

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of ORDINARY MEETING of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers Leichhardt Town Hall, Norton Street, Leichhardt on **21 November 2006**.

Present at the commencement of the meeting; Her Worship the Mayor, A. Murphy in the chair, Councillors C. Allen, D. Cobley-Finch, N. Dyer K. Hamilton, V. Hannaford, J. Parker, R. Porteous, M. Sheehan, R. Webb.

Cr. McKenzie arrived at the meeting at 7.21pm

Staff Present : General Manager, Director Corporate & Information Services, Director Environmental & Community Management, Director Infrastructure & Service Delivery, Manager Administration Services & Administration Officer.

Meeting Commenced: 7.08 pm

BUSINESS:

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CONFIRMATION AND/OR CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES ORDINARY AND SPECIAL MEETING

(a) BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

C403/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/WEBB

That the Minutes of the Building & Development Committee Meeting held 10 October 2006 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

(b) BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

C404/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/WEBB

That the Minutes of the Building & Development Council Meeting held 17 October 2006 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

(c) ORDINARY MEETING

C405/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/WEBB

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 24 October 2006 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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**** APOLOGIES AND/OR CONDOLENCES**

C406/06 RESOLVED PARKER/COBLEY-FINCH

That apologies be given for the absence of Councillor Windsor and Councillor McKenzie (who will be arriving to the meeting late)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**** DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil

**** MAYORAL MINUTES**

ITEM 1 WHITE RIBBON DAY 24 NOVEMBER 2006

At the Building & Development Meeting last week, Council resolved to support White Ribbon Day as the beginning of the *16 Days of Activism to Stop Violent Against Women* (see attached minutes of resolution).

Tonight we would like to take this opportunity to highlight the activities of the 25th of December to encourage you participation and to review some of the activities in our community.

Tonight, we have Executive Officer of Co.As.It, Mr Andrea Comastri who will discuss the work they are undertaking in support of white Ribbon day.

We also have Jamie Parker, A Councillor and Committee member of Purple Arm Band Games, a local group that is working nationally in the sporting area to encourage the speaking out against violent and abusive behaviours towards women.

I have also been invited by the Leichhardt Women's Health Centre to join with them on Friday morning to hand out white ribbons on the streets of Leichhardt to raise awareness of this extremely serious issue.

Note: During discussion and consideration of this item, Mr Andrea Comastri, Executive Officer of Co.As.It addressed Council and discussed the work Co.As.It is undertaking in support of White Ribbon Day.

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Following Mr Comastri's presentation, Cr Parker made a presentation to Council addressing the Purple Arm Band Games campaign.

C407/06 RESOLVED PARKER/COBLEY-FINCH

That Council fully support the White Ribbon Day this Friday 24th of November and the 16 Days of Activism to Stop Violent Against Women as adopted at the B&D meeting last Tuesday 14 November.

That Council works with local groups to raise awareness of this extremely serious issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 1A MOVEMBER

C408/06 RESOLVED MURPHY/PARKER

1. That Council match staff and Councillor donations during 'Movember'.
2. That Council's website provide links to various health related websites.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 1B CHRISTMAS DINNER JUST ENOUGH FAITH

We are coming up to the season of good will.

Councillors that attended the Leichhardt Chamber of Commerce Ballo would have had the great benefit of hearing Jeff Gambin speak about the work of Just Enough Faith.

Leichhardt should be proud to have such an important charity based in our area.

Established in 1993, **Just Enough Faith** is run by former restaurateur Jeff Gambin and his wife Alina Gambin, and a small team of volunteers to who feed Sydney's growing hordes of homeless people.

Over 20 per cent people choose to be homeless, 45% are mentally ill, but the remaining 35% are just poor and destitute who simply need a break.

Seven days a week, 12 months a year, they serve more than 400 hot meals a night out of their van primary drawing on their own funds and relying on goodwill of food suppliers to cover the remaining 20%.

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However, their objective is much more than just feeding the homeless. Its about giving them hope and helping them regain respect by counselling and where possible housing.

To date, Jeff and Alina spend considerable time scanning newspapers for job advertisements, assist their protégés to prepare for interviews, and speak to the prospective employers asking them to give them a go.

In addition to serving meals and funding homes and jobs, they also run a 25-acre farm out of Sydney with the assistance of volunteers and former homeless people who now have a purpose in life helping others.

The idea is for the farm to be self-sufficient with vegetables and livestock and be a place for homeless to get some dignity back and learn some life-skills along the way.

Just enough faith has no religious bent and receives no government funding whatsoever. With approximately \$15,000 a week in operating expenses, Jeff and Alina Gambin have spent over \$7.5 million of their own money since starting the initiative.

However times are getting tough for the couple and they need to supplement their own funds with outside financial, equipment and produce assistance. It will be the first time they are actively seeking corporate financial assistance since they started their labour of love in 1993.

C409/06

RESOLVED

MURPHY/DYER

1. That Council donates \$5,000 towards the Christmas dinner for Just Enough Faith and requests an acquittal after the event of where the funds were spent.
2. That Council contact Just Enough Faith to arrange an appropriate time for Leichhardt Councillors to work serving food to the homeless.
3. That Council approve the fee waiver request from Just Enough Faith Foundation to use King George Park for the Christmas Party for the homeless on 17 December 2006.
4. That Council provide a cleanup service after this event free of charge.
5. That Councillors and staff be notified of this event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 1C ITALIAN CONNECTION CAR RALLY – OCTOBER 2007

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The Leichhardt Chamber of Commerce has approached Council seeking support and assistance for a special car rally event in October 2007.

Called the ***Italian Connection Rally 2007***, this rally plans to link Australia's two Little Italy's Norton Street Sydney with Lygon Street Melbourne. The Rally will depart from Norton Street on the morning of Day 1 driving through Tumut which also has strong Italian heritage and then arriving in Lygon Street Melbourne on Day 3.

The objective of this exciting initiative is to promote Norton Street, Leichhardt across two States and simultaneously raise some much needed funds for local charity Just Enough Faith.

The idea came from one of the local businessman and Leichhardt Chamber of Commerce member, Anthony Medich who has already committed significant funds to support the event.

Scheduled for the long weekend of October 2007, this proposal has been enthusiastically received from the City of Melbourne, also from the stopover locations Tumut Council and Myrtleford in the Alpine Shire.

LCOC is seeking support from Leichhardt Council to provide services, personnel and some financial support to ensure that this event goes ahead successfully and thus raise some much needed funds for a worthy local charity like Just Enough Faith.

LCOC is still developing the detailed planning logistics, so at this stage the actual level of Council financial support is not known, other than assisting with temporary road closures (between Parramatta Rd and Marion St) and general traffic control as the rally departs Norton St heading towards the City West Link Rd. Despite this, the LCOC envisages somewhere in the order of \$20,000 Council sponsorship may be needed (with such funds possibly available from our annual business promotions budget)

C410/06

RESOLVED

MURPHY

That Council agrees to support the Italian Connection Rally in principle and a further report submitted to Council once the actual level of Council financial and other assistance required, is submitted by the Leichhardt Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 1D LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

Councillors will be aware that a new executive was elected at the local Government Association Conference in the Blue Mountains a few weeks ago.

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Firstly, Cr Maire Sheehan has stepped down from the LGA Executive after 10 years, between 1996 and 2006, 4 of those years as Mayor of this Council. On behalf of Leichhardt Councillors and the community, I'd like to acknowledge and thank Cr Sheehan for her service to our community and the residents of the Inner West.

During her time on the LGA executive, Cr Sheehan has worked tirelessly on a range of issues particularly in the areas of woman's affairs, international relations (particularly East Timor), community relations and advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

Secondly, I'd like to congratulate Cr Bob Webb on his election to the LGA Executive. I know that Bob will be a very effective advocate for residents living in the inner west of Sydney and Leichhardt.

I'd also like to congratulate Cr Webb on being awarded the Community Service Award by the Hon Premier Morris Iemma yesterday afternoon at the civic reception following the community Cabinet meeting here yesterday morning. I know that this award is well deserved.

C411/06 RESOLVED MURPHY/HAMILTON

That Council acknowledges and thanks Cr Sheehan for her services on the LGA Executive.

That Council congratulates Cr Webb on being elected to the LGA executive and looks forward to working with him to benefit the inner west community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 1E GLEBE/BALMAIN COMMUNITY CABINET MEETING
20 NOVEMBER 2006**

Leichhardt Council was pleased to host the Glebe Balmain Community cabinet yesterday, the day started with a full cabinet meeting held in the supper room, the Mayor was invited to make a verbal and written submission to the meeting, that submission is attached.

Crs Porteous, Copley -Finch, Hannaford, McKenzie, Webb and Murphy all took the opportunity to speak to various Ministers about issue of concern to the community, most of the active community groups in the Leichhardt Municipality also met with the relevant Ministers on issues of importance.

C412/06 RESOLVED MURPHY/HANNAFORD

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That the Mayor on behalf of Council write to the Premier Mr Morris lemma and local Member the Honourable Sandra Nori expressing our thanks for holding the community cabinet in Leichhardt.

Leichhardt leaves an open invitation to NSW Premier & Cabinet to hold future community cabinet meetings in Leichhardt.

Leichhardt reminds the Premier that we are an inclusive and open Council that values the input of all of our Councillors and each member of our community.

That the last paragraph of Council's submission to the Community Cabinet Meeting of the NSW Government relating to Callan Park be amended to read;

“Council fully supports the retention and upgrading of Rozelle Psychiatric Hospital and supports the preparation of a masterplan to guide the future of the site and is willing to take responsibility for its preparation, provided the State Government provides funding. Council also supports the need for establishment of a Trust to manage the site for the future benefit of the community”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTER OF URGENCY

LITTLE NICHOLSON STREET PLAY CENTRE

Cr Allen requested that a motion to deal with an interim consent given to the Little Nicholson Street Play Centre at the December 2005 Council Meeting which was to be reviewed by 6 December 2006 be considered by Council as a matter of urgency.

The Mayor ruled this to be a matter of urgency to be considered at this meeting.

C413/06 RESOLVED ALLEN/COBLEY-FINCH

That the interim consent given to the Little Nicholson Street Play Centre at the December 2005 Council meeting which was to be reviewed by 6 December, 2006 be extended until March 2007, or such time as the application to modify consent (already submitted) comes to Council for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

C414/06 RESOLVED COBLEY-FINCH/SHEEHAN

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That Standing Orders be suspended and Items 10,14,30,15,16,23,28 & 29 be brought forward and dealt with now.

ITEM 10 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – NOVEMBER

C415/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/MCKENZIE

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 November 2006.
2. In relation to Item 7 (White Bay Wharf) of the minutes, the following be adopted;

That Council:

- 2.1 Not adopt the position as outlined by the motion presented to Council that:

“The area White Bay Wharf 6 (which is subject of a development proposal) should be reserved as open space and should not be used for any industrial and commercial purpose. Residents request that Council support our local community and work with it to ensure this objective is achieved.”

- 2.2 Continue to advocate for a comprehensive plan for the whole area comprised of White Bay, Rozelle Bay, Blackwattle Bay, Glebe Island and the Rozelle Marshalling Yards.
- 2.3 Reiterate its position that it calls on the State Government to not approve any development applications for the area which would have the potential to restrict future development options until a strategic plan is prepared.
- 2.4 Officers in preparing their assessment of White Bay Wharf No.6 proposal consider whether or not the proposal is likely to restrict further development options under a strategic plan for the area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 14 MORT BAY PARK – REGIONAL PLAYGROUND SITE LOCATION

C416 /06 RESOLVED PARKER/SHEEHAN

That the matter be deferred until February 2007 for further consultation with residents.

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That Council utilise additional resources, including a facilitator if necessary, to assist staff with the consultation process, or alternatively the Mayor to chair any meeting/s.

The vote For and Against the above resolution was;

	FOR	AGAINST
Vera-Ann Hannaford		X
Nick Dyer		X
Rochelle Porteous	X	
Jamie Parker	X	
Kate Hamilton	X	
Michele McKenzie	X	
Alice Murphy	X	
Maire Sheehan	X	
Carolyn Allen	X	
Damian Cobby-Finch	X	
Robert Webb	X	

ITEM 30 PUBLIC HOUSING –ORANGE GROVE/LILYFIELD

Background:

Recently the tenants in the public housing at Orange Grove/Lilyfield have received letters from the Department of Housing informing them that the public housing is being redeveloped and that the tenants are being relocated.

C417/06 RESOLVED MCKENZIE/PORTEOUS

That Council write to the Premier and the Minister for Housing expressing rejection of any plan by the Department of Housing to relocate the public housing tenants in Edward Street, Orange Grove/Lilyfield and redevelop the site without written guarantee to each tenant of a relocation to their satisfaction in the immediate future, and a guarantee of their return to the same public housing site in Lilyfield once the site is redeveloped, if the tenant so wishes.

That Council request the Department of Housing to provide a list of all the public housing estates within the municipality that they are considering to redevelop or sell. If that information is not forthcoming, Council lodge a Freedom of Information application.

In any negotiations with the Department of Housing, Council insists that at least the same amount of family housing remains on the site, and

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that residents be given a timeline to go back, and that there be full resident consultation with the design of the site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.32pm Cr. McKenzie temporarily left the meeting.

ITEM 15 PROPOSED REZONING FOR THE FORMER MARTIN BRIGHT STEEL SITE

C418 /06 RESOVLED COBLEY-FINCH/HANNAFORD

That:

- 2.1 Council resolve to prepare a draft local environment plan and draft development control plan for part of Martin Bright Steel site at 4-26 Mansfield Street and 32 – 52 Robert Street to enable:
 - A maximum permissible FSR of 3:1
 - Child care facilities, commercial premises, health care professionals, dwellings and open space provided that:
 - Commercial premises, health care professionals and child care facilities do not exceed 40% of the gross floor area (but not including floor area used for parking).
 - Dwellings do not exceed 20% of the gross floor area (but not including the floor area used for car parking), with a limit of 17 dwellings
 - The area of open space is not less than 800 m².
- 2.2 Council resolve to make a submission to the Department of Planning LEP Review Panel to amend Leichhardt LEP 2000.
- 2.3 A draft LEP and draft DCP be prepared for the consideration of Council. That the 24 hour link between Robert Street and Mansfield Street be included in the draft DCP.
- 2.4 Council seek an independent auditor review of the site contamination assessment at the proponent's expense.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.38pm Cr. McKenzie returned to the meeting

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ITEM 16 PROPOSAL TO REZONE THE FORMER KOLOTEX SITE

C419/06 RESOLVED HANNAFORD/COBLEY-FINCH

That:

- 2.1 Council resolve to prepare a draft local environmental plan and prepare a submission to the Department of Planning Local Environmental Plan Review Panel pursuant to Section 54 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to rezone the subject site to *Business* pursuant to Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2000 and to enable ground floor residential uses within the Business Zone and enable a floor space ratio of 2:1 over the subject lands.
- 2.2 Council prepare a draft local environmental plan and draft development control plan for the consideration of Council.
- 2.3 Council seek an independent auditor review of the site contamination assessment at the proponent's expense.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 23 LANE OFF CATHERINE STREET, LEICHHARDT

C420/06 RESOLVED HANNAFORD/COBLEY-FINCH

1. That under section 16 of the Roads Act, 1993, after giving the required notice under section 17, Council publish a notice in the Government Gazette to dedicate as public road the lane which runs off Catherine Street (between 9-11 Catherine Street and 287 Parramatta Road), Leichhardt.
2. That authority is delegated to the General Manager to sign, on behalf of Council, the required notice under s.17 and the Gazette Notice under s.16 of the Roads Act, 1993 and all other documents necessary or desirable to give effect to the above resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 28 INTRODUCTION OF DISCOUNTED FAMILY 20 PASSES

Background:

Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre currently has discounted 20-passes for Individual Adults (single entry \$5.80, 20-pass \$90.50) and Child (single

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entry \$4.40, 20-pass \$66.60) users of the pool. In contrast there is no discounted 20-pass for Family users (single Family entry for up to 5 people: \$14.50) which means that families may, by default not be enjoying the same discount benefits that individual adults or children are enjoying.

C421/06 RESOLVED PORTEOUS/ALLEN

1. That Leichhardt Council propose to introduce a Family 20-pass that enjoys a similar discount level to the existing Individual and Child discount rates.
2. That the proposed discounted 20-passes for Family users be \$220 (note this is 25% discount in addition to the 40% discount built into the current family pass of \$14.60).
3. That public notice of the change to fees be given for 28 days and be reported back to the February 2007 Council meeting for determination.
4. That there be a special promotion discount for families at the same rate as above until such time as the changed fees are reported back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.52pm Councillors Sheehan, Allen, Porteous, Parker & McKenzie temporarily left the meeting.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9.52pm due to a lack of a quorum.

9.54pm The Mayor reconvened the meeting with all councillors (except Cr Windsor, absent from the meeting)present.

ITEM 29 MULTIPLEX MASTERPLAN

Background:

Following the Multiplex/Council meeting with Frank Sartor last Wednesday, it is clear that the agenda of both NSW Planning and Multiplex is to ignore as far as possible the local community, Leichhardt Council and the RTA, all of whom have very valid objections to the Multiplex Masterplan proposal. While Council has had a partial "win" in the agreement for a state planner to review the documentation, there are no guarantees that the proposal will not be called in. The best the community can currently profit from at this point in time

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ITEM 2 SUMMARY OF MAYORAL MINUTE RESOLUTIONS

C424/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**** PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

ITEM 3 SUMMARY OF PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE RESOLUTIONS

C425/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 4 REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER OF LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL –
CARDNO EPELL OLSEN**

C426/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

1. Cardno Eppell Olsen be granted a fee waiver for their use of the Leichhardt Town Hall on Thursday, 30th November 2006 from 10am-4pm for their Active Transport seminar and workshop.
2. The standard \$500 bond be charged.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 5 STATECOVER SCHEME PERFORMANCE REBATE

C427/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

The information be received and noted

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 6 REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER OF LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL –
FILEF**

C428/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

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1. Council grant a fee waiver to the Federation of Italian Migrant Workers and their Families (FILEF) for the use of the Leichhardt Town Hall from 6pm – 10pm on Wednesday 28 November 2006.
2. The standard \$500 bond be charged.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 7 REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER OF LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL – TOUCHPRESS PRODUCTION

C429/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

1. Touchpress Productions be granted a fee waiver for their use of the Leichhardt Town Hall on Monday 15 January 2007 to Tuesday 23 January 2007 from 8am-5pm for their short film.
2. The standard \$500 bond be charged.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 8 DAWNY TO COCKATOO SWIM

C430/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

The report be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**** ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT**

ITEM 9 SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT RESOLUTIONS

C431/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 11 DISABILITY POLICY ACCESS COMMITTEE MINUTES

C432/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

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That the minutes of the Disability Policy Access Committee held on 11 October 2006 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 13 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES, SAFETY & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

C433/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

That Council adopt the minutes of the Community Services, Safety & Facilities Committee held on 2 November 2006 with the accompanying recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**** INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY**

ITEM 17 SUMMARY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY RESOLUTIONS FROM OCTOBER 2006

C434/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 19A SEA LEVEL RISE –CLIMATE CHANGE TIDE MARKERS SIGNAGE AND INSTALLATION

C435/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

That Council proceeds with the installation of the four tide markers and signage at a cost of \$4000 to be funded from Council's maintenance program for wharves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 19B 1ST QUARTER INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

C436/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

That the progress of the infrastructure works program for the 1st quarter of the 2006/2007 financial year be noted.

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**** CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES**

**ITEM 20 SUMMARY OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES
RESOLUTIONS FROM OCTOBER 2006**

C437/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 21 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT BALANCES AS AT 31
OCTOBER 2006**

C438/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

That the Statement of Investment Balances as at the 31 October 2006 be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 22 HALL HIRE WAIVERS REDUCTIONS FOR QUARTER ENDING
30/9/06**

C439/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

That the information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 25 POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF
FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS**

C440/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

2.1. Council's Policy for Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors be placed on public exhibition with the proposed changes below;

- Under Section 1.2, Facilities, the following be added:

"Provision of postage (either by way of sending Councillors' mail through the Council mailing system, or by claiming for reimbursement of costs incurred) up to an amount of \$50 per Councillor per annum."

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This will provide some monetary assistance for Councillors who sent letters to their constituents etc.

- Under Section 1.2, Facilities, "Provision of smart cards (upon request) with value of cards to be taken from Councillors allowance", is proposed to be changed to read;

"Provision of smart cards (upon request) to the value of \$50 per quarter."

- Under Section 4, Conferences, the following change is proposed;

Delete the words; "*Subsistence – A daily subsistence allowance (\$85 per day within Australia and \$100 per day outside Australia) is paid in advance to Councillors attending conferences in accordance with the rate prevailing for senior Commonwealth Public Servants. From this allowance, meals, drinks, telephone calls and other overhead expenses are to be met.*"

And replace with the following;

"A daily travel allowance as outlined below is payable to Councillors where travel for Council business involves an overnight stay;

- Breakfast	\$15.00
- Lunch	\$20.00
- Dinner	\$35.00
- Incidentals	\$20.00

Should the conference or accommodation packages include the provision of these meals, then that meal allowance cannot be claimed. Incidental costs are paid for overnight stays."

- 2.2 A further report be submitted to the February 2007 Ordinary Meeting to consider any submissions received and adopt the policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 25A 1ST QUARTERLY REVIEW – 2006/2007 MANAGEMENT PLAN

C441/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ITEM 25B BUDGET REVIEW QUARTER 1 – 2006/2007

C442 /06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

- 2.1 That Council adopt increased net expenditure of \$445,740 and increased net revenue of \$430,627 and the revised budget deficit for 2006/07 of \$42,113 as detailed in this report.
- 2.2 That the budget review to be undertaken for the 6 months to 31 December 2006 include recommendations to restore Council to a balanced budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

ITEM 26 SUMMARY OF NOTICE OF MOTIONS FROM OCTOBER 2006

C443/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

The information be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.10pm The meeting adjourned

10.22pm The meeting reconvened with all Councillors (except Cr Windsor, absent from meeting) present.

ITEM 12 DONATION REQUEST WORKS RADIO SYDNEY

C444/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/ COBLEY-FINCH

1. That the report be received and noted and the matter be brought back to the February 2007 Council meeting.
2. The organisers of Workers Radio Sydney be invited to the February 2007 Ordinary Meeting to discuss their proposal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 18 CAR SHARING

C445/06 RESOLVED SHEEHAN/HANNAFORD

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1. That Council makes 1 dedicated parking space available in the Balmain Town Hall car park for a 12 month car share trial.
2. That Council resubmits to the Local Traffic Committee the proposal for two car share spaces on Llewellyn Street.
3. That Council write to the Minister for Roads to request the immediate release of the car sharing guidelines for on street parking.
4. That Council develops a policy for the future operation and expansion of car sharing so applications by other car share operators may be dealt with in a fair and equitable manner.
5. That a report be brought back to Council in December 2007 on the outcome of the car share trial.
6. That Council allocate the car sharing spaces that have been identified to the Go Get Car Share until a policy for car sharing is developed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 19 MINUTES OF LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

C446/06 RESOLVED SHEEHAN/ALLEN

That the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held October 2006 be received and adopted, with the following amendment to Item 2.4 of the minutes;

Item 2.4 - Proposed 45 Degree Angled Parking – Alfred Street, Annandale

The recommendation be amended to read;

“Council adopt in principle the angled parking on Alfred Street Annandale but consider only implementing the angled parking in only a part of Alfred Street with the exact location to be considered by the Traffic Committee.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 24 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2006

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C447/06 RESOLVED HAMILTON/COBLEY-FINCH

- 2.1 That Council note and accept the auditor's report.
- 2.2 That Council resolves to accept the 2005/06 Audited Financial Reports.
- 2.3 That Council adopt additional carryover expenditure for 2005/06 of \$65,000 as detailed in the report and represented by:

 Unexpended revenue funded works \$65,000
- 2.4 That Council note that no submissions have been received on the financial reports, and that the financial reports be presented to the public.
- 2.5 That Council express its appreciation to the auditors, Warton Thompson and Co, for their assistance throughout the 2005/06 financial year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 27 CONTRIBUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE BY THE COAL INDUSTRY

Background:

Australians have the dubious honour of being ranked first in producing the most greenhouse emissions per capita in the world at 27.9 tonnes annually, more than double the average of 12.8 tonnes per person for all industrialised countries.

In NSW 90% of the state's electricity comes from coal-fired power stations, with six of the eight coal fired power stations located in the Hunter region of NSW. The amount of renewable energy produced is currently about 8%.

Newcastle is the world's largest coal export port.

For every tonne of coal burnt 3.7 tonnes of carbon dioxide is sent in the atmosphere.

Expanding the Hunter coal industry will directly increase Australia's contribution to global warming and climate change. The current proposal before the NSW State Government for a Third Coal Export Terminal on Newcastle Harbour will send up to another 66 million

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tonnes of coal overseas every year sourced from proposed new mines in the Hunter Valley and the Gunnedah basin.

Climate change is happening and it is critical that the Government commit to a “just transition” away from coal dependency.

In recognition of the urgent need to protect local and global environments from increasing greenhouse gas emissions and in solidarity with Newcastle City Council :

C448/06

RESOLVED

PORTEOUS/HAMILTON

That Leichhardt Council;

1. Recommends that the NSW Government establishes an immediate cap on coal exports from NSW not in excess of existing levels.
2. Recommends that the NSW Government initiates an Independent Inquiry into the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the current coal industry and proposed expansion of the Hunter Valley coal industry.
3. Recommends that pending such an enquiry the NSW Government places an immediate moratorium on new coal mines at Anvil Hill and elsewhere in the Hunter Valley and the Western Coal field particularly Moolarben.
4. Calls on the NSW and Federal Governments to establish a mandatory renewable energy target of 25% by 2020.
5. Calls on the NSW Government to establish a levy on the coal industry to fund the transition to sustainability in the Hunter beyond coal which will also ensure on-going employment for Hunter Valley residents.
6. That the Mayor writes to the NSW Premier, the NSW Minister for Planning, and the Prime Minister calling for all of the above points.
7. That the Council's position be advertised in the weekly column on at least 3 occasions over the next 4 months.
8. That the Mayor write to Newcastle Council congratulating them for their strong stance and informing them that we stand in solidarity with them on this issue of national importance.

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URGENCY MOTIONS

The Mayor received a request from Councillor McKenzie (for the issues of Traffic and Transport and Asbestos Inspections) to be dealt with at this meeting as matters of urgency.

The Mayor also received a request from Cr Sheehan for the issue of a loan to Abilio Fonesco to be dealt with at this meeting as a matter of urgency.

The Mayor ruled that all 3 matters be dealt with at this meeting as a matter of urgency.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

C449/06

RESOLVED

MCKENZIE/HAMILTON

1. That Council request detailed information from the State Government on the Traffic and Transport announcements particularly with regard to implications for the Leichhardt Local Government area made by the State Government on 20 November 2006.
2. Council then to prepare a report and submission to the Premier and the Minister for Transport on the Traffic and Transport plan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ABESTOS INSPECTIONS

C450/06

RESOLVED

MCKENZIE/ PORTEOUS

That Council adopt a policy to make pre-renovation asbestos inspections of all pre-1984 residential, commercial and industrial properties in the local government area compulsory.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LOAN TO ABILIO FONESCO

C451/06

RESOLVED

SHEEHAN/COBLEY-FINCH

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That Council grant Abilio Fonesco the sum of \$3500 as a micro loan to ensure the continuation of his study in Australia in recognition to the contribution to the community and the benefit to East Timor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Council resolved to meet in the Committee of the Whole at 10.41 pm with the press and public excluded after a MOTION (MURPHY/SHEEHAN) to that effect was CARRIED.

ITEM 1 TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND SERVICES (SSROC)

CW23/06

RECOMMENDATION

DYER/HANNAFORD

1. That Council accept and award the tender submissions from the tenderers listed in the table below as per the tendered schedule of rates.

Good / Service	Preferred Tenderer
Recycled Concrete Supply Only	Metropolitan Demolition Concrete Recyclers
Recycled Concrete Delivery	Benedict
Spray Sealing	SAMI Road Services
Stabilisation	Tropic Asphalts
Asphalt Supply	Pioneer Road Services Tropic Asphalts Works Infrastructure
Asphalt Surfacing	Works Infrastructure
Pavement Patching	Works Infrastructure
Profiling	Works Infrastructure

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2. That Council delegate the Manager Assets to finalise the conditions of contract, annexure and specifications with the successful tenderers together with the other SSROC Councils participating in the tender prior to signing contract documents.

10.44pm Cr Dyer retired from the meeting.

URGENT BUSINESS

The Mayor ruled that a motion to deal with Council's association with the Southern Sydney Organisation of Councils (SSROC) be dealt with at this meeting as a matter of urgency.

OPTIONS FOR LEICHHARDT COUNCIL TO JOIN SSROC

CW24/06 RECOMMENDATION MURPHY/COBLEY-FINCH

That a report be submitted to the February 2007 Council meeting on options for Leichhardt Council to join SSROC.

**** RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL**

Open Council resumed at 10.45pm after a MOTION (Hannaford/Cobley-Finch) to that effect was CARRIED.

**** REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

C452 /06 RESOLVED HANNAFORD/SHEEHAN

That the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole minute numbers CW23/06 and CW24/06 be adopted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting closed at 10.45pm.