



# Media Release

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## Nominations open for 2011 Business Environment Awards

Nominations are now open for Marrickville Council's 2011 Business Environment Awards. The Awards recognise local businesses and organisations that have shown leadership in environmental and community initiatives.

Businesses and organisations that have reached their sustainability targets through Marrickville Council's *target sustainability @ marrickville* program will also be acknowledged at the 2011 Environment Awards.

Over 120 businesses actively participate in the *target sustainability @ marrickville* program. The Salvos Store in Tempe for the past two years has diverted over 1,000 tonnes of material away from landfill. Cardboard, books, clothes, rags and metals are some of the materials that have been recycled and reused. The *target* team is currently working with Salvos staff on an induction e-learning package to further improve their environmental performance.

Mayor of Marrickville Councillor Morris Hanna said he encourages businesses to nominate for this year's Business Environment Awards. "This is a chance for the environmental achievements of local businesses to be rewarded," Councillor Hanna said. "As a business owner I know how important it is to make sustainability a priority. Not only does it benefit the environment, but businesses can also significantly reduce their costs."

Businesses can nominate for an award in the following categories:

- Carbon Smart Award
- Water Saver Award
- Resource Recovery Award
- Community Partnership Award
- Sustainability Leadership Award
- Best New Business Award

The winners of the 2011 Business Environment Awards will be presented at an awards ceremony on Wednesday 23 November 2011.

To nominate a business, complete an online nomination form at Council's website. Nominations close at 5pm Friday 4 November 2011. For more information please call Council's Sustainable Business Team on 9335 2061.

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