

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

BUSINESS PAPER

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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, 13 October 2009 at 6:00pm.

Committee Members: The Mayor, J Procopiadis, Andrews, Belleli, Hughes, Matson (Chairperson), Notley-Smith, White & Woodsmith (Deputy Chairperson).

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 – 11 August 2009

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Address of Committee by Members of the Public

Urgent Business

Greening Randwick Reports

Nil

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Closed Session

Nil

Notice of Rescission Motions

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Ray Brownlee
GENERAL MANAGER

Environment Report No. E18/09



Subject: Compost Revolution: Food Waste Reduction Program Update

Folder No: F2008/00385

Author: Richard Wilson, Ecological Footprint Project Officer

Introduction

The Food Waste Reduction Project is Randwick and Waverley Council's major project identified under the 3-Council Ecological Footprint Program funded through a grant from the NSW Environment Trust.

Issues

The Compost Revolution is a food waste reduction program which aims to trial and analyse effective methods of reducing food waste going to landfill in the region. The Compost Revolution will engage a minimum of 300 households, both multi-unit and single-unit dwellings, across Randwick and Waverley in a 12 month composting and worm farming trial.

Participating households each receive training in the form of a two hour workshop, written manual and a resource kit. Upon completion householders are issued with a kitchen collector for food waste and a compost bin and/or worm farm.

Ongoing educational activities, such as workshops on cooking, shopping for low food waste and sustainable gardening will help households further reduce their food waste over the trial period. Participants are required to stay in the trial for the full duration and assist in completing regular surveys regarding their food waste and composting habits over the year.

This trial is designed to demonstrate a decentralised approach to reducing organic material going to landfill. The results will be compared to the current approach applied by Woollahra Municipal Council with a report prepared to determine the best outcome in regard to financial costs and environmental benefits of this form of waste diversion.

There has been an overwhelming response from residents across Waverley and Randwick to take part in this trial with 470 households registering their interest. From this 300 households were selected following completion of a detailed survey. In response to the demand and interest a second intake of 300 households is currently being planned for mid November 2009.

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(g) Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.

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Financial impact statement

The grant from the NSW Environmental Trust is providing approximately \$150,000 for this project over the 18 month trial period. There is no cost to Council.

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 Program.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Environment Report No. E19/09



Subject: Sustainability Street
Folder No: F2008/00387
Author: Richard Wilson, Ecological Footprint Project Officer

Introduction

Sustainability Street is an innovative and award winning environmental and community development program, made available to the 3-Council Ecological Footprint Programs under licence from environmental educators, Vox Bandicoot.

Issues

Through the Sustainability Street initiative, local groups are established, supported and nurtured around local issues and actions that residents and community members choose within their own street, neighbourhood or school. In Victoria and NSW there are about 300 Sustainability Street communities which have reported savings of up to 30 percent in waste generated or water and energy consumed.

The initial community response to establish these groups across Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra was strong following a series of public information sessions held in each Council area in July. Currently, Council staff are working with residents, community groups and schools to form Sustainability Street groups at Phillip Bay, Clovelly Child Care Centre, Cooper Park in Woollahra, Vaucluse Public School and Wellington Public School in Waverley.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 3: An informed and engaged community
Direction 3(c): A community involved in shaping and enhancing our City.
Outcome 10: A Healthy Environment.
Direction 10(a): Council is leader in fostering environmentally sustainable practices.

Financial impact statement

The funding from the NSW Environmental Trust is providing approximately \$40,000 for this project.

Conclusion

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

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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