LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 2 June 2010.

Present at the meeting: Cr Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Cr Gordon Weiss, Cr John Stamolis, David Lawrence, Paul Geraghty, Gael Kennedy

Staff Present: Doug Anderson, Vince Cusumano, Aaron Callaghan, Allan Willding

Apologies Mary Kinney, David Eckstein, Bronwen Campbell, Gill Dawson

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

ERC22/10 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Mary Kinney, Bronwen Campbell, David Eckstein and Gill Dawson.

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

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 7 April 2010

ERC23/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 7 April 2010 with the accompanying recommendations including the amendment per Council resolution (C178/10).
ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC24/10 RECOMMENDED

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

2. That the summary of resolutions is reviewed by officers and those items that are not current are removed including those issues which have been addressed at the Ordinary Council meetings.

ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE

ERC25/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That the following correspondence:
   - Letter of thanks to Cheryl Walker re feedback on growing food in the City Workshop; and
   - Letter to Sydney Secondary College concerning cat control at Balmain campus.

   be received and noted.

2. That David Eckstein be complemented on his letter writing skills.

ITEM 6
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

1. Update provided by David Lawrence on the planned Eco-Festival scheduled for Sunday 6th June 2010.

2. Update requested on the issue of sponsorship of Council activities i.e., events and long term sponsorship proposals which is currently being reviewed by the General Manager.

3. Gael Kennedy (Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park) – Update provided on the community garden at Whites Creek Valley Park. Promotion of the gardens to take place at the Eco Festival. On going community education and working with local schools on promoting the gardens. Workshops planned to take place from July through to September 2010.
ITEM 7.1
RESOURCE RECOVERY INITIATIVES FOR ORGANICS

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Council notes that placing food scraps in the garden bin has been previously trialled and is a preferred option if a combined food and garden organics collection is implemented to all households in the Leichhardt Local Government Area.

2.2 That Council sell The Bokashi Bucket from July 2010 together with compost bins and worm farms.

2.3 That Council include information about its composting products and environmental workshops with its quarterly rates notices, and this information be made available in both hard and electronic copies.

ERC26/10 RECOMMENDED

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2.3 That Council include information about its composting products and environmental workshops with its quarterly rates notices, and this information be made available in both hard and electronic copies.

2.4 That the information on resource recovery initiatives (based on an environmental education approach) is also made available and promoted on the Council’s web site through an educational video.

ITEM 8.1
CLASS 4 WEED DECLARATIONS

ERC27/10 RECOMMENDED

1) That Council endorse the declaration of African Olive, Camphor Laurel, Turkey Rhubarb, Moth Vine, Madeira Vine and Morning Glory as Class 4 noxious weeds under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 in the Leichhardt LGA.

2) That the Class 4 Management Plans for these weeds be presented to the Environment and Recreation Committee for endorsement prior to implementation.
ITEM 8.2
URBAN FOREST STRATEGY SECTIONS 7 GUIDELINES FOR TREE MANAGEMENT

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council adopt the next section of the Urban Forest Strategy, this being:
   • Section 7 – Guidelines for Tree Management

ERC28/10 RECOMMENDED

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   • Section 7 – Guidelines for Tree Management

2. That Council officers develop an education programme for local residents outlining the Urban Forest Policy, suitable trees for planting on their properties and residential responsibilities in maintaining private trees.

3. That as part of the development of the new LEP a review is undertaken on registering significant trees which exist on private property within the LGA.

4. That Council investigate and report back to the Environment and Recreation Committee on the provision of a means tested service for urgent tree maintenance on private land with special emphasis on aged pensioners and people with disabilities. That the investigation also includes options for volunteer gardening services which currently exist in this area.

ITEM 10
OTHER BUSINESS – Nil

ITEM 11
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 August 2010 at 6:30pm.

Other Meetings for 2010: 6 October, 1 December

Meeting closed at 8:45pm