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'Our Environment' newsletter



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Welcome to Woollahra Council's 'Our Environment' newsletter, a snapshot of local environmental issues, projects and events.

Harvesting Rainwater for your Home

Woollahra Council has been awarded a NSW Climate Change Fund grant to retro-fit the Holdsworth Community Centre with water saving technologies to reduce water use.

Come along to our FREE rainwater tank sessions, including information on tanks, bladders, pumps and other accessories.

Talk to experts from the Master Plumbers Association of NSW about choosing and installing a tank and learn how to make the most of Government rebates.

Dates:

Tuesday 2 June 2009, 6.30pm—8.30pm. RSVP: 27 May

Tuesday 4 August 2009, 6.30pm—8.30pm. RSVP: 21 July

Tuesday 29 September 2009, 6.30pm—8.30pm. RSVP 15 September.

All workshops will be held at the Holdsworth Community Centre, 64 Holdsworth Street, Woollahra. To attend a session please call Celia Busted on 9391 7095 or email celia.busted@woollahra.nsw.gov.au



Sustainability Street

Learn to live green at home and in your community.



Sustainability Street is a simple training program designed to nurture sustainable living both at home and around the neighbourhood.

Sustainability Street brings communities together to learn how to reduce household waste, water and energy use and to save money. It provides opportunities and skills for the community to work on local sustainability projects, such as neighbourhood gardens, goods exchange street fairs and much more.

Want to find out how to create a more sustainable lifestyle at home as well as in your community?

Come along to a Sustainability Street information session:

**Sunday 5 July 10.30am at Bondi Surf Living Club
Queen Elizabeth Drive, Bondi Beach**

**Monday 6 July 6.30pm at Holdsworth Community Centre
64 Holdsworth Street, Woollahra**

**Tuesday 7 July 6.30pm at Randwick Ritz Cinema
43-47 Pauls Street, Randwick**



This 3-Council project is assisted by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust.

Community Environmental Grants

Woollahra Council's 09/10 Community Environmental Grants are open to all community groups, schools and early childhood centres.

The grants are available to help you undertake your environmental projects including installation of rainwater tanks, a school sustainability library, worm farms, compost bins, tools for gardens and much more!

Application forms and guidelines are available at www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au. Applications close 30 June 2009. Don't miss out!

Environmental Sculpture Schools Prize

Woollahra Council's Environmental Sculpture Schools Prize has been launched for 2009. The Prize is open to all schools within Woollahra.

All 3D sculptures must be made of recycled material and include the theme 'Climate Change'.

Finalists work will be exhibited alongside the prestigious Small Sculpture Prize. Contact Celia Busted on 9391 7095 for more information.



2008 winner Bijanka Bacic

McAuley's Low Waste Lunch

On Wednesday 1 April, McAuley Primary School in Rose Bay held its first Rubbish Free Lunch. Almost 80 percent of the students brought lunchboxes free of any rubbish including, juice boxes, cling wrap, zip lock bags and pre-packaged foods. The children were excited about the event, one Year 2 student said, 'I'm going to do this every day!'. Hundreds of pieces of rubbish were reduced and saved from entering the environment. 'It's exciting to see our students becoming environmentally aware at a young age and this will help them continue an environmental focus throughout their lives', said Principal Gera Robertson.



Some students received compartmentalised lunchboxes as part of the project. McAuley will continue its environmental effort and hold more Rubbish Free Lunches throughout 2009.

GREEN DATES

World Environment Day

5 June 2009

Launch of Woollahra Council's National Tree Day Competition
Grow your Garden Ideas.

Whale Watching Walk and Talk

14 June 2009

9am – 12pm at Lighthouse Reserve, Old South Head Rd, between Georges Rd & Cambridge Ave, Vaucluse.

Rainwater tanks and rebates workshops

2 Jun 2009: RSVP 27 May

4 Aug 2009: RSVP 21 Jul

29 Sep 2009: RSVP 15 Sep.

6.30pm – 8.30pm. Holdsworth Community Centre, 64 Holdsworth Street, Woollahra. Call 9391 7095 to book your place.

Sustainability Workshop Series

16 July 2009

'Edible Gardens' with Emma Daniell, qualified and accredited horticulturalist and landscape designer. **12pm – 2pm. Council Chambers. Call 9391 7095 to book your place.**

Eastern Suburbs Schools Sustainability Network (ESSSN)

13 August 2009, Bondi Public School, Wellington Street, Bondi

Teachers and parents – come along to this forum to discuss environmental/sustainability initiatives you can implement in your school. Contact Celia Busted on 9391 7095 to attend or for more information.

**Keep Australia Beautiful Week
24-30 August 2009**

Would you like to receive regular updates about environmental issues, projects and events in the Woollahra area? To be placed on the distribution list for this newsletter, email celia.busted@woollahra.nsw.gov.au.