



Free globes are savers

By Nick Soon

TWO Blacktown corporations have joined forces to help residents combat greenhouse emissions in their own homes.

For the next few weeks Integral Energy and ANZ Bank will be giving away packs of six energy efficient light globes to residents from the bank's office at 65 Main Street.

ANZ and Integral Energy are members of the Blacktown Solar City consortium, together with BP Solar, Blacktown Council, Landcom and Big Switch Projects.

As part of the consortium's initiative, all households in the local government area can get the free pack to help achieve its target of saving 25,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year.

The consortium estimates that residents installing the six light globes will save \$250 on energy bills over the life of the bulbs as well as preventing 3.6 tonnes of CO₂ entering the atmosphere.

Integral Energy's manager, sustainable development, Maree Zammit said: "We are making it as easy as possible for everyone in the area to get their pack of six light globes.

"Integral has so far given away more than 4000 energy efficiency packs, but to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the scale the consortium is aiming for, more households to switch their standard light globes for energy efficient ones.

"Replacing your incandescent light bulbs with high efficiency compact



Environmental warriors: Integral Energy's Maree Zammit (from left) and the ANZ's Amanda Heath-Ogden and Rod Smith take a closer look at the energy-efficient light bulbs.

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fluorescent lights will reduce your energy consumption and electricity bills."

ANZ Blacktown's chief executive, Amanda Heath-Ogden, said the packs would be given away until June 19.

"We're spreading the message that every home, business and community group can start saving

energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by installing energy efficient light globes," she said.

"Residents only need to show their address to collect the packs."

To make it easier for all residents to take part in the program, the packs are also available from Blacktown Council and Emerton Leisure Centre.