

# Looking for more information?

There is a massive amount and variety of sustainability and behaviour change-related information out there. Here is a selection that your group might find useful for:



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Inspiring Stories from Australia and Overseas	
<b>Dancing Man – Video demonstrating leadership</b> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW8amMCVAJQQ">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW8amMCVAJQQ</a>	A funny and inspiring video about leadership and making a movement.
<b>EcoTipping Points Project</b> <a href="http://www.ecotippingpoints.org">www.ecotippingpoints.org</a>	EcoTipping Points are levers for restoring sustainability to our imperiled environment. Small actions can make a big difference when they tap the inborn powers of nature and human societies to heal themselves. This website contains case studies from all over the world.
<b>Families Facing Climate Change</b> <a href="http://www.climatechange.org.au">www.climatechange.org.au</a>	Families Facing Climate Change is a climate action group based in Ashburton Melbourne. We are committed to taking action on climate change for the sake of our children and subsequent generations.
<b>Living Smart Program (WA Government)</b> <a href="http://www.livingsmart.org.au">www.livingsmart.org.au</a>	<p>Living Smart is a program of the WA Government that provides participants with the practical knowledge and skills to take action in their own homes and around the community.</p> <p>This website includes a range of resources and information about household sustainability, including resources for run living smart workshops for community groups.</p>
<b>The Sharehood</b> <a href="http://www.thesharehood.org">www.thesharehood.org</a>	The Sharehood is all about sharing resources within your neighbourhood. Sewing machines, cars, tools, books and washing machines all have the capacity to be shared. Skills too are meant to be shared, gardening help, handiwork, bike fixing, accountancy and so on, are all both desired and available within your neighbourhood. The Sharehood provides a forum for neighbours to meet, interact, make friends and share skills and resources.
<b>The Story of Stuff</b> <a href="http://www.storyofstuff.com">www.storyofstuff.com</a>	The Story of Stuff is a 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. The Story of Stuff exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all the stuff in your life forever.
<b>Sustainable Illawarra – Ideas that inspire</b> <a href="http://www.sustainableillawarra.com.au">www.sustainableillawarra.com.au</a>	Includes case studies of sustainability projects in the Illawarra.
<b>ABC special: Mike Mobbs'</b>	Details the eco-renovation of a Chippendale house to: Collect all its drinking water from the roof; Generate all of its electricity from the sun; and process all of its wastewater,

<b>Sydney Eco-house</b> <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/science/planet/house/special.htm">www.abc.net.au/science/planet/house/special.htm</a>	including sewage, on site.
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<b>Managing Your Group</b>	
<b>Our Community</b> <a href="http://www.ourcommunity.com.au">www.ourcommunity.com.au</a>	Our Community is a world-leading social enterprise that provides advice and tools for Australia's 700,000 community groups and schools, and practical linkages between the community sector and the general public, business and government.
<b>Seeds for Change (UK)</b> <a href="http://www.seedsforchange.org.uk/free/resources">www.seedsforchange.org.uk/free/resources</a>	Website has great range of resources to help communities organise for action and positive social change. Resources include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitating meetings</li> <li>• Consensus decision-making</li> <li>• Group building activities</li> <li>• Planning a campaign</li> <li>• Media</li> <li>• Fundraising.</li> </ul>

<b>Community Gardens</b>	
<b>Australian City Farms and Community Gardens Network</b> <a href="http://communitygarden.org.au/">http://communitygarden.org.au/</a>	A fantastic network for community gardeners. With case studies, information and resources.
<b>Community Gardening in South Australia – CANH</b> (Community and Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association) <a href="http://www.communitycentressa.asn.au/sector-development/community-gardens/">http://www.communitycentressa.asn.au/sector-development/community-gardens/</a>	A kit designed to help community groups set up and run a community garden. It is specific to community gardening, but also has many resources relevant to other projects, such as running a community group, meetings, decision-making etc.
<b>City of Sydney – Community Gardens</b> <a href="http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Residents/ParksAndLeisure/CommunityGardens/CommunityGardensResources.asp">http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Residents/ParksAndLeisure/CommunityGardens/CommunityGardensResources.asp</a>	Resources and information relating to Community Gardens in Sydney, including helpful resources and fact sheets.

<b>Funding</b>	
<b>NSW Government Sustainability Funding</b> <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/index.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/index.htm</a>	Information about current funding available through the NSW Government.
<b>Living Greener</b> <a href="http://www.livinggreener.gov.au/">http://www.livinggreener.gov.au/</a>	Australian Government website with information, how to's and rebates for sustainable living.
<b>Find Green Money</b> <a href="http://www.findgreenmoney.com.au">www.findgreenmoney.com.au</a>	The Find Green Money website is an index of rebates, loans, subsidies, etc offered in Australia for the purchase of energy and water saving products and services.

## Saving Energy, Water , and Waste

<b>Alternative Technology Association</b> <a href="http://www.ata.org.au">www.ata.org.au</a>	Promoting energy saving and conservation to households. Website has a range of great information about renewable energies, and active public forums to discuss and ask questions
<b>Australian Conservation Foundation</b> <a href="http://www.acfonline.org.au">www.acfonline.org.au</a>	A range of information and inspiring stories about making your home green. Also has a quick, simple Eco-calculator.
<b>Climate Action Network Australia</b> <a href="http://www.cana.net.au">www.cana.net.au</a>	Climate Action Network Australia (CANA) is an alliance of over 65 regional, state and national environmental, health, community development, and research groups from throughout Australia.
<b>Energy Matters</b> <a href="http://www.energymatters.com.au">www.energymatters.com.au</a>	Energy Matters is one of Australia's largest companies solely dedicated to renewable energy. Their website contains a wealth of information about sources of renewable energy systems, a great summary of rebates and incentives available, and community forums to have your questions answered.
<b>Environment Victoria</b> <a href="http://www.envict.org.au">www.envict.org.au</a>	Victoria's leading independent environment group.  Website has some inspiring sustainability tips and resources, including The Victorian Green Renters' Guide: <a href="http://environmentvictoria.org.au/rentersguide">http://environmentvictoria.org.au/rentersguide</a>
<b>Greenhouse calculator – Victorian Government</b> <a href="http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/GreenhouseCalculator/calculator/default.asp">www.epa.vic.gov.au/GreenhouseCalculator/calculator/default.asp</a>	The Australian Greenhouse Calculator is a program that will calculate your yearly greenhouse gas emissions based on the information you provide. The calculator will also compare your greenhouse emissions with that of a 'typical' house and a 'green' house.
<b>GreenPower</b> <a href="http://www.greenpower.gov.au">www.greenpower.gov.au</a>	Find out how to make the switch and cut your greenhouse gas emissions.  GreenPower is a joint initiative of ACT, NSW, SA, QLD, VIC and WA government agencies to guarantee that the renewable electricity you buy from energy suppliers meets stringent environmental standards. With GreenPower, the choice to move to renewable energy is made simple.
<b>Living Greener</b> <a href="http://www.livinggreener.gov.au/">http://www.livinggreener.gov.au/</a>	Australian Government website with information, how to's and rebates for sustainable living.
<b>Low Impact (US)</b> <a href="http://www.low-impact.net">www.low-impact.net</a>	Low Impact is a website all about reducing our impact on the environment, and has hints, tips, resources and discussions that we hope people will find useful in lowering their impact.
<b>NABERS – National Australian Built Environment Rating System</b> <a href="http://www.nabers.com.au">www.nabers.com.au</a>	The National Australian Built Environment Rating System, or NABERS, is a government environmental performance rating tool. NABERS is uniquely designed for Australian households and will help you understand how energy and water are used in your home and take action to make improvements.

## Ecosystem, Biodiversity and Catchment Management Information

<b>Australian Association of Bush Regenerators</b> <a href="http://www.aabr.org.au">www.aabr.org.au</a>	The Association's aim is to foster and encourage sound ecological practices of bushland management by qualified people, and to promote the study and practice of Bush Regeneration.
<b>Australian Native Plants Society –</b>	The Australian Plants Society - NSW Region is a non-profit, independent, incorporated community organisation with members throughout Australia and

<b>NSW Region</b> <a href="http://anpsa.org.au/">http://anpsa.org.au/</a>	<p>overseas.</p> <p>The website contains a range of advice about local native plants, and details of the Newcastle branch of the Australian Native Plants Society.</p>
<b>Birdlife Australia</b> <a href="http://www.birdlife.org.au">www.birdlife.org.au</a>	<p>All about Australian birds, and protecting them and their habitats.</p>
<b>Frogs.org – Amphibian Research Centre</b> <a href="http://www.frogs.org.au">www.frogs.org.au</a>	<p>All about Australian Frogs. The Amphibian Research Centre was established as a centre dedicated to research and conservation of Australia's unique frogs. They provide expertise in all areas of frog knowledge including captive breeding and research and education.</p>
<b>Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority</b> <a href="http://www.hcr.cma.nsw.gov.au">www.hcr.cma.nsw.gov.au</a>	<p>The Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority is your connection to better managing the land, vegetation and water resources within your catchment.</p> <p>The website contains information about the Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment, biophysical issues, plans of management, and upcoming events and funding opportunities.</p>
<b>UrbanWater.Info</b> <a href="http://www.urbanwater.info">www.urbanwater.info</a>	<p>Managing the urban water cycle – tools and resources</p>
<b>Weeds Australia</b> <a href="http://www.weeds.org.au">www.weeds.org.au</a>	<p>This site has been created by the Australian Weeds Committee to promote access to key weed policies, regulations, current issues, national initiatives, research, extension, training and personnel. It is our hope that anyone involved in weed management will find this site useful.</p>

## Local Community Organisations (Hunter Region)

<b>Central Coast Community Environment Network</b> <a href="http://www.cccen.org.au">www.cccen.org.au</a>	<p>The Community Environment Network (CEN) was formed in 1997 as an overarching body to support individuals and groups in Lake Macquarie, Wyong and Gosford who are working for the environment.</p>
<b>Climate Action Newcastle</b> <a href="http://www.climateaction.org.au">www.climateaction.org.au</a>	<p>Climate Action Newcastle (CAN) is a committed group of local residents from all backgrounds working together to address the single biggest issue facing humanity: climate change.</p>
<b>Conservation Volunteers Australia – Newcastle office</b> <a href="http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au">www.conservationvolunteers.com.au</a>	<p>Conservation Volunteers is Australia's leading practical conservation organisation. Since 1982 Conservation Volunteers has fulfilled its mission to attract and manage a force of volunteers in practical conservation projects for the betterment of the Australian environment.</p>
<b>Hunter and Central Coast Regional Environmental Management Strategy</b> <a href="http://www.hccrems.com.au">www.hccrems.com.au</a>	<p>HCCREMS is an innovative and highly successful regional initiative being implemented through the collaborative efforts of fourteen Councils in the Hunter, Central and Lower North Coast of NSW.</p> <p>The website contains information about projects and resources delivered through the HCCREMS including: biodiversity, water, climate, weeds, coastal, roadside, sustainability, education and compliance.</p>
<b>Hunter Community Environment Centre</b> <a href="http://www.hcec.org.au">www.hcec.org.au</a>	<p>The Hunter Community Environment Centre exists to encourage and facilitate environmental advocacy and education in Newcastle and the Hunter, NSW, Australia. The website contains information on local environmental issues.</p>
<b>Hunter Region Botanic Gardens</b> <a href="http://www.huntergardens.org.au">www.huntergardens.org.au</a>	<p>The site is managed by the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Ltd, a <i>non-profit company of volunteers</i> responsible for designing, developing and managing the Gardens. The aim of the company is to grow, study conserve and promote plants, in particular those of the Hunter Region. The website contains information about ecology in the Hunter region.</p>

<b>Hunter Wetlands Centre Australia</b> <a href="http://www.wetlands.org.au">www.wetlands.org.au</a>	<p>Hunter Wetlands Centre Australia is recognised as a hub of leading practice in wetlands conservation, education, tourism and management. We engage our visitor and partner base by providing a unique, accessible and sustainable wetlands experience.</p>
<b>Lake Macquarie Climate Action</b> <a href="http://www.lmca.org.au">www.lmca.org.au</a>	<p>Lake Macquarie Climate Action was formed in 2007 by a group of local residents concerned about the threat and lack of action to mitigate climate change. LMCA works with our local council, businesses and other like minded organisations to achieve our aims.</p>
<b>Lake Macquarie Landcare Network</b> <a href="http://www.lakemacquarielandcare.org">www.lakemacquarielandcare.org</a>	<p>Landcare is a volunteer organisation devoted to caring for the environment in a hands-on and practical way. Landcare is supported by all levels of government and Lake Macquarie City Council is leading the way at the local level. Over 250 Landcare groups work on a wide range of projects around our city. Individuals and groups may work in urban or rural areas, on the coast, by the lake, in the bush, along riparian zones, and even in the Landcare Resource Office.</p>
<b>Transition Towns Newcastle (incorporating Permaculture Hunter)</b> <a href="http://www.transitionnewcastle.org.au">www.transitionnewcastle.org.au</a>	<p>The Transition Town model is an inspirational, positive grassroots phenomenon, inviting participation from all in our communities in moving towards a truly sustainable society – where a sustainable society is defined as one which satisfies the needs of the present generation without compromising the capacity of future generations to meet their needs.</p>
<b>NSW Aboriginal Land Councils</b> <a href="http://www.alc.org.au">www.alc.org.au</a>	<p>The NSW Aboriginal Land Council website provides up-to-date information on the objectives, services and activities of the NSWALC and its members and information on issues affecting Aboriginal people in NSW and around Australia.</p>
<b>Trees in Newcastle</b> <a href="http://www.treesinnewcastle.org.au">www.treesinnewcastle.org.au</a>	<p>Trees in Newcastle (TIN) is a local native plant nursery, volunteer &amp; education centre and professional bush regeneration provider. TIN is also a dynamic and vibrant community organisation that attracts passionate people keen to contribute to improving the environment of the Lower Hunter.</p> <p>Their website has great local plant lists, and information about bush regeneration, propagation, environmental education and volunteering.</p>

<b>NSW and National Organisations</b>	
<b>ClimateWatch</b> <a href="http://www.climatewatch.org.au">www.climatewatch.org.au</a>	<p>ClimateWatch aims to create a leading online database for environmental scientists studying the effects of climate change. It will be created from data entered by you and other volunteer observers all around the country. By registering to become a ClimateWatcher, you'll be helping scientists find out what seasonal variations are occurring in Australia. As a 'citizen scientist' you will observe the timing of natural events (the study of phenology) and make recordings of your observation.</p>
<b>Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (NSW Government)</b> <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au">www.environment.nsw.gov.au</a>	<p>Wide range of information covering environmental issues, sustaining our environment, nature conservation, culture and heritage, National Parks etc from a NSW Government perspective.</p>
<b>Landcare Australia</b> <a href="http://www.landcareonline.com.au">www.landcareonline.com.au</a>	<p>(Landcare Australia) is the official not-for-profit company responsible for promotion and sponsorship for Australia's landcare movement.</p> <p>The website includes a directory of Landcare groups across Australia, Landcare sponsors and partners, funding opportunities, and practical information about Landcare activities, including Rivercare, Coastcare, Indigenous Landcare etc</p>
<b>Nature Conservation Council of NSW</b> <a href="http://www.nccnsw.org.au">www.nccnsw.org.au</a>	<p>The Nature Conservation Council works to conserve nature and protect the water we drink, the air we breathe and the places we love. We are a non-profit, non-government organisation representing 120 community environment groups across NSW.</p> <p>The website is a great source of information about environmental issues covering NSW, Australia and Internationally.</p>
<b>Waterwatch NSW</b>	<p>Waterwatch supports the involvement of local communities in taking responsibility for their rivers and aquatic ecosystems. By monitoring water quality and biological indicators, local communities directly observe and learn about the health of their</p>

<a href="http://www.waterwatch.nsw.gov.au">www.waterwatch.nsw.gov.au</a>	rivers and are empowered to identify problems and to take action.
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<b>Behaviour Change, Engagement and Community Development</b>	
<b>Awake</b> <a href="http://www.awake.com.au">www.awake.com.au</a>	<p>Drawing on the major psychological principles related to sustainability, Awake supports individuals, communities and organisations to develop environmentally sustainable behaviours.</p> <p>The website includes a newsletter detailing latest assessment and research around the measurement of the psychological drivers of sustainable behaviour, including awareness, engagement, empowerment and values.</p>
<b>The Change Agency</b> <a href="http://www.thechangeagency.org">www.thechangeagency.org</a>	<p>The Change Agency Education and Training Institute Inc. is an independent activist education initiative. We work with community organisers and activists in the Australia Pacific region to help people win social and environmental change.</p> <p>Our website provides access to our growing collection of training resources, activist research including case studies and articles, outlines of our workshops, a calendar of training opportunities, links to other activist education websites and our electronic bulletin. We also list our favourite books, including several that we sell at cost price. We also provide a mentoring and advisory service for community organisers.</p> <p>Our monthly enews provides updates on activist education and research resources, projects and opportunities</p>
<b>Does Your Project Make a Difference?</b> - guide to evaluating environmental education projects and programs (DECC) <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/community/projecteval.htm">www.environment.nsw.gov.au/community/projecteval.htm</a>	<p>The document is designed for all those who are delivering education about waste and/or water issues (including water quality, and water demand) and/or air quality, and other environmental management issues. Its aim is to help you to plan and conduct more appropriate evaluation of your work. Whether it is used for the evaluation of specific projects, or for whole programs, it is intended to provide guidance and assistance in a practical and useful manner.</p>
<b>The Empowerment Institute (USA)</b> <a href="http://www.empowermentinstitute.net">www.empowermentinstitute.net</a>	<p>The Empowerment Institute is the world's premiere consulting and training organization specializing in the methodology of empowerment. Its state-of-the-art empowerment tools have been applied over the past twenty-five years to achieve significant and measurable behavior change at the organizational and community level.</p> <p>The website includes helpful information about empowering organisations and behaviour change. Also includes a summary and links to purchase resources for: Low Carbon Diet – Climate Change Program; Green Living Program; Water Stewardship Program; Disaster Resilient Community Program; Livable Neighbourhood Program</p>
<b>Enabling Change</b> <a href="http://www.enablingchange.com.au">www.enablingchange.com.au</a>	<p>Les Robinson is an independent strategist, trainer and facilitator working in the fields of population behaviour change, social marketing, community development and social change.</p> <p>His website contains a wealth of tools and information about community empowerment, theory of change, etc.</p>
<b>Kitchen Table Sustainability</b> <a href="http://www.kitchentablesustainability.com">www.kitchentablesustainability.com</a>	<p>Kitchen Table Sustainability is a book offering a unique view of sustainability through the lens of community engagement. The website includes some excerpts from the book and a range of valuable links and resources around conversation starters and workshop facilitation.</p>
<b>Learning Fundamentals</b> <a href="http://www.learningfundamentals.com.au">www.learningfundamentals.com.au</a>	<p>Learning Fundamentals is an organisation committed to making available to all students indispensable learning techniques in an enjoyable and interactive manner.</p> <p>The website has a fantastic range of colourful and inspiring 'mind maps' dealing with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combating global warming</li> <li>• Behaviour change for climate change</li> <li>• Energy saving tips for your school</li> <li>• Science of global warming</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impacts of global warming</li> <li>• Strategies for taking action on climate change</li> <li>• Waking up to climate change</li> <li>• How to connect with nature</li> </ul>
<p><b>Making Headway - Building Your Community</b> - How to Get Started. An Asset Based Community Development Tool Kit (Wyong Council)</p> <p><a href="http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/download/Making_Headway_ToolKit.pdf">http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/download/Making_Headway_ToolKit.pdf</a></p>	<p>A toolkit describing Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). With checklists for planning and running workshops, facilitator tips, suggested icebreakers and activities, background to the ABCD approach, examples of workshop agendas.</p>
<p><b>Sustaining Eco-friendly Communities</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/community/eco-friendlycommunities.htm">www.environment.nsw.gov.au/community/eco-friendlycommunities.htm</a></p>	<p>A resource kit <i>Eco-friendly Communities: Promoting Sustainable Living and Working</i> has been produced and provided to Community Centres across NSW.</p> <p>The kit includes information on making your organisation more eco-friendly, running discussion groups on environmental issues, and linking with other community and environmental groups in your local area.</p> <p>It addresses environmental issues such as air, energy, water, waste, chemicals and biodiversity and promotes an action learning approach.</p> <p>Although the kit was written for people working in Community Centres, it may be useful to other community and environmental groups.</p>
<p><b>Training for Change (USA)</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.trainingforchange.org">www.trainingforchange.org</a></p>	<p>Training for Change has been increasing capacity around the world for activist training since 1992. When we say activist training, we mean training that helps groups stand up more effectively for justice, peace and the environment. We put hundreds of training tools and activities on our website, available to trainers worldwide. We also post articles and even some of our books and curricula, too.</p>