

Saving Our Water



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Creative Catchment Kids

Creative Catchment Kids is an initiative of the Murray Darling Association and Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. It aims to improve engagement between the Western Local Land Services and school students by providing opportunities for positive and authentic ventures that encourage students to develop creative solutions to agriculture and natural resource management issues.

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre

The Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre is located in Burrumbuttock, north of Albury in southern NSW. Since 1995, the centre, which is adjacent to Burrumbuttock Public School, has provided opportunities for discovery and learning about the natural environment, the ecology of the local woodlands and the beauty of native plants. www.wirraminna.org

Murray Darling Association

The Murray Darling Association has membership of over 100 Local Government councils in the Murray-Darling Basin, as well as community groups, businesses and individuals with an interest in ensuring that the Basin continues as a valuable asset for all Australians. Since 1950, the Association has initiated various school and community education programs on managing the Basin's land and water resources. www.mda.asn.au



Enviro-Stories is an innovative literacy education program that inspires learning about natural resource and catchment management issues. Developed by PeeKdesigns, this program provides students with an opportunity to publish their own stories that have been written for other kids to support learning about their local area. www.envirostories.com.au

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Local Land Heroes

In 2014, students involved in the **Creative Catchment Kids** program researched and wrote stories about 'Local Land Heroes' - people, businesses or industries who contribute to productive agriculture and healthy environments in western New South Wales. The program was generously funded by the Western Local Land Services.

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Dan Hough grew up in Goondiwindi, Ipswich and Bundaberg, Queensland, to become a ringer and stockman. He was born in Blackall, Queensland, but when he left his job as a stockman and ringer, he got a job working for the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) in New South Wales. Dan also does volunteer work around the community of Tibooburra.



Dan's volunteer work is a massive help to people and the ecosystem of Tibooburra. Dan persuades lots of people around the Tibooburra area to conserve water, including people from stations around the area. He works mostly in the NPWS office, he also does some work on the Sturt National Park as well as helping water conservation around the Tibooburra area.



We need water and we can't live without it. This is the reason why water conservation is so important to Dan. He talks to his children and grandchildren about leaving hoses and taps running. Sometimes his grandson, Aaron, helps with repairs.

Dan did a year working with a plumber for a council which gave him lots of knowledge about repairs and how to go about them.



He has been involved in the Tibooburra Sports Club and helps do the fireworks every New Year's Eve. Dan has also been involved in the Tibooburra Village Committee. He's currently the chair person and has been involved with this committee for 15 years. His roles with these committees directly help the impact of water conservation in the area.

Dan has recognised that there are some things that will have to be done in the future for water conservation in Tibooburra. Some of the things Dan will be helping to organise include fixing the fluming and structures at our local dam.





Dan enjoys doing things that help with water conservation around the Tibooburra area.

At the Tibooburra School he has helped establish a sustainable water supply to assist with the high demand of the school's oval. This has been achieved by redirecting run-off water from the NPWS depot shed to the school grounds.

When repairs to water systems within the school were necessary, Dan has helped out to ensure the problem is solved.



Dan involves other community members to help with maintenance and repairs. Glen Lackenby has been a great support over the past two years. Some of the things Dan does for the community are; getting funding, working with the government to improve water supplies and water infrastructure. This really helps with water conservation in Tibooburra.



He believes that water is important because we live in an arid area and it's very hard to get water.

Dan has explained how it is not easy fixing the water systems and getting the supplies he needs. It can take months for the supplies to come in the mail. Also we find it hard to get tradesmen to come to the area. The remoteness of the area has a massive impact on Dan's job.





Dan has recognised the need for water conservation in our area and taken on the challenge of being a principle caretaker in managing and maintaining effective and efficient water supplies.





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