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**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**BUSINESS PAPER**

**TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2015**

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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, First Floor, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick on Tuesday, 10 February 2015 at 6:00pm.

Committee Members: The Mayor (T Seng), Andrews, Belleli, Bowen, D'Souza, Garcia, Matson (Deputy Chairperson), Moore, Nash, Neilson, Roberts, Shurey (Chairperson), Smith, Stavrinou & Stevenson

Quorum: Eight (8) 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 - 2 December 2014

### Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Address of Committee by Members of the Public

*Privacy warning:*

*In respect to Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act, members of the public are advised that the proceedings of this meeting will be recorded for the purposes of clause 69 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice.*

### Urgent Business

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### Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil

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Ray Brownlee  
GENERAL MANAGER



**THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THIS COUNCIL AND/OR COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANDWICK HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2014 AT 6:12PM**

**Present:**

The Mayor, Councillor T Seng (Central Ward) (Chairperson)

Central Ward	-	Councillors A Andrews & G Stevenson
North Ward	-	Councillors K Neilson, L Shurey & K Smith
East Ward	-	Councillors T Bowen, M Matson (Deputy Chairperson) & B Roberts
West Ward	-	Councillors G Moore, S Nash & H Stavrinou
South Ward	-	Councillors R Belleli & N D'Souza

**Officers present:**

General Manager	Mr R Brownlee
Director City Services	Mr J Frangoples
Director City Planning	Ms S Truuvert
Director Governance & Financial Services	Mr J Smith
Senior Administrative Coordinator	Ms J Hartshorn
Manager Sustainability	Mr P Maganov
Communications Manager	Mr J Hay

**Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences**

An apology was received from Cr Garcia.

**RESOLVED: (Neilson/Matson)** that the apology received from Cr Garcia be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

**Confirmation of the Minutes**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2014**

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**RESOLUTION: (Neilson/Shurey)** that the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2014 (copies of which were circulated to all Councillors) be and are hereby confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

## Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Nil.

## Address of Council by Members of the Public

A short video in relation to the Sustainability Schools Exchange was screened.

Students from Chifley Public School (Kate and Jamie) presented to the Committee in relation to their visit to Temora West Public School as part of the Sustainability Schools Exchange program.

## Urgent Business

Nil.

## Environment Reports

### **E28/14 Environment Report - Brief presentation from Chifley Public School students on the 2014 Sustainability Schools Exchange visit to Temora (F2007/00484)**

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**RESOLUTION: (Andrews/Nash)** that Council:

1. Notes the success of the 2014 Sustainability Schools exchange between Chifley Public School and Temora West Public School;
2. Notes with appreciation the support provided by Temora Council and the staff, parents and students of the two schools involved; and
3. Endorses the exchange visit by Temora West Public School students as part of the Council's Eco Living Fair to be held in September 2015.

**MOTION: (Andrews/Nash) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**

## Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil.

The meeting closed at 6.22pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Environment Committee Meeting of the Council of the City of Randwick held on Tuesday, 10 February 2015.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

## Environment Report No. E1/15



**Subject:** Randwick Council's Support of Earth Hour, 28 March 2015

**Folder No:** F2010/00153

**Author:** Suzanne Williamson, Economic Development Officer; Helen Morrison, Sustainability Project Officer

### Introduction

The organisers of the annual international Earth Hour event have written to Randwick Council inviting our Mayor to become an Ambassador for the event. This year, Earth Hour is being held on the evening of Saturday, 28 March 2015.

In their invitation to our Mayor, the organisers have noted how, *"For almost 10 years, Randwick Council has been leading the way amongst Australian Councils in involving your local community in Earth Hour. Your large scale community events and restaurant engagement program have been used as case studies for Councils around Australia and we hope to continue to profile Randwick Council's programs in 2015"*.

This paper outlines Council's support of this year's Earth Hour event on the evening of Saturday, 28 March 2015.

### Issues

Randwick Council has been a strong supporter of Earth Hour since it began almost a decade ago. Now an event that stretches across the globe, the Earth Hour message has broadened extensively from turning off lights for an hour and matches closely with Randwick's key environmental message to its community - that is, to try and reduce the environmental impacts of our lifestyles on the natural resources of the Planet.

This year's Earth Hour theme is "From Planet to Plate" with the emphasis on avoiding food wastage and ensuring sustainable food production. Earth Hour organisers have again invited Randwick's Mayor to become an Earth Hour Ambassador to promote the event and its important conservation message at the same time as promoting Council's major Earth Hour initiative, our 'Dine by Candlelight' campaign held with participating cafes and restaurants. In this role our Mayor will also have the opportunity to strengthen the message of avoiding food waste by shopping and choosing more carefully when buying food items.

Earth Hour's 2015 key message ties in well with Randwick's ongoing 'Dine by candlelight' campaign and our continuing relationship with cafes and restaurants to help get the message out to their patrons enjoying the evening out for Earth Hour. Cafes and restaurants registering with our campaign will be promoted to diners ahead of Earth Hour on our website and advertisements placed in local newspapers.

For the first time, Randwick is partnering with our sister city, Temora Shire, around the sustainable food theme with an offer to provide a small number of our restaurants some local food produce from the Riverina region. This support is via the Temora Business Chamber and Temora Council and Temora Shire's new Economic Development officer is also planning a 'Dine by candlelight' event with a Temora restaurant as part of the Earth Hour evening.

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This year Earth Hour organisers will also be distributing a purpose made Earth Hour cookbook to enable individuals to plan and prepare meals with cooking and shopping instructions to minimize food waste and highlight sustainable food options. This cook book is being supported by some of Australia's best culinary and celebrity chefs. Planning is underway to try and link this cook book and celebrity chef with a Randwick café or restaurant.

### **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): The Council is a leader in fostering environmentally sustainable practices.

### **Financial impact statement**

It is proposed to allocate up to \$7,500.00 to promote and advertise our 'Dine by Candlelight' Earth Hour event to local cafes and restaurants. This funding is provided via the community education budget of the environmental levy program.

### **Conclusion**

Engaging with local cafes and restaurants for Earth Hour enables continuing relationships with our local business sector to be established and strengthened, as well as encouraging these local businesses to disseminate environmental information to their audience while patrons are dining out in the lead up to, and on the evening of Earth Hour.

Earth Hour organisers will be using our 'Dine by Candlelight' campaign as a model for other local Councils around Australia to follow, particularly in support of their sustainable food message for this year's event.

### **Recommendation**

That Council:

- a) notes our 'Dine by candlelight' campaign to local cafes and restaurants as well as the partnering with our sister city in Temora for this year's Earth Hour event;
- b) endorses the Randwick Mayor to support this year's Earth Hour by agreeing to become an Earth Hour Ambassador; and
- c) approves an amount up to \$7,500.00 to promote and advertise local cafes and restaurants participating in Randwick's 'Dine by candlelight' initiative.

### **Attachment/s:**

Nil

## Environment Report No. E2/15



**Subject:** Sustainability courses and workshops for residents, first quarter of 2015

**Folder No:** F2010/00241

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

### Introduction

Randwick Council's Sustaining our City initiative, funded via the environmental levy program, provides a comprehensive range of environmental education workshops and courses for our residents. These training sessions aim to assist residents to take their new skills and share their new knowledge on being more sustainable with their families and networks of friends, neighbours and work colleagues. This paper outlines these educational courses and workshops for residents over the first quarter of 2015.

### Issues

Many of the various workshops and courses and other sustainability events and activities run by Randwick Council are keenly sought out by residents, local teachers and parents of our schools as well as individuals seeking to increase their development in the area of living more sustainable lifestyles.

The popularity of these workshop and courses has resulted in their promotion and booking being carried out primarily via the City East Community College booklet delivered to all homes and advertised in local media outlets. Many are booked out well in advance.

### Courses and workshops available during first quarter of 2015 include:

Workshop / Course / Activity	Duration	Location	Starting from
Small space permaculture gardening	5 sessions	Randwick Community Centre	Feb 2
Sustainable living course	6 sessions	Various locations	Feb 14
Permaculture orchards	7 sessions	Kooloora Community Centre	Feb 6
Keeping native bees	2 sessions	Barrett House	Feb 11
Creating Eco schools	6 sessions	Various locations	April 1
Bike maintenance	4 hours	Randwick Community Centre	Feb 21 and Mar 21
Perma bees garden volunteers (3rd Saturday of the month)	2.30-5pm	Randwick Community Centre	Feb 21 & Mar 21
Eco Heroes Club (5 – 8 year olds) (also 3rd Saturday of the month)	2.30-4pm	Randwick Community Centre	Feb 21 & Mar 21

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## 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 needs.

Outcome 3: An informed and engaged community.

Outcome 3(c): A community involved in shaping and enhancing our City.

Outcome 10: A healthy environment.

Outcome 10(a): A leader in fostering environmentally sustainable practices.

## Financial impact statement

An allocation of approximately \$12,000.00 is provided from Council's environmental levy program to provide workshop materials, facilitators and additional presenters for this program of workshops and courses.

## Conclusion

Randwick's range of sustainability courses and workshops has become increasingly popular over the years. The program aims to increase skills and knowledge as well as build the capacity of our residents to be more sustainable within their own neighbourhoods, workplaces and homes. Their popularity continues to see many booked out well in advance of session dates.

## Recommendation

That Council notes and endorses the range of sustainability education courses and workshops for residents in the first quarter of this year.

## Attachment/s:

Nil

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