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# Sustainable Choice News

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## Scorecards are on their way!

All members who completed the 2014 survey can expect to receive their sustainable procurement Scorecard before Christmas. Overall there was an improvement in sustainable procurement across the Local Government sector. A large number of councils have progressed from 'Initiated' to 'Activated', in terms of fostering a sustainable procurement culture, while some of those who were 'Activated' last year have improved to an 'Intermediate' level.

The survey is a formal commitment and major part of belonging to the Sustainable Choice program. As such, the Scorecards are sent by formal correspondence to each member council's General Manager. If you would like an electronic copy of your scorecard sent to you directly, please contact the Sustainable Choice team.

## LGNSW Excellence in the Environment Awards 2014

The Local Government 17th annual Excellence in the Environment Awards ceremony was held on 2 December 2014.

Congratulations to the **City of Canada Bay** who was the overall winner of the Sustainable Procurement Category. Council's current program of surveying and assessing all their contractors and suppliers for sustainability attributes highlighted to the judging panel innovation, leadership and excellent policy in practice.

Congratulations to all the nominees and finalists for 2014.

This year we did not receive any nominations outside of Category C (population more than 60,000), so for those small to medium councils, be sure to start thinking about applying in 2015.

To view other award categories and winners, please click [here](#), photos are also available [online](#).

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## Final Training for 2014: North Sydney

Congratulations to North Sydney Council who completed the advanced refresher training with the Sustainable Choice team on 29th October, 2014. North Sydney are one of 6 councils who have received sustainable procurement training through the Sustainable Choice program this year.

Contact the Sustainable Choice Team to discuss tailored training for your council.

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## Welcome Wollongong City Council!

Wollongong City Council is the newest member of the Sustainable Choice program, which brings us to 86 member councils across NSW as well as bringing the entire NSW south coast into membership.

Welcome Wollongong City Council, we know you have been doing some great things and we look forward to your input into our data report via the Annual Survey and providing you with your first Scorecard in 2015.

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## Sustainable Procurement Forums 2015

Expressions of interest are sought for locations for the next series of sustainable procurement forums. To submit your council area and venue as a possible regional hub, please email the Sustainable Choice team at [sustainablechoice@lgnsw.org.au](mailto:sustainablechoice@lgnsw.org.au). Forums are a great way of bringing experts, products and suppliers to your doorstep. These road shows are part of the Sustainable Choice experience and can provide your council with invaluable advice.

### Case Studies, Fact Sheets & Templates ONLINE!

Sustainable Choice supports councils by conducting research, developing fact sheets and seeking case studies on interesting projects that other councils could benefit from. There are a number of these documents on our files from as far back as 2006 and a selection of those that we see as relevant today are on our website. For case studies click [here](#). For fact sheets click [here](#). If you have a suggestion for research that is not currently showcased on our website, please give us a call.

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## ISO PC 277 - International Standard for Sustainable Procurement

Sustainable Choice is participating in a Technical Committee run by Standards Australia to formulate the Australian contribution to the development of an International Standard on Sustainable Procurement. With sustainable procurement much more highly regulated in places such as Europe, the UK and America, this is a great forum to discuss NSW experience and provide input for the Australian response to the Standard. At present, the British Standard on Sustainable Procurement is the main document used in Australia, and as such there are areas that require input to reflect the Australian context.

We will continue to update you with outcomes of this committee as the meetings continue, and we will continue to advocate the fantastic work Local Government in NSW is doing in sustainable procurement as well as the challenges we face.

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### Good Luck Jody!

It was with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to Jody Houston earlier this month. Jody leaves Sustainable Choice to devote more time to her own business and Environmental Health Australia. Jody has been the Program Manager of Sustainable Choice for the past 2 years, in which time she has made a significant contribution to Local Government NSW and the Sustainable Choice Program. We wish Jody well and will miss her greatly.

### Merry Christmas!



The Sustainable Choice team would like to wish you a very happy and safe Christmas. We look forward to working with you in 2015!

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