

## SHOROC GETS GRANT TO HELP BUSINESS REDUCE WASTE BILLS AND INCREASE RECYCLING

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SHOROC and its partner councils – Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah – have been awarded a \$200,000 NSW Government grant to help businesses measure their waste, reduce their waste bills, increase recycling and reduce their impact on the environment.

The *Recycling at Work* project funds waste assessments for small and medium sized businesses and produces tailored action plans to assist businesses reduce waste and increase recycling. Businesses are assessed by an experienced waste management consultant and eligible businesses can access funding to cover up to half the costs of equipment to enhance their recycling capacity.

SHOROC President and Mayor of Mosman, Cr Peter Abelson says the program will provide free advice and support on how businesses can reduce waste and lower costs by identifying recycling opportunities.

“There are 34,500 businesses in the SHOROC region, some of which could benefit from an independent waste assessment that will help them save money on waste disposal costs and reduce the amount of waste that they send to landfill,” Cr Abelson said.

The program will kick off in Pittwater. Businesses are invited to register for a FREE waste assessment or find out more by emailing [liz.quinlan@shoroc.com](mailto:liz.quinlan@shoroc.com) or calling 9905 0095. A. Prince Consulting, who has a proven track record in delivering results to businesses has been engaged to conduct assessments of 200 small to medium businesses.

NSW businesses send more than 2.5 million tonnes of waste to landfill each year and more than 70 per cent of this is valuable material, such as food, wood, textiles and plastics that could be recycled.

Small to medium sized businesses generate around 45 per cent of business waste. Reducing their waste makes good business sense and saves valuable water, energy and raw materials. The NSW Government is targeting a 70 per cent recycling rate for business waste by 2021.

To date more than 6,500 businesses across NSW have benefited from the free waste assessment and implemented Waste Reduction Action Plans.

This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy and is part of SHOROC's *Too Good to Waste* strategy.

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