

\$600K FUNDING FOR WASTE AVOIDANCE & RESOURCE RECOVERY FOR SHOROC REGION

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SHOROC and its partner councils – Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah – have received a \$600,000 grant over four years to improve waste and resource recovery services for the region.

SHOROC President and Mayor of Pittwater, Cr Jacqueline Townsend said the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) grants support regional council groups to further develop waste and recycling infrastructure and include the appointment of regional waste coordinators and development of regional waste strategies.

“SHOROC is one of the first regional organisation of councils to appoint a regional waste coordinator – testament to the SHOROC councils’ long history of collaborating on waste management including the joint ownership of the Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre at Terrey Hills and the adoption of a common waste collection system into the future.

“SHOROC’s new regional waste coordinator, Liz Quinlan, has already started and will work with our councils to build on their already outstanding record and find new innovative ways to reduce waste, increase resource recovery and minimise impacts on the environment.

“The EPA funding will further strengthen our councils’ collaboration on waste management and will enable councils to work together to develop a new regional waste avoidance and resource recovery strategy, to coordinate grant applications, deliver joint regional projects and support large-scale infrastructure projects.

“These strategies will see the region manage its own waste in a more sustainable manner to reduce waste and increase resource recovery within the region - rather than it being transported elsewhere.

“It’s encouraging to see the latest waste data showing NSW households are recycling almost four per cent more than five years ago and are sending less waste to landfill. For the SHOROC region we have had a seven per cent decrease in total waste to landfill from 2007 to 2012,” Mayor Townsend said.

This program is supported by the NSW Environment Protection Authority with funding from the waste levy.

Waste Less, Recycle More:

The \$465.7 million *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative is designed to enhance waste and resource recovery services both at an individual council level and with large scale infrastructure changes.

The EPA has approved \$6 million over the next four years to fund the regional coordination of seven council groups (54 councils) in the waste-levy paying area to engage regional coordinators, undertake infrastructure planning and develop the Regional Waste Strategies required under the NSW 2021 Regional Action Plans.

More information about the Regional Coordination Support package, the *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative and grants can be found at shoroc.com

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