LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 3 June 2009.

Present at the commencement of the meeting:
Crs: Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Jamie Parker, Vera Ann Hannaford, Daniel Kogoy, John Stamolis, Cassi Plate
Paul Geraghty, Lorraine Verheyen, Kim Wheatley, Bronwen Campbell, Drew Vukelic, Leanne Eastway

Staff Present: Gill Dawson, Aaron Callaghan, Marcel Bello, Vince Cusumano, Katie Bell

Meeting Commenced: 6.35pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:
I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose Country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.

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

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC31/09 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of David Lawrence, David Eckstein, Cr Gordon Weiss and Bev Maunsell.

ITEM 2
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 1 April 2009

ERC32/09 RECOMMENDED

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

1. That Acknowledgement of Country be included in full in the Minutes.
ITEM 3
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC33/09 RECOMMENDED

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

2. That the Summary of Resolutions be updated for the following:
   
   • ERC07/05 Potential Sporting Fields
     
     That the Mayor in consultation with staff continue to seek to liaise with the STA.
   
   • ERC12/09 Minutes of the Meeting 4 February 2009
     
     That a letter be sent to the Bushcare Group advising of the resourcing strategy for the Bushcare Crew for 2009/10.

ITEM 4
CORRESPONDENCE

ERC34/09 RECOMMENDED

That the letter sent to the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) requesting them to address the issue regarding the problems with feral cats in the former convalescent cottages located in the Kirkbridge Curtilage Precinct be noted.

ITEM 5
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Cr Jamie Parker advised that he attended the Annandale Public School Sustainability Assembly 25 May 2009 and congratulates everyone involved.

ITEM 6
POLICY ITEMS ENVIRONMENT – Nil

ITEM 7
POLICY ITEMS RECREATION

ITEM 7.1
RECREATION PLANNING TEAM WORK PROGRAM

ERC35/09 RECOMMENDED
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1. That the community recreation planning work program be endorsed.

2. That the preparation of a Park Plan of Management for Blackmore Park be added to the work program & be considered in the budget process for a consultant to undertake.

ITEM 7.2
POISONED TREE POLICY

ERC36/09 RECOMMENDED

That the Poisoned Tree Policy set out in Section 5 of this report be implemented where Council suspects a tree on Council land has been poisoned or illegally pruned, ringbarked or damaged.

ITEM 7.3
UPDATE ON ROZELLE BAY COMMUNITY NATIVE NURSERY

ERC37/09 RECOMMENDED

That the Environment and Recreation Committee receive and note this report.

ITEM 9
ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

ITEM 9.1
PROPOSED FESTIVAL AT WHITES CREEK

ERC38/09 RECOMMENDED

That the comments raised in discussion be noted and considered in the preparation of the report to Council.

ITEM 10
OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 10.1
BIRCHGROVE TREE

ERC39/09 RECOMMENDED

1. A further tree report be commissioned prior to any decisions being made on the existing *Eucalyptus tereticornis*.

2. That the sapling which recently died next to the mature *Eucalyptus tereticornis* at Birchgrove Park be replaced by two *Eucalyptus tereticornis*.

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3. That Council examine opportunities for additional plantings and landscape embellishment at Birchgrove Park in consultation with the community.

ITEM 10.2
ORANGE GROVE MARKETS

ERC40/09 RECOMMENDED

That Doug Anderson liaise with Paul Geraghty regarding the sale of possible noxious weeds at Orange Grove Markets with an intention to notify the markets’ management of the sale if they are noxious weeds.

ITEM 11
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 August 2009 at 6:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Meetings for 2009

5 August
7 October
2 December