



Options abound for pre-loved furniture through regional 'Re-homing' service

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Residents living in nine southern metro councils of the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) will have access to furniture re-use and repair facilities and workshops free of charge thanks to a formalised arrangement with The Bower Re-use & Repair Centre.

SSROC General Manager Namoi Dougall welcomed the formalisation of this agreement. "The Bower Re-use & Repair Centre has upgraded its service to southern Sydney residents to ensure that unwanted furniture is better utilised within our region. This is a win for the region as it means good quality, pre-loved furniture will find a new home, rather than simply going to landfill."

The Bower Re-use and Repair Centre has been running as a social enterprise for 15 years. Facility and service upgrades have been happening since 2014 due in part to outside grant funding, and formalised through the collaborative partnership with SSROC.

Councils are enabled to drive re-use programming in part through funding from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.

"SSROC is proud that we have been able to work in collaboration with The Bower through its expansion", Ms Dougall said.

'Re-homing' includes referrals to over 1,000 re-use outlets and charities, giving options for people who want to donate or continue use of good quality furniture, recreation equipment, building materials and tools.

"The service offers free collection of unwanted goods, and expert advice for re-use and re-homing of pre-loved goods," said Guido Verbist, Cooperative Manager for the Bower.

Launch of the expanded service will take place on Thursday, 3 September at The Bower premises, 34 Addison Road, Marrickville. The event begins at 10 a.m.

SSROC is an association of municipal and city councils in the southern Sydney area. SSROC provides a forum for councils to deal with common issues across council area boundaries that involve planning, environment, procurement and waste management. Members include Ashfield, Bankstown, Botany Bay, Burwood, Canada Bay, Canterbury, City of Sydney, Hurstville, Kogarah, Leichardt, Marrickville, Randwick, Rockdale, Sutherland, Waverley and Woollahra councils.

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