LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 7 October 2009.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Cr Daniel Kogoy; Cr Rochelle Porteous; David Lawrence; Paul Geraghty, Kim Wheatley, Bronwen Campbell, Bev Maunsell, Janene Harris (Team Leader Sustainability Ashfield Council), Gillian Leahy.

Staff Present: Aaron Callaghan, David Eckstein, Doug Anderson, Vince Cusumano.

Meeting Commenced: 6.35pm

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.

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

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

ERC52/09 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Vera Ann Hannaford, Cr Jamie Parker, Gill Dawson, Laureen McIver (Project Manager Ashfield Council).

ITEM 9 (brought forward)
PRESENTATION – GREENWAY SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT (Janene Harris, Team Leader, Ashfield Council)

A presentation on the Greenway Sustainability Project was provided by Janene Harris, Team Leader Sustainability, Ashfield Council. Apology was accepted from Greenway Sustainability Project Manager Laureen McIver.

The committee thanked Janene for her presentation and overview of the project and its progress to date. A number of questions were fielded on the implications of the light rail study on the greenway, biodiversity corridor work and cycling.
ITEM 2
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 5 August 2009

ERC53/09 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 5 August 2009 with the accompanying recommendations.

2. As a matter arising on the minutes of the previous meeting the Committee also requested that the Manager of Parks and Streetscapes also investigate whether the Washingtonia robusta palms can be planted in roundabouts within the LGA.

ITEM 3
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC54/09 RECOMMENDED

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

ITEM 4
CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

ITEM 6.1
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES
(29 JULY 2009 AND 2 SEPTEMBER 2009)

ERC55/09 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 29 July 2009 and 2 September 2009.

2. An additional issue was raised by Paul Geraghty in terms of ensuring consistency in relation to the formal acknowledgement of the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora Nation in the Taskforce minutes. It was agreed that the format used in the Environment and Recreation Committee minutes is to be adopted in future meetings of the Taskforce.

ITEM 6.2
STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT (2008-2009)

ERC56/09 RECOMMENDED

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

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2. That, upon receipt of comments, final editing and introduction of selected images, Council approve the final State of the Environment Report for submission to the Department of Local Government (DLG) by 30 November 2009.

ITEM 7.1
RECREATION PLANNING TEAM WORK PROGRAM

ERC57/09 RECOMMENDED

1. That the amendments to the Recreation Planning Work Program are endorsed.

2. As an additional request the Committee asked for a report on the appointment of consultants in relation to the development of the LGA-wide Community Garden Policy and the terms of the consultants brief to be included as part of the report.

ITEM 7.2
BUSHCARE CARBON OFFSETTING

ERC58/09 RECOMMENDED

1. That a Bushcare Carbon Offsetting Scheme be set up to provide personal carbon offsetting for regular bushcare volunteers in return for their services.

2. That in connection with this scheme, Council designs, as a promotional and educational tool, a ‘virtual’ revegetation project with the aim of virtually revegetating an area equal to the area of the open space in the Leichhardt LGA over a number of years. This would be displayed on Council’s website.

3. That Council consider the Belle Properties P/L proposal to sponsor the Bushcare Carbon Offsetting Scheme in accordance with Council’s Sponsorship Policy.

4. That the General Manager be delegated the authority to review the Belle Property Group submission, develop the Sponsorship Contract and accept the sponsorship arrangement in accordance with Council’s Sponsorship Policy.

5. That Belle Property Group not be offered an exclusivity arrangement and that other suitably endorsed firms be permitted to develop sponsorship proposals.

6. That the amount of funding committed to the scheme be capped at $10,000 per year.

7. That the Bushcare Carbon Offsetting Scheme be reported to the Climate Change Task Force Committee for their information.

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ITEM 7.3
URBAN FOREST STRATEGY PART 8 – STREET TREE SEQUENTIAL REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

ERC59/09 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council adopt Part 8 of the Urban Forest Strategy pertaining to Community Consultation.

2. That Council undertake consultation for a trial of the sequential removal and replacement programme as outlined in Section 5 of this report in Stephen St Balmain.

3. That a further report on this trial be brought back to the Environment and Recreation Committee.

4. The Environment and Recreation Committee endorse the timetable for the submission of further sections for the Urban Forest Strategy as outlined in Section 4 of this report.

ITEM 10
OTHER BUSINESS – NIL

ITEM 11
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 December 2009 at 6:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm