

# **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **BUSINESS PAPER**

**TUESDAY 20 JULY 2010**

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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, 20 July 2010 at 6:00pm.

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

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### 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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### Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil

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Ray Brownlee  
**GENERAL MANAGER**



## Environment Report No. E7/10



**Subject:** Go Solar Project Update

**Folder No:** F2009/00546

**Author:** Richard Wilson, Ecological Footprint Project Officer

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### Introduction

At the Environment Committee Meeting of 1 December 2009, the Committee approved the development of an appropriate expression of interest process across Randwick, as lead Council of the 3-Council collaboration, for residents to access experienced, reputable and qualified providers of energy and water saving devices around the home.

### Issues

As part of the 3-Council Ecological Footprint project, Randwick City Council sought Expressions of Interest (EOI) from providers of solar hot water and grid connected solar power systems to participate in a joint program across the three local government areas of Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra.

Councils' aim is to actively promote pre-qualified, reputable service providers demonstrating evidence of experience, capacity, technical capabilities, and value for money for the community (in the form of a discounted price) as a preferred supplier of the services and products to local residents and businesses.

A total of 8 EOI submissions were received for the provision of solar hot water services and 14 for solar power. The successful suppliers were selected by a cross-Council Evaluation Committee with independent expert advice from the NSW Public Works Department.

Conergy has been selected for the provision of solar hot water services and the Green Solar Group in respect to solar power.

A dedicated Project Officer has been appointed, located at Randwick to work across the three Council areas to coordinate and promote the Go Solar project over the 12 month duration of the project.

Promotions have begun with a Rates Notice promotional insert across Randwick and Waverley LGAs. Residents and businesses can register for their free site inspection and quote at the 3-Council website [www.reduceyourfootprint.com.au](http://www.reduceyourfootprint.com.au).

### Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 10: A Healthy Environment.

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

Direction 10(g): Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.

### Financial impact statement

All associated costs are funded through the 3-Council Ecological Footprint Project with grants funding provided from the NSW Environmental Trust.

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**Conclusion**

The selected preferred suppliers have entered a legal agreement and disclaimer in respect of their solar product or service detailed in the EOI.

Council is not liable for or guaranteeing the level of householder take up in the proposed scheme, but will promote the preferred suppliers to the community over the next 12 months.

**Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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## Environment Report No. E8/10



**Subject:** Update on externally funded Social Housing Sustainability Project

**Folder No:** F2004/07726

**Author:** Peter Maganov, Manager Sustainability

### Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Social Housing Sustainability Project funded by the NSW Environmental Trust.

### Issues

In February 2010, Council was advised of a successful sustainability project funded under the NSW Environmental Trust (Report E2/10 refers). The project partners are 4 Councils (Sydney, Randwick, Canterbury and Marrickville) and Housing NSW. A Project Manager and Project officer have been engaged for the duration of the project and are located at the City of Sydney. Consultants, to carry out project evaluation, have also been engaged from the commencement of this joint project.

The purpose of this update is to advise the projects approved for Randwick through the steering group process. Projects to the value of (approximately) \$133,000 have been allocated to Randwick in the first stage, including:

- Illegal dumping education
- Rainwater tanks for Yarra Bay House
- Pushbike repair/building program
- Community garden improvements/upgrades at Kooloora, Lurline Bay and South Coogee and rainwater tank at Namatjira Place; and
- Russian bilingual recycling and sustainability education workshops

### Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 2: A vibrant and diverse community.

Direction 2(b): Enrich our range of community services that meet our community's needs.

Direction 2(c): Strong partnerships between Council, community groups and government agencies.

Outcome 6: A liveable city

Direction 6(e): Housing diversity, accessibility and adaptability to support our diverse community is enhanced.

Outcome 10: A healthy environment

Direction 10(e): Our community is encouraged to implement waste minimisation strategies.

### Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter as funding for materials and resources are being part from the grant provided by the NSW Environmental Trust to the 4 Councils and Housing NSW. Some staff time is allocated from Community Programs and Partnerships and Sustainability. Approximately \$133,000 is being provided from the external grant in this first stage to fund the above projects.

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**Conclusion**

These group of projects aims to deliver specific improvements related to sustainability outcomes in targeted areas of Randwick and other participating local government areas. It also aims to engage with and support efforts underway with Housing NSW.

**Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

**Attachment/s:**

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## Environment Report No. E9/10



**Subject:** Seniors on Sustainability project at Randwick Library  
**Folder No:** F2010/00241  
**Author:** Michelle Kline, Supervisor Events & Marketing

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### Introduction

This report notifies Council of the commencement of a community sustainability initiative with senior residents of Randwick.

### Issues

Randwick's Seniors on Sustainability aims to engage with a group of seniors from amongst the community for the purposes of capturing their ideas and views on how, as a community, we can be more sustainable in our use of natural resources and stewardship of the planet. The project recognises that the experiences of our senior citizens cover a wide range of sustainability practices that go back decades, in some cases. Including water saving, waste reduction, using organic gardening and pest control practices, and more.

The outcome from the engagement with our seniors will be a book to be published with their ideas and views on sustainability to be shared with young students and children from Randwick at a launch event in October this year. La Perouse Public School has kindly agreed to support this launch, with their students participating in tree planting alongside those seniors involved in the Seniors on Sustainability project group.

The seniors involved will take part in 5 workshops with an experienced author to facilitate their writing and focus on sustainability issues.

### 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 5: Excellence in recreation and lifestyle opportunities.
- Direction 5(d): Library programs, resources and facilities provide innovative and inspirational opportunities for education and leisure.
- Outcome 10: A healthy environment.
- Direction 10(a): Council is a leader in fostering environmentally sustainable practices.

### Financial impact statement

The Seniors on Sustainability project is being funded this financial year from the community education budget of the environmental levy program to an amount of \$7,000.

### Conclusion

This is the first time that a project such as this has been offered in Sydney, particularly involving senior citizens for their positive ideas and contribution to a more

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sustainable future. Feedback from participants for the workshops held to date has been very positive.

**Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

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## Environment Report No. E10/10



**Subject:** **Launching of the Waterwise education trail at Randwick Community Centre for Local Government Week, August 2010**

**Folder No:** F2004/06495

**Author:** Fiona Campbell, Sustainability Education Officer

### Introduction

This report advises Council on the launch of a 'Waterwise' education trail at the Randwick Community Centre as part of Local Government Week in August 2010.

### Issues

Council was the successful recipient of \$50,000 as part of the Water for Life education funding provided by the NSW Government. The funding was provided to develop an interactive Waterwise trail to increase community understanding and action on reducing water consumption.

The Waterwise education trail has been developed at the Randwick Community Centre to support the separate project outcome to create a sustainability education 'hub' for school visits, community workshops and related activities at the Centre. A steering group of educational experts, coordinated by Council's Sustainability Education Officer, has developed innovative designs and signage to highlight water saving features both inside and outside the Community Centre.

Randwick's Waterwise trail is being launched as part of Local Government Week on Saturday 7 August 2010.

### Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 4: Excellence in urban design and development.

Direction 4(a): Improved design and sustainability across all development.

Outcome 10: A healthy environment.

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

Direction 10(f): A total water cycle management approach including water conservation, re-use and water quality improvements is adopted.

### Financial impact statement

This project has been funded from a \$50,000 external grant provided by the NSW Government's Water for Life Education Project administered by the NSW Office for Water.

### Conclusion

This is an innovative community education project which will support the sustainability education 'hub' retrofit due to occur at the Randwick Community Centre.

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**Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

**Attachment/s:**

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