranged following the current budget process</td>
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<td>7 That a briefing session be held with new Councillors on Council’s bushcare programme and the exhibited Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan.</td>
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<td>8 That during the exhibition period Council officers review the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan to ensure that the proposals for Callan Park are consistent with the Draft Callan Park Master Plan and Conservation.</td>
<td>8. Completed and plan amended</td>
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<td>Management Plan. 9 That a report is brought back to the next Environment and Recreation committee on a resourcing strategy for implementing the Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan with special emphasis on Callan Park bushcare works.</td>
<td>9. A report will be prepared now that Council is able to recruit a Team Leader for the Bush care Crew</td>
<td>Jacob Bennett</td>
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<td>• The Director of Infrastructure and Service Delivery, Mr Peter Gainsford also confirmed that PV is going on the Nursery roof at 28 Wisdom Street.</td>
<td>• Installation to be organised.</td>
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<td>FISHING ACTIVITY ON THE BALMAIN PENINSULA SIX MONTHLY UPDATE ERC30/12</td>
<td>That Council erect signage at Yurulbin Park and Peacock Point banning open fires.</td>
<td>Signs received. Installation to be scheduled.</td>
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<td>NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (ERC15/12) ERC26/12</td>
<td>1 That an update be provided to the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting on the progress of the response to this letter.</td>
<td>2. Awaiting response, update to be provided at next committee meeting.</td>
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<td>TREE PLANTING FOR SIGHT LINES</td>
<td>1. That the proposed policies for tree planting in parks with regards to visual views and the proposed policy on pruning existing street and park trees for visual</td>
<td>1. Proposed policy for public exhibition – date to be confirmed.</td>
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| ERC46/11                                                 | site lines is placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.  
2. Following the completion of the public exhibition period a further report is brought back to Council to assess submissions received during the exhibition period and the adoption of the proposed policies. | 2. A report will be brought back to Council after the public exhibition period. |         |
Item 7.1

Re ERC05/13 – Correspondence to Sydney Secondary School re Community Use of School Basketball Courts

Contact:  Aaron Callaghan
Phone: 9367 9270

19th April 2013

Mr Lee Wright
Principal
Sydney Secondary School
Balmain Campus
25-33 Terry Street Rozelle 2039

Dear Lee

RE: COMMUNITY USE OF SCHHOL BASKETBALL COURTS

At the March 2013 Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting, committee members formally requested that Council officers write to the Sydney Secondary College (Balmain Campus) in relation to the issue of the school’s basketball courts.

As you may be aware there is a shortage of recreational facilities in the Leichhardt area for community use. This includes deficiencies in the provision of basketball and netball courts and shortages of facilities for junior and senior age sporting pursuits.

Leichhardt Council is keen to enter into formal discussions with school representatives regarding possible community use and access of the existing courts after school hours and on weekends.

Community use would obviously be subject to non school usage periods i.e. after 4pm each day and during weekend periods. As you will be aware Council already has a positive relationship with the school, this includes allowing the school free access to Council owned and maintained sporting grounds.

I would welcome discussion with school officials in relation to the above issue and look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Please feel free to contact Council’s Senior Parks and Open Space Planner to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

Aaron Callaghan
SENIOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLANNER
Dear Resident

Draft Johnston’s Creek Master Plan
Saturday 4 May - 10am and 2pm
Federal Park and Bicentennial Park

Please join me at 11am for an information session about the draft Master Plan for the Johnston’s Creek Parklands on Saturday 4 May 2013.

The City is creating a long-term plan for Johnston’s Creek parkland that will link existing Glebe foreshore parklands with future open space at The Crescent Annandale, ‘the Hill’ near the Federal Park light rail station and new parklands in Harold Park.

In 2012 we consulted to get your ideas and comments which were used together with technical investigations to create the draft master plan.

The draft plan will be on public exhibition between 19 April and 17 May 2013.

At the information session you will be able to see the draft plans, ask questions and give us your feedback. We’ll have children’s activities and a sausage sizzle from 11am. The project team will give guided tours of the parklands at 11am and 1pm. Bookings are not required but there will be a limit of 15 people on each tour.

City staff will be on-site in two locations, at the playground in Federal Park (near Chapman Road Annandale) and on the foreshore in Bicentennial Park (near Federal Road, Glebe). I will be speaking in Bicentennial Park about the master plan at 11am.

If you can’t join us on the day, you can see more information about the project and have your say at sydneyoursay.com.au/johnstons-creek-parklands. We will also conduct surveys in the parks throughout the consultation period.

If you would like to make a submission or speak to a Council officer about this project, you can contact Kristin Gabriel, Community Engagement Coordinator, on 9265 9333 or kgabriel@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

I look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts on the draft master plan.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Mayor Clover Moore

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1. **Purpose of Report**

   To advise the Environment and Recreation Committee of the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 3 April 2013.

2. **Recommendations**

   That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 3 April 2013 be noted.
MINUTES of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 3 April 2013.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Councillors: Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Frank Breen

Community: Paul Geraghty, Lea Richards, Marghanita da Cruz

Staff: Jon Stiebel

Meeting commenced: 6:35pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Porteous performed acknowledgement of country.

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

BUSINESS

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

CCTF 08/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / BREEN

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of: Cr Daniel Kogoy, Richard Dudley Smith, Ron Reynolds.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS – Nil
ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 6 February 2013

CCTF 09/13  RECOMMENDED  PORTEOUS / BREEN

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 6 February 2013 be accepted.

ITEM 4
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – Nil

ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

CCTF 10/13  RECOMMENDED  PORTEOUS / BREEN

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

ITEM 6
UPDATE: CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN AND CARBON NEUTRAL CERTIFICATION

CCTF 11/13  RECOMMENDED  PORTEOUS / BREEN

1. That the committee note the completion of the Public Exhibition of the Draft Leichhardt Climate Change Plan.

2. That the committee note that the Draft Climate Change Plan is scheduled to be reported to Council for Adoption at the May Ordinary Council meeting following the amendments adopted at the March Ordinary Council meeting.

3. That in unison with the Environmental Sustainability Strategy, the Climate Change Plan defines the work program and work priorities of Council’s Environment Team and relevant staff.

4. That the committee note the existing Climate Change Taskforce Terms of Reference will be met following the certification of organisational carbon neutrality and adoption of the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan.

5. That the Team Leader Environmental Strategy commences a review of the Climate Change Taskforce Terms of Reference in consultation with committee representatives.
6. That the revised Climate Change Taskforce Terms of Reference be reported to the June Climate Change Taskforce meeting.

7. That a review of the Climate Change Plan be undertaken at twelve months following adoption.

**ITEM 7**
**SOLAR SHADE / BUILDING INTEGRATED SOLAR PV**

**CCTF 12/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / BREEN**

1. That the Draft Climate Change Plan scheduled for adoption in May 2013 does not include specific solar shading projects as they were not identified by energy audits undertaken for the Draft Climate Change Plan and assessment of further opportunities would delay plan adoption and implementation.

2. That following the implementation of current Climate Change Plan energy efficiency and solar initiatives, a further assessment be undertaken to identify suitable projects that will include a consideration of the outcomes of the Southern Sydney Region of Councils Renewable Energy Master plan.

**ITEM 8**
**CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM**

**CCTF 13/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / BREEN**

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

**ITEM 9**
**OTHER BUSINESS – Nil**

**ITEM 10**
**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Change Taskforce will be held on Wednesday, 5 June 2013.

**FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2013:**

- 5 June
- 7 August
- 2 October
- 4 December

The meeting closed at 8.00pm
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
SUBJECT: CLOTHES SWAP EVENT
AUTHOR: EMILY WILLIAMS
SUSTAINABILITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER
FILE REF:
DATE: 24 April 2013
WORD PROCESSING REF:

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1. **Purpose of Report**

   To update the Committee on the upcoming children’s Clothes Swap in the Leichhardt Town Hall.

2. **Recommendations**

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

3. **Background**

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

   - **CW12** Continue to research, develop and deliver a range of programs and policy options that will increase the community’s capacity for improved purchasing decisions.
   - **CW15** Continue to deliver waste avoidance and resource recovery education programs to a range of community sectors.

   Council currently delivers a range of services to promote waste avoidance and reuse of resources, and to change community consumption patterns. Initiatives include Second Hand Saturday and Clothes Swap events.

4. **Report**

   4.1 **Overview of clothing swaps**

   Clothing swaps are a fun and sustainable way of sharing resources, reducing consumption and avoiding waste. With the rise of collaborative consumption initiatives, clothes swaps are becoming extremely popular as they are a free and sustainable means of both de-cluttering and reducing consumption. Swaps are very social occasions, providing opportunities for participants to meet and connect with like-minded citizens.

   4.2 **Children’s clothing swap**

   Leichhardt Council hosted a children’s clothing and toy swap in the Leichhardt Town Hall in 2011. The event was promoted through Council’s Sustainability E-Newsletter, as well as through ads in Ciao magazine, the Inner West Courier,
brochures at libraries and Council’s childcare centres, and posters in local primary schools.

Over 40 parents attended the event, each bringing a number of items including clothes, shoes, toys and books to swap. Many items were nearly new or still in the original packaging. The swap presented an opportunity for participants to ensure their items were reused rather than disposed of, and resulted in reuse of resources and avoidance of unnecessary consumption.

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, and very few items were left over at the end of the event. Remaining items were donated to charity. A second clothes swap was held 14 March 2012 at the Exchange Hotel, Balmain for woman’s clothing and was also well attended.

Following the success of these events, $4000 was approved in the 2012/13 budget for a Clothes Swap. The next event will be a Children’s Clothing and Toy Swap on 12 June 2013 in the Leichhardt Town Hall. The event will be promoted through local newspapers, the Sustainability e-Newsletter, social media and at local childcare centres.
**Item 10**

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

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1. **Purpose of Report**

To update the committee on the commencement of the endorsed Bushcare Carbon Offsetting Scheme (BCOS).

2. **Recommendations**

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

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

   3. That ongoing funding is sourced from the Friends of the Park budget.

3. **Report**

In October 2009 a report was presented to the Environment and Recreation Committee proposing the adoption of a Bushcare Carbon Offsetting Scheme (BCOS) as a means of contributing to community efforts to combat climate change, and to provide an incentive for members of the community to become involved in our volunteer bushcare program.

The recent review of Council’s Sponsorship Policy has ruled out the possibility of sponsorship to fund the BCOS. However, interest in the scheme from Council’s bushcare volunteers has continued. In acknowledgement of this and the climate change benefits of the BCOS, it is recommended that the scheme be commenced with funding sourced from the Friends of the Park budget.

The BCOS as proposed in 2009 suggested a contribution rate of $2 per volunteer hour. It is now proposed that Council contributes $1 to a carbon offsetting scheme for every hour of volunteer bushcare labour carried out on Council supported projects in the Leichhardt LGA. The amount of $1 per volunteer hour will be sufficient to provide significant personal carbon offsetting for individual volunteers.

On the basis of volunteer hours recorded over the past three years, it is estimated that cost of the scheme for an average year will be approximately $3000.

Council has recently adopted a carbon neutral policy, and will be purchasing carbon offsets annually from an accredited supplier to achieve carbon neutrality. It is proposed that the offsets for the BCOS are purchased from the same provider and projects. The offsets will be sourced from various projects including
renewable energy projects in developing countries and forestry projects in Australia. The price of offsets from these projects varies, but it is envisaged that the average price of offsets will be around $7 per tonne CO2. This will allow the BCOS to offset around 430 tonnes of CO2 per year with a high level of assurance that the offsets are of high quality.

This indicative level of funding will provide significant personal carbon offsetting for volunteers. For example, a volunteer who contributes 4hrs of labour per week for 11 months of the year will have $188 per year contributed to the fund on their behalf. This will be used to offset approximately 27 tonnes of CO2 emissions, which is roughly equivalent to the total carbon emissions produced by an average Australian citizen per year. (http://www.garnautreview.org.au/pdf/Garnaut_Chapter7.pdf)

As a promotional tool, a virtual revegetation project will be set up in connection with the scheme. Based on estimates of the amount of carbon stored in mature bushland revegetation, the tonnes of CO2 purchased by the fund will be converted to equivalent hectares of bushland revegetation, and the scheme’s progress could be graphically represented.

On a conservative estimate, mature revegetation in the Sydney region is likely to store carbon at a rate equivalent to 25 tonnes of CO2 per hectare per year (Lowson, Estimating Carbon in Direct Seeded Environmental Plantings, p.52). Using this figure of 25 tonnes of CO2 per hectare, the scheme could virtually revegetate 17.2 hectares per year.

Graphic representation of this could be made available online, with links to information about community bushcare projects and volunteering opportunities, and other bushcare related items. Further explanation of the principles of carbon offsetting could also be supplied, with links to accredited carbon offset providers.

5. **Conclusions**

A Bushcare Carbon Offsetting Scheme as described in this report will add environmental value to our community bushcare program, and may assist in attracting and retaining bushcare volunteers. It will serve as an educational tool, and will promote the perception of Leichhardt Council as a good corporate citizen.
ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE
OPERATION GUIDELINES

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

2. Location
   ▪ Leichhardt Town Hall Supper Room

3. Chair
   ▪ Elected by Councillors and as determined

4. Quorum
   ▪ Three members, one of whom must be a Councillor

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

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

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

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

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

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