



# sustainable schools

NEW SOUTH WALES

*“Connecting communities and collaboratively  
creating a sustainable NSW.”*

Growing Our Capacity for  
Sustainable Communities Together



**WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNISE THE  
STRENGTH, RESILIENCE AND CAPACITY OF  
DHARAWAL PEOPLE IN THIS LAND.**

# Agenda

- History and what we have been working on
- What's next
- How to get involved





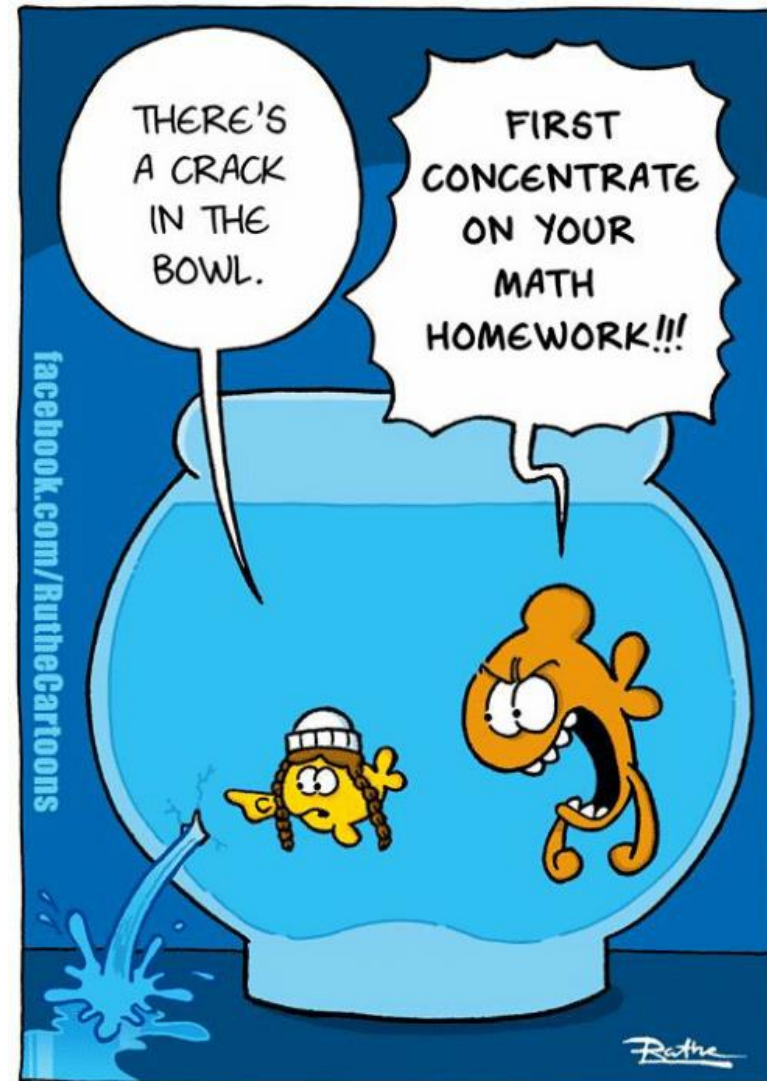


# Different Perspective?

- Diversity of members
- Experienced team of educators and consultants
- Cross-sectoral Networks
- Case-studies
- Suite of tools and resources for schools and communities eg guide to best practice projects
- Community driven









...meeting the needs of the present, without compromising the needs of the future...

*1987. Brundtland Commission Report*

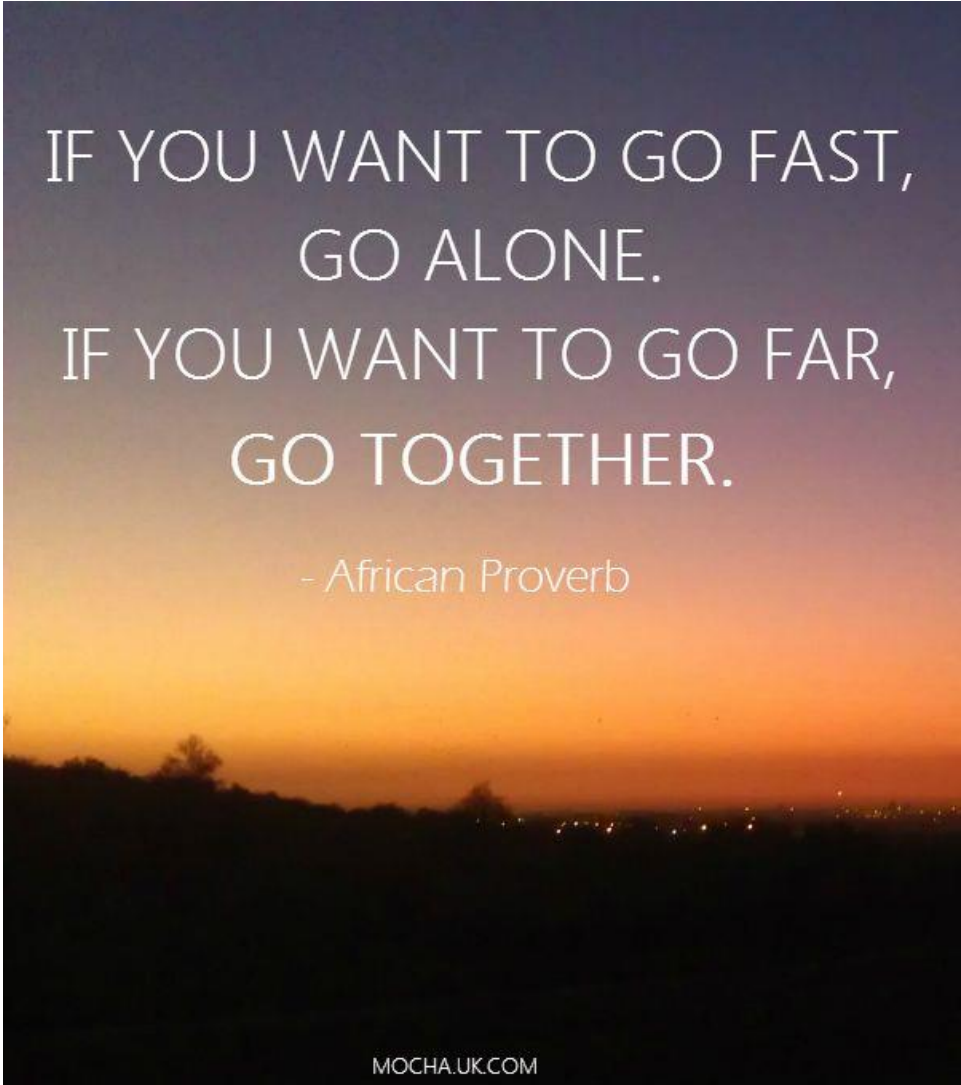




# What you have told us





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IF YOU WANT TO GO FAST,  
GO ALONE.  
IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR,  
GO TOGETHER.

- African Proverb

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# Vision

Sustainable Schools NSW is a central hub to enable schools to learn, do and celebrate a whole school approach towards sustainability –



## Campus

Showcasing best practice environmental methods and standards on school grounds

## Curriculum

Embedding sustainability across all learning and teaching

## Culture

Fostering lifelong global citizens and leaders within communities

What does that look like in schools?

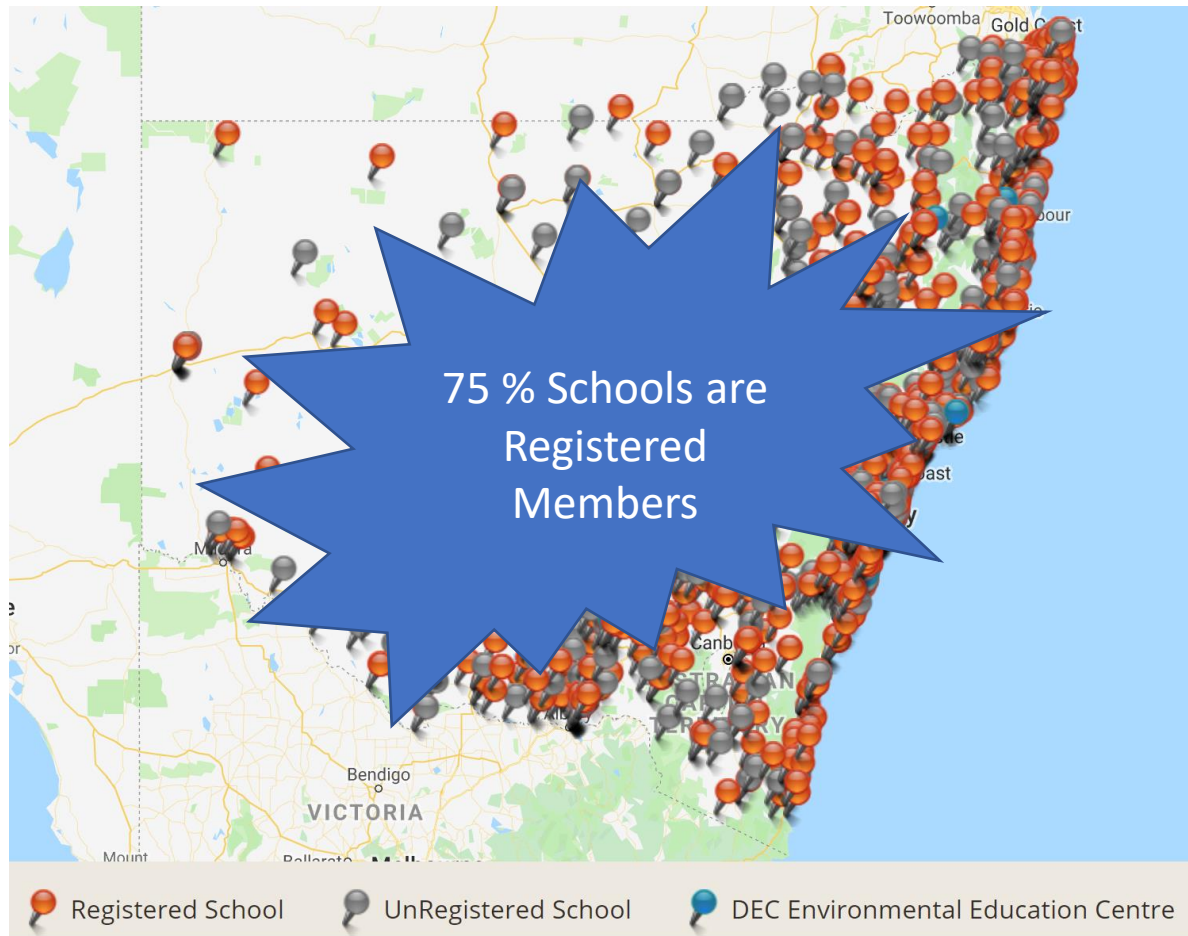








# Reach



~ 5000 Members

~ 550 Social Media

20% opening rate  
of newsletter

# Partners



Environmental and Zoo  
Education Centres NSW



**MIDWASTE**  
Regional Waste Forum

# Regional Delivery- Teacher Networks



Brewongle Aboriginal Cultural Awareness PD at Brewongle EEC





# Regional Delivery- Resource



## Teacher Resource

### Part 3. Stormwater- The Problems |

#### What is stormwater

Stormwater can be defined as "rain that is not absorbed into the earth."

This can include rain falling onto impervious surfaces like a building roof, driveway or roads, parking lots and footpaths.

In some cases, this excess water flows directly into the local creeks, wetlands, lakes or rivers. In other cases, particularly in urbanised areas, the excess water drains into streets and manmade drainage systems consisting of inlets and underground pipes which help collect the water and carries it to the natural waterways.





# Regional Delivery- Green Leaders

- A regional waste education program in North Coast NSW
- Delivered for MidWaste, regional waste board for the mid-north coast.

## The program

- provides **on-ground support** for students, teachers and schools to develop student-led waste reduction projects.
- **supports early childhood centres** to develop waste action plans through tailored support and training.
- supports learning and sharing through **regional education networks**.





# Green Leaders

**Schools** - Engaged regional mentors across the region to support students and teachers through the *Sustainability Action Process*

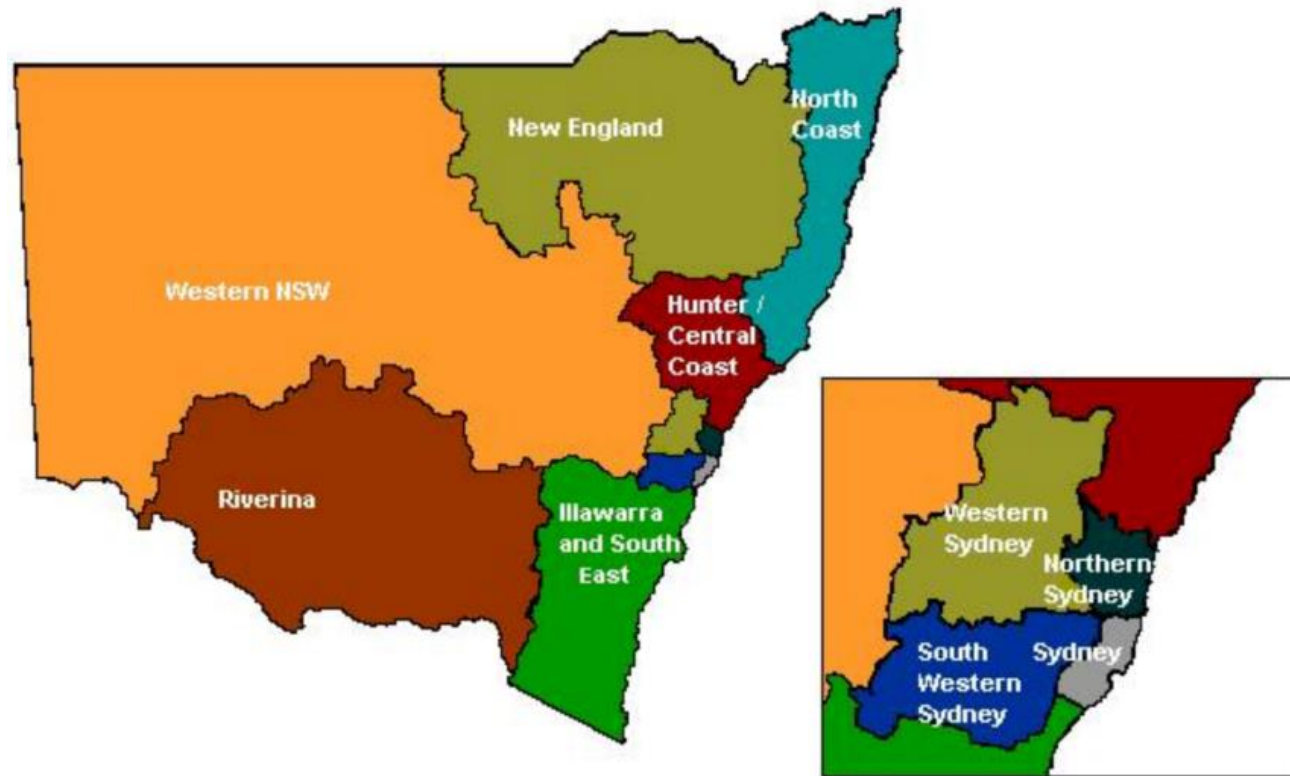
- investigating an issue
- collaboratively developing a plan
- implementing a solution.

**Early childhood** – focus on training for developing a centre waste education plan, and providing support to implement this.

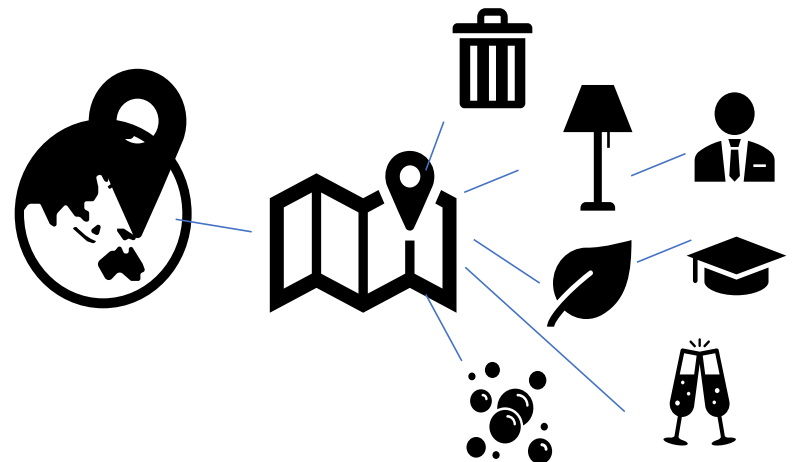
**Regional networks** – supporting a new network for the MidCoast region (Manning, Glouster, Great Lakes areas).



# What's Next



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# How to get involved

- Keep doing and sharing projects
  - Visible, doable, desirable
- Engage with newsletter/website/social media
- Directory
- Regional Support Roles
- Network
- Partner
- Share with others
- Look after selves, and each other- we are in this together



“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

Anne Frank

