LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

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| Strategic Plan Objective:| Place Where We Live & Work  
A Sustainable Environment  
Sustainable Services & Assets  
Community Wellbeing |
| Staffing Implications:   | Nil |
| Notifications:           | Nil |
| Other Implications:      | Nil |
1. **Purpose of Report**

   To advise Council of the status of Minute Recommendations of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 4 March 2009.

2. **Recommendation**

   That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 4 March 2009 with the accompanying recommendations.
MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 4 March 2009.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Bronwen Campbell, Stephen Arnerich, Kim Wheatley, Bev Maunsell and Paul Geragthy Crs Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Daniel Kogoy, Alan Cinis, Gordon Weiss and John Stamolis

Staff Present: Gill Dawson, Anna Broome, Mary Hare, Aaron Callaghan, Allan Wilding, Cheryl Walker, Doug Anderson

Meeting Commenced: 7.00pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

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

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC11/09 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of David Lawrence, Elizabeth Dark and Cr Vera-Ann Hannaford.

ITEM 2
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 4 February 2009

ERC12/09 RECOMMENDED

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 4 February 2009 with the accompanying recommendations.

That a Committee report is prepared on the need for increasing the staff of the Bushcare Crew and whether this could be done within the present budget, either by replacing vacancies or retraining or whether an application to expand the budget in the 2009/10 year needs to be made.
ITEM 3
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC13/09 RECOMMENDED

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

ITEM 4
CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

ITEM 5
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

ERC14/09 RECOMMENDED

That an update on progress towards delivery of the new Rozelle Bay Community Nursery is provided at the next meeting.

ITEM 6
POLICY ITEMS ENVIRONMENT

ITEM 6.1
REVIEW OF GENERAL HOUSEHOLD (CLEAN UP) COLLECTION SERVICE TO ENCOURAGE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING OF LARGE WASTE ITEMS

ERC15/09 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council review its educational information on the general household clean up collection to place greater emphasis on steps to reuse/recycle prior to placing materials out for collection.

2. That Council investigate the reuse or recycling of mattresses and fridges offered by external companies.

3. That Council reviews the Second Hand Saturday program so that three (3) combined events are held each year via adjoining suburbs, rather than coinciding with the general household clean up collection.

4. That Council investigates holding ‘tours’ of local second hand centres for residents and schools to raise awareness of reuse in the 2009/10 financial year.

ITEM 6.2
VERBAL REPORT FROM MARY HARE, ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL OFFICER – SHOWER HEADS AND TAPS AT LEICHHARDT PARK AQUATIC CENTRE
ERC16/09 RECOMMENDED

1. Install educational signage in shower cubicles to remind people to save water and take shorter showers.

2. Prioritise the implementation of a push button shower system within the context of the actions already contained within the Water Savings Action Plan.

3. Provide a verbal report on the sustainability of shower facilities within the LPAC extension.

ITEM 7
POLICY ITEMS RECREATION

ITEM 7.1
VERBAL REPORT FROM AARON CALLAGHAN, SENIOR RECREATION PLANNER – PARKS PLANNING WORK PROGRAMME

ERC17/09 RECOMMENDED

That the report on the parks planning work programme was received and noted.

ITEM 7.2
REPLACEMENT SPECIES FOR SIGNIFICANT TREES

ERC18/09 RECOMMENDED

1. That the list in Section 4 of this report be used as a guide when replacing Significant and/or Heritage Trees.

2. That it is noted that this list is not final and may be added to as Council expands its Significant Tree Register. This will be required if Council is successful in the acquisition of Callan Park where large numbers of significant tree will, at some point in time require replacement.

ITEM 7.3
FERAL/STRAY CAT CONTROL

ERC19/09 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council be informed that feral/stray cats are a threat to biodiversity conservation efforts in the area, particularly at Callan Park and Balmain High School.

2. That Council considers a programme of trapping within the grounds of Balmain High carried out in accordance with the guidelines outlined in this report and that funding be set aside in the 09/10 budget and management plan.
3. That Council take over Callan Park, that Council investigates the best means of dealing with the feral/stray cat problem at Callan Park with a view to implementing control measures upon handover. This would likely include an inspection of disused buildings in Callan Park to determine which of these are likely to be harbouring feral/stray cats and the development of a programme of trapping, and exclusion of cats from abandoned buildings by means of meshing/boarding where possible.

4. That a cat trapping trial be undertaken, Council carries out a fauna study before and after the trapping trial at the locations outlined in this report.

5. That Council prepare a report to committee on an education program for responsible cat ownership (registering / keep in at night etc) in accordance with the NSW Companion Animal Act to reduce the impact of domestic cats on local wildlife.

ITEM 9
OTHER BUSINESS

ERC20/09 RECOMMENDED

1. That Environment and Recreation Committee meetings alternate with the Climate Change Task Force on a bimonthly basis. The Environment and Recreation Committee will commence at 6:30pm. The Climate Change Task Force will commence at 6:00pm with internal Council focused issues being from 6-7 pm and the Community focused part of the meeting from 7pm.

ITEM 10
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 April 2009, commencing at 6:30pm and the Climate Change Task Force on 6 May 2009, commencing at 6:00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm