

MCSL Annual Reports

July 2017 - June 2018

Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living (MCSL) is a regional place of excellence that inspires the community to embrace an environmental conscience. MCSL encourages the community to adopt sustainable lifestyle choices to make a positive difference to the environmental sustainability of the Macarthur Region and beyond.



Visiting MCSL assists you with an experience that raises awareness of a wide range of sustainable technology and practices in homes, urban precincts and businesses – from the latest and the most sophisticated to the simplest but effective techniques for conserving earth's resources.

Visitors numbers have been climbing since 2010.

Volunteers hours have increased in 2016/2017/2018

Status of MCSL

While Campbelltown City Council remains the most significant financial contributor to the operations of the Centre, Camden and Wollindilly Shire Councils have provided or are committed to providing further funding. With this financial involvement of the three LGAs and the growth of the Centre's own income streams the future for MCSL is in a much stronger position to fulfil its mission.

How does the Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living contribute to the Campbelltown City, Camden and Wollondilly Shire Council LGAs?

In summary the Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living contributes to the three local Council LGA's by running waste education workshops, School Excursions focussing on sustainability, drop in advice, volunteer and student work placements as well as providing venue hires for your residents and community organisations.

Visitors to the Centre are made up of;

50% Campbelltown City Council
30% Camden Council
8 % Wollondilly Shire Council
12% Other

Volunteer numbers are made up of;

16 volunteers from the Camden Council Area
19 volunteers from the Campbelltown City Council Area
5 volunteers from the Wollondilly Shire Council Area

School Work Placements are made up of;

52 Students from Camden Council Area
48 Students from Campbelltown City Council Area
25 Students from Wollondilly Shire Council Area

MCSL

MCSL stakeholders and visitors to the Centre expect and deserve the following:

An enjoyable outing where their needs for safety, comfort, orientation, information, recreation and education are met.

Easy access to MCSL facilities and expertise, collections, messages and values.

An experience that engages and delivers satisfaction and empowerment to adopt sustainable living practices.

An experience that fosters community interest and ownership of MCSL: the organisation and the Centre.

An experience that is worth telling others about; that spreads MCSL's messages, programs and services 'well beyond the Centre boundaries'.

Waste education workshops are made up of;

50% Campbelltown City Council Residents,
30% Camden Council Residents
10% Wollondilly Shire Council Residents
10% others

School Education workshops are made up of;

331 students and teachers undertook sustainability training from Camden Council area Schools
109 students and teachers undertook sustainability training from Wollondilly Shire Council area Schools

OOSH School Holiday Program were made up of;

20 children and teachers undertook sustainability training from Camden Council area
118 children and teachers undertook sustainability training from Campbelltown City Council area

Child Care Excursions were made up of;

14 children and teachers undertook sustainability training from Camden Council area
30 children and teachers undertook sustainability training from Campbelltown Council area
2 Incursions to Campbelltown City Council to undertake sustainability training

Venue Hire were made up of;

14 hires from Campbelltown City Council Area
8 hires from Camden Council Area
4 hires from Wollondilly Shire Council Area

Campbelltown City Council workshops have increased in number since 2010 which in turn has contributed to an increase in visitors and more local people interested in waste reduction. 2017/2018 has seen an increase in workshop participants since MCSL has used on line bookings.

Education & Excursions have increased in 2016/2017 /2018

Winner of ABA – Australian Business Award in Sustainability

MCSL STATISTICS -JULY 2017- JUNE 2018



16,000 Visitors

(Venue Hire, Excursions, Tours, Drop in visits, workshops, other organisations)



25,620 Volunteers hrs

3,000 hrs of Work placement for Year 9-12 High School and TAFE students

Special Achievements for MCSL

Installation of Zero Mass Source water panel through ARENA support
Obtained grant for new oven from AGL through Community Grants Program
ABA Winners of the Australian Business Awards in Sustainability 2017/2018
Media Photo shoots & Articles with a distribution to 45,000 residents
Finalist and Winner NSW Volunteers Awards
Camden Show 2nd Place Best Community Educational Display
Sydney Royal Easter Show 2nd place in Community Vegetable Display
Sydney Royal Easter Show 15 prizes overall in Fruit and Vegetable Category
Federal, Local MP & Camden Councillors Visits
NSW Volunteer Awards- Winners of Volunteer Team of the Year
Advanced Eco Tourism Accreditation 2017
NESAs Accreditation for Teachers Professional Development
Member and Board Members of AAEE- Australian Association of Environmental Education
Increased traffic via FB presence – now over 2600 followers
Hosted Green Drinks for Australian Association of Environmental Education
Lavender Bay Litter Conference 2017
Staff Snake Handling Training

Sustainability

“Sustainability is something everyone can work towards... whether it is picking up garbage you see on the street or boycotting a company that practices environmentally harmful business methods, we all can make a difference.”

Break Down of Statistics

Venue Hire



26 Venue Hires with 900 people attending parties, meetings & expos

Education at MCSL



School Excursion

793 School Children & 200 Parents & Teachers attended School Excursions

Workshops

Campbelltown City Council

58 x Waste Education workshops with 1792 participants
2 x Childcare Centre workshops

Camden Council

6 x Waste Education workshops with 180 participants

MCSL Workshops & Activities

15 x Educational Workshops with 225 participants

OOSH (Out of School Hours)

652 Children & 80 Teachers

Community and Off-Site Workshops

28 x Workshops with Fairfield City Council, Hornsby City Council, Narellan Library, Christmas In Narellan, Claymore Community Festival and Campbelltown City Council

When visitors leave the Centre, we would like them to remember MCSL as a place that:

Connects people with nature

Provides information for today's world

Turns thinking into easy sustainable actions

Their holistic experience will be 'a call to action' that inspires the community to embrace an environmental conscience.

MCSL Tours



358 people booked in for Tours plus self-guided Tours
Sydney University Harvard Tour for 110 University Students from Overseas

0-5yr Playgroup Education



3120 Family members attended Little Explorers Playgroup Sponsored by Camden Council

186 Family Members attended Little Hands Spring Farm Playgroup sponsored by Big Yellow Umbrella for Camden Council Area Residents

Up Grade of Facilities & Sustainable Technology



Installation of 10 x Zero Mass Source water panel through ARENA support
Revamped Garden Beds
Revamped Information Centre
Up- keep of MCSL grounds and buildings

Off Site Events



- Camden Show Kids Interactive Tent -(4,000 Local Primary & High School Children around the Macarthur Region + 20,000 Adults visiting the Camden Show), Sponsored by Camden Council
- Riverfest with exposure to 5,000 people attending the event, Sponsored by Campbelltown City Council
- Royal Easter Show with exposure to 900,000 people attending the food/gardening hall.
- The Australian Botanic Gardens, Mount Annan events
- Macarthur Heights Expo

Markets



**2120 People attended MCSL's POP Up Fresh Produce Stall every Wednesday
(Residents from Camden and Campbelltown City Council)**

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