LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PROCEEDINGS of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 1 August 2012.

Present at the meeting: Cr Hannaford (acting chair), Bronwen Campbell, Jane Mowbray, Ted Floyd, Ian Poulton, Paul Geraghty, Daniel Cunningham, Michelina Scerri, Kim Hague-Smith, Gillian Leahy, Jacqueline Soars

Staff Present: Aaron Callaghan, Jon Stiebel, Costa Atzemis and Peter Gainsford

Meeting Commenced: 6.38pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Hannaford performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as acting 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.

Note: As there was no quorum, all items considered were recorded as being ‘Supported’.

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC32/12 SUPPORTED HANNAFORD/LEAHY

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Gordon Weiss, Cr Kogoy, David Lawrence, Francis Breen and Stephen Arnerich.

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

ITEM 3
PRESENTATION – FOOTPRINTS ECOFESTIVAL UPDATE FROM COSTA ATZEMIS

An item arose from the presentation relating to the need for signage at Whites Creek Valley Park in relation to the creek and the park.

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That a sign be investigated for Whites Creek and Whites Creek Valley Park.

**ITEM 4**
**PRESENTATION – SYDNEY WATER RIVER AND CREEK ECOLOGICAL RESTORATIONS FROM MATTHEW LEWIS AND DANIEL CUNNINGHAM**

A thank you was extended on behalf of the committee by Paul Geraghty to Daniel Cunningham for his presentation to the committee.

**ERC34/12 SUPPORTED HANNAFORD/GERAGHTY**

That a letter of thanks be sent by Council’s Manager of Environment and Urban Planning to Sydney Water and specifically Daniel Cunningham for his interesting, educational and informative presentation on the Naturalisation of Storm water channels.

**ITEM 5**
**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 6 June 2012**

**ERC35/12 SUPPORTED HANNAFORD/LEAHY**

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 6 June 2012.

**Clarification of Issues**

1. **Item 7 –** To note that Item 7 was resolved by Kogoy/Geraghty instead of Kogoy/Lawrence.

2. **Item Arising and committee request –** The issue of the agenda for the committee and its receipt by committee members need to be addressed to ensure that agendas are received 3-4 days before the committee meeting.

**ITEM 6**
**SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS**

**ERC36/12 SUPPORTED HANNAFORD/GERAGHTY**

That the information in the Summary of Resolutions be received and noted.

**Matters Arising for General Discussion and Clarification**

- In relation to Item ER16/12 a verbal report provided by Peter Gainsford on the proposed Orchard development at Whites Street. Verbal report also provided that contamination investigations are under way and will be reported back to
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Council shortly following which detailed community consultation will be undertaken for the development of a community orchard on the site.

- The Director of Infrastructure and Service Delivery, Peter Gainsford provided a verbal report on the progress of the Native Nursery at 22 Wisdom Street. The project is nearing completion.

- Gillian Leahy sought clarification in relation to Page 18 - ER07/12 and noted a correction that it is actually “The Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park” have resubmitted a plan of management for the proposed community garden extension at Whites Street.

- The Director of Infrastructure and Service Delivery, Mr Peter Gainsford also confirmed that PV is going on the Nursery roof at 28 Wisdom Street.

- A request has been made for Leichhardt Council’s Tree Policy (Urban Forest Policy and Tree Preservation Policy) to be presented to the next committee meeting regarding the decision process for retaining or allowing the removal of trees with Development Applications.

  Action: Director Environment and Community Management

ITEM 7
CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

ITEM 8
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY – Nil

ITEM 9
OTHER BUSINESS

General Discussion Points

- Thankyou and acknowledgement – A big thanks to Doug Anderson (Biodiversity Officer) and Bronwen Campbell in relation to the tree planting for National Tree Day on 28th July 2012. Some 400 people turned out on the day and everyone had a very enjoyable day.

- The Director of Infrastructure and Service Delivery - Peter Gainsford sought the committees endorsement in relation to the installation of a plaque at the Whites Creek Valley Park Wetland to acknowledge the ten year anniversary of the wetland and the contribution made by a number of local individuals to the development of the wetland including Ted Floyd. This was warmly welcomed by the committee.
ITEM 10
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 October 2012 at 6:30pm.

Future Meetings for 2012:
3 October
5 December

Meeting closed at 8:38pm