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MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 2 March 2011.

Present at the meeting: Cr Rochelle Porteous, Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr Vera Ann Hannaford, Cr John Stamolis, Paul Geraghty, Kim Wheatley, Bronwen Campbell, Sally Gillespie, Stephen Arnerich, David Lawrence

Staff Present: Vince Cusumano, Gill Dawson, Rebecca Blackburn, Costa Atzemis, Lyn Gerathy

Apologies Cr Gordon Weiss, Hugh Malfroy, Aaron Callaghan, Elizabeth Dark

Meeting Commenced: 6.36pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Kogoy 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.

Cr Porteous arrived and took the Chair.

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1 APOLGIES

ERC01/11 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Gordon Weiss, Hugh Malfroy, Aaron Callaghan and Elizabeth Dark.

ITEM 2

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

ITEM 3

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 1 DECEMBER 2010

ERC02/11 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 1 December 2010.

2. To note that Kim Wheatley attended the Committee Meeting on 1 December 2010.

Moved Cr Hannaford, seconded David Lawrence
ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC03/11  RECOMMENDED

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

Moved David Lawrence, seconded Cr Porteous

ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE

Paul Geraghty tabled a letter from Emily concerning the water level at Whites Creek Swamp. Vince Cusumano followed up during the meeting. Doug Anderson confirmed that there had been a problem with the pump but it had now been resolved.

ITEM 6
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

David Lawrence reported on the bush care sites. He advised that due to the lack of rain the vegetation was not thriving.

ITEM 7
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 2 FEBRUARY 2011

ERC04/11  RECOMMENDED

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 2 February 2011 be noted.

Moved and Adopted.

Moved Cr Kogoy, seconded Cr Porteous

ITEM 8
WATER METERS IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS

Officer Recommendation

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

ERC05/11  RECOMMENDED

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

2. The committee supports the incorporation of individual water meters in new multi unit residential apartments in the municipality. In order to facilitate this it requests further research to be conducted into the practicalities, jurisdiction and that legal advice be sought into the implementation. All this is to be
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brought back to the next Environment and Recreation Committee with comments from strategic planners.

3. That this committee are aware that other utilities such as electricity etc can be individually metered and can see no reason why water cannot be metered.

4. That an environmental education program for high rise apartments including promoting the Sydney Water Waterfix program be investigated.

5. The Committee thanks the Acting Team Leader Environmental Strategy for the quality of the report.

Moved Paul Geraghty, seconded Cr Kogoy

ITEM 9
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

ERC06/11 RECOMMENDED


Moved Cr Kogoy, seconded Cr Hannaford

ITEM 10
FOOTPRINTS ECO FESTIVAL

Note: At the Ordinary Meeting on 22 March 2011, Council made a change to the first line of the Committee Recommendation and resolved that;

“That Council approve the date change for the Eco Festival to be held at Whites Creek Valley Park from Sunday, 5 June 2011 to Sunday, 28 August 2011.”

ERC07/11 RECOMMENDED

That Council approve the date change for the Eco Festival from Sunday, 5 June 2011 to Sunday, 28 August 2011.

1. That Council note that a committee comprising of Cr Kogoy, Cr Hannaford, Cr Stamolis, Council Officers and interested community members will be convened to assist program development.

2. The committee will meet in April 2011 to confirm the program.

3. That the program be reported to the Environment and Recreation Committee in May 2011.

Moved by Cr Hannaford, seconded by Cr Stamolis.

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ITEM 11
COMMUNITY NATIVE NURSERY SITE, 22 WISDOM STREET, ANNANDALE AND WHITE STREET PROPERTIES

Officer Recommendation

1. That the report be noted.

ERC08/11 RECOMMENDED

1. That the report be noted.

2. That a timeline be reported to the next Environment & Recreation Committee for the development of the nursery and houses.

Moved David Lawrence, seconded Paul Geraghty

ITEM 13
OTHER BUSINESS

ERC09/11 RECOMMENDED

1. That the existing garden plot outside the Leichhardt Town Hall be allowed to be tended by community groups and that if successful further expansion be considered by Council with advice from Council’s heritage advisor regarding the town hall curtilage.

    Moved Steven Arnerich, seconded Cr Kogoy

2. That an update report be brought back to the next meeting on the general compliance by fisherman and information on littering and fines.

    Moved Cr Stamolis, seconded Cr Hannaford.

ITEM 14
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 May 2011 at 6:30pm.

Future Meetings for 2011:

4 May
6 July
7 September
2 November

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm