



Youth Environment Council South Australia

South Australian Youth Action Plans 2011

In 2011, 50 students from 40 schools were elected to be the YEC Representatives of their local regional youth environment forums. This group represents the voice of over 540 students from 136 schools across South Australia.

At the beginning of the year students identified Biodiversity, Energy, Water and Waste as the areas they would like to take action on in their schools and local communities. The following projects are those implemented by the YEC and the schools involved:

Alberton Primary School – Building bird boxes to improve schoolyard biodiversity.

Angaston Primary School – Are reducing rubbish in the school yard by implementing designated eating time before going out to play. They have booked a waste audit with KESAB's Wipe Out Waste and have ordered Bokashi bins to start composting food scraps.

Birdwood Primary School – Designed and planted an indigenous bush foods trail.

Brighton Secondary School – Community projects.

Encounter Lutheran School – Improve our composting systems (worm farms and compost bins) so we can use compost on our veggie garden.

Glenburnie Primary School – Chicken coup and the link to sustainable living.

Goolwa Primary – Rejuvenate our garden with insect attracting plants.

Greenwith Primary School – Revegetation project on school grounds with native plants to create habitat for local native wildlife, with the aim of bringing back the wildlife.

Highbury Primary School – Our long term plan is to eradicate Black Portuguese Millipedes in the community by releasing nematodes around school which kill the millipedes. The short term plan is to trap the millipedes around the school using buckets.

Hillcrest Primary – Developing a frog pond.

Immanuel Lutheran School Gawler – Focussing on energy. Students split into two groups, one focused on energy within the school, the other with a community focus.

Jervois Primary – Revamp chook yard.

Keith Area School - School yard waste.

Klemzig Primary School – Address the issue of litter at the school through education of classes and presentations at school assemblies.

Kongorong Primary School – Illegal shooting.

Langhorne Creek – Set up a chook yard.

Littlehampton Primary - Set up a chook yard.

Lockleys Primary School – We contacted a local organisation to assist with bird box design and construction. We will design and plant a butterfly garden. Have sought funding to assist with plants for the garden. We made a worm farm using an old fridge.

Lyndoch Primary - We have chosen biodiversity and are re-vegetating an area around the new Assembly Hall using local native species. We are promoting the use of local native plants in their school newsletter.

Macclesfield Primary – Attracting more wildlife to the school grounds.

Mallala Primary School – Were concerned by food waste being left around the school. Students are creating their own environmental newsletter to help minimise the waste. Students have held fundraisers to raise money for Bokashi bins. Recently won a grant to purchase two compost tumblers.

Mary MacKillop Memorial School – Introduced animals.

Mawson Lakes School –Developing an interpretive trail along Dry Creek next to the school about biodiversity and the importance of Dry Creek.

Mc Donald Park Primary School – Frog pond and wind break.

Milang Primary – Litter free lunches.

Mil Lel Primary School – Indigenous plant garden.

Millicent High Yr 9s – Native freshwater fish breeding and release as well as site revegetation.

Millicent North Primary School– Marine debris.

Mt Burr Primary School – Waste in the local Forest and creating art made from waste.

Mt Gambier North Primary School – Energy.

Mt Torrens Primary School – To improve boggy areas at the edge of the oval and make this space more usable, students designed a rain garden. They are currently planning a working bee to start works to improve the drainage and landscape the area. The school is also seeking funding and forming partnerships with local organisations to assist with the project.

Mulga Street Primary School – Water conservation and pollution (fresh and marine).

Mundulla Primary School – Waste.

Murray Bridge South Primary - Run *Danny the Drip* sessions with junior classes in the school.

Mypolonga Primary – Install a frog pond in the native garden.

Naracoorte High – Revegetating the school section of Naracoorte Creek.

Naracoorte Primary School – Butterfly garden.

Naracoorte South Primary School – School Nature Park weed removal and revegetation.

Newbery Park Primary School – Butterfly garden.

Nuriootpa High School – Are reducing schoolyard litter, speaking to the whole school assembly about litter reduction and have introduced new large yellow wheelie bins for paper recycling as well as placing A4 cartons in each room.

Nuriootpa Primary School – Growing plant species sourced from local seed and using these to plant out bare areas around the school.

Padthaway Primary School – Frog pond.

Para Hills West Primary School - Building a frog pond on school grounds (dependent on funding). If we are not successful with the grant, we plan to do a water audit at school.

Paringa Park Primary School - Students evaluated what projects and programs they already had for looking after the environment. We had a waste audit and have developed strategies for improving recycling systems, and have introduced nude food days once a term, with Nudist Mascots to promote this. We started a No Power Hour, which happens every Friday. These two events are to become part of the norm at the school.

Pedare Christian College – Implementing environment lessons for Year 6's and 7's once per term, with guest speakers and hands-on opportunities for students.

Port Elliot Primary School - Planting indigenous native gardens including food gardens and building a frog pond, students are also participating in the 'Way 2 Go' walk/ride to school programs.

Portside Christian School – Designing and planting a butterfly garden.

Prospect Primary School – Planted an indigenous garden and ran a kids teaching kids event for 4 neighbourhood schools.

Pulteney Grammar – Introducing school yard recycling around the school and promoting the system to students.

Redeemer Lutheran School – Have initiated a resource recovery program setting up composting systems in the two eating areas. These will be compared to the Bokashi system that the year 7s have implemented. Compost will be used on the gardens.

Riverdale Primary School – Developing a website about the creek at the back of the school (the Little Para River). We are developing worksheets for students to use down at the creek and learning how to catch macroinvertebrates from NRM Education staff so we can teach other students at school.

Salt Creek Primary School - School revegetation with native plants.

Springton Primary – Set up worm farm as part of composting.

St. Brigid's Catholic School (Gawler) – Looking at waste, particularly litter, within the school. Using the results of a waste audit to inform their actions.

St. Brigid's Primary School (Prospect) – Recycling education campaign and implementing a recycling system.

St Leonards Primary School – Looking at dealing with food waste. We want to introduce composting systems, introducing compost buckets into the classrooms and building a wormfarm.

St Paul's College – Addressing climate change, pollution and deforestation in a multi faceted approach; including doing presentations to the school community and fine tuning the school's recycling system.

Strathalbyn R-6 - Design and construct a native garden with a wetland.

Tailem Bend Primary – Bush tucker garden.

Tantanoola Primary School – Energy.

Tenison Woods Yr 8s – Recycling.

Urrbrae High School – Improving the recycling system at school and creating a DVD for students to encourage use of the system.

Victor Harbour R-7 - We chose to look at culture and biodiversity and are involved with the Aboriginal Cultural Exchange Program with Fregon Anangu School. We have been active in the Penguin censuses and plantings on Granite Island.

Warradale Primary School – Investigating animal cruelty. As part of Year of Forests have been learning about the destruction of Orangutan habitats and are going to have a few fundraisers to raise awareness.

West Beach Primary School – Designing a native garden to attract native birds, butterflies and insects. Applied for a grant to assist with the purchase of plants. Building bird boxes to put up around the school.

Williamstown Primary School - Has created a powerpoint supporting waste management and recycling, as well as getting their hands dirty with the collection of food scraps going to the chooks to complete a “closed system”.

Yahl Primary School – Indigenous plant garden.

The following clusters of schools listed their actions collectively:

Vales Forum Cluster

All Saints Primary School

Galilee Catholic Learning Community

Tatachilla Lutheran College
Willunga High School
Willunga Primary School

Action projects:

Focus on riparian vegetation, wetland plants, native vegetation immediately adjacent wetlands, worm farms.

Field Hub Forum Cluster

Braeview Primary School
Nativity Primary School
Craigburn Primary School
Aberfoyle Hub Primary School
Pilgrim Primary School
Thiele Primary School
Hallet Cove South Primary School
Woodend Primary School

Action projects include:

Increasing biodiversity with bird houses, fish ponds, drought tolerant plants, mini green houses, veggie gardens, fruit trees and chickens.

Hills Sustainability Forum Cluster

Norton Summit Primary School
Upper Sturt Primary School
St Catherines Primary School
Bridgewater Primary School
Uraidla Primary School
Basket Range Primary School
Hills Montessori Primary School

Action projects include:

Improving habitats, creating butterfly gardens, frog ponds and food gardens.

Mitcham Forum Cluster

Blackwood High School
Blackwood Primary School
Hawthorndene Primary School
Coromandel Valley Primary School
Eden Hills Primary School
Belair Schools
Bellevue Heights Primary School

Action projects:

Bird baths and feeders, Japanese garden, endemic garden, frog pond, bird/bat/possum boxes, orchards, veggie gardens & fruit. Some schools are writing songs and busking, making movies, writing skits & performing them to promote biodiversity.



Panalatinga Forum Cluster

Coorara Primary School
Hackham East Primary School
Pimpala Primary School
Reynella Primary School
Reynella East Primary School
Woodcroft Primary School

Action projects:

Energy, waste and water reduction projects.

Southern Coastal Forum Cluster

Cardjin College
Christies Beach High School
Christies Beach Primary School
Christie Downs Primary School
Noarlunga Downs Primary School
Pt Noarlunga Primary School
Southern Coastal Home-school Group
Southern Montessori Primary School

Action projects:

Connecting with the community through field days, planting days and clean ups. Restoration of Christie Creek.

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