

## STURDEE STREET – MEAT & GREET

The tour of the Sturdee Street gardens last month was interesting and enjoyable, with many residents opening up their side gates and allowing the group to gander at their gardens.

This month, we are stepping away from the typical Sustainability Street meeting format and encourage all residents to come out and meet your neighbours for a sausage sandwich. The date, venue and time for the **Sturdee Street Meat & Greet** is yet to be confirmed, so please forward any ideas to Richard & Maria on 9896 3839 or James on 9840 9643. Once the details have been confirmed all residents will be notified of the event via a letterbox drop.

The idea behind the Meat and Greet is to capture the **old style sense of community** that is being lost in the hustle and bustle of suburban Sydney. With everyone spending more time than ever at work and stuck in traffic, we often do not have the time to stop and have a chat with the people next door or the young couple down the street who have just moved in.



**Keep an eye on your letterbox for more details!**

*Sustainability Street has helped us **SAVE MONEY** whilst helping our environment*



After taking up Holroyd City Council's offer of a **free energy and water assessment** of our house (conducted by NECO), my husband and I were provided with ideas to make our everyday living more sustainable. We had our existing light bulbs replaced with **energy efficient light globes** - supplied FREE by NECO during the assessment. We also replaced 12 x 50W downlights with energy efficient 11W compact fluorescent globes. These energy efficient globes give 15,000 hours of light, saving us approximately \$174 in energy bills each year and \$366 in replacement globes.

This spring we have planted a **native garden** in our backyard. Parts of the garden will provide shade to the back wall of our house helping to cool our rumpus room. We have also **reduced our heating and cooling costs** by installing curtains in the front rooms of the house, which will assist in keeping the temperature in these rooms comfortable all year round.

Next on our list is to purchase a **rainwater tank** so that we can keep enjoying our beautiful native garden.

*Adriana (Flower Streets)*

### FREE HOME ENERGY & WATER ASSESSMENTS STILL AVAILABLE

For more information on how a **qualified energy and water expert** can help you identify how you can reduce the cost of running your home, **saving you money** whilst helping the environment, contact Council on 9840 9981.



Come and learn about **biodiesel** as a **cheaper and environmentally friendly alternative** for your vehicle at the next 'Flower' Streets meeting – see details below.

### 'Flower' Streets Reminder

The 'Flower' Streets are getting into the Christmas Spirit early this month with the **White Elephant Gift Giving Game**. Don't forget to bring something from home that you no longer need or want, wrapped up (in old newspaper!) as a gift. Everyone who brings a gift gets to choose a gift to take home.

#### \*\*\*\* NEXT MEETING \*\*\*\*

The 'Flower' Streets Greystanes  
Sunday 19 November 2006 2pm  
Venue: Nemesia Street Park Hall

Sturdee Street Wentworthville  
To be advised