MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 1 May 2013.

Present at the meeting: Cr Daniel Kogoy (Chair), Cr Craig Channells, Cr Frank Breen, David Lawrence, Bronwen Campbell, Jane Mowbray, Bev Maunsell

Apologies: Cr Vera Ann Hannaford, Cr Rochelle Porteous, Gael Kennedy

Staff Present Jon Stiebel, Lyn Gerathy

Meeting commenced: 6:36pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Daniel Kogoy 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.

BUSINESS

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

ERC 11/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / BREEN

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

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

ITEM 3 LEICHHARDT 2025+ Exhibition

ERC 12/13 RECOMMENDED BREEN / GERATHY

Jon Stiebel presented on the upcoming public meetings for the Leichhardt 2025 and summarised the community engagement process to date.
Presentation received and noted.

**ITEM 4**  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – SITES FOR CHILDCARE CENTRES – FOR DISCUSSION

ERC 13/13  RECOMMENDED  LAWRENCE / BREEN

Lyn Gerathy gave a presentation regarding community engagement for proposed childcare centres.

Presentation received and noted.

**ITEM 5**  
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 6 MARCH 2013

ERC 14/13  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY / CHANNELLS

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 6 March 2013.

Matter Arising:

Request ERC 04/13 be amended to Recommended - Kogoy/Breen

**ITEM 6**  
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC 15/13  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY / CHANNELLS

In relation to ERC 15/13 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:

1. Bushcare Team positions: Clarification is required at the next meeting from the Director Infrastructure and Service Delivery regarding the number of bushcare team positions within the current council structure and resourcing strategy.

2. Whites Creek Community Orchard: Committee requests an update on the current status of the Whites Creek Community Orchard project and a timeline for its completion. The Committee also requests a copy of the soil contamination report for the Whites Creek Community Orchard for the next meeting.

3. Elkington Park Wharf: There are issues at Elkington Park Wharf with Fishing including littering and using the gardens as a toilet. The area needs more surveillance and signage to address these issues.

5. That the proposed policy referred to in ERC 46/11 on page 34 of the May 2013 Agenda, Tree Planting for Sight Lines, is not progressed further.

6. An email is requested to update the Golvers Garden Group regarding the Development Application for the removal of the Celtis tree.

ITEM 7
CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM 7.1
SYDNEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

ERC 16/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / CHANNELS

1. That a copy of correspondence sent by Council to Sydney Secondary School regarding community use of school basketball courts be received and noted (refer ERC05/13).

2. That a letter is also sent to the Principal of the Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt requesting community use of their Basket Ball courts and Cricket Nets and that a copy of the letter is included on the Agenda for the next committee meeting.

ITEM 7.2
DRAFT JOHNSTON’S CREEK MASTER PLAN

ERC 17/13 RECOMMENDED LAWRENCE / KOGOY

1. That a copy of correspondence from the Lord Mayor City of Sydney sent to residents regarding Community consultation for the Draft Johnston’s Creek Master Plan be received and noted.

2. That a special meeting is called of the Environment & Recreation Committee before the May Ordinary Council Meeting to discuss the Council’s report on the Draft Johnston’s Creek Master Plan.
ITEM 8
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 3 APRIL 2013

ERC 18/13  RECOMMENDED  BREEN / GERAGHTY

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 3 April 2013 be noted. (Attachment 1)

ITEM 9
CLOTHES SWAP EVENT

ERC 19/13  RECOMMENDED  CHANNELLS / MAUNSELL

That a Children’s Toy and Clothes Swap be held on 12 June 2013 at 10am in the Leichhardt Town Hall.

ITEM 10
COMMENCEMENT OF THE BUSHCARE CARBON OFFSETTING SCHEME

ERC 20/13  RECOMMENDED  BREEN / CHANNELLS

1. That the endorsed Bushcare Carbon Offsetting Scheme is commenced in October 2013 with the purchase of offsets covering volunteer hours for the period July 1 2012 – June 30 2013.

2. That, following commencement of the scheme with the purchase of offsets for the 2012/13 period, offsets are purchased annually on an ongoing basis.

3. That ongoing funding is sourced from the Friends of the Park budget.

ITEM 11
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

1. The Community Nursery requires its watering system and shade cloth.

2. Concern was raised about the condition of the lands behind the Annandale Light Rail stop.

ERC 21/13  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY / GERATHY

1. That a report be brought to the next committee meeting on the status of the Community Nursery Development Application and a timeline for the completion of outstanding works.
2. That a report be brought to the next committee meeting on cleaning up and planting more vegetation on the raised lands behind the Annandale Light Rail stop.

ITEM 12
OTHER BUSINESS

1. Concerns were raised about whether Council’s Weed Management Policies are being adhered to in relation to where steam wand and herbicide is being used.

2. Concerns were raised regarding responsible cat ownership and residents not bringing cats in at night.

ERC 22/13  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY / MAUNSELL

1. That Council re-commence its responsible cat ownership education activities.

2. That a copy of the Companion Animals Act be brought to the next committee meeting.

ERC 23/13  RECOMMENDED  CHANNELLS / KOGOY

1. That Council reaffirms its commitment to the Leichhardt Weeds Policy

ITEM 12.1
ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS 2012/13

ERC 24/13  RECOMMENDED  GERATHY / CHANNELLS

1. That Council note that no applications were received for funding under the Environmental Grants Program – Round 2 for the 2012/2013 financial year.

2. That Council carry forward the full amount totalling $5,423 to the 2013/14 Financial Year.

ITEM 12.2
ECOFESTIVAL 2013

ERC 25/13  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY/CHANNELLS

1. That the Footprints Ecofestival be held on Sunday, 25 August 2013 and include the Footprints Film Competition.

2. That as per the 2012 program, $5000 of prizes is budgeted for Film Competition Finalists.
ITEM 13
NEXT MEETING

ERC 26/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/BREEN

The committee discussed the cancellation of the committee meeting on 3 July 2013 per Council resolution C25/13. The committee agreed to reschedule the July meeting (arranged for 17 July).

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2013:

17 July
4 September
6 November

The meeting closed at 8.32pm