

# LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## NOTICE OF MOTION

<b>DIVISION:</b>	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ITEM 37 EXPANSION OF WHITES CREEK COMMUNITY GARDEN
<b>DATE:</b>	14 NOVEMBER 2011
<b>WORD PROCESSING REF:</b>	

**Crs Kogoy/ Plate**

### **Background**

Over a number of years Council has been working with the Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery, Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park and the wider community to improve open space, bush care and community garden opportunities in and around Whites Creek Valley Park.

This term of Council has allocated funding for the construction of the new home of the Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery, the embellishment of new open space and managed the completion of the Whites Creek Cottage.

The White Street Community Garden has an extensive waiting list. To address this popularity, the group has expressed a desire to expand the community garden into the adjacent vacant block of land at 25 White Street, and also to plant an orchard and construct a beehive and chicken coop in other parts of the park.

The proposed expansion of the community garden into 25 White Street, beehive and chicken coop are not contained within the existing plan of management for Whites Creek Valley Park and therefore need to be considered by Council in terms of an amendment to the existing plan of management, and would also need to adhere to Council's Community Gardens Policy and Council's public consultation and public exhibition period processes.

The existing plan of management supports an orchard and can commence immediately after the new open space has been transferred to Council and embellished.

The beehive is not permitted under Council's Community Garden's Policy due to public safety concerns.

## **Recommendation**

Subject to the receipt of a community garden plan of management (*from the Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park*), that Council commence the formal consultation process to amend the Whites Creek Valley Park Plan of Management to incorporate the proposed expansion of the White Street Community Garden into 25 White Street.

That the proposed chicken coop and any opportunities for further planting of native vegetation in the park be included in this process.

That a report outlining the process be brought to the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.

That a design for the supported orchard be brought to the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.

That the Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park be invited to submit a community garden plan of management to the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.