



## ORDINARY MEETING

**27 September, 2005**

## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN **ORDINARY MEETING** OF THE LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL, 107 NORTON STREET, LEICHHARDT, ON **TUESDAY, 27 September, 2005** at **7.00 pm**.

Peter Head  
GENERAL MANAGER

**21 September, 2005**

**BUSINESS :**

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MINUTES OF ORDINARY AND SPECIAL MEETINGS  
C15/3**

**(BOUND SEPARATELY)**

(a) Ordinary Meeting - \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\* QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**\*\* COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The following items are listed for consideration by Council in Committee of the Whole with the public excluded, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

**\*\* REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC TO BE CONSIDERED  
AS TO THE CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

- ITEM 1 Freedom Of Information Request To The RTA  
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Reason: *Commercial Information of a Confidential Matter*
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## **MAYORAL MINUTES**

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**MAYORAL MINUTES**

**DIVISION:** MAYORAL MINUTES

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 1 MAYORAL MINUTES

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**DATE:** 10 August 2007

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MINUTE.DOC

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****MAYORAL MINUTES**

**DIVISION:** MAYORAL MINUTES

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 2 SUMMARY OF MAYORAL MINUTE RESOLUTIONS  
FROM AUGUST 2005

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SEPT.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Responsible Government – Effective Management

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil



1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of Mayoral Minute Resolutions from August 2005.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

## **PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**DIVISION:** PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 3 SUMMARY OF PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE  
RESOLUTIONS FROM AUGUST 2005

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**DATE:** 10 August 2007

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SEPT.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Responsible Government – Effective Management

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil

1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of Precis of Correspondence resolutions from August 2005.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>DIVISION:</b>	PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 4 DONATION TO STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY BALL
<b>FILE REF:</b>	F97/00109
<b>DATE:</b>	10 August 2007
<b>WORD PROCESSING REF:</b>	G:\bp\reports\270905\DONATION TO STATE EMERGENCY.DOC

Attached is correspondence from Peter Lalor – State Emergency Services (SES) Controller, requesting a monetary contribution of between \$500 - \$1000 to meet entertainment and venue costs associated with the SES's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ball. The total costs for entertainment and the venue are anticipated to be \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The ball has been tentatively booked for the Sydney Town Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2006. The SES has extended an invitation to all their volunteers and their partners and expects 600 people to attend.

The SES is a voluntary organisation which assists residents throughout NSW in emergencies and has proposed the ball to recognise both the efforts of their volunteers and the SES's 50<sup>th</sup> year.

The SES has requested donations from all NSW Council's with a population greater than 10,000 residents. Should there be any surplus the funds will subsidise ticket costs to participants of the ball.

Council could donate \$500 and fund from the existing disaster management budget.

**Recommendation:**

That Council donate \$500 towards the SES 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ball.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>DIVISION:</b>	PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 5 REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER FOR USE OF LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL
<b>FILE REF:</b>	F97/01222
<b>DATE:</b>	10 August 2007
<b>WORD PROCESSING REF:</b>	G:\BP\REPORTS\270905\FEE WAIVER LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL.DOC

Attached are two requests for a fee waiver for the use of Leichhardt Town Hall. A précis of each request is outlined below;

**(a) New South Wales Socialist Left**

The ALP Socialist Left is holding a fundraising event on Wednesday 26 October 2005. The Socialist Left holds a number of fundraising events during the year to facilitate the running of campaigns and activities.

It is Council's long standing policy to provide free use of meeting rooms for political groups. Council at its meeting in July 2004 endorsed the extension of its current policy for free use of meeting rooms for political parties to include the Town Hall when available.

The NSW Socialist Left is therefore eligible for free use of the hall. The usual hall hire charges for the evening of 26 October is \$160 per hour (\$480 for the 3 hours requested).

**(b) Fundraising event for Balmain based Bridge for Asylum Seekers**

Sarah Stephen of Marrickville has written requesting a fee waiver for the use of the Leichhardt Town Hall on Wednesday 5 October 2005 from 6pm – 10pm for a CD launch which will double as a refugee fundraiser event. All funds raised from the CD launch will go to the Balmain based Bridge for Asylum Seekers.

As a locally based non-profit group which Council already supports, the group is eligible for free use of the hall.

The usual hall hire charges for the evening of 5 October is \$160 per hour (\$640) for the 4 hours requested.

**Recommendation:**

- (a) Council grant a fee waiver to the NSW Socialist Left for their use of the Leichhardt Town Hall on 26 October 2005.
- (b) Council grant a fee waiver to Sarah Stephen for the use of the Leichhardt Town Hall on 5 October 2005 for the fundraising event.

## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>DIVISION:</b>	PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 6 PLAQUE - LES RODWELL
<b>FILE REF:</b>	F97/00476
<b>DATE:</b>	10 August 2007
<b>WORD PROCESSING REF:</b>	G:\bp\reports\270905\PLAQUE - LES RODWELL.DOC

Attached is a request from Peter Rodwell on behalf of the Rodwell family requesting Council's consideration of the erection of a plaque in memory of Les Rodwell, former Councillor and Mayor of Leichhardt.

Les Rodwell died in May 2005 and his family request that the plaque be erected in recognition of his services and commitment to Council and the community.

**Recommendation:**

That a plaque be erected in the reserve bounded by Balmain Rd and Derbyshire Rd, Leichhardt, in recognition of Les Rodwell for his service and contribution to Leichhardt Council and the community.



**GENERAL MANAGER**

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** GENERAL MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 7 SUMMARY OF GENERAL MANAGER  
RESOLUTIONS FROM AUGUST 2005

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**DATE:** 10 August 2007

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MANAGER SEPT.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Responsible Government-Effective Management

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil

1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of General Manager Resolutions from August 2005.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** GENERAL MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 8 PUBLIC HOUSING FORUM (14 SEPT 2005)  
OUTCOMES & ACTIONS

**AUTHOR & TITLE:** SHANE MCARDLE (MEDIA & PUBLIC AFFAIRS)

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**DATE:** 10 August 2007

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SEPTEMBER.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Nil

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Motion to be forwarded to Local Government Association.

**Other Implications:** Nil

## 1. **Purpose of Report**

To inform Councillors of the outcomes from the open forum on Public Housing reform held on Wednesday, 14 September 2005 at Leichhardt Town Hall.

## 2. **Recommendations**

That Council support the resolutions endorsed at the Public Forum on 14 September 2005 and that the resolutions be forwarded to the Local Government Association to be included on the agenda as a late motion for consideration.

## 3. **Background**

At the July Ordinary meeting, Councillors were asked to consider the following motion on notice:

- 1) That Leichhardt Council organises an Open Forum within the next 6 weeks for Leichhardt Public Housing tenants and other stakeholders. That Council invites the Minister for Housing, NCOS and the Tenants Union and Department of Housing to address the meeting. The meeting is to evaluate and discuss the erosion of tenant's rights and to engage with tenants on the lobbying of State Government.
- 2) That the following motion be deferred for discussion at the Open Forum:

That Leichhardt Council states in Media Releases to be sent to all local and state media and in letters to be sent to local State MP, the Premier and the Minister for Housing that:

- \* It does not support the NSW Government's plan for Reshaping Public Housing policy, released in May 2005 and due for implementation in November 2005.
- \* It is committed to supporting a security of tenure for public housing tenants on all existing tenancies, and that it calls for the renewable tenancies clause in the new policy be abolished.
- \* It calls for adequate funding to be put into housing, for the expansion of existing department of housing stock, and improvements to maintenance backlogs and service.

- 3) Further that Leichhardt Council submit a motion to the Annual Conference of the LGA, calling on all Councils to endorse the positions once adopted by council following the Open Forum
- 4) That Leichhardt Council states in a further letter to the Minister of Utilities and the Minister for Housing, and the local State MP that it supports a proposal for all public housing estates to have water tanks installed as a priority, as a means of taking responsibility for saving

water. That this also be taken as a motion to the LGA Annual Conference.

- 5) That a report be brought to Council on the current availability of affordable housing being medium to low housing rental in the inner west.
- 6) That Council staff continue to monitor and evaluate current and new initiatives relating to affordable housing that may contribute to relieving housing stress in the inner west.

#### 4. **Report**

In line with part 1 of the resolution above, a forum was organised for Wednesday, 14 September 2005 at Leichhardt Town Hall.

Approximately 90 people attended the meeting and listened to guest speakers Mary Perkins from Shelter NSW, Warren Gardiner from NCOSS, Chris Martin from Tenants Union NSW and tenant representative Annie Atkinson discuss the reforms to public housing policy announced by the NSW Government in April 2005.

The following motion was put to the meeting for endorsement:

- 1) *That Leichhardt Council states in Media Releases to be sent to all local and state media and in letters to be sent to local State MP, the Premier and the Minister for Housing requesting an urgent meeting to discuss the following issues:*
  - a) *We do not support the NSW Government's plan for Reshaping Public Housing policy, released in May 2005 and due for implementation in November 2005.*
  - b) *We are committed to supporting a security of tenure for public housing tenants on all existing tenancies, and that it calls for the renewable tenancies clause in the new policy be abolished.*
  - c) *It calls for adequate funding to be put into housing, for the expansion of existing department of housing stock, and improvements to maintenance backlogs and service.*
- 2) *Further, that Leichhardt Council submit a motion to the Annual Conference of the LGA, calling on all Councils to endorse the positions once adopted by council following the Open Forum:*
  - a) *That Leichhardt Council states in a further letter to the Minister of Utilities and the Minister for Housing, and the local State MP that it supports a proposal for all public housing estates to have water tanks installed as a priority, as a means of taking responsibility for saving water. That this also be taken as a motion to the LGA Annual Conference.*

- b) *That a report be brought to Council on the current availability of affordable housing being medium to low housing rental in the inner west.*
- c) *That Council staff continue to monitor and evaluate current and new initiatives relating to affordable housing that may contribute to relieving housing stress in the inner west.*

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** GENERAL MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 9 SKILLS SHORTAGES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**AUTHOR & TITLE:** FRANCES BOURKE, TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

**FILE REF:** F97/00719

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Funded from Training budget in conjunction with traineeship funding.

**Policy Implications:** Consistent with Council's training and study assistance policies, and EEO and staff management plan

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Assist Council to improve service delivery by addressing shortages of skilled staff.

**Staffing Implications:** Upgrade skills of existing staff to help meet skills shortages

**Notifications:** NIL

**Other Implications:** NIL



## 1. **Purpose of Report**

The Department of Local Government recently undertook a survey of skills shortages in Councils in NSW. The report identified occupations where there are skills shortages and also canvassed the strategies that Councils are using to address these shortages. This report covers some of the strategies Leichhardt Council is currently using to address skills shortage and retention of staff.

## 2. **Recommendations**

That Council receive and note.

## 3. **Background**

The Training and Professional Skills Shortages Taskforce was established by the Department of Local Government (DLG) to help address current and projected skills shortages in key professional areas of employment in local government and to encourage retention of existing qualified professional staff in local government.

The objective of the research was to identify professional and para-professional skills shortages in local government in NSW and opportunities for improvement in the context of current recruitment and staff development practices. Initially, the core group had gathered a considerable amount of anecdotal information. For example, the core group knows that planning is a priority area for local government in terms of shortages of professional staff.

To develop base line data a survey was conducted through 66 structured telephone interviews with councils from all DLG Group classifications. The key recommendations of the research to the Department are set out below:

- A. Investigate models of success for overcoming skills shortages, especially councils in regional NSW, where respondents reported higher levels of retraining or up skilling as a means of addressing the skills shortages
- B. Investigate suitable training and development programs to help senior managers develop creative responses to the additional workload they and their managers are bearing as a result of the skills shortages
- C. Develop strategies to help councils who are experiencing difficulties in their efforts to implement up skilling or retraining of staff, especially those in rural locations
- D. Investigate opportunities for local government in NSW to attract younger candidates for employment, whether via direct links with educational institutions or collaborative efforts with other public and private sector organisations
- E. Develop strategies to address the skills shortages in statutory and strategic planning.

#### 4. **Report**

The shortage of development assessment staff (both planners and building surveyors) needs constant attention. The Training and Professional Skills Shortages Taskforce advocates that Councils

“Investigate suitable training and development programs to help senior managers develop creative responses to the additional workload they and their managers are bearing as a result of the skills shortages.”

“Investigate opportunities for local government to attract younger candidates for employment, whether by direct links with educational institutions or collaborative efforts with other public and private sector institutions”

As Councillors will be aware, there has been an ongoing difficulty recruiting experience assessments staff for Leichhardt Council. The report shows that the recruitment of planners has been identified as the greatest area of skills shortage within NSW.

Council has approached the shortage of planning / assessments by employing Student Planners in the last year of their degree, and more recently by employing a planning assistant. Initial attempts to up skill clerical staff into planning areas has not been successful to date but will continue to be looked at as a future option. Council has reviewed its pay rates, and been flexible in the provision of benefits such as part time employment, access to vehicles, vehicle allowances, and payment of fees assistance to student planners and enhanced fees assistance to permanent staff.

Other occupations that have been identified as being in short supply are civil engineers, finance professionals, trained childcare staff, horticulturalists, and building surveyors.

Council has approached the engineering skills shortage by reviewing its pay rates, employing student engineers, paying fees assistance for staff undertaking degrees, and engaging consultants when needed.

Qualified child care staff (child care aides, early childhood teachers and centre coordinators) are difficult to recruit. Council is assisting experienced untrained staff to complete the Certificate 3 and preferably the Diploma in Child Studies at Petersham TAFE through a combination of recognition for skills obtained on the job, and flexibly delivered gap training. Less experienced staff are being given fees assistance to undertake certificate 3 and diploma level childcare courses at TAFE. Council also assists staff to complete Early Childhood Teaching degrees.

There has been some difficulty in recruiting and retaining trained horticulturists to undertake the area based streetscape tasks. Council is assisting a group of experienced staff to develop horticultural skills suitable for area based work. These staff are currently undertaking the Certificate 2 in Horticulture, leading in 2006 to the Certificate 3 in Local Government with horticultural electives. The qualification is being delivered by a mixture of recognition for skills obtained on the job, and on the job and off job gap training.

Council is also assisting current staff to undertake the Diploma in Environmental Health and Building Surveying. In addition to the staff development initiatives, Council has been proactive in introducing flexible and family friendly working arrangements, to encourage staff to return to work and to meet family and study obligations.

**5. Summary/Conclusions**

Some of the findings of the Departments research require action at an industry or peak level but Leichhardt Council will continue to undertake its own initiatives, including current initiatives involving the up skilling of staff are assisting to alleviating skills shortages in key areas such as child care, horticulture and health and building surveying in the future.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT**

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 10 SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT RESOLUTIONS AUGUST  
2005

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SEPT.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Responsible Government-Effective Management

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil

1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of Environmental and Community Management Resolutions from August 2005.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT  
**SUBJECT:** ITEM 11 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
**FILE REF:** F97/00831  
**DATE:** 10 August 2007  
**WORD PROCESSING REF:** G:\bp\reports\270905\PLANNING SEPTEMBER  
MINS.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** NIL  
**Policy Implications:** NIL  
**Strategic Plan Objective:** NIL  
**Staffing Implications:** NIL  
**Notifications:** NIL  
**Other Implications:** NIL

**1. Purpose of Report**

To advise Council on the status of Minute Resolutions of the Planning Committee held on 8 September 2005.

**2. Recommendation**

That Council adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8 September 2005.



**MINUTES of the PLANNING COMMITTEE of Leichhardt Municipal Council held on Thursday 8 September 2005.**

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Cr Damian Copley-Finch, Cr Carolyn Allen, Cr Rochelle Porteous, Josie Davidson, Ray Stevens, Val Hamey, Malcolm Garder, Hall Greenland, Morris Joffe, Rob Albon, Terry Rowney, Shirley Dean, Wayne Boyle, Elouise Dellit, Paul Rubenstein, Ross McClure, Grania Hickley, Emma DeVoss, Anthony Bryant, Brian Whitehead, Steve Ferreira, Stephen Mee, Kristy Lee, Martin McGrane, Victor Yee, Annie Mustow, Elise Rowney, Robert Keane, John Hataigiannis, John Trumpmanis, Brett Silvia, Sandra Jones, June Lunsmann, Ken Moull, Ewan McDonald, John Pradel, Andrew Murray

Staff Present: Leta Webb, Jeff Thompson, Marcus Rowan, Roger Faulkner, Andrew Kelly, Bruce Lay, Michael Rogers, Mary Azzi

Meeting Commenced: 6.30pm

Chair: Cr Damian Copley-Finch

**BUSINESS:**

**ITEM 1  
APOLOGIES**

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of:

- Cr Michelle McKenzie

**ITEM 2  
REPORT – MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**PC05/45 RECOMMENDED**

That Council receive and note the report.

**ITEM 3  
REPORT – SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS**

**PC05/46 RECOMMENDED**

That the information be received and noted.

#### ITEM 4

#### REPORT – FORMER KOLOTEX SITE REDEVELOPMENT, GEORGE STREET, LEICHHARDT

#### PC05/47 RECOMMENDED

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

- 2.1 Request that the draft master plan be revised by the applicant based on the planning and design guidelines outlined in this report.

#### ITEM 5

#### REPORT – INDUSTRIAL LANDS REVIEW – POST EXHIBITION

#### PC05/48 RECOMMENDED

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

- 2.1 Endorse the proposed amendments to the exhibited draft *Leichhardt Environmental Plan 2000 Amendment No X (Industrial Lands Review)* without the need for further exhibition;
- 2.2 Forward a copy of the amended draft *Leichhardt Environmental Plan 2000 Amendment No X (Industrial Lands Review)* to Department of Infrastructure and Planning and Natural Resources (DIPNR's) Legal Branch for a legal opinion;
- 2.3 Adopt *Leichhardt Environmental Plan 2000 Amendment No X (Industrial Lands Review)*, subject to any amendments by Legal Branch, for gazettal by the Minister in accordance with section 70 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*;
- 2.4 Formally submit *Leichhardt Environmental Plan 2000 Amendment No X (Industrial Lands Review)* the to the Minister, together with a report pursuant to Section 69 of the EP&A Act, for consideration;
- 2.5 Amend the Leichhardt Suburb Profiles as part of the Town Plan Review to reflect the areas and controls proposed in *Leichhardt Environmental Plan 2000 Amendment No X (Industrial Lands Review)*
- 2.6 Amend the Suburb Profile for the Rozelle Commercial Neighbourhood to reinforce the proposed building heights in *Leichhardt Environmental Plan 2000 Amendment No X (Industrial Lands Review)*.
- 2.7 Include a site specific provision for the section of Pymont Bridge Road between Parramatta Road and Chester Street on the northern side and between Parramatta Road and Bignell Lane on the southern side for development for the purposes of commercial premises and that this be progressed as part of the Town Plan Review.
- 2.8 Change the exhibited controls for the Upward/Tebbutt Street Precinct from a site specific provision allowing development for the purposes of dwellings at an FSR of 0.5:1 to a rezoning of the Precinct to Residential and that this be progressed as part of the Town Plan Review.

#### ITEM 11

## **ITEM 6**

### **REPORT – TOWN PLAN REVIEW II – WORK PROGRAM**

#### **PC05/49          RECOMMENDED**

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Council resolve to commence the Leichhardt Town Plan Review in accordance with the work program reported to the September 2005 Planning Committee Meeting.
- 2.2 The controls for the desired future character of commercial centres and Lower Norton Street planning controls be progressed separately to the Town Plan Review process and be reported to the October Planning Committee meeting.

## **ITEM 7**

### **REPORT – FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF HERITAGE CONTROLS**

#### **PC05/50          RECOMMENDED**

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Council receive and note the information in this report.
- 2.2 Council write to both the NSW Heritage Office and the NSW National Trust suggesting that the widely varying policies of Insurers of heritage buildings reflects an ignorance of what being a heritage item means and its cost implications for the insurer, and the need for both better information and a dialogue to ensure that insurance does not become a disincentive to owners of heritage items or potential heritage items.

## **ITEM 8**

### **REPORT – DRAFT COCKATOO ISLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

#### **PC05/51          RECOMMENDED**

That Council forward the attached submission concerning the Cockatoo Island Management Plan to the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

## **ITEM 9**

### **REPORT – PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3-MONTH REPORTING SCHEDULE**

#### **PC05/52          RECOMMENDED**

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Council receive and note the 3-month reporting schedule.

## **ITEM 11**

- 2.2 The report on DCP 48 – Footpaths and Street Verges be deferred from the October Planning Committee meeting and be replaced by a report providing draft controls for the desired future character of commercial centres and Lower Norton Street planning controls.
- 2.3 A response to issues raised in the submission to the Heritage Review by Ray Stevens be reported to the October Planning Committee meeting.

## **ITEM 10**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **PC05/53          RECOMMENDED**

It is recommended that:

A report be prepared for the October Planning Committee meeting regarding the structure of the Planning Committee addressing the following issues:

- Voting rights
- Defining pecuniary interest
- Committee membership
- Committee operations in other Councils.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 12 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES  
SAFETY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

**FILE REF:** F05/00012

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** NIL

**Policy Implications:** NIL

**Strategic Plan Objective:** NIL

**Staffing Implications:** NIL

**Notifications:** NIL

**Other Implications:** NIL

**1. Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of Minute Resolutions of the Community Services, Safety & Facilities Committee held on 1 September 2005.

**2. Recommendation**

That Council adopt the minutes of the Community Services, Safety & Facilities Committee held on 1 September 2005 with the accompanying recommendations.

**MINUTES** of the **Community Services, Safety & Facilities Committee (CSSFC)** of  
Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on **1 September 2005**.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Clr Rochelle Porteous in the chair, Clr Alice Murphy, Clr Chris Windsor, Clr Jamie Parker, Clr Robert Webb, Dawn Linklater, Joe Mannix, David Lawrence, Ted Floyd, Martina Lyons, Barbara France, John Stamolis, Glenn Colyer, Sen Con Jim Riganias.

Staff Present: Jeff Thompson, Peter Gainsford, Stuart Gibb, Deborah Harvey, Michele Goeldi

Meeting Commenced: 6.35pm

## **BUSINESS:**

### **ITEM 1 APOLOGIES**

#### **CSSFC59/05            RECOMMENDED**

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of:

- Clr Carolyn Allen, Clr Vera-Ann Hannaford, Joseph Banno, Sandra Jones.

### **ITEM 2A SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS**

#### **CSSFC60/05            RECOMMENDED**

That the information be received and noted.

### **ITEM 2B BUSINESS ARISING: 'AFTER DARK' MOBILE CAFÉ**

The Committee noted Council's resolution:

- 2.3 A committee made up of Darcy Burn, a representative of the Youth Council, a representative from Inner Skill, interested Councillors and appropriate staff be formed as soon as possible to designate where the money will be spent and include investigating the opportunity of a mentoring program similar to that of Matraville.

And requested that Council's Community Safety Officer convene the meeting.

### **ITEM 3A FEEDBACK – PRECINCT COMMITTEES ON COMMUNITY SAFETY**

The East Balmain Precinct representative, John Stamolis reported on disturbances in Illoura Reserve, Balmain. He also raised concerns over the location of the proposed crossing in Darling Street adjacent to the Balmain Bowling Club. These issues are to be raised and further investigated at Council's Traffic Committee.

## **ITEM 12**

**ITEM 3B  
FEEDBACK – RENWICK STREET, LEICHHARDT**

That pedestrian safety and vehicle speeding in the Renwick Lane/South Renwick Street area be referred to Council's Traffic Committee for investigation with outcomes to be detailed at the October CSSFC meeting.

**ITEM 4  
SAILING AND BOAT BUILDING PROJECTS****CSSFC62/05          RECOMMENDED**

That:

- 2.1 Council endorse the expenditure of \$10,332 from the 2005-2006 community safety budget (cost centre 4065: carried over from 2004-05) to engage instructors for the projects.
- 2.2 Council seek a grant from NSW Attorney General's Compact funding to ensure the delivery of a future expanded sailing/boat building project in conjunction with *Pymont Heritage Boating Club*, *Sailing with Attitude* the *Australian Museum*, and *Meadowbank TAFE*.
- 2.3 Council staff to follow up with the Water Police and Leichhardt's Youth Council in relation to the feasibility of Council providing support to a local sailing club to engage the participants at the end of the initial project.

**ITEM 5  
SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE****CSSFC63/05          RECOMMENDED**

- 2.1 That Council agree in principle for staff to explore the feasibility of a Leichhardt Shuttle Bus Service.
- 2.2 That a further report be provided to the Community Services, Safety and Facilities Committee containing a detailed project proposal including costings and cost sharing arrangements.
- 2.3 That Council investigate the feasibility of funding the shuttle bus service from Section 94.

**ITEM 6  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY****CSSFC64/05          RECOMMENDED**

That an "Access For All" campaign, including 'Good Access Awards' be presented in conjunction with the International Day of People with a Disability.



**ITEM 7**

**ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**CSSFC65/05 RECOMMENDED**

- 2.1 That the title of the Aboriginal Committee be changed to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee.
- 2.2 That the CSSF Committee support the re-establishment of Council's Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee.
- 2.3 That the CSSF Committee endorse the attached Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee.
- 2.4 That in the Terms of Reference (point 6.4.3) be changed to 24 hours.

**ITEM 8**

**ROAD SAFETY MONTHLY REPORT**

**CSSFC66/05 RECOMMENDED**

- 2.1 That the information be received and noted.
- 2.2 That the Road Safety Officer provide information to the October CSSF Committee regarding the terms of free advertising on JCDecaux street furniture in the LGA.
- 2.4 That Cllr Chris Windsor raise the issue of speeding in Curtis Road at Council's Traffic Committee and advise outcome at the October CSSFC meeting.

**ITEM 9A**

**ONE-OFF COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM**

**CSSFC68/05 RECOMMENDED**

- 2.1 That Council adopt the draft policy and application form for assessing one-off community funding requests.
- 2.2 That a review of Council's grant programs be undertaken and a report with recommendations be prepared for the Community Services, Safety and Facilities Committee.

**ITEM 9B**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS POLICY**

**CSSFC67/05 RECOMMENDED**

That the CSSF Committee endorse the Community Events Policy with the following amendments:

- Public notice begin **mid January** and **mid August** each year, closing respectively **end** March and **end** October (Introduction, paragraph 3)
- Consideration will be given to the following criteria (Guidelines, point 2)
- Priority **may** be given to groups that do not receive substantial funding from other sources and have not received funding from Council in the immediate past. (Guidelines, point 8)

**ITEM 10**

**DONATION REQUEST – ELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**CSSFC69/05    RECOMMENDED**

That Council support the Ella Community Centre and purchase an Emerald Sponsorship (\$1,000) package to contribute to the Centre's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

**ITEM 11**

**FEE WAIVER – GREEN LEFT WEEKLY**

**CSSFC70/05            RECOMMENDED**

That Council waive the hire fee for the Leichhardt Town Hall for the Green Left Weekly event on 19 November 2005.

**ITEM 12**

**SOCIAL PLAN – WOMEN**

That this item be held over to the October CSSFC meeting.

**ITEM 13**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- That an invitation be extended to Leichhardt's Youth Council representatives to attend the October CSSFC meeting and that the minutes of the Youth Council be presented to the CSSFC meeting.
- The National Local Government Community Services Association of Australia (LGCSA) biannual conference is being held in Melbourne on 25-28 October 2005.
- LGCSA New Ageing Challenge seminar is being held at Holroyd Council on 14 October 2005.

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm.**

## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**REPORT**

**DIVISION:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 13 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

**AUTHOR & TITLE:** JEFF THOMPSON, MANAGER STRATEGIC PLANNING & PETER GAINSFORD, DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

**FILE REF:** F05/00222

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Provisions made in the 2005-2006 Budget

**Policy Implications:** Consistent with Capital Expenditure as outlined in the 2005-08 Management Plan adopted 28 June 2005

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Community Well being  
Built Environment  
Responsible Government

**Staffing Implications:** Contract and In House

**Notifications:** Management Plan, Budget and Program widely advertised

**Other Implications:** Nil

## 1. **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to identify five major Infrastructure projects that will significantly reduce Councils Greenhouse Gas emissions and significantly reduce Councils environmental footprint.

## 2. **Recommendations**

It is recommended that Council receive and note the contents of this report.

## 3. **Background**

### 3.1 2<sup>nd</sup> August Environment and Recreation Committee

At the August Environment and Recreation Committee it was recommended that:

*The General Manager prepare a report to identify five major infrastructure projects that will significantly reduce Councils greenhouse emissions and a second report to identify five major projects that will significantly reduce Councils environmental footprint.*

## 4. **Report**

“The ecological or environmental footprint is a resource management tool that measures how much land and water area a human population requires to produce the resources it consumes and to absorb its wastes, taking into account prevailing technology” (*Global Footprint Network*). Greenhouse gas emission impact directly on our environmental footprint and for the purpose of this report they have been combined.

The following major Infrastructure projects were adopted by Council at its meeting held on the 28 June 2005. These projects will through environmental best practice reduce Councils ongoing energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and environmental footprint.

### 4.1 Relocation of John McMahon Child Care Centre to Mort Bay Park.

The design of the proposed Child Care Centre aims to increase energy efficiency, improve thermal comfort, provide a healthy indoor environment, reduce long-term consumption of resources, reduce dependence upon non-renewable energy consumption and increase the use of renewable energy through the incorporation of the following strategies:

#### **Passive Solar Design**

- orientation of playrooms to north-east or northwest with shading designed to admit winter sun and exclude summer sun
- verandas with adjustable roofing to control sun penetration
- north facing highlight windows to allow sun into internal parts of the building
- use of thermal mass in concrete slabs and brick walls to absorb excess heat and reradiate at cooler times.
- incorporation of bulk and reflective insulation in roof and walls to increase thermal efficiency
- selection of energy efficient windows glazed and sealed to reduce heat gain/loss

**Active Solar Energy**

- installation of roof mounted photo-voltaic cells to produce electricity
- solar hot water system with gas boosting

**Water**

- reduction of water usage through water conserving tapware and efficient dual flush cisterns
- rain water collection for reuse in toilets and laundry. (20,000 L water tanks). The roofs have been designed to maximise water harvesting

**Light and Ventilation**

- the narrow footprint allows natural light into all major rooms reducing reliance on artificial lighting
- windows and highlights have been located to provide cross ventilation to habitable rooms and to capture cooling breezes reducing need for mechanical ventilation and air-conditioning
- increased ceiling heights allow safe installation of ceiling fans and provides high level outlets for warm air
- operable ventilation grilles in the corridor assist in moving air through the building to be removed through roof ventilators
- draught seals to doors and windows to prevent winter heat loss
- installation of compact fluorescent lights to reduce energy consumption

**Space Heating and Cooling**

- minimise reliance on artificial heating and cooling through building design elements
- selection of energy efficient and environmentally-friendly space heating and cooling systems as back up.

**Materials**

- harvestable, renewable, biodegradable materials e.g linoleum floor coverings
- durable materials with low maintenance
- plantation and regrowth timbers
- materials and finishes with low or reduced chemical toxicity e.g. low emission paints

**4.2 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Change Rooms**

Design characteristics include:

**Lighting**

- Use of natural day light where appropriate through the use of skylights
- Paint walls in light colours to aid light reflection
- Installation of occupancy sensor lights
- Fit high efficiency reflectors and high frequency electronic ballasts to fluorescent tube lighting circuits.

### **Heating/Cooling**

- Installation of photovoltaic cells to supplement energy requirements for the entire site including the mechanical exhaust system by providing energy back to the grid
- Use of natural ventilation/cross ventilation
- Use of energy efficient Quantum heat pumps for hot water

### **Water**

- Fit AAA rated fixtures for all taps, showerheads, toilet cisterns etc
- Fit flow regulators to all taps
- Waterless urinals
- Replace toilet cistern with a 6 litre/3 liter dual flush cistern including new toilet pans
- Rainwater tank installation to provide water for irrigation and flushing of toilets
- Note the use of grey water from showers and basins is cost prohibitive because it means digging up and relaying the entire existing sewerage system. This will however be incorporated into the major gym extensions
- Reuse of backwash water rather than disposal to the sewer (with significant water and TBL)

### **Landscaping**

- Use native provenance species
- Water efficient landscaping practices, e.g. low water use vegetation
- Soil management to reduce runoff, e.g. mulching

### **Other activities**

- Low emission paints (low VOC)
- Plantation timbers
- Maximise recycling of demolition materials.
- Reuse of materials where appropriate
- Reduce cement content of concrete (substitute a proportion with fly ash)
- PCV minimization where feasible

### **Electrical appliances**

- Appliances purchased will have a high energy star rating.

## **4.3 White Street Environmental Centre**

This project provides Council with an opportunity to establish an Environment Centre which will showcase environmental protection and sustainable living to the local community and visitors. The sites location adds a unique quality of being able to promote widespread community participation in environmental activities.

Council and our community through education and commitment have the potential to be aware and reduce our environmental footprint in a sustainable and long term way.

Recycling/Construction of the facility will embrace similar energy efficiency and ecologically sustainable characteristics as that being provided in the John McMahon Child care Centre.

#### 4.4 Energy Initiatives - solar technology

Solar Lighting is proposed for 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion Park and Pioneers Memorial Park (\$102,000 allocated). A Solar BBQ is being provided at Balmain (\$26,000). Solar Panels will be installed at the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre providing an opportunity for co-generation and having a positive impact on Councils energy needs.

Whilst not specifically budgeted at this stage, it is also intended to seek an energy grant for installation of solar lights (mains powered with photovoltaic for energy too the street lighting grid) throughout the main car park in Leichhardt Park adjacent to Leichhardt Oval. All these projects through a displacement of electric energy requirements will have a net reduction in Green House gas emission.

#### 4.5 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Stage 1 – new gymnasium, indoor pool and entry improvements

Stage 1 is the construction of a new gymnasium and group fitness facility, indoor hydrotherapy pool and improvements to the main entry/reception area of the LPAC. This work is programmed to commence in late 2006.

This project will incorporate sustainable design principles and make provision, wherever possible, for grey water reuse, rainwater tanks, photovoltaics, use of energy efficient light fittings and appliances, and building materials selection including avoidance of the use of timber from Australian native forests (eucalypt or rain forest, including old growth and secondary growth) or from overseas rainforest.

#### 4.6 Additional Energy/Greenhouse Gas Reduction Initiatives

##### 4.6.1 Council Fleet

##### 4.6.1.1 Passenger Fleet

In 2003 Council engaged a consultant to review Council's fleet address replacement & procurement options for passenger fleet, plant and equipment charge out rates, suitability of plant & equipment for tasks performed, recommended replacement and servicing schedules and options for alternative fuels. CO<sub>2</sub>

Some of the recommendations from this report have already been implemented with other being implemented when plant items are renewed.

Council staff that hold positions which attract a passenger vehicle or utility are offered the vehicle on a leaseback arrangement. The leaseback arrangement requires staff to pay a nominated fee which allows them to use the vehicle for private use.

Staff are being encouraged to drive smaller vehicles (with lower Co<sub>2</sub> emissions) with increased leaseback costs to those who wish to drive six cylinder vehicles. Smaller cars will not suit all operational or personal needs of all staff, so some flexibility will be required to ensure the needs of the individual who is prepared to pay and to ensure Council continues to be able to retain and attract the best staff.

There are currently three categories with increased charges to the leaseback driver of the vehicle based on the level of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have been

calculated on a vehicle travelling 20,000 kilometres per year which is the average distance travelled by each passenger vehicle in Council's fleet.

The three proposed categories consist of:

- Category 1 (CO<sub>2</sub> emissions below 4000 kg/annum) 4 cylinder vehicles
- Category 2 (CO<sub>2</sub> emissions between 4000 and 5000 kg/annum) 4 cylinder vehicles
- Category 3 (6 Cylinder Vehicle and/or CO<sub>2</sub> emissions above 5000 - 6000 kg/annum) 6 cylinder vehicles

The response of staff has been immediate with most cars now being ordered in Category 1 or 2 confirming an ongoing reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

**As an adjunct Council is also offering staff that have access to a vehicle under Council's vehicle leaseback scheme the option to a fully paid Metro Pass or the purchase of a bicycle up to \$2000 subject to retaining enough vehicles to meet operational needs. An interest free loan for the Metro Pass or bicycle for travel to work will also be offered to all staff. The success of this aspect will also be reported in the SOE.**

#### *4.6.1.2 Heavy Plant – Use of Biodiesel & Equipment*

Biodiesel is made from agricultural crops and is more environmentally friendly and ecologically sustainable than fossil fuels. On a life cycle basis, biodiesel is more climate-friendly than diesel. The carbon emissions created by agricultural and fertiliser production are less than the emissions from diesel made from fossil fuels.

All air toxic emissions from biodiesel are lower than equivalent diesel emissions except for acrolein. Though highly toxic, the slight increase in acrolein is offset by the decrease in the equally toxic aldehydes.

Council has held initial discussions with a biodiesel supplier and Waterway Constructions who have storage and dispensing facilities at James Craig Road Rozelle. Council is in the process of negotiating the details for the dispensing of this fuel and is seeking to commence a trial shortly.

As part of the annual plant replacement program Council investigates new plant and equipment on the market to ensure that they purchase the most efficient items based on operational needs, utilisation, reliability, engine capacity, fuel type, ease of maintenance, cost and likely resale value.

#### **4.6.2 Footpath and Road Maintenance**

Council allocates over \$600,000 from its annual Works Program Budget to footpath and road maintenance. During this financial year it is estimated that this activity alone will require over 1300 tonnes of bitumen product. Council is contracted to Emoleum who are obligated as part of the contract to reclaim stone from our roads and footpaths during construction in order to recycle this stone in the new bitumen product. Current rates of recycled stone are not less than 15% by weight. This contract finishes in 18 months time and Council will be seeking to maintain or increase this component of recycled product.



A similar strategy is employed when concrete footpath or kerbs are replaced. The old concrete is diverted from land-fill and sent to a concrete re-cycler where the stone and by-product is utilised in other products.

Opportunities are explored when replacing full width footpaths to 'down scale' to 'normal' width concrete footpaths with consequent reduction in impervious area, a more environmentally friendly grassed area and less energy usage. (eg: Terry, Palmer and Elliot Streets, Balmain and Collins, Albion and Reserve Streets Annandale).

The securing and crushing of stone aggregate is energy intensive and as a non-renewable resource has the potential to impact on our ecological footprint. Reduction in concrete/bitumen product and an on going reduction in impervious areas are positive trends towards sustainability.

## **5. Summary/Conclusions**

Council is undertaking a major review of its Strategic Plan. The revised plan will integrate the principles of Triple Bottom Line reporting (TBL) in delivering all of Council services, not just major infrastructure items.

A sustainable procurement policy is already in place, commitments under Milestone 5 of the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP5) have been given and a meaningful start has been made to recognising and reducing our environmental footprint in all our activities.

In terms of all the above projects, opportunity will be taken wherever possible to seek State and Federal Energy and Water Saving Grants. There are also other major projects currently on the drawing board eg Hamilton St Multi Purpose Centre and the Leichhardt Civic Centre Redevelopment which, if they proceed, will also result in significant energy efficiency and water saving gains.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 14 DONATION REQUEST

**AUTHOR & TITLE:** STUART GIBB, TEAM LEADER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**FILE REF:** F97/01629

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** From \$10,000 allocated from Councillor issues budget for financial assistance.  
Allocated 2005/06 - \$6,325  
Remaining 2005/06 - \$3,675  
Recommended in this report - \$200  
Recommended in current CSSF minutes - \$1000

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Plan Objective:** 1.1 Social and Support Services  
1.5 Community Support

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To inform Council of a request for funding from the Lions Club of Bondi (see attachment).

**2. Recommendations**

That Council support the Lions Club of Bondi and contribute \$200 to the Club's *World Festival of Magic* on Saturday 8 October 2005.

**3. Background**

At the June 2005 Council meeting the following recommendation was adopted:

*That all requests for donations or financial assistance that do not meet the criteria for funding under Council's annual community grants program, or for timing reasons cannot wait to apply under this program, be referred to Council's Community Services and Facilities Committee for a recommendation. Further, that Council allocate \$10,000 of the Councillor Issues budget (\$50,000) for this purpose, with this process to be trialled for a period of 12 months.*

The following request for financial assistance missed the deadline for the September Community Services, Safety and Facilities (CSSF) committee. As the event is to be held in early October, the request has been referred directly to Council for a decision. Guidelines to assist Council in responding to one-off funding requests were tabled at the September CSSF committee. If these are endorsed by Council, all future requests for funding will have to include a standard application form and be assessed against the criteria set out in the guidelines.

**4. Report**

The Lion's Club of Bondi is hosting it's "World Festival of Magic" at the Sydney Convention Centre on Saturday 8 October 2005. In its thirteenth year the festival provides an opportunity for local special needs children and their families to attend an international magic show that circumstances, financial or other, might otherwise deny.

Over the last twelve years, the Lions Club of Bondi has raised and distributed over \$1,000,000 from the World Festival of Magic. These funds have benefited children's charities and organisations, many of which receive little or no direct government support.

This year the major beneficiary will be the Eye Clinic in the Ophthalmology Department at Sydney's Children's Hospital, Randwick. A broad range of children will benefit from the redevelopment and enhancement of this department. Funds raised will ensure that the clinic's highly skilled specialists are well equipped to meet the needs of all children.

Council contributed \$200 to this event in 2004.

## 5. Summary/Conclusions

That Council support the Lions Club of Bondi Inc by donating \$200 from the Councillors Community Funding Program budget to enable four local special needs children to attend the World Festival of Magic.

### One Off Community Funding Allocations 2005/06 (\$10,000 budget)

<b>Applications approved by Council</b>	<b>amount</b>	<b>Council meeting date</b>
Harmony Media Children's Christmas Party	\$1125	26 July 2005
Village Voice Citizen of the Year Awards	\$1000	26 July 2005
Balmain Public School (Createx)	\$500	26 July 2005
Leichhardt Uniting Church 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	\$1000	26 July 2005
FILEF theatrical production	\$1500	26 July 2005
Maria Betti's Folklorico	\$1000	23 August 2005
Isabel Tzorbatzaki (NSW Schools Orchestra Tour)	\$200	23 August 2005
<b>sub total</b>	<b>\$6325</b>	
<b>Decision pending</b>		
Ella Community Centre's 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner	\$1000	27 September 2005
Bondi Lion's Club Festival of Magic	\$200	27 September 2005
<b>sub total</b>	<b>\$1200</b>	
<b>Total (approved and pending)</b>	<b>\$7525</b>	

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 15 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE NEEDS STUDY

**AUTHOR & TITLE:** ROGER FAULKNER, SENIOR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLANNER

**FILE REF:** F04/00084

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** NIL

**Policy Implications:** The Recreation and Open Space Needs Study is an overarching strategic document that will guide the planning, management and maintenance of open space and recreation within the LGA for the next 10 years.

**Strategic Plan Objective:** 1.2 Recreation Provision  
1.3 Being Healthy

**Staffing Implications:** As required to execute the strategic plan.

**Notifications:** Local schools, sporting clubs, recreation groups, Leichhardt Youth Council, and people registered on the consultation mailing list.

**Other Implications:** Nil

## **1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement to publicly exhibit the draft Leichhardt Council Recreation and Open Space Needs Study.

## **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Council endorse the draft Recreation and Open Space Needs Study for public exhibition for a period of 42 days.
- 2.2 Council delegate to the Director Environmental and Community Management authority to undertake minor editorial changes as regards any inconsistencies in the plan prior to exhibition.
- 2.3 A further report be prepared at the conclusion of the public exhibition period that evaluates submissions and recommends any amendments prior to Council's adoption of the Plan.

## **3. Background**

As part of its 2003/04 budgetary process, Council allocated monies to undertake a Recreation and Open Space Needs Study. These funds were increased to \$100,000 in the 2004/05 budget.

The decision to undertake the study was in recognition that Council does not have a strategic document to correlate the LGA's open space and recreation provision with the needs and aspirations of the local community. Similarly, Council lacks a strategic document to complement and enhance Council's corporate framework, and assist in the establishment of policies and programs for the provision, management, maintenance and usage of open space, recreation facilities, programs and services within the LGA.

In this respect, a Recreation and Open Space Needs Study would provide important recreational data for related Council strategies such as reviews of the Section 94 Developer Contributions Plan, Youth and Social Plans, Open Space Strategy, Leichhardt Companion Animals Management Plan (LCAMP), future open space plans of management and potential re-development of regional sporting facilities within the Leichhardt LGA.

It would also provide Council with a better understanding of recreation issues and facilities within the Leichhardt LGA which are managed by commercial agencies, non-profit organisations and other government agencies and enhance Council's ability to obtain recreational grants.

The Leichhardt LGA is currently undergoing a period of change in relation to its population profile and distribution, largely as a result of older, established residential areas within the LGA being sought after by young couples and young families, and high density housing projects being stimulated and facilitated in specific locations within the municipality as part of broader urban renewal strategies.

These demographic changes, and the fact that the most recent LGA-wide open space and recreation study was conducted in 1993, have made it timely for Council to re-assess the recreational needs and aspirations of its community, and to formulate new directions and priorities for the provision of open space and recreation facilities, programs and services.

The preparation of the Recreation and Open Space Needs Study was endorsed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting in August 2004, where it was resolved (CW 13/04) that:

*2.1 Council endorse Stratcorp Consulting as preferred tender for a GST exclusive price of \$83,985.*

*2.2 Council allocate funds in the 2004/05 budget from the s.94 Open Space and Recreation Developer Contributions Fund to supplement funds available in the 2003/04 budget.*

#### **4. Report**

The draft Recreation and Open Space Needs Study has audited all existing open space and recreational facilities, programs and services within the municipality and their existing and potential capabilities are aligned with present and future users. This has not been done in a structured way since 1993.

The Study gives Council a better understanding of the open space and recreation needs of its community and therefore better equips Council to determine appropriate priorities for the acquisition of new and/or improved open space opportunities and the provision of future active, passive and sporting recreational facilities and programs.

##### **4.1 The Recreation and Open Space Needs Study and its planned outcomes**

The scope of the Study includes assessment of the community's open space and recreation needs, including both active and passive, and indoor and outdoor recreation/sport needs.

The Study Objectives are:

- To provide strategic open space and recreation planning direction for the Leichhardt LGA for the next 10 years which responds to organisational and community needs.
- To deliver a Study which will complement and enhance Leichhardt Council's corporate framework, and assist in the establishment of policies and programs for the provision, management, maintenance and usage of open space, recreation facilities and programs within the Leichhardt LGA.
- To provide a strategic plan that is consistent with the open space and recreation objectives of corporate strategies, including the Leichhardt Town Plan, Strategic Plan 2000-2005 and Management Plan 2003-2006.
- To provide direction for Leichhardt Council in partnership with the local community for an integrated approach to open space and recreation planning

and management, and to develop and enhance links with recreation-orientated community organisations.

- To provide a thorough analysis of needs which when incorporated within the Plan will withstand any legal proceedings.

The Study addresses a broad range of open space and recreation facilities, programs and associated issues within the Leichhardt LGA. Issues addressed include:

- Open Space and its utility, cultural, historical, ecological, sensory and character functions
- Playgrounds
- Sports fields and facilities
- Dog management
- Indoor recreation facilities
- Youth facilities and services
- Facilities and services for the elderly
- Accessible facilities for disabled and able-bodied persons
- Recreational opportunities for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Passive outdoor recreation
- Bicycle paths
- Walking paths
- Swimming pools
- Alternative sports
- Facilities and services for women
- Private sporting facilities such as indoor sports centres, tennis courts and gyms
- Linkages and constraints to transport nodes
- Land use conflicts

Key specific outcomes from this project include:

- A detailed review of the municipality's sporting field's management, usage, needs and service gaps
- The identification of new recreational opportunities in existing open space areas eg. Leichhardt Oval, Leichhardt Oval No.2, Lambert Park and, potentially, Callan Park
- The identification of current and future Council-provided recreational programs and services
- A detailed recreation action plan with key strategic objectives that are to be incorporated in on-going Council Management Plans

The results of this project will also inform reviews of Council's Open Space and Recreation Developer Contributions Plan, Social Plans, Open Space Plans of Management and the Local Companion Animal Management Plan.

## 4.2 The Study process

The key component of the Study is a recreational needs analysis. This is an intensive data gathering Study involving, but not limited to, a review of recent



demographic data for the municipality, an audit of public and private open space and recreation facilities and programs, community surveying, liaison with local community and sporting groups and with State and Federal recreation authorities such as the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation and Australian Sports Commission.

This liaison acknowledges the significant contribution that community recreation groups/organisations make to the Leichhardt LGA.

The planning process for the Study has included:

- A literature review
- An audit/review of sporting and recreation facilities, key open space areas, and programs currently available across the LGA
- Analysis of current and likely future demographic profile of the LGA
- A review of National, State, and local sport and recreation participation trends
- Community and stakeholder consultation
- Gap analysis and issues analysis to guide strategy development
- Preparation of a Strategy Implementation (Action) Plan
- Project review by project steering committee

#### **4.3 Key findings of the study – the current situation**

- In relation to open space provision:
  - The current overall provision of open space across the LGA is low (compared to benchmark of 2.83 ha/1,000 people and other Metro LGAs)
  - There is little opportunity to significantly increase the current provision/ratio through future subdivisions and acquisitions
  - There is strategic importance for the retention, development and urgent access to existing open space in Callan Park
  - Most parks and sports reserves present well, except for clear evidence of over-use of most sports grounds during winter
- In relation to sport and recreation facilities:
  - There is a limited range of formal and informal sporting and recreation opportunities available
  - There is no provision for netball, AFL and high-ball indoor sports, such as Basketball, Volleyball, and Badminton
  - There appears to be current adequate provision for facilities for rugby league and lawn bowls
  - There appears to be a shortage of facilities for cricket, soccer and tennis
  - Amenity buildings to meet basic needs of user groups is of a poor standard
  - There is only average provision of easily accessible sporting and recreation facilities beyond the LGA
  - There is a low provision of sporting and recreation facilities at education sites
  - The distribution of sports facilities across the LGA has some constraints, particularly south of the City West Link

#### 4.4 Consultation process

Stratcorp Consulting organised and facilitated a series of consultation processes with Leichhardt Council residents, sporting clubs, community groups, relevant Council staff, Councillors, and other key stakeholders during the period November 2004 – May 2005.

A comprehensive approach was adopted for the consultation, which was designed to ensure that a wide cross section of people and interested parties were given an opportunity to provide input into the future planning and development of recreation facilities and services for the Leichhardt LGA. The consultation phase incorporated a number of different techniques to interact with residents, clubs, other organised groups, and Council personnel.

The consultation process is summarised in the following table.

Target Group	Consultative Technique	Date	Responses/ Attendees
Residents	Telephone Survey	Nov 2004	450
	Community Forums (x 2)	Feb 2005	1
	Active Fun Day Survey	Nov 2004	90
	Park User Surveys	Dec 2004	503
	Community Submissions	Nov 04-May 05	3
Sports Clubs	Survey	Nov – Dec 04	36
	Sports Club Forums (x 2)	Feb 2005	17
Key Stakeholders	Youth Service Providers	Feb 2005	3
	School Students	Feb 2005	14
	Older Adults	Feb 2005	4
	People with a Disability/Carers	Feb 2005	3
	Interviews – Sports Assoc'ns/Regional Groups	Mar – May 05	5
Neighbouring Councils	Interview	May 2005	4
Council Personnel	Meeting – Councillors	Feb 2005	7
	Meeting – Recreation and Strategic Planning staff	Feb 2005	7
	Meeting - Outdoor staff	Feb 2005	8

#### 4.5 Key findings of the study – issues

- There is projected population growth across the LGA, and increased ageing of the population
- The participation rate by residents in physical activities is comparable to benchmarks
- Residents place high value on the provision of quality open space areas for people to participate in “family recreation activities”

- There is strong support for improved provision of recreation facilities and programs for young people
- There is a need for improved provision of indoor, multipurpose, flexible, community recreation space
- There is a shortage and overuse of sports grounds, particularly for cricket, rugby league and soccer
- There is no local provision for the emerging/popular sports of AFL, hockey and netball
- Asset maintenance and renewal will continue to be a challenge for Council and sports clubs to address, due to competing demands on available funds

#### 4.6 Recommended strategic objectives

Some of the key strategies recommended in the study are listed below under each strategic objective.

##### 4.6.1 *Strategic Objective 1 – Provide a range of open space settings and recreation facilities (see draft Study part 14.6, page 84)*

- Develop a new multi-court indoor sport and recreation centre
- Develop new netball courts
- Increase the provision for informal sporting/recreation activities in parks (e.g. golf practice cages, cricket nets, basketball courts, BBQs, shelters, etc)
- Extend and upgrade the linear bicycle and pedestrian network.
- Prepare a new LGA-wide *Playgrounds Strategy*
- Advocate for the retention, development and urgent access to existing open space areas at Callan Park to establish new sports grounds for AFL, cricket, soccer and/or rugby league
- Rationalise use of King George Park and Easton Park
- Re-use Lambert Park for hockey, and relocate APIA Leichhardt to Leichhardt Oval (to co-locate with Balmain Tigers & Wests Tigers)

##### 4.6.2 *Strategic Objective # 2 – Provide well used and relevant open space and recreation facilities (see draft Study part 14.7, page 87)*

- Upgrade flood lighting at Birchgrove Oval and Leichhardt Oval No. 3
- Prepare a *Public Toilet Strategy*
- Review the *Leichhardt Open Space Strategy (1993)*
- Develop a regional skate park at Leichhardt Park, and other youth activity areas in other parks
- Establish up to 2 new enclosed dog parks, inclusive of agility equipment
- Improve and upgrade facilities in open space areas to encourage increased use by PWD and older adults

*4.6.3 Strategic Objective # 3 – Encourage and support community involvement in sustainable club and facility management and development (see draft Study part 14.8, page 89)*

- Improve viability of existing sports clubs
- Increase sports development programs and initiatives
- Increase voluntary involvement of people in community groups/clubs

*4.6.4 Strategic Objective # 4 – Facilitate diverse recreation program development (by either Council or external providers) (see draft Study part 14.9, page 90)*

- Establish an AFL AusKick program in Leichhardt.
- Increase recreation program provision which is targeted to:
  - People with disabilities
  - Older adults
  - Young people

*4.6.5 Strategic Objective # 4 – Provide effective management, support and resources (see draft Study part 14.10, page 92)*

- Proposed new funding policy – *A Recreation Facility Development Funding Framework*
- Introduce various review processes to improve the management of recreation facilities and user groups
- Improve provision of promotional information about sport and recreation in Leichhardt LGA
- Maximise external funding opportunities for Council and clubs
- Undertake a condition audit of all sports amenity buildings, and introduce a rolling program to fund upgrades

#### **4.7 Funding implications**

As mentioned in the part 3.3 of the report, the Recreation and Open Space Needs Study places Council in a strong position with any recreational grant opportunities that occur in the future. This is because the grant organisations can be supplied with accurate information on the likely outcomes arising from the proposed funds.

## **5. Summary/Conclusions**

The Leichhardt Council Recreation and Open Space Needs Study will assist in determining priorities for the acquisition of new and/or improving open space opportunities and the provision of future active and passive recreation facilities, programs and services.

The Study will provide a direction for an integrated approach to open space and recreation planning and management for the next 10 years. It will also inform Council's Section 94 Open Space and Recreation Developer Contributions Plan and the development of future open space Plans of Management for the LGA.

Following adoption of this Study, its findings can be used to evaluate other recreation management issues, including the location of the synthetic hockey field, leases of Lambert Park, Leichhardt Ovals No.1, No.2 and No.3, and the Leichhardt Park Plan of Management.

It is recommended that Council endorse the draft Recreation and Open Space Needs Study for public exhibition for a period of 42 days (including submission period), with a further report be brought to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition period to consider written submissions received during the exhibition period, make amendments if necessary, and adopt the plan.

# LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## REPORT

**DIVISION:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 16 SPORTS TRAVEL GRANTS - MATT SAVILLE AND NICOLE SAVILLE

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### DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

**Financial Implications:** \$200 grant (after this grant \$400 remains in the 2005/06 budget of \$1000 for sports travel grants).

**Policy Implications:** In line with Council's "guidelines for financial grants for individuals and teams participating in sporting or other competition".

**Strategic Plan Objective:** 1.1 Social and Support Services  
1.5 Community Support

**Staffing Implications:** N/A

**Notifications:** N/A

**Other Implications:** N/A

**1. Purpose of Report**

To inform Council of a request for sponsorship from local residents, brother and sister Matt and Nicole Saville, who will be representing the NSW Under 16 men's and women's water polo teams at the Australian Water Polo Championships from 26 September to 1 October 2005 in Perth, Western Australia.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Leichhardt Council sponsor Matt Saville and Nicole Saville for the amount of \$100 each.
- 2.2 That the funds be allocated from the Grants – Sporting Funds 2005/2006 Budget.

**3. Background**

Both Matt and Nicole Saville are Leichhardt residents. They both play water polo for the Balmain Water Polo Club.

Neither Matt nor Nicole have previously received financial assistance from Council.

**4. Report**

Matt and Nicole Saville have applied to Council for financial assistance.

Council's "guidelines for financial grants for individuals and teams participating in sporting or other competition" state that:-

- Council has limited funding available to assist residents to achieve their goals in national and international competitive events.
- The provision of funding for sport remains at the discretion of Council and is subject to funds available in each financial year.
- One application per financial year will be accepted (unless a State representative becomes eligible as a National representative overseas during the same year).
- Sponsorship will be \$100 if representing NSW in a national competition or event interstate.

**5. Summary/Conclusions**

Matt and Nicole Saville's application meets all the criteria contained in Council's guidelines, therefore it is recommended that the application be approved. The funds for this request can be allocated from the Grants – Sporting Funds 2005/2006 Budget. After this grant \$400 remains in the 2005/06 budget of \$1000 for sports travel grants.

**6. Recommendation**

That Matt Saville and Nicole Saville be given a grant of \$100 each (\$200 total) to assist with travel expenses they will incur in representing the NSW Under 16's men's and women's water polo teams at the Australian Water Polo Championships from 26 September to 1 October 2005.



## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

# REPORT

<b>DIVISION:</b>	ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 17 DRAFT PARRAMATTA ROAD SECTOR 1 STRUCTURE PLAN - POST EXHIBITION
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### DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

<b>Financial Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	Major social, economic and environmental implications for the southern areas of the Leichhardt LGA.
<b>Strategic Plan Objective:</b>	2.1 Alternative Transport 2.2 Parking 3.1 Conservation and Enhancement 4.1 Housing Development 4.2 Land Use 4.4 Heritage Conservation 4.5 Commercial Development 5.5 Economic Development
<b>Staffing Implications:</b>	NIL
<b>Notifications:</b>	Notify submitters to the exhibition
<b>Other Implications:</b>	NIL

## **1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Parramatta Road Sector 1 Structure Plan.

## **2. Recommendations**

That Council advise the Chair of the Parramatta Road Taskforce, the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Roads of the exhibition of the draft Parramatta Road Sector 1 Structure Plan in terms of the following:

- 1) Council will not support any increases in residential and employment densities without provision for an appropriate mass transit system in the final Parramatta Road Corridor Planning Strategy.
- 2) Any revised M4 East proposal needs to demonstrate, in the context of the Parramatta Road Strategy, that it will not lead to increased private vehicle trips on Parramatta Road within sector 1.
- 3) Further consideration of an M4 East should not occur until the finalisation of the Metropolitan Strategy or until a holistic land use and transport plan for the Sydney metropolitan area exists that provides a framework within which the strategic value of an M4 East extension can be considered.

## **3. Background**

### **3.1 Establishment of the Parramatta Road Taskforce**

In May 2004, the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, the Hon. Craig Knowles, established the Parramatta Road Taskforce to determine the role of the Parramatta Road corridor and the means by which the corridor can accommodate a significant share of Sydney's growth, while addressing the potential of an M4 East motorway.

As part of the Parramatta Road Taskforce, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources allocated funding to member councils to undertake planning for the four corridor sectors. The funding was provided to assist councils to prepare framework and structure plans and subsequent planning instruments for each of the sectors.

### **3.2 Leichhardt and Marrickville Council Joint Funding Bid**

At its Ordinary Meeting on 28 September 2004, Council endorsed a joint Leichhardt and Marrickville Council funding bid under the Parramatta Road Taskforce Project.

The joint funding application was successful and Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils subsequently engaged a consultant team comprising Olsson Associates Architects, PRA Sustainable Urbanism, Christopher Stapleton Consulting, Jane Irwin Landscape Architecture and Godden Mackay Logan to undertake the framework plan in accordance with a project brief prepared by the two Councils.

### **3.3 Parramatta Road Taskforce and Project Control Group Meetings**

A Project Control group Meeting comprising the Mayors, General Managers and officers from each Council was undertaken on 15 March 2005, at which the consultant team presented the draft framework plan. The consultants also present the draft framework plan to the Parramatta Road Taskforce Meeting on 30 March 2005.

## **4. Report**

### **4.1 Exhibition of the Draft Structure Plan**

The Draft Parramatta Road Sector 1 Structure Plan was exhibited on the Leichhardt/Marrickville Council websites, at the Councils administrative centres and at the Council libraries from Friday 5 July 2005 to Friday 5 August 2005. This exhibition period was extended further to Tuesday 30 August 2005.

Notice of the public exhibition was published in the Inner Western Courier on 28 June and 16 August 2005.

Presentations on the Draft Structure Plan to Precinct Groups 7, 8 and 9 were also undertaken in August.

Seven (7) submissions were received during the exhibition period from the No M4 East Action Group, N & E Royal Investments Pty Ltd, Planning Workshop Australia, EcoTransit Sydney Inc. and three (3) community members. A consideration of these submissions follows.

### **4.2 Consideration of Submissions**

#### *Submission 1: No M4 East Action Group*

The Action Group argue that a light rail service would encourage more peak-hour commuters to shift away from car use. This would result in a major decrease and even removal of most private means of transport. The lack of any firm proposals by the State Government however, means that implementation of the light rail system is highly unlikely.

They suggest that the proposal of the new light rail is a ploy to 'sell' the expansion of Parramatta Road and note that in the past extensions to major motorways for example, extensions to the M5 East, have led to further traffic congestion. The Action Group also note that previous light rail proposals have failed to even reach the 'drawing board' stage.

The Action Group recommend that the proposal should not proceed further without a guarantee of a coherent and feasible public transport plan that will co-ordinate existing State Transit and private bus services and an expanded light rail network. Further, the group urges Council to reject any proposals for an increase in both high and low-rise private dwellings along Parramatta Road without this commitment to increased public transport.

## Comment

The draft Structure Plan proposes that future development along the Leichhardt/Marrickville sector be serviced by an upgraded mass transit system on Parramatta Road. The need for an additional metro rail service on the northern side of Parramatta Road through the suburbs of Annandale and Leichhardt is identified in the longer term.

The possible mass transit options are limited to systems which can share the road space (necessary to retain car parking on the kerbside lane) and include trolley/guided buses or street light rail. Any of these systems could operate in conjunction with or replace the existing bus services. The main advantage of these options is that they are more efficient in terms of carrying capacity than buses and would mean that less total road space is required along the east west corridor than would be the case without a higher order mass transit system to move the same number of people (not vehicles).

The draft Plan notes that from a sustainability and transportation perspective Council should not support any increased residential/employment densities without a commitment to implement an appropriate mass transit system within the sector. A mass transit system is also critical to the revitalisation of Parramatta Road by way of its role in promoting a more humane environment for pedestrians. Specifically, the parking lane and the transit lane will shield the footpath to make it a more desirable place to be.

Accordingly, it is recommended that as part of Council's resolution it restate its position to the Parramatta Road Taskforce and the State Government that it will not support any increases in residential and employment densities (beyond those already permitted under Council's current planning controls) along the Leichhardt section of the sector 1 corridor without provision for an appropriate mass transit system in the final Parramatta Road corridor planning strategy.

### *Submission 2: Community member – Mr Sean Gleason*

States that Council should acknowledge that the M4 East proposal will have a significant impact on future traffic volumes on the Tebbut–Forster–James Street corridor and this will impact residents in Leichhardt.

## Comment

As part of its consideration of the *M4 East Options Study – Overview Report* Council raised serious concerns over the potential for the road link to induce traffic; when it would reach capacity and how it would impact on the surrounding road network. The Review of the *Overview Report* undertaken by GHD in partnership with Kilsby Australia on behalf of Council, noted as follows:

*The Overview Report claims that “the construction of a new [road] link between North Strathfield and Haberfield would result in a significant reduction in traffic along this section of Parramatta Road”. No analysis is offered to substantiate this. This proposed improvement in road conditions is outside Leichhardt and will probably result in increased traffic levels along the Leichhardt section of Parramatta Road. How significant is “significant”? This is not specified in the report, and neither are the effects from induced traffic.*

*Would the total traffic on the two links be higher than what it would otherwise be? This can only be demonstrated through a do nothing or minimum scenario which is not provided in the Overview Report.*

*Potential urban design benefits to the Parramatta Road corridor are similarly alluded to in very general terms. There is no indication whether future conditions in the Parramatta Road corridor will experience heavier or lighter traffic than today, even with the M4 East in place (i.e. whether traffic growth will outstrip traffic relief). It is certain that under each of the options, traffic approaching or leaving the City West Link in Leichhardt would increase.*

As Council later determined through documents obtained via the *Freedom of Information Act*, the M4 East proposal was likely to result in an increase in traffic on Parramatta Road of up to 25% in peak periods.

As noted above there was insufficient detail in the *Overview Report* to determine what the effect would be on local roads accessing Parramatta Road. On this basis, Council resolved at its May 2005 Ordinary Meeting to include in the exhibition of the draft Parramatta Road Sector 1 Structure Plan the following:

*“A statement be included with the exhibition that the M4 East will have a significant impact on future traffic volumes on Parramatta Road.”*

This advisory was included in the explanatory notes accompanying the exhibition of the draft Structure Plan. Based on the analysis provided in Part 4 Parramatta Road – Regional Traffic Scenarios of the draft Structure Plan, it is apparent that local roads, in particular the Marion Street set will be negatively impacted by the M4 East proposal in the form exhibited. It should be noted however, that the traffic scenarios undertaken as part of the Structure Plan indicate that without the provision of additional east west carrying capacity (in any form) traffic congestion in local streets in the LGA will worsen.

Accordingly, it is recommended that as part of its submission to the Taskforce, Council express its view that any revised M4 East proposal needs to demonstrate that it will not lead to increased private vehicle trips on Parramatta Road within sector 1. This outcome would have the potential to undermine the public transport initiatives required and consequently the entire revitalisation of Parramatta Road - sector 1. The issue of a likely increase in traffic on local roads within the Leichhardt LGA will be a major focus of the evaluation of any revised M4 East proposal by Council.

It should be noted that the regional traffic scenarios modelled in the draft Structure Plan indicated the following:

- *Without interventions the local streets in Leichhardt and Marrickville will be threatened by increased traffic and major road works for the foreseeable future.*
- *Parramatta Road can be adapted to a liveable street without affecting local streets.*
- *The capacity of the City West Link needs to be increased to achieve the desirable environment in Parramatta Road and to avoid traffic intrusion into local streets.*

- *The implementation of successful public transport systems combined with more mixed use towns and villages will stem the increased demand for car travel in the local context.*
- *Regional road and freight facilities will be required to avoid intrusion into local areas in 7 to 15 years. Councils need to be involved in these ongoing discussions.*

These findings reinforce previous Council resolutions discussed further in this report seeking an integrated transport solution for the Sydney metropolitan area transport task.

*Submission 3: N & E Royal Investments Pty Ltd*

This submission notes support for Council's vision for Sector 1 of the Strategy.

*Submission 4: Community member – Laurence Stonard*

Raised concern with respect to parking for the shops located along Parramatta Road. The submission suggests that if parking is allocated along Parramatta Road it will result in increased traffic congestion. However if there is no parking, consumers will seek goods and services elsewhere where parking is available.

The second issue raised was concerning an allocated bicycle lane, as bus lanes are too dangerous. The submission notes however that these lanes have been used for parking in the past.

## **Comment**

The road space management approach in the draft Structure Plan has three main aims:

- *Maintain Peak Hour Movement Capacity;*
- *Provide for Increased Public Transport Potential; and*
- *Dramatically improve the pedestrian environment while improving the overall performance of the road as a movement corridor, economic focus and people place. It also introduces parking along Parramatta Road, which should increase commercial viability of the businesses along the road.*

The car parking does not reduce the peak hour capacity of the road due to the tidal flow treatment proposed for the 3 centre vehicle lanes.

The draft Structure Plan does not propose a dedicated bicycle lane. It is noted that there is not currently a bicycle lane and it will be necessary due to the road constraints that the current bicycle sharing arrangements continue.

*Submission 5: Community member – Mr Pasquale Cannizzaro*

Noted that although the plan will have positive outcomes, it is very difficult to envision what it will look like at such an early stage. There is concern however about the reliance on Federal or State Government planning actions, infrastructure funding and plain political will.

Mr Cannizzaro also raises concerns about the proposal for 491-507 Parramatta Road which was rejected as not being within the current

planning guidelines, and has been deferred until the outcome of the Parramatta Road Corridor Study. Mr Cannizzaro believes that this is unacceptable and that he should be given access to reliable advice to enable an acceptable design to be achieved.

### **Comment**

The draft Structure Plan essentially recommends the retention of the current planning controls for the area including 491-507 Parramatta Road. These controls do not support the proposal for the above mentioned site which involves a 12 storey building. All persons who submitted development applications (particularly those exceeding the current development standards) that corresponded with the preparation of the draft Structure Plan were advised that as part of the Structure Plan the potential for increased densities would be examined. Accordingly, it was appropriate to defer consideration of these applications pending this process; the alternative being to refuse non complying proposals.

The submitters concerns regarding the commitment of other levels of government to supporting necessary infrastructure, particularly in relation to the provision of public transport, have been shared by Council and hence the need to reinforce that Council's support for the revitalisation of this sector of Parramatta Road is contingent upon an appropriate mass public transport system.

### *Submission 6: Planning Workshop Australia*

Note that consistencies are found between the vision statement and objectives for the Draft Parramatta Road Sector 1 Structure Plan and the George Street Master Plan and thus the Draft Plan is supported. Council should ensure the achievement of these objectives and ensure a contribution towards the attainment of the vision for the Parramatta Road corridor

The George Street site has been included within the Draft Plan for the purposes of creating an 'Urban Village' Precinct. The George Street Master Plan succeeds in providing this as the draft planning controls and new standards that are proposed by the Draft Plan show consistencies with the outcomes of the planning exercise undertaken for the Kolotex site. The two plans are mutually supportive and may each play their part in the achievement of the Structure Plan's vision as well as Council's currently adopted plans and policies.

Where appropriate, adaptive reuse of existing buildings should be encouraged as this provides additional flexibility in potential building styles and adds (historic) variation to the streetscape.

### **Comment**

The planning controls for the former Kolotex site are currently being considered by Council. These investigations are being undertaken with regard to the directions of the draft Structure Plan.

### *Submission 7: EcoTransit Sydney Inc.*

Communicate their support, in principle; to any improvements to Parramatta Road that encourage increased public transport. Concern is expressed towards the commitment of funding for project; it is important that government shows initiative to

fund the proposal as this will encourage more community engagement and the proposals have little meaning without this kind of commitment.

The expansion of the light rail network is strongly supported as it will encourage commuters out of their cars, reducing traffic and significantly improving amenity in the Parramatta Road corridor.

Concern is expressed at recent light rail proposals used to 'sell' the expansion of motorway construction to the general public. Two recent examples where motorways have been expanded, and are now in operation, but improvements to public transport are nowhere in sight; have been raised in the submission.

EcoTransit urges Council not to support the proposals for Parramatta Road without demanding further guarantees of an integrated transport strategy for the inner-western suburbs. A fully integrated policy that embraces the movement of small to large haul freight from road to rail is essential to the success of any improvements to Parramatta Road.

Further, Council is encouraged to reject any proposals for an increase in private dwellings along Parramatta Road without a commitment to improved and increased public transport.

### **Comment**

As part of its submissions to State Government Minister's and State authorities concerning the M4 East, Council expressed the strong view that:

*The project should be presented in the form of an integrated solution for the transport corridor, which includes improvements to local amenity alongside public transport infrastructure upgrades.*

Council has also previously written to the Director General of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources noting:

*That the preparation of the EIS and/or any decision concerning the M4 East should be deferred until the finalisation of the Metropolitan Strategy which will provide a holistic land use and transport plan for the Sydney metropolitan area and a framework within which the strategic value of the proposed M4 East extension can be considered.*

Accordingly, the concerns of EcoTransit are shared by Leichhardt Council and are incorporated into the recommendations of this report.

### **4.3 Status and Timing of the Parramatta Road Corridor Project**

Once the Department of Planning receives draft Structure Plans for each of the four sectors they have indicated that they will finalise and publicly exhibit a Draft Parramatta Road Corridor Strategy later this year. The contents of the Strategy prepared by the State Government will be evaluated in the context of draft Structure Plan prepared for Council and the Taskforce and reported to Council at this time.



## **5. Conclusion**

This report has informed Council of the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Parramatta Road Sector 1 Structure Plan. It is recommended that Council write to the Chair of the Parramatta Road Taskforce and relevant Ministers indicating its position on a number of critical issues relating to the future planning of Parramatta Road.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 18 NEW LEGISLATION - FOOD ACT 2003 (NSW)  
FOOD REGULATION 2004 (NSW) AND PROCEDURES FOR  
FOOD INSPECTIONS

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** NIL

**Policy Implications:** NIL

**Strategic Plan Objective:** NIL

**Staffing Implications:** NIL

**Notifications:** NIL

**Other Implications:** NIL

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To provide information as to the introduction of the new *Food Act* 2003 (NSW) and associated regulation as well as advise Council of the procedures for inspecting food premises within the Leichhardt municipality.

**2. Recommendation**

That Council receive and note the Report.

**3. Background**

The *Food Act* 2003 (NSW) commenced on the 23rd February 2005 and is accompanied by the *Food Regulation* 2004 (NSW). This new legislation aims to ensure food is safe and suitable for human consumption, to prevent misleading conduct in connection with the sale of food, and to provide for the application of the Food Safety Standards Code in NSW.

This Act and Regulation replaced the *Food Act* 1989 (NSW) and the *Food Regulation* 2001 and has granted greater powers to Council to enforce safe and suitable food for human consumption.

In June 2005, the New South Wales Food Partnership sent out to local Councils an Exposure Draft for comment which set out the role of Council and the Food Authority, programme for support, arrangements for consideration and principals for funding.

**4. Report**

Under the new legislation Councils have been prescribed as "enforcement agencies" by the Regulation, which enables Councils to continue their existing roles and functions under the *Food Act* 2003 (NSW).

The Act also contains a number of new powers and functions for local Councils, including the power to issue 'Improvement Notices' and 'Prohibition Orders'. An Improvement Notice enables Councils to legally require that a food premise take steps to improve premises, equipment or that a food transport vehicle be put into a clean and sanitary condition, or be repaired, or replaced. Can also require a premise to prepare food safety programmes and bring food handling techniques to a reasonable standard within 24 hours. A Prohibition Notice can be used by a local Council to actually close a food premise down if it does not comply with the Improvement Notice as issued by that Council.

Offence structures have also changed and are now divided into serious and other offences, with serious offences liable for fines up to 5,000 penalty units (or \$550,000-00) in the case of corporations. Compliance with the Food Standards Code is a separate offence, with a maximum penalty of 2,500 penalty units (or \$275,000-00) for a corporation. There has also been the introduction for the first time of Penalty Notices or on the spot fines for certain provisions of the Food Safety Standards, for example "Sell unsafe food" - \$660-00, "Contravene Prohibition Notice" - \$1320-00.

The other functions of the old legislation remain unchanged. Currently the NSW State Government is developing a model which will mandate and resource Council's role in food regulation.

**5. Food Inspection Procedures**

Leichhardt Council already carries out the roles proposed in the Exposure Draft survey and completes an annual inspection programme of all registered food premises within the municipality. Food premises are inspected annually for cleanliness, hygiene and compliance with the Food Standards Code.

If any premise is found to be kept in an unsatisfactory condition, formal notification is provided to the shop proprietor and further inspections are carried out to bring the food shop into compliance with the relevant standards. Should compliance not be forthcoming, formal notices as outlined above are issued and legal action taken if necessary to ensure compliance.

**6. Summary/Conclusions**

Council has already received thanks for Council's response to the Exposure Draft from the Food Authority. Council will be kept informed of future developments as they occur.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY**

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 19 SUMMARY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES DELIVERY RESOLUTIONS FROM AUGUST 2005

**FILE REF:**

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Responsible Government-Effective Management

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil

1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of Infrastructure and Services Delivery Resolutions from August 2005.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY  
**SUBJECT:** ITEM 20 MINUTES OF LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE  
**FILE REF:** F97/00809  
**DATE:** 10 August 2007  
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**PRESENT**

Councillor Robert Webb	Alternate Chairperson
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Daniela Fontana	Sydney Buses – Leichhardt Bus Depot
John Stephens	LMC – Manager Traffic
Abdullah Uddin	LMC – Traffic Engineer
Vera Zaccari	Road Safety Officer

**LATE****APOLOGIES**

Councillor Chris Windsor	Chairperson
Sergeant Christopher Hill	NSW Police
François La Rue	Roads and Traffic Authority – Client Services
Margherita Tracanelli	Sandra Nori MP, Member for Port Jackson



## **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

**TR05/058**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**Committee Recommendation:**

That the Minutes from the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 22 July 2005 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **1.1 Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**TR05/059**

#### **1.1.1 Traffic Conditions Beattie Street, Balmain**

- a) That a 9.3m “No Stopping” zone be installed on the northern side of Beattie Street from the east side of the driveway of No.145A Beattie Street towards Lawson Street.
- b) That a 5.2m ‘No Parking’ zone be installed across the driveway of No.145 Beattie Street.
- c) That the matter of illegal parking in Beattie Street between Evans Street and Elliott Street be referred to Council’s Community Parking Officers for appropriate enforcement.

### **2.0 Reports**

**TR05/060**

#### **2.1 1 Hour Parking Zone – Lilyfield Road, Rozelle**

**Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That a 10m ‘1P 9.30am – 6.00pm; Mon-Fri’ zone be installed across the frontage of 61 Lilyfield Road from the Electric Light Pole (No.LE 07360) to the boundary of No.63 Lilyfield Road, Rozelle.
- b) That the existing ‘No Parking 6.30am - 9.30am’ signs between the boundary of Nos.63-65 Lilyfield Road and Burt Street be amended to indicate ‘Mon-Fri’.

**TR05/061**

#### **2.2 No Stopping Zone – Campbell Street, Balmain**

**Committee Recommendation:**

That a ‘No Stopping (R)’ signpost be installed in Campbell Street, approximately 6m north of Campbell Lane outside the boundary of Nos.56 and 58 Campbell Street, Balmain.

**TR05/062**

#### **2.3 No Stopping Zone – Gow Street, Birchgrove**

**Committee Recommendation:**

That a 'No Stopping' zone be installed from the east side of the Birchgrove Public School's driveway in Gow Street to 5m west of the driveway.

**TR05/063****2.4 Road Occupancy – Collins Street, Annandale****Committee Recommendation:**

1. That the temporary closure and road occupancy of Collins Street between Johnston Street and Johnston Lane, Annandale, is supported subject to the following conditions:
  - a) That the temporary road closure and road occupancy is restricted to Collins Street, Annandale between Johnston Street and Johnston Lane on Saturday 29 October 2005 between 8:00am and 4:00pm.
  - b) That a three (3) metre unencumbered passage be available for emergency vehicles and pedestrians through the closed section of Collins Street at all times.
  - c) The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.
  - d) That the applicant notifies all affected businesses, residents and other occupants of the temporary road closure prior to the event. Any concerns or requirements in relation to the road closure raised by business proprietors, residents and other occupants must be resolved or accommodated. The notification shall involve at the minimum an information letterbox drop distributed one week prior to the commencement of the event. The proposed information, distribution area and period must be submitted to Council's Traffic section for approval two weeks before the event.
  - e) That the approved Traffic Management Plan (TMP) be implemented at the applicant's expense.
  - f) That the conditions of the Activity Application approved by Council be implemented and/or adhered to.
  - g) That the applicant provide and erect barricades and signs, in accordance with Australian Standard AS 1742.3-2002: Traffic Control Devices for Works on Roads (or better). As a minimum the following must be erected at both ends of the road closure area:
    - Barrier Boards
    - 'Road Closed' (T2-4) signs
    - 'Detour' (T5-1) signs
  - h) That the applicant produce evidence of public risk insurance cover with a minimum policy value of \$10,000,000 under which Council is indemnified against all claims for damage and/or injury that may result from either the activities and/or from the occupation of the public way during the road occupancy and temporary road closure.
  - i) That the areas to be used for the activities must be maintained in a clean and tidy condition to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Service Delivery, or else the applicant will be required to reimburse Council for any extraordinary cleaning costs.

- j) That the conduct of any activities or use of any equipment required in conjunction with the road occupancy and temporary road closure not result in any 'offensive noise' as defined by the Noise Control Act.
- k) That a copy of the Council approval be available on site for inspection by relevant authorities.
- l) That the applicant complies with any reasonable directive from Council Officers.
- m) That Council reserves the right to cancel this approval at any time.

**TR05/064**

**2.5 Road Occupancy – 2005 Portfolio Partners Sydney Spring Cycle**

**Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That the 2005 Portfolio Partners Sydney Spring Cycle event proposed to be held on Sunday, 23 October 2005 be supported.
- b) That the temporary closure of Canal Road be supported, subject to the event organiser consulting with the affected properties and operators of the dog café and reasonably resolve any concerns.

**TR05/065**

**2.6 4 Hour Parking – Robert Street, Rozelle**

**Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That a 63m '4P 8am-6pm; Mon-Fri' zone be installed generally in front of No.32 Robert Street (between the two Electric Light Poles) from the intersection of Mullens Street towards Buchanan Street.
- b) That no action be taken at the present time to linemark the 90 degree angle parking spaces in Robert Street, Rozelle.

**TR05/066**

**2.7 No Parking – Duke Street, Balmain East**

**Committee Recommendation:**

That a 'No Parking' zone be installed along the western side of Duke Street (even numbered properties) between Darling Street and the end (under the *Narrow Streets Parking Strategy*).

**TR05/067**

**2.8 One-Way Proposal – Yara Avenue, Rozelle**

**Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That a Traffic Management Plan be prepared for the proposal to restrict Yara Avenue to a one-way traffic movement from Margaret Street to Warayama Place, including the collection of traffic counts in Yara Avenue and the surrounding affected streets, and be reported back to the Committee.
- b) That subject to the approval of the TMP, all affected residents/businesses be consulted and the results be reported back to the Committee.
- c) That the operation and management of the waste collection to the units in Yara Avenue be investigated.

**TR05/068**

## **2.9 Pedestrian Crossing – Norton Street, Leichhardt**

### **Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That the Traffic Committee recommends to Council the installation of a raised pedestrian crossing on Norton Street, north of the entrance to The Forum.
- b) That the Traffic Committee recommends to Council the introduction of a 40km/h speed limit in Norton Street and requests that the Traffic Section examine additional treatment options that may be required and submits a draft proposal to the RTA's Regional Road Safety Manager so that funding can be sought for the 2006-07 year.
- c) That the Traffic Committee recommends to Council that the proposed crossing and introduction of the 40km/h speed limit be incorporated into the Norton Street Mainstreet Master Plan.
- d) That the Traffic Committee receive information from the Traffic Section and support any further request for the installation of additional traffic calming measures along Norton Street that may be deemed necessary following additional investigations.
- e) That speed counts be taken in Norton Street, north of the Italian Forum.

## **3.0 Status Reports**

Nil

## **4.0 Minor Traffic Facilities**

**TR05/069**

### **Committee Recommendation:**

That the five (5) minor traffic facilities authorised by the Traffic Engineer as listed in **Appendix D** be endorsed.

## **5.0 General Business**

**TR05/070**

### **5.1 Local Area Traffic Management – Napoleon Lane, Rozelle**

### **Committee Recommendation:**

That the status of converting National Lane to a one-way movement from Napoleon Street to Council's carpark as previously adopted by Council in October 1999 be investigated and reported back to the Committee.

**TR05/071**

### **5.2 Pedestrian Conditions – Darley Road, Leichhardt**

### **Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That an on-site meeting be arranged before or after school times with the RTA representative to discuss traffic conditions and improvements for pedestrians crossing Darley Road generally between Allen Street and Charles Street, Leichhardt.
- b) That speed and volume counts be taken in the above section of Darley Road.
- c) That the feasibility of widening the existing pedestrian refuge in Darley Road near Lyall Street be investigated to also accommodate cyclists.

## **6.0 Next Meeting of the Leichhardt Local Traffic Committee**

**TR05/072**

### **Committee Recommendation:**

That the next meeting of the Leichhardt Local Traffic Committee be scheduled for Friday 23 September 2005.

## **DISCUSSIONS FROM MEETING**

### **1.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

Confirmation of Minutes from the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 22 July 2005 (refer to **Appendix A**).

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That the Minutes from the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 22 July 2005 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **Committee Recommendation:**

That the Minutes from the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 22 July 2005 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **1.1 Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting**

#### **1.1.1 Traffic Conditions Beattie Street, Balmain**

### **Discussion:**

- The Traffic Manager advised that the proposed parking restrictions had been discussed with the affected businesses and the owner of 145A Beattie Street requested the installation of 'No Parking' restrictions across his driveway in lieu of the proposed 'No Stopping' restriction to assist deliveries to his business.

### **Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That a 9.3m "No Stopping" zone be installed on the northern side of Beattie Street from the east side of the driveway of No.145A Beattie Street towards Lawson Street.

- b) That a 5.2m 'No Parking' zone be installed across the driveway of No.145 Beattie Street.
- c) That the matter of illegal parking in Beattie Street between Evans Street and Elliott Street be referred to Council's Community Parking Officers for appropriate enforcement.

## 1.2 **Council Resolution**

Council at its Ordinary meeting held on 26 July 2005 considered the Local Traffic Committee's recommendations from the meeting held on 24 June 2005 and resolved:

*"That the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting dated 24 June 2005 be received and the accompanying recommendations adopted."*

### **Discussion:**

- Noted.

## 2.0 **Reports**

### 2.1 **1 Hour Parking Zone – Lilyfield Road, Rozelle**

*Precinct: Nanny Goat Hill – Ward: Rozelle/Lilyfield  
File: ST00369*

The business owner of 61 Lilyfield Road, Rozelle has requested the provision of restricted parking in front of her furniture shop as her customers have difficulty in finding parking because of all day commuter parking and this also affecting her business operation.

The site has been inspected on a number of occasions and there was no vacant parking either outside or near the shop.

There is an existing 50m "NO PARKING" (6.30AM - 9.30AM) zone from the boundary of Nos.63-65 Lilyfield Road to Burt Street that includes the frontage of the shop.

This restriction provides increased capacity for the morning peak period although it does not indicate the usual Mon-Fri midweek period on the subject signs. It is considered that these signs should include the 'Mon-Fri' text.

Two adjacent residential properties i.e. No.63 and No.65 Lilyfield Road were contacted about the proposal and the resident of No.65 gave no objection for the proposed parking restriction and the resident of No.63 has not replied.

The owner also requested the installation of a two hour parking restriction nearby in Burt Street. The matter was discussed on-site with the owner and advised to apply for a vehicular crossing.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

- a) That a 10m '1P 9.30am – 6.00pm; Mon-Fri' zone be installed across the frontage of 61 Lilyfield Road from the Electric Light Pole (No.LE 07360) to the boundary of No.63 Lilyfield Road, Rozelle.

- b) That the existing 'No Parking 6.30am - 9.30am' signs between the boundary of Nos.63-65 Lilyfield Road and Burt Street be amended to indicate 'Mon-Fri'.

**Discussion:**

- The Committee supported the Officer's recommendation.

**Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That a 10m '1P 9.30am – 6.00pm; Mon-Fri' zone be installed across the frontage of 61 Lilyfield Road from the Electric Light Pole (No.LE 07360) to the boundary of No.63 Lilyfield Road, Rozelle.
- b) That the existing 'No Parking 6.30am - 9.30am' signs between the boundary of Nos.63-65 Lilyfield Road and Burt Street be amended to indicate 'Mon-Fri'.

## 2.2 No Stopping Zone – Campbell Street, Balmain

*Precinct: East Balmain – Ward: Balmain*

*File: ST00060*

A resident of Trouton Street has requested the installation of a 'No Stopping (R)' signpost in Campbell Street south-west of Campbell Lane to assist residents turning right from the lane into Campbell Street, especially when vehicles are parked opposite the lane in Campbell Street.

The resident's property and a number of other properties in Trouton Street have rear lane access to Campbell Lane.

Site inspections found vehicles illegally parked in Campbell Street at the intersection of Campbell Lane and there were no parking restrictions in this section of Campbell Street.

Campbell Street has a narrow carriageway of 6.5m and Campbell Lane is approximately 4.6m wide which also affects access to the properties off Campbell Lane. Any illegal parking exacerbates this problem.

It is considered that there would be merit in placing a 'No Stopping' (R) signpost in Campbell Street 6m from the south-west corner of Campbell Lane to assist access at this location.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That a 'No Stopping (R)' signpost be installed in Campbell Street, approximately 6m north of Campbell Lane outside the boundary of Nos.56 and 58 Campbell Street, Balmain.

**Discussion:**

- The Committee supported the Officer's recommendation.

**Committee Recommendation:**

That a 'No Stopping (R)' signpost be installed in Campbell Street, approximately 6m north of Campbell Lane outside the boundary of Nos.56 and 58 Campbell Street, Balmain.

**2.3 No Stopping Zone – Gow Street, Birchgrove**

*Precinct: Birchgrove – Ward: Balmain*

*File: ST00237*

Birchgrove Public School has requested the provision of a 'No Stopping' signpost in Gow Street on the western side of the school's rear driveway as vehicles tend to park too close to the driveway, which impacts on access for emergency vehicles and waste service trucks wishing to enter the school's driveway.

Council's Traffic Engineer inspected the site on 11 August 2005 and met the school's Principal to discuss the matter. There are no parking restrictions in Gow Street near the driveway and the school has been placing its own notice near the driveway requesting drivers not to park up to the driveway. The driveway provides the only access for waste trucks and on numerous occasions they have been unable to access the school grounds.

It is considered that to improve access to the driveway, a 'No Stopping' restriction should be installed from the east side of the driveway to 5m west of the driveway.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That a 'No Stopping' zone be installed from the east side of the Birchgrove Public School's driveway in Gow Street to 5m west of the driveway.

**Discussion:**

- The Committee supported the Officer's recommendation.

**Committee Recommendation:**

That a 'No Stopping' zone be installed from the east side of the Birchgrove Public School's driveway in Gow Street to 5m west of the driveway.

**2.4 Road Occupancy – Collins Street, Annandale**

*Precinct: South Annandale – Ward: Annandale/Leichhardt*

*File: ST00150*

Council has received a road occupancy application to temporarily close Collins Street between Johnston Street and Johnson Lane Street, Annandale. The temporary road closure is proposed for Saturday 29 October 2005 between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. The purpose of the temporary road closure is to accommodate the St Brendan's Parish and Primary School Spring Fair. A copy of the event Traffic Management Plan is attached in **Appendix B**.



**Officer's Recommendation:**

1. That the temporary closure and road occupancy of Collins Street between Johnston Street and Johnston Lane, Annandale, is supported subject to the following conditions:
  - a) That the temporary road closure and road occupancy is restricted to Collins Street, Annandale between Johnston Street and Johnston Lane on Saturday 29 October 2005 between 8:00am and 4:00pm.
  - b) That a three (3) metre unencumbered passage be available for emergency vehicles and pedestrians through the closed section of Collins Street at all times.
  - c) The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.
  - d) That the applicant notifies all affected businesses, residents and other occupants of the temporary road closure prior to the event. Any concerns or requirements in relation to the road closure raised by business proprietors, residents and other occupants must be resolved or accommodated.  
The notification shall involve at the minimum an information letterbox drop distributed one week prior to the commencement of the event. The proposed information, distribution area and period must be submitted to Council's Traffic section for approval two weeks before the event.
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    - Barrier Boards
    - 'Road Closed' (T2-4) signs
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  - h) That the applicant produce evidence of public risk insurance cover with a minimum policy value of \$10,000,000 under which Council is indemnified against all claims for damage and/or injury that may result from either the activities and/or from the occupation of the public way during the road occupancy and temporary road closure.
  - i) That the areas to be used for the activities must be maintained in a clean and tidy condition to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Service Delivery, or else the applicant will be required to reimburse Council for any extraordinary cleaning costs.
  - j) That the conduct of any activities or use of any equipment required in conjunction with the road occupancy and temporary road closure not result in any 'offensive noise' as defined by the Noise Control Act.
  - k) That a copy of the Council approval be available on site for inspection by relevant authorities.
  - l) That the applicant complies with any reasonable directive from Council Officers.
  - m) That Council reserves the right to cancel this approval at any time.

**Discussion:**

- The Traffic Manager tabled a copy of the applicant's site plan that detailed the area of the temporary closure in Collins Street between Johnston Street and Johnston Lane, including the stall locations.

**Committee Recommendation:**

1. That the temporary closure and road occupancy of Collins Street between Johnston Street and Johnston Lane, Annandale, is supported subject to the following conditions:
  - a) That the temporary road closure and road occupancy is restricted to Collins Street, Annandale between Johnston Street and Johnston Lane on Saturday 29 October 2005 between 8:00am and 4:00pm.
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  - i) That the areas to be used for the activities must be maintained in a clean and tidy condition to the satisfaction of Council's Director Infrastructure and Service Delivery, or else the applicant will be required to reimburse Council for any extraordinary cleaning costs.
  - j) That the conduct of any activities or use of any equipment required in conjunction with the road occupancy and temporary road closure not result in any 'offensive noise' as defined by the Noise Control Act.
  - k) That a copy of the Council approval be available on site for inspection by relevant authorities.

- l) That the applicant complies with any reasonable directive from Council Officers.
- m) That Council reserves the right to cancel this approval at any time.

## 2.5 Road Occupancy – 2005 Portfolio Partners Sydney Spring Cycle

*Precinct: All - Ward: All*

*File: F97/00496*

Bicycle New South Wales has requested approval from the Local Traffic Committee and Council to conduct the Portfolio Partners Sydney Spring Cycle event on Sunday, 23 October 2005. The event will start at 7.00am, closing the start at 9.00am with the finish proposed at Sydney Olympic Park.

The RTA remains a key strategic partner and sponsor of the event.

A copy of the letter received from Bicycle New South Wales is attached in **Appendix C**.

Bicycle NSW advised that the route through Leichhardt has been revised for this year's event and will now depart across the Old Glebe Island Bridge and turn left into Sommerville Road - right into James Craig Road - right into The Crescent - left into Victoria Road - left into Lilyfield Road - cross the bridge at the end of Lilyfield Road and link onto the Richard Murden Reserve shared pathway.

A Traffic Management Plan is currently being finalised in conjunction with the NSW Police Service and the RTA Transport Management Centre as per previous years and will be forwarded to Council when complete.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That the 2005 Portfolio Partners Sydney Spring Cycle event proposed to be held on Sunday, 23 October 2005 be supported.

### **Discussion:**

- The Traffic Manager advised that he had received a request dated 19 August from the Events Operation Manager to include the temporary closure of Canal Road as part of the event.  
The Police and RTA in assessing the application had requested the closure to ensure the safety of both participants and pedestrians that will be sharing the Lilyfield Road bridge on the day of the event. If required, Canal Road will be used as a marshalling area prior to participants being escorted across the bridge to access Richard Murden Reserve.

### **Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That the 2005 Portfolio Partners Sydney Spring Cycle event proposed to be held on Sunday, 23 October 2005 be supported.
- b) That the temporary closure of Canal Road be supported, subject to the event organiser consulting with the affected properties and operators of the dog café and reasonably resolve any concerns.

## 2.6 4 Hour Parking – Robert Street, Rozelle

*Precinct: White Bay Ward: Rozelle/Lilyfield  
File: ST00699*

The business operator of 32 Robert Street, Rozelle has requested the provision of restricted parking in front of his business 'Balmain Fitness' as commuter all day parking is preventing his customers from parking near his centre, which is also affecting his business operation.

The site has been inspected on a number of occasions and it was observed that there was a high parking occupancy rate near the centre. There is also parking available for motorbikes only in front of the business and existing 90 degree angle parking (Rear to Kerb-Vehicle under 6m only) on both sides of the Robert Street, however, there is no time period parking restrictions in Robert Street, Rozelle.

The operator also requested for the angle parking bays to be linemarked to improve parking behaviour and increased parking capacity. This proposal is not supported at the present time and can be considered in the future, subject to the 4P parking restriction being installed.

As part of the assessment process for the proposal, all adjacent businesses are being consulted and their comments will be tabled at the meeting.

### Officer's Recommendation:

- a) That a 63m '4P 8am-6pm; Mon-Fri' zone be installed generally in front of No.32 Robert Street (between the two Electric Light Poles) from the intersection of Mullens Street towards Buchanan Street, subject to consultation.
- b) That no action be taken at the present time to linemark the 90 degree angle parking spaces in Robert Street, Rozelle.

### Discussion:

- The Traffic Manager advised that the nearby affected businesses were consulted and they supported the proposal.

### Committee Recommendation:

- a) That a 63m '4P 8am-6pm; Mon-Fri' zone be installed generally in front of No.32 Robert Street (between the two Electric Light Poles) from the intersection of Mullens Street towards Buchanan Street.
- b) That no action be taken at the present time to linemark the 90 degree angle parking spaces in Robert Street, Rozelle.

## 2.7 No Parking – Duke Street, Balmain East

*Precinct: East Balmain Ward: Balmain  
File: ST00174*

Council has developed a Narrow Streets Parking Strategy and Duke Street, Balmain East was identified as a narrow street. Council in 2002 conducted

resident consultation for the provision of a parking restriction along the western side (even numbered properties) of Duke Street. The proposal was not implemented at that time due to the number of objections received from residents of Duke Street.

Council recently has received a number of requests from some residents of Duke Street to improve the parking condition in their street.

Consequently, 50 residents were again surveyed by a letter drop on 29 July about a proposal to install parking restrictions along the western side of Duke Street between Darling Street and the end.

Council received only two responses (from the same property) supporting the scheme and they also requested that Duke Street should be restricted to residents only parking. No objection about the proposal was received within the two week advertising period.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That a 'No Parking' zone be installed along the western side of Duke Street (even numbered properties) between Darling Street and the end (under the *Narrow Streets Parking Strategy*).

**Discussion:**

- The Committee supported the Officer's recommendation.

**Committee Recommendation:**

That a 'No Parking' zone be installed along the western side of Duke Street (even numbered properties) between Darling Street and the end (under the *Narrow Streets Parking Strategy*).

## 2.8 One-Way Proposal – Yara Avenue, Rozelle

*Precinct: Rozelle/Balmain Ward: Rozelle/Lilyfield  
File: ST00709*

The building manager, Balmain Shores, has requested that Yara Avenue should be restricted to a one-way traffic movement from Margaret Street to Warayama Place in order to improve existing traffic conditions.

Council's Traffic Engineer has inspected the site on several occasions and also recently met with the building manager to discuss his concerns. The manager advised that traffic conditions were exacerbated on the weekend and at the end of the work day as the demand for parking increased. Consequently, under the existing traffic layout, parking conditions and narrow road width, conflicts often occurred between opposing traffic flows which caused one of the vehicles to give way and reverse up the street.

The through carriageway of Yara Avenue was measured to be 5.4m and there are indented parking bays along the northern side of the street. There are no parking restrictions in Yara Avenue.

It was noted that when waste vehicles are collecting from the units, they park in Yara Avenue effectively preventing vehicles from passing. This matter is being investigated as well to ascertain if parking restrictions are required.

It was also observed that for motorists exiting Yara Avenue into Margaret Street, especially turning right, that sight distance was limited.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

- a) That a Traffic Management Plan be prepared for the proposal to restrict Yara Avenue to a one-way traffic movement from Margaret Street to Warayama Place, including the collection of traffic counts in Yara Avenue and the surrounding affected streets, and be reported back to the Committee.
- b) That subject to the approval of the TMP, all affected residents/businesses be consulted and the results be reported back to the Committee.
- c) That the operation and management of the waste collection to the units in Yara Avenue be investigated.

**Discussion:**

- The Committee supported the Officer's recommendation.

**Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That a Traffic Management Plan be prepared for the proposal to restrict Yara Avenue to a one-way traffic movement from Margaret Street to Warayama Place, including the collection of traffic counts in Yara Avenue and the surrounding affected streets, and be reported back to the Committee.
- b) That subject to the approval of the TMP, all affected residents/businesses be consulted and the results be reported back to the Committee.
- c) That the operation and management of the waste collection to the units in Yara Avenue be investigated.

## **2.9 Pedestrian Crossing – Norton Street, Leichhardt**

*Precinct: Elswick – Ward: Leichhardt/Lilyfield*

*File: ST00644*

Council's Road Safety Officer in consultation with Council's Traffic Section has submitted the report below for consideration and approval. Pedestrian counts are being arranged and the results will be tabled at the meeting.

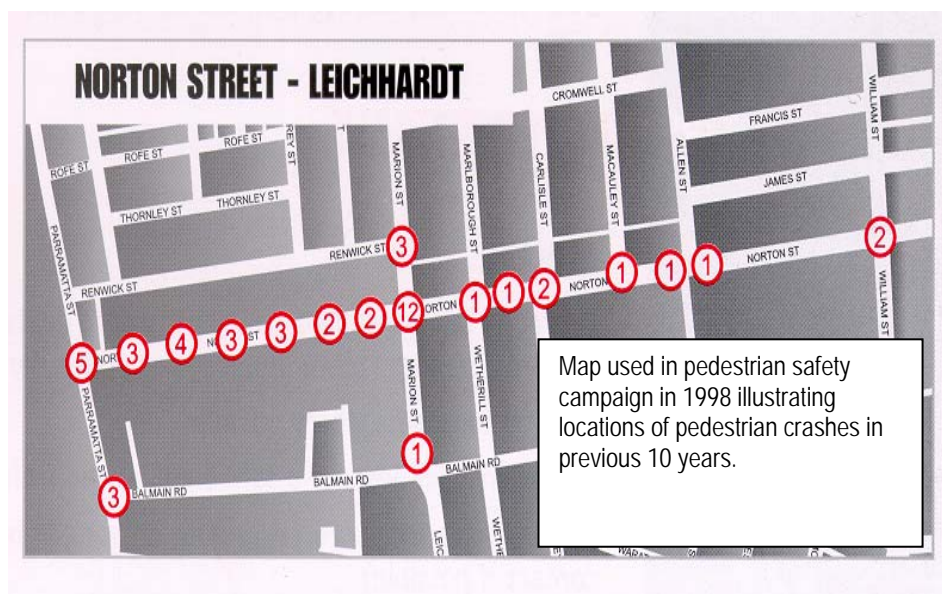
Purpose of Report

- To provide the Traffic Committee with background information regarding pedestrian safety issues in Norton Street;
- To provide the Traffic Committee with background information regarding Council's commitment to roll-out the 40km/h speed limit in commercial areas identified in the LATM;

- To advise the Traffic Committee of outcomes of discussions held with the RTA in relation to the introduction of a 40km/h speed limit in Norton Street
- To seek the endorsement of the Traffic Committee to introduce recommended pedestrian safety measures in Norton Street consisting of:
  - a raised pedestrian crossing near the entrance to The Forum;
  - a 40km/h speed limit and associated road markings and road signs and;
  - any additional pedestrian crossings that may be deemed necessary following observations and pedestrian counts undertaken by the Traffic section.

#### Pedestrian Crashes on Norton Street, Leichhardt

Pedestrian casualties represent 18% of all casualties in the Leichhardt LGA and continue to be a top road safety priority. Norton Street has been the target of pedestrian safety initiatives of the Road Safety Program since its inception in 1995. The attached map illustrates locations of pedestrian crashes over the last ten years on Norton Street.



In the three year period 2001-2003 inclusive there were 99 crashes involving pedestrians in the Leichhardt LGA, all of which led to injury or fatalities. Forty-eight crashes involved pedestrians hit on near side (i.e. by a vehicle from the right) resulting in 50 people being injured and 1 killed. The remaining 51 pedestrian crashes resulted in a further 52 casualties. About 10 % of these crashes occur on Norton Street.

The 2005-06 *Action Plan* indicates "the highest percentage of pedestrian crashes (41%) occurred in Leichhardt. A further 18% occurred in Rozelle and 17% in Balmain.

"17% of all pedestrian crashes occurred on Parramatta Road (Annandale & Leichhardt). A further 15% on Darling Street, **10% on Norton Street** and 10% on Victoria Road."

### Pedestrian Crossings Leading to Improved Traffic Management

Over the last few years Council has responded to the increasing pedestrian injuries occurring on Norton Street by introducing pedestrian crossings outside the Norton Plaza and the Westpac bank. Initially there was concern at these proposals due to an anticipated interruption to vehicular traffic.

As it turned out, the pedestrian crossings have slowed traffic down but this has assisted, rather than hindered, traffic flow in that it has enabled vehicles to make right hand turns when exiting or entering side streets or car parks (such as Norton Plaza car park). Hence, pedestrians using the crossing facilities hold up the traffic and facilitate this otherwise congestion generating movement. In the last 10 years (95-04) there have been 42 pedestrian crashes in Norton St (or near intersections with Norton St).

- In 2004 there were 4 injury crashes involving pedestrians 2 of which occurred on Norton Street, 100m north of the Parramatta Rd intersection
- In 2003 there were 5 injury crashes involving pedestrians
- In 2002 there were 8 injury crashes involving pedestrians
- Between 98 - 2001 there were 16 injury crashes involving pedestrians
- Between 95-97 there were 9 pedestrian crashes

Since the introduction of two additional crossings (Nth of Wetherill St) in early 2003 and outside Norton Plaza in late 2001 the number of pedestrian crashes on Norton Street has been halved.

Both site observations on Norton Street in the vicinity of The Forum and the crash data (see attached map) it is clear that there would be benefits to both pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic if a pedestrian crossing could be installed on Norton Street north of Parramatta Road - in the vicinity of the entrance to the FORUM, a significant generator of pedestrian traffic.

### Traffic count data for Norton Street

Data available for Norton Street was collected in November 2002 over a period of less than 7 days. It would be desirable to collect more up to date data. However, the speed registered suggests that the introduction of a lower speed limit would be appropriate as the travelling speed recorded in 2002 was less than 10km/hr below the current posted speed limit.

RTA research following the introduction of 50km/hr speed limits (through advertising and signage alone) indicated that there was a decrease in travelling speed of 7km/hr without the introduction of street calming devices.

Location of count	Northbound		Southbound	
	VPD	Speed	VPD	Speed
Marion Street - Parramatta Rd (outside 92-94)	7964	46km/h	7662	43km/h
William St - City West Link (outside 316)	7003	48km/h	10002	50km/h

### Support from local community for pedestrian crossings



The local community is very supportive of the installation of a pedestrian crossing to facilitate movement across Norton Street and has been actively requesting Council to place a pedestrian crossing at this location for some time. The Road Safety Officer was recently approached during the exhibition of the Norton Street Mainstreet masterplan by local residents and shop keepers in that vicinity who are under the impression that their previous requests to Council for a crossing will finally be realized as part of the Norton Street redevelopment.

The Pharmacy (Arsenis Pharmacy) has on at least one occasion (and possibly more) submitted a petition with numerous signatures requesting Council to address the lack of safe crossing facilities at that point. Mr Francesco Giacobbe, Chairperson of the Italian Forum group also has requested a crossing facility at the proposed location.

#### On Site-Meeting with RTA – Norton Street near entrance to The Forum

The Forum is located at 21-23 Norton Street, Leichhardt. It is situated a little more than 120 m from Parramatta Road.



The Road Safety Officer met on site with Jill Hislop of the Roads and Traffic Authority, Sydney Region on the 13 July 2005 to observe and discuss the appropriateness of installing a raised pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the entrance to The Forum. In the 30 minute period ( 2:00pm – 2:30pm) in which the observations were made more than a dozen people, of various ages and gender, were seen to cross (mostly east to west) near the vicinity of the Forum. **It was clearly evident that**

**there is a desire line at that location.**

There are a number of key pedestrian traffic generators in the vicinity of The Forum and two bus stops. It is not deemed reasonable to expect pedestrians (regardless of level of mobility), in a high pedestrian commercial strip such as Norton Street, to have to walk more than 240m when they can cross the road of no more than 15 metres to get to the other side.

Further to the site meeting the RTA wrote to Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> August to confirm that the RTA would support, in principle, the development of a proposal for the implementation of a 40km/h speed limit in Norton Street, Leichhardt under the 40km/h speed limits in high volume pedestrian area program. Council's proposal would be assessed by the RTA based on meeting the criteria as detailed in the 40km/h speed limits in high volume pedestrian area guidelines. Norton Street, clearly fits the criteria for 40km/h Speed limits as outlined on page 4 of the *RTA's 40km/h speed limits in high volume pedestrian areas*.

Under the key principles of the program, Council's proposal would need to



provide a LATM scheme which would deliver a reduction in vehicle travelling speeds to less than 40km/h and an increase in pedestrian amenity. Installing a raised pedestrian crossing would enable Council to meet this requirement.

Other traffic counts and pedestrian counts would be desirable to ensure that the length of Norton Street, at least from

William Street to Parramatta Road are included in the LATM Scheme to be presented to the RTA.

#### Applying a 40km/h Speed Limit in High Pedestrian Areas

*“That the Council support the introduction of a 40km/h speed limit in areas identified in the LATM Plan as a roll-out program over 2 years, commencing with the Balmain Peninsula.”*

*Resolution of Council Ordinary Meeting, April 2003.*

Leichhardt Council has been pursuing a Speed Management Strategy for some years now. The introduction of 40km/hr zones was originally identified in the LATM Studies and Plan adopted by Council in 2000. In April 2003, Council approved to commence introducing the 40km/hr program starting with the Balmain peninsula and then rolling out the program to other areas identified in the LATM. Norton Street, the main business strip in Leichhardt is the next area identified in the LATM where the 40km/hr High Pedestrian area would logically be introduced in this municipality.

Both Council and the RTA strongly support the reduction of speed limits in high pedestrian areas.

#### Background on the LATM Plan

The LATM Plan was developed in 1997-1998 and approved by Council in 1999. The LATM Plan was developed and approved at a time when the speed limit on all the roads in the Leichhardt LGA was 60km/h. In May 1999, not long after the LATM Plan was approved, the speed limit on all local streets, on all regional roads, and some state roads (such as Johnston Street, Annandale) was reduced to 50km/h.

Leichhardt Council Casualty Reports since the introduction of the 50km/h speed limit on these roads provide evidence that having reduced speed limits on these roads has reduced the incidence of crashes, in particular injury crashes. This is in keeping with current research which indicates that a net road safety benefit of a 25% reduction in casualties can be achieved by simply lowering the speed limit on arterial and sub-arterial roads to 50km/h (McLean, 2003, RTA 2003).

The LATM Plan recommends that the speed limit on all local roads on the Balmain Peninsula be reduced from 60km/h to 40km/h and that speed limits on Darling Street, Mullens Street and Montague Streets be reduced from 60km/h to 50km/h. However, Council later amended this (April 2003) to include Darling Street, Mullens Street and Montague Streets.

Outcomes of the LATM community consultation that took place in 1997-98 indicated that there was enormous support from residents for 40km/h speed limits along shopping strips. Eight hundred and ninety-two (892) residents took part in this consultation.

#### **Officer's Recommendations:**

- a) That the Traffic Committee recommends to Council the installation of a raised pedestrian crossing on Norton Street, north of the entrance to The Forum.
- b) That the Traffic Committee recommends to Council the introduction of a 40km/h speed limit in Norton Street and requests that the Traffic Section examine additional treatment options that may be required and submits a draft proposal to the RTA's Regional Road Safety Manager so that funding can be sought for the 2006-07 year.
- c) That the Traffic Committee recommends to Council that the proposed crossing and introduction of the 40km/h speed limit be incorporated into the Norton Street Mainstreet Master Plan.
- d) That the Traffic Committee receive information from the Traffic Section and support any further request for the installation of additional traffic calming measures along Norton Street that may be deemed necessary following additional investigations.

#### **Discussion:**

- Council's Road Safety Officer advised that the local Chemist had previously forwarded a petition requesting a crossing facility near the Italian Forum and had written to the Local Member.

It was considered that the provision of a crossing facility should be timed with the Norton Street Masterplan and incorporate a 40km/h speed zone in Norton Street.

The RTA previously had reservations about the provision of a crossing at this location. However, the pedestrian crossing outside the Westpac Bank assists turning vehicles at the intersection of Wetherill Street and Macauley Street.

The crossing outside Norton Plaza which was subject to a previous study also facilitates access to the carpark.

Sydney Buses were concerned about a reduced trip time through Norton Street should a crossing facility be provided.

Recent pedestrian counts taken near the Italian Forum on Tuesday, 23 August were tabled and the following points noted:

- For the period 7.30am-9.30am a total of 43 pedestrians crossed with 32 of these between 8.30am-9.30am
- For the period 12pm-1pm a total of 94 pedestrians crossed and there were similar concentrations of pedestrians for each of the 15 minute recorded intervals with 28 pedestrians recorded crossing between 12.30pm-12.45pm
- For the period 3pm-5pm a total of 203 pedestrians crossed with the highest concentration of 117 pedestrians recorded between 4pm-5pm

It was noted that the provision of a crossing would cause a loss of approximately six on-street carspaces.

The map attached to the report indicating the crash history involving pedestrians in Norton Street recorded between 1995-2004 was noted.

It was recommended that speed counts be taken in Norton Street north of the Italian Forum.

#### **Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That the Traffic Committee recommends to Council the installation of a raised pedestrian crossing on Norton Street, north of the entrance to The Forum.
- b) That the Traffic Committee recommends to Council the introduction of a 40km/h speed limit in Norton Street and requests that the Traffic Section examine additional treatment options that may be required and submits a draft proposal to the RTA's Regional Road Safety Manager so that funding can be sought for the 2006-07 year.
- c) That the Traffic Committee recommends to Council that the proposed crossing and introduction of the 40km/h speed limit be incorporated into the Norton Street Mainstreet Master Plan.
- d) That the Traffic Committee receive information from the Traffic Section and support any further request for the installation of additional traffic calming measures along Norton Street that may be deemed necessary following additional investigations.
- e) That speed counts be taken in Norton Street, north of the Italian Forum.

### **3.0 Status Reports**

Nil.

### **4.0 Minor Traffic Facilities**

Matters authorised by the Traffic Engineer under delegated authority are listed in **Appendix D**.

#### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That all minor traffic facilities authorised by the Traffic Engineer as listed in **Appendix D** be endorsed.

**Discussion:**

- The Committee supported the proposed facilities listed in **Appendix D**.

**Committee Recommendation:**

That the five (5) minor traffic facilities authorised by the Traffic Engineer as listed in **Appendix D** be endorsed.

## 5.0 **General Business**

### 5.1 **Local Area Traffic Management – National Lane, Rozelle**

*Precinct: Rozelle/Balmain – Ward: Rozelle/Lilyfield*

*File: ST00408*

**Discussion:**

- Councillor Webb tabled two form letters from residents of Napoleon Street, Rozelle on behalf of Councillor Windsor that enquired as to the status of converting National Lane from a two way movement to a one-way westbound movement from Napoleon Street to the Merton Street carpark as considered under the previous Local Area Traffic Management Plan adopted by Council in October 1999.

**Committee Recommendation:**

That the status of converting National Lane to a one-way movement from Napoleon Street to Council's carpark as previously adopted by Council in October 1999 be investigated and reported back to the Committee.

### 5.2 **Pedestrian Conditions – Darley Road, Leichhardt**

*Precinct: Pioneer – Ward: Leichhardt/Lilyfield*

*File: ST00152*

- Councillor Webb advised on behalf of Councillor Windsor that local residents were seeking a pedestrian crossing facility in Darley Road between Allen Street and Charles Street, Leichhardt.

**Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That an on-site meeting be arranged before or after school times with the RTA representative to discuss traffic conditions and improvements for pedestrians crossing Darley Road generally between Allen Street and Charles Street, Leichhardt.
- b) That speed and volume counts be taken in the above section of Darley Road.
- c) That the feasibility of widening the existing pedestrian refuge in Darley Road near Lyall Street be investigated to also accommodate cyclists.

**6.0 Next Meeting of the Leichhardt Local Traffic Committee**

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That the next meeting of the Leichhardt Local Traffic Committee be scheduled for Friday 23 September 2005.

**Discussion:**

- Noted.

**Committee Recommendation:**

That the next meeting of the Leichhardt Local Traffic Committee be scheduled for Friday 23 September 2005.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 21 HAWTHORNE CANAL PEDESTRIAN & CYCLE BRIDGE

**AUTHOR & TITLE:** ALLEN MAPSTONE, MANAGER ASSETS

**FILE REF:** F04/00083

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

**WORD PROCESSING REF:** G:\bp\reports\270905\HAWTHORNE CANA PEDESTRIANL.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Policy Implications:** This project will promote alternate transport, provide recreation, encourage health and contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions

**Strategic Plan Objective:** 1.2 Recreation Provision  
1.3 Being Healthy  
2.1 Alternate Travel  
3.2 Pollution Control and Minimisation

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil

## 1. **Purpose of Report**

To provide an update and future directions for the provision of a bridge providing pedestrian and bicycle access across Hawthorne Canal near Parramatta Road as part of the Greenway Project.

## 2. **Recommendation**

- 1 That Council confirm its support in principle for the provision of a bridge providing pedestrian and bicycle access across Hawthorne Canal near Parramatta Road as part of the Greenway Project.
- 2 That Council write to the Minister for the Roads and Traffic Authority and to local State MP impressing on them the benefits of providing this regional access link and the need for RTA to manage delivery of this infrastructure project as part of its regional bicycle network.
- 3 That Council write to Ashfield, Marrickville and Canterbury Council's requesting their support for the project by also writing to the Minister for the Roads and Traffic Authority and to local State MPs.

## 3. **Report**

In February 2002 Council resolved to support in principle the Cooks River to Iron Cove Greenway project. When in place this regional link will provide pedestrian and bicycle access between Cooks River and Iron Cove.

Council reaffirmed this support in May 2002 when it was resolved to write to the Minister for Transport requesting this link be classified as a regional cycle route. However, the RTA has not included this project in the 2020 bike plan.

One of the major infrastructure components required to create the link is the provision of a bicycle pedestrian bridge over Hawthorne Canal at Parramatta Road. Although Council has identified this bridge in the Open space and Recreation Section 94 Plan (\$200,000) no funding for this work has been identified in the next three years major capital plan.

In April 2002 a Metropolitan Greenspace Program (MGP) application prepared by the Cooks River to Iron Cove GreenWay Committee on behalf of Leichhardt, Ashfield and Marrickville Councils was submitted by Leichhardt Council to DIPNR (then Planning NSW) to retrofit an existing truss bridge to create the bridge access link over Hawthorne Canal. The total cost of the project was submitted as \$231,000, of which \$72,000 in-kind funds from councils (inc. \$60K for provision of truss bridge) and proposed a contribution from the RTA of \$84,000. An application to the RTA for funding was also submitted at this time.

Following review of the application Leichhardt Council was advised by PlanningNSW in October 2002 that a grant for the full project proposal was not being offered however a grant of \$30K would be provided (matched in-kind by Council) to undertake engineering feasibility and concept level costing work for the project.



Preparation of brief for consultant study and tenders were called by Leichhardt Council on behalf of the Project Working group in March 2004 and by October 2004 Consultants Irwinconsult Pty Ltd were engaged to commence work on feasibility study for the bridge.

The feasibility report has been completed by Irwinconsult and in summary they identified that due to the topography of the site the existing truss bridge was unsuitable for use. The report identifies a number of options that are feasible for the site however there are some technical challenges with the site including issues such as the location and level of major utility services.

All options considered involve the construction of a new bridge and the cost is estimated to be in the range from \$500,000 - \$600,000. In addition to the high cost involved with the project land ownership at the site is complex. The survey research undertaken as part of the feasibility study indicates land for the Canal being vested in Sydney Water, land immediately adjacent to the western side of Hawthorne Canal, and south of Parramatta Road vested to Minister for Public Works, land on the eastern side of the Canal, (above area under control of Sydney Water) vested to State Rail Authority. The RTA has ownership of Parramatta Road Bridge (Battle Bridge) and abutments, and the road reserve.

#### **4. Conclusion**

Provision of a bridge to provide pedestrian and bicycle access across Hawthorne Canal at Parramatta Road is technically a challenging project, however, it is quite feasible. The recent report undertaken by Irwinconsult confirms this but also identifies that the land ownership at this location is complex involving a number of State Government Departments.

The area where the access bridge is proposed is also in close proximity to the boundary of three local government areas so implementation of the project and future ownership of the bridge is from a local perspective difficult to define. Added to this the bridge comprises a significant component of a regional link and given the likely high capital cost of the project it will require substantial involvement at a State Government level. Given these factors it is likely that the project will struggle to progress unless taken over and driven by the State Government.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 22 FAMILY DAY CARE LONG FORM FUNDING AGREEMENT

**AUTHOR & TITLE:** ANNETTE MORGAN, MANAGER COMMUNITY OPERATIONS

**FILE REF:** F97/00188

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

**WORD PROCESSING REF:** G:\bp\reports\270905\FAMILY DAY CARE LONG FORM.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Operational Funding Grants provided by Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services

**Policy Implications:** Consistent with Council's Social Plan

**Strategic Plan Objective:** 1.1 Social and Support Services  
1.5 Community Support Nil

**Staffing Implications:** NIL

**Notifications:** NIL

**Other Implications:** NIL

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To request that Council endorses the affixing of the Council Seal to a Funding Agreement with the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS) pertaining to the payment of operational funds for the Leichhardt Family Day Care Scheme.

**2. Recommendation**

That Council endorses the affixing of the Council Seal to the Long Form Funding Agreements for Leichhardt Family Day Care from the period 1 October 2005 – 30 June 2006.

**3. Report**

Leichhardt has been providing a Family Day Care Scheme for more than 35 years which currently operates from 22 Foster Street Leichhardt. The scheme is licensed by the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) and is licensed to accommodate up to 275 effective full time child care positions. The scheme recruits, supervises and provides training for carers who provide care for up to 5 children under school age in their own home. Child Development Officers from the co-ordination unit visit the carers regularly to ensure that the carer and their home continue to be suitable for the care of young children and adhere to Council Policies and Government Regulations. Play sessions with educational structured programs are held each day for the children and care providers at 22 Foster Street and a toy library and equipment library is also provided.

While DoCS is responsible for the licensing and monitoring of children's services across the state, funding for the Leichhardt Family Day Care Scheme is provided by FaCS under the Commonwealth's Child Care Support Program.

Funding is provided on a recurrent annual basis. Council is required by FaCS to enter into an agreement each year prior to funds being released. This agreement is the Long Form Funding Agreement between FaCS and Leichhardt Municipal Council for the Leichhardt Family Day Care. In order to receive the funds, two copies of the Funding Agreement as supplied by FaCS, are to be signed by authorised signatories and affixed with Council's Seal. The Funding Agreements are then returned to FaCS.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 23 WASTE NOT DCP REGIONAL OFFICER

**AUTHOR & TITLE:** CHERYL WALKER, RESOURCE RECOVERY AND WASTE OFFICER

**FILE REF:** F98/00058

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** \$17,500.00

**Policy Implications:** In line with Council's resource recovery and waste minimisation policy.

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Natural Environment: Waste Minimisation

**Staffing Implications:** An additional officer pro rata for a 2 year period

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil

## **1. Purpose of Report**

To seek Council's approval for a shared and part funded regional Waste Not DCP Officer position together with the Department of Environment & Conversation and participating Inner Sydney Councils with Leichhardt Council contributing \$17,500 and in kind contributions to the project.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Council endorses a shared and part funded regional Waste Not DCP Officer position with the Department of Environment & Conversation and participating Inner Sydney Councils.
- 2.2 That Council delegates the General Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between The Department of Environment and Conservation and Leichhardt Council.
- 2.3 That Council allocates \$17,500 in the 2006/07 waste budget to part fund the Waste Not DCP Officer.

## **3. Background**

Leichhardt Council's Waste Not DCP 38 was adopted in October 1999, and came into operation on 15 December 1999. The DCP ensures applicants consider waste management at the development application stage, which allows Councils to address issues relating to the generation of building wastes and the ongoing management of wastes through specific conditions of consent and waste management plans (WMP's). Development and implementation of a Waste Not DCP is a requirement under the Local Government Action Plan of the NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2003.

Councils in the Inner Sydney area including Canada Bay, Ashfield, Burwood, Leichhardt, and Strathfield made a formal request to the DEC in 2004, to fund a regional Waste Not DCP Officer as a shared resource, raising the need for assistance, to improve the quality of the submitted WMP's and effectively monitor the conditions of consent and WMP's onsite. Similar initiatives, involving partial funding from State Government (commenced under the NSW Waste Boards) were undertaken in Western Sydney, which were successful in improving the consistency in implementation of the Waste Not DCPs.

It is envisaged that a regional Waste Not DCP Officer could also assist in addressing the issue of illegally dumped Construction and Demolition (C & D) waste through better tracking of waste materials throughout the building process. For example, collection of receipts from recycling and disposal facilities of C & D waste from specific development sites.

#### **4. Report**

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is providing the Inner Sydney Councils (Ashfield, Burwood, Canada Bay, Leichhardt and Strathfield) with a total of \$70,000 to employ an officer to undertake Waste Not DCP compliance activities over two years. An up-front cash contribution of \$50,000 for the first year and \$20,000 for the second year is being offered by the DEC.

Councils are required to make a contribution to cover the costs of the second year for the Officer position with some additional in kind contributions, eg a workstation, computer, access to telephone, and a vehicle to undertake inspections. Burwood Council has agreed in principle to be the host Council for the project and will administer the funds. In order to fund this Council would allocate \$17,500 in the 2006/07 waste budget.

The Officer would spend a period of approximately 4.5 months per Council to undertake education/compliance activities, including providing advice to existing Council staff and the public alike (including staff training) monitoring the quality and content of waste management plans and enforcement activities on site, where appropriate, in conjunction with Council Officers. Performance and progress reporting will also be part of the duties to be undertaken by the Officer. Council will also be responsible in ensuring OH&S procedures are in place and in training the Officer about Council's processes.

Monitoring of the Officers progress will occur via regular meetings with the DEC and submission of quarterly reports. Participating Councils will be required to develop a detailed job description and key performance indicators (KPI's) with the DEC.

A draft memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been developed and is attached (see attachment 1). It is intended that the final MoU be developed with Councils as part of the project.

#### **5. Summary/Conclusions**

A regional Waste Not DCP Officer will provide Council with a resource, to educate both staff and the community, to improve the quality of the submitted WMP's, effectively monitor the conditions of consent and WMP's onsite, assist in kerbing illegally dumped material and provide a unique opportunity to influence more sustainable outcomes in building activities and ongoing management of wastes.

## **CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES**

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 24 SUMMARY OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES RESOLUTIONS FROM AUGUST 2005

**FILE REF:**

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

**WORD PROCESSING REF:** G:\bp\reports\270905\SUMMARY CORPORATE SEPT.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Responsible Government-Effective Management

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil



1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise of the status of Corporate and Information Services resolutions from August 2005

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 25 MINUTES OF BALMAIN TOWN HALL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**FILE REF:** F99/00099

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

**WORD PROCESSING REF:** G:\bp\reports\270905\BALMAIN TOWN HALL  
AUGUST MINS.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** NIL

**Policy Implications:** NIL

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Community involvement – Responsible  
Government – Effective Management

**Staffing Implications:** NIL

**Notifications:** NIL

**Other Implications:** NIL

**1. Purpose of Report**

To submit the minutes of the Balmain Town Hall Management Committee Meeting held on 18 August 2005 to Council.

**2. Recommendations**

That Council adopt the minutes of the Balmain Town Hall Management Committee meeting of 18 August 2005 and accompanying recommendations.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 26 MINUTES OF CLONTARF COTTAGE  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**FILE REF:** F97/00511

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

**WORD PROCESSING REF:** G:\bp\reports\270905\CLONTARF COTTAGE  
AUGUST MINS.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** NIL

**Policy Implications:** NIL

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Community Involvement –Responsible  
Government –Effective Management

**Staffing Implications:** NIL

**Notifications:** NIL

**Other Implications:** NIL

1. **Purpose of Report**

To submit the minutes of the Clontarf Cottage Management Committee meeting held on 8 August 2005.

2. **Recommendations**

That Council adopt the minutes of Clontarf Cottage Management Committee Meeting of 8 August 2005 and accompanying recommendations.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

<b>DIVISION:</b>	CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 27 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT BALANCES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2005
<b>AUTHOR &amp; TITLE:</b>	MICHELLE DE ROSA, ACCOUNTING OFFICER TREASURY/COMPLIANCE
<b>FILE REF:</b>	F97/00004
<b>DATE:</b>	10 August 2007
<b>WORD PROCESSING REF:</b>	G:\bp\reports\270905\STATEMENT AUGUST.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Financial Implications:</b>	Investment income within budget
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	NIL
<b>Strategic Plan Objective:</b>	Effective Management – maximise the return to the community, manage Council's physical, financial and human resources to provide efficient services in an honest and responsible manner.
<b>Staffing Implications:</b>	NIL
<b>Notifications:</b>	NIL
<b>Other Implications:</b>	NIL

## 1. Purpose of Report

Local Government Act Regulation No 264 Section 19 (3)(a) specified that:

“The responsible accounting officer of a Council must provide the Council with a written report to be presented at each Ordinary Meeting of the Council, setting out details of all money that the Council has invested under Section 625 of the Act”.

In accordance with the requirements of S.625 and the above Regulation, attached is a Statement of Investment Balances as at the 31 August 2005.

Furthermore, and in accordance with Local Government Act Regulation No.264 19 (3)(b), it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the appropriate regulations and the Council's investment policies.

## 2. Recommendation

That the Statement of Investment Balances as at the 31 August 2005 be received and noted.

## 3. Report

### STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 AUGUST 2005

#### Fund Managed

Reference Number	Term Invested	Financial Institution	Amount Invested \$	Monthly Interest Rate	Annual Interest Rate
N/A	N/A	Alliance Bern.	1,406,525	5.86%	5.82%
N/A	N/A	AMP	1,657,544	5.83%	5.82%
N/A	N/A	Colonial	1,665,186	4.24%	5.10%
N/A	N/A	Macquarie	1,736,415	5.53%	5.54%

NB Monthly Interest rate is monthly return annualised.

Annual interest rate is average return received in 2004/2005 financial year.

#### Term Deposits

Reference Number	Term Invested	Financial Institution	Amount Invested \$	Monthly Interest Rate	Annual Interest Rate
34/99	90 days	CBA	1,605,500	5.54%	5.58%
32/03	30 days	National Bank	3,000,000	5.42%	5.42%
42/00	90 days	CBA	1,552,500	5.55%	5.59%

NB 34/99 is a Loan/investment offset facility and is reduced by loan principal every quarter.

NB 42/00 is a Loan/investment offset facility and is reduced by loan principal every quarter.

Call Accounts –CBA Cash Treasury.

Reference Number	Term Invested	Financial Institution	Amount Invested \$	Monthly Interest Rate	Annual Interest Rate
N/A	N/A	Cash Treasury	5,217,714	5.35%	5.35%

NB Cash Treasury account has a variable daily interest rate.

Floating Rate Notes

Reference Number	Term Invested	Financial Institution	Amount Invested \$	Monthly Interest Rate	Annual Interest Rate
N/A	90 days	Bank of WA	2,000,000	6.41%	6.41%
N/A	90 days	Bank of QLD	2,016,100	6.75%	6.75%
N/A	90 days	Bank of QLD	1,017,980	7.18%	7.18%
N/A	90 days	Bank of QLD	1,008,160	6.95%	6.95%
N/A	90 days	Bendigo Bank	1,000,000	6.85%	6.85%
N/A	90 days	Bank of ADL	1,000,000	6.59%	6.59%
N/A	90 days	Ethical (Green)	2,000,000	6.67%	6.67%

**TOTAL INVESTMENTS                      \$27,883,624**

Comment

The Reserve bank has left interest rates unchanged at 5.50%.



**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 28 REVIEW OF CONCESSIONS FOR RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

**AUTHOR & TITLE:** DAVID MARSHALL, DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

**FILE REF:** F05/00030

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Estimated financial impact of \$13,000 pa

**Policy Implications:** Fees policy changed to increase concessions

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Effective Management, Recreation Provision, Social and Support Services.

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Change to fees will be publicly advertised and submissions sought.

**Other Implications:** Nil

## 1. **Purpose of Report**

To report to Council on a review of concessions for rates, fees and charges.

## 2. **Recommendations**

That Council give public notice of the following proposed changes to fees for the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC) and the Dawn Fraser Baths (DFB) for 28 days, seek submissions and report the matter back to Council:

- A new 'Seniors' class of concession be introduced for entry into the LPAC or DFB that will apply to holders of Seniors Cards issued by the NSW Government and Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards.
- The general concession entry will continue to apply to holders of Pensioner Concessions Cards as well as Health Care Cards.
- The general concession entry fee at the LPAC be reduced from \$3.30 to \$2.30.
- A concession family entry fee at the LPAC be introduced at a rate of \$10 (two adults and three children) and \$2 for each additional person.
- The Seniors rate for entry at the LPAC remain at the current rate of \$3.30.
- The general concession entry fee at the DFB be reduced from \$2.30 to \$2.00.
- The Seniors rate for entry at the DFB remain at the current rate of \$2.30 per entry.

## 3. **Background**

In June 2005, Council resolved as follows:

*Council immediately review all charges to pensioners and holders of health care cards and Centrelink concession cards. As part of the review of the fees and charges, Council investigate the prospect of an additional rebate to pensioners to be included.*

As part of the review, an information paper was prepared for Councillors and a meeting of interested Councillors held on Tuesday 30 August 2005. A copy of the Councillor Information Paper is attached to this report.

## 4. **Report**

Mr Gary Moore, President of the NSW Council of Social Services (NCOSS), attended the meeting on Tuesday 30 August 2005. Mr Moore's views were sought on the issue of concessions for rates, fees and charges. Mr Moore made the following comments (which have been confirmed by Mr Moore subsequent to the meeting):

- Pensioners that own their own home are comparatively well off compared to many others in our community, including pensioners that rent or are in public housing, and people on other social security benefits

- 'Seniors Card' holders are non means tested and offering concessions to this group are not supported
- Rather than increasing subsidies to home owning pensioners, a preferred approach would be to broaden the base of fee relief to other disadvantaged groups and offer concession fees to holders of Health Care Cards as well as Pensioner Concession Cards
- Generally, an equitable approach may be to increase the fees paid by concession holders, and possibly delete concessions for non means tested 'Seniors', in order to offer concessions fairly across the board and include more needy groups
- Concession entry to the LPAC and Dawn Fraser Baths should be available to Health Care Card holders as well as Pensioners. The concession rate should be affordable, but free entry is not supported and may have unintended impacts on the services
- Rather than reduce Council revenues by increasing rates rebates to pensioners, better social outcomes would be achieved by focussing on service provision to the aged and other disadvantaged groups

Mr Moore's comments are not inconsistent with those expressed by the ACT Council of Social Services in a submission to the ACT government in 1996, as discussed in the attached Councillor Information Paper. ACTCOSS argued that rates rebates are inequitable as they subsidise home owners compared to more financially disadvantaged groups, they are regressive as they provide more benefit to people in valuable properties and no benefit to those in private rental housing or low income superannuants, they are for the benefit of relatively affluent beneficiaries of the estate of the pensioner, and deferral schemes would leave the pensioner with the whole of their present income intact.

At the meeting there was general agreement reached that rather than consider increasing pensioner rates concessions and thereby reducing Councils revenue base, Council should review the services provided to the aged and other disadvantaged groups when framing future budgets.

The possibility of providing a rates or garbage charge rebate for concession holders other than pensioners, in particular the unemployed, was identified. However other relevant issues were raised such as that this would only benefit unemployed people that owned property, who are generally likely to be in a better financial position than unemployed people who rent or are in public housing, who would obtain no benefit from such a scheme. In addition, administering a rates rebate for unemployed people would be difficult as they are more likely to move on and off benefits more frequently than pensioners who tend to stay on the pension permanently. This is relevant as the rates and garbage charges are raised on an annual basis and hence it would be impractical to provide rebates to groups likely to change status throughout the year.

As outlined in the attached Councillor Information Paper, Leichhardt Council's level of rates rebates to pensioners compares favourably with other Councils. Part of Leichhardt Council's rates rebate is a voluntary rebate of the garbage charge. A suggestion was made that this rebate should be frozen and not provided to any future pensioners. It was argued that this is necessary due to the growing number of aged people in the municipality which will cause financial difficulties in future years due to high levels of subsidies.

There was general agreement reached that the concession fee for entry into the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC) and the Dawn Fraser Baths (DFB) should apply not only to pensioners but also to health care card holders. This is consistent with Council's current fees policy so no change is required in this regard.

There was also agreement that the concession fees for entry into the LPAC and DFB should be reduced, with the exception of the concession rate for Seniors Card holders which should remain at the same level.

There was some discussion about the appropriate rate for concession entry, with a suggestion that it be free. However staff recommended against free entry on the basis that a value should be placed on the delivery of a discretionary service, even if it is a nominal amount, that the fee should be comparable to other centres and also that free entry could lead to negative impacts on paying customers. Gary Moore from NCOSS agreed, and said that the concession entry rate should be affordable, but free entry is not supported and may have unintended impacts on the services.

The following changes to fees at the LPAC and DFB are recommended to address the issues regarding concessions for pensioners and health care card holders:

- It is recommended that different casual entry fees be payable by holders of Pensioner Concessions Cards/Health Care Cards and 'Seniors' card holders. Seniors Cards issued by the NSW Government are not means tested and the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card is for people of age pension age who do not qualify for a pension and have an income up to \$50,000 pa for singles or \$80,000 pa for couples. It is proposed that the new rates be referred to as the 'General' concession rate and the 'Seniors' concession rate.
- The current general concession entry fee at the LPAC is \$3.30. It is considered that if this rate was reduced to \$2.30 it would strike a balance between affordability and value for money. This would also compare favourably with most other public swimming pools as follows:

*Canterbury \$3.00, Cook and Phillip \$3.50, Fairfield \$3.00, Hornsby \$2.50, Roselands \$3.00, Ryde \$4.40, Sutherland \$3.50, Victoria Park \$2.00, Warringah \$3.50*

- There is currently no concession available for family entry into the LPAC, which is \$14 (two adults and three children) and \$2.90 for each additional person. A concession family entry fee could be introduced at a rate of \$10 (two adults and three children) and \$2 for each additional person.
- It is recommended that the Seniors rate for entry at the LPAC remain at the current rate of \$3.30 per entry.
- The current general concession entry fee at the DFB is \$2.30. This rate is already quite low so it is recommended that this rate be reduced to \$2.00.
- It is recommended that the Seniors rate for entry at the DFB remain at the current rate of \$2.30 per entry.

The total cost of increasing these concessions over a full financial year is estimated at approximately \$13,000 pa.

**5. Summary / Conclusions**

The concessions for rates, fees and charges have been reviewed, with an information paper prepared and a Councillor workshop held. Consideration was given to the issue of increasing the level of rates rebate for pensioners. This is not supported either from the perspective of Council's financial sustainability or with regard to social equity.

The concessions on various fees charged by Council have also been reviewed and it is considered that it would be reasonable and equitable to reduce the concession entry fees at the LPAC and DFB.

## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

# REPORT

**DIVISION:** CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 29 INTEREST FREE LOANS TO BUSINESSES  
LOCATED IN LEICHHARDT MUNICIPALITY'S  
COMMERCIAL ZONES

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LOANS.DOC

### DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

**Financial Implications:** Financial commitment of up to \$50,000 to be borrowed from Council's Property Reserve and repaid over two years.

**Policy Implications:** Improvements in accordance with Council heritage and other planning controls.

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Heritage conservation, commercial development, enhanced image.

**Staffing Implications:** Staff time to administer the scheme.  
Nil

**Notifications:** Initially 28 days public notice of intention to offer the scheme, followed by further advertising of the availability of the scheme if it proceeds.

**Other Implications:** NIL

## 1. **Purpose of Report**

To report to Council on how an interest free loan scheme for the upgrading of shopfronts and awnings in high streets could be implemented.

## 2. **Recommendations**

That if Council wishes to proceed with the implementation of the interest free loan scheme for the upgrading of shopfronts and awnings in high streets:

2.1 Council advertise its intention to offer an interest free loan scheme for upgrading of shopfronts and awnings in accordance with the draft policy in this report, provide 28 days public notice and invite submissions in accordance with the financial assistance provisions of the Local Government Act (s356).

2.2 That the matter be reported back to Council after the period of public notice.

## 3. **Background**

At the August Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved as follows:

### ***Councillors Porteous & McKenzie***

*That a report is brought to the September Council meeting outlining how an interest free loan scheme for the upgrading of shopfronts and awnings in our high streets could be implemented. That this report includes the heritage and design criteria that would be applied to be eligible for the grant, the criteria for establishing which businesses that would qualify for an interest free loan, (see also recommendations above), the recommended amount of money to be made available and reference to other Councils where similar schemes are operating successfully. The report should also survey the Chamber of Commerce and individual local high street businesses as to the likelihood that they would take up the interest free loan if it became available.*

*The report therefore to make recommendations for the implementation of an Interest Free Loans Scheme for the Upgrading of High Street Shopfronts and Awnings.*

Accordingly, this report outlines how an interest free loan scheme for the upgrading of shopfronts and awnings could be implemented.

## 4. **Report**

Council has the power to provide an interest free loan scheme under the financial assistance provisions of the Local Government Act (s356), provided at least 28 days public notice is given of the proposal. Accordingly, prior to inviting applications for an interest free loan scheme, Council must advertise this proposal, invite submissions and report the matter back to Council.

Examples of loan schemes have been found for a number of other local councils in Australia for similar schemes, including Hepburn Shire, the City of Melbourne,

Adelaide City, and Townsville City Councils. These schemes were to assist in the heritage restoration of buildings.

If Council is to offer an interest free loan scheme, it must identify a funding source until such time as the loans are repaid. It is recommended that, if the loan scheme proceeds it initially be for a maximum commitment of \$50,000, with these funds to be borrowed from Council's Property Reserve. This initial funding would be manageable in terms of administration and will allow the success of the scheme to be assessed. If further funding is required in the future, it can be considered as part of the annual Management Planning process.

The Leichhardt Chamber and Balmain/Rozelle Chambers of Commerce were contacted and both were supportive of this scheme being offered by Council. A survey of individual businesses has not been undertaken at this stage due to timing constraints.

A loan scheme would also complement new planning controls being developed for the commercial areas of Leichhardt, Rozelle and Balmain which will provide recommended colour schemes and corporate signage controls.

A draft policy for the implementation of an interest free loan scheme for the upgrading of shopfronts and awnings is outlined below:

### **Draft Policy – Loan Scheme for Upgrading Shopfronts and Awnings**

#### **Objective of Scheme**

- To provide interest free loans to small businesses for improvements to shopfronts and awnings in the Leichhardt Municipality high streets, in order to improve the appearance of the high streets and encourage greater usage by residents.

#### **Funding Availability and Repayments**

- Projects will be funded to a maximum of 50% of the total project cost, to a maximum of \$5,000.
- Total funding of \$50,000 will be available for the scheme initially.
- Loans will be interest free and must be repaid within a period of 2 years.
- Repayments will be on a monthly basis.

#### **Eligibility Criteria of Project**

The project must be for:

- Improvements to shopfronts and awnings for properties within Heritage Conservation Areas on Norton, Johnston, Marion and Darling Streets. Attachment 1 includes a map showing the areas to which the scheme applies (Note: Should there be a high take up of the loan scheme, future funding could be expanded to include properties not within Heritage Conservation Areas).
- External works visible from the public domain
- Works that will commence prior to 31 December 2006

Priority will be given to projects which:

- are for buildings identifiable as Victorian/Federation period buildings



- enhance the appearance and heritage significance of the building
- involve the removal of unsympathetic elements (signage, air conditioning units etc.)
- involve repairs and reinstatement of lost/damaged period elements (parapets, roof elements, timber windows, awnings etc.)
- involve the painting and installation of signage that is complimentary to the buildings form.
- Are for small owner-operated independent businesses (not franchises)

Funding will not be available for:

- internal works to buildings or those not visible from the public domain
- works already completed
- the acquisition of property or for works to construct additions or new buildings

### **Eligibility Criteria of Applicant**

The applicant must:

- Be the owner or occupier of the property
- Have the consent of the owner for the lodgement of the application, where the applicant is not the owner
- Have the ability to fulfil the requirements of the loan agreement

### **Project Information required**

The applicant must provide the following information about the project:

- A written description of the proposed works.
- Sketches or diagrams of the proposed works.
- Details of proposed colour schemes.
- Any architectural or heritage reports.
- Photographs of the existing property
- At least 3 quotes from an appropriately qualified and experienced organisation to undertake the work

*Once this information is received Council will be in a position to advise the applicant whether a DA will be required*

### **Other information required**

- proof of ownership or occupation of the property
- written consent of the owner to lodge the application in the case of an occupier
- proof of ability to repay the loan which may include a business activity statements, bank statements, details of existing borrowings or other commitments, statements from the business accountant

### **Security**

- all applicants must be willing to undergo a credit assessment
- all loans will require the personal guarantee of a company director, partner or other business owner

### **Advertising of the Loan Scheme**

- Leichhardt Council will publicise the availability of the loan scheme.

### **Assessment of Applications**

- A loan scheme Committee will be established to assess applications and make recommendations to Council.

- The Committee will consist of the three Councillors, a representative of both the Leichhardt and Balmain/Rozelle Chambers of Commerce, two representatives from the Precincts, and two staff members nominated by the General Manager.

**Payments**

Payment of approved loan funds will be made:

- after satisfaction of any conditions of loan approval
- after any required planning approvals have been obtained by the applicant including DA approval if required.
- 50% of the loan funds will be payable after provision to Council of a final contract for works and after commencement of works; and 50% upon final completion of works and provision to Council of all works invoices, and inspection by Council officers.

**5. Summary/Conclusions**

This report provides a draft policy for the implementation of an interest free loan scheme for the upgrading of shopfronts and awnings in high streets. It is recommended that the scheme be initially offered with a total commitment from Council of \$50,000, to be borrowed from Council's Property Reserve. This initial funding will allow the success of the scheme to be assessed and if further funding is required in the future, it can be considered as part of the annual Management Planning process.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 30 POLICY REGISTER

**AUTHOR & TITLE:** GEORGE GEORGAKIS, MANAGER ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Responsible Government – Effective Management

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Policy Register will be available online and updated each month after Council meetings.

## 1. **Purpose of Report**

To submit Council's Policy Register to Council for their information and clarify issues relevant to operational versus Council policies.

## 2. **Recommendations**

The information be received and noted.

## 3. **Background**

The Policy Register was last reported to Council in April 2001. Policies adopted by Council since that time, have been included in the Policy Register and superseded policies deleted. An updated policy register has been forwarded to Councillors separately in CD format.

At the Ordinary Meeting on 22 March 2005, in reviewing the Delegations, Council resolved that a report be brought back to Council that clarifies issues relevant to operational versus Council policies.

It was considered timely to submit the updated register to Council whilst reporting back to Council in accordance with the March 2005 resolution.

## 4. **Report**

### i) Policy

Policy is a statement of Council's position on a particular issue, service or activity, and why this is Council's position (ie. it deals with "what" and "why", outcomes from a particular project, or statement of intent). Policy provides certainty and consistency which helps us to treat community members equitably. Stakeholders know what they can expect from Council. Staff also have a better idea of what is expected of them.

### ii) Procedures

Procedures describe how policy is translated into action and who is responsible for doing what (ie. it deals with operating practices, "how" and "who", procedures and/or operating frameworks, implementation, action plans).

In some instances, Policy and Procedures will accompany each other, such as in the case of the Purchasing Policy. In other instances, Council's position on a matter, is all that is required, such as in the case of Council's position on the M4 or any expansion of Sydney Airport.

### iii) Operational Policies

There are also day to day operational policies which do not form part of the Policy Register. Examples of these are various Human Resources policies.

Only those policies which have been submitted to and adopted by Council have been included in the policy register.

iv) Ongoing management of Policy Register

The updated Policy Register has been circulated to Councillors separately. Policies have been listed in their respective areas of Council's Strategic Plan. The register will be updated each month (to add, amend, or delete policies as adopted by Council).

The Policy Register is in electronic format and can be accessed by all staff (with a PC) on Council's Intranet. When preparing Council reports (and in day to day operations), staff will be able to search the register to see if a Council Policy exists and if so, refer to it in their report.

Once adopted, the Policy Register will also be placed on Council's website.

## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**REPORT**

**DIVISION:** CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 31 AMENDMENT TO CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

**AUTHOR:** GEORGE GEORGAKIS MANAGER ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Policy Implications:** Proposed change to be made to Code of Meeting Practice and new adopted Code to be incorporated in Council's Policy Register.

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Responsible Government – Effective Management

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil

## 1. **Purpose of Report**

To propose an amendment to Council's Code of Meeting Practice to deal with situations where there is no quorum for a Building and Development Ward Meeting.

## 2. **Recommendations**

Council's Code of Meeting Practice (adopted on 22/2/05) be amended as follows;

*"Where it is evident (either prior to Notice being given or after Notice has been given) prior to a Building and Development Ward Meeting that a quorum will not be present, the chairperson of the meeting be delegated to cancel the meeting and those items for consideration be held over and be considered at the next Building and Development Council meeting".*

## 3. **Background**

The National General Assembly of Local Government is being held in Canberra from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

As a number of Councillors will be attending this Conference, it is known in advance that there will not be a quorum for the Building and Development Committee Ward Meeting (for the Birrabirragal/Wangal Wards).

The two options therefore are;

*a) Hold the Building and Development Ward Meeting (for Birrabirragal/Wangal Wards) straight after the Building and Development Council meeting on the following week.*

*b) Incorporate the Ward items on the Building and Development Council meeting agenda and have the items dealt with by the Building and Development Council meeting.*

## 4. **Report**

Where there is a lack of a quorum, Council's Code of Meeting Practice states;

*"A meeting of the Council must be adjourned if a quorum is not present;*

*a) within half an hour after the time designated for the holding of the meeting;*

*OR*

*b) at any time during the meeting*

*In either case, the meeting must be adjourned to a time, date and place fixed:*

*a) by the Chairperson; or*

*b) in his or her absence – by the majority of the Councillors present;*

*c) failing that, by the General Manager."*

The Code is silent on what to do when it is known in advance that there will not be a quorum.

For the November meeting, it is known well in advance that there will not be a quorum. In other instances (such as the July Building and Development (Birrabbirragal/Wangal) Ward meeting) it was known after "Notice of the Meeting" had been sent that there would not be a quorum.

A decision therefore needs to be made on what to do in these instances and the Code of Meeting Practice amended to reflect that decision (rather than turning up to a meeting, noting no quorum, inconveniencing attending Councillors and residents alike, and having to defer items to another date/meeting).

Of the two options mentioned in this report, Option 2 is recommended for the following reasons;

- When notifying applicants/residents of items (or a meeting), it is considered better practice to advise that an application is being considered at the Building and Development Council meeting which commences at 7.00pm, rather than inviting them to a meeting (ie. the Ward meeting) which commences at the conclusion of a first meeting (ie. the Building and Development Council meeting).  
This would particularly be the case where a Building and Development Ward meeting had been cancelled at a later stage (after notification letters had been sent to applicants/residents). In this instance, the clearer the next piece of communication, the better.
- Only one business paper would need to be prepared and printed
- If both Ward meetings were unable to be held due to a lack of a quorum, it would be more practical to have the items referred to the Building and Development Council meeting (rather than splitting into two groups/meetings).



**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****REPORT**

**DIVISION:** CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 32 REQUEST BY APIA LEICHHARDT TIGERS FOR  
NEW LICENCE OF LAMBERT PARK OVAL

**AUTHOR & TITLE:** LYN GERATHY, MANAGER PROPERTY AND  
COMMERCIAL SERVICES ANDREW KELLY, COMMUNITY  
RECREATION OFFICER VINCE CUSUMANO, MANAGER  
PARKS AND STREETSCAPES

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**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil at this stage if recommendations for short term extension are adopted.

**Policy Implications:** Making individual decisions in accordance with Council's plans and policies.

**Strategic Plan Objective:** 1.2 Recreation Provision; 5.2 Effective Management; 5.3 Community Involvement; 5.4 Accessibility.

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** APIA Leichhardt Tigers Football Club.

**Other Implications:** Finalisation and implementation of Recreation and Open Space Needs Study and Leichhardt Park Plan of Management.

## 1. Purpose of Report

To advise Council of the request by APIA Leichhardt Tigers Football Club for a 21 year lease or licence of Lambert Park Oval and to recommend that Council defer a decision on this pending finalisation of the Recreation and Open Space Needs Study and related matters.

## 2. Recommendations

1. That, subject to the consent of the Minister for Lands, Council as manager of The Lambert Park (D500210) Reserve Trust permit Leichhardt Tigers Incorporated to hold over under the Deed of Licence dated 13 October 2000 for a period of 12 months from 13 October 2005 to 12 October 2006 subject to the following changes (relating to the area of Lambert Park Oval licensed and the use of Leichhardt Park Ovals numbers 2 and 3):
  - i. The definition of "Oval" is amended by deleting "as set out on the plan annexed and marked A" and replacing those words with: "being the playing field and surrounding fenced area, but not including any part of Lambert Park outside the fence on the east of the fenced oval area nor the strip of land on the west owned by State Rail Authority and leased to Council."
  - ii. Clause 2.2 is deleted and replaced by the following:
 

"2.2 Subject to clause 2.3, Council grants to Tigers:

    - a) a licence to enter upon and use Leichhardt Oval number 2 on no more than 4 days per calendar week for a total maximum of 20 hours per calendar week; and
    - b) a licence to enter upon and use Leichhardt Oval number 3 on no more than 4 days per calendar week for a total maximum of 20 hours per calendar week.

A "calendar week" is from Monday to the following Sunday.

2.3 Tigers must reserve the Leichhardt Ovals through Council's normal booking system when it wishes to use the Leichhardt Ovals number 2 and 3 in accordance with the licences granted in clause 2.2 and provided further that:

    - a) Tigers is not entitled to reserve or use a Leichhardt Oval on both a Saturday and the immediately following Sunday, but is only entitled to reserve and use each Leichhardt Oval on one day only of each weekend.
    - b) Tigers is not entitled to reserve or use a Leichhardt Oval on days and at times when it is required by Balmain Tigers Rugby League Football Club;
    - c) Tigers is not entitled to reserve or use a Leichhardt Oval on days and at times when it has already been booked by another person;
    - d) Tigers is not entitled to reserve or use a Leichhardt Oval on days and at times when Council has reserved it for community events including but not limited to community fun runs;
    - e) Tigers must not reserve or use the Leichhardt Ovals later than 10:00 pm on any night."
  - iii. Clauses 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 are amended by changing "Ovals" to "Oval" and the following is added as clause 13.4:

“13.4 The parties agree that other groups and persons may use the Leichhardt Ovals at the discretion of and by bookings made through Council.”

2. A further report be brought to Council about the APIA Leichhardt Tiger's request for a 21 year licence of Lambert Park Oval after the Recreation and Open Space Needs Study and the Leichhardt Park Plan of Management have been finalised.

### 3. **Background**

By deed dated 13 October 2000, The Lambert Park (D200210) Reserve granted to Leichhardt Tigers Incorporated a 5 year licence to use Lambert Park Oval and Leichhardt Park Ovals 2 and 3. The deed of licence contains the following relevant provisions:

- The description of the licensed Lambert Park Oval refers to a plan but the plan is not annexed.
- The licence is for Tigers to enter and use Lambert Park oval from 9am to 9pm Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays and on 4 nights per week from 5pm to 10 pm for training, with Tigers to carry out necessary maintenance on Lambert Park Oval between seasons.
- The deed also grants Tigers a licence to enter upon Leichhardt Park Oval number 2 for games and training and Leichhardt Park oval number 3 for training, at any time subject to their availability.
- Tigers pay \$70 per year licence fee and pay all charges for use of electricity, water and other services.
- Accounts are to be maintained by Tigers and given to Council at the end of each football season. Tigers must supply all information and records as Council requires to examine accounts.
- Third parties such as local schools may from time to time use the Ovals subject to mutual consent of Council and Tigers and on terms reasonably acceptable to Tigers, with booking co-ordinated by Tigers.
- Subject to compliance by Tigers with the deed, Council waives debt of \$16,545.90 owed by Tigers for previous ground hire.

The licence expires on 12 October 2005. APIA Leichhardt Tigers have asked for a 21 year extension, or a 21 year new licence, commencing on 13 October 2005 and ending on 12 October 2026.

In August 2004, Council resolved to accept the tender of Stratcorp Consulting to prepare a Strategic Recreation Plan (to be renamed the Recreation and Open Space Needs Study) for the Leichhardt Local Government Area. The draft dated September 2005 has been received by Council and is under review. It is to provide strategic planning direction for the LGA for the next 10 years.

Lambert Park, including the oval, is a crown reserve dedicated for public recreation, as is Leichhardt Park. The licensing and use of parts of Lambert Park and Leichhardt Park are subject to the Crown Lands Act and any licence requires the consent of the Minister for Lands.

#### 4. Report

Reference is made to the September 2005 Report by Council's Senior Community Recreation Officer, Roger Faulkner, on the Recreation and Open Space Needs Study.

The recommendations in the draft Strategic Recreation Plan (Recreation and Open Space Needs Study) include:

- Hockey: "Develop a new regional wet hockey pitch at Lambert Park, pending outcome of a detailed site investigation and assessment of the feasibility of the co-location of the Wests Tigers and the APIA Leichhardt Tigers Soccer (sic) Club at Leichhardt Oval."
- Soccer: "Relocate APIA Leichhardt Tigers Soccer Club from Lambert Park to Leichhardt Oval to co-locate with Wests Tigers, pending an assessment of the joint use."

Granting a 21 year licence to APIA Leichhardt Tigers would make these recommendations and any feasibility study futile, as changes may be difficult to implement for 21 years, especially if Tigers undertakes substantial work at Lambert Park Oval.

On the other hand, it is appropriate that Leichhardt Tigers continue to use Lambert Park Oval pending the finalisation of the Recreation and Open Space Needs Study and carrying out of any feasibility studies.

In addition, in connection with the Leichhardt Park Plan of Management, the Department of Lands has requested further information about the use of the ovals and the proposal for the all-weather hockey field, which may affect Lambert Park as well as the Leichhardt Park Ovals.

It is for these reasons that it is recommended that the current licence be extended for 12 months, to preserve the position for all parties pending finalising of the recreation plan.

However, some changes are recommended for Leichhardt ovals 2 and 3 due firstly to some inconsistency and uncertainty about the provisions governing Tigers' use. Clauses 2.2 and 4 of the licence specify that Tigers may use the ovals "when available" which means only when not booked by others but clause 13 provides that Tigers' consent is required to the use by other groups and that Tigers consent is not to be unreasonably withheld. Secondly, there is concern that Tigers have not provided requested usage details and that Tigers may be making ovals 2 and 3 unavailable to other groups even when not required by it for training.

The recommended changes to the licence provisions for the 12 month hold-over will reduce the concerns in the short term, and the issues can be resolved if necessary following finalisation of the Strategic Recreation Plan.

A meeting was held on 19 September 2005 with Mr Tony Raciti, President, and Ms Pia Scarselletta, Administrator, of APIA Leichhardt Tigers Football Club and Council's General Manager, Manager Property and Commercial Services, Manager Parks and Streetscapes and the Community Recreation Officer. The above issues were discussed and the Club was advised of and noted the substance of the recommendations in this report

**5. Summary/Conclusions**

It is recommended that the existing licence to APIA Leichhardt Tigers Football, due to expire on 12 October 2005, be extended for 12 months with some changes, with the club's request for a 21 year lease deferred until finalisation of the Recreation and Needs Study.

**MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****NOTICE OF MOTION**

**DIVISION:** MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

**SUBJECT:** ITEM 33 SUMMARY OF NOTICE OF MOTIONS  
RESOLUTIONS FROM AUGUST 2005

**FILE REF:**

**DATE:** 10 August 2007

**WORD PROCESSING REF:** G:\bp\reports\270905\SUMMARY MOTIONS  
SEPT.DOC

**DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Responsible Government – Effective Management

**Staffing Implications:** Nil

**Notifications:** Nil

**Other Implications:** Nil

1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise Council of the status of Notice of Motion resolutions from August 2005.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.



## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

# NOTICE OF MOTION

<b>DIVISION:</b>	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 34 469 – 483 BALMAIN ROAD LEICHHARDT
<b>FILE REF:</b>	F
<b>DATE:</b>	10 August 2007
<b>WORD PROCESSING REF:</b>	G:\bp\reports\270905\REZONING BALMAIN ROAD.DOC

### Councillors McKenzie And Parker

At the August Planning committee meeting a planning report prepared by GSA Planning and Candlepas Associates on behalf of the Roche group was received. Council was asked to give in principle support for exhibition purposes, and that the draft scheme submitted to council be publicly exhibited. This recommendation was refused by the planning committee.

It was resolved that precinct and local area briefings and a separate councillor briefing be organised prior to any endorsement from the planning committee regarding the site. Since then the community has received notification and reacted strongly against the concept for the following reasons:

- 1.The proposed development is contrary to the objects stated in the Local Environment Plan 2000.
- 2.The proposed development is contrary to the identified character of Lilyfield as single storey houses on similar sized allotments
- 3.The building envelope control restricts the wall height to 7.2 metres for buildings designed for non residential use and 3.6 in other circumstances. The proposed development at 5 and 6 storeys would be one of the highest on the Balmain peninsula, as it is located on a ridge, and would dominate the entire neighbourhood and be visible from all surrounding areas.
- 4.Leichhardt council's Industrial Lands Review recommended that council protect traditional industrial areas while the proposed development requires mixed commercial and residential zoning.
- 5.A high rise mixed development would aesthetically detract from the low key urban village atmosphere.

6. There is no traffic or parking study to determine the impact of additional residents and works on the existing street network.

7. There is no economic study to determine the effect of the retail/commercial component of the development on the existing centre

8. Currently the retail strip in Rozelle west of Victoria Road effectively ends at Denison Street but the proposal adds retail space between Cecily and Alberto extending the general retail precinct into the residential areas.

9. There is no need for additional retail space in the area as the existing shops are lightly utilised and often stand vacant.

10. The preferred option would lead to traffic problems as Cecily Street is winding and narrow making it difficult and dangerous for cars to pass. Extensive development of this site would increase traffic congestion in already congested streets. Even if alternative access from Balmain Road were available it is likely that Cecily Street would be made use of.

11. Even if there were on site parking there is likely to be extensive on street parking as people often use their internal car parking for storage, and their visitors park in surrounding streets. Recent developments in the area of Cecily, Alberto and Sunnyside avenue have increased on street parking significantly and adding more cars would increase the burden on neighbouring streets.

At a large community meeting at St. Mark's Church, Lilyfield on Thursday Sept 15, 2005 attended by the Mayor and Councillors, this motion was endorsed.

Therefore Leichhardt council resolves:

That planning staff write to the Roche group and their consultants informing them that their concept plans for the mixed development option, which would require rezoning by council for the proposed development at 469-483 Balmain Road, will not be given 'in principle' approval to proceed to Development Application stage.

That Council develops planning guidelines for site 469 - 483 Balmain Rd in consultation with local residents, local businesses, the landholders of the site, neighbouring landholders and the wider Leichhardt community. That such planning guidelines once established, provide the landholders with clear guidance as to how to proceed with any development application to Council.

That the 'briefing' meetings by Roche Consultants organised for precincts and the community for October, rather be forums, where the views of the community can be canvassed for the benefit of the Roche consultants.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****NOTICE OF MOTION**

<b>DIVISION:</b>	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 35 RECYCLING SYSTEM
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**Councillors Hannaford/Dyer**

In July this year Leichhardt Council introduced a new, more efficient recycling system which resulted in most premises being issued with extra wheelie bins. However it has been brought to my attention that this has caused problems as these bins are bigger than previous containers so therefore do not fit in the garbage unit areas provided. Traditionally these storage areas have been provided at the front of most flats, units, townhouses etc.to ensure the premises remain neat and tidy and the receptacles do not obstruct passageways.

As a result it is in our interest to address this situation.

**Recommendation:**

I move that Leichhardt Council encourage these developments to alter the garbage units provided by;

1. Determining DA applications that need to be notified within 6 weeks.
2. Determining DA applications from more recent buildings requiring minor change within 3 weeks These developments can apply under section 96 for a modification to consent.
3. Waiving the application fees.
4. Publicising this motion in the media.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****NOTICE OF MOTION****DIVISION:** MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**SUBJECT:** ITEM 36 HERITAGE CONSERVATION**FILE REF:** F**DATE:** 10 August 2007**WORD PROCESSING REF:** G:\bp\reports\270905\HERITAGE  
CONSERVATION MOTION.DOC**Councillors McKenzie and Porteous**

The Leichhardt Town Plan requires a Conservation Management Plan for Development applications where structural modifications are proposed close to a State Significant Heritage Object. Therefore in keeping with the objectives of clause 15 Heritage Conservation and 16(8) Conservation Area, of the LEP 2000, Norton Street Draft Masterplan and the Leichhardt Civic Precinct Draft Masterplan need to be assessed against Conservation criteria with particular attention being paid to the impact on heritage buildings such as Leichhardt Town Hall and its surrounding landscapes, and buildings such as the Post Office and the Leichhardt Primary School.

**Recommendation:**

That the Draft Masterplan for Norton Street and the Draft Masterplan for the Leichhardt Civic Precinct be assessed against the Leichhardt Town Hall Conservation Management Plan when it is finalised.

That a report on this assessment be brought to Council.

## LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

# NOTICE OF MOTION

<b>DIVISION:</b>	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 37 PUBLIC HOUSING
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<b>DATE:</b>	10 August 2007
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The Public Housing Tenants Forum held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September and organised by Leichhardt Council was very well attended by close to 100 people. At the Forum the motion below was endorsed. This motion was previously deferred by Councillors. Following its unanimous endorsement by Forum participants it is now returned to Council for endorsement.

### **Councillors Porteous & Cr McKenzie**

That Leichhardt Council states in Media Releases to be sent to all local and state media and in letters to be sent to local State MP, the Premier and the Minister for Housing that:

It does not support the NSW Government's plan for Reshaping Public Housing policy, released in May 2005 and due for implementation in November 2005.

It is committed to supporting a security of tenure for public housing tenants on all existing tenancies, and that it calls for the renewable tenancies clause in the new policy be abolished.

It calls for adequate funding to be put into housing, for the expansion of existing department of housing stock, and improvements to maintenance backlogs and service.

In addition that Leichhardt Council immediately seeks a meeting with the Minister for Housing to raise the above concerns and those previously endorsed by Council.

Further, in view of the fact that there is currently an intention to elect a Liberal mayor on September 28<sup>th</sup>, should this occur, it is unlikely that a Liberal mayor will be able to properly advocate for Leichhardt's Public Housing tenants at such a meeting. In such case it is recommended that the Mayor be joined at such a meeting by interested Councillors.

