Reporting & Communication.

Keywords to summarize this cluster of ideas:

Communication & Recognition

Better promotion of positive messages and achievements both by Council and its Community

Promote the outcomes and successes of projects – this can help build momentum and a sense of ownership by the community of the benefits of their rates at work in this area – ask the community how they want to learn about what Council does – do the traditional forms of communication reach them?

Need to determine how to communicate outcomes of work and how often.

Develop community portals to create discussions, including providing appropriate metrics to allow local info to guide discussions

Improvements in road constructions already occurring ie. Using lower CO2 emission products needing lower heat to set - highlights need to communicate activities being undertaken

Need to have recognition and championing of vounteers, possibly beyond environment awards and/or tied to Living Green plan categories and/or look at Clean Streets awards or similar again; and as a way to promote action by people who may not be so active at present

Environmental awards are good promotion and acknowledgement of work done in community. These create a positive feel.

Continue 'Business Awards' to support local businesses doing good things

Need to tell stories on neighbourhoods and sense of community; and creating forums that encourage individual discussions to occur between neighbours. These can be enviro focussed or embed enviro issues into other discussions ie waste / energy efficiency as part of migration assistance

Education

Compliance needs work on internal and external awareness of regulations - who is responsible for what, what can be done, who to contact when incidents occur ie. Littering, site contamination, stormwater pollution, cigarette butts

Promote energy efficiency and sustainable design : Education / awareness raising (e.g. Kaleidoscope). [Dev't Plan w/shop Mar12]

Develop/host information that can be delivered using improved technology i.e. waste management App., social media posts/events on environmental themes, car sharing booking schemes portal on website?

use of apps to allow community to ID noxious weed sites or other enviro issues and let Council know of areas where problems exist? Would this work in addition to / jointly with CRMs and emails from ie BRAG

We could look at using new technologies to develop apps which allow better communication between the community and Council such as IDing illegal dumping or weed issues or putting like-minded people in touch with each other

(further) Education

Collect and Provide environmental KPIs on rates notices etc for those who don't have access to apps.

I had no idea that a permit was necessary to plant my verge - perhaps that could be advertised

Current practice in most plantings is to use natives - opportunities to promote this as Council's standard practice already

Signage needed to be put up at Torrens Outlet after rain events to stop people swimming. Currently done by local residents. Should be easy for Council to put up signs

Any gaps?

Tafe system more local knowledge
Complements University

Any concerns?

Charging people for planting verges is wrong - should encourage native planting of verges. No mowing/blowing/Pollution/Noise!

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(Intra Council) Keywords to summarize this cluster of ideas:

CIVIC

Internal to Council

Research & Reporting

Inter-Council

Should have corporate info on KPIs such as CO2 / waste or similar available to staff

Give information on solar panel electricity production / energy use on The Mine to all staff.

Develop a regular reporting process ie. State of the Environment or similar - could use TOPL development information as a basis to update data and provide information to community

Need to measure Council's Environmental performance and communicate to staff and community. Also, need to have better understanding of whether we're doing well / meeting expectations etc

CCS will need to understand impact of increased visitors to coast ie. Beaches, service provision, waste management, landscaping etc

Use a measure such as ecological footprint to measure council sustainability

Monitor and communicate electricity use across Council buildings esp identifying any changes in use likely associated with changes such as more efficient equipment

Need to get better at identifying appropriate metrics, collecting them, AND communicating them to the appropriate people.

Need to define what end points in actions are - when do we know we've accomplished what we set out to do?

Can undertake spatial analysis of changing surfaces based on aerial photography ie. Look at changes to concrete surfaces across the area; potentially estimate solar panel uptake across the area

Research & understand enviro & social impacts and needs of higher density developments

Put GPT's stats on notice board at all GPT's in tonnes/year total tonnes

I'd like to see the environmental plan showing more leadership, look to other councils that are in this space. Don't just respond, pick some areas that Council can show leadership in and push for new actions.

IDEAS HERE!

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Inter-council: Lead by example. ... sustainable practices, install ...

Any concerns?

Airconditioning in Council often too cold.

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