
Sustainable Choice News

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Sustainable Choice transitioning to Local Government Procurement (LGP)!

After 10 years, funding from the NSW Environmental Trust through the LGNSW and NSW Office of Environment and Heritage partnership will end on 30 June 2017. The great news is, that Sustainable Choice will transition to Local Government Procurement (LGP) effective 1 July 2017.

This transition presents an exciting opportunity to further develop and evolve Sustainable Choice, combining with LGP to provide existing and new services, as well as integrate sustainability across LGP's contracts, consulting and training services suite.

Upon joining LGP, Sustainable Choice will continue to provide services such as the Annual Sustainable Procurement Survey and Benchmark Report, the Sustainable Choice products and services database, forums, quarterly newsletters, online resources, advice and guidance. Together LGP and Sustainable Choice will deliver new services, which include a new web presence for Sustainable Choice through the LGP website, an ISO 20400 Performance Assessment service under the brand new global sustainable

procurement guidelines, a sustainable procurement and ISO 20400 training program and a new consulting capability to help embed sustainable procurement into Sustainable Choice member councils.

With grant funding winding up, in order to provide the existing and new Sustainable Choice products and services going forward, there is a need to generate funds to continue providing valuable services to members. Therefore a nominal membership fee will be introduced, which will take effect from the 1 July 2017. A letter from LGP outlining the changes was sent to council General Managers earlier this week.

We look forward to this exciting new horizon for Sustainable Choice and to continuing to work with our members on their sustainable procurement journey.

Sustainable Procurement Film and Resources

As part of the ESSTAM (Electronic Sustainable Spend Tracking and Measurement) project, Sustainable Choice has developed some new FREE sustainable procurement resources for local government. The resources include videos and a comprehensive guideline that promote sustainable purchasing in local government highlighting: the quadruple bottom line (QBL); ISO20400; and how to make informed choices.

The resources were officially launched by Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM, President LGNSW on May 30 at the Grace Hotel in Sydney.

Download the guide and view the videos below.

[Sustainable Procurement Guide for local government in NSW](#)

Sustainable Procurement Education - Awareness

https://youtu.be/2Ve_C5qIMpM

Sustainable Procurement Education - Training

<https://youtu.be/t1P3IXP7iXY>



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ISO 20400 - now officially launched!

The new International Standard for sustainable procurement, ISO 20400, was published in April 2017 and is now available for purchase via the SAI Global online [infostore](#).

An official launch was held in Sydney on 31 May at Parliament House. A number of speakers from the public, private and not-for profit sectors shared their early experiences of using the guidance standard.

ISO 20400 is a guidance standard that provides a framework for implementing sustainable procurement within organisations. The standard has been developed to suit a wide range of organisations of different size, sector and location. It outlines the concept of sustainable procurement, the drivers for it and key considerations to implementing it. It then proceeds to give guidance on analysing and addressing key aspects relating to embedding sustainability within an organisation's procurement activities.

Councils can use the document to identify all the steps they should take when embedding sustainability into their procurement function, including outlining what aspects need to be considered and how best to address those aspects.

For more information on the standard, including case studies, videos and blog, visit www.ISO20400.org. Additionally, for councils wanting to implement the standard, remember that Sustainable Choice is here to assist!

New look Sustainable Choice database

Don't forget to check out the new look Sustainable Choice sustainable products and services database!

The enhanced database was launched in December 2016. After a lot of research, planning and listening to feedback from Sustainable Choice members and suppliers a more user-friendly tool is now available. Some of the new features include up-to-date and advanced searching capability and a more streamlined registration process for suppliers. Check it out [here](#)!

The database will transfer to LGP with Sustainable Choice. From 1 July you will be able to access the database on the LGP website, however a redirect will also be in place on the current website.

Remember, if you are going to tender for a product or service and are looking to engage a sustainable supplier, ask potential suppliers to apply for an account with the database as part of the tendering process. That way the Sustainable Choice team can do the sustainability checks for you. If the supplier's application is successful you can feel confident that their sustainability credentials are credible. You can find an example supplier sustainability questionnaire [here](#).

Yume saves food from landfill

Each year in Australia 3.9 million tonnes of food in the commercial sector goes to waste. One of the reasons for this is that food suppliers often find themselves with surplus stock, and in many instances, are forced to consider landfill as an option, even if the products are perfectly edible. In May 2017, a multinational consumer goods company found themselves with surplus mayonnaise from one of their leading brands. They didn't want to see this product go to waste so they contacted **Yume**, an online marketplace for surplus food, with a request to upload their mayonnaise to the platform. Priced at 82% below the regular wholesale price, a large restaurant group quickly made the purchase. The buyer ended up saving 500kg of surplus food, over 34,000 litres of water and prevented over one tonne of carbon dioxide emissions.

If you would like to find out more and how you can help save food from going to waste, take a look at www.yumefood.com.au or email eat@yumefood.com.au

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