

MEMORANDUM

To: The Works and Community Committee

From: Jill Webb - Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

Date: 16 September 2016

Subject: Supplementary Report – Works and Community Committee Item 3
Small Grants Program – Allocation of Funding September 2016

Dear Councillors

As a result of an additional application being received from the Ryde-Gladesville Climate Change Action Group (RGCCAG), this Supplementary Report is provided in respect of the Works and Community Committee Item 3 – Small Grants Program – Allocation of Funding September 2016.

The Ryde-Gladesville Climate Change Action Group (RCCAG) has submitted a request to Council for \$ 500.00 in funding. The funding is to be used to cover attendee refreshment costs at the upcoming “Clean Energy for Good Business Innovation and Best Practice Forum” to be held on 4 October 2016 at the Macquarie Park Business Centre.

The aim of the forum is to introduce attendees to the latest in solar and battery storage technologies, in an effort to assist locally based business in reducing operational costs and the carbon foot print. It is hoped that the forum will inspire local interest and investment in renewable energy (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

RCCAG is represented on Council’s Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee and participated in discussions leading to the formulation of the ‘Ryde and Macquarie Park “Climate Works” Low Carbon Growth Plan’.

The RCCAG’s application for funding of \$500.00 has been reviewed and complies with Council’s Small Grants Policy and Guidelines, and therefore it is recommended to Council.

The **amended recommendation** for this Item is as follows;

- (a) That Council endorse the allocation of the City of Ryde Small Grants Category as follows:

Organisation	Project Name	Amount
Holy Land Cultural and Community Assoc. Inc.	Building bridges, connecting and communicating	\$1,000
Ryde-Gladesville Climate Change Action Group	Clean Energy for Good Business Innovation and Best Practice Forum	\$500
Total		\$1,500.00

(b) That the successful Grant applicants be informed of the outcome of their application.

(c) That the remaining funding available of \$38,500 in the Community Grant Reserve continues to be set aside for the Small Grant Scheme.

Regards,

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Jill Webb
Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

RYDE RENEWABLE ROOFTOPS

A proposal for Ryde Council



Proposal: Hold a forum on solar energy and battery technologies for businesses and households in Ryde and Northern Sydney.

WHO WE ARE

The Ryde-Gladesville Climate Change Action Group (RCCAG) is a non-partisan Ryde residents group who work (for free!) to promote action on climate change, through community-based advocacy and activism. We consist of a core group of 8 activists with a mailing list of 680 supporters. We are a local affiliated group of the NSW Nature Conservation Council, have representation on Ryde Council's Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee (BEAC), and have previously partnered with Ryde Council on the Ryde and Macquarie Park "Climate Works" low-carbon growth plan.

WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING

RGCCAG proposes a 2-hour forum + 30 minutes networking event be held in the Ryde Council area, on 4 October 2016 from 6pm-8pm. This forum should aim to target local businesses (especially those in the Macquarie Park business area and others with significant rooftop solar potential), local and regional planners and policymakers, as well as interested members of the local community.

The purpose of this forum will be: 1) introduce attendees to the latest in solar energy and battery-storage technologies to reduce operational costs for businesses and reduce carbon footprints; 2) update attendees on the financial, legal, planning, and political landscapes where solar energy and battery-storage is concerned, as well as national and global trends; 3) inspire local interest and investment in renewable energy.



WHY WE ARE PROPOSING THIS

The City of Ryde, and especially Macquarie Park, is recognised as one of NSW's major population and economic growth hubs. With its excellent infrastructure, world-renown centers of innovation, and forward-thinking leadership, Ryde has great potential for being a renewable energy powerhouse. A recent report by Solar Citizens (<http://solarscorecard.org.au/electorate/bennelong/>) found that that the local area had invested \$18 million in renewables, saving \$2.3 million on electricity bills and reducing carbon emissions by more than 13.2 million kilograms annually. However, this still leaves the area ranked 135 out of 150 in the country. Our city has the potential for so much more – and we have a climate change imperative to rise to this challenge.



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PROPOSED FORMAT

5.45pm-6.00pm: Registration.

6.00pm-6.10pm: Opening remarks by **RGCCAG & Ryde Council**

6.10pm-6.40pm: Presentation by **Solar Citizens**

6.40pm-7.10pm: Presentation by **Prof. Ross Garnaut, AO, Zen Energy**

7.10pm-7.40pm: Presentation by **Prof. Vance Gledhill, AM, Zen Energy**

7.40pm-8.00pm: Panel discussion

8.00pm-8.30pm: Networking opportunity

8.30pm: Close



ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- *Confirmed* - RGCCAG: Lead organizer, concept development, organisation, promotion and facilitation
- *Proposed* - Ryde Council: Provision of venue, refreshments, contacts, organisation, promotion and facilitation.
- *Confirmed* - Solar Citizens: Provision of guest speaker, handout materials, organisation and promotion assistance.
- *Confirmed* - Zen Energy: Provision of guest speakers Prof. Ross Garnaut & Prof. Vance Gledhill, handout materials.
- *Confirmed* - Australian Youth Climate Coalition (MQ Uni): Ushering / runabout / set-up and take-down assistance.
- *Proposed* - Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC): Attendance & participation
- *Proposed* – Macquarie Park and other local businesses and associations: Attendance & participation

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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