

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Recycling **1 tonne** of paper can save **13** trees, **2.5** barrels of oil, **4,100 kWh** of electricity, **4m<sup>3</sup>** of landfill and **31,780L** of water

**Walpole Street Update**

On Wednesday 30 July 2008, a dozen residents of the St George Community Housing on Walpole Street met to talk sustainability. Residents participated in activities that considered

- The sense of community living in a village.
- Day to day actions to build positive relations with neighbours.
- Day to day actions to take to reduce water and energy use and to prevent waste.
- Project ideas for the facility.

Each resident took a cardboard triangle and committed to one or two activities in the bottom row. At the next workshop, we'll hear back about how people went.



Using the Sustainability Street Triangle



Saying hello and learning each other's names is a good start to building a local and vibrant community.

Approximately half the residents in this housing estate are Chinese. Quoc-Tran from the Ethnic Communities Council, provided great support with translations. She will be a key part of this program on Walpole Street.

In one activity, we discussed different levels of choices and actions we could take.



Quoc Tran (left) with translating to some of the Chinese residents

Using the Sustainability Street Triangle, we listed everyday actions – these fill the bottom of the triangle. Then we listed the more expensive but more significant impacts we might do occasionally. Finally, for the peak of the triangle, we looked at those positive things we might do *once in a lifetime* that has a very significant impact on the environment and the community.

The project ideas included a garden. This idea will be developed at the next workshop. The garden could include such things as herbs, natives and roses. The garden could also be supported by a water tank. With great excitement, residents suggested a table with (for example) chess-board squares drawn on it – or built into it! Play equipment and a BBQ were also suggested.

## **\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\*\***

**SUSTAINABILITY STREET NSW CONFERENCE – 'SHARING OUR STORIES'**  
**Saturday 30 August 2008 10am – 4pm**  
**Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural and Education Centre,**  
**Old Castlereagh Road, Castlereagh**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Lincoln Hall, adventurer and author**  
**(Dead Lucky: Life after Death on Everest)**

Admission is free and morning tea and lunch will be provided.  
There will be activities for the kids, so bring the whole family along

For more information contact Bernadette on 9840 9981.

### **UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

**Saturday 30 August 2008**

**Time: 10am – 4pm**

Sustainability Street NSW Conference  
Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural &  
Education Centre  
Castlereagh

**Wednesday 10 September 2008**

**Time: 11.00am**

64-70 Walpole Street, Merrylands  
Topic: Saving money while saving water

### **Wentworthville Public School Presentation Night a success!**

A large crowd gathered in the hall at Wentworthville Public School on Thursday 7 August 2008 to see the wonderful presentations the students had put together to educate and inspire us to live more sustainably.

The school choir entertained the crowd as did Dave from Vox Bandicoot who gave a great explanation of the history of life on earth.



Dave from Vox Bandicoot explaining the history of the earth  
The Mayor of Holroyd, Dr John Brodie presented the school with a cheque for \$1,250 to support the school in improving its sustainability performance.

We wish them every success in their sustainability journey!

### **DON'T BE A TOSSER**

Cigarette butts are the most common item littered from a motor vehicle. Fines up to \$400 apply for littering a cigarette butt out the car window. For a free cigarette butt littering bin, please contact Council's Officer, James Allsop, on 9840 9643.

### **WANT TO BE KEPT INFORMED?**

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