

DID YOU KNOW?

Across Sydney we are using the same amount of water now as we did in 1970, even though the population has grown by an extra one million people

Coleman and Vincent Streets residents learn how to save water and money on their water bills

At the second meeting in Coleman and Vincent Streets, time was spent learning about [water](#) and [how to use less of it](#).

People were already doing lots of things to [save water](#) and everyone contributed a great idea or two. If you need some ideas to save water see the tips on the right.



The **GOOD NEWS** is that by knowing where we use water in the home we can all do something about it.

In addition we spent some time talking about the proposed changes to the bus routes around Merrylands and beyond. Many residents were able to attend the public meeting on the issue thanks to the transport provided by Council. Others were writing letters to the Local State Member of Parliament and the Transport Minister.

Towards the end of the meeting, residents discussed their [sustainability project](#) and how they might plan this further at the next meeting. Some time was also spent discussing with Housing NSW how issues for Coleman and Vincent Streets residents might be raised for discussion. Residents are advised to bring a list of any issues they want discussed to the next meeting.

WATER SAVING TIPS

- Turn off the tap while cleaning your teeth, shaving or peeling vegetables;
- Take shorter showers;
- Put a bucket under the shower while waiting for it to get hot and use it to water your plants;
- Use a water efficient (AAA rated) shower head;
- Make sure you have a full load before you put on the washing machine or dishwasher;
- Use water saving devices that you can attach to your taps, eg aerators
- Use the half flush button on your toilet
- Water early in the morning or late in the afternoon –
If you water in the middle of the day the sun will evaporate most of the water before the plants get it;
- Water near the roots of plants, for longer & less often;
- Mulch around your plants to prevent moisture loss;
- Re-use water from your washing machine onto your garden



A bucket collecting the cold water in the shower is great for the garden

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for Coleman & Vincent Street residents is at 2.30pm on

Wednesday 25 February 2009

We will be looking at ways to save money by saving energy and also discussing the project and raising resident's issues.

For more information about the Sustainability Street program contact Holroyd City Council on 9840 9981.

