



“Sign up for Sustainability”

A community project that encourages sustainable living



Wollombi Public School Community Day on Sustainable Living

Sign up for Sustainability is a community wide project that promotes household water and energy efficiency.

Cessnock City Council wants local residents to become sustainability champions and contribute to environmental protection and conservation using energy and water efficiency kits available from public libraries.

The Hawkins Family from Wollombi Public School have made use of energy and water conservation devices to carry out an energy and water household audit to measure and reduce household costs.

Want to improve the quality of life of your family and future generations across the planet? Come to the Sign up for Sustainability community field day at Wollombi Public School to meet local sustainability champions who will tell you how to protect and nurture the environment.

When: Monday 19th January 2009

**Where: Wollombi Public School
Community Cottage
Maitland Road
Wollombi**

Time: 10 am till 2pm



Further Information
www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au





"Simple changes that can make you a Sustainability Champion"

Pledge today to do a few small things to reduce your ecological footprint and see how it adds up to a big difference in your household energy and water bills. Please tick the box next to one or more of the following pledges.

I will complete a household audit to improve my energy and water efficiency.

Efficiency improvements can dramatically reduce energy and water use as well as household bills thereby improving quality of life.

I will monitor appliance efficiency in my house with a power usage meter.

Inefficient appliances can result in higher overall running costs to those households required to pay for these services

I will replace as many light bulbs as practical in my house with energy saving CFLs.

Each bulb will save half a tonne of greenhouse gas over its lifetime.

I will switch off TVs, DVDs and unused appliances at the plug, rather than stand-by.

Stand by power accounts for 12-15% of the electricity we use at home. That's \$12-\$15 in every \$100 on our bill.

I will have shorter showers and install water saving devices to reduce my usage needs

One-minute less in the shower with a water-efficient showerhead saves nine litres of water. That's 3285 litres a year.

I will turn the tap off while I brush my teeth.

Brushing for three minutes twice a day with the tap running, wastes 10,950 litres of water a year.

I will plant local natives in my garden and use water wise irrigation and fittings.

Provenance plants support local biodiversity, use less water, provide shelter and food for local bird and animal species.

I will compost kitchen waste for my garden.

Organic waste accounts for up to 50% of rubbish sent to landfill. Composting reduces evaporation from soil by up to 70%.

I will contribute information on my energy and water efficient savings to community based education programs. Modelled behaviour within a group setting can improve to environmental attitudes, knowledge and behaviour of the population in Cessnock LGA

I will improve my knowledge of local biodiversity and environmental protection issues Supporting local biodiversity supports the local economy and community and contributes to environmental well being.

I wish to participate in the "Sign up for Sustainability" Challenge and will keep Council informed of my progress.

Signed: _____ Contact: _____