RCE-GWS Stocktake for 2012

Riverfarm and River Health

Hawkesbury Riverfarm Redevelopment – UWS, TAFE WSi

- Project will transform the site into a unique outdoor living and learning laboratory that links land, food, culture and water for a range of educational purposes.

Hawkesbury-Nepean Waterkeeper project – Hawkesbury Environment Network, UWS, TAFE WSi

- Partnership to work together to protect the health and vitality of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River.
- HEN’s Waterkeeper provides independent and scientifically informed monitoring of river health and assist with community based responses and remediation.

Jewel Beetle Biodiversity Corridor – UWS partnership with Australian Museum

- Office of Sustainability under the RCE-GWS banner has partnered with the UWS School of Health and Science and the Australian Museum
- Aim is to prepare a Jewel Beetle Identification Kit for use in the Cumberland Plain
- The kit will be available in an online format and in hard copy and showcase up to 30 jewel beetles

Food Security

Love Food Hate Waste – Henry Double Day, UWS, TVS

- Partnership to deliver some exciting workshops for UWS staff and students on food management, menu planning and reduction of food waste.
- The workshops achieved the following outcomes:
  o 50 attendees
  o Cookbook giveaways, nude food lunch boxes, local food hampers
  o Cooking demonstrations and garden tours at Earthcare

Education and Engagement

Alive! Youth Engagement in the Hawkesbury LGA - Hawkesbury Environment Network, UWS

- The Alive! Youth Conference was held at UWS Hawkesbury campus with 18 participating Hawkesbury LGA schools and opened by the Hon. Robyn Parker NSW Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage.
- Keynote speakers were John Dee and Costa Georgiadis.
- The event achieved the following outcomes:
  o 424 students
  o 57 educators
o 19 participating groups
o 180 attendees for the Alive! documentary

*Our Place Greater Western Sydney Community Forum – Centre for Educational Research (UWS) with OEH*

- Our Place community forum is open to residents from Greater Western Sydney to find out what places matter to you and how we can help you to care for them.
- This forum gives local residents the opportunity to network, share resources, learn more about local services, identify local priority issues and learn new skills.

*Youth Eco Summit – Department of Education and Communities, UWS, Blacktown City Council*

- YES was a showcase of excellence in Education for Sustainability with students and teachers from across New South Wales engaging with a range of industry professionals in practical, hands-on workshops and displays.
- The event achieved the following outcomes:
  o 6000 students and teachers from 180 schools directly engaged in the event
  o 65 professional providers from government, non-government, academia and industry
  o 2500 students on-site participating in or delivering workshops
  o 3500 students via live video conference from rural and remote areas
  o Live student performances (cultural dance, music and art)
RCE-GWS Working Groups

Riverfarm and River Health

Current RCE members: UWS (group leader); Western Sydney Institute-TAFE; HEN; Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation; Hawkesbury Alumni Charter; Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority; NSW Department of Education & Community; Brewongle Environmental Education Centre

Love Food Hate Waste and Food Security

Current RCE members: Hawkesbury Earthcare Centre through Henry Double Day (group leader); UWS; Penrith and Hawkesbury City Councils; Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils; Hawkesbury Harvest; Western Sydney Institute-TAFE; TVS

Business, SMEs & Sustainability

Current RCE members: Western Sydney Institute-TAFE (group leader); Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils; Penrith Business Alliance; Parramatta Climate Action Network

Teacher Education for Sustainability in VET and Schools

Current RCE members: UWS (group leader – Professor Margaret Somerville); Department of Education & Communities (group leader - Danien Feneley); Hawkesbury Environment Network: Brewongle Environmental Education Centre; Blacktown Learning Community

GWS Engagement and Promotion

Current RCE members: UWS (group leader – Professor Margaret Somerville); Television Sydney; Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils; relevant media staff from the Department of Education & Communities; Hawkesbury Environment Network; Western Sydney Institute – TAFE; Blacktown Learning Community; Hawkesbury Harvest; Hawkesbury Earthcare Centre

RCE-GWS Communications

Current RCE members: Western Sydney Institute – TAFE (group leader); TVS; UWS