

SUSTAINING OUR CITY FUTURE PROJECTS 2014-2019

Information Sheet 5:



Sustaining Our City – Proposed projects for the next five years of the environmental levy

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This sheet provides you with details about the environmental projects and activities that may be funded by the environmental levy if the community supports its continuation for the next five years from 2014 – 2019.

Over the past 10 years, Randwick City Council has delivered significant environmental improvements and sustainability initiatives for our community through an environmental levy. The environmental levy was first approved by Council in 2004, and due to ongoing community support, it was extended for another five years in 2009.

The environmental levy has funded our highly successful Sustaining Our City program which has focused on saving water and energy, reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions and helping our community make changes to become more sustainable around homes, schools and businesses.

We have maintained and improved our biodiversity in our marine, coastal and bushland environments, and upgraded sections of the Coastal Walkway for the millions of residents and visitors using it each year. We have

implemented major stormwater harvesting projects that have saved millions of litres of water and almost a \$1 million a year in water charges, and provided free workshops and events for residents on everything from composting and worm farms, sustainable and balcony gardening, improving recycling, bike maintenance, bringing birds to your backyard, saving money on your energy and water bills and even keeping chooks.

Council wants to continue to deliver these positive environmental outcomes and financial benefits for local households, businesses and Council. If the community supports the continuation of the environmental levy for another five years, we can continue to deliver these and other sustainability and environmental initiatives and programs. The table below provides a summary of the projects that may be funded by the environmental levy if it is continued for the next five years.

Table 1: Proposed project funding for Sustaining Our City, 2014 to 2019

Proposed Levy Program Activity	Project / Program	Budget / spend 2014 - 2019
Coastal Protection	Coastal Walkway Completion of future stages including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malabar Headland sections • Malabar to La Perouse (adjacent to golf courses) • South Coogee to North Maroubra (designs and costings) Installation of Gross Pollutant Traps (capturing street litter) Interpretive signage project for our coastline	\$6.85 million
Resource Conservation – Energy Savings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency upgrades including lighting and air conditioning at Bowen Library and Community Centre and Council's Administration Building. • Implementation of cogeneration technology at the Des Renford Leisure Centre and Council's Administration Building. • Renewable energy / solar panel installations – Council sites including parks • LED energy efficient streetlight program for Council's parks • Implementation of a range of energy efficiency measures at Council sites 	\$4.6 million
Resource Conservation – Water Savings	Stormwater harvesting and irrigation works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alison Park • Purcell Park • Frenchmans Bay • Randwick Environment Park Building / amenities upgrades at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration Building • Bowen Library • Coogee beach facilities • Heffron Park sports centre 	\$1.61 million
Resource Conservation – Reducing greenhouse emissions	Cycle way implementation and pedestrian upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anzac Parade • Malabar Road • Matraville 	\$2.5 million
Resource Conservation – Materials	Investigating new recycled materials and sustainable processes for road and footpath upgrades	\$0.55 million

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Biodiversity	Dune protection and restoration at South Maroubra and Yarra Bay Expanding our 'Green Corridor', street and park planting across public and private land and private land habitat planting (including Native Haven advice and support for schools and households) Native plant and animal monitoring via Bushland programs	\$1.8 million
Community Engagement and Education	Community education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable workshops for residents • Schools initiatives and programs • Marine and coastal programs • Eco-living Fair • Council Open Days and events Community engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community gardens • School food gardens 	\$2.46 million
Total		\$20.37 million

Note: Administration activities including staff salaries and cost have been distributed throughout the proposed levy program.

Have your say

We want to hear your views about the proposal to continue the environmental levy which funds the important environmental and sustainability initiatives under the Sustaining Our City program.

Between 9 September and 7 November 2013, visit www.yoursayrandwick.com.au/sustainingourcity to fill out the survey and tell us if you support the continuation of this environmental levy and Sustaining Our City initiative. You can also find more information about the environmental levy on the website, at Council's libraries and Customer Service Centre.

Council is also holding a forum in October 2013 to assess community views on the environmental levy and the Sustaining Our City program. The forum will be an opportunity to hear more about this levy and the environmental initiatives that it funds. To register your interest in attending the forum, visit www.yoursayrandwick.com.au/sustainingourcity. (Note: As there will be limited spaces, not all who register will be able to attend the forum).

Your feedback is important and will be taken into consideration by Council.