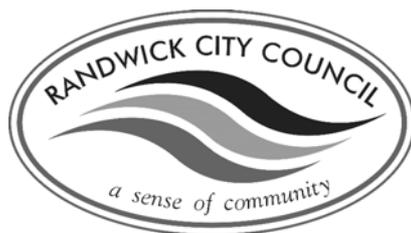


ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Environment Committee Meeting of the Council of the City of Randwick will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick, on Tuesday, 12 February 2008 at 5:30pm.

Committee Members: The Mayor, B Notley-Smith, Belleli, Hughes, Kenny, Matson (Chairperson), Nash (Deputy Chairperson), Tracey, White, Woodsmith.

Quorum: Five (5) members.

NOTE: At the extraordinary meeting held on 22 May 2007, the Council resolved that the Environment Committee be constituted as a committee with full delegation to determine matters on the agenda.

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Confirmation of the Minutes

Environment Committee Meeting - 4 December 2007

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Address of Council by Members of the Public

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GENERAL MANAGER

Environment Report No. E1/08



Subject: Randwick Council support of Green Plumber Workshops

Folder No: F2004/06495

Author: Manager Sustainability - Peter Maganov

Introduction

To provide advice on the support provided to the Green Plumbers Training Program.

Issues

Late in 2007, Randwick responded to an invitation to host a Green Plumbers workshop to enable the Green Plumbers Association to run a training program for plumbers seeking accreditation to install solar hotwater and rainwater systems. Green Plumbers program was developed by the Master Plumbers and Mechanical Services Association of Australia and training material developed for them by RMIT University in Melbourne.

With training provided free of charge by trained instructors and plumbing professionals, the Green Plumbers training program delivers specific training related to installing solar hot water systems, solar panels, rainwater and greywater systems and other energy and water saving devices and technology. The accredited training enabling local plumbers to gain greater confidence in responding to the increased efforts and interests of householders and businesses to implement their own energy and water saving actions.

Since its commencement in 2001, 3800 plumbers across 6 States have completed one or more of the Green Plumbers training and accreditation program. In 2008, there are 24 days of Green Plumbers workshops being held across the Sydney metropolitan area.

Randwick is supporting Green Plumbers workshops on solar hotwater and rainwater on the following dates:

Feb 20	Caring for our Water
March 20	Solar Hotwater
June 26	Solar Hotwater.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome: A Healthy Environment.
Direction: 10(a) Council is a leader in fostering environmentally sustainable practices.
10(d) Sustainable alternative waste technologies and environmentally sound collection systems are identified and implemented.
10(f) A total water cycle management approach including water conservation, reuse and water quality improvements is adopted.
10(g) Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.

Financial impact statement

There are no financial impacts for Council's support of the 2008 Green Plumbers workshops.

Conclusion

Randwick is one of 7 other local Councils providing venues for the Green Plumbers Training Program in NSW. The free workshops for plumbers are being provided for qualified plumbers to assist them improve their understanding of and issues related to the installation of water and energy saving devices for small businesses and householders.

Recommendation

That this report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Environment Report No. E2/08



Subject: GoGet CarShare Sustaining our City
Project Update

Folder No: F2005/00230

Author: Manager Sustainability - Peter Maganov

Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to update the progress of the community carshare arrangement between GoGet Carshare and Randwick City Council.

Issues

In October 2006, Council approved the commencement of a community car share operation in Randwick with GoGet CarShare (Mayor's Minute 75/2006 refers). Based originally in Newtown, GoGet carshare currently provides around 90 car share vehicles for community use through the metropolitan areas of Sydney and Melbourne.

Randwick's support was originally for a two year period for 1.5 vehicles. Maroubra Junction Uniting Church agreed to support the remaining part of the second vehicle. Since then, GoGet Carshare has added an additional two vehicles so that 6 car share vehicles are available within Randwick for residents to use. The 6 vehicles are located at popular locations at Coogee, Maroubra, Kensington and Randwick.

Late in 2007, Council also agreed to provide designated parking spaces for hybrid and carshare vehicles at 5 popular locations including beach side locations at Clovelly, Coogee and Maroubra, as well as Belmore Road and Maroubra Junction shopping precincts. A designated parking space for a carshare vehicle only is provided at Town Hall.

Over the past 12 months, 74 Randwick residents have joined GoGet's community carshare program. Members pay a joining fee and an hourly rate for use of the vehicles subject to availability and booking through the GoGet Carshare website. Running, maintenance and insurance costs are borne by GoGet Carshare.

Figures to date show the 6 Randwick car share vehicles have made 1,636 trips and travelled a total of 55,000 kilometers since their commencement in Randwick.

In February this year, GoGet Carshare are commencing a smart tag key system for their vehicles which will make it easier for carshare members to access the vehicles. The single swipe of the tag will deactivate the engine immobiliser and unlock the car. Council staff use will also commence of the car share vehicles through a matching smart tag provided to all staff making use of the care share vehicles.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome: 9 Integrated and Accessible Transport.
10 A Healthy Environment.

Direction: 9(b) The community is informed, educated and encouraged to use sustainable transport options.
10(a) Council is a leader in fostering environmentally sustainable practices.

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10(g) Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.

Financial impact statement

Council's support of the car share vehicles was for \$7,500 per year for a 2 year period with Maroubra Junction Uniting Church providing \$2,500 per year.

GoGet Carshare remain responsible for all vehicle running costs, maintenance, insurance, booking and other related costs.

Conclusion

This is an important initiative that supports a number of City Plan actions and continues to showcase Randwick's approach to developing and implementing sustainable transport options for its residents.

GoGet CarShare takes over full responsibility for costs and promotion of the car share program in Randwick at the completion of the 2 year support from Council.

Recommendation

That:

- a) The report be received and noted; and
- b) Council continues to promote the availability of the GoGet Carshare to Randwick residents through the Mayoral column, Community Newsletter and other appropriate media opportunities.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Environment Report No. E3/08



Subject: Sustainable Demonstration House
Update - Barrett House, Randwick

Folder No: F2004/08350

Author: Sustainability Communications Officer - Richard Wilson

Introduction

To update the progress on developing a Sustainability Demonstration House in Barrett House, Randwick.

Issues

In 2007 Council resolved to create a Sustainability Demonstration House at 6 Barrett Place Randwick. This would form a major element of the 3 Council Ecological Footprint Project being conducted by external funding with Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils.

To ensure professional design and consideration of the full range of sustainability issues a number of specialist designers and architects were approached to submit proposals for the retrofitting of Barrett House into a sustainable demonstration project.

Three specialists responded to this approach and have visited Barrett House prior to submitting responses. Due to the diverse and specialised nature of their experience a meeting was held and a proposal for the 3 specialists to collaborate on the project has been agreed. This will enable Council's Sustainability Demonstration House to utilise each of the specialists skills represented by these experts.

The 3 specialists are: Michael Mobbs (Sustainable Design/Author), Suzie Brown (Sustainability Consultant/Community Facilitator) and Helena Bridi (Sustainable Architect) will be combining their expertise in a joint submission to design and oversee the retrofitting of Barrett House with a range of sustainability measures. Each member of the team has lengthy experience in the work and services to be provided, including national and publicly recognised experience in retrofitting residential properties and in engaging community, industry support and media interest.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome: A Healthy Environment.

Direction: 10(a) Council is a leader in fostering environmentally sustainable practices.

10(f) A total water cycle management approach including water conservation, reuse and water quality improvements is adopted.

10(g) Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Financial impact statement

Scoping and Design for the retrofitting of the house will cost \$9,500. Funding for this project will be via the 3-Council Ecological Footprint grant.

Conclusion

This is a positive project for Randwick Council as part of its Sustaining our City initiative and 3-Council Ecological Footprint Project. The involvement of an experienced project team led by Michael Mobbs will ensure expert assistance in retrofitting Barrett House for sustainability. Regular reports will be provided to Council as this project progresses.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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