LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE SUPPER ROOM, LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL, 107 NORTON STREET, LEICHHARDT, ON 13 May 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Peter Head
GENERAL MANAGER

7 May 2015

BUSINESS :

** 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.

** APOLOGIES

** THIS MEETING IS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL’S CODE OF CONDUCT.

** DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

** VERBAL UPDATE -ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN 2015 – 2025

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ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES 11 MARCH 2015

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Recommendation

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Report

The minutes of the Environment & Climate Change Committee meeting held on 11 March 2015 are provided below.

Attachments

ECCC Operation Guidelines (amended at ECCC 11 March 2015 meeting) and Terms of Reference
MINUTES of ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room, Leichhardt Town Hall, 107 Norton Street, Leichhardt, on 11 March 2015 at 6:30pm.

Present at the meeting: Cr Breen (Chair), Cr Kogoy, Cr Hannaford, Richard Dudley-Smith, Andrew Fraser, Koko Clark, Angela Michaelis, Paul Geraghty, Lea Richards, David Lawrence.

Staff Present: Manager Environment and Urban Planning, Team Leader Environmental Strategy, Sustainability Engagement Officer

Meeting commenced: 6.31pm

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** APOLOGIES

ECCC01/15 RESOLVED BREEN/KOGOY

That apologies be accepted for the absence of Cr Channells.

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** DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cr Kogoy is employed by a company associated with the Our Solar Future event and will not participate in Item 5.
ITEM 1  ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES – 3 DECEMBER 2014

ECCC02/15  RESOLVED  GERAGHTY/LAWRENCE

That the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 3 December 2014 be received and noted.

ITEM 2  CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 3 DECEMBER 2014

ECCC03/15  RESOLVED  GERAGHTY/KOGOY

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 3 December 2014 be received and noted.

ITEM 3  SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ECCC04/15  RESOLVED  HANNAFORD/MICHAELIS

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

2. That Council invite a member of the Boomerang Alliance to attend the next Environment and Climate Change Committee meeting to discuss the details of the proposed Container Deposit Scheme

ITEM 4  DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE AND OPERATING GUIDELINES

ECCC05/15  RESOLVED  GERAGHTY/LAWRENCE

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee:
1. Adopt the Operation Guidelines and Meeting Time in Report Section A with the exception of Agenda and Report availability which is to be amended to make available printed copies of the Agenda.

2. Adopt the Terms of Reference in Report Section B

3. Advise the Senior Management Team.
ITEM 5  CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM

ECCC06/15  RESOLVED  GERAGHTY/FRASER

Councillor Kogoy declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting whilst Item 5 was discussed.

That Council note that the next climate change forum will be held on Saturday, 18 April 2015 at the Leichhardt Town Hall to showcase solar energy initiatives and options for residents.

ITEM 6  SUMMERAMA 2015

Councillor Kogoy returned to the meeting.

ECCC07/15  RESOLVED  KOGOY/LAWRENCE

That Council note:

1. Leichhardt Council is a member of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group. Each year the Sydney Coastal Councils Group and its member Councils organise and participate in Summerama, an environmental education program focusing on coastal and marine environments, targeting children and families during the holiday period.

2. Two educational tours of the Whites Creek Wetland were scheduled in January 2015.

3. The education program was designed and delivered in-house by Council’s Sustainability Engagement Officer at nil cost.

4. The committee thanks Emily Williams, Sustainability Engagement Officer for the Summerama program

ITEM 7  GREENWAY PLACE MANAGER’S REPORT

ECCC08/15  RESOLVED  KOGOY/LAWRENCE

That Council receive and note the GreenWay Place Manager’s Report dated 18 November 2014.
ITEM 8  GREENWAY STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 2014

ECCC09/15  RESOLVED  MICHAELIS/KOGOY

1. That Council receive and note the minutes of the GreenWay Steering Committee’s 13 October 2014 meeting.

2. That a member of the Greenway Steering Committee be invited to give a presentation on the current status of the greenway.

ITEM 9  GREENWAY STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES DECEMBER 2014

ECCC10/15  RESOLVED  LAWRENCE/KOGOY

1. That Council receive and note the minutes of the GreenWay Steering Committee’s 1 December 2014 meeting.

2. That the committee raises its concerns about the impact of over development on the greenway corridor and on the effectiveness of the light rail in the long term due to the increasing density of development.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Statutory Signage

ECCC11/15  RESOLVED  LAWRENCE/HANNAFORD

That Leichhardt Council review options to consolidate and reduce statutory signage across the LGA in light of the work by Mosman Council and the City of Sydney to reduce signage and improve the local amenity of heritage neighbourhoods.

2. Whites Creek Community Orchard

ECCC12/15  RESOLVED  GERAGHTY/KOGOY

The committee would like to thank all Council staff and the Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park involved in the development and opening day for the Whites Creek Community Orchard.
3. Installing Waste Bins - North Eastern Part of Elkington Park

ECCC13/15 RESOLVED MICHAELIS/CLARKE

That Council investigate installing waste bins in the north eastern part of Elkington Park, Balmain (near the boat launching area) and that this be used as a trial for clearly marked alternate bins for general waste and drink containers such as those being used by Mosman and Waverley Councils.

The next meeting is an extraordinary meeting to be held on Wednesday, 22 April 2015 at 6.30pm to engage on the Draft Environmental Sustainability Plan 2015 – 2025 while on exhibition.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm
Note: Operation Guidelines amended at the ECCC meeting 11 March 2015

ITEM 4  DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE AND OPERATING GUIDELINES

ECCC05/15  RESOLVED  GERAGHTY/LAWRENCE

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2. Adopt the Terms of Reference in Report Section B
3. Advise the Senior Management Team.

SECTION A - OPERATION GUIDELINES
ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

1. Date & Time
   - Second Wednesday of every second month commencing March
   - 6.30pm – 8.30pm. The timing of the meeting can be extended by vote by half an hour.

2. Location
   - Leichhardt Town Hall Supper Room

3. Chair
   - Elected by Councillors and as determined

4. Quorum
   - Chairperson and four others which may comprise community members or Councillors

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

6. Councillor and Staff Attendance
   - All Councillors may attend meeting; Councillor attendance not mandated
   - One or two staff members able to speak on all agenda items, and may include Manager Environment & Urban Planning, Team Leader Environmental Strategy, Sustainability Engagement Officer, Environmental Technical Officer, Manager Assets and Parks, Bushcare & Biodiversity Officer, Stormwater & Development-Team Leader, Manager Works & Waste Services, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Officer, and in addition a minute taker if required.

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

8. Resolutions adopted by Committee
   - Resolutions are adopted 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 resolutions adopted by the Committee must be referred to the Senior Management Team (SMT) and all relevant matters (including proposed policy changes, new policy and expenditure of funds) shall be referred by SMT to the next Policy Council Meeting and shall include all associated reports, comments and recommendations.
9. **Agenda and Report Availability**
   - Agendas and reports will be circulated to committee members a 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 occurs.

11. **Code of Conduct and Guiding Principles**
    - The meeting is being conducted in keeping with Council's Code of Conduct.
    - Guiding principles include:
      - Working openly and honestly with each other, accepting that we will not always agree, but focusing on the values that we share
      - Working in good faith and consult, negotiate a compromise to achieve common objectives, and reach decisions through consensus
      - Acknowledge and respect our religious, political or other differences and do not allow them to cause divisiveness on the committee

SECTION B - TERMS OF REFERENCE
ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Principal Objective: To provide a forum for Council to work with our community to promote the Leichhardt Local Government Area as sustainable, liveable and connected.

Other Objectives:

1. Advise Council on the alignment of environmental policy, strategy, programs, and initiatives with Council's strategic objectives:
   a. A healthy and liveable environment
   b. Building community capacity for environmentally sustainable living and business
   c. Addressing, adapting and building resilience to climate change
   d. Protecting, connecting and integrating biodiversity and water within our urban context
   e. Avoiding waste and recovering resources
   f. Building organisational capacity for environmental sustainability

2. Work towards a Corporate Target of 100% Renewable Energy by 2025

3. Harness local community expertise to provide and share information, data and research to assist in the implementation of the Environmental Sustainability Plan.

4. Involve community members and stakeholders in the consideration and development of evidence based policy and strategic planning relating to key environmental issues and emerging trends.
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Report

The summary of resolutions are provided below.

Environment & Climate Change Summary of Resolutions - May 2015
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<td>3. Response received from Minister, refer May 2015 Agenda</td>
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<td>Two events held, Two schools with a total of approximately 210 students were involved in the trial program. Evaluation report to upcoming Environment and Climate Change Meeting</td>
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<td>4. That the consultant’s report referred to in the December 2014 Summary of Resolutions (C302/12), include analysis of Leichhardt LGA becoming a zero net energy town.</td>
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To provide the Environment & Climate Change Committee with a verbal update on the current status of the Greenway.

Recommendation

That the Committee receive and note the verbal report and presentation regarding the current status of the Greenway.

Background

At the 11 March 2015 meeting ECC08/15 resolved that a member of the Greenway Steering Committee be invited to give a presentation on the current status of the Greenway.

Report

A verbal report and presentation regarding the current status of the Greenway will be provided by Ken Welsh Strategic Transport Planner.
ITEM 4 REPORT & PRESENTATION DRAFT LEICHHARDT BIKE PLAN 2015 EXHIBITION

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Purpose of Report
To update the Committee in relation to the exhibition of the Draft Leichhardt Bike Plan 2015.

Background
In March 2014 Council adopted Leichhardt’s Integrated Transport Plan to guide Leichhardt’s future transport planning and to assist in supporting Council's numerous sustainability, environmental and community development goals.

The bike plan review is included in the Integrated Transport Plan as Task 2.1.2, below:

Review the existing Bike Plan to ensure its compatibility with adjoining Councils and the Inner Sydney Regional Bike Plan and construct appropriate cycling infrastructure to meet the future cycling demand.

The bike plan review is also included in Council's Community and Cultural Plan as Item 5.2.3/3.

Subsequently, in April 2014, Council commissioned GTA Consultants to prepare a review of Leichhardt’s previous Bike Plan (“Pick up your bike and go where you like” 2007). Since that time GTA has worked with Leichhardt’s Bicycle Advisory Committee and an internal steering committee to develop a draft bike plan. Further information is available at:
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Purpose of Report

To update the Committee in relation to the exhibition of the Draft Leichhardt Bike Plan 2015.

Recommendation

To receive and note this report.

Background

In March 2014 Council adopted Leichhardt’s Integrated Transport Plan to guide Leichhardt’s future transport planning and to assist in supporting Council’s numerous sustainability, environmental and community development goals.

The bike plan review is included in the Integrated Transport Plan as Task 2.1.2, below:

*Review the existing Bike Plan to ensure its compatibility with adjoining Councils and the Inner Sydney Regional Bike Plan and construct appropriate cycling infrastructure to meet the future cycling demand.*

The bike plan review is also included in Council’s Community and Cultural Plan as Item 5.2.3/3.

Subsequently, in April 2014, Council commissioned GTA Consultants to prepare a review of Leichhardt’s previous Bike Plan (“Pick up your bike and go where you like” 2007). Since that time GTA has worked with Leichhardt’s Bicycle Advisory Committee and an internal steering committee to develop a draft bike plan (http://www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au/About-Council/Have-your-say/Plans-on-Exhibition/Draft-Leichhardt-Bike-Plan-2015).

Report

Introduction

The draft Leichhardt Bike Plan 2015 has been designed to guide further development of the bicycle network and facilities throughout Leichhardt LGA as well as maximising integration with other transport modes and connections to surrounding LGAs.

Importantly, this draft Bike Plan seeks to engage non-regular cyclists, those that avoid cycling due to safety concerns.

It has been prepared to target the “interested but concerned” user category. These people represent a large portion of potential bike riders (estimated at round 60% of potential riders). In designing the draft bike plan it was noted that cyclists can legally use all roads within Leichhardt, however the infrastructure improvements in the plan...
have been developed from the perspective of providing a network safe for a 12 year old person to use, based on the assumption that a route safe and attractive to a 12 year old will also satisfy the needs of older, more experienced riders.

Since the creation of Leichhardt’s 2007 bike plan there have been many changes in Sydney’s bicycle patronage and infrastructure, the State Government’s long term active transport initiatives, as well as the medium to longer term potential land use structure of Leichhardt LGA (and surrounds). Consequently the draft bike plan has also been designed to respond to these anticipated changes.

The key initiatives considered to in the draft plan include:
- Australian National cycling Strategy 2011-16;
- NSW Bike Plan 2010;
- NSW 2021: A Plan to Make NSW Number One;
- NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan;
- Sydney’s Walking Future 2013;
- Sydney’s Cycling Future 2013;
- NSW Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines;
- Inner Sydney Regional Bike Plan/Network;
- GreenWay Active Transport Strategy and Action Plan 2012;
- City of Sydney Cycle Strategy and Action Plan 2007-17;
- Marrickville Bicycle Strategy 2007;
- Leichhardt Integrated Transport Plan 2014; and
- Leichhardt Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan 2014.

Reflecting Leichhardt’s previous strategic plans, the draft bike plan 2015 provides recommended actions which are included in a simple 4 Year Service Delivery Plan and a 10 Year Strategy. It is anticipated that submissions received during the exhibition period will assist in refining both the service delivery plan and the strategy.

**Key Recommendations**

**Proposed Bicycle Network**

Rather than develop a new bicycle network, the draft plan recommends a network that is intended to enhance, simplify and rationalise the 2007 network by producing a simplified network which focusses on producing a manageable number of core routes within Leichhardt. It has also been designed to capitalise on work in surrounding localities by improving connectivity between Leichhardt and adjacent bicycle networks.

The key rationales for establishing the updated bicycle network in Leichhardt LGA include:
- Use and retain as much of the established network as possible. Significant effort has been undertaken by Leichhardt Council to establish the existing network, including signage and the provision of bicycle stencils on many roads.
- Rationalise the existing network to increase the simplicity and legibility to new users.
- All local streets are part of the bicycle network. Low volume and speed local routes are appropriate as mixed use streets.
- Bicycle shoulder lanes adjacent to parking lanes are generally considered unsafe and should be phased out. Cyclists must be encouraged to ride no closer than 1.0m from parked cars, i.e. mixed traffic routes.
- Interested but concerned cyclists will avoid high volume or high speed traffic routes. In this regard parallel routes were investigated, balanced with directness and legibility.
- Introduce separated cycleways along high traffic streets to connect traffic generating land uses and strategically assist in the formation of a regional bicycle network. These will be proposed on streets with minimum 12.8m wide carriageways to limit the loss of on-street car parking.
- Adopt and maintain regional infrastructure standards. This is already done for wayfinding signage and some shared paths.
- Where possible, provide routes that avoid steep inclines.

The proposed network provided in Figure 1, below.

**Figure 1 – Proposed Bicycle Network**

The categories of route shown in the proposed bicycle network (Figure 1) can be described as follows:
Recreational: Routes (with a priority for leisure purposes). Usually provide scenic benefit but can also form part of commute routes. Can consist of shared and separated bicycle/pedestrian paths. These consist of:
  - The GreenWay, adjacent to Hawthorne Canal (much of which is in Ashfield LGA)
  - The Bay Run
  - Whites Creek trail
  - Johnstons Creek trail.

Shared Paths: Routes shared with pedestrian and cyclists due to environmental constraints or where there are low volumes of cyclists and pedestrians.

Separated Paths: These are generally short links across significant topographical constraints as well as a link through any potential future development of the Rozelle Rail Yards.

Separated Cycleways: All these are proposed facilities.

Bicycle Boulevards: Key route with mixed traffic, typically parallel to high traffic routes such as Victoria Road, Parramatta Road, Norton Street and Johnston Street. Priority is afforded to cyclists both along the route and ideally also at intersections. Speed management and place making are an integral part of the route.

Mixed Traffic: Low vehicle volume and speed roads suitable for sharing. These routes provide opportunity for motorists to safely pass around cyclists. Many streets can be enhanced by increased place making and speed reduction treatments.

High Traffic/ Difficulty: Existing routes that will generally be avoided by the interested but concerned category of cyclist due to high vehicle traffic volumes and/or speeds.

### 2.2 Route Evaluation

In an effort to prioritise the relative importance of each route (in comparison to other proposed routes) the draft plan provides a detailed evaluation of each route based on the matrix provided as Figure 2 below.

It is anticipated that the score/ranking provided through the evaluation matrix will assist Council in prioritising future budget allocations in a manner which will provide the greatest benefit for its investment.

Noting that much of the proposed network is likely to be eligible for partial funding by the State Government, the draft bike plan currently proposes a total of 40 projects, totalling 58 km and costing approximately $11,000,000 over a 10 year period (Figure 3). In addition to potential RMS and Transport for NSW funding, it is anticipated that, as several of the routes are included in the Inner Sydney Regional Bike Network, the opportunity may exist for Federal Government funding, because this network was included in the National Infrastructure Plan 2013.

To further reduce financial burden it is proposed that several of the larger projects could be divided into smaller, more affordable sections, for implementation.
Figure 2 – Route Evaluation Matrix

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Figure 3 – Indicative Cost Assessment

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* 1 uncosted project pending trial outcomes.
** includes four major routes through Rozelle Railyards which are uncosted.
*** includes the $4.0 million Council currently has allocated in the Long Term Financial Plan to fund the Bike Plan over the next 10 years.

2.3 Promotion and Behavioural Change
The draft plan recognises the success of Council’s various events behavioural change programs in encouraging uptake of bike riding and improved safety of both pedestrians and bike riders. Consequently, it recommends the continuance of these activities and suggests that the following be investigated to complement Council’s existing programs:
- Guided rides of key routes;
- Launch day events for new facilities;
- Joint programs with local businesses;
- New maps showing access route to key attractions;
- Ongoing “ride to work” program;
- “Bike bus”;
- Ride to School programs;
- Assistance for schools wanting to participate in training and maintenance courses run;
- Information stalls at local markets and events;
- Open Street programs.

**Summary/Conclusions**

The draft Leichhardt Bike Plan 2015 is currently on public exhibition until 1 June 2015. Feedback is sought from the community during this period. Pursuant to conclusion of the exhibition the plan will be reviewed in the light of submissions received and its 4 Year Service Delivery Plan and 10 Year Strategy refined.

It will then be presented to Council for adoption and its projects included in future bicycle works programs as appropriate.
ITEM 5  CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM - OUR SOLAR FUTURE

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SUMMARY AND ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

| Purpose of Report | To update the committee on the climate change forum 'Our Solar Future' that was held on Saturday 18 April 2015 at the Leichhardt Town Hall. |
| Background | The Leichhardt Climate Change Plan Objective 4: *Build community capacity and connections to tackle climate change* includes the action: "Deliver one forum per year on a sustainability topic with climate change as the overarching and connecting issue." |
| Current Status | NIL |
| Relationship to existing policy | In line with Council’s commitment to promote and develop Leichhardt as a sustainable community |
| Financial and Resources Implications | 2014-15 budget allocation was $7,000 for the climate change forum |
| Recommendation | That the Committee note the annual climate change forum was held on Saturday 18 April 2015 at the Leichhardt Town Hall, showcasing solar energy initiatives and options for residents. |
| Notifications | NIL |
| Attachments | NIL |
Purpose of Report

To update the committee on the climate change forum ‘Our Solar Future’ that was held on Saturday 18 April 2015 at the Leichhardt Town Hall.

Recommendation

That the Committee note the annual climate change forum was held on Saturday 18 April 2015 at the Leichhardt Town Hall, showcasing solar energy initiatives and options for residents.

Background

Since 2010, six forums have been organised and held in the Leichhardt and Balmain Town Halls. Topics have ranged from sustainable food to transport options.

This year saw the completion of the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) Our Solar Future project. The project is part of the Our Energy Future: Renewable Energy Master Plan, an initiative of SSROC in partnership with eight of its member councils: Ashfield, Bankstown, Canada Bay, Canterbury, Kogarah, Leichhardt, Marrickville and Rockdale.

The Our Solar Future website provides households and small businesses with access to solar energy products and services. The website provides basic information required to get started on installing photovoltaic (PV) systems. Also included is a list of experienced and trustworthy suppliers, vetted by the Alternative Technology Association of Australia (ATA), to supply quality products and service at a discounted price.

Report

The Our Solar Future forum was held on Saturday 18 April from 11am-2pm at the Leichhardt Town Hall. There were two guest speakers: Bernie Hobbs, speaking about renewables and reducing our footprint, who was also the MC; and Nicola Ison, a researcher from the Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS, speaking about the Our Energy Future Master Plan.

The new Our Solar Future website was launched at the forum. The five suppliers listed on the website had stalls at the forum, providing the opportunity for residents to ask questions face-to-face and find the best option for their home. Other stalls present were: SSROC, Climate Change Balmain- Rozelle, Solar Citizens and Pingala.

After Bernie Hobbs and Nicola Ison spoke, a Q&A with the suppliers was held so that residents could ask questions about solar energy and renewables. Residents could then wander through the stalls and speak with suppliers face-to-face. Five lucky door prizes of $100 each towards a solar energy installation were drawn at the end of the day.
Part of the Town Hall car park was blocked off for activities outside. The Veggie Patch Van offered light refreshments; Bike N Blend had bicycle-powered smoothies; the Ashfield Public School P&C had a bake sale; Nomadic Café sold coffee and hot beverages; and there was a solar-powered video game area set up for children and adults alike. Kids could also get their face painted.

Approximately 120 people attended, mostly adults. Out of the 150 people who registered, 32% heard about the event through an article published in the Sydney Morning Herald, followed by 17% through word of mouth and 15% via an ad in the Inner West Courier. A quarter of the people who registered were from within the Leichhardt LGA.

Summary/Conclusions

Leichhardt Council’s annual climate change forum focussed on solar energy this year. Called Our Solar Future, the forum was held Saturday 18 April from 11am-2pm in the Leichhardt Town Hall. Approximately 120 people attended. There were two guest speakers, a range of stalls showcasing solar energy suppliers and community groups, as well as activities such as solar-powered video games and bicycle-powered smoothies. Catering was provided by the Veggie Patch Van. Residents gave positive verbal feedback on the day and several signed up for solar energy systems with the suppliers.
ITEM 6  SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS PROGRAM

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**SUMMARY AND ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Purpose of Report**
To update Council on the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program and associated activities being held between 13 April and 7 June 2015.

**Background**
The Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program is an action within the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan under Objective 4, *Build Community Capacity and Connections to tackle Climate Change*, Strategy 2, *Implement education programs to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change*, Action 1, *Seek Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payment funding for a program officer to coordinate the sustainable neighbourhoods program*.

**Current Status**
NIL

**Relationship to existing policy**
In line with Council’s commitment to promote and develop Leichhardt as a sustainable community

**Financial and Resources Implications**
The Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program is fully funded from the Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payment (WaSIP) Program Budget until June 2015

**Recommendation**
That the Environment and Climate Change Committee notes:

1. A new page has been created on the Leichhardt Municipal Council website for the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program.

2. The Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program includes three activities for residents focussed on the reduction of water and energy consumption, and waste and resource recovery. These challenges will be run between April 13 2015 and June 7 2015.

**Notifications**
NIL

**Attachments**
NIL
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The Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program aims to increase the knowledge and skills of residents to reduce their environmental footprint. The program utilises a range of approaches including online learning, rewards for sustainability improvements, group challenges and workshops.

The program is structured around sustainability information and tips focusing on water, energy, waste and resource recovery, followed by a series of challenges to encourage participants to implement as many of the sustainability tips as possible during the challenge period.

The Sustainable Neighbourhoods website also includes LGA-specific information on active transport, greening your property, information for renters and sustainable building and renovation as well as external website links.

Report

Promotion

The program is being promoted through newspaper ads in local papers, articles in council newsletters, posters, postcards, email and social media (refer Figure 1).
Structure

Once residents have registered online for the program, they are contacted by the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Officer. They are then directed to the online information and the sustainability tips associated with each challenge, and invited to an associated workshop.

Challenge 1, was the Water Savings Challenge, which ran from April 13-26. It focussed on simple ways to save water, with both technological and behavioural solutions suggested to participants. The program had 58 participants from 26 households, groups or individuals. Of those who completed the post-challenge survey, the vast majority claim to be following the provided water savings tips ‘all or most of the time’ following completion of the Water Savings Challenge.

Challenge 2 is the Energy Savings Challenge, which runs from May 4-17. Again, both behavioural and technological solutions are suggested. So far, 62 participants from 29 households, groups or individuals are participating.

Challenge 3 is the Waste Reduction Challenge, which runs from May 25-June 7. The Challenge focusses largely on ways to reduce waste where possible and divert it from landfill at the point of disposal.

On completion of the challenges, residents inform the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Officer about their progress or issues during the challenges and winners are selected based on progress, improvements, and enthusiasm. Prizes are sourced from local businesses, and aim to help winners continue their sustainability journey. Examples include vouchers from local sustainable businesses.

Ongoing

Development of resources for the Sustainable Neighbourhood Program has been funded by the NSW Government Waste and Sustainability Improvement Program. These resources are now available for Council to use on an ongoing basis. The Sustainable Neighbourhoods program will remain active on Council's website and the associated challenges will be run annually.
ITEM 7  RESPONSE FROM MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ON CONTAINER DEPOSIT LEGISLATION AND PLASTIC BAGS

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**SUMMARY AND ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Purpose of Report**
To provide the Committee with copies of correspondence from the NSW Minister for the Environment in response to letters from the Mayor regarding Container Deposit Legislation and Plastic Bags.

**Background**
At the 2 April 2014 Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting ERC 14/14 recommended that Council writes to the NSW Minister for the Environment asking that the Government pass legislation to ban Plastic Shopping Bags in NSW and pass legislation to introduce Container Deposit Legislation.

Following adoption of the 2 April 2014 Environment and Recreation Committee Minutes (C231/14) at the July 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting, the Mayor wrote two letters to the NSW Minister for the Environment dated 27 August in relation to Plastic Shopping Bags and Container Deposit Legislation.

**Current Status**
A response has been received from the NSW Minister for the Environment

**Relationship to existing policy**
NIL

**Financial and Resources Implications**
NIL

**Recommendation**
That the committee note correspondence from the NSW Minister for the Environment on Container Deposit Legislation and Plastic Bags.

**Notifications**
NIL

**Attachments**
1. Letter from NSW Minister for the Environment CDS
2. Letter from NSW Minister for the Environment Plastic Bags
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Recommendation

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Background

At the 2 April 2014 Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting, ERC 14/14 recommended that Council campaign to ban plastic shopping bags and urge the NSW Government to introduce Container Deposit Legislation and in doing so:

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Report

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Attachments

1. Letter from NSW Minister for the Environment CDS
2. Letter from NSW Minister for the Environment Plastic Bags
Councillor Darcy Byrne
Mayor
Leichhardt Municipal Council
PO Box 45
LEICHHARDT NSW 2040

Dear Cr Byrne,

Thank you for your letters regarding a NSW container deposit scheme (CDS) and the use of plastic shopping bags in NSW. I appreciate you bringing Leichhardt Council’s concerns to my attention.

Environment Ministers from all States and Territories in Australia have had a long-standing goal of reducing the environmental impacts of plastic bags. I can assure you that this commitment from all levels of Government has led to a substantial reduction in the use of plastic bags and has influenced retailers to supply alternative ‘green’ bags at a cheaper price, offer degradable plastic bags or remove plastic bags entirely.

I can confirm that the NSW Government continues to be strongly committed to reducing the use and environmental impact of plastic bags. I have recently written to the Federal Environment Minister, the Hon. Greg Hunt MP, seeking a comprehensive national response to the issue.

I can advise that drop-off points to recycle lightweight plastic bags into plastic products such as benches, plastic timber and pipes are becoming increasingly available at many major stores. For further information on plastic bag collection points near you, I encourage you to visit the website www.recyclingnearyou.com.au.

The NSW Government is committed to reducing the impact of not only plastic bags, but of plastic in the environment more broadly. We have announced both a phase out of microbeads from personal care products by 2016 and the commencement of a container deposit scheme by 1 July 2017.

Reverse vending machines will be installed in communities across the state to incentivise people to return beverage containers for recycling. Such schemes have been successful in many jurisdictions around the world in reducing litter and increasing recycling. In turn, less beverage containers pollute parks, suburbs, beaches and waterways. A CDS can also support community organisations, including charities, schools, and sporting groups, to tackle litter and increase recycling in their local environment.

During 2015 and 2016, the NSW Government will work closely with the community, local councils, industry and an expert working group to design the technical features of the CDS. We are committed to ensuring that the scheme is environmentally effective and economically responsible. This will also allow sufficient time for councils, recycling and beverage companies, and community groups to adjust for the commencement of the scheme.
This reform will be part of the broader action being undertaken by the NSW Government to reduce litter generally, with the aim that NSW will have the lowest litter count per capita in Australia. Through the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, $20 million is being used over five years to revitalise anti-littering efforts across NSW, including new education and community awareness campaigns, new and upgraded litter infrastructure and targeted enforcement programs. Further details regarding the NSW Government’s litter prevention initiatives can be found at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/litter.

If you have any further questions on these issues, Mr Rob Hogan, Manager, Waste Strategy and Innovation at the Environment Protection Authority, can be contacted on 9995 5734 or by email at rob.hogan@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Stokes MP
Minister for the Environment

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This reform will be part of the broader action being undertaken by the NSW Government to reduce litter generally, with the aim that NSW will have the lowest litter count per capita in Australia. Through the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, $20 million is being used over five years to revitalise anti-littering efforts across NSW, including new education and community awareness campaigns, new and upgraded litter infrastructure and targeted enforcement programs. Further details regarding the NSW Government’s litter prevention initiatives can be found at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/litter.

If you have any further questions on these issues, Mr Rob Hogan, Manager, Waste Strategy and Innovation at the Environment Protection Authority, can be contacted on 9995 5734 or by email at rob.hogan@epa.nsw.gov.au.

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