

MEDIA RELEASE



FIRST EVER REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN LAUNCHED BY FOUR SHOROC MAYORS

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Photo Opportunity for Media: The 4 Mayors launching the Sustainability document alongside the Mosman Rider – a FREE Minibus for Mosman Residents - demonstrating sustainable transport The Spit Reserve Mosman - 9am SHARP –Friday 29 July 2011

The Mayors of Mosman, Manly, Warringah and Pittwater will officially launch the major sustainability action plan for the region titled '*Shaping Our Sustainable Future – An action plan for creating a more sustainable SHOROC region together*'.

The launch is significant because *Shaping Our Sustainable Future* brings together for the first time a range of projects that will be delivered collectively by the SHOROC councils over the next four years to create a more sustainable region.

SHOROC President and Pittwater Mayor Harvey Rose said that the action plan includes projects focussing on integrated transport, renewable energy, climate change, ecologically sustainable development, waste avoidance and re-use, water use, enhancing biodiversity and living and working more sustainably.

"Each of our councils is already working very hard to safeguard our environment", said Cr Rose. "This new action plan details the key projects where we can achieve even more for our region by working together".

A good example is that the councils will be working together to maximise recycling and reuse of resources locally. Under the action plan, the councils will be working to divert 66 per cent of residential waste from landfill through the construction of new sorting and recycling facilities at Kimbriki and by implementing a common collection system.

Transport is another key priority. The councils will be working to improve public and community transport through detailed feasibility analysis and planning for the public transport network, a regional approach to cycling network and infrastructure delivery, and lobbying for funds for a regional Bus Rapid Transit system.

The action plan forms Part Two under the banner of *Shaping Our Future*. Part One, released in 2010 outlined the major infrastructure priorities for the SHOROC region and is already seeing positive results with the NSW Government committing to invest in the priorities identified by the councils for public transport and hospital infrastructure.

"By committing to this sustainability action plan, our four councils are seeking to provide leadership and to be at the forefront in this complex field, demonstrating that we can work together to make this urbanised pocket in Sydney's North East truly sustainable," said Mayor Rose.

For more information and to download the *Shaping Our Sustainable Future* strategy visit www.shoroc.com/sustainability

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