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