MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 1 December 2010.

Present at the meeting: Cr Rochelle Porteous, Cr Vera-Ann Hannaford, Cr John Stamolis, David Lawrence, Paul Geraghty, Sally Gillespie, Gail Kennedy, Bev Maunsell, Bronwen Campbell

Staff Present: Vince Cusumano, Gill Dawson, Aaron Callaghan, Doug Anderson, Rebecca Blackburn

Apologies Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr Weiss, Stephen Arnerich, Gillian Leahy

Meeting Commenced: 6.36pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr 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

ERC56/10 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr Weiss, Stephen Arnerich, and Gillian Leahy.

ITEM 2

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

ITEM 3

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 6 October 2010

ERC57/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 6 October 2010.
ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC58/10 RECOMMENDED

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:

1. ERC47/09 – Update on Celtis Sinensis
   - To reflect that the draft brochure will not be developed until declaration by DPI.

2. ERC41/10 – Tree Destruction-Darling St Rozelle
   - That photo of tree guards to be provided at the next meeting.

3. ERC47/10 – Summary of Resolutions re Community Native Nursery
   - That a report be brought back to the March 2011 Committee meeting on the progress of the community native nursery.

4. ERC53/10 – Proposed Tree Removal by the RTA on the City West Link Rd
   - That the RTA be requested to confirm the consultation strategy regarding the proposed tree removal adjacent to the City West Link.

ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE

ERC59/10 RECOMMENDED

5.1 LETTERS SENT RE TREE DESTRUCTION – DARLING ST ROZELLE

That letters sent to the pubs and the Leichhardt Local Area Command re Tree Destruction at Darling St Rozelle be noted.

5.2 SCCG Annual Reports 2009-2010

1. That the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Annual Reports 2009-2010 be noted.

2. That a letter be written acknowledging receipt of the Annual Report.
3. That update reports on the work by Sydney Coastal Councils be brought back to the Committee on a regular basis.

Matter arising:

That a letter is written to David Eckstein acknowledging his services and assistance to the Environment and Recreation Committee. Committee members are invited to email comments for inclusion to Manager Environment and Urban Planning.

ITEM 6
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Verbal report from the Friends of Whites Valley Creek Park on the community garden education and community garden talks recently undertaken. The Pestofest event which was held at the Stables was discussed. Council was thanked for providing the “community garden open” banner.

ITEM 7
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 3 November 2010

ERC60/10 RECOMMENDED

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 3 November 2010 be noted.

Moved and Adopted.

ITEM 8
RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY FORUM

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received and noted.

ERC61/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That this report be received and noted.

2. That the General Manager is approached and requested to ask the Events Coordinator to include the environment forum in the calendar of community events and administer the running of this event. That the event be held in April 2011.
ITEM 9
STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT (2009-2010)

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the information in this report be received and noted.

ERC62/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That the information in this report be received and noted.

2. That the Council website be checked to ensure advice is provided to residents on with the recycling/disposal of redundant televisions, computers etc.

3. That the feasibility of requiring new residential unit developments to install individual water metres per unit be investigated. That liaison with other NSW Councils on this matter occur.

ITEM 10
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION


ERC63/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That the report on Environmental Engagement Strategy be deferred for consideration at the March 2011 Committee Meeting.

2. That report be revised to include a summary table and a copy of the Environmental Engagement Strategy and Action Plan is included in the amended report.

ITEM 11
COMMENCEMENT OF THE BUSHCARE CARBON OFFSETTING SCHEME

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the endorsed BCOS be commenced in January 2011 on the basis of volunteer hours recorded during the period 1st Jan – 31st Dec 2010

2. That, following commencement of the scheme, with the purchase of offsets for the year 2010, offsets be purchased on an ongoing quarterly basis as set out in the October 2009 report to the Ordinary Council Meeting.

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3. That funding be sought in the 2011-2012 budget to continue with the Bushcare Carbon Offset Scheme

**ERC64/10 RECOMMENDED**

1. That the endorsed BCOS be commenced in January 2011 on the basis of volunteer hours recorded during the period 1\(^{st}\) Jan – 31\(^{st}\) Dec 2010 and that the financial contribution for carbon offsets from Council is capped at $5,000 for 2010/11 financial year.

2. That, following commencement of the scheme, with the purchase of offsets for the year 2010, offsets be purchased on an ongoing quarterly basis as set out in the October 2009 report to the Ordinary Council Meeting.

3. That funding be sought in the 2011-2012 budget to continue with the Bushcare Carbon Offset Scheme at a budget level of $10,000 per year for three years commencing from 2011/12.

**Matter Arising:**

**ERC65/10 RECOMMENDED**

That the sponsorship policy review be resolved as a matter of urgency by the General Manager, that a workshop be held with Councillors and this issue is brought back to the Ordinary Council for consideration as soon as possible.

**ITEM 12 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY – SECTION 9 OF TREE ASSET MANAGEMENT**

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council adopt the next section of the Urban Forest Strategy, that being: Section 9 – Tree Asset Management

**ERC66/10 RECOMMENDED**

1. That Council adopt the next section of the Urban Forest Strategy, that being:
   - Section 9 – Tree Asset Management

2. That significant trees identified at Birchgrove Park and Elkington Park are included in the Urban Forest Policy’s significant tree list. These being: *Eucalyptus tereticornis* – Birchgrove Oval and *Eucalyptus racemosa* – Elkington Park.

3. That the Manager Parks and Streetscapes and his Team be thanked by the Committee on the report.
ITEM 14
OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

ITEM 15
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 March 2011 at 6:30pm.

Meetings for 2011:

2 March    7 September
4 May      2 November
6 July

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm