

Environmental Levy
Sustaining our City
for the next 20 years



COMMUNITY EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT



Workshops and courses at Randwick Sustainability Hub

Empowering our community



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FUNDING AREA

Community education
& engagement

BUDGET

\$4.5M

TIMEFRAME

2024-29

LOCATION

The Hub, Randwick
Community Centre

STATUS

Ongoing

DID YOU KNOW?

The Sustainability Hub
receives approximately
250,000 visits each year.

**For 20 years Council's Environmental Levy
program has been providing a comprehensive
range of workshops, courses, events and
activities for its residents.**

WHAT IS IT

The popularity of ongoing learning opportunities for residents, schools, students, teachers and business owners led Council to invest in the development of a designated sustainability education 'hub' located principally at the Randwick Community Centre which is adjacent to Randwick's 13-hectare Environment Park.

This hub now concentrates much of our hands-on sustainability learning activities and includes dedicated nature and wildfood trails; water-saving and energy demonstration trails; permaculture garden and orchard; a learning area for growing in small spaces; one of the first combined native and honey bee trails; composting and potting shed; and our purpose-built, outdoor classroom, the latter now the primary learning area for our weekly PermaBee volunteers.

BENEFITS

People have different learning styles and are at different parts of their sustainability journey. The range of courses, workshops, events and activities delivered at our sustainability hub are aimed at enabling those in our community to learn about sustainability at their own pace and in their own time.

Learning opportunities are usually 'hands-on' for those who don't mind getting their hands a little dirty in our permaculture spaces, or learning from specialists or learning from their friends and neighbours. We aim to cater to those in a hurry to learn and those taking it at their own pace. Programs on offer encourage individuals to learn while they're celebrating the diversity of our natural environment while experiencing the natural environment.

Information current as at October 2023. Project is proposed for funding as part of Council's Environmental Levy Special Rate Variation, which Council is seeking to continue from 2024 to fund important sustainability programs and infrastructure.