

Leichhardt Municipal Council



ORDINARY MEETING

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS  
ITEMS 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28

**30 SEPTEMBER 2008**

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE FOLLOWING **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS** FOR THE **ORDINARY MEETING** OF THE LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL, 107 NORTON STREET, LEICHHARDT, ON **TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2008.**

Peter Head  
GENERAL MANAGER

**26 SEPTEMBER 2008**

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**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**DIVISION:** MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN  
**SUBJECT:** ITEM 19 ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT  
**FILE REF:** F05/00225  
**DATE:** 3 August 2018  
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**Cr Porteous**

**Background:**

The Asylum Seeker Project is a very successful Asylum Seeker support project that was initiated by Leichhardt Council in 2004. Joint funding for the project was initially provided by Leichhardt Council and the City of Sydney, and since 2005 we have seen 10 more councils join with Leichhardt and City of Sydney in financially supporting this project. The project is run out of the offices of Balmain Uniting Church with Leichhardt Council, City of Sydney Council, Marrickville Council, Balmain for Refugees and Bridge for Asylum Seekers Foundation (BASF) on its Management Committee. The work of the Project worker has become central in enabling BASF to fundraise and attract funding for its ongoing support of over 100 asylum seekers living in Sydney who rely almost entirely on BASF for their survival. The project also performs a strong advocacy and outreach role in the community and, thanks to the excellent and committed work of the Project worker and the Committee, it has significantly raised awareness of refugee issues throughout Sydney.

The Project, however, is currently in urgent need of ongoing funding and risks running out of funding for overheads and wages which has required reduction of the hours of the Project worker from 3 days to 2. Such a reduction in hours will have a significant negative impact on the fundraising capacity of Bridge for Asylum Seeker Foundation and Balmain for Refugees.

**Recommendation:**

That Leichhardt Council make an immediate firm commitment to funding of up to \$10,000 as a grant / loan.

That the Mayor of Leichhardt urgently approach the Mayor of City of Sydney and request that, as in 2004, the City of Sydney match Leichhardt's funding commitment with a further \$15,000.

Further, that the Mayor urgently write to all Welcome Refugee Councils requesting that they share in the ongoing funding of the project and of BASF.

That should sufficient funds be forthcoming for the project from other councils that Leichhardt Council reallocate any unspent funding allocation for the project on Council agreed social justice projects.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

<b>DIVISION:</b>	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 20 BUDGET AND PARKING MANAGEMENT REVIEW TASKFORCE
<b>FILE REF:</b>	F08/00064
<b>DATE:</b>	3 August 2018
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**Crs Parker and Porteous**

**Background**

Council currently has a Plan of Management 2008-2011 which outlines the budget and key performance indicators for Council services and assets. In light of the new Council it is important to review this budget in order to better align the Plan of Management with community expectations. The Plan of Management also determines a range of expenditures that impact directly on the ecological foot print of Council. Carbon emissions are a key part of this impact and this committee should develop the budget with a view to reaching carbon neutrality by 2012.

**Recommendation:**

That a Budget and Parking Management Review Taskforce be established. This Taskforce to be chaired by the Mayor or a nominated Councillor and be made up of interested Councillors, residents and relevant staff. The Taskforce will review the budget in order to meet the following objectives:

1. Ensure an operating surplus
2. A review of parking management with a view to making the system fairer and reducing the burden of meters on local businesses and local residents
3. Enhanced support for cleaning, park, playground, street garden maintenance and improved landscaping

4. Improved service delivery and increased capacity to serve local citizens
5. Improving ecological outcomes and reducing the ecological footprint of Council
6. Ensure budget allocation is aligned to achieving a carbon neutral council by 2012.
7. Enable the funding of local sustainable transport projects.
8. Enable sustainable economic development and employment opportunities to be pursued by council.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**DIVISION:** MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN  
**SUBJECT:** ITEM 21 PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
**FILE REF:** F97/00556  
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**Crs Parker and Porteous**

**Background**

The Leichhardt Council area incorporates a significant amount of public housing. Many tenants are under significant financial and other pressures and Council should seek to contribute to the support of public housing tenants and their families. While Council recognises the funding public housing stock and tenant matters are currently managed by State and Federal governments Council can play a role in providing co-ordination, support and information sharing. Council does have a direct role to play in the area of affordable and community housing and the Working Group can examine strategies to enhance the role and policies of Council

**Recommendation:**

That the Mayor establish and Chair (or their nominee) a Public and Affordable Housing Working Group made up of interested Councillors, relevant agencies and public housing tenants in order to ascertain the needs of public housing tenants in the municipality and develop overall strategies for public, affordable and community housing.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**DIVISION:** MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN  
**SUBJECT:** ITEM 22 WHITE BAY  
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**Crs Parker and McKenzie**

**Background**

Just prior to the last NSW State election, the Premier announced that the State Government would establish a community reference panel to initiate the White Bay Master Planning process. This followed an announcement in December 2006 that the State Government would draw up a new Master Plan for White Bay/Glebe Island in consultation with the local community. A 'Bays Taskforce', consisting of representatives from a number of government authorities, was setup and planned to prepare a preliminary land use review of the White Bay, Glebe Island, Rozelle Bay, Blackwattle Bay and the Rozelle marshalling yards.

The community and Council are eager to develop a long term strategy for the site and are seeking genuine consultation and participation.

**Recommendation**

That the Mayor writes to the Local Member, Premier and Chair of the Bays Taskforce seeking a meeting to advocate the Council position on the site and develop the community consultation/participation process for White Bay and other related waterfront sites.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**DIVISION:** MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN  
**SUBJECT:** ITEM 23 LEICHHARDT PARK AQUATIC CENTRE  
**FILE REF:** F02/00125  
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**Crs Porteous and Parker**

**Background**

Council is committed to ensuring the local community has access to a wide range of leisure activities. Council is currently investing over 4 million dollars in a full renovation of the LPAC providing an enhanced range of services and programs. The site is current under served by public transport and the new centre deserves a direct bus link to the site.

**Recommendation**

That the Mayor seeks a meeting with the Local Member and Minister for Transport to advocate for an extension of the current bus operation to improve service to the LPAC.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**DIVISION:** MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN  
**SUBJECT:** ITEM 24 SPORTING FIELDS  
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**Crs Parker and McKenzie**

**Background**

The sporting clubs are a critical part of our local community and it's important to ensure Council does promotes and supports sporting activity in the local community. In 2004/2005 Council undertook a Recreation Needs Study at a cost of over \$100,000 which clearly set out the needs of community and provided the basis of our case to gain more space from the state government. This study indicates the pressing need for improved facilities and the important role sport plays in our community.

There are over 60 different sporting teams using the 7 sports grounds through the year and Council also provides sporting facilities free of charge for both public and private schools. The space is also used for personal trainers, filming locations, public events, unstructured recreation as well as pet owners.

Opportunities may exist to develop a co-operative arrangement with local schools to gain access to sporting fields for community use.

**Recommendation**

That the Mayor seek a meeting with the Principals of Sydney Secondary College Balmain and Leichhardt as with a view to developing an arrangement to allow for use of the sporting fields for community use.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

<b>DIVISION:</b>	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 25 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR BRIDGEWATER PARK
<b>FILE REF:</b>	F07/00188
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**Crs Parker and McKenzie**

**Background**

Bridgewater Park is currently a relatively unusable space do to its construction and orientation. The site was approved subject to the space being used as sporting fields but for a range of reasons this has not transpired. Council needs to undertake a Plan of management for the site in order to realise the terms of the DA approval. There is an opportunity to improve the site and the potential for the north field to be a suitable junior soccer field.

**Recommendation**

That Council expedite the Plan of Management for Bridgewater Park in order to develop a functional sporting use for the site in line with the original DA approval and that this draft report be presented to Council for consideration at our December meeting.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**DIVISION:** MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN  
**SUBJECT:** ITEM 26 BALMAIN HOSPITAL  
**FILE REF:** F97/00078 – 2  
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**Crs Parker and McKenzie**

**Background**

In the term of the last Council I moved that we write to the Local member and Health Minister regarding our support for the existing services of the Balmain Hospital. Favourable comments from the former Premier were reported in the media. With the new Premier and Health Minister it is important that we remain vigilant and seek to ensure no cut in services to the existing facility.

**Recommendation**

That the Mayor seek a meeting with the Health Minister and Local Member in order to gain reassurance that the government policy is to maintain existing services and ensure the long term retention of the facility.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**DIVISION:** MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN  
**SUBJECT:** ITEM 27 CALLAN PARK  
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**Crs McKenzie and Parker**

**Background**

The Sartor / University of Sydney proposal for Callan Park still remains despite strong community and Council opposition. With the change of Ministers in the relevant portfolio there is an opportunity to put the views of the community to a new Minister. The Council has previously strongly endorsed a properly constituted Trust to manage the site and should reaffirm this in light of the new Minister.

**Recommendation**

That the Council re-affirm their commitment to a Trust to manage Callan Park and that the Mayor seek a meeting with the Minister for Planning and Vice Chancellor of the University of Sydney to outline the views of the community and Council on the University of Sydney plan and seek further information from the government on the proposal.

**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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**SUBJECT:** ITEM 28 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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**Crs Parker and Porteous**

**Background**

Improving the transparency of Council operations is a critical part of ensuring the organisation is responsive and accountable. The current cost of requesting an FOI plus the cost of photocopying can make the exercise very expensive. Council should work to ensure it enables the community to make FOI requests at minimal expense.

**Recommendation**

That Council abolish the administration fee for the lodging of FOI requests.