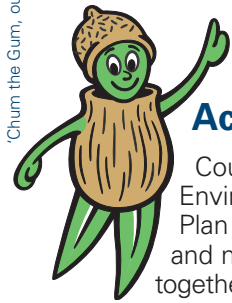




Woollahra Sustainability Plan

We are currently preparing a Woollahra Sustainability Plan (WSP) – a long term, integrated and community-focused vision to guide the future of Woollahra. The WSP will identify future actions for achieving more sustainable practices in all of Council's functions and activities, as well as a more sustainable community in general. The WSP's vision and actions will embody the principles of ecological sustainable development (ESD) - development that improves the quality of life both now and in the future, in a way that maintains the ecological processes on which life depends.

"Chum the Gum, our environmental education mascot"

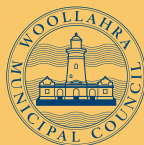


Environmental Education & Action Plan (EEAP)

Council has developed an Environmental Education and Action Plan (EEAP) with the aim of informing and motivating the community to work together to protect our local environment.

Some of our 2007 EEAP projects include:

- An environmental educators' network for local schools
- Community environmental grants to support groups and schools to carry out their own environmental projects
- 'Gutter talk' information days and a 'new for old broom trade-in' for residents, to help keep street gutters clean
- Environmental induction training for Council staff
- An awards scheme to reward environmentally - friendly local businesses



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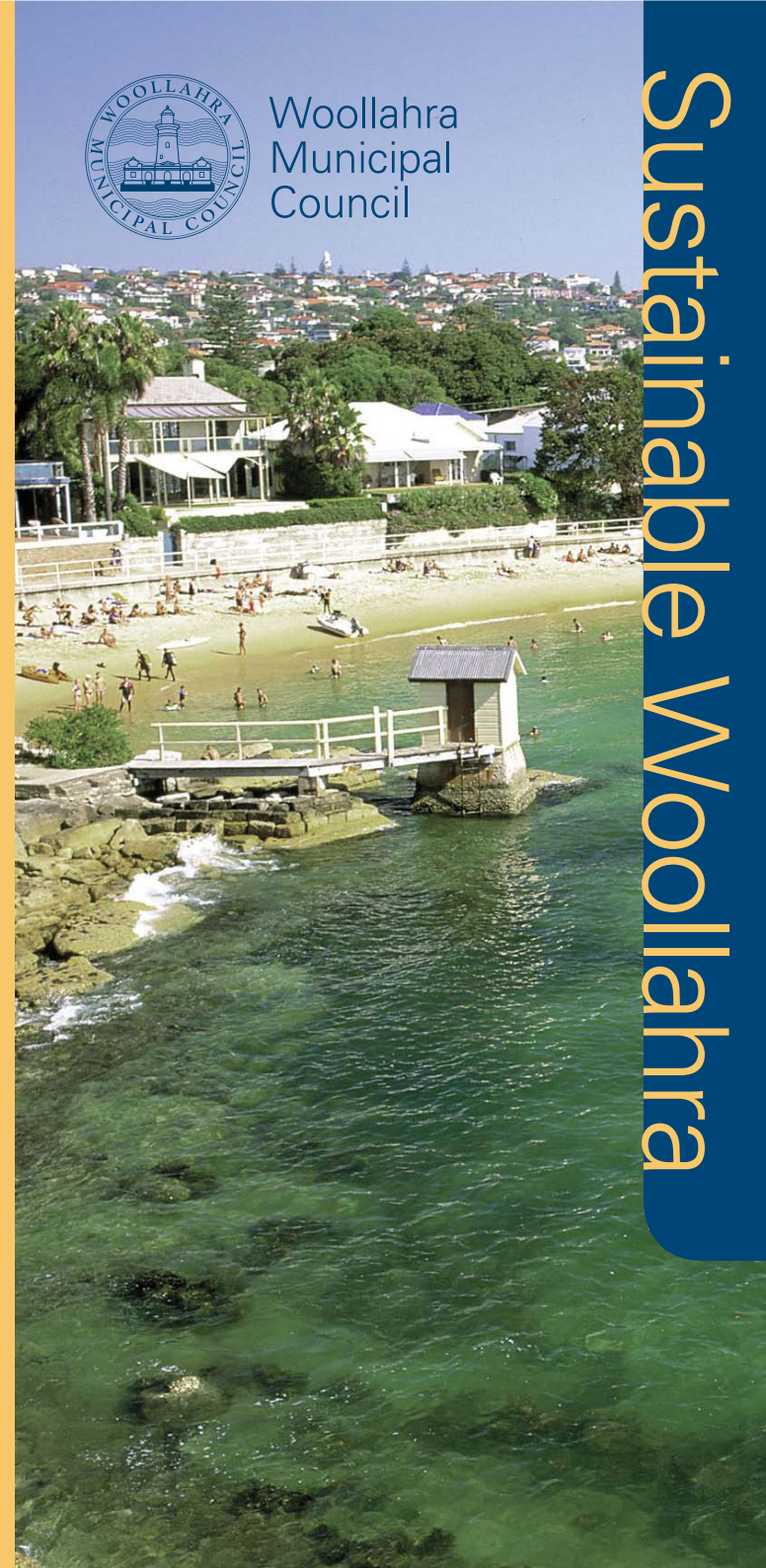
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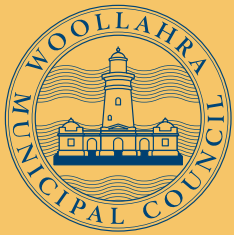


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Funding Sustainability

Through the introduction of an Environmental Levy in 2002, Council has been able to fund a range of specific improvement projects called the Environmental Works Program (EWP).

The EWP has and will continue to deliver excellent water quality, improved bushland, environmental education, reduced pollution and flooding benefits to our community.

We have a responsibility as a community to protect and enhance our environment. We value your contribution to ensuring a sustainable future for the Woollahra Municipality.

➤ Environmental & Infrastructure Levy

The Minister for Local Government has approved Council's application for a combined Environmental & Infrastructure Levy, which will fund not only the EWP, but also an Infrastructure Renewal Program (IRP) for the next five years (2007-2012). The IRP aims to restore ageing infrastructure and protect our local environment, so it makes sense that the EWP (\$440K) and IRP (\$2.66M) be integrated and funded by a combined \$3.1M annual levy.

➤ General Revenue & Stormwater Management Service Charge

In addition to the Environmental & Infrastructure Levy, \$450,000 from the Stormwater Management Service Charge will assist Council to fund stormwater infrastructure projects. The charge, recently introduced in accordance with new State legislation, recognises local Councils' key role in stormwater management, and their need for ongoing funding to support them in carrying out this role.



➤ External Funding Sources

Council's commitment to seeking external grant funding to further the objectives of the EWP and supplement ratepayer's funds will continue over the next five years. We have recently been successful in applications for funding two innovative water treatment and re-use projects at Christison Park and Rose Bay Promenade.



Future Plans

Over the next five years, our EWP will demonstrate a changing focus in urban stormwater management to include Water Sensitive Urban Design principles like water harvesting and re-use. The EWP will also incorporate new initiatives and projects generated through development of the Woollahra Sustainability Plan.

Woollahra, Waverley and Randwick Councils. Incorporating 'water sensitive urban design', the technology features a porous paving infiltration system that will treat polluted stormwater run-off collected from New South Head Road. The treated stormwater will be diverted to underground tanks capable of storing up to 200,000 litres. The recycled water will then be used for irrigation and maintenance purposes, saving precious litres of potable and bore water.

Christison Park

Through the award of a \$270,200 grant from the NSW Government's Water Savings Fund, plans for a new, water-efficient irrigation and localised water re-use system at Christison Park will be realised. The grant will fund a sub-surface irrigation system in four sports fields, together with a stormwater capture, storage and re-use system that will enable

water that drains from the park to be used for irrigation. These new works will almost halve the amount of water required to achieve a quality turf sports surface for the community to enjoy.



Rose Bay Promenade

State of the art water-saving technology planned for Rose Bay Promenade is destined to make a substantial contribution to reducing Council's water usage.

The project is being supported by the NSW Government through its Environmental 'Urban Sustainability Grant', awarded to an alliance formed between