ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Breen performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as Acting 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

ERC 01/14   RECOMMENDED   KOGOY/BREEN

That apologies be accepted for the non-attendance of Cr Vera-Ann Hannaford.

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

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 6 November 2013

ERC02/14    RECOMMENDED   KOGOY/LAWRENCE

That the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 6 November 2013, including amendment as per Ordinary Meeting (C607/13) held on 10 December 2013 be received and noted.
ITEM 4
PRESENTATION AND UPDATE – DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN AT 25 WHITE STREET, LILYFIELD

ERC 03/14  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY/BREEN

1. That Council receive and note the presentation and update given by Gael Kennedy on behalf of the Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park (FOWCVP) regarding the development of a new community garden at 25 White Street, Lilyfield.

2. That Council congratulate the FOWCVP Community Garden Group on the creation of Leichhardt’s newest community garden and the efforts which this community garden group has made in promoting community cohesion and social inclusion.

ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC 04/14  RECOMMENDED  GERAGHTY/BREEN

That the information in the summary of resolutions be received and noted.

ITEM 6
CORRESPONDENCE – MINUTES SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (21 SEPTEMBER 2013)

ERC 05/14  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY/CHANNELLS

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 7
VERBAL UPDATE – COUNCIL RESOURCE RECOVERY PROGRAM UPDATE

ERC 06/14  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY/BREEN

The committee thanks both Allan and Cheryl for their attendance at the committee.

ITEM 8
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 4 DECEMBER 2013

ERC 07/14  RECOMMENDED  CHANNELLS/ KOGOY

That Council receive and note the minutes of the meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce held on 4 December 2013. (Attachment 1)
ITEM 9
SUMMERAMA WHITES CREEK WETLAND EDUCATION TOUR

ERC 08/14 RECOMMENDED CHANELLS/BREEN

That Council note:

1. Leichhardt Council is a member of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group. Each year the Sydney Coastal Councils Group and its member Councils organise and participate in Summerama, an environmental education program focusing on coastal and marine environments, targeting children and families during the holiday period.

2. Two educational tours of the Whites Creek Wetland were held in January 2014 with twenty-five children and parents attending.

3. The education program was designed and delivered in-house by Council’s Sustainability Engagement Officer at nil cost.

ITEM 10
2013-14 ENVIRONMENTAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

ERC 09/14 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/BREEN

1. That Council notes progress with the implementation of the 2013/14 Engagement Program and upcoming activities to June 2014.

2. That a further report be submitted to the Environment and Recreation Committee outlining the 2014/15 Engagement Program following approval of the Council budget.

ITEM 11
PROPELLER PARK – PROPOSED WATER ACCESS STAIR

ERC 10/14 RECOMMENDED CHANELLS/BREEN

1. That the proposed water access stair be constructed at the western end of the sea wall at Propeller Park.

2. That the provision of a kayak rack is supported but the location is not agreed, and the project may be considered for funding in future budgets, and included in grant applications.
ITEM 12
ILLOURA RESERVE – TREE VANDALISM

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Poisoned Tree Policy requires that a report be provided to Environment and Recreation Committee outlining the actions planned under the Policy.

a) Notices seeking information about the incident have been attached to the three tree surrounds.

b) A Mayoral media statement has been released.

c) The type of herbicide used was Glyphosate.

d) Replacement trees to be planted in the cooler months.

e) Shrouding of the tree surrounds will be undertaken in a dense dark shade cloth fabric.

f) Signwriting will be applied on the shroud fabric with the following text: “Twelve trees killed: two trees planted in this spot since July 2013 have each been vandalised or poisoned. Information requested – Leichhardt Council Poisoned Tree Policy”

ERC 11/14 RECOMMENDED BREEN/CHANNELLS

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g) That an officers report on the poisoned trees at Illoura Reserve be provided to the February 2014 Ordinary Council meeting outlining a planned approach for
Council consideration in dealing with the issue of vandalised trees at Illoura Reserve. That this plan include escalating options on how Council can address vandalism issues including consideration options on the installation of shade cloths, banners and CCTV.

ITEM 13
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY – Nil

ITEM 14
OTHER BUSINESS

ERC 12/14 RECOMMENDED BREEN/CHANNELLIS

A number of agenda items were requested by community members to be included for discussion at the April Committee meeting. These items are listed as follows:

1. Dog waste issues – Pioneers Park (recent media reports on dog waste bags) and bush care in Callan Park–opportunities for the development of an education programme for the community on disposing dog waste appropriately and secondly the fines that apply for non compliance.

2. Phasing out of plastic bags in Leichhardt and Leichhardt Council championing this effort – agenda item for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

3. Significant Tree Inventory – request from the committee for this to be supplied at the next Committee meeting and a request that this also be placed on the Council’s web site.

ITEM 15
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 April 2014.

The meeting closed at 8:39pm
MINUTES of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 4 December 2013.

Present at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillors: Cr Craig Channells
Community: Paul Geraghty, Angela Michaels, Richard Dudley-Smith
Staff: Jon Stiebel, Emily Williams

Meeting commenced: 6:35pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:
Cr Channells performed acknowledgement of country.
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BUSINESS

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES
CCTF 31/13 RECOMMENDED GERAGHTY / CHANNELLS

That apologies be accepted for the non-attendance of: Cr Rochelle Porteous, Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr Frank Breen and Marghanita da Cruz.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS – Nil
ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 7 August 2013

CCTF 32/13  RECOMMENDED  CHANNELLS / GERAGHTY

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 7 August 2013 be accepted.

ITEM 4
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
Nil

ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

CCTF 33/13  RECOMMENDED  GERAGHTY / CHANNELLS

That the information in the summary of resolutions be received and noted.

ITEM 6
2014 CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM PROPOSAL

CCTF 34/13  RECOMMENDED  CHANNELLS / GERAGHTY

1. That this report is received and noted.

2. That the next Climate Change Forum be held on Wednesday 26 March 2014 to showcase sustainable initiatives for city residents.

ITEM 7
RENEWABLE ENERGY MASTER PLAN

CCTF 35/13  RECOMMENDED  CHANNELLS / GERAGHTY

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Our Energy Future: SSROC Renewable Energy Master Plan attached to this report.

2. Prepare an Action Plan for inclusion within the Leichhardt Environmental Sustainability Plan to support the SSROC Renewable Energy Master Plan recommendations.
ITEM 8
OTHER BUSINESS

CCTF 36/13  RECOMMENDED  GERAGHTY / MICHAELS

That an officer from Works and Waste Services present to the February 2014 Environment and Recreation Committee meeting to update the committee on current and future recycling and waste programs, emphasising programs to divert organic waste from landfill.

ITEM 9
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce will be held on Wednesday, 5 March 2014.

MEETINGS FOR 2014:

5 March
4 June
3 September
3 December

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.