

# Over 250 register for Solar Cities!

Since the Prime Minister announced in November 2006 that Blacktown City would become a Solar City, the local community has responded enthusiastically showing support for the project. To date, over 250 people have registered their interest in participating in the Solar City program.

The Blacktown Solar City consortium, includes Council, BP Solar, ANZ, Integral Energy, Landcom and Big Switch Projects. The consortium has been working together to finalise project plans and has begun preparations for the anticipated project launch in mid 2007.

Solar Cities is a \$75 million Australian Government initiative designed to help change the way we think about and use energy. As part of the six-year project, the Blacktown Solar City consortium will offer the community various technologies and measures to take up – including solar electricity and hot water, energy efficiency and innovative pricing – and then measure the impacts on electricity consumption, electricity infrastructure and greenhouse gases emissions.

Updates on the project's progress will be included in future Blacktown City Bulletins and the Blacktown Sun newspaper. To register your interest, visit [www.blacktownsolarcity.com](http://www.blacktownsolarcity.com) or phone 1800 619 322 (freecall).



## Blacktown City's first Sustainability Streets Graduate!



Cr Michelle Rowland and Mayor Kelly (centre) celebrate with the Sustainability graduates.

Council's inaugural Sustainability Streets: Donohue Street – Kings Park, Stolle Street – Shalvey and Ontario Close/Hampshire Place – Seven Hills, graduated in December 2006 from the 12-month environmental education and community development project, Sustainability Street.

The 2006 Sustainability Street Project involved Council assisting the four streets in working together to build the most sustainable local area that they could. Over the past year, the four streets met regularly to discuss all aspects of sustainable living, and have learnt how to monitor and reduce their energy and water consumption, how worms can help reduce their organic waste and how to increase local biodiversity.

Keep an eye out in your local newspapers for information on the 2007 Sustainability Street project.

## Back to Saint Bartholomews Day

Discover History & Heritage

2pm – 8pm

Saturday, April 14, 2007

Saint Bartholomews Church, Ponds Road, Prospect

Saint Bartholomews Church and Graveyard will transform into an afternoon of family history with stalls from family history groups and local historical societies on Back to Saint Bartholomews Day.

Throughout the afternoon, there will be children's competitions and graveside histories of the prominent persons buried at Saint Bartholomews.

An evening BBQ with music by Blacktown Brass Band will conclude the evening.

For further information please contact **The Friends of Saint Bartholomews Committee on 9622 8309.**

