



ORDINARY MEETING

27 June, 2006

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 June, 2006** at **7.00 pm**.

Peter Head
GENERAL MANAGER

21 June, 2006

BUSINESS :

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C) ORDINARY MEETING – 23.5.06

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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 10A (2) (a) & (d) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

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

1. TENDER FOR STREETSCAPE WORKS, NORTON STREET, LEICHHARDT
Reason: Commercial information of a confidential nature
2. CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS FOR SENIOR STAFF
Reason: Personnel matters concerning particular individuals
Issued in a separate booklet to Councillors

MAYORAL MINUTES

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MAYORAL MINUTES

DIVISION: MAYORAL MINUTES

SUBJECT: ITEM 1 MAYORAL MINUTE

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LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**MAYORAL MINUTES**

DIVISION: MAYORAL MINUTES

SUBJECT: ITEM 2 SUMMARY OF MAYORAL MINUTE RESOLUTIONS
FROM MAY 2006

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DATE: 3 August 2018

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JUNE.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 Mayoral Minute resolutions from May 2006.

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 MAY 2006

FILE REF: F

DATE: 3 August 2018

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JUNE.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 Precis of Correspondence resolutions from May 2006.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

DIVISION:	PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
SUBJECT:	ITEM 4 FATHER JOHN TERRY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
FILE REF:	F97/01222
DATE:	3 August 2018
WORD PROCESSING REF:	G:\BP\REPORTS\270606\FATHER JOHN TERRY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL.DOC

Attached is a request from the Father John Terry Catholic Primary School for a fee waiver or a reduced rate for the use of Leichhardt Town Hall on 18-20 September 2006 for their annual school play.

In the past, they have used the Balmain Town Hall, however, this will not be available this year due to the renovations. Where a school hires the Balmain Town hall & is raising funds/selling tickets at the event, a fee of \$100 is charged. Where the event is free of charge, then a fee waiver is granted.

The school has advised that they will be selling tickets on the performance nights to cover their costs. It is therefore recommended that a total fee of \$300 (\$100 for each day) be charged for the use of the hall on 18,19 & 20 September 2006 (the same rate which would apply for the Balmain Town Hall).

Recommendation:

1. The Father John Terry Catholic Primary School be charged \$100 per day for the use of the Leichhardt Town Hall on 18,19 & 20 September 2006.
2. The standard \$500 refundable bond be charged.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

DIVISION:	PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
SUBJECT:	ITEM 5 BLUEGRASS & TRADITIONAL COUNTRY MUSIC SOCIETY
FILE REF:	F97/01935
DATE:	3 August 2018
WORD PROCESSING REF:	G:\BP\REPORTS\270606\BLUEGRASS & TRADITIONAL COUNTRY MUSIC SOCIETY FEE WAIVER.DOC

Attached is a letter from the Bluegrass & Traditional Country Music Society seeking a continuation of the fee waiver it currently receives for the use of the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre back hall.

Council considered their request at the June 2005 Ordinary Meeting & resolved;

“Council allow the Bluegrass & Traditional Country Music Society to transfer their monthly booking to the back hall on the first Saturday of the month, for the next 12 months at their current rate of \$56.00 per session and the fee to be reviewed after that time”.

The community rate for the hall is \$49.00 per hour. The cost of the hire for the group (for 4.5 hours) would be \$220.50. The group also uses the downstairs meeting room (for \$14.00) to run free workshops for budding musicians on the same night 6pm-7.30pm each month.

The group receives on average \$200 per function and this pays for hall & room hire, replacement of equipment (such as lights, microphones) and advertising etc. The group do not have the funds to pay the full cost & are seeking Council's assistance in obtaining a further reduction to the community rate.

Last year the group had indicated they could afford to pay up to \$100 per session.

It is recommended that rate be increased from \$56.00 per session to \$73.50 per session bringing the cost to the subsidised rate of 1/3 of the community rate. This recommendation has been mentioned to the Society's Co-ordinator who has indicated this increased rate for the next 12 months would be acceptable to the society.

Recommendation:

The Bluegrass & Traditional Country Music Society be charged the reduced rate of \$73.50 per session for the use of the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre back hall on the first Saturday of the month, for the next 12 months & the fee to be reviewed after that time.

GENERAL MANAGER

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: ITEM 6 SUMMARY OF GENERAL MANAGER'S
RESOLUTIONS FROM MAY 2006

FILE REF: F

DATE: 3 August 2018

WORD PROCESSING REF: G:\bp\reports\270606\SUMMARY GENERAL
RESOLUTIONS JUNE.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 General Manager's resolutions from May 2006.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: ITEM 7 YOUR RIGHTS AT WORK

AUTHOR & TITLE: SHANE MCARDLE, MEDIA OFFICER

FILE REF: F97/00385

DATE: 3 August 2018

WORD PROCESSING REF: G:\bp\reports\270606\YOUR RIGHTS AT WORK.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 update Council on activities as part of the *Your Rights at Work* campaign.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council receives and notes the report.

2.2 That Council discontinues the ad in then Council weekly column opposing the Howard Government's Industrial relations changes.

2.3 That Council continues to display the "Your Rights at Work" banner on Leichhardt Town Hall and place advertisements in local papers when required.

3. Background

At the March 2006 ordinary meeting, Council adopted the following resolution in opposition to the Federal Government's Work Choices legislation:

- 1. That council write to Unions NSW asking if there are any amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding between Unions NSW and council, arising from introduction of the work choices legislation, so as to enhance the rights of workers and trade unions.***
- 2. That council place a boxed advertisement in its weekly column in the local media opposing the Howard Government's Industrial Relations changes (as per the advertisement in late 2005) until a resolution of council has been moved to discontinue its appearance.***

Also, at the May 2006 ordinary meeting, the following resolution was adopted:

That council sponsor a bus to take people from Leichhardt LGA to Industrial Relations Rally in Blacktown on June 28.

That an ad be placed in our weekly column advertising the rally in Blacktown and asking interested people to register for the bus trip.

Leichhardt Council assist with the translation of the Your Rights at Work Leaflet in up to 6 languages.

As a result of the May 2006 resolution of Council, the wording of the ad was changed to invite interested people to travel on the Council organised bus to Blacktown for the rally of 28 June 2006.

In line with previous resolutions of Council, a banner advertising objections to the Federal industrial relations changes remains on the Leichhardt Town Hall building.

4. Report

Since this resolution was passed by Council at the March meeting, the ad has run 9 times in the weekly column costing an average of \$225 per week resulting in an estimated cost of \$2,500 until the end of the 2005-06 financial year.

If Council was to continue for the first half of the 2006-07 financial year, this advertising will cost approximately \$5,850 for the 6 months.

Given the legislation in now in force and Council has taken other steps to alert the public of its opposition to the work choices legislation, it is recommended that the ad in the weekly Council advertising column be discontinued. This does not prevent Council from placing ads in the weekly column or stand alone ads in the future.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: ITEM 8 INSURANCE RENEWALS 2006/2007

AUTHOR & TITLE: GRAHAM CARNEGIE, MANAGER EMPLOYEE SERVICES

FILE REF: F04/00153

DATE: 3 August 2018

WORD PROCESSING REF: G:\bp\reports\270606\INSURANCE RENEWALS.DOC

DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: There is no change to the 2006/07 budget.

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 result of submissions for insurance cover and premiums for various classes of insurance for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.

2. Recommendations

That Council receive and note the report.

3. Background

Council, at its meeting of the 18th April 2006 resolved as follows:

- To not invite tenders for insurance coverage for the next 12 months in accordance with Part 3 Division 1 Section 55 (3) of the Local Government Act due to the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers from Council mutuals in the insurance field.
- To seek submissions for insurance coverage for the next 12 months from Jardine Lloyd Thompson and West pool/Metro Pool - the only two Council Mutuals that exist in NSW.

In the first week of May 2006 Council invited Metro Pool and Jardine Lloyd Thompson (Statecover) to make submissions for Council's insurances for the next three years.

4. Report

Submissions closed on 26th May 2006 and were opened on this day by George Georgakis, Manager Administration and Graham Carnegie Manager, Employee Services.

David Marshall, Director Corporate and Information Services and Graham Carnegie assessed the submissions in early June.

Based on the comparison of total cost and even with separation of different policies (ie a mix between the 2 insurers of various schemes to minimise overall premium costs) it was clear that the Jardine Lloyd Thompson premiums represented significantly better financial and flexible outcomes for Council.

A further consideration was the amount of the deductible for Public Liability/Professional Indemnity which at \$25,000 instead of \$15,000 per claim represented a premium decrease of some \$165,000 per annum.

In view of our moderate claims history over the last three years, it was concluded that insuring at this higher deductible was the most cost effective. As an added precaution however, a funds reserve will be maintained to cover any unforeseen expenses as a result of the higher deductible.

The individual premiums and policies from insurance brokers, Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd for the period 30 June 2006 to 30 June 2007 are set out as follows under the various sub-providers and or Companies/Schemes.

In order to ensure Council was fully covered for all of the above insurance categories effective from 1 July 2006, acceptance of the individual schemes was necessary by mid

June 2006. Following consultation with the Mayor, these various schemes have now been effected with Jardine Lloyd Thompson.

Council is also separately covered with Statecover for Councillors and Officers Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation Insurance. Neither of these categories are part of this submission process however.

Insurance Class	Insurer/Scheme	Excess	Premium 2006/2007	Interest Insured
Property	Statewide Property Mutual	2,000	\$36,013	All real and personal property of every kind and description belonging to the member or for which the Member is responsible or assumed responsibility including all such property in which the Member may acquire an insurable interest during the Period of Insurance
Motor Vehicle	Zurich Australian Insurance	1,000	\$109,989	All motor vehicles and trailers owned, mortgaged under Hire Purchase Agreement, hired or leased
Public Liability Professional Indemnity	Statewide Mutual	25,000	\$412,500	Members of The New South Wales Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme, Known as Statewide.
	(alternative)	15,000	\$577,500	
Casual Hirers	Statewide Property Mutual	2,000	\$4,950	Legal Liability of Casual Hirers of Council owned facilities for compensation of Public Liability, bodily injury, and damage to property.
Fidelity Guarantee	Statewide Mutual Fidelity Guarantee	500	\$5,707	Covering fraudulent embezzlement of fraudulent misappropriation of money and/or negotiable instruments or goods belonging to the Insured.
Personal Accident	QBE/Mercantile Mutual Insurance Ltd		\$2,805	Bodily injury resulting in the Insured Person's death or disablement. Cover applies to travelling to, during and travelling from any Local Government Activity or business.
JLT fee flat \$15,000 plus GST			\$16500	
	Total based on \$15,000 deduct.		\$753,464	
	Total based on \$25,000 deduct..		\$588,464	

ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: ITEM 9 SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY
MANAGEMENT RESOLUTIONS FROM MAY 2006

FILE REF: F

DATE: 3 August 2018

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUNE.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 Environmental & Community Management resolutions from May 2006.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: ITEM 10 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES,
SAFETY & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

FILE REF: F05/00012

DATE: 3 August 2018

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MINUTES.DOC

DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: NIL

Policy Implications: NIL

Strategic Plan Objective: Community Well being

Staffing Implications: NIL

Notifications: NIL

Other Implications: NIL

1. Purpose of Report

To advise Council of the status of Minute Recommendations of the Community Services, Safety & Facilities Committee held on 1 June 2006.

2. Recommendation

That Council adopt the minutes of the Community Services, Safety & Facilities Committee held on 1 June 2006 with the accompanying recommendations.

MINUTES of the **COMMUNITY SERVICES, SAFETY & FACILITIES COMMITTEE** of
Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on **1 June 2006**.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Clr Vera-Ann Hannaford in the chair, Clr Robert Webb, Clr Rochelle Porteous, Clr Carolyn Allen, Linda Beltrame, David Lawrence, Sandra Jones, Pauline Valentine, Joe Mannix, Jim Riganis, Fabian Knecht, Katerina Lecchi.

Staff Present: Stuart Gibb, Michele Goeldi, Deborah Harvey, Jennifer Dowling.

Meeting Commenced: 6.30pm

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

CSSFC48/06 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of:

- Clr Jamie Parker, Jeff Thompson

ITEM 2 SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

CSSFC49/06 RECOMMENDED

That the information be received and noted with the following amendment:

- That the invitation to Streets of our Town community meeting be emailed to Councillors.

ITEM 3 VERBAL PRESENTATION – NORTON STREET SAFETY

Jim Riganias from Leichhardt Local Area Command gave an update on World Cup Soccer preparations including proposed road closures and security preparations. Police have installed CCTV at the Leichhardt Town Hall that covers Norton and Marion Streets.

CSSFC50/06 RECOMMENDED

Council to notify residents of road closures and to liaise with Police re traffic and parking requirements for the World Cup with leaflets to be distributed and informing all residents and businesses with 10 days notice of clearways and parking restrictions.

That Council request Energy Australia check for broken street lights on Norton Street and Balmain Road and repair as required prior to the World Cup event.

ITEM 4

VERBAL PRESENTATION – AUSTRALIAN DRUG FOUNDATION

The presentation from Linda Beltrame, acting CEO of the Australian Drug Foundation, outlined the services the foundation is proposing to offer from their Norton St offices, including the benefits to clients and the wider community. Their DA is currently before council and they extended an invitation to attend the Centres Open Day on 8 June 2006 at 6.30pm at 29 Norton Street Leichhardt.

It was suggested that invitations and information be letterboxed to surrounding residents and businesses and that the service visit Leichhardt Primary School to inform them of the service.

ITEM 5

LEICHHARDT LIQUOR ACCORD APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT

CSSFC51/06 RECOMMENDED

Council endorse the coaster and poster campaign for patrons with a condition that the Liquor Accord include in the campaign information aimed at encouraging the general public to report crime to police.

Council support the purchase of MAZclips for all licensed premises to reduce the number of bag thefts in the area.

That Council inform the Leichhardt Chamber of Commerce of the Liquor Accord's proposed SMS notification system and encourage their members to participate.

That Council Support the Liquor Accord application by providing assistance through Council's Community Safety Budget of financial support up to \$2000.

That the alternate budget proposal be adopted.

ITEM 6

MURAL ART COMPETITION

CSSFC52/06 RECOMMENDED

That the report be received and noted.

That Council approve the use of identified sites for murals.

That Council develop guidelines and eligibility criteria for the Mural Arts Project and that these be distributed to Councillors.

ITEM 7

BALMAIN TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

CSSFC53/06 RECOMMENDED

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 8
CLONTARF COTTAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

CSSFC54/06 RECOMMENDED

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 9
LATISIS MINUTES

CSSFC55/06 RECOMMENDED

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 10
DONATION REQUEST – NSW WRITERS CENTRE

CSSFC56/06 RECOMMENDED

That Council contribute \$3000 towards the NSW Writers' Centre for the NSW Indigenous Writers Festival to be held on Saturday 24 June 2006.

That the Mayor be requested to approve this grant under delegated authority as the event will be held prior to the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

That the NSW Writers Centre be notified of council's events funding program and they be encouraged to apply through this program in the future

(Note – the Mayor approved this request under delegated authority 9 June 2006)

ITEM 11
30th ANNIVERSARY HANNAFORD CENTRE

CSSFC57/06 RECOMMENDED

That a working party is established to organise celebrations and that representatives from council and the community be enlisted.

That the celebration takes place on Thursday, 28 September 2006.

That the following people be nominated to be on the Working Party and that a meeting be held within 2 weeks:

- Clr Vera-Ann Hannaford
- Clr Carolyn Allen
- Joe Mannix
- David Lawrence

ITEM 12

BALMAIN FOR REFUGEES ASYLUM SEEKERS PROGRESS REPORT

CSSFC58/06

RECOMMENDED

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 13

ROAD SAFETY MONTHLY REPORT

CSSFC59/06

RECOMMENDED

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 14

OTHER BUSINESS

CSSFC60/06

RECOMMENDED

That expressions of interest for Council's Community Events funding grants be called as soon as possible with 1st round closing 30 June 2006 and applicants to give presentation to 6 July CSSFC meeting. The 2nd round to close end of August 2006.

That the CSSFC write and thank Dawn Linklater for her valuable support to this meeting over the years now that she is no longer able to attend.

That a copy of the recently launched Volunteers Handbook be sent to all Councillors.

That due to safety issues around Orange Grove Shops Plaza regarding poor lighting that this area be included in the Safety Audit on 4 July 2006.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: ITEM 11 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

FILE REF: F0500015

DATE: 3 August 2018

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DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: NIL

Policy Implications: NIL

Strategic Plan Objective: Community well being – built & natural environment

Staffing Implications: NIL

Notifications: NIL

Other Implications: NIL

1. Purpose of Report

To advise Council of the status of Minute Resolutions of the Environment and Recreation Committee held on 6 June 2006.

2. Recommendation

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Committee held on 6 June 2006 with the accompanying recommendations.

MINUTES of the **Environment and Recreation Committee** of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers on **6 June 2006**.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Councillor Maire Sheehan in the Chair, Councillor Kate Hamilton, Bronwen Campbell, David Lawrence, Margaret Ryan, Elizabeth Dark, Marion Landau, Bev Maunsell, Sue Mitchell, David Fonteyn, Ted Floyd, Mary Kinny, Gillian Leahy, Paul Geraghty. Councillor Carolyn Allen joined the meeting at a later point.

Staff Present: Peter Head (General Manager), Stuart Gibb (Acting Manager, Strategic Planning), Bridget Dwyer (Senior Environment Officer), Anna Broome (Environment Officer), Aaron Callaghan (Senior Recreation Planning), Tim Jamieson (Environmental Projects Officer), Craig Johnson (Parks Technical Officer), Allen Mapstone (Manager Assets), Monique McKenzie-Gay (Biodiversity Officer), Vince Cusumano (Manager Parks and Streetscapes), Cheryl Walker (Resource Recovery & Waste Mgmt), Martin Jenner (Enforcement Team Co-ordinator)

Meeting Commenced: 6:40pm

BUSINESS:

**ITEM 1
APOLOGIES**

ERC17/06 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of:

- Councillors Vera-Ann Hannaford and Jamie Parker.

Introductions were made round the room due to the number of new attendees.

**ITEM 2
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 5 APRIL 2006**

ERC18/06 RECOMMENDED

That the Minutes of the Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting held on 5 April 2006 be received and noted as true and accurate.

ITEM 3
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC19/06 RECOMMENDED

That:

1. The Summary of Resolutions of the Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting held 5 April 2006 be received and noted.
2. That completion of actions relating to ERC18/05 be noted. Actions included the inclusion of a list and brochure on environmental weeds on the Leichhardt website.
3. Council to prepare a list of key environmental weeds found in Leichhardt, together with photos of these weeds and links to other relevant information. Then arrange for this to be included directly on the new Leichhardt Council website.

ITEM 4
CORRESPONDENCE

ERC20/06 RECOMMENDED

4.1 Notification of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Ordinary Meeting – 17 June 2006 (not 10 June 2006 as previously advised)

That the Notification of the SCCG Ordinary Meeting is received and noted.

ITEM 5
POLICY ITEMS ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Environment and Recreation Policy Review

ERC21/06 RECOMMENDED

That the Environment and Recreation Committee:

1. Receive and note this report
2. Endorse, as a matter of priority, a review of the 1994 Sustainability Strategy, the 2002 Local Action Plan for Greenhouse Gas Reduction, the 2004 (Comprehensive) State of the Environment Report and other relevant policies/plans contained in Council's policy register and as scheduled in this report in order to:
 - Identify sustainability policy gaps, anomalies and to avoid duplication and fragmentation
 - Enable the development of new and/or modify existing policy, strategies and/or action plans
 - Consolidate all Council's sustainability principles, objectives, policies and action plans/procedures into a single, comprehensive sustainability document (eg the State of the Environment Report)

- Facilitate the integration of sustainability principles across the entire organisation including the new Leichhardt 2020+ Strategic Plan and ensuing Management Plans

5.2 Water Savings Action Plan

ERC22/06 RECOMMENDED

That Council endorse the approach taken to the Water Savings Action Plan

5.3 Water Recycling and Reuse

ERC23/06 RECOMMENDED

That:

1. The report be received and noted.
2. Water recycling projects be investigated as part of the Council's Water Savings Action Plan in order to have secure sources of water.

In addition Council were requested to write to the relevant Minister with regard to the contamination of storm water from the sewage system and the actions Sydney Water is taking to ameliorate this. This is due to the impact this pollution could have on future storm water reuse options.

5.4 Birchgrove Park Tree Management Plan

ERC24/06 RECOMMENDED

That the Environment and Recreation Committee note the draft Birchgrove Park Tree Management Program.

In addition:

1. Council were requested to get the local school involved in the planting to get ownership from the children and overcome issues with damage to plants.
2. Council are to liaise with Marion Landau, Bev Maunsell and Sue Mitchell and the Rozelle Native Nursery with regard to plantings.

ITEM 6 POLICY ITEMS RECREATION

Supplementary Item LCAMP – Access to Open Space Strategy

ERC25/06 RECOMMENDED

That:

1. Council adopt the process of reviewing “The Access to Open Space Strategy for Dogs” once a year (the month of June) if the demonstrated need is identified for a specific parks
2. When reviewing the strategy Council adopt the consultation process outlined in section 4.2 of this report, for both the Annual review of the strategy and the one off review of Punch Park.
3. Council adopt the following leash provisions for Punch Park:
 - a) Punch Park – On leash Monday to Friday between 12.30pm to 5pm, on leash between 10am to 4pm on weekends and public holidays and dogs on lead at all times in the small portion of the park situated in the eastern side of the tennis courts (Option 3) as shown in Attachment 1.

In addition:

1. Whites Creek Park, Cohen Park and Paringa Reserve are to be incorporated into the review of the LCAMP – Access to Open Space Strategy, to be submitted to the Ordinary Council meeting.
2. Committee members to note that the costs to install a picket type fence around Easton Park are \$32,000 for wooden picket fence and \$95,000 for aluminium pickets. There would need to be a combination of the two types of fences to combat the problem of wooden pickets being kicked off and thus requiring re-fixing on a regular basis. This is following a Council resolution last month to bring this information back to the June meeting of this Committee.

ITEM 7

REPORTS ON MAJOR PROJECTS: ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

7.1 Water Savings Fund

ERC26/06 RECOMMENDED

That Council receive and note the report.

7.2 Less Leftovers in Leichhardt – Leichhardt Council / Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) Greenhome Challenge.

ERC27/06 RECOMMENDED

That:

1. Council endorses implementation of the Less Leftovers in Leichhardt – Leichhardt Council / ACF GreenHome Challenge project.
2. \$13,600 be allocated from Council's 2005/06 waste education budget for project development and implementation.
3. That Council consider allocating \$13,000 in the draft 2006/07 domestic waste budget for an on the ground food production project within the Leichhardt Local Government Area.

4. That Council seeks grant funding under the State Government “Urban Sustainability Fund” for an on the ground food production project in East Timor.

ITEM 8

CURRENT PROJECTS AND WORKS PROGRAM: ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

No items raised.

ITEM 9

OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Environment & Recreation Committee Meeting Times

ERC28/06 RECOMMENDED

That the Environment and Recreation Committee meetings be held on the first Wednesday of every second month effective from the next meeting ie the August meeting.

ITEM 10

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 August 2006.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
SUBJECT: ITEM 12 MINUTES OF M4 EAST TASKFORCE MEETING
FILE REF: F04/00233
DATE: 3 August 2018
WORD PROCESSING REF: G:\bp\reports\270606\M4 EAST TASKFORCE MEETING MINUTES.DOC

DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Report recommends that \$10,000 be allocated from 2006/07 Major Issues Budget

Policy Implications: NIL

Strategic Plan Objective: 2.1 Alternative Travel
2.2 Road Safety
2.3 Pollution Control and Minimisation

Staffing Implications: NIL

Notifications: NIL

Other Implications: NIL

1. Purpose of Report

To table the minutes of the M4 East Taskforce meeting held on 25 May 2006.

2. Recommendation

That Council adopt the minutes of the M4 East Taskforce meeting held on 25 May 2006.

3. Background

At the March 2006 Ordinary Council meeting it was resolved to reconvene a meeting of the M4 East Taskforce and invite representatives of Ashfield Council to attend, along with residents from the M4 East Group and Crash Group. This meeting was held on 25th May 2006, the minutes of which are attached.

MINUTES of the M4 East Taskforce held in the Supper Room on 25 May 2006.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Clr Rochelle Porteous in the chair, Clr Rae Jones (Ashfield Council), Pauline Valentine (Precinct 7&8), Mary Jane Gleeson (from 7:15pm)

Staff Present: Leta Webb, Jeff Thompson, Stuart Gibb

Meeting Commenced: 6.10pm

Chair: Clr Porteous

BUSINESS:**ITEM 1 Apologies**

Nil

ITEM 2 Representation on Taskforce

A brief discussion was held in relation to broadening the community representation on the task force. It was agreed that future invitations be extended to a wider range of groups / individuals including:

- Precinct committees particularly Annandale
- Leichhardt Chamber of Commerce
- Summer Hill / Haberfield Chamber of Commerce
- Residents of Leichhardt and Annandale

ITEM 3 Terms of Reference**M4ET06/01 RECOMMENDED**

It is recommended that Council adopt the following terms of reference for the M4 Taskforce:

M4 East Taskforce Terms of Reference

The role of the M4 East Taskforce is to:

- 1. Oppose the M4 East through community and council action.*
- 2. Advise council on strategies to achieve this and to coordinate action between various groups with similar aims.*

ITEM 4 Reporting Structure

M4ET06/02 RECOMMENDED

That the M4 East Taskforce report directly to Council.

ITEM 5 Budget

M4ET06/03 RECOMMENDED

That \$10,000 be allocated to the M4 East Taskforce from the 2006/07 Major Issues budget.

ITEM 6 Strategic Action

M4ET06/04 RECOMMENDED

That the Mayor write to the NSW Minister for Transport and the Shadow Minister for Transport asking them to make a firm commitment prior to the March 2007 state election not to build the M4 East.

That requests be made under freedom of information to the appropriate agencies to access information relating to the state government's:

- Road freight strategy
- Planned expansion of Port Botany
- Financial modelling for the M4 East

That "No M4 East" banners be re-erected at key locations in the LGA.

That the "No M4 East" information on council's website be updated.

That staff review the Metro Strategy Transport Infrastructure Plan which is due for release by the end of July 2006.

ITEM 7 Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be held after the release of the Metro Strategy Transport Infrastructure Plan.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: ITEM 13 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

FILE REF: F97/00831 9

DATE: 3 August 2018

WORD PROCESSING REF: G:\bp\reports\270606\PLANNING MAY MINUTES.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 June 2006.

2. Recommendation

That Council adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8 June 2006.

MINUTES of the PLANNING COMMITTEE of Leichhardt Municipal Council held on Thursday 8 June 2006.

Present at the meeting: Cr Damian Copley-Finch, Cr Carolyn Allen, Cr Rochelle Porteous, Cr Michele McKenzie, Ray Stevens, Meredith Walker, Paul Cooper, Shirley Dean, Grania Hickley, John Paul, Val Hamey, John Stamolis, Ross Koscharsky, Jason Boersma, Malcolm Garder, Ross McClure.

Staff Present: Karen Jones, Stuart Gibb, Christopher Reeves, Michael Rogers, Kate Drinan, Elena Sliogeris.

Meeting Commenced: 6.30 pm

Chair: Cr Damian Copley-Finch

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1

APOLOGIES

Cr Nick Dyer
June Lunsmann
Jeff Thompson
Leta Webb

ITEM 2

REPORT – MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

PC06/28 RECOMMENDED

That Council receive and note the report.

ITEM 3

REPORT – SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

PC06/29 RECOMMENDED

That Council receive and note the report.

ITEM 4

REPORT – RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THE HERITAGE REVIEW

PC06/30 RECOMMENDED

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

- 2.1 Receive and note the additional report on the incorporation into DCP2000, of a new control relating to Contributory Heritage within Conservation Areas;
- 2.2 Publicly exhibit the revised version (Alternative B) of the draft Contributory Heritage control for Conservation Areas within DCP 2000; and
- 2.3 Retain the current '*Conservation of Small Houses*' provision in DCP 2000 in its present form:
- 2.4 Until the review of the Suburb Profiles is complete, and until Contributory Heritage is suitably defined, Council institute a process where pre-1939 buildings within Heritage Conservation Areas that are proposed for demolition, are referred to a heritage advisor to develop consistency of advice.

Additional Information relating to Planning Committee Resolution PC06/30

Councillors to Note:

Further to resolutions 2.2 and 2.4 above, Councillors are advised of the following:

a. During the June 2006 Planning Committee meeting, a Committee member mentioned that a clear and concise definition for 'Contributory Heritage' was included within the judgement for a Land and Environment Court case involving another Sydney Inner City Council (as an alternative to the definition for 'Contributory Heritage' contained within 'Alternative B' of Item 4 of the June 2006 Planning Committee agenda and mentioned in Resolution 2.2 above). The relevant court case (Proceeding No. 10538 of 2005 Helou v Strathfield Municipal Council [2006] NSWLEC 66) involved the deemed refusal of a Development Application for the demolition of a single storey dwelling within a Heritage Conservation Area. The proceedings centred on whether the dwelling contributed to significance of the relevant Heritage Conservation Area.

A Land & Environment Court Planning Principle applying to contributory items in a conservation area was included within the Judgement for that case. This Planning Principle contains the following definition for a 'Contributory Item' within a Heritage Conservation Area:

"A contributory item in a conservation area is a building that is not individually listed as a heritage item, but by virtue of age, scale, materials, details, design style or intactness is consistent with the conservation area, and therefore reinforces its heritage significance"

The definition for 'Contributory Heritage' contained within draft Alternative B (as mentioned in Resolution 2.2 above) is:

"Contributory Heritage: are essential to retain an area's significance; they are the link between the present and an area's history. They are buildings, sites and site features within a Conservation Area which contribute to the heritage significance of the area, in part, because of their age and integrity. They do have a collective significance and their demolition would erode the heritage significance of the area as a whole. Council's controls aim to retain contributory items in their significant form. These items may be altered provided that the work does not reduce their significance."

Notwithstanding the Planning Committee's support for "Alternative B", in light of the abovementioned additional Land & Environment Court information, it is recommended that the definition for 'Contributory Heritage' within Alternative B be altered to read as follows:

"Contributory Heritage: are buildings, sites and site features within a Conservation Area which contribute to the heritage significance of the area. They are not individually listed as heritage items, but by virtue of their age, scale, materials, details, design style or intactness are consistent with the conservation area, and therefore reinforce its heritage significance. They do have a collective significance and their demolition would erode the heritage significance of the area as a whole. Council's controls aim to retain contributory items in their significant form. These items, however, may be altered provided that the work does not reduce their significance."

b. Resolution 2.4 recommends that all Demolition Applications for pre-1939 buildings within Heritage Conservation Areas, be referred to a heritage advisor, to develop consistency of advice. Councillors are advised that Council's Development Assessment Department is currently proceeding with the permanent engagement of a heritage advisor for the processing of Council's entire heritage related Development Applications which would achieve the consistency of advice sought by the Committee's Resolution.

Recommendation:

That the definition of 'Contributory Heritage' contained within 'Alternative B' be amended to read as follows:

"Contributory Heritage: are buildings, sites and site features within a Conservation Area which contribute to the heritage significance of the area. They are not individually listed as heritage items, but by virtue of their age, scale, materials, details, design style or intactness are consistent with the conservation area, and therefore reinforce its heritage significance. They do have a collective significance and their demolition would erode the heritage significance of the area as a whole. Council's controls aim to retain contributory items in their significant form. These items, however, may be altered provided that the work does not reduce their significance."

ITEM 5

REPORT –CONTINUITY OF ACCESS

PC06/31 RECOMMENDED

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

- 2.1 Include as a standard condition of development consent for Construction and Site Management Plans that if access to adjoining or nearby properties is to be obstructed during certain periods of the day, a notification letter be sent to affected properties informing them of the times when this access will be impeded.

ITEM 6

REPORT – 3 MONTH REPORTING

PC06/32 RECOMMENDED

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

ITEM 7

OTHER BUSINESS

PC06/33 RECOMMENDED

It is recommended that: Council resolve to:

Undertake a visioning process for the Inner Western Sydney Harbour, in conjunction with City of Sydney Council to develop principles and guidelines for an updated and integrated working harbour management plan.

The principles that are to form part of the vision shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. *The need for co-ordinated planning of the foreshore including the impact on nearby land uses.*
2. *Recognition of Sydney Harbour as a working port.*
3. *Review of potential industrial uses for the foreshore industrial land.*
4. *Principles for redevelopment of maritime industrial land.*
5. *Proposals for public access, landscape management and environmental management.*
6. *New uses do not remove or detract from the opportunities for improving access to the Balmain/Rozelle peninsula.*
7. *New uses do not detract from the achievement of a compatible use for heritage items such as the former White Bay Power Station.*
8. *Ensure that services infrastructure is not limited by any proposed development.*
9. *Ensure that White Bay is not seen in isolation from the broader area.*

Additional Information relating to Planning Committee Resolution PC06/33

Councillors to Note:

Further to Resolution PC06/33 above, Councillors are advised of the following:

Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 28 March 2006, in relation to the appropriate management of development in White Bay, resolved as follows (C70/06):

“That Council develop a brief for a feasibility study on the type of industries consistent with the working harbour in White Bay which will contribute to reducing Sydney’s ecological footprint.”

Accordingly, Council has engaged a suitably qualified consultant to undertake this project. The work is to include:

- The scoping of existing activities on site and in adjacent areas;
- The scoping of proposed demographic and land use changes in adjacent areas;
- The study of other port redevelopments in Australia and overseas to identify some potential land uses that may be appropriate in this location (involving a literature review, the review of websites, plus discussions with colleagues working in urban planning for port authorities);
- The identification of other potential land uses based on Sydney’s positioning within global business networks;
- The development of criteria to assess the above potential future uses by integrating sustainability planning criteria with heritage considerations, issues of economic viability, employment and aesthetic issues. These criteria will be drawn from an understanding of the site and surrounding land uses, considering the local, metropolitan and global scales and the symbolic nature of this site;
- The preparation of a matrix of the compatibility of the above criteria with potential land uses; and
- The development of a second stage matrix of criteria with potential land uses, including compatibility with the Glebe Island Masterplan and SREP 26.

Additionally, the consultant will be undertaking community consultation as part of this project. Accordingly, Councillors are advised of the similarity of this project to the proposed visioning project mentioned in PC06/33, and the likely duplication of effort that would ensue if Council resolved to support Resolution PC06/33.

Recommendation:

That the recommendation from the Planning Committee regarding White Bay be noted and referred to the consultant undertaking the work on White Bay for consideration when developing criteria for future development.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
SUBJECT: ITEM 14 TELSTRA PHONE TOWER - NORTON PLAZA
AUTHOR & TITLE: DENISE BENDER, EXECUTIVE APPEALS PLANNER
FILE REF: F06/00044
DATE: 3 August 2018
WORD PROCESSING REF: G:\bp\reports\270606\TELSTRA.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**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council as to the notification requirements of the ACIF Code and the contents of the Radcom register for Leichhardt (in response to resolutions 2 and 3 outlined below).

2. **Recommendations**

That Council receives and notes this report.

3. **Background**

At the meeting of 23 May 2006, Council resolved:

1. *That Council receives and notes this report and writes again to Telstra requesting EMR testing of the facility once all three systems have been installed, with copies of the results provided to school principals within 500 m and to Council.*

Comment: A copy of the letter to Telstra is attached to this report.

2. *That Council investigates what notification Telstra should provide on the intended installation of UMTS and if it is compliant with the ACIF code;*

Comment: This matter is addressed in the body of the report below.

3. *Council writes to ACMA asking if Telstra is in breach of the ACIF code in that Telstra installations at 55 Norton Street are not recorded on the Radcom register, and if this is so what penalties will be imposed on Telstra of this;*

Comment: This matter is addressed in the body of the report below.

4. *That Leichhardt Council advertises in its Mayoral Column on three occasions over the next 4 months the overall conclusions of the report finishing with the phrase "Leichhardt Council will continue to pursue the issues raised in this report and lobby to ensure the precautionary principle is properly applied with telecommunications installations;*

Comment: This matter is currently being actioned.

5. *That the local community directly impacted by this installation be informed of the ongoing monitoring Council is undertaking of the EMR levels and the results of the current report and of Council's commitment to addressing the issues raised in this report.*

Comment: This matter is addressed in the body of the report below.

4. **Report**

Notification requirements

A new ACIF code was issued in January 2006. Table 3 of this Code requires Council to be notified about a proposed installation at an “existing site” without a development application.

The Code requires Council to be notified once in writing about the proposal. The letter must include:

- Details of the proposed location.
- A written description of the proposal.
- A statement setting out whether the Carrier regards the infrastructure as a Low-impact Facility under the Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 1997 and the reasons for that conclusion.
- A statement that the proposal will be in compliance with the ACMA EME regulatory arrangements.
- If the radiocommunication infrastructure is associated with a base station used for the supply of public mobile telecommunications services, a statement of estimated EME exposure levels in accordance with ARPANSA prediction methodology and report format.
- A statement that Council may obtain further information on the proposed work and contact details for the Carrier’s representative from whom the information may be obtained.

The Code also states that the Carrier must publish a notice in a newspaper circulated in the area surrounding the location of the proposed work. The notice placed in a newspaper circulating in the area surrounding the location of the proposed work must:

- Describe the proposed work and its location.
- State that members of the public may obtain further information on the proposed work.
- Provide contact details for further information.
- Invite written submissions.
- Specify the closing date for submissions which must be at least 10 business days after which the notice is published and the address to which the submissions must be sent.

No consultation strategy is required.

It is noted that UMTS has not been installed at 55 Norton Street and thus Telstra is not in breach of the Code. Notification must occur before the installation of UMTS to be compliant with the ACIF Code. Given that Council has received two such notifications for other sites in the past two months it seems likely that Telstra will meet their obligations with regard to the ACIF Code.

Radcom register

The Telstra installation at 55 Norton Street is recorded on the Radcom register which can be accessed from the acma website. A list of the registered radiocommunications facilities within Leichhardt (postcode 2040) is attached.

Clarification of “local community”

Resolution 5 has not yet been actioned as it is unclear what area is considered the “local community”. It has been suggested that the local community means the “residents directly impacted on” and includes those in Balmain, Renwick and Norton (especially the Forum). It is suggested that an area be circled on the map below to make it clear which properties should be notified.



5. Conclusions

Council has already written to Telstra requesting that EMR testing is undertaken once all three of the proposed antennas have been installed and are operating and to provide Council and school principals within 500 m of the site with a copy of a report on the findings of this testing.

In light of the fact that the Telstra installation at 55 Norton Street is recorded on the Radcom register and that Telstra has been notifying Council of its intention to upgrade other existing facilities to 3G (UMTS), it is considered that no further action is required by Council at this time.

Once “local community” has been defined, Council will action resolution 5.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: ITEM 15 WATER SAVINGS ACTION PLAN

AUTHOR & TITLE: TIM JAMIESON, ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS OFFICER

FILE REF: F05/00167

DATE: 3 August 2018

WORD PROCESSING REF: G:\bp\reports\270606\WATER SAVINGS ACTION PLAN.DOC

DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Ongoing costs to implement actions over four year period

Policy Implications: Water Savings Action Plan will become Council policy once adopted

Strategic Plan Objective: 3.1 Conservation and Enhancement
3.2 Pollution Control and Minimisation
5.1 Enhanced Image
5.2 Effective Management
5.3 Community Involvement

Staffing Implications: Across Council Involvement

Notifications: Nil

Other Implications: Nil

1. **Purpose of Report**

To allow Council to consider the Water Savings Action Plan for adoption and submission to the Department of Energy Utilities and Sustainability (DEUS).

2. **Recommendations**

That:

2.1 Council adopt the Water Savings Action Plan and submit to DEUS by 30 June 2006.

2.2 Council provide annual progress reports to DEUS.

3. **Background**

3.1 **Sydney's water shortage**

In response to prolonged periods of drought, mandatory water restrictions were introduced in October 2003 for the broader Sydney Region. In 2004, the NSW government produced a Metropolitan Water Plan for Sydney to further address the water shortage over the next 25 years. Under this Plan, DEUS has been given responsibility for promoting improved water efficiency to high water using business and government agencies.

3.2 **Water savings within Council**

On the 12 March 2002, Leichhardt Council became a voluntary signatory to the Sydney Water Corporation Every Drop Counts Business Program (EDCBP). The arrangement aims to promote and drive sustainable improvements in water efficiency, to reduce water consumption and increase financial savings. As a signatory, Council has resolved to reduce the volume of potable water consumed by Leichhardt Council in its operations.

Council undertook an internal management review with the assistance of Sydney Water to benchmark corporate level performance and identify areas where management improvements should take place. A detailed technical review of Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (Council's largest water consuming site) and Leichhardt Oval No.2 was also undertaken to determine water saving opportunities.

In 2004 Council developed a Three Year Action Plan for Water Conservation as part of the EDCBP. To date, many water conservation projects have been implemented including installation of the cloudmaster irrigation system, rainwater tanks and waterless urinals. In leading by example, Council seeks to encourage local business and the community to also reduce water consumption through education campaigns and promotion in the media.

3.3 **Statutory requirements**

Under the Energy Administration Amendment (Water and Energy Savings) Act 2005, all business and government agencies with high water usage and local Councils (collectively termed designated users) are required to produce a Water Savings Action Plan (WSAP). The purpose of this Plan is to provide a framework for identifying water saving opportunities at both the management and operation

levels for the top ten water using sites of an organisation. DEUS has developed guidelines and provides technical support to assist designated users in the preparation of the WSAP.

4. Report

4.1 WSAP Structure

The primary objective of an organisation in completing a WSAP is to reduce their water consumption, therefore reducing the demand on Sydney's potable water supply. In order to maximise water savings, each organisation is to focus on its top ten water using facilities. The guidelines outline the following three main sections that are to be included in the WSAP:

4.1.1 *Baseline Water Use*

The baseline water use is a benchmark of water use under normal operating procedures from which Council can measure future water usage. In complying with DEUS guidelines, Council was required to use a minimum of twelve months of water usage data to determine its baseline water use. Under this section key performance indicators were created to further assess performance against industry benchmarks. The baseline data and industry benchmarks have been used to calculate a monthly water use target for each site. This target factors in potential savings made after the recommended water savings measures have been implemented. Monthly meter readings will begin at each site to determine progress made towards water use targets.

4.1.2 *Water Management*

The purpose of the water management section is to assess the level of commitment to water conservation within Council. A water management review was conducted to determine whether water conservation is incorporated into management practices and decision making, and highlights areas that require improvement. This review was facilitated by Sydney Water under the EDCBP and was used to fulfil the requirements of this section of the WSAP. During this process, critical management items were identified and are listed in the WSAP as water management actions. Actions include improved monitoring and reporting of water use, and the development of performance targets and motivation.

4.1.3 *Water Savings Measures*

Opportunities to save water are called water savings measures and include repair or replacement of leaks, faulty or old equipment and modifying inefficient operating procedures. This section contains site specific water saving measures that were identified during water audits. The audit, or technical review, involved the documentation of all water using equipment and operating processes at each site. The Department of Commerce assisted Council in carrying out the technical review and in developing savings measures which have been assigned key responsibilities and timeframes to ensure accountability and timely implementation.

4.1.3 *Community Water Saving Initiatives*

While not a requirement of DEUS, Council has extended the WSAP to include initiatives that promote water savings within the community. This includes education campaigns to increase awareness and to encourage residents and businesses to conserve water. Many of these actions are already implemented and will continue under the WSAP.

4.2 Council's Primary Water Management Document

Under the EDCBP, Council developed a Three Year Action Plan for Water Conservation with assistance from Sydney Water. The WSAP will incorporate actions from both the previous Action Plan and those identified from the most recent water audits. After approval, the WSAP will replace the old Action Plan as Council's key water management document. The WSAP is therefore not limited to Council's top ten water using sites and includes actions to reduce water consumption for all relevant Council sites and the local community. A copy of the plan has been circulated to Councillors separately. All timeframes and responsibilities for each action or measure listed in the WSAP have been assigned and approved by Council's water management staff. It is therefore recommended that Council approve and signoff the WSAP.

4.3 Progress Reporting

As a requirement of DEUS, progress made towards the outcomes listed in the WSAP will be reported annually back to DEUS. At the end of four years the WSAP will be reviewed and updated accordingly. In this way the WSAP will be a dynamic document, allowing for temporal changes and the incorporation of new water saving technology.

5. Summary/Conclusions

Through the EDCBP, Council has resolved to reduce its water consumption and to encourage local businesses and the community to do the same. Once adopted by Council, the WSAP will provide a comprehensive framework for achieving reductions in water consumption. When implemented, the water savings measures listed in the WSAP will reduce Council's potable water demand by 17,827 kL per year. These measures have an initial cost of \$108,550 and will return \$21,570 per year.

It is recommended that Council approve and sign off the Water Savings Action Plan. It is also recommended that the actions in this Plan are implemented so as to reduce Council's demand on Sydney's water supply.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

SUBJECT: ITEM 16 SUMMARY OF INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICE DELIVERY RESOLUTIONS FROM MAY 2006

FILE REF: F

DATE: 3 August 2018

WORD PROCESSING REF: G:\bp\reports\270606\SUMMARY INFRASTRUCTURE JUNE.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 Infrastructure & Service Delivery resolutions from May 2006.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORT

DIVISION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

SUBJECT: ITEM 17 BRENAN ST COMMUNITY GARDEN AND THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE ROZELLE BAY COMMUNITY NATIVE NURSERY TO THE NISSAN HUT SITE

AUTHOR & TITLE: VINCE CUSUMANO, MANAGER PARKS & STREETSCAPES

FILE REF: F

DATE: 3 August 2018

WORD PROCESSING REF: G:\bp\reports\270606\BRENAN STREET JUNE.DOC

DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: There is \$60,000 identified in the Developer Contributions Plan No. 1 Open Space and Recreation for the Nissan Hut Site.

Policy Implications: Nil

Strategic Plan Objective: Community Well Being: 1.2 Recreation Provision; 1.5 Community Support; Natural Environment: Conservation and Enhancement 3.1 Built Environment: 4.2 Land Use Responsible Government: 5.1 Enhanced Image; 5.2 Effective Management; 5.3 Community Involvement

Staffing Implications: NIL

Notifications: The Whites Creek Valley Park plan of management will need to be re-exhibited

Other Implications: NIL

1. **Purpose of Report**

To inform Council of the status of the proposed Brenan St Community Gardens site and to update Council on the current status of the Nissan Hut site at Whites Creek Valley Park.

2. **Recommendations**

1. That Council approve the re-exhibition of the Whites Creek Valley Park plan of management to reflect the use of the Nissan Hut site as a location for the relocation of the Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery (RBCNN).
2. That Council request DIPNR to carry out demolition of the Nissan Hut as soon as possible to stop the incidence of vandalism and anti-social behaviour currently occurring in this building.
3. That should Council approve the use of the Nissan Hut site for the relocation of the RBCNN then due to the on-going issues with SHFA and Railcorp on contamination, rezoning and lease matters, that Council no longer pursue the acquisition of the Brenan St site.

3. **Background**

For some time, Council has been pursuing a number of State Government agencies in an attempt to secure tenure on the parcel of land on the corner of Brenan St and Railway Pde Lilyfield for the purposes of establishing a community garden and possible relocation site for the activities of the Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery (RBCNN).

The RBCNN are currently located in premises at the rear of Chapman Rd Annandale adjacent to the self storage building. They have been there since 1997 when Council agreed to allow them to operate on the site earmarked as being eventually demolished and turned into an extension of Bicentennial Park Stage 2.

In May 2003, the Council of the City of Sydney, as part of the boundary change with Leichhardt Council took over control of this parcel of land. Since this time, Council has been investigating a number of options for the relocation of the RBCNN activities to somewhere within the LMC boundary.

In March 2005 a report was presented to Council on the proposed Brenan St Community Garden site. This report outlined the status at that time in regard to Council's acquisition of the land.

Council, at this time resolves as follows:

That the Mayor and interested Councillors seek a meeting with the Minister of Planning to seek his agreement to the transfer of this land subject to SRA and rail corp agreement to Leichhardt Council as a community park.

Council enter into discussions with the nursery and Brenan Street Community Gardens group and Bradshaw's Earthworks to work out a costing and timeline for remediation of the site.

Since this time Council has continued to gather information on the acquisition of the parcel of land, the contamination issues and remediation level required to bring this land up to a state that would allow for its use for community purposes. Agreement on the mechanisms to allow for the possible transfer of this parcel of land has not been forthcoming.

4. The Brenan Street Site

Recent discussions with Council's Property and Commercial Services Manager, Railcorp and the planning authority for this parcel of land Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) have revealed a number of further obstacles to the acquisition of the land.

The main problem is the zoning - Port and Employment Zone under Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No. 26. Clause 20C states that "only uses which the consent authority is satisfied are generally consistent with one or more of the zone objectives are permissible within this zone." The objectives are to do with port employment and there is nothing which indicates a park or community garden would be accommodated under this zoning. This is not a zoning under Council's LEP, but under the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan, so it is not Council who would be trying to obtain the re-zoning, but Council could only encourage the State Government to proceed down this path.

Another obstacle to acquiring the land is that Railcorp are not prepared to grant a long term lease citing possible expansion of the light rail that may necessitate them using of this parcel of land in the future.

Council is already aware of the contamination issues and would be required to cap the site with 0.5 metres of validated fill prior to it being acceptable for community purposes. This capping would preclude the planting of large trees on the site that could breach the capping layer and all but rule out the use of the area for the production of edible crops such as those currently grown on other Council community gardens such as the garden in White St.

5. The Nissan Hut Site

This site at 22 Wisdom St Annandale forms part of the land identified in the 1951 County of Cumberland Plan for acquisition and inclusion into Whites Creek Valley Park (WCVP).

In 2005 The Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources (DIPNR), purchased the land and lodged a Development Application for the demolition of the Nissan Hut structure and the remediation of the land prior to it being handed over to Council.

This DA was approved in April 2006 and Council is currently awaiting DIPNR to carry out this demolition and remediation project. There has been no firm date set for these works however Council will pursue DIPNR to complete the works as soon as possible. Local residents have requested that the building be demolished as

soon as possible as it is presently being used by local youths as a centre for vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

This area is shown in the WCVF plan of management as being used for community purposes and as such the use for a community garden/nursery would be in accordance with the POM. While reference to the Nissan Hut being retained in some form as a “translucent covered area for community purposes”, information from DIPNR indicated that the building is beyond repair and therefore the DA to demolish and remediate the site was lodged and approved.

As there is a departure from the adopted plan of management, Council would be required to re-exhibit the plan recommending the amendment to that section of the document to allow for the area to be used for the community nursery. In this way the provisions of the Local Government Act under Section 41 would be satisfied.

The plan would need to be exhibited for the statutory period of 28 days with a further 14 days allowed for written submissions. The amended plan would then need to be adopted by Council.

This site is 950 square metres, relatively flat and could accommodate the relocated nursery and still provide other areas for community uses. Discussions and site visits with representatives from the RBCNN have occurred and they feel that the site would be ideal for not only their present needs but would also allow for a possible expansion of community based bushland revegetation propagation activities in the future.

There are also opportunities to link a number of environmental initiatives in WCVF. Water for the nursery operations could be obtained from the adjacent wetland and the plants propagated at the facility can be used on revegetation works in the Labyrinth and along Whites Creek.

6. Conclusions

The relocation of the community nursery to Whites Creek Valley Park would provide a long term solution to the ever expanding volunteer activities involved with bush revegetation in the Leichhardt area.

While the Brennan St site could have accommodated these and other activities, the site would have required a significant injection of funds to bring them up to a permissible standard. This coupled with the zoning and long term tenure issues preclude acquisition of this site for community purposes.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

SUBJECT: ITEM 18 GRANT FUNDING FOR MORT BAY PARK
PATHWAYS AND BALL COURT

AUTHOR & TITLE: VINCE CUSUMANO, MANAGER PARKS & STREETSCAPES

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DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Funding is available in the S94 plans to match the grant funding and complete these projects in 06/07

Policy Implications: Nil

Strategic Plan Objective: 1.2 Recreation Provision; 3.1 Built Environment; 4.3 Infrastructure Maintenance and Provision, 4.4 Heritage Conservation, 5.2 Effective Management,

Staffing Implications: Nil

Notifications: Adjoining residents will be informed about impending works

Other Implications: Nil

1. Purpose of Report

To seek Council permission to allocate funds to match grant funding for a ball court and additional pathways in Mort Bay Park in accordance with the Mort Bay Park plan of management and masterplan.

2. Recommendations

1. That Council allocate \$71,363 from the 2006/07 Balmain Foreshore works funding provided in the Open Space & Recreation Developer Contributions Plan (2005), to match the Metropolitan Greenspace Programme grant funding of \$62,050 and complete the construction of the pathway system in Mort Bay Park at a cost of \$133,413
2. That Council allocate \$49,900 from the Community Facilities and Services Developers Contributions Plan (1996) to match the \$12,500 Department of Sport & Recreation Capital Improvements grant to construct the ball court in Mort Bay Park Site C at a cost of \$62,400.

3. Report

In 2005 the Parks & Streetscapes Section and the Recreation Section applied for dollar for dollar grants to augment Councils funding for a number of identified projects.

These included the Metropolitan Greenspace Programme, where Council sought funding to complete a number of pedestrian links in Mort Bay Park and the Department of Sport & Recreation Capital Improvement Programme, where Council sought funds to construct the ball court as part of the recently commenced Mort Bay Park Site C works.

Both of these projects have been identified and adopted by Council as part of the Mort Bay Park Plan of Management and Masterplan in November 2004.

Council was successful in obtaining these grants and now need to match the funds to carry out the works.

There are currently funds available in Council's Developer Contributions Plan No.1, Open Space & Recreation and Community Facilities and Services Section 94 Developers Contributions Plan to match these grants and carry out these projects.

Construction of the Mort Bay Park Site C works commenced earlier this year and will see this section of the park landscaped and linked to the existing Mort Bay park complex.

Part of the works identified in the plan of management and masterplan were pedestrian links to the older section of the park and the construction of a ball court in Site C.

Both of these projects were quoted on as part of the tender process for Site C and Landscape 2000 were awarded the contract for this project.

As funding for the pathways and ball court were being sought through grant funds, these portions of the contract were listed as separable portions subject to the outcome of these funding applications.

As these grants have been successful in obtaining additional funds, there now exists an opportunity to complete these works and further enhance the amenity of the park.

Set out below is the funding required by Council to complete these projects.

Project	Grant funding source	Grant Funding Received	Project Cost	Funding Sought from Council	Council Funding Source
Mort Bay Park Additional Pathways	Metropolitan Greenspace Programme	\$62,050	\$133,413	\$71,363	Developer Contributions Plan No.1, Open Space & Recreation, (2005)
Mort Bay Park Site C Ball Court	Department of Sport & Recreation Capital Improvement Programme	\$12,500	\$62,400	\$49,900	Community Facilities and Services Section 94 Developers Contributions Plan (1996)

Council has the capacity in its major capital projects plan to undertake this work and this plan will be amended accordingly should Council approve these funds. Should funding be approved, work on these projects can be commenced and completed as part of the current works at Mort Bay Park Site C.

It is envisaged that current landscape works on Mort Bay Park Site C will be completed in August and the Mort Bay Park Child Care Centre will be completed some time in October.

5. Conclusions

The completion of the pathways and ball court as part of the current works in Mort Bay Park will see the fulfilment of a number of the major projects as identified by the community in the Mort Bay Park plan of management and masterplan and further improve the amenity of the park.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

SUBJECT: ITEM 19 DIVISION OF PARKS & OPEN SPACE
MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES AT BALMAIN
SHORES, ROZELLE

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OPEN SPACE.DOC

DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: The proposed arrangement could be accommodated with no additional expenditure to Council

Policy Implications: In line with a similar arrangement at the adjoining Balmain Cove site

Strategic Plan Objective: 1.2 Recreation provision
4.3 Infrastructure maint. & provision

Staffing Implications: Nil

Notifications: Nil

Other Implications: Nil

1. **Purpose of Report**

To seek Council approval for the shared open space and park maintenance activities at Balmain Shores in a similar arrangement to that which is successfully working in the adjoining Balmain Cove site.

2. **Recommendations**

1. That Council's day labour undertake the specified maintenance of the open space at Balmain Shores as outlined in Schedule 1b in this report, for the care and maintenance of open space from 1st August 2006.
2. That Council consents to Balmain Shore's Owners Corporation to maintain all garden beds and other areas in the public open space as detailed in figure 1 of this report to the existing higher standards and to the satisfaction of the Director of Infrastructure and Service Delivery.

3. **Background**

In October 2003 a report was presented to Council outlining a new open space and park maintenance arrangement at Balmain Cove.

This came about due to the fact that the Owners Corporation wished to see a higher level of park and open space maintenance than that which was the standard for Council's parks and reserves.

To achieve this Council resolved to allow for the Owners Corporation to contract out the maintenance of the garden beds on the site, which they wanted to maintain to a higher level with precise hedging and a higher grade of mulch. In exchange, Council agreed to carry out the mowing of the turf areas on the site to a higher level than what Council's other parks received. As well Council were also responsible for the replacement of plants and the provision of mulch in these garden beds.

4. **Report**

In March this year the Community Association from Balmain Shores wrote to Council seeking to reach an agreement on the reallocation of open space and garden maintenance responsibilities at Balmain Shores. A copy of their letter is attached as Appendix A.

They feel that the current scope of works currently provided by Council and agreed to back in 2003 is now not of a high enough standard. The current level of service is as follows:

SCHEDULE 1a – Balmain Shores

- emptying of litter bins - weekly,
- installation and restocking of dog litter bag dispensers - weekly,
- repairs to paths and roadways - as and when required,
- maintain public lighting and contribute to electricity

- maintenance of street trees including the trimming of wayward branches
- clearing of the stormwater silt traps - as and when required,
- road and streetcleaning using suction sweeping machines - *every 2 weeks*
- broadacre mowing using ride on mowers and/or tractor drawn mowers and handmowing around furniture, trees and garden beds including edging (*every three weeks in summer and as required in the cooler months – this would equate to a minimum 17 cuts per year for general turf areas and a minimum 24 cuts for the playing field area of Bridgewater Park*)
- garden maintenance including monthly removal and replacement of dead and dying plants, weeding, pruning of wayward growth and yearly remulching (excludes hedging of plants)
- weed eradication along paths and roads
- programmed turf maintenance including aeration, fertilising, topdressing disease management and control of broadleaf weeds
- manual streetcleaning – every 3 weeks

They therefore wish to take over the maintenance of a number of areas such as the mowing of Dickson Green, mowing of grass verges in Yarra Ave and Warayama Place and the care of a number of garden beds on the site as shown on the attached map. See Figure 1.

In exchange for the reduction in the scope of works currently provided by Council they propose that Council should increase the level of frequency of maintenance for the remaining areas which mainly consist of broadacre mowing of Bridgewater Park and the gardens along the foreshore promenade.

The new scope of works would be in line with the agreed scope of works currently in place in the adjoining Balmain Cove site and is as follows:

SCHEDULE 1a – Balmain Shores

- emptying of litter bins - weekly,
- installation and restocking of dog litter bag dispensers - weekly,
- repairs to paths and roadways - as and when required,
- maintain public lighting and contribute to electricity
- maintenance of street trees including the trimming of wayward branches
- clearing of stormwater silt traps - as and when required,
- road and streetcleaning using suction sweeping machines - *every 2 weeks*
- broadacre mowing using ride on mowers and/or tractor drawn mowers and handmowing around furniture, trees and garden beds including edging (*fortnightly in summer and as required in the cooler months – this would equate to a minimum of 32 cuts per year*)
- weed eradication along paths and roads
- programmed turf maintenance including aeration, fertilising, topdressing disease management and control of broadleaf weeds
- manual streetcleaning – every 2 weeks

Under this arrangement, Council would also be responsible for the provision replacement of plants and mulch for the beds in the public open space area as is the case at Balmain Cove where Council contributes to these areas up to \$4,600 per annum. A calculation of the lesser garden bed areas in Balmain Shores has shown that this amount equates to \$2,500.

The Council crew that currently maintains Balmain Shores also maintain Balmain Cove and a number of other development sites such as the Vanardi and Ampol sites as well as smaller parks such as Hannan Reserve.

As the remaining quantum of works mainly consists of broadacre mowing of the larger areas such as Bridgewater Park. This could be incorporated into the current park mowing works undertaken by Council's plant operator crew. This higher frequency of service would offset the loss of garden bed and verge mowing maintenance activities currently carried out by the crew.

Should the Owners Corporation's nominated contractor not carry out the garden maintenance, then Council will carry out maintenance of these beds at Council's level of service. The costs for these works will be offset by reducing the level of service on the mowing back to Council's regular level of service for its parks and reserves

Discussions with the maintenance contractor at Balmain Cove have revealed that the abovementioned maintenance regime on the turf areas, as proposed by the Community Association at Balmain Shores will give a service level commensurate with that, which is currently being provided in Balmain Cove. Sufficient provision in the costing of these works has been given to cover the ancillary works such as broadleaf weed control, fertilising and top dressing of turf in these areas. Again, Councils planned regime will ensure that the proposed service level can be maintained. These tasks would be undertaken to coincide with Council's other turf renovation works on playing fields and high maintenance turf areas.

5. Summary/Conclusions

Balmain Shores has been established for over three years and was maintained to Council's usual level of service. Council proposes to allow Balmain Shores to maintain some garden beds and carry out selected mowing within it's open space and supplement the costs that it would normally expend in maintaining these areas to it's standard with additional mowing and the in kind provision of mulch and plants.

The adoption of this revised maintenance schedule at Balmain Shores will bring this area in line with similar maintenance activities in the adjoining Balmain Cove site.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

SUBJECT: ITEM 20 MINUTES TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – 26 MAY 2006

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PRESENT

Councillor Robert Webb	Alternate Chairperson
Sergeant Christopher Hill	NSW Police
Snr Const David Taylor	NSW Police
Darren Baker	Sydney Buses – Leichhardt Bus Depot
June Papadopoulos	Sydney Buses – Leichhardt Bus Depot
John Stephens	LMC - Traffic Manager
Abdullah Uddin	LMC – Traffic Engineer
Vera Zaccari	LMC – Road Safety Officer
Lyn Thompson	LMC – Admin Assistant
Rino Labruna	Resident for Item 2.4

LATE

Navin Prasad	Roads and Traffic Authority – Client Services
Councillor Rochelle Porteous	Eora / Leichhardt – Lilyfield Ward

APOLOGIES

Councillor Chris Windsor	Chairperson
Sergeant Michael Dunne	NSW Police
Daniela Fontana	Sydney Buses – Leichhardt Bus Depot
Kaye Innes	Sandra Nori MP, Member for Port Jackson

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes

TR06/074

Confirmation of Minutes

Committee Recommendation:

That the Minutes from the Local Traffic Committee meeting held 28 April 2006 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting's proceedings.

1.1 Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

TR06/075

1.1.1 Resident Parking Scheme - Terry Street, Balmain

Committee Recommendation:

That the Committee noted the Sydney Buses representative's advice that Sydney Buses will amend the J-stem on the western side of Terry Street, Balmain outside Sydney Secondary College to read 'Bus Zone 8.00am – 4.00pm School Days'.

2.0 Reports

TR06/076

2.1 Median Islands – Albion Street and Annandale Street, Annandale

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That the existing 'Give Way' signage be upgraded to 'Stop' signage on both sides of Albion Street on the approach to Annandale Street with the associated linemarking upgrade.
- b) That two median islands be provided in Albion Street, one either side of Annandale Street and include supplementary 'Stop' signposting and associated 'Keep Left' signs and approach barrier linemarking with raised reflective pavement markers.
- c) That the construction of the proposed median islands and associated signs and lines be listed in the current LATM programme.
- d) That the residents be advised of Council's decision.

TR06/077

2.2 No Parking – Elizabeth Street, Rozelle

Committee Recommendation:

That a 10m 'No Stopping' zone and a remaining 'No Parking' zone be installed on the western side (odd numbered properties) of Elizabeth Street between Kenniff Street and the entrance gate to O'Connor Reserve, Rozelle.

TR06/078

2.3 Stop sign and holding line – Johnston Lane, Annandale

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That a 'Stop' sign be installed on the power pole on the eastern side of Johnston Lane north of Collins Street, Annandale with associated 'TF' holding line at the building alignment.
- b) That the existing 'Give Way' sign on the power pole be replaced by a 'Stop' sign on the western side of Johnston Lane just south of Collins Street, Annandale with associated 'TF' holding line at the building alignment.
- c) That 'No Stopping' signage be installed in Collins Street at Johnston Lane.
- d) That the resident be notified of the Traffic Committee's decision.

TR06/079

2.4 Signalised Pedestrian Crossing – Marion Street at Elswick Street, Leichhardt

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That the RTA be requested to urgently undertake the following works at the signalised intersection of Marion Street and Elswick Street:
 - Remark all transverse and longitudinal linemarking with thermoplastic white lines.
 - Increase the crossing time in Marion Street and install "RIGHT TURN WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS" signs on the signal posts in Elswick Street on the southern approach of Marion Street and in Marion Street on the eastern approach of Elswick Street.
 - Investigate other treatments e.g. provide a right turn red "hold" arrow for northbound traffic in Elswick Street turning right into Marion Street.
- b) That the currency of speed count data collected in Marion Street near Elswick Street be checked and if necessary new counts be arranged.
- c) That the results of the speed count data be reported back to the Committee including a proposal to install a speed camera in Marion Street at Elswick Street.
- d) That the installation of repeater 50km/h speed limit signs along Marion Street be discussed with the RTA.
- e) That the feasibility of restricting Marion Street to a 40km/h speed limit be investigated, noting effect on bicycle route.
- f) That the position of the kerb ramps at the Marion Street / Elswick Street intersection be investigated.

g)

TR06/080

2.5 Signalised Pedestrian Crossing – Foster Street at Lords Road, Leichhardt

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That the RTA be requested to urgently undertake the following works:
 - Install "RIGHT TURN WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS" signs on the signal posts in Lords Road at Foster Street for westbound traffic in Lords Road.

- Investigate other treatments e.g. provide a right turn red “hold” arrow for westbound traffic in Lords Road turning right into Foster Street.
- b) That the Local Member be requested to write to the Minister for Roads requesting urgent assistance to expedite works in improving pedestrian conditions at the intersection of Foster Street at Lords Road, Leichhardt.
- c) That Council write to the Minister for Roads requesting urgent assistance to expedite works in improving pedestrian conditions at the intersection of Foster Street at Lords Road Leichhardt.

TR06/081

2.6 15 Minute Parking – Elswick Street, Leichhardt

Committee Recommendation:

That a 5.2m ‘15Min P 8.30am-6.30pm Mon-Fri; 8.30am-1pm Sat’ zone be installed on the eastern side of Elswick Street immediately north of the ‘No Stopping’ zone from Marion Street, Leichhardt.

TR06/082

2.7 Children’s Crossing – Eaton Street, Balmain

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That a Children’s Crossing be installed in Eaton Street approximately 6m south of the pedestrian footpath north of Balmain Public School with associated kerb ramps.
- b) That the 17m ‘4P 8am-10pm; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2’ zone on the eastern side of Eaton Street just north of Darvall Street be amended to ‘5 Min P 8am-9am; 2.45pm-3.15pm; School Days’ and ‘4P 9am-2.45pm; 3.15pm-10pm School Days; 4P 8am-10pm Other Days; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2’ zone.
- c) That the 48m ‘4P 8am-10pm; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2’ zone on the northern side of Darvall Street outside Balmain Public School be amended to ‘5 Min P 8am-9am; 2.45pm-3.15pm; School Days’ and ‘4P 9am-2.45pm; 3.15pm-10pm School Days; 4P 8am-10pm Other Days; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2’ zone.
- d) That the RTA be requested to install a repeater 40km/h School Zone sign in Darvall Street prior to the intersection of Eaton Street.
- e) That the Children’s Crossing be monitored and the matter of providing a Crossing Supervisor be referred to the RTA for consideration.

TR06/083

2.8 No Parking – Jane Street, Balmain

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That the midblock raised threshold be upgraded to a Wombat crossing including the installation of the associated signs and linemarking.
- b) That a ‘No Stopping’ (R) sign be installed on powerpole LE13417 on the western side of Jane Street, 10.6m south of the above crossing.
- c) That a ‘No Stopping’ (L) sign be installed on the eastern side of Jane Street, 14.4m south of the above crossing and immediately south of school’s driveway.

- d) That a 25.8m 'No Parking 8.15am-9am; 2.45pm-3.30pm School Days' zone be installed on the western side of Jane Street at the school entrance between the two powerpoles (LE 13418 & LE 13419).
- e) That the existing 'No Parking; 8.15am-9.15am; 2.00pm-3.00pm; School Days' zone be removed from the eastern side of Jane Street.
- f) That the existing 'No Standing' (L&R) sign on the northern side of Gladstone Street near Jane Street be replaced by a 'No Parking' (L) sign & 'No Stopping' (R) sign.
- g) That the existing 'No Standing' (L&R) sign on the southern side of Gladstone Street near Jane Street be replaced by a 'No Stopping' (L) sign and No Parking (R) sign.
- h) That a 'No Stopping' (L) sign & 'No Parking' (R) sign be installed on the power pole on the northern side of Gladstone Street near Eaton Street.
- i) That a 'No Stopping' (R) and 'No Parking' (L) sign be installed on the southern side of Gladstone Street 10m east of Eaton Street.

TR06/084

2.9 No Stopping – Jubilee Place, Balmain East

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That the Committee's support for the installation of temporary 'No Stopping' signs in Jubilee Place, Balmain East for the period 16-18 May be noted.
- b) That an on-site meeting be arranged with Sgt Trussell to discuss the installation of permanent 'No Stopping' signs in Jubilee Place near Darling Street and the bend just south of Darling Street; and the matter be reported back to the Committee.

3.0 Status Reports

Nil.

4.0 Minor Traffic Facilities

TR06/085

Committee Recommendation:

That the two (2) minor traffic facilities authorised by the Traffic Engineer as listed in **Appendix B** be endorsed.

5.0 General Business

TR06/086

5.1 Disabled Parking zone – Collins Street, Annandale

Committee Recommendation:

That a 'Disabled Parking' zone be installed in front of No. 3 Collins Street, Annandale.

TR06/087

5.2 Speed limit reduction – Darley Road, Leichhardt.

Committee Recommendation:

That the RTA be requested to expedite its investigation into reducing the speed limit in Darley Road from 60km/h to 50km/h and inform Council of the outcome.

TR06/088**5.3 Relocation & amendment of 'Disabled Parking' zone – Trivetts Lane, Balmain****Committee Recommendation:**

- a) That the existing 'Disabled Parking' zone across Nos 1-3 Trivetts Lane be relocated 1.2m towards the eastern end of Trivetts Lane.
- b) That the above 'Disabled Parking' zone be amended to a '2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area B5; Disabled Parking At Other Times' zone.
- c) That the residents of No.1 and No.3 Trivetts Lane be notified of Council's decision.

TR06/089**5.4 School Zone – Johnston Street, Annandale****Committee Recommendation:**

That the Committee noted the advice that Council's Parks & Streetscapes Section had been requested (GEAC No. 67818) to urgently prune the tree branches obscuring the '40km/h School Zone' signs in Johnston Street, Annandale.

6.0 Next Meeting of the Leichhardt Local Traffic Committee**TR06/090****Committee Recommendation:**

That the next meeting of the Leichhardt Local Traffic Committee be scheduled for Friday, 23 June 2006.

DISCUSSIONS FROM MEETING**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Confirmation of Minutes from the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 28 April 2006 (refer to **Appendix A**).

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Minutes from the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 28 April 2006 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Minutes from the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 28 April 2006 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

1.1 Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

1.1.1 Resident Parking Scheme - Terry Street, Balmain

Discussion:

- The Traffic Engineer advised that Council surveyed the residents of Terry Street about the proposed extension of the Resident Parking Scheme in Terry Street, Balmain and one of the residents raised an issue of amending the 'Bus Zone' on the western side of Terry Street outside Sydney Secondary College. The J-stem indicated the bus zone operated between 9.00am – 4.00pm; School Days; however, the regulatory sign indicated 'Bus Zone 8.00am - 4.00pm; School Days'.
- The Sydney Buses representative advised that the time indicated on the regulatory 'Bus Zone' sign was correct and they would amend their J-stem sign to read 8.00am - 4.00pm; School Days.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Committee noted the Sydney Buses representative's advice that Sydney Buses will amend the J-stem on the western side of Terry Street, Balmain outside Sydney Secondary College to read 'Bus Zone 8.00am – 4.00pm School Days'.

1.2 Council Resolution

The Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on Friday, 28 April 2006 will be considered by Council at its Ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday, 23 May 2006.

Discussion:

- Noted.

2.0 Reports

2.1 Median Islands – Albion Street and Annandale Street, Annandale

*Precinct: South Annandale – Ward: Annandale/ Leichhardt
File: ST00010; ST00037*

Council has been advised of a number of recent collisions at the intersection of Albion Street and Annandale Street, Annandale. The residents also advised that in one particular collision one of the motorists was killed. The residents have also complained that Albion Street had become a major route for east-west bound motorists to avoid a number of traffic lights on Parramatta Road.

On 7 May 2006 a group of 15 residents met at the intersection and expressed their concern about the current traffic conditions and sought improvement of

safety at the intersection. They strongly requested an upgrade of the 'Give Way' sign to a 'Stop' sign in Albion Street so that motorists in Albion Street will have to stop at the intersection. The residents advised that the main reason of the collisions is that motorists in Albion Street failed to give way to motorists in Annandale Street.

Traffic in Albion Street is controlled by 'Give Way' signage and motorists in Albion Street have to give way to motorists in Annandale Street. There is combination of 45 and 90 degree angle parking in Annandale Street is near the intersection of Albion Street and motorists in Albion Street have to cross the 'Give Way' holding line to improve their sight distance to traffic travelling in Annandale Street.

The existing 'Give Way' lines were noted to be faded and some vehicles were noted to be illegally parked too close to the intersection in Albion Street.

The current RTA reported accident history (1 January 2001 – 30 June 2005) at the intersection indicated that there had been two non-casualty reported accidents in 2001 and 2004. The Police representative has been requested to provide any recent accident records.

A Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study was undertaken in Annandale in 2000 by Council's traffic consultant (GeoPlan) and the consultant recommended that two median islands be installed in Albion Street to assist pedestrians at the subject intersection.

The latter School Safety Audit undertaken in July 2002 did not make any specific recommendation for this intersection.

In August 2005 two traffic counters were installed in Albion Street. The following results were calculated based on the recorded data:

Street	From	To	Traffic (VPD)	Direction
Albion St	Catherine St	Young St	281	Eastbound
Albion St	Catherine St	Young St	424	Westbound
Albion St	Johnston St	Trafalgar St	750	Eastbound
Albion St	Johnston St	Trafalgar St	435	Westbound

Based on the above investigation, it is considered that although the traffic volumes are not significant in Albion Street, there would be merit in upgrading the 'Give Way' signage to 'Stop' signage in Albion Street and provide a median island in Albion Street either side of the intersection of Annandale Street which should increase traffic safety at the intersection.

Officer's Recommendation:

- That the existing 'Give Way' signage be upgraded to 'Stop' signage on both sides of Albion Street on the approach to Annandale Street with the associated linemarking upgrade.
- That two median islands be provided in Albion Street, one either side of Annandale Street and include supplementary 'Stop' signposting and associated 'Keep Left' signs and approach barrier linemarking with raised reflective pavement markers.
- That the construction of the proposed median islands and associated signs and lines be listed in the current LATM programme.
- That the residents be advised of Council's decision.

Discussion:

- The Police representative provided the following recent accident information:
 - 4/5/2006 – 8.45am
Eastbound vehicle in Albion Street failed to give way to southbound vehicle in Annandale Street – no injury, vehicle towed away.
 - 12/4/2006 – 8.15am
Similar to above accident.
 - 1/6/2004 – 9.10am
Similar to above accident
 - a stolen vehicle was recently involved in an accident at the intersection.

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That the existing 'Give Way' signage be upgraded to 'Stop' signage on both sides of Albion Street on the approach to Annandale Street with the associated linemarking upgrade.
- b) That two median islands be provided in Albion Street, one either side of Annandale Street and include supplementary 'Stop' signposting and associated 'Keep Left' signs and approach barrier linemarking with raised reflective pavement markers.
- c) That the construction of the proposed median islands and associated signs and lines be listed in the current LATM programme.
- d) That the residents be advised of Council's decision.

2.2 No Parking – Elizabeth Street, Rozelle

Precinct: Nanny Goat Hill – Ward: Rozelle / Lilyfield
File: ST00203

A Council parks officer has requested the installation of a 'No Parking' zone in Elizabeth Street near the entrance of O'Connor Reserve, Rozelle to allow access for Council vehicles that maintain the Reserve. Vehicles are constantly parking on either side of Elizabeth Street which blocks the entrance to the Reserve.

Elizabeth Street is currently closed at the intersection of Quirk Street and there is an existing 'No Parking' zone across the entrance to the park.

Council's Traffic Engineer has inspected the site and met a resident of Elizabeth Street. The resident advised that the entrance of the park was normally blocked in the evening when parking is in high demand due to the nearby hotel and emphasised that there would be merit in providing a 'No Parking' zone on the western side of Elizabeth Street at the entrance to the park. On the eastern side (near the guardrail) a 'No Parking' zone is not required as parked vehicles adjacent to the guardrail do not block the entrance of the gate and on-street parking should be retained.

Based on the above investigation, it is considered that there is merit in providing a 'No Parking' zone on the western side of Elizabeth Street at the entrance to O'Connor Reserve and a 10m 'No Stopping' from Kenniff Street.

Officer's Recommendation:

That a 10m 'No Stopping' zone and a remaining 'No Parking' zone be installed on the western side (odd numbered properties) of Elizabeth Street between Kenniff Street and the entrance gate to O'Connor Reserve, Rozelle.

Discussion:

- The Committee supported the Officer's recommendation.

Committee Recommendation:

That a 10m 'No Stopping' zone and a remaining 'No Parking' zone be installed on the western side (odd numbered properties) of Elizabeth Street between Kenniff Street and the entrance gate to O'Connor Reserve, Rozelle.

2.3 Stop sign and holding line – Johnston Lane, Annandale

Precinct: South Annandale – Ward: Annandale- Leichhardt

File: ST00150/ ST00314

Local residents have requested an upgrade of the 'Give Way' sign to a 'Stop' sign on both sides of Johnston Lane at the intersection of Collins Street near the St Brendan's Primary School, Annandale to improve the safety of students and other pedestrians. The matter was raised at an on-site meeting held on 2 February 2006.

The residents were also concerned about the speed of traffic in Collins Street near Trafalgar Street and traffic counters were recently installed in Collins Street either side of Trafalgar Street. The results of these traffic counts will be tabled at the meeting.

St Brendan's Primary School is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Collins Street and Trafalgar Street. A 40km/h School Zone has been provided in both Collins Street and Trafalgar Street.

Council has recently constructed eight landscaped kerb blisters within the intersection to improve the safety of the school children and prevent illegal parking, especially during the school drop off and pick up period.

Johnston Lane is currently controlled by a 'Give Way' sign on the southern approach of Collins Street and there is no signposting on the northern approach. No holding lines exist in Johnston Lane on either side of Collins Street. It is considered that a 'Stop' sign should be installed in Johnston Lane on the northern approach to Collins Street on the power pole on the eastern side of Johnston Lane north of Collins Street with associated 'TF' holding lines at the building alignment so that vehicles stop prior to the footpath as the sight distance is poor at this location.

Similarly, a Stop sign should be installed on the western side of Johnston Lane on the southern approach to Collins Street with associated 'TF' holding line at the building alignment so that vehicles stop prior to the footpath as the sight distance is poor at this location.

At the time of inspection vehicles were noted to be illegally parked in Collins Street too close to the intersection of Johnston Lane resulting in minimum sight distance for motorists in Johnston Lane at Collins Street.

The current RTA reported accident history (1 January 2001 – 30 June 2005) indicated that there had been no reported accidents at the intersection.

Based on the above investigation, although there are no reported accidents for the above period at the subject intersection, the site is within close proximity of a primary school and therefore there is merit in upgrading the 'Give Way' sign to a 'Stop' sign on both sides of Johnston Lane at the intersection of Collins Street for the safety of school children and other pedestrians.

Officer's Recommendation:

- a) That a 'Stop' sign be installed on the power pole on the eastern side of Johnston Lane north of Collins Street, Annandale with associated 'TF' holding line at the building alignment.
- b) That the existing 'Give Way' sign on the power pole be replaced by a 'Stop' sign on the western side of Johnston Lane just south of Collins Street, Annandale with associated 'TF' holding line at the building alignment.
- c) That 'No Stopping' signage be installed in Collins Street at Johnston Lane.

Discussion:

- Council's Traffic Engineer presented the results of two traffic counters installed in Collins Street between Trafalgar Street and Wells Street, and Johnston Street and Trafalgar Street. The following Table indicates the data from the two traffic counters:

Street	From	To	85 th %ile Speed	Traffic (VPD)	Direction
Collins St	Trafalgar St	Wells St	44.3km/h	210	Eastbound
Collins St	Trafalgar St	Wells St	42.1km/h	323	Westbound
Collins St	Trafalgar St	Johnston St	43.2km/h	457	Eastbound
Collins St	Trafalgar St	Johnston St	43.6km/h	449	Westbound

Based on the above recorded figures, the Committee agreed that the traffic volumes were acceptable and the majority of vehicles were travelling below the urban speed limit of 50km/h.

Council's Traffic Engineer advised that residents had also requested the extension of the 40km/h School Zone in Collins Street between Trafalgar Street and Nelson Street. The RTA had been requested to investigate the matter.

- Council's Road Safety Officer suggested to check any speeding during the morning and afternoon school hours i.e. during the 40km/h School Zone operational times.
- The Police representative advised that the Police cannot effectively enforce a speed zone less than 100m and usually required 250m.

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That a 'Stop' sign be installed on the power pole on the eastern side of Johnston Lane north of Collins Street, Annandale with associated 'TF' holding line at the building alignment.
- b) That the existing 'Give Way' sign on the power pole be replaced by a 'Stop' sign on the western side of Johnston Lane just south of Collins Street, Annandale with associated 'TF' holding line at the building alignment.
- c) That 'No Stopping' signage be installed in Collins Street at Johnston Lane.
- d) That the resident be notified of the Traffic Committee's decision.

2.4 Signalised Pedestrian Crossing – Marion Street at Elswick Street, Leichhardt

Precinct: Elswick – Ward: Leichhardt-Lilyfield
File: ST00199

The Police representative advised Council's Traffic Manager of recent incidents around the end of April and 2 May that involved elderly pedestrians being struck by turning vehicles at the intersection of Marion Street and Elswick Street, Leichhardt.

The Secretary of Precinct 7 & 8 also raised the above incidents with Council's Traffic Manager.

The two separate collisions involved northbound vehicles in Elswick Street turning right into Marion Street and colliding with pedestrians crossing the eastern pedestrian crossing within the signalised intersection.

In response to the Police and Precinct's advice about the above collisions with elderly residents an e-mail was sent to the RTA Transport Management Centre on 5 May requesting an urgent investigation into the operation of the traffic signals and related timing of the pedestrian 'Walk' displays which the Police that attended the pedestrian accidents considered to be too short.

An on-site inspection was undertaken with the Police representative and Council's Traffic Manager on 15 May and the Leichhardt Pharmacy Chemist also provided her advice, including that the crossings are used by students attending St Columba's Primary School and residents accessing the nearby bus stops in Marion Street. The following issues were identified:

- The green 'Walk' time on the eastern approach crossing in Marion Street was approximately 6.5 seconds and displayed the flashing red pedestrian symbol about half way across Marion Street. This timing was considered to be short for the width of the carriageway and need of an elderly or less mobile pedestrian to cross Marion Street.
- The transverse and longitudinal linemarking was noted to be faded and should be remarked by the RTA with thermoplastic white lines to make the intersection more conspicuous to motorists.
- In the interim period, the RTA should be requested to increase the crossing time in Marion Street and install "RIGHT TURN WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS" signs on the signal posts in Elswick Street on the

southern approach of Marion Street and in Marion Street on the eastern approach of Elswick Street.

- For a long term solution, the RTA should be requested to investigate other treatments e.g. provide a right turn red “hold” arrow for northbound traffic in Elswick Street turning right into Marion Street.

This would be displayed when pedestrians receive the green Walk signal to cross Marion Street on the eastern approach of Elswick Street.

The current RTA reported accident history for the period 1 Jan 2000 – 30 June 2005 indicated that 9 collisions had occurred at the intersection. Two of these collisions involved pedestrians in 2000 and 2002. The 2000 incident involved an 80 year old female pedestrian and the other pedestrian was also female although the age was not indicated in the RTA report.

In total there were five (5) injuries recorded which included the two pedestrians. An analysis of the accident history indicated that there were a number of different types of collision with no set patterns, except that the pedestrian collisions both involved northbound vehicles in Elswick Street and one was similar to the recent incidents.

Officer’s Recommendation:

That the RTA be requested to urgently undertake the following works at the signalised intersection of Marion Street and Elswick Street:

- Remark all transverse and longitudinal linemarking with thermoplastic white lines.
- Increase the crossing time in Marion Street and install “RIGHT TURN WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS” signs on the signal posts in Elswick Street on the southern approach of Marion Street and in Marion Street on the eastern approach of Elswick Street.
- Investigate other treatments e.g. provide a right turn red “hold” arrow for northbound traffic in Elswick Street turning right into Marion Street.

Discussion:

- Mr Rino Labruna, a local resident, advised the Committee that his father had recently been knocked down by a northbound vehicle in Elswick Street that turned right into Marion Street while his father was crossing Marion Street. Mr Labruna advised that there was not sufficient crossing time and requested an increase in the signal crossing time for pedestrians.
- Council’s Traffic Manager advised that the matter was previously reported to the RTA and he recently received a response from the RTA Road Safety Unit that the matter was listed for investigation. He also advised that westbound vehicles tends to speed down the hill in Marion Street and there would be merit in checking speed count data previously undertaken in Marion Street or arranging new counts in Marion Street. Traffic count data will be brought back to the Traffic Committee for a proposal to install a red light camera in Marion Street at the intersection.

- Councillor Robert Webb suggested that repeater 50km/h speed limit signs be installed along Marion Street.
- Councillor Rochelle Porteous advised that a large number of elderly Italian residents live in this area who have complained to her a number of times about the safety of pedestrians in this area. Councillor Porteous advised most of the accidents happen because most elderly pedestrians require a longer time to cross the road and suggested the installation of a speed reducing device along Marion Street if required.
- Council's Road Safety Officer advised that an investigation had been undertaken four/five years ago where it was found that the whole phase of the signal was problematic and it was recommended that the signal phase needed to be changed. She advised that the matter was reported to the RTA; however, no action has been undertaken by the RTA until now. She suggested that the position of the kerb ramps in the intersection should be investigated.
- Council's Traffic Manager advised that the matter would be investigated; however, sometimes it is not possible and costly to relocate ramps at an intersection because of the location of utility services.
- Councillor Porteous suggested that a 40km/h speed limit should be investigated for Marion Street. The RTA representative advised that any 40km/h speed zone would need to be self-enforcing with some form of traffic facility.
- Council's Road Safety Officer advised that she would look at the bike plan and Council should proceed in this matter in a systematic way.
- The Police representative advised that a number of accidents happened because motorists were blinded by the sun.
- The RTA representative advised that the 'right turn' movement at the intersection had been listed for investigation. Based on the outcome of the investigation, the RTA would consider holding the vehicles until the pedestrians start to walk a few steps onto the road.

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That the RTA be requested to urgently undertake the following works at the signalised intersection of Marion Street and Elswick Street:
 - Remark all transverse and longitudinal linemarking with thermoplastic white lines.
 - Increase the crossing time in Marion Street and install "RIGHT TURN WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS" signs on the signal posts in Elswick Street on the southern approach of Marion Street and in Marion Street on the eastern approach of Elswick Street.
 - Investigate other treatments e.g. provide a right turn red "hold" arrow for northbound traffic in Elswick Street turning right into Marion Street.

- b) That the currency of speed count data collected in Marion Street near Elswick Street be checked and if necessary new counts be arranged.
- c) That the results of the speed count data be reported back to the Committee including a proposal to install a speed camera in Marion Street at Elswick Street.
- d) That the installation of repeater 50km/h speed limit signs along Marion Street be discussed with the RTA.
- e) That the feasibility of restricting Marion Street to a 40km/h speed limit be investigated, noting effect on bicycle route.
- f) That the position of the kerb ramps at the Marion Street / Elswick Street intersection be investigated.

2.5 Signalised Pedestrian Crossing – Foster Street at Lords Road, Leichhardt

Precinct: Elswick – Ward: Leichhardt-Lilyfield

File: ST00626; ST00328

Council has been advised of collisions and a number of near misses involving pedestrians legally crossing Foster Street from Lords Road whilst westbound vehicles turn right from Lords Road into Foster Street without giving way to pedestrians on the signalised pedestrian crossing.

As mentioned above, the subject intersection is signalised and contains pedestrian crossings on all four approaches. The southern approach of Tebbutt Street is offset to the east of Foster Street at Lords Road. Both Tebbutt Street and Foster Street are classified roads and State Roads under the care and control of the RTA, whilst Lords Road is an unclassified road and functions as a local road.

There are a number of landuses near the intersection that generate a significant pedestrian volume e.g. Kegworth Public School on the south-west corner of the intersection; Leichhardt Marketplace shopping centre is located approximately 50m east of the intersection and a Pre-School in Lambert Park off Foster Street near Marion Street.

In response to concerns raised by local residents and Council's Road Safety Officer several e-mails were forwarded to the RTA Transport Management Centre requesting an urgent investigation into the operation of the traffic signals. The RTA TMC advised that the matter had been referred to the RTA Road Safety section for investigation and Council's Traffic Manager has requested a response prior to this meeting.

An on-site inspection was undertaken by Council's Traffic Manager and the following issues were identified:

- The majority of the approaches contain a red arrow hold in the traffic signals whilst pedestrians legally cross in the signalised pedestrian crossings.
- The subject crossing in Foster Street is not protected by a red arrow within the signals of Lords Road.

- In the interim period, the RTA should be requested to install “RIGHT TURN WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS” signs on the signal posts in Lords Road at Foster Street for westbound traffic in Lords Road.
- For a long term solution, the RTA should be requested to investigate other treatments e.g. provide a right turn red arrow for westbound traffic in Lords Road turning right into Foster Street. This would be displayed when pedestrians receive the green Walk signal to cross Foster Street on the northern approach of Lords Road.

The current RTA reported accident history for the period 1 Jan 2000 – 30 June 2005 indicated that 6 collisions had occurred at the intersection. Four of these collisions involved pedestrians in 2001 (2) and 2002 (2).

The 2001 incidents involved:

- a 14 year old female pedestrian walking east across Foster Street struck by a westbound motorist in Lords Road.
- a 2 year old male pedestrian travelling west across Foster Street in a toy vehicle struck by a westbound motorist in Lords Road.

The 2002 incidents involved:

- a 13 year old male walking east across Foster Street struck by a westbound motorist in Lords Road.
- a 54 year old female (unknown direction in Foster Street) was struck by a northbound motorist in Foster Street.

In total there were five (5) injuries recorded which included the two pedestrians.

An analysis of the accident history indicated that three of the pedestrian collisions involved westbound vehicles in Lords Road colliding with pedestrians on the northern crossing.

Officer’s Recommendation:

That the RTA be requested to urgently undertake the following works:

- Install “RIGHT TURN WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS” signs on the signal posts in Lords Road at Foster Street for westbound traffic in Lords Road.
- Investigate other treatments e.g. provide a right turn red “hold” arrow for westbound traffic in Lords Road turning right into Foster Street.

Discussion:

- Council’s Traffic Manager advised that he had received a reply from the RTA Transport Management Centre that the RTA was planning to modify the phasing arrangement at the intersection of Tebbutt Street, Foster Street and Lords Road, Leichhardt (TCS 1406) in the 2006/2007 financial year. This modification would enhance conditions for pedestrians crossing Foster Street by reducing conflict between pedestrians and vehicles turning right from Lords Road.

- Council's Road Safety Officer advised that a similar request was forwarded to the RTA on a number of occasions; however, the matter was never dealt with. Local residents are now writing to the Minister for Roads seeking assistance.
- The Police representative advised that there was no right turn arrow in the signals for westbound vehicles in Lords Road approaching the intersection.
- Councillor Porteous advised that we could not afford to have another accident and the matter should be urgently dealt with by the RTA.
- The RTA representative advised that the matter would be dealt with urgently.

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That the RTA be requested to urgently undertake the following works:
 - Install "RIGHT TURN WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS" signs on the signal posts in Lords Road at Foster Street for westbound traffic in Lords Road.
 - Investigate other treatments e.g. provide a right turn red "hold" arrow for westbound traffic in Lords Road turning right into Foster Street.
- b) That the Local Member be requested to write to the Minister for Roads requesting urgent assistance to expedite works in improving pedestrian conditions at the intersection of Foster Street at Lords Road, Leichhardt.
- c) That Council write to the Minister for Roads requesting urgent assistance to expedite works in improving pedestrian conditions at the intersection of Foster Street at Lords Road Leichhardt.

2.6 15 Minute Parking – Elswick Street, Leichhardt

Precinct: Elswick – Ward: Leichhardt-Lilyfield

File: ST00199

The Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 28 April 2006 considered a request for a Disabled Parking zone to be installed near the Leichhardt Quality Pharmacy on the corner of Marion Street and Elswick Street.

The matter was reported as a Minor Traffic Facility and recommended that no action be taken to install a Disabled Parking zone because of the existence of two Disabled Parking zones in Marion Street around 150m east of the pharmacy.

A request was received to review the matter and at the on-site inspection held on 15 May to investigate pedestrian conditions at the signalised intersection (Item 2.5 above), the matter of short term parking for elderly and less mobile residents was discussed with the Pharmacist.

It was agreed that there would be merit in providing period 15 Minute parking on the eastern side of Elswick Street immediately north of the 'No Stopping' zone associated with the signalised intersection for a single vehicle space.

This would provide short-term parking for customers during the Pharmacy's business hours whilst reverting back to unrestricted hours for residents at other times.

Officer's Recommendation:

That a 5.2m '15Min P 8.30am-6.30pm Mon-Fri; 8.30am-1pm Sat' zone be installed on the eastern side of Elswick Street immediately north of the 'No Stopping' zone from Marion Street, Leichhardt.

Discussion:

- The Committee supported the Officer's recommendation.

Committee Recommendation:

That a 5.2m '15Min P 8.30am-6.30pm Mon-Fri; 8.30am-1pm Sat' zone be installed on the eastern side of Elswick Street immediately north of the 'No Stopping' zone from Marion Street, Leichhardt.

2.7 Children's Crossing – Eaton Street, Balmain

*Precinct: White Bay– Ward: Balmain
File: ST00213*

Council has received a request from Fr John Therry Catholic Primary School for the installation of a Children's Crossing in Eaton Street for the improvement of safety of the school children while crossing the road.

Recently another parent expressed his concern to Council's Road Safety Officer about pedestrian safety while crossing Eaton Street, Balmain.

Balmain Primary School is located on the western side of Eaton Street and Fr John Terry Primary School is located on the eastern side. There are '5 Min P 8am-9am; 2.45pm-3.15pm; School Days' and '4P 9am-2.45pm; 3.15pm-10pm School Days; 4P 8am-10pm Other Days; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2' signage on the western side of Eaton Street between Darvall Street and Darling Street.

On the eastern side of Eaton Street between Darvall Street and Gladstone Street there are three carspaces restricted with a 4P RPS zone and the remaining zone includes the similar 5 minute parking zone. On the eastern side of Eaton Street between Gladstone Street and Darling Street there are '4P 8am-10pm; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2' signage.

Council's Traffic Engineer inspected the site on 16 May 2006 and met with the Principal from Balmain Primary School and Vice Principal from Fr John Therry Catholic School.

At the site meeting both schools supported the above proposal. The Traffic Engineer showed them the RTA drawing for a Children's Crossing. The Principal from Fr John Therry contacted the Traffic Engineer following the meeting and advised of her support and noted that there would be a loss of parking.

The Traffic Engineer also had advised at the meeting that there would be a need to install part-time "NO STOPPING" restrictions with the proposed crossing facility. Both schools also agreed to be responsible in attaching and

removing the associated crossing flags. Council will arrange to get their signed agreement for this matter.

At the on-site inspection the schools' Principals advised that to avoid congestion both the schools operated at different times and they suggested that the Children's Crossing should operate for the time 8.15am-9.00am and 2.45pm-3.30pm.

The installation of the Children's Crossing would remove approximately 29m of parking on the western side and 27m of parking on the eastern side of in Eaton Street during its part-time operating hours. As it is intended to install the crossing adjacent to Gladstone Street, there would not be any loss of parking in Eaton Street towards Gladstone Street.

In total approximately 56m of parking will be temporarily lost during the operation of the Children's Crossing which relates to 9 – 10 carspaces. It is therefore recommended that the three 4P RPS carspaces on the eastern side of Eaton Street just north of Darvall Street should be amended to include 5 minute parking at the school times and that the 4P RPS zone on the northern side of Darvall Street outside Balmain Public School should also be amended to include 5 minute parking at the school times.

Council's Road Safety Officer would arrange to register the School Crossing Flags and arrange the signing of the agreements with each school Principal.

The following are other issues raised by the School Principal of Balmain Primary School regarding school safety:

Précis of school's issues	Officer's Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School driveway is blocked by illegally parked vehicles which is very dangerous in case of emergency situation. School driveway need to be fixed as there is lots of cracks in the driveway which is a trip hazard. There is no advance warning sign in Darvall Street for the school after the 'School Zone' sign at the intersection of Darvall Street & Booth Street. Vehicles tend to speed at the curve in Darvall Street. Speed hump should be built in Eaton Street near the intersection of Darvall Street to improve the safety of the school children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vertical linemarking has now been provided on both sides of the driveway. Instruction has been sent to Council's asset section for investigation. The provision of a repeater 40km/h School Zone sign should be installed in Darvall Street prior to the intersection of Eaton Street. Council has no plans to build a speed hump near the school at the present time. The previous 'School Pedestrian Safety Audit' did not recommend any speed hump near the school. However, a kerb

	blister was recommended to be installed on the north-west intersection of Darvall Street and Eaton Street which will be considered in the future.
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Based on the above investigation and discussions with the affected schools, it is considered that there is merit in providing a Children's Crossing in Eaton Street near the schools' entrances.

Council has also programmed in June the construction of a raised pedestrian crossing in Booth Street on the western side of the intersection of Booth Street and Darvall Street outside Balmain Hospital, including refuge islands in Booth Street, south of Darvall Street and a kerb blister in Darvall Street. These works including the proposed Children's Crossing should improve pedestrian conditions in the area and assist in promoting walking to school.

Officer's Recommendation:

- a) That a Children's Crossing be installed in Eaton Street approximately 6m south of the pedestrian footpath north of Balmain Public School with associated kerb ramps.
- b) That the 17m '4P 8am-10pm; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2' zone on the eastern side of Eaton Street just north of Darvall Street be amended to '5 Min P 8am-9am; 2.45pm-3.15pm; School Days' and '4P 9am-2.45pm; 3.15pm-10pm School Days; 4P 8am-10pm Other Days; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2' zone.
- c) That the 48m '4P 8am-10pm; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2' zone on the northern side of Darvall Street outside Balmain Public School be amended to '5 Min P 8am-9am; 2.45pm-3.15pm; School Days' and '4P 9am-2.45pm; 3.15pm-10pm School Days; 4P 8am-10pm Other Days; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2' zone.
- d) That the RTA be requested to install a repeater 40km/h School Zone sign in Darvall Street prior to the intersection of Eaton Street.

Discussion:

- The Police representative considered the proposed crossing in Eaton Street should be controlled by a RTA trained crossing supervisor.
- Council's Road Safety Officer advised that the pedestrian crossing in Darling Street at the intersection of Eaton Street is controlled by a crossing supervisor during the morning and afternoon school peak hours. Eaton Street is a one way northbound road and due to the narrowness of the street a crossing supervisor is not required at the present time. However, the crossing would be monitored and the RTA could be requested to consider a crossing supervisor.

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That a Children's Crossing be installed in Eaton Street approximately 6m south of the pedestrian footpath north of Balmain Public School with associated kerb ramps.
- b) That the 17m '4P 8am-10pm; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2' zone on the eastern side of Eaton Street just north of Darvall Street be amended to '5 Min P 8am-9am; 2.45pm-3.15pm; School Days' and '4P 9am-2.45pm; 3.15pm-10pm School Days; 4P 8am-10pm Other Days; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2' zone.
- c) That the 48m '4P 8am-10pm; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2' zone on the northern side of Darvall Street outside Balmain Public School be amended to '5 Min P 8am-9am; 2.45pm-3.15pm; School Days' and '4P 9am-2.45pm; 3.15pm-10pm School Days; 4P 8am-10pm Other Days; Ticket; Permit Holders Excepted Area B2' zone.
- d) That the RTA be requested to install a repeater 40km/h School Zone sign in Darvall Street prior to the intersection of Eaton Street.
- e) That the Children's Crossing be monitored and the matter of providing a Crossing Supervisor be referred to the RTA for consideration.

2.8 No Parking – Jane Street, Balmain

Precinct: White Bay – Ward: Balmain
File: ST00319

Council has received a request from Fr John Therry Catholic Primary School to install a 'No Parking' zone outside the school in Jane Street, Balmain. The current frontage of the school is in Eaton Street. Recently the school has extended to the eastern side of Jane Street which is commencing classes in June 2006 and the school requires a pick up and drop off zone in Jane Street.

The road width of Jane Street is 8.2m and there is no parking restriction in the street, except for an existing 45m 'No Parking; 8.15am-9.15am; 2.00pm-3.00pm; School Days' zone on the eastern side of Jane Street which was previously used by the Inner City Montessori School which has relocated to Smith Street, Rozelle.

Jane Street operates as a 'One-Way' direction between Vincent Street and Darling Street and the street is closed at the Darling Street end. Vehicles can park on both sides of the street facing a northerly direction. There are two existing raised thresholds in Jane Street at the intersection of Vincent Street and midblock as speed reducing devices.

Council recently forwarded a proposal to the residents and business operators who have frontage/ rear or side boundary to Jane Street for the installation of a Resident Parking Scheme, however no replies were received.

Council's Traffic Engineer has inspected the site and met with the school Principal. At the on-site meeting the Principal advised that a pick up and drop off zone would reduce the parking pressure on Eaton Street. The Principal requested that a 'No Parking' zone should be installed for three/ four car spaces on the western side of Jane Street.

Once dropped off on the western side, school teachers would guide the school children to cross Jane Street over the raised threshold. In the afternoon pick up, children would be brought back to the western side by the school and

parents would be requested to attach the child's name on the car's windscreen so that the name of the children could be easily detected and by this process children could board into the car as quickly as possible.

As the school intends to use the raised midblock threshold in Jane Street specifically as a crossing point, the device must be upgraded to a wombat crossing in line with the current RTA requirements for these types of traffic facilities.

Accordingly, the raised threshold will need to be marked with zebra lines and the appropriate signposting installed including a full-time 'No Stopping' zone on the southern approach to the crossing. This will have the effect of removing approximately 2-3 carspaces.

The Principal also emphasised the importance of a 'No Parking' zone and mentioned that the school does not encourage children to walk along Gladstone Street as there is no footpath in Gladstone Street. If dropped in Eaton Street, children would have to walk along Gladstone Street to come to Jane Street.

At the on-site inspection it was also noted that the road width of Gladstone Street was only 4.7m in the section between Eaton Street and Jane Street and there were no 'No Stopping' signs in Gladstone Street at the intersection of Eaton.

Although it is mandatory not to park within 10m of the intersection, there is merit in providing 'No Stopping' signs at the intersection due to the close proximity of the primary schools.

Officer's Recommendation:

- a) That the midblock raised threshold be upgraded to a Wombat crossing including the installation of the associated signs and linemarking.
- b) That a 'No Stopping' (R) sign be installed on powerpole LE13417 on the western side of Jane Street, 10.6m south of the above crossing.
- c) That a 'No Stopping' (L) sign be installed on the eastern side of Jane Street, 14.4m south of the above crossing and immediately south of school's driveway.
- d) That a 25.8m 'No Parking 8.15am-9am; 2.45pm-3.30pm School Days' zone be installed on the western side of Jane Street at the school entrance between the two powerpoles (LE 13418 & LE 13419).
- e) That the existing 'No Parking; 8.15am-9.15am; 2.00pm-3.00pm; School Days' zone be removed from the eastern side of Jane Street.
- f) That the existing 'No Standing' (L&R) sign on the northern side of Gladstone Street near Jane Street be replaced by a 'No Parking' (L) sign & 'No Stopping' (R) sign.
- g) That the existing 'No Standing' (L&R) sign on the southern side of Gladstone Street near Jane Street be replaced by a 'No Stopping' (L) sign and No Parking (R) sign.
- h) That a 'No Stopping' (L) sign & 'No Parking' (R) sign be installed on the power pole on the northern side of Gladstone Street near Eaton Street.
- i) That a 'No Stopping' (R) and 'No Parking' (L) sign be installed on the southern side of Gladstone Street 10m east of Eaton Street.

Discussion:

- The Committee supported the Officer's recommendation.

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That the midblock raised threshold be upgraded to a Wombat crossing including the installation of the associated signs and linemarking.
- b) That a 'No Stopping' (R) sign be installed on powerpole LE13417 on the western side of Jane Street, 10.6m south of the above crossing.
- c) That a 'No Stopping' (L) sign be installed on the eastern side of Jane Street, 14.4m south of the above crossing and immediately south of school's driveway.
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- h) That a 'No Stopping' (L) sign & 'No Parking' (R) sign be installed on the power pole on the northern side of Gladstone Street near Eaton Street.
- i) That a 'No Stopping' (R) and 'No Parking' (L) sign be installed on the southern side of Gladstone Street 10m east of Eaton Street.

2.9 No Stopping – Jubilee Place, Balmain East

Precinct: Balmain – Ward: Balmain
File: ST00310

The Committee was forwarded an e-mail on 10 May that included a request from Sgt Trussell of the NSW Marine Area Command for the temporary installation of 'No Stopping' signs in Jubilee Place for the period 16 – 18 May 2006.

The signage was required to facilitate access for any oversize vehicles to the Water Police Operation Centre for an upcoming major exercise.

Following receipt of approval by the Traffic Committee members, Council arranged the temporary installation of 'No Stopping' signs on Friday, 12 May.

Consequently, Sgt Trussell arranged a letter to be forwarded to the affected residents advising them of the subject signage and seeking their assistance to not park in the designated zone in Jubilee Place.

The signs were removed by Council staff on Friday, 19 May.

Sgt Trussell later thanked Council staff and the Committee for their assistance and suggested that Council should consider installing permanent 'No Stopping'

signs in Jubilee Place near Darling Street and the bend just south of Darling Street to assist the Police Divers' vehicles and trailers etc.

An on-site meeting will be arranged with Sgt Trussell to discuss his request and the matter will be reported back to the Committee for its consideration.

Officer's Recommendation:

- a) That the Committee's support for the installation of temporary 'No Stopping' signs in Jubilee Place, Balmain East for the period 16-18 May be noted.
- b) That an on-site meeting be arranged with Sgt Trussell to discuss the installation of permanent 'No Stopping' signs in Jubilee Place near Darling Street and the bend just south of Darling Street; and the matter be reported back to the Committee.

Discussion:

- The Police representative advised that Jubilee Place, Balmain East is owned by NSW Police.
- Council's Traffic Manager advised that a 'No Stopping' sign is a regulatory traffic facility and requires referral to the Traffic Committee for approval.

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That the Committee's support for the installation of temporary 'No Stopping' signs in Jubilee Place, Balmain East for the period 16-18 May be noted.
- b) That an on-site meeting be arranged with Sgt Trussell to discuss the installation of permanent 'No Stopping' signs in Jubilee Place near Darling Street and the bend just south of Darling Street; and the matter be reported back to the Committee.

3.0 Status Reports

Nil.

4.0 Minor Traffic Facilities

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

Officer's Recommendation:

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

Discussion:

The Committee supported the Officer's recommendations.

Committee Recommendation:

That the two (2) minor traffic facilities authorised by the Traffic Engineer as listed in **Appendix B** be endorsed.

5.0 General Business

5.1 Disabled Parking zone – Collins Street, Annandale

Discussion:

- Council's Traffic Engineer advised that a request had been received for the installation of a 'Disabled Parking' zone in Collins Street, Annandale.

The applicant has requested a 'Disabled Parking' zone at the front of her property No.3 Collins Street, Annandale. The applicant holds a RTA Mobility Permit.

The property has no off-street parking. There is no parking restriction in Collins Street. There is no "Disabled Parking" zone nearby to the subject property.

- Councillor Porteous advised that a 'Disabled Parking' zone in Norton Street is illegally used by restaurant staff. Council's Traffic Manager advised that this matter would be forwarded to Council's Compliance Section.
- The RTA representative would advise Council about the requirements of owning a car in obtaining a 'Disabled Parking' zone outside the property.

Committee Recommendation:

That a 'Disabled Parking' zone be installed in front of No. 3 Collins Street, Annandale.

5.2 Speed limit reduction – Darley Road, Leichhardt.

Discussion:

- Councillor Porteous enquired as to the status of improving conditions for pedestrians wishing to cross Darley Road and the proposed 50km/h speed limit.
- The RTA representative advised that if Darley Road was not classified as a State Road the process to lower the speed limit would be simpler. Although he supports the reduction of the speed limit in Darley Road, it is a step by step process.
First, volume and speed counts would need to be taken. Generally, any State Road speed reduction does not happen because of the reduction of efficiency of the traffic flow.

The representative also advised that he would support in the interim, the provision of a refuge island in Darley Road, Leichhardt. Then later the provision of traffic signals would be considered.

- Councillor Rochelle Porteous raised her concern about the urgency of the work and advised she had received numerous emails about the pedestrian safety in Darley Road.
- Council's Traffic Manager advised that Council at its May Ordinary Meeting had resolved to survey local residents within 500 metres of Darley Road and Foster Street about pedestrian safety. He also advised that a significant Police operation was being undertaken in Darley Road and the RTA should contact the Police for the latest data.

Committee Recommendation:

That the RTA be requested to expedite its investigation into reducing the speed limit in Darley Road from 60km/h to 50km/h and inform Council of the outcome.

5.3 Relocation & amendment of 'Disabled Parking' zone – Trivetts Lane, Balmain

*Precinct: Birchgrove – Ward: Balmain
File: ST00656*

Discussion:

- Council's Traffic Engineer advised that Council had installed a 4.55m 'Disabled Parking' zone outside No.3 Trivetts Lane, Balmain, which was approved at the Traffic Committee meeting held on 23 September 2005. Following the installation of the 'Disabled Parking' zone, Council received another request from the resident of No.1 Trivetts Lane for the installation of a 'No Parking' zone in front of No.1 Trivetts Lane to improve access to and from the property.

Also, Council had received advice from other residents of Trivetts Lane that the 'Disabled Parking' space remains vacant all day between the hours 7am and 5pm while the owner of the vehicle with the Mobility Parking Permit was at work. Council's Traffic Engineer then contacted the applicant of the 'Disabled Parking' zone and received his consent to amend the time limit of the 'Disabled Parking' zone, which was considered by the Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 2 December 2005 and the Committee recommended:

- a) "That no action be taken to remove a 2 hour resident parking space and install a 'No Parking' zone outside No.1 Trivetts Lane to the end."*
- b) That the existing 'Disabled Parking' zone outside No. 3 Trivetts Lane, Balmain be amended to '2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area B2' and 'Disabled Parking At Other Times' zone."*

Council at its Ordinary meeting held on 13 December 2005 considered advice from the resident of 1 Trivetts Lane and resolved:

"That Council remove the 2 hour resident parking space and install a 'No Parking' zone outside No. 1 Trivetts Lane to the end."

The 2 hour RPS zone was then removed and a 'No Parking' zone installed outside No.1 Trivetts Lane. However, when Council's sign crew attempted

to amend the Disabled Parking zone outside No.3 Trivetts Lane, the affected resident advised that if a vehicle legally parked in the 2P RPS zone during the day, access to No.3 Trivetts Lane would be significantly affected and the amendment of the 'Disabled Parking' zone was deferred for re-investigation.

The site has been recently inspected and it was considered that a suitable solution would be to relocate the existing 'Disabled Parking' zone 1.2m in an easterly direction which would further extend across No.1 Trivetts Lane without affecting this property's access.

This solution would provide an opportunity for other residents without off-street parking to park in this carspace during weekdays whilst maintaining access for No.1 and No.3 Trivetts Lane. The subject carspace would be amended to a '2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area B5; Disabled Parking At Other Times' zone.

Council's Traffic Engineer advised that he had attempted to contact the resident of No.1 Trivetts Lane, Balmain to advise of the proposed extension of the 'Disabled Parking' zone.

Addendum:

Following the Traffic Committee's meeting, the resident contacted Council's Traffic Engineer and advised that she would support the proposal subject to Council providing reflective glass to the property's front window because if a vehicle is parked the reflection from the windscreen of the vehicle directly comes into the property.

Committee Recommendation:

- a) That the existing 'Disabled Parking' zone across Nos 1-3 Trivetts Lane be relocated 1.2m towards the eastern end of Trivetts Lane.
- b) That the above 'Disabled Parking' zone be amended to a '2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area B5; Disabled Parking At Other Times' zone.
- c) That the residents of No.1 and No.3 Trivetts Lane be notified of Council's decision.

5.4 School Zone – Johnston Street, Annandale

Discussion:

- Council's Traffic Manager advised that he received an email from the Police representative that the 40km/h School Zone signage in Johnston Street, Annandale (both directions) was obscured by tree branches which need to be pruned immediately.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Committee noted the advice that Council's Parks & Streetscapes Section had been requested (GEAC No. 67818) to urgently prune the tree branches obscuring the '40km/h School Zone' signs in Johnston Street, Annandale.

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 June 2006.

Discussion:

Noted.

Committee Recommendation:

That the next meeting of the Leichhardt Local Traffic Committee be scheduled for Friday, 23 June 2006.

CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

SUBJECT: ITEM 21 SUMMARY OF CORPORATE & INFORMATION SERVICES RESOLUTIONS FROM MAY 2006

FILE REF: F

DATE: 3 August 2018

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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 of the status of Corporate & Information Services resolutions from May 2006.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

SUBJECT: ITEM 22 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT BALANCES AS AT 31 MAY 2006

AUTHOR & TITLE: MICHELLE DE ROSA, ACCOUNTING OFFICER
TREASURY/COMPLIANCE

FILE REF: F97/00004

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DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Investment income within budget

Policy Implications: NIL

Strategic Plan Objective: 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.

Staffing Implications: NIL

Notifications: NIL

Other Implications: 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 May 2006.

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 May 2006 be received and noted.

3. **Report**

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MAY 2006

Fund Managed

Reference Number	Term Invested	Financial Institution	Amount Invested \$	Monthly Interest Rate	Annual Interest Rate
N/A	N/A	Alliance Bern.	1,468,264	5.34%	5.77%
N/A	N/A	AMP	1,725,574	5.71%	5.47%
N/A	N/A	Colonial	1,736,596	5.47%	5.54%
N/A	N/A	Macquarie	1,808,468	5.31%	5.47%

NB Monthly Interest rate is monthly return annualised.

Annual interest rate is average return received in 2005/2006 financial year.

Term Deposits

Reference Number	Term Invested	Financial Institution	Amount Invested \$	Monthly Interest Rate	Annual Interest Rate
34/99	90 days	CBA	1,352,000	5.82%	5.58%
32/03	30 days	National Bank	3,000,000	5.74%	5.44%
42/00	90 days	CBA	1,350,000	5.83%	5.59%
N/A	30 days	Balmain/Rozelle Community Bank	1,000,000	5.83%	5.66%

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	\$ 7,459,590	5.60%	5.37%

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	6.36%	6.39%
N/A	90 days	Bank of QLD	2,016,100	6.92%	6.94%
N/A	90 days	Bank of QLD	1,017,980	7.27%	7.19%
N/A	90 days	Bank of QLD	1,008,160	6.92%	6.77%
N/A	90 days	Bendigo Bank	1,000,000	6.94%	6.86%
N/A	90 days	Bank of ADL	1,000,000	6.54%	6.58%
N/A	90 days	*Ethical (Green)	2,000,000	6.60%	6.64%

TOTAL INVESTMENTS \$30,942,732

Comment

The Reserve bank has raised interest rates to 5.75%.

* The underlying structure of this investment has altered. Advice has not yet been received by Council as to whether this affects the ethical status of this investment. Council will be advised of any changes.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

SUBJECT: ITEM 23 DETERMINATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL - COUNCILLOR FEES

AUTHOR & TITLE: GEORGE GEORGAKIS, MANAGER ADMINISTRATION
SERVICES

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DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: The required funds have been allocated in the
budget for Councillor fees for the 2006-2007
period.

Policy Implications: Nil

Strategic Plan Objective: Responsible Government – Effective Management

Staffing Implications: Nil

Notifications: Nil

Other Implications: Nil

1. **Purpose of Report**

To report to Council on the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for payment of fees to Councillors from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.

2. **Recommendations**

The fees to be paid to the Mayor and Councillors for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 be as follows;

- Mayoral allowance – (additional to Mayor's Councillor fee)
(\$30,520 being \$22,410 for Mayor & \$8,110 for Deputy Mayor)
- Deputy Mayor's allowance – (to be paid out of the additional fee determined for the Mayor) - \$8,110
- Councillor's allowance – \$13,980

3. **Report**

The Tribunal handed down its determination for 2006-07 on 19 April 2006. A copy of the report and determinations has been circulated to Councillors separately.

The Tribunal has allowed for a 4% increase for Councillors and Mayors. The increase is to be effective from 1 July 2007 and it is up to Council to make the final decision over their annual fee, provided it lies within the remuneration band the Council has been designated by the Tribunal.

The Tribunal has determined that the minimum and maximum fees payable for the year 2006/07 (for Leichhardt Council) be as follows;

Councillor Annual Fee		Additional Fee – Mayor/Chairperson	
Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
\$6,355	\$13,980	\$13,510	\$30,520

(Additional to Mayor's Councillor Fee)

Deputy Mayor's Fees

There is no set fee for the position of Deputy Mayor. Under S.249(5) of the Act, if Council determines a fee for the Deputy Mayor it is required to be paid out of the additional fee determined for the Mayor.

2005/06 Fees

In 2005/06 Council resolved that fees be, Mayor - \$29,345 (being \$21,545 for the Mayor and \$7,800 for Deputy Mayor) and Councillors - \$13,440 (being the maximum permitted by the Tribunal).

2006/07 Fees

If Council was to resolve to adopt the maximum fees, and maintain the Deputy Mayor's fee at the current proportion of the Mayor's fee, the following rates would be applicable;

- Mayor (\$30,520, being \$22,410 for Mayor and \$8,110 for Deputy Mayor)
- Deputy Mayor \$8,110
- Councillors \$13,980

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION: CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

SUBJECT: ITEM 24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PECUNIARY INTEREST
AND DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL -PROCEDURE MANUAL

AUTHOR & TITLE: GEORGE GEORGAKIS, MANAGER ADMINISTRATION
SERVICES

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PROCEDURE MANUAL.DOC

DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Nil

Policy Implications: In line with Council's Code of Conduct provisions.

Strategic Plan Objective: Responsible Government – Effective Management

Staffing Implications: Nil

Notifications: Nil

Other Implications: Nil

1. Purpose of Report

To inform Councillors about the release of a revised edition of the Local Government Pecuniary Interest and Disciplinary Tribunal Procedure Manual.

2. Recommendations

The information be received and noted.

3. Background

On 25 May 2006 the Department of Local Government issued a circular to inform Councils about the release of a revised edition of the Local Government Pecuniary Interest and Disciplinary Tribunal Procedure Manual.

The Manual has undergone significant changes since its last publication in 2000. It incorporates the Tribunal's own procedures, together with the new provisions in the Local Government Act 1993 regarding the discipline of Councillors, Council staff and Council delegates (Council officials), the Tribunal's power to refer matters of contempt in the face or hearing of the Tribunal to the Supreme Court and other matters.

4. Report

The Local Government Pecuniary Interest and Disciplinary Tribunal is constituted under Chapter 14, Part 4, of the Local Government Act 1993 to hold hearings into and decide allegations of contraventions of Part 2 of that Chapter (which deals with failure to disclose interests) and to perform such other functions as are conferred or imposed on it by that Act or any other Act (s.489).

From 1 January 2005 that Act conferred on the Tribunal the additional function of holding hearings into and deciding allegations of contraventions of Part 1 of that Chapter (which deals with misbehaviour).

Under the Act, complaints of contraventions of Part 2 are dealt with in the first instance by the Director-General of the Department of Local Government. There is a procedure laid down. Complaints do not come under the jurisdiction of the Tribunal before this procedure has been followed.

In the case of complaints of contraventions of Part 2, the Tribunal's functions are initiated by either a report presented to the Tribunal by the Director-General of an investigation into a complaint carried out by the Director-General or a report received by the Director-General from another authority under s.467 of the Act and presented to the Tribunal by the Director-General pursuant to s.468.

Under the Act, in the case of alleged misbehaviour (Part 1) the process for the suspension of a Councillor from civic office is initiated either by a request or a report as referred to in s.440H of the Act. Section 440(H)(1) states;

The process for the suspension of a Councillor from civic office is initiated by;

(a) *a request made by the Council by resolution communicated to the Director-General, in which the Council states its belief that grounds may exist that warrant the Councillor's suspension. (Note: This would be after the matter has been referred to Council's conduct committee (as per Code of Conduct) and the matter reported to Council).*

Or

(b) *a request made by the Director-General to the council for a report from the council in relation to the councillor's alleged misbehaviour, or*

(c) *a report made by the Ombudsman in which the Ombudsman states that the Ombudsman is satisfied that grounds exist that warrant the councillor's suspension, or*

(d) *a report made by the Independent Commission Against Corruption in which the Commission recommends that consideration be given to suspending the councillor under this Division.*

The Director-General may deal with such report or request (s.440J and K) or may refer a matter that is the subject of a request or report for consideration by the Tribunal (s.440N). In either case the Director-General is required to prepare a written statement of reasons (s.440Q).

By s.471 (1) of the Act, the Tribunal may determine its own procedure subject to the Act. This enables the Tribunal while conforming with the general requirements of the Act in exercising its jurisdiction to adopt for each case such procedures as appear as most conducive to a fair and just hearing and an economical and expeditious determination of the particular complaint.

The Tribunal intends to maintain such flexibility of procedure but, for the assistance of all concerned, has made a determination of procedures and forms which will generally be followed unless the particular case calls for some variation. That determination is outlined in the manual which had been circulated to Councillors separately.

5. Summary/Conclusions

The manual is not inconsistent with the provisions in Council's Code of Conduct and can be used to compliment the Code of Conduct.

The Tribunal has asked the Department of Local Government to emphasise that the failure of Councillors to acquaint themselves, and comply with, the pecuniary interest and misbehaviour provisions of the Act is unlikely to be accepted by the Tribunal as any excuse for their non-compliance.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**REPORT**

DIVISION:	CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES
SUBJECT:	ITEM 25 INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AUTHOR & TITLE:	DAVID MARSHALL, DIRECTOR CORPORATE & INFORMATION SERVICES
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DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications:	Report identifies a range of issues in relation to the sustainability of local government.
Policy Implications:	NIL
Strategic Plan Objective:	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.
Staffing Implications:	NIL
Notifications:	NIL
Other Implications:	NIL

1. **Purpose of Report**

To place the *Final Report from the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of NSW Local Government* before Council, and to endorse the further steps proposed by the Local Government and Shires Associations (LGSA) towards improving the financial sustainability of NSW Local Government.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 That the report be received and noted.

2.2 That Council commit to support the LGSA in an ongoing effort to rebuild and strengthen the financial sustainability of NSW Local Government.

2.3 That Council endorse the LGSA recommendation to establish an implementation framework and process to consult with councils and other stakeholders.

2.4 That Council endorse the LGSA recommendation to call on the NSW Government to establish an "Independent Commission consisting of equal representation from the LGSA and the state to assess the gravity of the problems facing Local Government, to recommend urgent action to be undertaken, to help implement such changes in cooperation with Local Government and to monitor progress in achieving agreed outcomes" (recommendation 49, *Final Report*).

2.5 That Council approve the request from the LGSA for a contribution to the cost of the Inquiry by Leichhardt Council of \$2,356

3. **Report**

In 2005, the LGSA commissioned an Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of NSW Local Government. The Inquiry was initiated by the Associations in response to widespread concerns about Local Government's financial capacity to meet the growing demand for infrastructure and services. The Inquiry was financed by a combination of council contributions and the Associations reserves.

The Inquiry was conducted by the following independent panel members:

- Professor Percy Allan AM, Chair and Research Director, a former Secretary of NSW Treasury, public policy, finance and management advisor;
- Ms Diana Gibbs, company director, farmer and economic development advisor; and
- Ms Libby Darlison, social policy and change advisor.

The *Final Report: Findings and Recommendations* of the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of NSW Local Government was released on 3 May 2006. A copy of the Executive Summary of the report is attached. The full 346 page report can be viewed at www.lqi.org.au:

The report is a comprehensive review of Local Government in NSW, involving extensive research and consultation including consultative forums and submissions, surveys, public opinion polling, commissioned research papers and interviews with key government Ministers and officials.

It is clear from the report that NSW Local Government is facing major challenges including: a real infrastructure funding crisis, an inadequate revenue base, skills shortages and the ever increasing demands being placed on Local Government by the community and other spheres of government.

The report's major finding is that there is a huge infrastructure renewals backlog of over \$6 billion and that this is expected to grow to almost \$21 billion in 15 years. The report includes 49 final recommendations and spotlights a number of challenges facing Local Government including the need to:

- Define Local Government's role relative to other spheres of government;
- Renew infrastructure to overcome a growing backlog;
- Implement Total Asset Management;
- Prioritise services to better reflect public preferences;
- Reform development controls at both state and council levels;
- Improve strategic planning and operational efficiency;
- Boost revenues from rates, fees and grants;
- Strengthen governance structures and procedures; and
- Achieve long-term financial sustainability.

The report concludes that most of the proposed changes require a long term commitment and need to be introduced in concert because they are either interdependent or insufficient on their own to underpin council sustainability. Given that most of the proposed changes also require an intergovernmental and/or whole of government response, the report proposes that a Summit be convened to consider, debate and hopefully endorse the recommendations of the Inquiry, and that the State Government establish an Independent Commission to monitor progress in achieving agreed outcomes.

The report provides future directions for NSW Local Government and the LGSA have advised that they will consult widely with members before acting on any of the recommendations. Given the extensive nature of the report, detailed consideration will be required before a comprehensive response by the LGSA can be made. The LGSA have advised that the Inquiry has completed its task with the presentation of the *Final Report*. However, many of the key findings and recommendations of the report will need to be acted on if the Inquiry is to have served any practical purpose. This will be a long term process and it is recommended that Council commit to the ongoing effort to rebuild and strengthen the financial sustainability of NSW Local Government.

The LGSA have requested contributions to the cost of the Inquiry from councils. The final budget for the Inquiry was \$600,000 and the LGSA are funding 50% and seeking 50% from the member councils. It is recommended that the request from the LGSA for a contribution to the cost of the Inquiry by Leichhardt Council of \$2,356 be approved.

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 26 SUMMARY OF NOTICE OF MOTIONS FROM MAY 2006

FILE REF: F

DATE: 3 August 2018

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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 of the status of Notice of Motions resolutions from May 2006.

2. **Recommendations**

That the information be received and noted.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**NOTICE OF MOTION**

DIVISION:	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
SUBJECT:	ITEM 27 GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES (GATS) FOR LOCAL COUNCILS
FILE REF:	F97/00491
DATE:	3 August 2018
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Councillor Allen**Background**

The current negotiations on the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) being conducted by the Australian Government in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) could have serious repercussions for the regulatory and administrative powers of Australian local governments.

The GATS agreement aims to remove barriers to trade in services. It potentially covers all service sectors, including essential service sectors and some services provided by Local Councils. Once a service is listed in GATS, a government cannot give better treatment to local companies than to foreign companies.

GATS rules are binding on all levels of government, including local government. We understand that there has been little consultation with local government about the GATS negotiations and their implications.

In 2003, the Australian Local Government Associations identified areas of local government services and regulation, which could be affected by the GATS negotiations (see ALGA submission to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 26 February 2003 at www.alga.asn.au/submissions/2003/gatsSub.php). The key services identified included:

- Water and sewerage services
- Waste management
- Road building and other building controls
- Land use planning and permits
- Library services.

In the current negotiations, governments are being asked to increase the range of services they each include in GATS. Australia has joined with other governments to request that commitments be increased in a range of service sectors, including environmental services. Environmental services include services provided by local governments, such as natural

resource management, wastewater management and environmental protection.

GATS has some rules that recognise the right of governments to regulate services and to provide and fund public services. However, there are now proposals to change these rules.

There are negotiations to change GATS rules on regulation of services. These changes could mean that local councils could face complaints about their regulation through the WTO complaints system. Governments can complain about the laws or regulations of other governments to a panel of trade law experts. The winner can ask that laws or regulations be changed and can ban or tax the exports of the loser.

There are also proposals in the negotiations to change GATS rules to reduce the right of governments to regulate by declaring that regulations in areas like licensing must be "least trade restrictive." This would mean that licensing decisions made by local councils on the basis of agreed community standards could potentially be challenged as being more trade restrictive than necessary. There are also proposals to define funding of government services in GATS rules as "subsidies" to which transnational corporations should have access, which could hasten privatisation of government services. These rules would apply across the board, whether a service has been listed or not

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Believes public policy regarding the regulation, funding and provision of essential services should be made democratically by governments at the national, state and local level;
2. Calls on the Federal Government to fully consult with state and local government about the implications of the GATS negotiations for local government services and regulation;
3. Calls on the Federal Government to make public any specific requests it has made to other governments in this round of GATS negotiations;
4. Calls on the Federal Government to make public its specific responses to requests from other governments in this round of GATS negotiations;
5. Calls on the Federal Government to support the clear exclusion of public services from the GATS, including local government community services and all water-related services;
6. Calls on the Federal Government to oppose any proposals that would reduce the right of local government to regulate services, including the application of a "least trade restrictive" test to regulation;
7. Calls on the Federal Government to oppose any proposals that would open up the funding of such public services to privatisation;
8. Writes to the Minister for Trade concerning the above; and
9. Submits the above motions for adoption by the Local Government Association of New South Wales at its 2006 Annual Conference.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**NOTICE OF MOTION**

DIVISION: MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

SUBJECT: ITEM 28 MAYORS FOR PEACE - MELBOURNE
CONFERENCE

FILE REF: F

DATE: 3 August 2018

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Councillor Hamilton

Consistent with the Motion passed by Council joining the Mayors for Peace and with the delegation to the Peace Conference in Melbourne we the Council:

1. Express concern at the increasing militarisation of the whole world, particularly the build-up of foreign troops in the Middle East, Asia and Oceania, the consequences for these regions and the wider international community.
2. Support for the removal of foreign military bases from all regions, and an end to foreign military interventions, including the withdrawal of Australian, American and other foreign military forces from Iraq and Afghanistan.
3. Assert that conflicts should be solved in a just and peaceful manner, with the participation and support of all nations and peoples in the region, having regard for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international law and the rights of all peoples to self-determination.
4. Robustly state opposition to racism and the racist stereotyping of any part of the Australian community, and support for the right to express views without fear of prejudice, intimidation or reprisal. The rise of Islamophobic views is unwelcome and must be opposed.
5. Express opposition to the attack on civil rights by the anti-terror legislation, which threatens freedom of political expression and the civil liberties of all Australians. We call for the repeal of the anti-terror legislation. We call for the closure of Guantanamo Bay.
6. As supporters of peace and sustainability reaffirm our opposition to the nuclear cycle in all its forms, including uranium mining, the sale of uranium for the purposes of

making weapons and the disposal of uranium waste in a cavalier, commercial fashion.

7. Recognise that peace campaigns work to bring together diverse organisations in pursuit of these principles; not limited to but including political and education campaigns, public events and rallies. Such campaigns seek to represent the concerns of a wide range of Australian people and respect the diverse approaches of all organisations.

Regarding Iraq and Iran:

1. We are extremely concerned at plans by the United States for an attack on Iran, including the possible use of nuclear weapons. Any such attack would be, like the attack on Iraq in 2003, an unwarranted and illegal aggression based on deception that would lead to vast human misery.
2. Any US attack on Iran will almost certainly make use of signals intelligence provided by the Pine Gap Joint Defence Facility at Alice Springs in Central Australia and Australian naval forces in the Persian Gulf may also be involved.
3. We call on the Australian Government to rule out any military or political support for an attack on Iran including the use of Pine Gap and Australian military forces.
4. An attack on Iran would be a terrible injustice. It would lead to thousands of deaths in Iran and increase conflict across the Middle East, including within Iraq. It would set back the democracy movement in Iran.
5. The peace movement has been proven correct in its arguments against the invasion of Iraq in 2003. We call for justice in Iraq, which involves not just the withdrawal of foreign troops, and an end to human rights abuses, including the torture of prisoners, including women.
6. The use of nuclear weapons against Iran (or any other country) would create a new and infinitely more dangerous world. Such an attack would be a disaster because it would escalate the risk that nuclear weapons could be used in international conflicts.
8. If the nuclear weapons powers are serious about nuclear non-proliferation they should lead the way by taking genuine measures towards complete and full disarmament.
9. Support and respect for international law, including UN resolutions on disarmament and human rights, can be based only on their equal and impartial application, including those concerning the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Recommendation:

Therefore it is resolved that the Mayor for Peace of LMC write to the PM John Howard immediately expressing all the concerns and statements contained above and in particular LMC's traditional opposition to the use of nuclear energy for power generation and weapons and that the Mayor report back on the action at the next Ordinary meeting of Council in July 2006.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**NOTICE OF MOTION**

DIVISION:	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
SUBJECT:	ITEM 29 PARRAMATTA ROAD PROJECT
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Councillors Porteous and McKenzie

Leichhardt Council is implacably opposed to the M4 East, and has passed motions repeatedly indicating its position to the Government. We have indicated to the Government and other participating Councils that we do not support the Parramatta Road project if it consists of express bus lanes, massive overdevelopment and an M4 East motorway.

In December 2005 we agreed to write to the Government seeking a retraction of remarks in the Metropolitan Strategy that implied that we endorsed the adjoining Councils sector plans. In this motion we noted that Council has not yet considered the proposals of all eight Councils, and indeed, that we were aware that some Councils in the group supported proposals that are dependent upon the M4 East going ahead.

To date our statements appear to have gone unheeded. Nevertheless some Councillors have argued that in participating in the project we were influencing the other participants, and hoped to improve the likely outcomes for our community.

Today (19 June 2006), it became clear that despite our best efforts Leichhardt Council is simply lending its name to a project that is being used to legitimise the construction of the M4 East. Councillor David Weiley of Burwood Council stated on ABC morning radio that the Parramatta Road Project was contingent upon M4 East. He said

“A number of other things have to be done beforehand...The underlying project of course is the construction of the [M4 East] tunnel ...because a lot of the work that we are proposing along the Parramatta Road Project is actually dependent upon the construction of that tunnel.”

He also indicated that 5-6 storey residential and commercial developments and attendant traffic congestion were part of his Council's Parramatta Road plans.

There is now a very serious risk that if the Parramatta Road Project were to proceed the Planning Minister would impose plans for the corridor compatible with Burwood's preferred approach – i.e. based on the M4 East going ahead.

Therefore Leichhardt Council:

1. Notes that we cannot in good faith participate in the Parramatta Road Project if a stated pre-requisite is to inflict a motorway on this community.
2. Notes that Burwood Council's plans for the corridor are in direct conflict with those of Leichhardt Council and that the project cannot proceed without one Council giving way on the issue of the M4 East.
3. Resolves to write to the Planning Minister calling for sector plans from all Councils to be made available to us before agreeing to further work on the project.
4. Resolves to withdraw from the project unless the M4 East is ruled out immediately by participating Councils and the Government.

