

DID YOU KNOW?

Compost bins and worm farms may reduce the amount of waste your household disposes to landfill by up to 70%.

The Sustainability Street journey continues....

The **Sustainability Street** journey in Holroyd is continuing with two new 'communities', bringing the total number of communities in Holroyd to 5. Residents at **10-14 Priddle Street Westmead** and **64-70 Walpole Street Merrylands** are our newest recruits and join residents in the '**Flower**' Streets, **Greystanes**, **Sturdee Street Wentworthville** and the students in Years 5 & 6 at **Wentworthville Public School**.



Remember it is not too late to get involved - for more information about these groups keep reading!

Wentworthville Public School

The students in Years 5 & 6 have had a busy year learning about the different types of energy, how to save energy at school and at home, reducing, reusing and recycling our waste to landfill, saving water at school and at home and improving local biodiversity.

Bunnings Villawood have visited the school and assisted the students in constructing nesting boxes for native birds. The students have also been on an excursion to **Warragamba Dam** to learn where our water comes from.

Recently the students designed posters to show the Holroyd community how to live more sustainably. These posters are currently on display at **The Mall, Wentworthville**. Be sure to have a look at their creative designs the next time you visit.



Students painting the nest boxes they constructed with the assistance of staff from Bunnings Villawood to provide habitat for native birds

Throughout the project, the students have been working in small groups to prepare a short multi-media presentation about living sustainably. The students will be presenting their multi-media projects at a presentation night in the school hall in August 2008.

***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

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

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

For more information contact Bernadette on 9840 9981.

New faces on the Sustainability Street block



Phil Smith and **Grahame Collier** of *TKPartnership* will be running the sessions with the residents of Walpole Street and Priddle Street (respectively) on behalf of Council. Phil and Grahame are looking forward to getting to know the residents and helping them to live more sustainably.

Update from 10-14 Priddle Street, Westmead

The day of the first meeting (Tuesday 10 June 2008) for Priddle Street residents was a cold and rainy day, but Francette, Golda, Ram and Amineh braved the weather and met in the undercover car park area to find out more about the Sustainability Street program and to suggest topics and projects for future sessions. They came up with lots of ideas including saving water and installing a rainwater tank, planting vegetables and herbs, improving local biodiversity with a frog pond, and constructing a children's play and meeting space for residents.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Sunday 20 July 2008 2pm

The Flower Streets
Nemesia Street Park Hall
Gardenia Pde, Greystanes
For more information contact
flowerstreets@yahoo.com

Monday 28 July 2008 11.30am

10-14 Priddle Street, Westmead
Topic: Working together – a sustainable community

Wednesday 30 July 2008 11.00am

64-70 Walpole Street, Merrylands
Topic: Working together – a sustainable community

Both groups will make plans for future workshops.

Update on 64-70 Walpole Street, Merrylands

Lots of residents gathered at the rear of the property on Wednesday 11 June to hear more about the Sustainability Street program. They too had lots of good ideas to improve their 'community' including setting up a communal compost bin, cleaning up the park next door, learning how to save water and install a rainwater tank, changing taps in the common areas to tamper proof taps, constructing a kids garden and play area, learning how to pot plants and growing herbs and vegetables.

Residents from Walpole Street



WANT TO BE KEPT INFORMED?

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