

# Community Participation

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## School Groups Environment Day 2019

Condobolin & Districts Landcare



**Raising awareness of the local environment to primary school students in the local Districts and connecting them with the knowledge of what their contribution can be.**

### The issue

Schools in Condobolin & Districts have limited learning resources on teaching about the environment, environmental ecosystems or the issues impacting them. These school children have had limited exposure to environmental expertise and lack the knowledge of what their impact on the environment is or what they can do about it.

Teachers are required to teach the curriculum plus their specific school's teaching objectives. It is difficult for regional schools to have the capacity to deliver on environmental concerns thoroughly, especially with the limited opportunities and resources at their disposal.

### The solution

Condobolin & Districts Landcare partnered with Lake Cowal Conservation Centre and St Joseph's School Condobolin for the 3rd consecutive year, to bring to the local Districts an Environmental Awareness Learning Day for primary school children during school hours. The Environment Day was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2019 utilising local environmental experts of the area.

Students were invited to attend an 'Environment Day' of fun learning from Grade 3 to Grade 6, from six local schools: St Joseph's Primary Condobolin, Bogan Gate Primary, Condobolin OneSchool (MET), St Patrick's Trundle, Tullibigeal Central and Condobolin Public School.

The Day involved eleven different expert presenters from NetWaste, Lake Cowal Foundation, NSW DPI - Fisheries, Waste2Art, Ecologist, Birdlife Photographer, Environmental Artist and the local Community Boomerang Bags Network. The day was planned into coordinated small groups in a rotation throughout the day with each student group participating in five sessions each.

### The impact

The students had a fun, memorable day to be remembered. They gained so much knowledge and awareness of their environment through interactive sessions, games and art classes with expert environmental presenters in their fields. Some of the subjects covered saw students learn the importance of recycling - what we can recycle and why it is important, why plastic bags are dangerous and how they pollute our environment. Students learnt what they can do to change this. Students learnt about the different animal species and the local aboriginal culture and why these are important for our environmental ecosystems, raising the awareness of their local environment and culture. Students, teachers and presenters alike enjoyed a fulfilling day.



### Key facts

- Local Environmental Experts shared their knowledge with primary school students
- Awareness and knowledge obtained by students enabling them to make a difference in their community
- It is critical to teach children the importance of their environment. Children provide a direct connection to their families - parents, grandparents and siblings and friends, enabling a future of better environmental understanding and outcomes.

### Project Partners



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