Environment and Recreation Committee Terms of Reference

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

Environment Policy development on:

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

Recreation Policy development on:

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

Chairperson: Cr Rochelle Porteous
Deputy Chairperson: Cr Michele McKenzie

Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose Country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.
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 October 2010 at 6:30pm.

Peter Head
General Manager

AGENDA

Acknowledgement of Country

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2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and Non-pecuniary Interest

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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 August 2010.

2. **Recommendation**

   That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 4 August 2010 with the accompanying recommendations.
MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 4 August 2010.

Present at the meeting: Cr Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Cr Gordon Weiss, Cr John Stamolis, Cr Jamie Parker, David Lawrence, Paul Geraghty, Gael Kennedy, Sally Gillespie, Gillian Leahy, Mark Furness, Sarah Furness

Staff Present: Jake Bennett, David Eckstein, Gill Dawson

Apologies Hugh Malfroy, Bev Maunsell
Meeting Commenced: 6.35pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Rochelle Porteous performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as Chairperson.

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

ERC29/10 RECOMMENDED

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

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

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 2 June 2010

ERC30/10 RECOMMENDED

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 2 June 2010.
ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC31/10 RECOMMENDED

1. 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 ERC39/09 – Birchgrove Tree

- That one tree and native shrubs be planted with the issue reviewed in 12 months.

- That a report be prepared for the Environment & Recreation Committee on how other council’s policies for tree and vegetation planting address sight lines. The report to include recommendations on how such a policy could be implemented.

ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE

ERC32/10 RECOMMENDED

That a response be sought to Council’s previous letter in relation to Cornucopia Cafe and that letters be written to the local member and NGOs on the review panel expressing Council’s concern.

ITEM 6
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

ERC33/10 RECOMMENDED

That the verbal report on the Whites Valley Creek community garden be received.

ITEM 7.1
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE – CORPORATE STRATEGY

ERC34/10 RECOMMENDED

That the minutes of the Climate Change Task Force – Corporate Strategy meeting held on 7 July 2010 be noted.
ITEM 7.2
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE – COMMUNITY STRATEGY

ERC35/10 RECOMMENDED

That the minutes of the Climate Change Task Force – Community Strategy meeting held on 7 July 2010 be noted.

ITEM 8.1
UPDATE ON THE HANDOVER OF THE COMMUNITY NATIVE NURSERY SITE, 22 WISDOM STREET, ANNANDALE

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

ERC36/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That the report be received and noted.

2. That further clarification be sought on the division of the properties at Whites Creek Valley Park and what stage this is at as a matter of urgency. Any update to be provided to the committee.

ITEM 8.2
VERBAL UPDATE – FUSARIUM WILT IN PALMS - MEDIA RELEASE

ERC37/10 RECOMMENDED

That the verbal report be received.

ITEM 8.3
VERBAL UPDATE – BENEFIT OF TREES PAMPHLET

ERC38/10 RECOMMENDED

That PDFs of the “Benefit of Trees” pamphlet be provided to the committee members for feedback.
ITEM 8.4
VERBAL UPDATE – NATIVE PLANTING OF STREET VERGES

ERC39/10 RECOMMENDED

That a report be prepared for the October Committee meeting on progress of the project, including implementation recommendations.

ITEM 8.5
VERBAL UPDATE – SIGNIFICANT TREES IN PARKS

ERC40/10 RECOMMENDED

That the verbal update be received

ITEM 10
OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 10.1
FOR DISCUSSION – TREE DESTRUCTION – DARLING ST ROZELLE

ERC41/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council purchase 5 steel guards for use with “at risk saplings” and that the use of larger trees be investigated.

2. That letters be sent to the local police requesting an increase in patrols in the vicinity and to the local pubs requesting their security guards to be aware of the tree destruction issue.

ITEM 10.2
FRIENDS OF WHITES VALLEY CREEK PARK UPDATE

ERC42/10 RECOMMENDED

That Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park give a presentation of the work they are undertaking to the December Committee meeting.
ITEM 10.3
BAY RUN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – CALLAN PARK

ERC43/10 RECOMMENDED

That the lodgement of a DA for the Bay Run Callan Park by SHFA be noted and that the Committee members consider making a submission.

ITEM 10.4

ERC44/10 RECOMMENDED

That formal acknowledgement be given of the work undertaken by David Eckstein, Leisha Deguara and other staff in the staging of the successful Renewables Forum.

ITEM 11

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 October 2010 at 6:30pm.

Other Meeting for 2010: 1 December

Meeting closed at 8.30pm
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| Staffing Implications:   | Nil |
| Notifications:           | Nil |
| Other Implications:      | Nil |
1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of the Environment and Recreation Committee Resolutions of August 2010.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.
## Environment & Recreation Committee Agenda – October 2010

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<td>ERC 16/08</td>
<td>That funds be set aside for the establishment of an orchard, chicken run and bee hive in the 2008-9 budget in accordance with the adopted plan of management for White Creek Valley Park (noting a slight variation to the fence line).</td>
<td>Council is still awaiting information from the Department of Planning on the disposal of these properties to Council and contamination issues that may be associated with these areas. Further to the above Council has put in a request to the Department of Planning under FOI as to when handover will occur. The Biodiversity Officer will develop estimates to establish these facilities in White St properties as shown on the WCVP POM. If handover is to occur in 2010 then these will be included in the 2010 – 2011 budget deliberations.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano Manager Parks and Streetscapes</td>
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<td>ERC 03/10</td>
<td>• That a formal request be made to the Department of Planning to separate the issue of the Wisdom St nursery from that of the properties at 35, 37 and 39 White Street and that the Mayor seek a further meeting with the Minister for Planning and the State Member for Balmain on this matter. Members of the native nursery to also be invited to attend the meeting to assist in conveying that the native nursery is being unnecessarily delayed as a result of debate on the use of the White Street properties.</td>
<td>• Council’s Manager Property &amp; Commercial Services has sent a letter to the Minister for Planning</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano</td>
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<td>ERC50/08 URBAN FOREST POLICY UPDATE</td>
<td>2. That sections of the proposed Urban Forest Strategy be presented to the Environment and Recreation Committee over the next year for discussion and comment.</td>
<td>2. Sections of the proposed Urban Forest Strategy will be presented over the next year as per the Committee’s adopted timetable.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano</td>
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<td>ERC12/09 ITEM 2                     MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 4 February 2009</td>
<td>That a Committee report is prepared on the need for increasing the staff of the Bushcare Crew and whether this could be done within the present budget, either by replacing vacancies or retraining or whether an application to expand the budget in the 2009/10 year needs to be made.</td>
<td>New staff position identified and included in 2010-2011 budget deliberations.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano</td>
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<td>ERC33/09 June 2009</td>
<td>That a letter be sent to the Bushcare Group advising of the resourcing strategy for the Bushcare Crew for 2009/10.</td>
<td>Bushcare Groups advised by Council’s Biodiversity Officer.</td>
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| ERC39/09 BIRCHGROVE TREE              | 2. That the sapling which recently died next to the mature *Eucalyptus tereticornis* at Birchgrove Park be replaced by two *Eucalyptus tereticornis*.  
3. That Council examine opportunities for additional plantings and landscape embellishment at Birchgrove Park in consultation with the community. | Following on-site meetings with community representatives the following works are scheduled to occur  
• Superseded by ERC 31/10.  
• The planting of the new garden beds at the rear of the Louisa Rd properties with native shrubs is scheduled for November with local bushcare volunteers and other interested residents being invited to participate.  
• Installation of the timber boardwalk over the roots of T3 Hills Fig and new pathways is proposed for July – pathways completed and boardwalk to be constructed in October. | Heidi Webb Parks Technical Officer |
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| ERC31/10 AUGUST 2010 | **Note: Additional resolutions from August meeting**  
1. 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 ERC39/09 – Birchgrove Tree  
   - That one tree and native shrubs be planted with the issue reviewed in 12 months.  
   - That a report be prepared for the Environment & Recreation Committee on how other council’s policies for tree and vegetation planting address sight lines. The report to include recommendations on how such a policy could be implemented. | - The relocation of the Jacaranda tree by the tennis courts will be undertaken in September when the tree is dormant.  
- Replacement tree to be planted in October.  
- Report to December Committee meeting. | |
| 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. | 1, 2 & 3 Awaiting declaration by DPI.  
A draft brochure is being developed in anticipation of declaration by DPI. Brochure will be presented to Environment & Recreation Committee prior to being finalised. | Doug Anderson |
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>ERC48/09 NATIVE PLANTINGS IN VERGES</td>
<td>1. That Council initiates a pilot programme in cooperation with residents to determine community interest in, and likely acceptance of, a broadscale native verge planting programme and that the program be considered as part of the Living Streets Project. 2. That Council carry out community consultation in a selected street to gauge the likely participation and cost implications to undertake and adopt-a-verge programme of planting native plants instead of grass and that the results of this consultation be brought back to the Environment and Recreation Committee. 3. That the street chosen for the pilot programme will be derived from the current footpath replacement programme.</td>
<td>1, 2 and 3. Report to October Env &amp; Rec Committee meeting.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano Doug Anderson</td>
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<td>ERC15/10 CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE – CORPORATE MINUTES</td>
<td>2. That consideration be given to renaming the Climate Change Taskforce to the Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Taskforce.</td>
<td>2. Considered at the September 2010 Climate Change Taskforce Meeting - No change in the name recommended.</td>
<td>David Eckstein</td>
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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 being prepared for October/November Council Meeting.</td>
<td>Lyn Gerathy</td>
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**June Resolutions**

<p>| ERC26/10 Resource Recovery Initiatives For Organics | 2.4 That the information on resource recovery initiatives (based on an environmental education approach) is also made available and promoted on the Council’s web site through an educational video. | 2.4 To be actioned | Allan Wilding |
| 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. | 2. To be developed. | Vince Cusumano |
| | 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. | 3. To be investigated. | |
| | 4. That Council investigate and report back to the Environment and Recreation Committee | 4. To be investigated. | |</p>
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<td>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.</td>
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| Correspondence
ERC32/10 | That a response be sought to Council’s previous letter in relation to Cornucopia Cafe and that letters be written to the local member and NGOs on the review panel expressing Council’s concern. | Additional letters sent. | Doug Anderson |
| Update on the Handover of the Community Native Nursery Site, 22 Wisdom Street, Annandale
ERC36/10 | 1. That the report be received and noted. 2. That further clarification be sought on the division of the properties at Whites Creek Valley Park and what stage this is at as a matter of urgency. Any update to be provided to the committee | Meeting on 14 September 2010 between officers of Council and officers from Strategic Lands (ex D. Planning) agreed on a process for testing for contamination and payment to Council of costs for remediation or management. Terms of formal contract now to be agreed and executed. The contract, once signed, will allow Council to call for tenders to commence demolition of Nissen Hut and conversion of the 22 Wisdom Street site to native nursery, prior to the testing and handover of the White Street properties. | Lyn Gerathy |
| Verbal Update – Benefit of Trees Pamphlet
ERC38/10 | That PDFs of the “Benefit of Trees” pamphlet be provided to the committee members for feedback. | Actioned | David Eckstein |
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<td>That a report be prepared for the October Committee meeting on progress of the project, including implementation recommendations.</td>
<td>October Env &amp; Rec Committee meeting agenda item.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano&lt;br&gt;Doug Anderson</td>
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<td>1. That Council purchase 5 steel guards for use with “at risk saplings” and that the use of larger trees be investigated. 2. That letters be sent to the local police requesting an increase in patrols in the vicinity and to the local pubs requesting their security guards to be aware of the tree destruction issue.</td>
<td>1. Steel guards and trees ordered. 2. Actioned – letters sent.</td>
<td>Vince Cusumano&lt;br&gt;Doug Anderson</td>
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<td><strong>Other Business</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Item 10.2</strong> Friends of Whites Valley Creek Park Update&lt;br&gt;<strong>ERC42/10</strong></td>
<td>That Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park give a presentation of the work they are undertaking to the December Committee meeting.</td>
<td>Noted</td>
<td>Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park</td>
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<td><strong>Other Business</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Item 10.3</strong> Bay Run Development Application – Callan Park&lt;br&gt;<strong>ERC43/10</strong></td>
<td>That the lodgement of a DA for the Bay Run Callan Park by SHFA be noted and that the Committee members consider making a submission.</td>
<td>Noted Committee members provided with link to relevant info. No further action required.</td>
<td>Gill Dawson</td>
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<td><strong>Other Business</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Item 10.4</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>ERC44/10</strong></td>
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<td>Actioned</td>
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LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES
1 SEPTEMBER 2010

AUTHOR: DAVID ECKSTEIN
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Policy Implications: Nil

Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan Objective:
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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 1 September 2010 including amendment made at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 28 September 2010.

C458/10 RESOLVED KOGOY/PORTEOUS

That Council adopt the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 1 September 2010 with the accompanying recommendations as listed below subject to the following change to Item 7:

**Item 7**
Presentation – Proposed Small Scale Photovoltaic Installation at Council Premises

*That a submission be made to the NSW Government advocating for an advanced renewable energy feed in tariff to be adopted by the NSW Government.*

2. **Recommendations**

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 1 September 2010 including amendment per Council Resolution (C458/10) be noted.
Minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 1 September 2010.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Councillors: Daniel Kogoy, Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Gordon Weiss
Staff: David Eckstein, Leisha Deguara, Gill Dawson, Peter Conroy
Community: Stephen Arnerich
Visitors (TAFE): Kath Handman, Nichola Capius, Gloria Ilatalus, Carolyn Guthrie, Lisa Avery

Meeting Commenced: 6:32pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:
Cr Porteous 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.

BUSINESS

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

Recommendation
That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Richard-Dudley Smith, Lea Richards, and David Marshall.

Moved Cr Weiss, seconded Cr Kogoy.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS
Nil

ITEM 3
MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 7 July 2010

Recommendation
That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 7 July 2010 be accepted.

Moved Cr Porteous, seconded Cr Kogoy.
ITEM 4
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation
That the November Taskforce meeting agenda include a written report on the outcomes to date from SSROC renewable energy and energy efficiency options scoping project.

and;

That the Council slide presentation used at the Wind and Renewables Forum be placed on the Leichhardt Council website.

Moved Cr Kogoy, seconded Cr Porteous.

ITEM 5
VERBAL UPDATE – LPAC COGENERATION PROJECT

Recommendation
That the update be noted advising that council had called for expressions of interest from service providers to (i) assess carbon savings from replacement of electric heat pumps at LPAC with cogeneration plant and (ii) provide design services for installation of this technology.

ITEM 6
VERBAL UPDATE – REVIEW OF LIGHTING IN COUNCIL ASSET

Recommendation
That a report be brought to the November Taskforce meeting identifying locations from the lighting levels assessment table provided to the Climate Change Taskforce where de-lamping or retrofit options are most suitable.

Moved Cr Porteous, seconded Cr Kogoy.

ITEM 7
PRESENTATION – PROPOSED SMALL SCALE PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION AT COUNCIL PREMISES

Note: At the Ordinary Meeting on 28 September 2010, Council made a change to the Committee Recommendation and resolved that:

“That a submission be made to the NSW government advocating for an advanced renewable energy feed in tariff to be adopted by the NSW Government”.

Recommendation
That a submission be made to the NSW Government regarding the review of the solar feed in tariff policy, recommending removal of the cap limiting the tariff to consumers whose annual electrical energy consumption is less than 160 mega watt hours and a lifting of the 10 kW peak installed capacity cap.

Moved Cr Kogoy, seconded Cr Porteous.
Recommendation
That the Taskforce identifies at least five council properties to have solar PV systems installed by July 2011 and that a report be brought to November Ordinary Council on how this can be achieved within this timeframe with a resource allocation and business case incorporated in the report.

Moved Cr Porteous, seconded Cr Kogoy.

ITEM 8
DECISION – REVISION OF TASKFORCE NAME

Recommendation
That the Climate Change Taskforce retains its current title.

Moved Cr Weiss, seconded Cr Porteous.

ITEM 9
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY ON EXHIBITION

Recommendation
That the report be received and noted.

Moved Cr Weiss, seconded Cr Kogoy.

ITEM 10
RENEWABLES FORUM DE-BRIEF

Recommendation
That before the end of the current financial year (2010-11):

- a forum be held on how the nation can achieve significant carbon reductions via renewable energy policy
- Speakers from environmental NGO’s, academic institutions be invited to present at the forum
- Funding for the event be sought from the major issues budget
- event coordination be provided by Council’s Event Coordinator in liaison with the environment team.

Moved Cr Weiss, seconded Cr Porteous.

ITEM 11
OTHER BUSINESS
Nil

ITEM 12
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce will be held on Wednesday, 3 November 2010.

The Meeting closed at 8.27pm
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
SUBJECT: COMMUNITY GARDENS POLICY FOR LEICHHARDT LGA
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DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: No budget allocation in 2010/11 budget. Financial implications will be addressed as part of a detailed draft policy on Community Gardens.

Policy Implications: Draft Policy development currently underway.

Strategic Plan Objective: Community Well-being
Place Where We Live & Work
A Sustainable Environment
Sustainable Services & Assets

Staffing Implications: Parks and Open Space Planning, Parks ISD, Environment and Community Management staff

Notifications: None at this Stage
Other Implications: None at this Stage
1. **Purpose of Report**

To provide the Committee with an update on the development of a draft Community Gardens Policy for the Leichhardt LGA and the various issues which a draft policy will address.

2. **Recommendations**

That the Committee note and receive this report.

3. **Background**

Following a request to extend the Whites Creek Valley Park community garden in March 2009, Council resolved to develop a Municipality-wide policy on Community Gardens within the Leichhardt Local Government Area.

It is envisaged that a draft Community Gardens Policy will be reported to Council in November 2010 with a recommendation for the draft policy to be placed on public exhibition.

4. **Report**

There is no budget for the development of a draft Community Gardens Policy by Council and consequently it is being developed inhouse and included in the recreation planning work programme for 2010/11. Work has commenced.

In addition there is currently no funding in the 2010/11 Budget to fund new or proposed extensions to existing community gardens.

In the development of a policy document on community gardens within the Leichhardt LGA Council officers recognise that there are already two community gardens which successfully operate within the LGA. These being the Whites Valley Creek Community Garden and the Glover Street Community Garden located at Callan Park (the Glover Street site was the first community garden in NSW, being est. 1985).

It is envisaged that policy development once completed will provide guidance and direction on the following:

- Council’s role in community garden management, promotion and facilitation (this will also include financial implications)
- identification of possible new community garden sites
- procedures for the establishment of new gardens
- framework for community consultation on garden establishment
- partnership arrangements for day to day management of such sites
design considerations for new community gardens.
the rights and responsibilities of all stakeholders involved in community garden projects, including garden volunteers, Leichhardt Council and partnering organisations, with reference to issues such as public liability, maintenance, development safety and access
funding issues
insurance and liability issues
health and safety
administration
maintainance of plots
social and Organisational Systems (i.e. education, communication, attracting new members, governance, community partnerships)

The over arching principal for community gardens is that they be established through community support and run by local residents, rather than by Council, although it is envisaged that Council will provide assistance from time to time both financially and in kind. The budgetary implications to Council, including initial community garden establishment, will also be addressed as part of the draft policy formation.

It is essential that in its policy development Council address a range of issues including fair and equitable allocation of community gardens spaces and the impacts that such development may have on existing open space (there are limitations and competing needs for open space within the Leichhardt LGA).

In addition to the above, their social and environmental benefits is also likely to be addressed as part of an integrated planning process within the Community and Cultural Plan, which is being developed by Council.

5. Conclusions

The development of a draft Community Gardens Policy for the Leichhardt LGA will assist Council in moving forward and addressing requests for community gardens within the Leichhardt LGA.

There is a genuine need for a policy document on community gardens to provide Council and the community with a detailed and robust framework to assist in managing existing and proposed community gardens. The draft Community Gardens Policy will consider a variety of management issues, including the role of Council in community garden management, the promotion of such resources and the level of funding, both for establishment and ongoing operational costs which Council will need to consider. The role of the community garden groups in terms of long term governance and the management of community gardens will be a key focus of the draft policy. It is envisaged that the Draft Leichhardt Community Gardens Policy will be reported to the November 2010 Council Meeting followed by public exhibition and consultation.
**DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

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1. **Purpose of Report**

To provide an update of bushcare and biodiversity related works, programmes and issues in the period December 2008 – July 2010.

2. **Recommendations**

That this report be received and noted.

3. **Report**

**Biodiversity-related works, programmes and issues December 2008 – July 2010**

3.1 **Bushcare**

In the period December 2008 – July 2010 Council and the community have continued to improve and expand areas of bushland revegetation. Twelve new bushcare volunteers have been added to Council’s volunteer database, and the number of currently active volunteers is thirty-five. The number of volunteer hours worked increased from 1,750 hours during the 2008/9 SoE reporting period to 2,240 hours during the 2009/10 SoE reporting period.

The number of bushcare groups has decreased from seven to six, the White’s Creek Bushcare Group having been discontinued due to non-attendance. This has been balanced however by strong, ongoing interest in other bushcare groups, in particular the weekly Callan Park Bushcare Group which has maintained reliable numbers despite no longer being supported by Conservation Volunteers Australia.

The Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery (RBCNN) continues to attract enthusiastic volunteer involvement. This is reflected in the number of native tubestock planted, which increased from 5100 during the 2008/9 SoE reporting period to 6650 during the 2009/10 SoE reporting period.

The total area under native revegetation in the Leichhardt LGA has increased by 4200 sq.m during this period, including:

- revegetation works totalling 1500 sq.m along the White’s Creek Canal;
- 400 sq.m of revegetation at Birrung Park, Balmain;
- 1200 sq.m cleared of major weed infestation and revegetated in the bush remnant at Callan Park;
- 1100 sq.m at Leichhardt Park, Lilyfield prepared for planting on National Tree Day, 1st August 2010.
In addition to these expansions, Council staff have assumed responsibility for providing hand-on support to the Callan Park Bushcare Group in maintaining a further 7600 sq.m of native bushland within the bush remnant at Callan Park.

In terms of area, Council’s commitment to bushcare during the period has increased from 37,850 m² to 49,700 m². This is an increase of 31%.

(It is worth noting that in the period November 2007 – July 2010, the area of native revegetation under Council management has increased from 21,900 m² to 49,700 m². This is an increase of 127%).

**Planting events**

A number of community planting events were undertaken with the support of Council over the past eighteen months. These included:

- **May 2009** – Around 40 volunteers planted 300 native tubestock at a ‘Trees for Mum’ planting in Callan Park
- **August 2009** - Around 70 volunteers planted approximately 1000 native tubestock at a National Tree Day planting day in White’s Creek Valley Park.
- **September 2009** – 900 native tubestock were supplied by the RBCNN to the Marrickville Community Nursery for planting in revegetation sites along the Cook’s River
- **September 2009** – Volunteers from the Friday Callan Park Bushcare Group planted 200 native tubestock supplied by the RBCNN at the Labyrinth site adjacent to the White’s Creek Wetland.
- **March 2010** – The RBCNN supplied a total of 600 native plants to 7 local schools for planting events within school grounds.
- **March 2010** – the Friday Callan Park Bushcare Group planted 1000 native tubestock supplied by the RBCNN to extend the ‘Olympic’ site in the bush remnant at Callan Park
- **March 2010** - Volunteers from the ‘Art of Living’ Yoga and Meditation school in Redfern planted 300 native tubestock supplied by the RBCNN to extend the bush remnant at Callan Park
- **March 2010** – The Friday Callan Park Bushcare Group planted 400 native tubestock supplied by the RBCNN under the remnant Scribbly Gums and adjacent areas of the Kirkbride precinct of Callan Park
- **April 2010** – The RBCNN supplied 200 tubestock for a planting by students within the ground of the Petersham TAFE
• May 2010 – around 40 volunteers planted 320 tubestock supplied by the RBCNN at a ‘Trees for Mum’ planting to extend the bush remnant at Callan Park

• June 2010 – 300 plants supplied by the RBCNN were given away to residents during the Footprints Eco Festival at Leichhardt Town Hall

• June 2010 – 280 native tubestock supplied by the RBCNN were planted at the Footprints Eco Festival site at White’s Creek by volunteers from the Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery.

In addition to these planting events, community volunteers have carried out regular planting of native tubestock supplied by the RBCNN at various bushcare sites in the LGA including: 100 tubestock planted by the Mort Bay Bushcare Group; 400 tubestock planted by the White’s Creek bushcare Group; 450 tubestock planted by the Elkington Park Bushcare Group; 200 tubestock put in at various sites in Annandale by volunteers from the RBCNN; 700 tubestock planted by the Friday Callan Park Bushcare Group; 400 tubestock planted by the Balmain High Bushcare Group

Council’s bushcare crew have carried out supplementary planting at various sites in the LGA, totalling approximately 1000 plants.

The total number of native plants put in during the Dec ’08 - July ’10 period is approximately 9,000.

3.2 White’s Creek Wetland

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

Contamination Issues

In February 2009, raw sewerage was discharged into the White’s Creek stormwater canal and taken up into the wetland via the pump that lifts water from the canal into the wetland. The spill was reported and the wetland pump was turned off, but unfortunately the event resulted in the death of over a thousand native fish, with probable damage to other aquatic life-forms. The possibility remains that raw sewerage overflows into the stormwater canal will continue to occur.

To avoid similar damage to the wetland in the future, we have installed a low dissolved oxygen sensor in the pumpwell of the wetland system. The LDO device senses the reduction of oxygen levels caused by raw sewerage, and immediately signals the pump control system to de-activate the wetland pump. This will prevent the introduction of raw sewerage into the wetland ponds. An
SMS message will automatically be sent to relevant council staff informing them of the incident, and appropriate action will be taken to clear the pumpwell and re-activate the pump. Council is looking to include this message to go to Sydney Water so that they can inspect and take the appropriate action to prevent the spread of any spill or sewerage overflow into Whites Creek.

In November 2009, a white substance resembling paint was discharged into the stormwater canal and taken up into the wetland. The spill was reported promptly to Sydney Water and the pump was turned off. No loss of fauna was observed in relation to this event, indicating relatively minor damage to the wetland ecosystem.

**Sediment Removal**

In August 2009, 60 tonnes of sediment was removed from the White's Creek Wetland. The sediment had been building up in the wetland over seven years of operation since the wetland was built in 2002.

This is a positive result for the health of Rozelle Bay, as the sediment contains heavy metals and other contaminants that would have a negative effect on the marine ecosystem if they were allowed to find their way into the harbour. The wetland was purpose-built to reduce the concentration of contaminants in stormwater entering the harbour from the White’s Creek Canal.

The periodic removal of large amounts of sediment is a normal and necessary part of wetland maintenance, and has only a temporary effect on the biodiversity value of the wetland. The wetland has recovered quickly from the disturbance - frogs, native fish, dragonflies and other animals have already returned to the wetland. Three Long-necked Tortoises uncovered during the sediment removal process were saved and are still living happily in the wetland.

**Wetland Tours**

Educational wetland tours were organised in connection with the June 2010 Footprints EcoFestival, but these were cancelled when poor weather caused the festival to be relocated to the Leichhardt Town Hall.

**3.3 Cook’s River to Iron Cove Greenway**

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

A Flora and Fauna Literature Review completed in April 2010 indicates high levels of species diversity in the GreenWay when compared to study sites.
located outside of the corridor. The review found that 316 vertebrate species are claimed to occur in the locality of the corridor. A fauna study in the Greenway area completed in 2007 by Australian Museum Business Services for Marrickville Council recorded a total of 87 fauna species over a limited survey period.

The Literature Review confirmed that the corridor provides habitat for threatened species such as the Eastern Bentwing Bat, the Grey Headed Flying Fox and several bird species, as well as an endangered population of Long-nosed Bandicoots.

Council’s Biodiversity Officer is working closely with the Greenway Sustainability Team to ensure that biodiversity values in the Leichhardt section of the Greenway are enhanced under the Greenway Sustainability Project. Recent involvements include:

- Provision of information for the Flora and Fauna Literature Review.
- Providing input in regard to revegetation/habitat strategies for the Greenway Bushcare Management Plan currently being prepared by EcoLogical.
- Site meetings in May/June with the Greenway Sustainability Project staff, representatives from Transport NSW and a botanist from EcoLogical to ensure that areas of significant biodiversity value in the Leichhardt section of the corridor are recognised and protected during preliminary works for the light rail.
- Meetings in July 2010 with the Greenway’s Biodiversity Officer to discuss the advantages of including the RTA land (including wetland) adjacent to Blackmore Oval as an area to be managed and funded by the Greenway Sustainability Project. Preliminary discussions have commenced with the RTA to facilitate this inclusion.
- An 1100 m² site in Leichhardt Park at the head of Iron Cove has been prepared for planting on National Tree Day. This site is a significant physical contribution to the Greenway corridor and provides the opportunity to promote the Greenway on National Tree Day.


In May 2010 a fauna monitoring webpage was set up on council’s website. The website has categories for Birds Mammals Reptiles and Frogs The webpage also provides information about these animal species found in the Leichhardt LGA, and includes images and descriptions to aid in the identification of species.

The webpage provides an opportunity for the community to contribute to our knowledge of local fauna by recording sightings using an online survey.
Information gathered about which species are present and what areas they inhabit may assist in planning our native revegetation works in a strategic manner that provides maximum benefit to local native fauna.

To date the webpage has provided a small but useful amount of information, including sightings of seabirds damaged by fishing tackle. We are currently installing ‘Tangler Bins’ as a result.

### 3.5 Tangler Bins

Tangler Bins are being installed at fishing spots throughout the LGA to reduce:

- Death and injury to fish, birds and other wildlife
- Fish habitat degradation
- Pollution of the marine and coastal environment
- Loss of quality recreational fishing experience.

Tangler bins are purpose-built to receive discarded fishing tackle. They are lightweight and easy to install close to fishing locations. They will provide a convenient means for fishers to dispose of tackle, and will also be a visual reminder to fishers to dispose of tackle appropriately.

### 3.6 Class 4 Weed Declarations

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

Class 4 Management Plans for these weeds are currently being prepared and will be presented to the Environment and Recreation Committee for endorsement prior to implementation.

Class 4 classification allows local councils to specify control measures that take local factors into consideration. Management plans can therefore be tailored to avoid potential environmental or financial difficulties.

The declaration these weeds will assist in their strategic management through more integrated and effective control across land management and LGA boundaries in the Sydney region.

### 3.7 Indian Mynas

A report was provided at the request of Councillors in January 2009 outlining Council’s response to the problem of Indian Mynas. The Indian Myna is a dominant bird species in urban areas throughout the Greater Sydney Region including the Leichhardt LGA. It is an introduced, nuisance species that has a
negative impact on native wildlife and decreases the amenity of public areas. Council consistently receives complaints about these birds, and there appears to be a growing feeling among residents that Council should do something about the problem.

The only realistic means of reducing Myna numbers is by large-scale trapping and euthanasia.

A study is currently underway by PhD student Kate Grarock at the Australian National University in Canberra to determine the biodiversity impacts of Indian Myna trapping. It is anticipated that this study will provide the information necessary to resolve issues such as: the most effective trapping methods; whether trapping is likely to have more than a local, temporary impact; the relationship between the level of trapping and observed ecological benefits; and the minimum size of area that needs to be targeted for effective Myna control. The study is being conducted over fifteen Canberra suburbs, and is due for completion in September 2010.

On the basis of information provided by the study, and by assessments of the efficacy of trapping programmes currently underway in the Sydney region, a decision will be taken as to whether Council will promote and support a community-based trapping programme.

3.8 Urban Forest Brochure

In April 2009, an Urban Forest brochure was produced and distributed to 17,000 households throughout the Leichhardt LGA.

The brochure provided information about the management and benefits of trees and vegetation on public and private lands in our LGA, with suggestions as to how residents can contribute to the improvement of our urban forest. Information was provided about the ecological benefits of urban gardens, with particular reference to the impact of weeds beyond the garden fence and the benefits of using locally indigenous plants. A list of widely available local species was provided.

Extensive information was provided in regard to Council’s bushcare programme, including a schedule of dates and venues.

3.9 Balmain Glasshouse

In March 2009 Council entered into an in-kind arrangement with the Cornucopia Nursery (Mars Inc.) aimed at improving the utilisation of Council’s glasshouse at Balmain. The arrangement permits Mars Inc to use a section of the Balmain Glasshouse for the production of native plants for a 12 months trial period in exchange for: 1. the provision of advice to community bushcare volunteers on methods of propagation; and 2. technical advice regarding effective utilisation of the Balmain Glasshouse and the proposed community nursery in Wisdom St., Annandale.
Following advice provided by Robbie Renu from the Cornucopia Nursery, the watering system at the Balmain Glasshouse has been upgraded to a fine-misting system. This has increased the utility of the nursery for the propagation of cuttings, and significantly reduced water use. In August 2009, Robbie Renu provided a workshop for volunteers at the RBCNN on the propagation of cuttings. The success rate of cutting propagation by volunteers from the RBCNN has subsequently improved.

3.10 Significant tree replacement species

In January 2009 a report was provided listing fourteen tree species to be used as replacements for existing Significant Trees. The species were chosen as suitable replacements because 1. they are attractive trees of similar dimensions and, where possible, appearance to existing Significant Trees; 2. they will tolerate a wide range of conditions; 3. they are locally indigenous. The list of species provided in the report was endorsed by Council in February 2009.

3.11 King George Park

A list of native plants of local provenANCE has been supplied to Context Urban Design to guide plantings carried out in the landscape restoration of King George Park on the completion of the Victoria Road Upgrade Project. A community consultation held in April 2010 confirmed community support for the existing native revegetation works on the steep slopes above the path leading to Bridgewater Park. These works will be continued on completion of the bridge construction.

3.12 Bridgewater Park

A native revegetation area has been included in the draft master plan for Bridgewater Park. The proposed planting is designed to supplement and extend existing vegetation adjacent to the Balmain Shores development where Superb Fairy-wrens are regularly observed. It is anticipated that the planting will provide a corridor to assist movement of the wrens into King George Park, where suitable wren habitat is currently being established.
# LEICHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## REPORT

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### DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

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1. **Purpose of Report**

   To provide information and feedback from the community consultation with Bayview Crescent, Annandale residents for the pilot programme for Native Verge plantings and to set out the guidelines for the operation of the adopt-a-verge programme.

2. **Recommendations**

   1. That the pilot programme for Adopt-a Verge plantings in Bayview Crescent be approved.

   2. That should this trial prove successful, that Council roll the programme out to further streets selected from the footpath replacement programme that meet the adopt a verge guidelines in the 2011-2012 financial year.

3. **Background**

   In August 2009 the Environment and Recreation Committee resolved as follows:

   *That Council initiates a pilot programme in cooperation with residents to determine community interest in, and likely acceptance of, a broad scale native verge planting programme and that the program be considered as part of the Living Streets Project.*

   *That Council carry out community consultation in a selected street to gauge the likely participation and cost implications to undertake and adopt-a-verge programme of planting native plants instead of grass and that the results of this consultation be brought back to the Environment and Recreation Committee.*

   *That the street chosen for the pilot programme will be derived from the current footpath replacement programme.*

   Since this time Council has been working with the consultants on the Living Streets programme as well as reviewing the upcoming footpath programme to develop the information and processes required to conduct this pilot programme.

4. **Report**

   The Living Streets programme has been undertaking community consultation, focus group workshops and design development for the introduction of this programme in 2011 in Taylor St North and South.

   The majority of residents consulted on the project were in favour of the use of native plants on the verges instead of turf grasses. Council’s consultants on the
project Phillips Marler, have included native gardens in their design. As well, these gardens will have water sensitive urban design initiatives included to make best use of the runoff from the street to water and maintain these gardens. The final design for the Living Streets project will be reported to Council in December and if approved, tenders for the works will be sought with a view to commencing construction in mid 2011. A copy of the draft final design is attached to this report as Appendix A.

In choosing the location for the trial of an adopt a verge programme, Council also referred to this year’s Footpath Replacement Programme. Under this programme, Council has been converting full width asphalt and concrete footpaths greater than 2.2 metres wide to include grass verges.

The introduction of the grass verge allows for greater infiltration of stormwater runoff back into the soil as well as providing a softening and greening of the streetscapes. Up until now, Council has, where possible used Buffalo turfgrass due to its lower mowing requirement thus further reducing Council’s costs as well as CO2 emissions required to undertake these mowing operations.

Following a review of the upcoming programme Bayview Crescent in Annandale was chosen as the pilot street. Footpath upgrade works were scheduled to be undertaken in Bayview Crescent, Annandale in August 2010. To carry out the community consultation and to gauge support for an adopt a verge programme, a letter and survey was sent to residents suggesting the native plant alternative to the usual turf.

Residents were asked to provide comments or feedback to Council regarding the proposal by an attached survey form. Residents were also informed that while Council will be responsible for preparing the verge and providing plants, maintenance will be the responsibility of residents should they wish to adopt their verge. Residents who do not wish to adopt their verge will receive the standard turf verge maintained by Council in front of their house. A copy of the survey form is attached to this report as Appendix B.

Residents who choose to adopt their verge will be able to choose from a list of locally endemic plant species which provide habitat and are drought tolerant hardy natives which are low growing and require little in the way of pruning or maintenance and are therefore suited to the street environment as verge plantings. A list of the plants selected and a photo of each was distributed to each residence. This allowed then to make an informed decision on the verge in front of their house. A copy of this list is attached to this report as Appendix C.

To provide residents with all of the required information, the following guidelines were supplied to residents. They have been designed to avoid problems that have occurred in the past when residents have taken it upon themselves to plant out their verge. The following guidelines will allow for the plantings to be undertaken in a manner which still allows Council to retain control of the Council owned verge and avoid a number of potential problems caused by inappropriate plantings such as plantings growing out and blocking access to footpaths and
roadways, plantings which have spikes and sharp leaves which can injure pedestrians and vehicles and the planting of weed species and trees which damage both the environment and surrounding infrastructure.

Set out below are the proposed Adopt-a-Verge programme planting guidelines:

1. For a street to be considered for the adopt a verge programme the footpaths must be a minimum of 2.2 metres measured from the kerb to the property boundary. This will allow for a 1.2 metre footpath to be constructed and a minimum of a 1 metre planting area.

2. Only residences where the owner agrees with the guidelines and are willing to participate in the programme will be planted out.

3. Species planted must be limited to those appearing on the Adopt-a-Verge plant list provided by Council. Council retains the right to remove any plant that does not appear on this list.

4. Plantings must include adequate access to road and footpath by means of a one metre gap in the planting every three metres along the length of the planting.

5. Plantings must be maintained by the residents by means of pruning to avoid access problems for pedestrians using footpaths and vehicle-users accessing and parking vehicles.

6. Plantings must be regularly weeded by the residents to maintain appearance and avoid the spread of weeds to neighbouring verges and gardens.

7. Council will provide mulch to the residents as and when required to assist with the suppression of weeds and the retention of soil moisture.

8. Council retains the right to remove and replace native verge plantings with turf if maintenance requirements are not met by the participating resident.

9. In addition to the general guidelines above, Council retains the right to include site-specific conditions as necessary.

Fifteen (15) properties in Bayview Crescent, Annandale were sent out information and survey letters regarding the Adopt A Verge trial. A total of five (5) surveys were received back and all were in favour of having their verge adopted. 30% of the street will therefore be adopting their verge.

Council will speak personally with the remaining residents to see if they would be willing to become a part of this pilot programme in Bayview Crescent.

Council has programmed in the works for the five (5) verges to be adopted and these works will be carried out in the next two months.
Should this trial prove successful, Council will look to roll this out in other streets derived from successive footpath replacement programmes where the width of the street and the topography are conducive to the installation of native plantings.
Taylor Street - North
Masterplan for a Living Street

Legend - Pathing:
- Existing open space
- Existing street tree
- Existing turf
- New Tree
- New Rain garden planting

Legend - Road Infrastructure:
- Raised threshold
- Non-raised threshold
- Angled slow point
- New seal
- New road drainage (e.g., 'No Stoping', 'Angle parking' only)
- Light poles
- Raised pl
- New pedestrian Mini bridge

LEICHHARDT’S LIVING STREETS

APPENDIX A

Taylor Street
Annandale

second community workshop
16th August 2016
APPENDIX B

BAYVIEW CRESCENT, ANNANDALE
PROPOSED ADOPT-A-VERGE PROGRAMME

RESIDENT SURVEY, JULY 2010
Please complete the following:-

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

Phone No: __________________________________________________________

If you provide your name and contact details this information will only be used, if required, to identify the location and cause of concern regarding the adopt a verge programme. The information will not be passed on to any other agency except where that agency is a contractor responsible for the provision of services.

Would you like to Adopt-A-Verge out the front of your residence?

YES □

NO □

If you would like to comment on the adopt-a-verge proposal please use the space below or attach an A4 sheet. Please also indicate which plants you would like (which are indicated on attached leaflet if you wish to adopt your verge.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY AND RETURN TO COUNCIL IN THE REPLY PAID ENVELOPE BY 6 AUGUST 2010.
Native plants for verges:

*Dianella cerulea*  Blue Flax Lily
Strappy plant to 60cm high with blue flowers and berries

*Danthonia racemosa*  Wallaby Grass
Evergreen clumping grass to 50cm

*Lomandra longifolia*  Spiny Matt Rush
Strappy plant to 80cm – looks best in shade/semi-shade

*Isolepis nodosa*  Nobby Club Rush
Sedge to 60cm

*Pelargonium australe*  Coastal Geranium
Self-seeding herb to 40cm

*Dichondra repens*  Kidney Weed
Low ground cover

*Pratia purpureascens*  White Root
Low ground cover with white flowers

*Westringia fruticosa*  Coast Rosemary
Shrub to 1 metre

*Grevillea sericea*  Heath Grevillea
Shrub to 1.5m

*Grevillea buxifolia*  Grey Spider Flower
Shrub to 1.5m

*Correa alba*  White Correa
Shrub to 1m

*Correa reflexa*
Shrub to 1.5m
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1. **Purpose of Report**

   To inform Environment & Recreation Committee of results from feedback period for comments on both options of Benefits of Trees Brochures.

2. **Recommendations**

   That Council receive and note this report.

3. **Background**

   Council was asked to provide options of Brochures to be available to the community and staff highlighting the benefits of trees.

4. **Report**

   Two draft brochures were presented to Environment & Recreation Committee meeting of August 2010 for comment on which one was favoured. A comments period was also held during September 2010 to finalise feedback to go back to Aqua for final design.

   Comments and feedback were taken into consideration and overall, the majority of people who provided feedback preferred the brown brochure 1B with minor changes to wording and more specific images to trees and local indigenous species. This information has been forwarded to Aqua for a final design to be provided back to the Parks & Streetscapes Department.

5. **Summary/Conclusions**

   The adopted final brochure will be available on Council’s website and from Council’s Citizen Service Centre. It will also be distributed to the community if they request for further information regarding Council’s Urban Forest Policy or Trees throughout the Municipality.