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Local environment group honoured

An inner west climate action group has been chosen from nominees across the state as the Most Outstanding Environment Group in NSW.

Climate Change Balmain-Rozelle impressed the Nature Conservation Council as a vibrant group working since 2006 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions locally and nationally. The community group, which is not aligned to any political party, works by informing people and governments about the dangers presented by Australia's ongoing reliance on fossil fuels, and the solutions that are available.

"Every day brings more issues that we need to act on," says President Dominic Case, of East Balmain.

"As well as attracting record numbers to our Climate in the Pub meetings, we've been out in the community speaking to people about their concerns about the changing climate, and promoting events such as the 10,000 strong #Time2Choose rally held earlier in the year," explains Mr Case. "Last year we compared climate policies of all the candidates in the local council elections, and we'll be doing that again next year for State and Federal elections."

This month, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report stressing that the world needs rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented change to avoid global warming beyond 1.5°C.

"We're giving people a voice at a time when we need to band together to insist on strong policy, whether it's writing on their behalf to the Premier, the Opposition Leader, the local MP, Federal ministers, or the Sydney newspapers," says Vice-President Angela Michaelis, of Balmain.

Climate Change Balmain-Rozelle meets each month at the 3 Weeds Hotel in Rozelle, and has among its one thousand supporters members from Marrickville to Birchgrove, and Lilyfield to Glebe.

The Nature Conservation Council chose the group from among others active in areas such as koala conservation and preserving marine environments. The Council is the umbrella organisation for over 50 groups, and presents this award annually to a group that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment and success in the conservation of the environment in NSW.

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