



Sustainable Choice News



Ready to Join?

If your Council is not yet a member of Sustainable Choice and is ready to move forward with sustainable procurement, please contact the Sustainable Choice Project Manager at scpm@nsw.gov.au or (02) 9242 4053. Membership is free!

Member Benefits

You asked for them and here they are!

Find out what other councils are doing via our new series of sustainable procurement case studies, available on the Sustainable Choice website ([click here](#)). The case studies are sorted by topic and by region, so you can go straight to what interests you most, from event management to brown paper business cards to plastic indoor chairs. We will continue to upload more case studies over time.

All member councils are invited to submit case studies showcasing their sustainable procurement projects and sharing the lessons learnt. The template is available on our website ([click here](#)).



About Sustainable Choice

Sustainable Choice is a sustainable procurement program for NSW Local Government, developed through a partnership with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Local Government and

Thank you to all those who participated in the 2011 Sustainable Choice Annual Survey, the response rate of 92% of member councils is very pleasing. All councils who participated will receive their individual Sustainable Procurement Scorecards early next year. The results have been collated into the 2011 Annual Data Report which will be available on the Sustainable Choice website early next year.

Notable results include:

- Over half of the member councils now have an established working group to help implement sustainable procurement within the organisation (up

Shires Associations (LGSA).



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from only 32% in 2010). The frequency that these working groups meet is also improving.

- 88% of member councils have either a sustainable procurement policy or clauses in an existing procurement policy to help drive sustainable procurement.
- The number of member councils with a system in place to track the purchase of sustainable products was significantly higher this year (25%) than was reported last year (8%).

The Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards were initiated by the Associations in 1998 and are held annually. The Awards are open to all NSW councils with the aim of recognising outstanding achievements by NSW Local Government in managing and protecting the environment.

This year's winners in the Sustainable Procurement category were:

Lismore City Council's Sustainable procurement is driven by Council's Sustainable Innovations Group and is integrated within the Procurement Policy, which is importantly underpinned by procedural documents.

Council's achievements in sustainable procurement this year included:

- Nearly a 50% decrease in the paper purchased
- 10KW solar panels installed
- Light fleet rationalisation to 4-cylinder petrol and diesel engines
- 90% of the light fleet use E10 unleaded fuel
- B20 biodiesel used in plant and equipment in the works area

Penrith City Council has developed and implemented a staff training program on their Sustainable Procurement Policy.

In 2010-11, Council has:

- Saved 2.1 tonnes of CO₂-e through energy efficient lighting;
- Installed solar panels saving 21.2 tones of CO₂-e;
- Applied Greentrac software on staff computers saving 5.9 tonnes of CO₂-e;
- Purchased hybrid vehicles, reduced the number of 6-cylinder vehicles and the use of E10 fuel, saving 69.4 tonnes of CO₂-e;
- Approximately 25% of construction materials utilised by Council have been reused materials from other construction projects or they have purchased recycled materials;
- Sourced 9,268 kL of recycled water for use on Council playing fields.

More information about the Awards, presentations and a link to the photo gallery can be found by clicking [here](#).



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