

A. R. BLUETT MEMORIAL AWARD 2005/2006

RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR: COUNCILLOR PAUL TRACEY
GENERAL MANAGER: RAY BROWNLEE

CITATION:

Randwick City Council is a well-deserved winner of the A.R. Bluett Award, having completed an outstanding year of community service and local government management and achieving significant relative improvement. The Council has a refreshing and innovative approach to the many challenges confronting councils today, embracing rapid internal cultural change and demonstrating its core commitments to public service and community leadership.

The entry was concisely presented, clearly outlining the scope and diversity of programs it is responsible for and the major changes that have occurred in the way the organisation operates. The trustees were particularly impressed with the Council's long term planning strategy, its sustainability achievements and customer service initiatives.

Some of the major projects and initiatives reported by the Council were:

- Adoption of the Randwick City Plan and 30 year Financial Plan (including an integrated planning framework)
- Internal cultural change program (including organisation restructure, staff-developed values and leadership development program)
- Knowledge management initiatives (including long term financial plan and Power Budget, E-Learning System and database development)
- Recreation and life style projects (including protection of ocean dunes, aquatic centre upgrading, surf sense program, healthy seniors program)
- Community events program (including celebrating cultural diversity, Australia Day, Future Champions Fund, Business Excellence Awards, Ecoliving Fair)
- Public place management project (including town centres identify program, community-centred events and employment of Public Place officers)
- Sustaining our City Program (including biodiversity strategy, wildlife watch, awards for environmental sustainability, water and energy conservation program, beating graffiti program)
- Investment in new plant and equipment
- Bomborah Point recycling centre
- Heffron Park Plan of Management (including community consultation, draft plan and landscape concept plan)
- Coastal walkway project (Clovelly Headland to Botany Bay)
- Kensington townscape improvement project
- Restoration of the Clovelly Bay Promenades

Randwick City Council is a progressive and motivated local authority with a commitment to continuous improvement and responsible local government. The Trustees congratulate the Mayor, Cr Paul Tracey, General Manager, Ray Brownlee, councillors and staff of the Randwick City Council on an outstanding achievement and a well-deserved A.R. Bluett Memorial Award.

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