

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

BUSINESS PAPER

TUESDAY 8 JULY 2008

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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, 8 July 2008 at 6:30pm.

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.

Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

Confirmation of the Minutes

Environment Committee Meeting - 10 June 2008

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Address of Committee by Members of the Public

Urgent Business

Greening Randwick Report

Nil

Environment Report

E15/08 3 Council Ecological Footprint Project - Program Update 1

Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil

Closed Session

Nil

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Ray Brownlee
GENERAL MANAGER

Environment Report No. E15/08



Subject: 3 Council Ecological Footprint Project
- Program Update

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Introduction

To provide an update on the 3-Council Ecological Footprint Project between Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils.

Issues

The basis for the collaboration between the 3 Councils above is a three year Urban Sustainability Grant from The Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) totalling \$1.875 million dollars.

This 3-Council Ecological Footprint Project adopts an integrated approach that focuses on capacity building between the three Councils and the local community to implement a range of tangible actions capable of producing measurable reductions in the Ecological Footprint across the Eastern Suburbs.

Each Council will undertake at least one major and one minor project together with a number of joint projects that will be coordinated across the 3 local government areas.

Project Update:

	Project	Council Area	Current Status	Outcome
Major Project	Water Sensitive Urban Design: Rose Bay Promenade	Woollahra	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retrofit 11 parking bays for collection and treatment of stormwater runoff from New South Head Road ▪ 200,000L storage capacity ▪ Re-use of treated stormwater for irrigation ▪ Increase water quality at Rose Bay
	Commercial Organic Food Waste Collection Trial	Randwick & Waverley	Pre-trial waste audit scheduled for mid July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This trial will test the viability and environmental benefits of recovering food organics from local cafes and restaurants for reprocessing and reuse on a permanent basis.
Minor Project	Home Energy Makeover	All	Due to commence in July/August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A minimum of 400 residential Home Energy Audits completed ▪ Option to extend up to 1,200 audits and include local businesses.

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Project	Council Area	Current Status	Outcome
Barrett House: Sustainable Demonstration House	All	Development Application for retrofit to be lodged to Council by Michael Mobbs mid July.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public facility displaying working examples of practical sustainability measures incorporating: energy and water efficiency, sustainable transport options, productive gardens, the use of sustainable building materials, waste avoidance, minimisation and recovery.
Sustainability Street (Vox Bandicoot)	All	Under investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An innovative environmental and community development program. ▪ Sustainability Street educates and engages community members in sustainable living practices and initiatives.
Eco-Fingerprinting (Vox Bandicoot)	All	Under development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An online tool providing the opportunity for community engagement and action to begin reducing the individual size of the Ecological Footprint. ▪ Recently endorsed by David Suzuki.

All the above projects comply with the funding conditions and have been approved by the Department of Environment and Climate Change through the 3 Council Ecological Footprint Business Plan.

A Memorandum of Understanding which establishes the formal working relationship between Randwick City Council, Woollahra Municipal Council and Waverley Council, was signed in December 2007 by the General Managers.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome: A Healthy Environment.

Direction: 10(a) Council is 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

Randwick Council is administering the funding for this project which includes administration and support of the project officer appointed to work with the 3 Councils for the duration of the project.

The total funding for the three year period of this project totals \$1.88M, divided equally between the 3 participating Councils with contributions of \$75,000 per year per Council. Randwick's contribution comprises in-kind support and financial support provided through the environmental levy funding.

Conclusion

The Project Officer will continue to provide regular reports on the progress and projects carried out as part of the 3 Council Ecological Footprint project.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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