
Sustainable Choice News

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Welcome New Members

There are now 85 Councils across NSW who have publicly committed to Sustainable Procurement. The latest member to have joined is:

- Walcha Shire Council

Welcome to our newest member!

This Newsletter is sent to our members only, however if you have a colleague at another council who may not currently be a member, and you think may be interested; feel free to forward the Newsletter and our contact details to them.

Sustainable Roads Forums

Following the success of the Fleet Forums held in 2013, Sustainable Choice will be running a series of regional Sustainable Roads Forums throughout 2014.

The forums collate expert presenters, suppliers and relative information for each region regarding strategies, case studies, innovation and resources for sensible, sustainable procurement with one of councils' highest costs – roads. The speakers have been hand-picked to discuss certification, standards and compliance and forums will be run throughout the state. The first was held in Lismore on 11th February with the next scheduled for 4th March in Dubbo. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Sustainable Choice Training

As a member take the opportunity to book a Sustainable Choice training session that is tailored to meet the needs of your Council. Click [here](#) for further information.

2013 Scorecards and Annual Data Report

2013 Sustainable Procurement Scorecards and the Sustainable Choice Annual Data Report are almost complete and will be available within the month. Scorecards will be sent directly to your General Manager and we'll add a note in the what's new section of the website [here](#) when it happens. You will be able to access the Annual Data Report in the resources section of the website [here](#).

2014 Already in Full Swing!

We hope you are looking forward to the year ahead, which is shaping up to be a busy one yet again! Make it one of your resolutions for 2014 to actively progress sustainable procurement in your Council. Has your working group scheduled its first meeting for the year? If so, remember that visits by our expert staff are free, so invite us along.

Further information regarding the Sustainable Choice program, membership, commitment requirements or information on how to join is available [online](#). Sustainable Choice is a partnership program between the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and Local Government NSW.



Winner of the Sustainable Procurement Award

Congratulations to Rockdale City Council who won the Sustainable Procurement Award at the 2013 Excellence in the Environment Awards. This award category is only available to Sustainable Choice members. Rockdale City Council won for its commitment to a Sustainable Procurement Program and embedding sustainable procurement within core business. Since the recruitment of a Sustainable Procurement Officer, Council's processes and expenditure on goods and services have been thoroughly reviewed, investigations to the viability of various sustainable products and services has been undertaken and future plans for procurement staff education and training are underway.

The full list of winners and photos of the event can be seen [here](#).



CASE STUDIES NOW AVAILABLE - Following the Fleet Forums of 2013 there are Fleet-related case studies that are now available on the Sustainable Choice website. Also, be sure to share your own case studies. Contact the Sustainable Choice Team for the case study template.

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