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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, First Floor, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick on Tuesday, 14 April 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 - 10 March 2015

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.

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Ray Brownlee
GENERAL MANAGER

Environment Report No. E3/15



Subject: National Garage Sale Trail 2014
results for Randwick

Folder No: F2008/00413

Author: Tara Vaughan, Waste Education Officer

Introduction

Each year over the past 3 years, Council has supported the National Garage Sale Trail, an event which supports households organizing and running their own garage sale as a way of recycling and re-using unwanted items from around the home.

The cost to Council has been \$10,000 for the National Garage Sale Trail to register addresses, provide some support for each garage sale, provide a GIS mapping software for buyers on the day to know where their local garage trails are and evaluate and report results by individual Local Government Area.

This report summarises the outcomes from the 2014 National Garage Sale Trail in Randwick and makes a recommendation on participating in the 2015 Garage Sale Trail.

Issues

The 2014 National Garage Sale Trail was held on October 25, 2014 with 8,500 garage sales held across Australia. Including community garage sales there were more than 70,000 sellers recorded via the National Garage Sale website.

Randwick Council's participation included 116 individual households registering as well as 14 community sites e.g. schools, churches etc This was one of the highest number of community garage sales on the day.

Feedback to the organisers on items sold indicated the average sale per seller was \$374 from an average number of 26 visits per garage sale location.

The more interesting results from the survey taken of participants in the National Garage Sale Trail includes:

- 81% would consider taking part in the 2015 National Garage Sale Trail
- 27% of sellers would not have hosted a garage sale if not for the national initiative
- 50% stated that by participating they think differently about what they throw out
- 75% of these respondents stated they were more aware of what could be re-used and recycled;
- 72% said they were more conscious of the role they play individually on reducing their waste
- 69% were aware that their local Council made the Garage Sale Trail happen in their area and
- 59% agreed that their Council helped bring the community together.

The 2015 Garage Sale Trail is currently scheduled for Saturday, October 24. It is proposed that Council agree to support the event and commit the \$10,000 (excl GST) to host this event in Randwick.

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Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 10: A healthy environment.

Direction 10(a): Council's programs and partnerships foster sustainable behavioural change and outcomes.

Financial impact statement

The cost of participating in the National Garage Sale Trail is \$10,000 (excl GST). It is proposed to fund this from the waste education budget from the waste levy.

Conclusion

The National Garage Sale Trail continues to evolve and demonstrate greater outcomes related to community involvement in recirculating household items for longer and so avoid their dumping incorrectly on Randwick streets and kerbs. With the initiative improving outcomes related to Council's waste management objectives it is appropriate that Council continues to be involved in 2015.

Recommendation

That Council approves Randwick's participation in the 2015 National Garage Sale with the \$10,000 allocated from the waste education budget of the waste levy.

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Environment Report No. E4/15



Subject: Chemical CleanOut
Folder No: F2008/00413
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Introduction

Over the past few years, residents of metropolitan Sydney have been able to safely dispose of household hazardous wastes including such items as: unwanted paint, pesticides, motor oils, solvents and household cleaners at Chemical CleanOut events.

Collection and disposal of these materials are managed on behalf of local Councils by contractors approved and paid by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (NSW EPA) to avoid the situation where waste collection staff and landfill operators are placed at risk when hazardous items are disposed of with general waste of clean-up materials destined for landfill.

This report provides the results of the 2013 and 2014 household chemical collections for Randwick and advises the 2015 collection dates.

Issues

Randwick's Household Chemical CleanOut events, organised and funded by the NSW EPA are usually held around May and September each year.

May events are held at Clovelly Beach car park, Clovelly Rd, Clovelly and September events are held at Heffron Park car park, Fitzgerald Ave, Maroubra.

The results of the past two year's events for Randwick residents are shown below:

Event	Number of residents attended:	Total amount of chemicals collected:	Most common items collected:
May 2013	983	31,399.2kg	Paints- 22,223kg Oil- 1888kg Batteries-1920kg
September 2013	951	30,459.5kg	Paints- 21,166kg Hydrocarbons/ fuel- 1677kg Oil- 1622kg
May 2014	817	29,597kg	Paints-22,356.5kg Inert solid- 1249kg Oil-1109kg
September 2014	669	24,220kg	Paints- 19,554kg Oil- 1209kg Hydrocarbon/fuel- 1079kg

Scheduled events for the 2015 calendar year are:

- 2 May- Clovelly beach car park, Clovelly Rd, Clovelly
- 26 September- Heffron Park car park, Fitzgerald Ave, Maroubra

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These events will be advertised on Council's website and e-newsletter. Flyers were distributed to all householders and advertised at Council's Customer Service Centre, Recycling Centre, libraries and local hardware stores.

Toxfree, a qualified hazardous chemical management contractor, engaged by the EPA, manage the safe collection and disposal process.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 10:	A healthy environment.
Direction 10(a):	Council is a leader in fostering environmentally sustainable practices.
Direction 10(b):	Environmental risks and impacts are strategically managed.
Direction 10(d):	Sustainable alternative waste technologies and environmentally sound collection systems are identified and implemented.

Financial impact statement

The Household Chemical CleanOut collections are funded by the NSW EPA. There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Household hazardous chemical collection helps reduce the risk of such chemicals entering waste streams.

During the last two Chemical CleanOut events, over 53,000kgs of household chemicals were collected and more than 1400 residents participated in the event.

Chemical CleanOut events are scheduled for 2015 are:

- 2 May- Clovelly beach car park, Clovelly Rd, Clovelly
- 26 September- Heffron Park car park, Fitzgerald Ave, Maroubra

Recommendation

That Council note:

- a) That 53, 000kgs of household chemicals were collected from more than 1400 residents over the two clean up events in 2014
- b) Dates of the 2015 Chemical CleanOut collections in Randwick are scheduled for 2 May and 26 September 2015.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Environment Report No. E5/15



Subject: Randwick Council's 'Green' calendar of events, 2015

Folder No: F2004/08350

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Introduction

Randwick Council's Sustainability and Strategic Waste team delivers a high number of quality events and activities aimed at providing our community with opportunities to become more sustainable in their home, at school or in their workplace. These are held throughout the year and are separate from the various courses, workshops and training provided to residents at locations such as Randwick Community Centre, Barrett House or Community Nursery. Some remain subject to confirmation.

This report provides the key 'green' calendar of events for 2015.

Issues

Key events and activities include:

Event/Activity	Description	Date	Status
Marine and Coastal Discovery Program - Summer	Educational marine and coastal activities	Summer (Jan)	Compl
Orientation Week stall at UNSW	Council information stall for new students at UNSW	Feb 25	Compl
Earth Hour	'Dine by candlelight' campaign with 70 local cafes and restaurants	March 28	Compl
Marine and Coastal Discovery Program – Autumn	Educational marine and coastal activities	Autumn (April)	In prog
International Composting and Permaculture Week	Major community event at Randwick Community Centre (including opening of new outdoor classroom)	May2	In prog
Free Mulch for residents	Free mulch for residents from top yard at Works Depot	5 weekends from May to June	In prog
World Environment Day	Launching native and honey bees at Randwick Community Centre	June 4	In prog

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Event/Activity	Description	Date	Status
Best GRIN winners announced	Environmental suggestions winners announced	June 9	In prog
National Tree Day	Tree plantings at Council sites (includes Schools Tree Day)	July 26	In prog
Local Govt Week – Community RESPECT forum	Interfaith and cultural celebration of sustainability	Aug 5	TBC
25 year anniversary Perry Street Recycling Centre	Recycling celebration at Perry Street Recycling Centre	August	TBC
National Biodiversity Month	Launch of Biodiversity Strategy at Randwick Community Centre	Sept 5	TBC
Free mulch for residents	Free mulch for residents from top yard at Works Depot	4 weekends during Sept	In prog
Sustainable House Day	Open Day at Barrett House	Sept 7	In prog
Bike Week	To be held during Eco Living Fair	Sept 7 - 13	In prog
Eco Living Fair	Major sustainability festival for Randwick residents	Sept 13	In prog
Sustainability Schools Exchange	Temora West Public School visit to Randwick school	Sept 13 - 15	In prog
Marine and Coastal Discovery Program - Spring	Educational marine and coastal activities	Spring (Oct)	In prog
Fair Food Week	Major community event at Randwick Community Centre	Oct 10 - 19	In prog
Ride to Work Day	Staff/community bike ride	Oct 14	TBC
National Garage Sale Trail	Community garage sales	Oct 24	In prog

Event/Activity	Description	Date	Status
National Recycling Week	Big Aussie Swap and Recycle event for Randwick residents	Nov 9 - 15	In prog
Walk to Work Day	Staff/community walking event	Nov 13	In prog
Best Gift in the World event	'Green' Christmas campaign	Dec 3	TBC
School grants and funding announcement	Food garden and native garden grants for schools	Dec 8	TBC

Comp = completed, In prog = underway/in progress, TBC = subject to confirmation

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 10: A healthy environment.

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

Financial impact statement

These sustainability community events and activities are funded to an amount of approximately \$102,000 for the financial year through the community education budget of the environmental levy program.

Conclusion

A comprehensive program of events and activities continues to be held each year to maximize opportunities for the Randwick community to become more aware and more active in saving on their energy and water costs, reducing waste and leading a more sustainable lifestyle. The events and activities in the 'green' calendar are separate from the range of sustainability courses and workshops held each school term for residents and the school excursion program conducted for students (see E2/15 from Environment Committee (Feb 2, 2015) for Term 1 and 2 workshops and courses).

Recommendation

That Council notes and endorses the 'green' calendar of sustainability events and activities for 2015.

Attachment/s:

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