LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Note: Additional point added to Item 9 of the 3 October 2012 Environment & Recreation Committee – 23 October 2012 Ordinary Meeting

C494/12 RESOLVED BREEN / MCKENZIE

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 3 October 2012 subject to the following addition to be added to Item 9;

“Council notes that the Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan (p16) provides for the protection, restoration and enhancement of our natural environment and native biodiversity within our urban context. Council also notes that our parks are key areas for enhancing our natural environment and biodiversity. Council resolves that any changes to the plans of management for our parks take into account this provision of the Strategic Plan and specifically address the contribution to the protection, restoration and enhancement of our natural environment and native biodiversity.”

MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 3 October 2012.

Present at the meeting: Cr Daniel Kogoy (chair), Cr Frank Breen, Cr Melinda Manikas, Bronwen Campbell, Jane Mowbray, Paul Geraghty, Gillian Leahy, Beverley Maunsell

Apologies Cr Vera-Ann Hannaford, David Lawrence, and Gael Kennedy.

Staff Present: Aaron Callaghan, Jon Stiebel, Vince Cusumano, Doug Anderson, Steven Griffiths

Meeting Commenced: 6:38pm

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.

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

ERC37/12 RECOMMENDED GERAGHTY / BREEN

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Vera-Ann Hannaford, David Lawrence, and Gael Kennedy.
ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS
Nil

ITEM 3
PRESENTATION – URBAN FOREST AND TREE PRESERVATION POLICY FROM STEVEN GRIFFITHS - LMC

ERC38/12  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY / BREEN

1. That presentation from Steven Griffiths, Team Leader Assessments regarding Urban Forest and Tree Preservation Policy be received and noted.

2. That the Manager Parks and Streetscapes investigate the status and ownership of trees in the Meriton Complex at White Bay.

ITEM 4
PRESENTATION – WESTON STREET CONSULTATION FROM AARON CALLAGHAN - LMC

ERC39/12  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY / GERAGHTY

1. That presentation from Aaron Callaghan, Senior Parks and Open Space Planner regarding Weston Street Consultation be received and noted.

ITEM 5
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 1 August 2012

ERC40/12  RECOMMENDED  BREEN / MANIKAS

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

ITEM 6
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC41/12  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY / GERAGHTY

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

2. The following notice of motions were put forward and recommended by the Committee:

   2.1 That proposed tree removals at Mort Bay Park include the placing of notices throughout the park advertising the proposed tree removals.

   2.2 That the information in the Summary of Resolutions be received and noted and where possible officers update resolution tracking including the removal of projects/resolutions which have been actioned and completed.
ITEM 7
CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

ITEM 8
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE PROCEEDINGS – 25 JULY 2012

ERC42/12 SUPPORTED KOGOY / LEAHY

1. That the proceedings of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 25 July 2012 be noted. (Attachment 1)

2. To note that there was no quorum at the meeting.

ITEM 9
LEICHHARDT NATIVE REVEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

NOTE: At the Ordinary Meeting on 23/10/12 the following point was added to Item 9:

“Council notes that the Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan (p16) provides for the protection, restoration and enhancement of our natural environment and native biodiversity within our urban context. Council also notes that our parks are key areas for enhancing our natural environment and biodiversity. Council resolves that any changes to the plans of management for our parks take into account this provision of the Strategic Plan and specifically address the contribution to the protection, restoration and enhancement of our natural environment and native biodiversity.”

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

2. That the results of the exhibition are reported back to the Environment and Recreation Committee.

3. 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.

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

ERC43/12 SUPPORTED KOGOY / BREEN

1. That the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan be endorsed for public exhibition.
2. That the results of the exhibition are reported back to the Environment and Recreation Committee.

3. 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.

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

5. That following the completion of the exhibition period, Council consider the opportunities for promoting the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan, including opportunities within local schools as an environmental and educational tool.

6. During the consultation process additional opportunities within parks and open space areas be considered for additional biodiversity and bush care improvements.

7. That a briefing session be held with new Councillors on Council’s bushcare programme and the exhibited Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan.

8. That during the exhibition period Council officers review the Leichhardt Native Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan to ensure that the proposals for Callan Park are consistent with the Draft Callan Park Master Plan and Conservation Management Plan.

9. That a report is brought back to the next Environment and Recreation committee on a resourcing strategy for implementing the Revegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan with special emphasis on Callan Park bushcare works.

ITEM 10
TREATMENT OF CHINESE TALLOW TREES FOR PINK WAX SCALE

ERC44/12 SUPPORTED KOGOY / GERAGHTY

That Council undertake control measures as set out in Section 5 of this report to deal with the Pink Wax Scale infestation on Council’s Chinese Tallow Trees.

ITEM 11
WHITES CREEK VALLEY PARK ORCHARD

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council undertake consultation with the community on the development of an orchard in Whites Creek Valley Park.

This is page 4 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Recreation Committee held on 3 October 2012.
ERC45/12 SUPPORTED
KOGOY / LEAHY

1. That Council undertake consultation with the community on the development of an orchard in Whites Creek Valley Park.

2. That Council immediately remove identified weed species from the proposed Orchard Site at Whites Creek Valley Park.

ITEM 12
ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS 2012/13

ERC46/12 SUPPORTED
BREEN / CAMPBELL

1. That Council note that the 2012/13 Grants have been aligned with the objectives of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Community and Cultural Plan.

2. That the following groups be allocated grants totalling $14,577 for the 2012/13 financial year under the Environmental Grants Program Round 1, as follows:

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<td>Food for Everyone workshops and information sessions about growing food organically</td>
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<td>Permaculture Sydney South</td>
<td>Water Tank for Permaculture Garden at Leichhardt School of the Arts Building on Marion Street</td>
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<td>Balmain Glass House auspiced by Balmain Town Hall Committee</td>
<td>Propagating program and community education</td>
<td>$4,840</td>
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<td>Annandale North Out-of-School Hours Care Association</td>
<td>Children’s Edible Permaculture Garden</td>
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3. That the remaining $5423 from the 2012/13 Environmental Grants budget be offered as a round two program for small projects up to $2000.
ITEM 13
COMMUNITY GARDENS GRANTS 2012/13

ERC47/12 SUPPORTED GERAGTHY / MANIKAS

1. That Council note that the 2012/13 Grants have been aligned with the objectives of the Community and Cultural Plan and Community Gardens Policy.

2. That the following group be allocated a grant for the 2012/13 financial year under the Community Gardens Grants Program:

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<td>Whites Creek Community Garden</td>
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3. That the additional budget allowance of $10,000 for Community Grants is readvertised in February 2012 and further grant applications are called for consideration as part of an extended Community Gardens Grant programme for 2012/13.

ITEM 14
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY –Nil

ITEM 15
OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

ITEM 16
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2012 at 6:30pm.

5 December - last meeting for 2012

Meeting closed at 8:48 pm