ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Frank Breen performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as 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.

Cr Kogoy arrived and took the chair.

BUSINESS

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC 01/13 RECOMMENDED BREEN / CAMPBELL

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of: Cr Vera Ann Hannaford, Cr Rochelle Porteous, David Lawrence.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS – Nil
ITEM 3

PRESENTATION – SMART Sustainable Business Program from Roy Morizzi - LMC

ERC 02/13 RECOMMENDED BREEN / CAMPBELL

That as part of the SMART Sustainable Business Program Council give consideration to the development of an annual Sustainability Award for local business involved in the SMART Sustainable Business Program and that an update is brought back to the next Committee meeting on options relating to the development of an appropriate award programme.

ITEM 4

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 5 December 2012

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 5 December 2012.

ERC 03/13 RECOMMENDED BREEN / MAUNSELL

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 5 December 2012.

2. That Council thank Councillor Vera Ann Hannaford for her attendance and chairing at short notice for the last Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.

ITEM 5

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

ERC 04/13 RECOMMENDED BREEN / MAUNSELL

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

In relation to ERC 04/13 a number of discussions points were also raised as additional items to the summary of resolutions. These discussion points resulted in a number of recommendations arising from the committee. These recommendations are outlined as follows:
2. Balmain Secondary School-Community use of the Basketball Court by the Community

That Council’s Senior Parks and Open Space Planner Officer correspond with the Balmain Secondary School Principal in relation to community use of the school’s basketball courts after school hours.

3. Status of Bushcare Offsets-Update required.

That an update on the status of the Bush Care Offsets be brought back to the next Committee meeting.

4. View lines in Parks – The Committee as a whole discussed the issue of view lines and trees in public parks. The committee felt that views from parklands should take priority over views from private residential properties across parklands to the harbour.

That Council provide clarification on the issue of view lines with respect to the issue of harbour views from adjoining parklands and the principal that view line assessment in relation to trees are taken from the parkland to the harbour and other public spaces rather than views from private residential properties.

5. Outstanding position of the Bushcare Officer – Update requested.

In the absence of a Parks Manager clarification from the Director of Infrastructure and Service Delivery is required for the next meeting on the outstanding position of the Bush Care Officer.

6. Clarity is required on Council’s issues of tree planting for sight lines from Council’s Parks Technical Officer.

That a verbal report be brought back to the next Committee meeting on the issue of tree planting in parks with respect to site lines.

7. Ballast Point Regional Park – Status of Memorandum of Understanding

That the draft Memorandum of Understanding for Ballast Point be brought back to the Environment and Recreation Committee for consideration at the earliest opportunity.

ITEM 6
CORRESPONDENCE – Nil
ITEM 7
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 6 FEBRUARY 2013

ERC 06/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / MOWBRAY

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 6 February 2013 be noted. (Attachment 1)

ITEM 8
ENDORSEMENT OF LEICHHARDT NATIVE REVEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan be endorsed.

2. That any sites or site extensions recommended under the plan can only be undertaken after consultation with nearby residents, and issues such as maintenance of views have been taken into consideration. This process is to be carried out in a manner consistent with Council’s Community Engagement Strategy.

3. That any site extension carried out under the plan on Crown land can only proceed after the relevant statutory authority has been informed.

ERC 07/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / MAUNSELL

1. That the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan be endorsed.

2. That any sites or site extensions recommended under the plan can only be undertaken after consultation with nearby residents, and issues such as maintenance of views have been taken into consideration. This process is to be carried out in a manner consistent with Council’s Community Engagement Strategy.

3. That any site extension carried out under the plan on Crown land can only proceed after the relevant statutory authority has been informed.

4. That the Committee thank Doug Anderson and Volunteer Bushcare Group for their excellent work within the Leichhardt LGA.

5. That Council investigate and that a verbal report be brought back to the next Committee meeting on the issue of the installation of lights in the Hill’s fig adjacent to the Tennis Courts in Louisa Road.
ITEM 9
SIGNIFICANT STREET TREE LOCATIONS

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council acknowledge the list of streets mentioned in report below as streets that contain significant trees.

2. That this list is to be provided to Ausgrid prior to the commencement of pruning works in the Local Government Area.

ERC 08/13 RECOMMENDED MAUNSELL / GERAGHTY

1. That Council acknowledge the list of streets mentioned in report below as streets that contain significant trees.

2. That this list is to be provided to Ausgrid prior to the commencement of pruning works in the Local Government Area.

3. That as part of the reporting process Council also write to other councils informing them of Council’s approach to Ausgrid on this issue and encourage other council’s to also write to Ausgrid with their concerns.

4. That Council take a strategic approach with regards to street tree planting and that a list of appropriate trees to provide habitat and vegetation for native birds within urban streets is reviewed. In developing this list Council note the environmental conditions and limitations associated with planting suitable trees in urban streets.

ITEM 10
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

10.1 Update from Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park

Gael Kennedy provided an update on various projects which FOWCVP are involved including the community garden, community orchard and ideas for improvements to Whites Creek Valley Park including Park interpretation, summer pop up volley ball.

Garden Clubs Australia – FOWCVP have become affiliated with the Garden Clubs of Australia to cover their insurance requirements for community gardening.

10.2 Update on Glovers Garden

Jane Mowbray provided an update to the committee on Glovers Garden. The community garden group have been working closely with SHFA in relation to subsidence issues and the community garden impacts at Glover Street. SHFA has lodged a development application for the removal of the Celtis tree which will assist in speeding up works associated with addressing the subsidence at the Glover
ITEM 11 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Yurulbin Point (Long Nose Point)

The committee as a whole discussed the recent works which Council had been undertaking in Illoura Reserve in East Balmain and commented on the changes and improvements which had been made to the park over the last 12 months. The recent restoration scheme developed by Bruce Mackenzie at Illoura Reserve was supported and seen as a catalyst in assisting Council and the community with planned improvements to the park. The management and maintenance of Yurulbin Point was raised as a concern by committee members and the committee raised the possibility and the opportunity of Council considering the engagement of Bruce McKenzie to undertake a restoration plan for this park with Council funding support.

ERC 09/13 RECOMMENDATION MAUNSELL / Resolved Unanimously

That Council engage Bruce McKenzie in the 2013/14 financial year to undertake a Restoration Plan for Yurulbin Point Birchgorve.

ITEM 11.1 ANNANDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE WATER CONSUMPTION AND AUDIT

ERC 10/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / MOWBRAY

Following a request from Cr Hannaford, Team Leader Environmental Strategy outlined that concerns had been raised by the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre Management Committee regarding water usage at Annandale Neighbourhood Centre. Council Officers have placed a monitor on the water meter and are conducting a water audit to resolve any issues. That the outcomes of the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre regarding water consumption audit be reported to the next Committee meeting.

ITEM 11.2 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS 2012/13

With respect to Item 11.2 the committee meeting failed to cover the issue of Environmental Grants Programme-Round 2 and this issue will need to be deferred and considered at the May 2013 Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.
ITEM 12
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 May 2013.

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2013:

1 May
3 July
4 September
6 November

The meeting closed at 8:32pm
PRESENT at the commencement of the meeting:

**Councillors:** Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Daniel Kogoy, Frank Breen

**Community:** Paul Geraghty, Richard Gould, Georgette Chedra

**Staff:** Jon Stiebel, David Wilson

Meeting commenced: 6:35pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Frank Breen performed 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.

Following Cr Rochelle Porteous took the chair.

BUSINESS

ITEM 1

APOLOGIES

CCTF 01/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / GERAGHTY

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of: Peter Conroy, Lea Richards, Marghanita Da Cruz.

ITEM 2

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS – Nil
ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 7 NOVEMBER 2012

CCTF 02/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / KOGOY

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 7 November 2012 be accepted.

ITEM 4
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

CCTF 03/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / BREEN

1. That a report be brought to the Climate Change Taskforce on how Leichhardt Council’s experience with the incorporation of PV on a heritage building (Leichhardt Town Hall) could be documented and reported to the broader community. This should include liaison with the Media & Communications Team.

2. That the abovementioned report also to be provided to the Heritage Advisory Committee for feedback.

ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

CCTF 04/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / BREEN

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

ITEM 6
CARBON NEUTRAL CERTIFICATION UPDATE

CCTF 05/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / GERAGTHY

That the committee note the progress and current status of achieving carbon neutral certification.

ITEM 7
PUBLIC EXHIBITION LEICHHARDT CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the committee receive and note the report outlining the arrangements for the public exhibition of the Draft Leichhardt Climate Change Plan.

2. That a further report be brought to the Climate Change Taskforce Committee outlining a Draft 2013/14 Climate Change Plan budget following the public exhibition period.

This is page 9 of the minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 6 March 2013.
1. That the committee receive and note the report outlining the arrangements for the public exhibition of the Draft Leichhardt Climate Change Plan.

2. That a further report be brought to the Climate Change Taskforce Committee outlining a Draft 2013/14 Climate Change Plan budget following the public exhibition period.

3. That a report be brought to the next Climate Change Taskforce Committee on the inclusion of Solar shading initiatives within the Climate Change Plan for example the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre and Playground upgrades.

4. That a second Climate Change Plan Public Information and Feedback session be held towards the end of February in the Balmain area.

5. That the 2013 program for environmental education be brought to an upcoming committee meeting.

6. That a report be prepared by the Manager Information Technology on the feasibility of utilising electronic communication tools such as Skype to allow broader participation with the Climate Change Taskforce Committee.

ITEM 8
OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 SSROC Renewable Energy Master Plan

CCTF 07/13  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY / GERAGHTY

That an update report be brought to the committee on progress with the Southern Sydney Region of Councils Renewable Energy Master Plan.

ITEM 9
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Change Taskforce will be held on Wednesday, 3 April 2013.

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2013:

3 April
5 June
7 August
2 October
4 December

The meeting closed at 8.30pm