

Leichhardt Municipal Council



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ORDINARY MEETING

24 MAY 2011

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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 24 MAY 2011**.

Peter Head
GENERAL MANAGER

19 MAY 2011

BUSINESS:

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**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REPORT**

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: ITEM 16B - EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT LEICHHARDT 10 YEAR COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL PLAN
EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT 4 YEAR SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN

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DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY - ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications: Draft 4 Year Service Delivery Plan

Policy Implications: Development and implementation of social and cultural policy

Strategic planning Strategic Service Plan As Proposed In Leichhardt 2020+

Staffing Implications: Team Leader Community and Cultural Planning suggested as a permanent role
Realigning existing roles in Social Planning and Community Development with strategic direction of the 10 Year Plan in keeping with service needs of 4 Year Plan

Notifications: Public exhibition for 28 Days

1. **Purpose of Report**

To present the draft Leichhardt Community and Cultural Plan for endorsement by Council prior to the commencement of the public exhibition and period.

2. **Recommendations**

1. That the draft Leichhardt 10 Year Community and Cultural plan be placed on exhibition for a 28 day period.
2. As part of the Exhibition process, a briefing on the Draft Plan be presented to community members at the Community Services, Safety and Facilities Meeting on 2 June 2011.
3. That the submissions received during the 28 day exhibition period be presented back to Council for consideration.

3. **Background – Planning Framework and Methodology**

The **Community and Cultural Plan** is the first of Council’s integrated strategic and service delivery plans to deliver the strategic vision of *Leichhardt 2020+*, under the Department of Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. It is the first Plan produced by Council to address the cultural life of Leichhardt.

The Planning Framework

DLG Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework



Leichhardt Planning Framework

VISION – Sustainable & Liveable Community

Leichhardt **2020+** Strategic Plan - Foundations

KEY SERVICE AREAS

Community Well-being – Accessibility –
Place Where We Live & Work
A Sustainable Environment - Business in the Community
Sustainable Service & Assets

Strategic Service Plans – Shared Solutions

STRATEGIC SERVICE PLANS & POLICIES

Developing long term shared solutions –
**community outcomes &
service delivery strategies**
Community Well-being – Accessibility –
Place Where We Live & Work
Community & Cultural Plan - A Sustainable Environment
Business in the Community - Sustainable Service & Assets

Council adopted the integrated Community and Cultural Planning Framework in March 2009 and in doing so resolved to support:

- Evidence based research and analysis
- Building community and staff capacity while developing the plan
- Broad and comprehensive community engagement
- An internal working group of Council officers
- The engagement of specialists to assist as required.

Once adopted, the Planning Framework was implemented in **three phases**.

- **Phase 1** of the program concentrated on **developing the evidence-base, the resources and policy** that enabled Phase 2, the strategic planning phase.
 - Community engagement in this phase involved over 580 community groups, services, programs and facilities; 500 residents participated in the Community Wellbeing Survey, a statistically valid and reliable survey; and participants in all Council Committees and key stakeholder networks locally and in the region.
 - Key reports on the research and evidence base were presented to Council Committees, through Councillor briefings, and tabled in Council reports, as well as being presented to regional interagency meetings, and circulated to contributors and published through the Council website as follows.
 - Leichhardt Socio-Demographic Profile, December 2008
 - Community Engagement Framework, March 2009
 - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Protocols, May 2009
 - Audit of Community and Cultural Assets, September 2009
 - Report on implementation of Social Plan 2005-2009, March 2010
 - Survey of Community Wellbeing, April 2010
 - Targeted stakeholder and community engagement completed June 2010
- **Phase 2, the strategic planning phase**, the planning team in collaboration with community and the whole of Council
 - Trained community and staff in developing facilitation skills, and conducting surveys
 - Initiated an internal working group of Council officers
 - Trained staff and community members in facilitation skills, and interviewing skills
 - Scoped the plan and determined that the Plan would be for
 - A firm plan for the organisation and how organisational budget is expended and a general guide for the wider community to tap into, to align their actions with
 - Analysed opportunities, gaps, and themes arising from the research and data analysis and community engagement in Phase 1 and identified five strategic objectives.
 - Explored and tested ideas emerging from the research in keeping with council's **Community Engagement Framework** by
 - Asking information from people
 - Informing people

- Involving people in discussion, workshops, debate, art projects
 - Utilising diverse forms of engaging with community members, community organisations, Councillors and Committee members, local and state government stakeholders, Council staff and relevant networks, topic specialists and agencies, community and cultural service providers, residents surveyed at markets, bus stops, village centres, through library surveys, Childcare meetings, 3 public arts and cultural forums, and children's art competition
- **In Phase 3**, the exhibition phase, the planning process has now resulted in the Draft Leichhardt Community and Cultural Plan, comprising
 1. Draft 10 Year Strategic Service Plan, 2011-2020
 2. Draft 4 Year Service Delivery Plan, 2011-2014

4. **Report**

The Draft Community and Cultural Plan is the outcome of:

- evidence-based research
- comprehensive community engagement involving individuals, groups, other agencies and networks
- an integrated planning process incorporating the whole of Council.

At the highest level, the Draft Community and Cultural Plan responds to the community's vision – as contained in Leichhardt 2020+, for *Council and Community to work together for a sustainable and liveable community*. The Plan is founded on the principles of equity and social justice, and is committed to building community strengths and capability.

The Draft Community and Cultural Plan comprises a 10 Year Strategic Service Plan supported by a 4 Year Service Delivery Plan. When ultimately adopted by Council, it will provide both:

- a firm plan for the organisation and how organisational budget is expended
- a general guide for the wider community and State Government to tap into, to align their actions with the plans and actions of the organisation.

5. **Community and Cultural Plan - The 10 Year Strategic Service Plan**

In the 21st Century, people need to work together - individuals, communities, governments and societies - to make fundamental shifts in the way we live our lives and the legacy for future generations

It is remarkable that, at the pinnacle of human material and technical achievement, we find ourselves anxiety-ridden, prone to depression, worried about how others see us, unsure of our friendships, driven to consume and with little or no community life. Lacking the relaxed social contact and emotional satisfaction we all need, we seek comfort

in over-eating, obsessive shopping and spending, or becoming prey to excessive alcohol, psychoactive medicines and illegal drugs.

...
The contrast between material success and social failure of many rich countries is an important signpost. It suggests that, if we want to gain further improvements in the real quality of life, we need to shift attention from material standard and economic growth to ways of improving the psychological and social well-being of whole societies.¹

Equitable policies supporting connected and enlivened communities will be key agents in facilitating these changes. The Leichhardt 10 Year Community and Cultural Plan gives direction on meeting the aspirations of the Leichhardt community for a connected, caring, healthy, culturally active and enlivened community, to achieve the community vision of *a sustainable and liveable Leichhardt*.

In the Community and Cultural Plan, **Community** refers to the people living, working and studying in the Leichhardt local government area, and the Plan recognises the multiple communities of locations, life stages and interests that make up the Leichhardt area.

Culture in its broadest sense is about what matters to people, and communities. It is about the relationships, values, shared memories and experiences, how we congregate and interact, how we express ourselves socially and creatively. It is about the material products of the creative process.

The Community and Cultural Plan presents the interplay and interconnectedness between community and cultural life, and acknowledges the research that finds that communities that are more equitable, connected, culturally active, and involved in creative and community life, achieve better outcomes.

5.1 The 10 Year Strategic Service Plan for the period 2011 - 2021 (Refer Attachment 1)

The 10 Year Strategic Service Plan (Attachment 1):

- Describes the Leichhardt community
- Identifies local community and cultural strengths, capabilities, and assets
- Identifies key themes and issues emerging from research and consultation
- Analyses opportunities, gaps and challenges
- Identifies 10 integral social and cultural ideas
- Identifies strategic objectives for the Leichhardt local government area centred around social inclusion, equity, access, creative expression, cultural engagement and community wellbeing.

¹ Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett *The Spirit Level Why more equal societies do better than others* Allen Lane 2009 London pp3 - 4

The Plan identifies 5 key community and cultural objectives to deliver the Council's vision of the "*Community and Council will work together to promote and develop Leichhardt as a sustainable and liveable community*", namely:

- **Connecting people to each other.**
 - Connected communities are friendlier, safer, offer mutual support, and are more personally resilient.
 - They are better connected, more engaged in the decisions that affect them, and have greater social cohesion.
- **Connecting people to place.**
 - By maintaining the democratic function of public space, people have equal access.
 - Diverse use of public spaces increases perceptions of safety and encourages Council and the Community to observe mutual rights and responsibilities in caring for public infrastructure.
- **Developing community strengths and capabilities**
 - Social capital is an important indicator of community wellbeing and health. High levels of social capital, such as civic involvement, reciprocity, group membership and social trust, are associated with greater well-being outcomes in communities
 - Capable communities are more resilient, more able to deal with change and challenges
- **Enlivening arts and cultural life**
 - Talented and skilful communities create things of value, encourage participation, innovation and artistry
 - Communities engaged in creative expression enhance opportunities for creative industries and generate employment
 - Creative expression engenders wellbeing
- **Promoting health and wellbeing**
 - Health and wellbeing practices in a community support personal and societal wellbeing, achieving
 - positive social outcomes
 - positive environmental outcomes
 - sustainable living outcomes

6. The 4 Year Service Delivery Plan for the period 2011 – 2015 (Refer Attachment 2)

6.1 The 4 Year Service Delivery Plan

- Recommends actions, activities and programs for Council to deliver in partnership with the community to meet the Strategic Objectives, Outcomes identified in the 10 Year Plan; and
- Identifies the responsibilities and resources required to implement the Community and Cultural plan over the next four years

The 4 Year Service Delivery Plan is based upon extensive consultation with stakeholders which resulted in over 570 initiatives being suggested. These initiatives were ultimately condensed down into **287** actions comprising:

- **155** actions based on improving the way we do things, aligning actions across the organisation, that create no demand for additional resources
- **30** Actions – based on initiating strategic services, partnerships and programs funded through the Community and Cultural Planning Program, and/or lead by the Team Leader Community and Cultural Development to build community capacity (Table 2 Below)
- **3** Actions – projected to cost less than \$2,500
- **9** Actions – projected to cost between \$2,500 - \$5000
- **18** Actions – projected to cost between \$5,000 - \$10,000
- **16** Actions – projected to cost between \$10,000 - \$25,000
- **10** Actions – projected to cost between \$25,000 - \$50,000
- **8** Actions – projected to cost greater than \$50,000
- **38** Actions – the resources for which are yet to be determined, as the action involves further study and research

Leichhardt Council's leadership and role as an advocate will be important to build effective relationships with other levels of government, communities, business and service providers to deliver the plan.

- A separate report, entitled **Implementing the Community and Cultural Plan** proposes that the staff resources in the Social Planning and Community Development Team be refocused from developing the plan to supporting the delivery of the integrated Community and Cultural Plan, in keeping with the planning frameworks adopted by Council.

6.2 Staged implementation of the Plan

The 4 Year Service Delivery Plan comprises 3 distinct stages which can be summarised as follows:

- Stage 1 commencing 2011/12 - which focuses on governance processes, systems, consolidating and aligning activities within the organisation and building organisational capacity.
- Stage 2 commencing 2012/13 - Which focuses on building relationships with key stakeholders and organisations outside Council thereby laying the foundations for the delivery of the Plan in collaboration with those key stakeholders and organisations.
- Stage 3 commencing 2013/14 - Once we have developed internal capacity and developed key linkages and relationships, we can focus on exploring opportunities to expand programs and/or introduce new services and programs.

6.3 Stage 1 implementation - identification of Income and Expenditure in 2011/12 budget proposals

Incorporated within the draft 4 Year Service Delivery Plan is the Year 1 program of activities consistent with the staging outlined above and within the available budget parameters.

181 of the Actions in the Plan are proposed for commencement in 2011/12

- 153 Actions - projected at Nil Additional cost
 - 105 Actions – Environment and Community Directorate
 - 49 Actions – other directorates
- 28 Actions funded from the annual Community and Cultural Plan (Table 2)

Table 2 Initiatives prioritised for 2011/2012 Corporate budget *2

Strategy Number	Action Number	Action	Allocation of \$200,00 in 2011/12
	18 actions starting Year 1	Team Leader Community and Cultural Planning initiating strategic partnerships to deliver social policy, developing social inclusion and capacity building models, instigating key governance tools and aligning council's investment in the community with the strategic direction of the plan.	\$133,000 per annum
1.1.2	2	Enable and encourage community-lead neighbourhood connections through the annual Meet Street Greet Grants Program.	\$1,500 per annum
2.3.1	1	Initiate Council's advocacy and leadership in relation to supported living options.	\$3,000 per annum
3.4.2	1	Leverage partnership opportunities to support the Linked In Program	\$33,000 per annum
3.2.3	1	Initiate leading practice community development projects in collaboration with residents living in social housing, utilising a capacity-building approach. Projects to be considered include community gardens and healthy eating programs, community sheds and recycling programs, bike building programs, community gyms, and Community Cultural Development projects.	\$10,500 per annum
4.1.1	2	Attract leading, local and emerging artists to enliven the heritage Town Halls through the inaugural Site and Sound Program, and implement on an ongoing basis.	\$7,500 per annum
4.3.2	2	Develop the exhibition series showcasing local and emerging artists.	\$10,500 per annum
4.3.1	4	Investigate opportunities for sponsorship & partnerships that expand the Bloomin Arts Mentoring Scholarship with Sydney College of the Arts (initiated under the Community and Cultural Planning program).	\$1,500 per annum
			Allocation to be carried forward from 2010/11 budget
1.1.2	1	Pilot "Adopt a Plot", gardening program-linking people who can no longer maintain their garden, to a local household wanting to grow vegetables and flowers - social inclusion in the neighbourhood.	\$4,000 per annum
3.6.3	2	Build community capacity by increasing the Community Grants Program (\$22,500 pa existing) to \$28,000 pa, aligned with the proposed Community Resourcing Policy, and maintain Council's investment in the Seniors Program of \$10,000 pa.	\$5,500 per annum
4.3.1	1	Re-imagine the Leichhardt Town Hall as an Arts and Cultural Hub at the centre of Norton Street incorporating Artist in Residence programs, curated programs, and community and professional arts and cultural activities.	\$2,000 per annum

2 Includes proposed carry-over funds that may not be fully expended in 2010/11

7. Summary/Conclusions

The development of the Draft Leichhardt Community and Cultural Plan has followed an evidence-based approach to research, an extensive community engagement process, and a comprehensive and integrated planning process. The resulting Plan addresses the aspirations and manages the challenges facing the Leichhardt local government area. The Plan recognises the role of Council, other agencies, community groups and individuals in mobilising the strengths and capabilities of the Leichhardt community, in order to achieve community and cultural objectives, in a wholistic and integrated fashion dedicated to the wellbeing of the Leichhardt community.

It is recommended that the draft Plan be placed on a 28 day public exhibition period to provide another opportunity for the community to comment. It is proposed that the Exhibition Draft be presented to the Community Services, Safety and Facilities Meeting on 2 June. All submissions will be reported back to Council with any amendments that may arise from these comments prior to adoption.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

DIVISION: MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
SUBJECT: **ITEM 40 - EXPANDING OCCASIONAL CHILDCARE**
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Cr. Parker

Background

Leichhardt Council operates an occasional care service from the Annandale neighbourhood centre and from the new Childcare facility behind Balmain Library. Currently the service only operates 4 days per week which is an issue for local parents and carers who need to have the service on a Friday.

Recommendation:

That Council calls for a report from Council staff on the implications of providing the Occasional Care service for an additional day per week.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

DIVISION: MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
SUBJECT: ITEM 41 PROTECT NATIVE WILDLIFE
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Cr. McKenzie and Cr. Plate

Recommendation:

1. That council send out information with the next rates notice asking residents to keep their cats indoors at night to protect native wildlife and note legislative requirements.
2. That the information be distributed in a pdf. file to residents who pay their rates online.
3. That the information be included in a Mayoral column, and a press release with a photo of a cat-injured possum be sent out to local press.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

DIVISION: MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

SUBJECT: **ITEM 42 TREE PRESERVATION POLICY (TPO)**

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Cr. Parker

Background

In 2010 Council initiated a project to reform the TPO in order to better take into account a range of risk issues. This TPO is progressing and it would be useful to develop a timeline for the development and presentation of this policy to Council.

Recommendation:

That Council staff prepare a report outlining the process and timeline for the completion of the new TPO policy.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

DIVISION: MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

SUBJECT: ITEM 43 ADVOCACY OF REFUGEES RESOLUTION

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Cr. Porteous

Background

Leichhardt Council, along with 71 other Local Australian Councils is a signatory to the Refugee Council of Australia's Refugee Welcome Zones.

"The Refugee Welcome Zone:

This declaration is a commitment in spirit to welcoming refugees into our community, upholding the human rights of refugees, demonstrating compassion for refugees and enhancing cultural and religious diversity in our community. This public commitment is also an acknowledgement of the tremendous contribution refugees have made to Australian society in the fields of medicine, science, engineering, sport, education and the arts. By making this declaration it is hoped that local government will be encouraged in their continuing efforts to support men, women and children who make the difficult journey to Australia to seek our protection."

(Refugee Council of Australia)

Leichhardt Council also established and continues to support the Asylum Seeker Project which is run in conjunction with the Bridge for Asylum Seekers Foundation, Balmain for Refugees and the Balmain Uniting Church.

The situation for asylum seekers coming to Australia seeking asylum from persecution was expected to significantly improve with the change of government in 2007. At first this appeared to be the case but more recently we have seen a slide back to the deeply inhumane conditions that existed during the Howard Government's term of office.

There has been little attempt by either the Gillard or the Rudd Government to address the problem of indefinite mandatory detention or the untenable situation for asylum seekers on bridging visas who are unable to access health and education services and are not permitted to work, meaning in most cases that they are entirely reliant on charities for survival.

Recently we have seen the reintroduction of Temporary Protection Visas. The same visas that Immigration Minister Chris Bowen had previously described in an address to a UN audience in 2008 as being “unjust” (*2008 speech, World Refugee Day*). This decision also contradicts the 2007 National Labor Conference resolution to put an end to Temporary Protection Visas because of their inherent unfairness as TPV holders are unable to sponsor their spouse or children to visit them or join them in Australia and because of their impact on refugees in terms of their mental health and general well-being.

Further, in the last few days we have seen the Government announce an off-shore processing policy for asylum seekers arriving by boat which will deport 800 asylum seekers arriving by boat to Malaysia and “trade” these for 4,000 resettlement-ready refugees. Children will apparently be included in this new deportation scheme and the Government has indicated that it is interested in doing similar types of agreements with Thailand and PNG. It should be noted that neither Malaysia or Thailand are signatories to the UN Refugee Convention.

Recommendation:

Leichhardt Council therefore resolves:

That the Mayor writes to the local Federal Members of Sydney and Grayndler, the Minister for Immigration and the Prime Minister outlining Leichhardt Council’s concerns at:

- The planned reintroduction of Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs)
- The slow processing of refugee status for asylum seekers
- The inhumane continuation of indefinite mandatory detention
- The processing of asylum seekers in countries that are not signatories to the UN Refugee Convention
- The continuation of bridging visas which often means absolute reliance on charities for survival.
- The continued detention of children in Australia and in overseas detention centres funded by Australia.

That the Leichhardt Council calls on the above federal representatives to advocate within their party to adopt a more compassionate, humane and pragmatic approach to asylum seekers and to:

- Revoke the plans to reintroduce TPVs
- Speed up processing times for refugee status of asylum seekers
- End indefinite mandatory detention
- Process asylum seekers entering Australia within Australia
- Provide services and funding to asylum seekers on bridging visas and therefore end their absolute reliance on charities for survival.
- Ensure no child is in detention in Australia or in overseas detention centres funded by Australia.

Further that Leichhardt Council sends a copy of this resolution to all other Refugee Welcome Councils in NSW requesting that they take similar action with their Federal Members.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: ITEM 44 LAMBERT PARK UPGRADE
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Cr. Cinis

Background

Lambert Park is an asset of Leichhardt Council and the important home of the APIA Tigers. The Coalition pledged \$2.2 million for an upgrade to the facility before the state election.

Recommendation:

That Council staff negotiate with the NSW government and the APIA Tigers to ensure the financial commitment is delivered and the project meets the needs of APIA and the adopted Master Plan for Lambert Park.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

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SUBJECT: **ITEM 45 ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTRE FUNDING**
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Cr. McKenzie

Background

Council was able to gain Federal grant funding for the upgrade of the Italian Cultural Centre and the first round of payments have been made for the project.

Recommendation:

That Leichhardt Council General Manager prepare a bi monthly memo for Council on progress of this important project.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

DIVISION: MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
SUBJECT: **ITEM 46 BELL STORE - WESTON STREET PROJECT**
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Cr. Parker

Background

The landscaping of the Bells Store area has been a significant commitment of Leichhardt Council and we have recently committed significant funds to the project. As the site has been vacant for many years residents have been unsure of the progress of this project.

Recommendation:

That Council place several visible signs around the site to indicate to residents and visitors the outline of the project, timelines and project details. That the wording be developed by the relevant staff and General Manager.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

DIVISION:	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
SUBJECT:	ITEM 47 COUNCIL STAFF FOR PLAYGROUND PROJECTS
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Cr Parker

Background

During this current financial year Council embarked on the most ambitious playground and playing field program in the history of Leichhardt Council. Council staff undertook this project with enormous dedication and professionalism completing 9 new playground upgrades and Leichhardt Oval number 2 including;

North Street, Trevor Street, Goodsir Street, Pioneer Park, Easton Park, Rozelle Common, Ann Cashman Reserve, Evan Jones Playground, Gladstone Park. These projects were over and above the regular projects of Council staff and were achieved on time with a great deal of support from local residents.

Recommendation:

That the General Manager writes to all of the office and outdoor staff who worked on the playgrounds and playing field project thanking them for their work and dedication on behalf of Leichhardt Council and the community.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

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Cr. Plate and Cr. Porteous

Background

Councils new Cultural Plan seeks to create connections between and within communities. The amenity and permeability of streetscapes is identified as a key contributor in creating and enhancing connections. This motion addresses the need for Council to actively acquire land in order to provide 'walk-throughs' or pedestrian networks to link our main streets to their surrounding residential areas.

In May 2010 Council resolved (**C202/10**) to prepare a Policy Framework to assist Council in forming its views in relation to sites and corridors. The Centres and Corridors Study is budgeted to commence in 2011/2012 with completion estimated in the 2012/2013 financial year. Opportunities to improve urban amenity by enhancing urban permeability will be investigated as part of that study.

Three Council commissioned studies identify Norton Street, between Parramatta Road and Marion Street as being in dire need of connection to parallel streets and laneways.

The 1987 Business Centres Study identified poor pedestrian access and amenity as being the prime reason for the economic decline of this section of Leichhardt Town Centre. It recommended: encouraging provision of a new rear pedestrian network to complement existing street footpaths, in order to improve pedestrian amenity and provide for links between car parks, redevelopment sites and existing streets. Low-key shop fronts onto back lanes behind Parramatta Road were also recommended.

However, several large developments (Norton Plaza, Italian Forum, the CoAsit building) were built with no public, pedestrian access between Balmain Road and Norton St.

The 1992-3 Norton St Urban Design Study aimed to improve & extend the public places of Leichhardt. A key aim was to improve pedestrian accessibility by developing a continuous lane system parallel with Parramatta Rd, creating east-west mid-block cross street links between Norton St and Balmain Rd, and encouraging cross street or arcade connections between Norton and Renwick Streets. Again, redevelopment opportunities have not been exploited to fulfil these aims.

The 1996 Hill Thallis Town Centre Urban Design Study re-iterated the need to improve linkages and amenity wherever possible, by encouraging east-west cross streets and clearly-marked, well lit and articulated pedestrian links between existing streets. It identified the west side of Norton St (adjoining Renwick St) as the longest unbroken block in the municipality and recommended the creation of four new pedestrian access lanes.

Recommendation :

- 1) That Councils proposed Centres and Corridors Study include:
 - a) an investigation of opportunities to create 'walk-through' laneways to improve non-vehicular links and this is to include options for pedestrian access between 34 and 36 Norton Street and between 18 and 20 Norton Street,
 - b) identification of possible funding sources for potential land acquisitions including s.94, to facilitate implementation,
 - c) identification of necessary governance arrangements to achieve enhanced pedestrian permeability in centres and corridors,
 - d) identification of ways in which urban permeability and active streetscapes can be maximised in and between centres and corridors including street cross-sections and implications for built forms. Existing urban design studies commissioned by Council in relation centres and corridors should be utilised where possible.
- 2)
 - a) That information about urban design objectives and provisions to facilitate retention and creation of new pedestrian links be included in the new Development Control Plan,
 - b) That any development adjacent to potential or existing pedestrian links be assessed accordingly, with the intention of maintaining links or creating new links. That all developments in Norton St (between Parramatta Rd and Marion St) be assessed with regard to their potential for either enhancing or limiting public access and that every opportunity be taken to acquire suitable land, should it become available or refuse development that hinders access.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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Cr. Porteous

Background

Leichhardt library was recently flooded and sustained damage which resulted in the closure of the library for several days. This issue has generated a great deal of interest from local residents and library users.

Recommendation:

That Council staff prepare a report to describe the flooding problems and options to ensure the flooding does not happen in the future.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

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SUBJECT: **ITEM 50 BARANGAROO REVIEW**
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Cr Stamolis

Background

The commitment by the State Liberal Government to conduct a review of the Barangaroo proposal is a significant step forward in opening up this secretive process which was administered by the previous NSW State Government.

On Wednesday, 10 May 2011, a petition of over 11,000 signatures was presented to NSW Parliament. The petition requested that an inquiry be held into the Barangaroo process and that the current proposal should not proceed in its current form. Similarly, last week, a media poll, involving 4586 responses, determined that 57% did not want the Barangaroo proposal to proceed.

For a development which is proposed for the foreshores of the internationally renowned Sydney Harbour, and more so, a development which all Sydneysiders expect to be an iconic statement, the petition and survey results clearly show a strong level of opposition to the Barangaroo project. Possibly, the NSW community are expecting something more visionary and iconic than the 'Barangaroo Office Block'.

The review will, however, allow some opportunity to influence the final Barangaroo proposal.

As a Council which has taken a strong leadership position against the current Barangaroo proposal and against the associated relocation of the cruise ship terminal (along with corporate entertainment venues) to White Bay, it is important

that Leichhardt Council makes a submission to the Minister for Planning to ensure that Council's position is considered during the review.

Similarly, Council should participate in the review process, where possible.

A letter should be drafted with urgency and sent to the Minister for Planning and to the Australians for Sustainable Development (Cr Marcelle Hoff, City of Sydney Council) which covers:

- Council's interest in participating in the review of the Barangaroo proposal
- Council's opposition to the gross overdevelopment of the harbour foreshores at Barangaroo and the hotel in the water
- Council's opposition to the relocation of the cruise ship terminal and corporate venues to White Bay. These will destroy many options to provide community amenity, public foreshore access and much-needed open space on the White Bay foreshore and will severely impact the high density Balmain Peninsula.

The following are previous resolutions of Council which relate to this item:

BALMAIN PENINSULA CRUISE TERMINAL: OPPOSITION

RESOLUTION Minute No: C221/10 25 May 2010 Ordinary Meeting

That Council write to the Premier, local State Government member, the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, the Minister for planning and the Minister for Ports stating:

- Opposition to the proposal to relocate the cruise terminal to the Balmain Peninsula.
- That this move makes way for gross overdevelopment of our harbour front at Barangaroo while at same time destroying many options to provide community amenity, public foreshore access and much-needed open space on the White Bay foreshore
- That the relocation of the cruise terminal ignores the severe impacts of the cruise terminal upon our municipality.

CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL, WHITE BAY: COMMUNITY MISLEAD

RESOLUTION Minute No: C446/10 28 September 2010 Ordinary Mtg

Council to write to the Minister for Planning, the Maritime Union of Australia, the Minister for Ports, the local State Member for Balmain and the State Opposition Leader, Barry O'Farrell:

- to reiterate Council's opposition to a cruise ship terminal to White Bay.
- to seek more detailed information about the proposed corporate venue and its operations
- to express serious concern about the operation of a corporate venue in a sensitive location next to peoples' homes
- to express strong disappointment in having been misled about the provision of public access to the foreshores when cruise ships are not in.
- to condemn archaic planning on our local residential peninsula (i.e. intensive and high impact operations, large built structures on the foreshores, high fences, barbed wire, security guards, intimidatory signs, increased traffic, roads and car parks).

Recommendation:

A letter should be drafted with urgency and sent to the Minister for Planning and to the coordinator of the group Australians for Sustainable Development (Cr Marcelle Hoff, City of Sydney Council) which covers:

- Council's interest in participating in the review of the Barangaroo proposal
- Council's opposition to the gross overdevelopment of the harbour foreshores at Barangaroo and the hotel in the water
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Officers Comments

Attached are the Class 4 filed on 12May challenging the Minister's Part 3A Approval Cruise Passenger Terminal and Pikes letter to the Minister for Planning and the Ports Authority setting out Council concern about the (up to 2,500 people) function centre among other issues. For the information of Councillors.

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

DIVISION: MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
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Cr. Howison

Background

Members of the Annandale community have deep and long-standing concern about the state of the business premises that sit at the head of Rozelle Bay, between the Bay and the Crescent at the gateway to Annandale.

These concerns relate to environmental controls, public access and streetscape.

The site consists of three lots (Lots 20 21 and 22), which are leased to two businesses but are owned by NSW Maritime, while the NSW Department of Planning acts as the consent authority.

Precinct representatives and Cr Howison are supportive of maritime industry being maintained on the site, with a view to keeping the heritage and spirit of the Bays Precinct alive.

The key issue is that for many years now the site has not been maintained to an appropriate standard, particularly given its central location as the gateway to Annandale.

The structures on the site consist of shipping containers, sometimes stacked two storeys high, as well as nissen huts and a variety of lean-to's. The streetscape consists of a dilapidated fence made from torn and tangled shade cloth arranged over hurricane wire. Piles of rubbish and rusting vehicles sit against the street-facing fence and around the site.

There is a long history of a variety of government agencies attempting to applying environmental control orders and development applications on the site to remedy the issues outlined above. These have met with limited success. Now is the time to renew these efforts.

Recommendation:

1. That a report be brought to council on the history and current status of lots 20 21 and 22 at Rozelle Bay (referred to henceforth as 'the site'), which includes approved and lapsed development applications, council orders, environmental orders and other orders that have been applied, and the status thereof.
2. That Council write to the leaseholders of the site inviting those proprietors to outline their plans for development on the site, including timeframes
3. That Council write to NSW Maritime, the EPA, the Department of Planning, relevant state government Ministers of those departments, and the local member of state parliament, conveying the community's deep and longstanding concern about the state of the site, and requesting information regarding the current leases on the site, the terms of the leases, what controls are available to improve the management of the site, what orders have applied to the site and what their current status is, the status of any development applications that have been approved for the site and any that are pending, and any plans for enforcement action relating to the site.
4. That Council restate its position of support for a working harbour in the Bays Precinct, including marine industry in Rozelle Bay.