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Powering on: Simon Gastrell (above left) of Bemark at Blacktown has increased energy efficiency. First Assistant Secretary for the Environment, Ross Carter (above right), welcomes the BEEP project.

Main St gets BEEPed

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AFTER the success of Bemark's building, businesses across Blacktown can now get BEEPed, according to Ross Carter of the federal Environment Department, who spoke at the launch.

"In addition to all the environmental and economic benefits BEEP offers, we are particularly keen to see the data which will be collected over the duration of this project," Mr Carter said. "Seeing the size and location of savings will be vital in the formation of policy and ensuring these innovations have not only a local, but a national, and hopefully global, impact."

Blacktown Mayor Leo Kelly spoke of the continuing success of Blacktown as a Solar City.

"I am confident the businesses of Blacktown will

International support

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Over the three-day conference, Cr Gapps said tours around Adelaide as the host city offered more suggestions for Blacktown.

"Adelaide is geographically well suited to becoming a solar capital because of the intense heat and large amounts of sun, but their initiatives would equally suit Blacktown," Cr Gapps said.

"One of the buses through Adelaide runs on solar power, providing a green public transport option to their residents, as well as developing solar taxis. They

also don't light their commercial buildings at night-time.

"The delegate from Italy spoke about creating a 'solar world' through partnerships with solar cities in other countries.

"They don't yet have an Australian partner and I call on Blacktown Council to bid to be their first Australian counterpart."

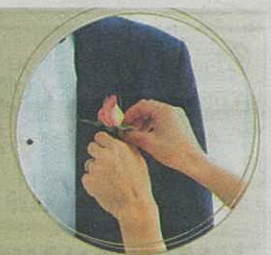
Cr Rowland said the next International Solar Cities Congress would be held in 2010 in China, which presented an excellent opportunity for Blacktown to strengthen bonds with sister city Liaocheng.

embrace this new program as enthusiastically as the residents have taken on the other packages associated with the Solar City," Cr Kelly said.

BEEP will run over five years to deliver energy savings and efficiency solutions to local businesses.

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