About Alive!

Alive! is an Environmental Youth Engagement Project that is unique to the Hawkesbury Region. It is an opportunity for young people aged 12-24 to engage with their local youth groups, schools, community and local businesses in taking action on local environmental issues in innovative ways.

Fast facts about Alive!:

- Young people are invited to participate in a planning day at University of Western Sydney in June 2012. Students will hear from environmental experts on local environmental issues in the Hawkesbury region. On this planning day students are also guided through creating an action project plan addressing an environmental issue and inspired by examples of environmental action happening around the world.
- Young People identify a local environmental issue which is of importance to them with assistance from a nominated supervisor.
- Project expressions of interest are submitted for possible funding and further support. The top 10 projects selected will receive funding of $1000 and further support.
- Young people receive support in lobbying businesses for further funding for their projects.
- The supervisors of the projects receive training and support from the Hawkesbury Environment Network (HEN).
- All projects will receive support through a nominated supervisor of their project, the Alive! Project Manager and a mentor from a local environmental/bushcare group and/or relevant government agency.
- Youth involved in their environmental project present their work at the Hawkesbury Youth Conference in April 2013 at the University of Western Sydney.
- Throughout the implementation of the project, young people will be involved in the making of a short documentary highlighting the work of their project and their school.

Benefits to Young People and People working with Youth:

- Young people are able to develop knowledge and awareness of environmental issues in their local areas. Be assisted in transforming this knowledge into action through designing environmental projects which have real life application.
- The project follows an Action Learning model, developing skills in analysis, planning, action and evaluation which assists young people to become reflective, critical thinkers.
- Young people become more connected to their local area and develop appreciation and value for it.
- Young people will be linked with industry professionals and supported in identifying possible vocational pathways working in the environmental and natural resource management fields.
- Develop information and multimedia technology skills including using collaborative learning tools such as wikis, documentary making and utilisation of social media platforms to assist their learning.
- Be part of a region-wide environmental education network which links professionals working with young people and the environment and helps them in managing natural resources.
- Young people are invited to become leaders in their community through participation in a youth sub-committee to HEN and in the creation of the Youth Conference 2013.

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