LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
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DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Nil
Policy Implications: Nil
Strategic Plan Objective: Place Where We Live & Work
A Sustainable Environment
Sustainable Services & Assets
Community Wellbeing
Staffing Implications: Nil
Notifications: Nil
Other Implications: Nil
1. **Purpose of Report**

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

2. **Recommendation**

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

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

Staff Present: Anna Broome, Rachel Maitland, Aaron Callaghan

Meeting Commenced: 6.30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

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

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC21/09 RECOMMENDED

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

ITEM 2
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 4 March 2009

ERC22/09 RECOMMENDED

That:

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

2. Paul Geraghty be added to the attendance list.

3. The Parks Planning Work Programme Verbal March Agenda Item be brought as a report to the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.
ITEM 3
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS
ERC23/09 RECOMMENDED

That:

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

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

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

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

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

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

ITEM 4
CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

ITEM 5
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY – Nil

ITEM 6
POLICY ITEMS ENVIRONMENT

ITEM 6.1
CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE MINUTES
ERC24/09 RECOMMENDED

That:

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

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

ERC25/09 RECOMMENDED

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

ITEM 7
POLICY ITEMS RECREATION

ITEM 7.1
PROPOSED USE OF BALMAIN GLASSHOUSE

ERC26/09 RECOMMENDED

That:

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

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

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

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

ERC27/09 RECOMMENDED

That:

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

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

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

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

9.1 ACF GREENHOME PROGRAM: DATES AND VENUES

ERC28/09 RECOMMENDED

Received and noted.

9.2 RAINWATER TANK SEMINAR (held 17th March 2009)

ERC29/09 RECOMMENDED

Received and noted.

ITEM 10
OTHER BUSINESS

ERC30/09 RECOMMENDED

That:

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

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

ITEM 11
NEXT MEETING

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

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Meetings for 2009

3 June
5 August
7 October
2 December