



Social Procurement Australasia Bulletin

Welcome to the first edition of the SPA Bulletin for 2015.

Earlier this month SPA members held a planning day to develop a strategy for the coming year. The past year has been an exciting year for SPA as we embarked on our first full calendar year in operation. At the meeting we reflected on the events of 2014 including, the SPA visit to Auckland New Zealand; forums in Greater Western Sydney, Central Coast and Hunter region, Bendigo and Brisbane; as well as the launch of the Business Case.

This year, we will continue to build on the awareness of social procurement which was established through the events in 2014 and provide resources to help you put these ideas in to practice. We're currently working on a new series of case studies which provide insights from policy makers and their experiences in implementing social procurement into their organisations. We'll also be exploring new and exciting ways to spread the word on the benefits of social procurement, so watch this space.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of the SPA Bulletin.

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Supply Chain Sustainability School Australia

SUPPLY CHAIN SUSTAINABILITY SCHOOL

Construction and infrastructure industry leaders have joined forces to launch the Supply Chain Sustainability School in Australia. The School is a virtual learning platform aimed at increasing sustainability awareness, knowledge and competency across the supply chain.

Your suppliers and subcontractors in the construction and infrastructure industry can sign up **at no cost** to the School from 2 March 2015.

Leveraging the success of a similar model in the UK, the School offers a range of free and practical support including a sustainability self-assessment tool for businesses generating an Action Plan, e-learning modules, and an online resource library. The School also provides face-to-face training days, and supplier days for the School's partners to meet with the participants.

The School is a national, not-for-profit initiative with a commitment to leading the construction and infrastructure industry into a brighter, more sustainable future. The School has been made possible through the collaborative efforts of seven Founding Partners, including John Holland, Mirvac, Stockland, DownerTenix, McConnell Dowell, DuluxGroup and the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia (ISCA) – with additional funding and support from the NSW Government, Sustainability Victoria and Construction Skills Queensland. The School is being delivered by the Net Balance Foundation, with support provided by EY.

The School is a collaborative approach to help address the challenges faced by the construction industry and to help the supply chain benefit from the many new opportunities emerging through sustainable business.

You can get your suppliers in the construction and infrastructure industry to sign up at no cost from 2 March here www.supplychainschool.org.au.

For any questions or more information, please contact Julian Crawford, julian.crawford@au.ey.com, +61 2 8295 6394.

Pro Bono Australia article on Resource Recovery Australia



Pro Bono Australia recently published a great article on SPA member, Resource Recovery Australia, and their work with the at the Great Lakes Resource Recovery Park. As we highlighted in our last SPA Bulletin, the Park is a multi-award winning waste reduction and recycling social enterprise. To read the full article visit [Pro Bono Australia's website](#).

SPA Acknowledged in NSW Government's Social Impact Investment Policy

On the 4 February the NSW Government launched its Social Impact Investment Policy. The policy sets out the NSW Government's intent to support a broader social impact investment market in NSW. The policy has been developed on the belief that social impact investment provides ways to improve outcomes for NSW by encouraging innovation and partnerships with other sectors.

The launch is particularly exciting for SPA as the NSW Government have acknowledge that social procurement is an important element of social impact investment. The [Social Impact Investment Hub website](#) has a dedicated page to social procurement, where both the work of Social Traders and SPA are referenced.

For more information visit the [Department of Premier and Cabinet website](#).



Applications now open for the 2015 Social Enterprise Awards

The 2015 Australian Social Enterprise Awards are now open, celebrating and recognising excellence in social enterprise. In addition to recognising the achievements of social enterprises, the Awards also recognise those organisations across Australia who are investing in and supporting social enterprises.

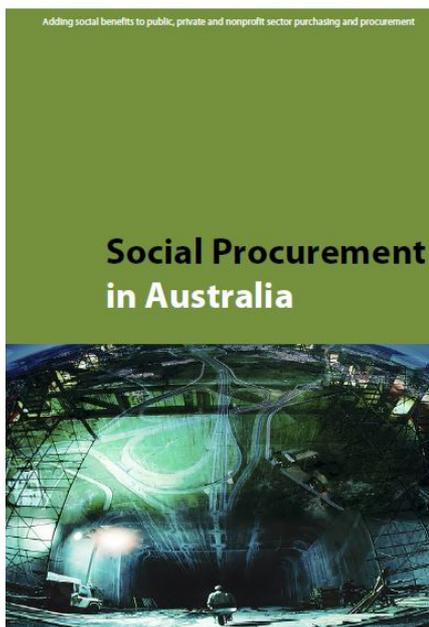
This year's award categories include the Buy Social Award which recognises those organisations who are creating opportunities to buy from social enterprises. This could be a local authority implementing a council-wide procurement policy, a company changing its procurement processes, or a not for profit seeking to support social enterprises through buying social.

So if you're involved in social procurement activities, don't miss the opportunity to tell your story and be recognised for leading the way in social procurement. Or if you're working with a great social enterprise supplier, why not encourage them to apply for one of the other SE Awards on offer.

For more information visit, www.socialenterpriseawards.com.au. Closing date for entries is Friday 27 March.



SPA Resources: *Social Procurement in Australia*



We have a number of guides and resources on our website to help you learn more about Social Procurement and to show you different ways you can include social benefits in our procurement practices. *Social Procurement in Australia* is a fantastic resource for those who would like an in-depth understanding of how to use their purchasing power and procurement processes to generate positive social impacts in addition to acquiring quality goods, services and works. The report was commissioned by The Centre for Social Impact, University of NSW and written by Ingrid Burkett and Foresters Community Finance. A copy of the report is available on the [SPA website](#).

International Links

Health and social care issues are currently at the forefront of the UK political

agenda. Nick Temple, business and enterprise director at Social Enterprise UK, has written an interesting piece on 'how social enterprises can help deliver the future of health and social care'. You can read the full article [here](#).

Buy Social Canada recently launched their Buy Social Certification program. The program is a third party certification program which identifies and helps build the marketing potential for social enterprises as a business model. Both buyers and suppliers can achieve certification through two streams of the program. For more information visit the [Buy Social Canada website](#).



Do Good With Your Everyday Spend

There is a new online destination for socially conscious shoppers. Good Spender is the place to buy directly from Australian social enterprises – businesses that exist to benefit the community. Good Spender is Australia's first online marketplace dedicated to social enterprises. Every purchase on Good Spender supports the social mission of that social enterprise and leads to social impact.

Go to GoodSpender.com.au and discover over 900 products sold by 40 social enterprises, and use your spend to change lives.



Social Procurement Australasia Membership

SPA is an unincorporated association that was established for the express purpose of increasing the social impact of procurement in Australia, New Zealand and the region. It relies on members to contribute to finances and the implementation of the activities of the organisation.

If you are interested in becoming a SPA member please visit our [website](#) for further details and an [application form](#).

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