



Youth Environment Council of SA: Where are they now?



Name: Wes Parker

Years involved: 2000-2005

I started my passion for the environment by attending a YEC workshop in 2000. From there, I got more involved in the YEC and became a very active member, helping run workshops, attending conferences and government launches.

What was one of your key memories from the YEC?

In year 12, I had the opportunity to organise a one day workshop for year 6/7 students at the Urrbrae Wetland to teach them all about wetlands and why they are so important. I was assessed on this workshop and presented to the National Australian Association for Environmental Education (AAEE) conference in Adelaide later that year.

Why was this important to you?

It led to a deeper involvement in environmental education, including running youth environmental conferences with Kids Teaching Kids, and studying a Bachelor of Natural Resource Management to ultimately become a teacher with a strong focus on the environment.

Wes has won various awards for his involvement in environmental education ranging from School awards (including the prestigious Nick Peach Award for service and contribution to the Urrbrae High school and community), the Mitcham Council Young Citizen Awards for 2005, and a Life Recognition award for his involvement in running youth environmental conferences with Kids Teaching Kids.