



2020 Northern Beaches Local Business Awards Sustainability Award

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD PRESENTED BY



Northern Beaches Council is pleased to once again sponsor the Sustainability Award as part of the Northern Beaches Local Business Awards. This award builds upon Council's work to promote sustainable best practice across our business community.

This award recognises local businesses that practice and promote sustainable practices to create a more liveable and healthier city. Typically, finalists for this award are able to demonstrate integration of sustainability practices across their business planning, operations and marketing. We encourage local applicants from all business types and sizes, as the evaluation process looks to identify local businesses that "go above and beyond" what would usually be expected for their industry and business size. We encourage applicants to provide supporting information to illustrate their achievements.

Holistic sustainability is about meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Sustainability means that the economic, social, environmental and cultural systems are providing a healthy, productive, meaningful life for all the community - present and future.

Examples of sustainable business practices could include:

- **Reduction in energy use** (*Energy efficient lighting or equipment, natural light, natural ventilation, insulation to control temperatures, smart meters, renewable energy, improving business processes to reduce energy use and monitoring energy usage and setting or achieving reduction targets*)
- **Reduction in water use** (*Use AAA rated taps, dual flush toilets, grey water systems and rain water tanks, improvements to business processes and monitoring water usage and setting or achieving reduction targets*)
- **Reduction in waste sent to landfill** (*Improvements to business processes, reduce waste, reduce the use of single-use plastics, monitor waste and recycling streams and achieve recycling targets, recycling, compost, creative re-use or upcycling of waste*).
- **Environmentally friendly materials, supplier products and services** (*Sourcing sustainable, recycled or upcycled materials, locally grown food or locally produced goods, considering sustainable practices of suppliers during procurement processes*)
- **Community impact** (*Sponsor school or community events or programs, volunteer days off for staff to work with community groups*)
- **Family friendly and equal opportunity** (*Flexible working hours and conditions for staff, progressive model paternity leave, all ability hiring*)
- **Ethical business practices/investments** (*products made in factories with safe work conditions and where a fair wage is paid, products /services provided as advertised to customers, warranty practices and social and environmental screening of suppliers*)
- **Sustainable Transport** (*Reduce use of fossil fuels, encourage use of public transport, bicycles and carpooling, provide bicycle racks and end of trip facilities, electric vehicles, supply chain improvements*)

Benefits of being a Winner & Finalist

- Trophy and certificates for display
- Promotion via Northern Beaches Council, local media and other promotional channels
- Invitation to the Northern Beaches Local Business Awards Gala Presentation Evening

2020 Northern Beaches Local Business Awards Sustainability Award Entry Form

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email: _____

Please summarise below your key sustainability achievements and we advise that you provide as much supporting documentation as possible to provide a strong application as an attachment:

Supporting information attached: (please mark with x)

Company Profile
Supportive Statements

Photographs
Newspaper Articles/Case Studies

Plans / Diagrams
Sustainability appraisals or reports

Applications must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 9th September 2020

Please send your application to Northern Beaches Sustainability Award -
PO Box H211, Hurlstone Park NSW 2193
or email to chris@precedent.net