



The library website is developed and maintained following the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines. To meet the needs of students relying upon speech-generating programs, websites are tested using a text only browser in addition to the Internet Explorer and Firefox browsers. Each branch library has a designated staff member to assist students.

“And in addition,” said Mr Webster, “extensive library and IT assistance is available in person and also via telephone and online via email, chat and new technologies such as blogs, RSS feeds and Blackboard tools.”

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Reduce, re-use and recycle @ your library®



Coming up with suggestions of things to do for the various NSW @your library® campaigns is always fun with the ideas flowing freely. When we celebrated reduce, re-use and recycle @your library®, I was somewhat apprehensive: would our creative juices be stymied? I should never have doubted the imaginative prowess of library colleagues. Many libraries are already doing a lot of things to help

REDUCE, RE-USE and RECYCLE their waste but here a few more suggestions to consider.

- Keep up the good work by helping to reduce the number of plastic bags in our environment by promoting and distributing your fabulous library bags.
- Accept the challenge and try to organise a “waste free” morning tea.
- Build a display around your collection, and don’t neglect the wealth of information available on the web.
- Purchase a Bokashi Bin – all of your food scraps can go into the Bokashi Bin <http://www.eco-organics.com.au> to find out more.
- Does one of your staff have chickens at home? How about having a ‘chook bucket’?
- Consider running a paper making workshop at the library. It can be lots of fun and will help spread the word about reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Find out if your local council has an Environmental Education Officer who could help to organise some ‘waste workshops’ through your library.
- Hold a recycling education session for staff. It can be lots of fun!
- Set up a paper, cartridge and/or computer recycling program.

- Visit the Planet Ark website for more information about various recycling programs <http://www.planetark.com/>
- Organise a tour to your local waste management centre and see how it all works.
- Reduce your paper use.
- Set up a filing system within your email program and regularly make back-ups.
- Try and use both sides of office and writing paper.
- Email instead of using paper and don’t print!
- Reuse envelopes.
- Buy paper and stationery with recycled content and encourage your purchasing officer to source products made from recycled materials.
- Treat yourselves and purchase tissues, paper towels and loo paper made from recycled paper.
- Share your good ideas with other libraries.

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EcoCentre library in Port Phillip

Climate change, sustainability, global warming are all terms that have become everyday phrases. Not a news bulletin can be aired without some reference to the deterioration of the planet. It is a very serious issue that confronts communities across the globe and solutions will not be easy to find. The most important fact about sustainability is that it is dependent upon local action for a global future.

The Port Phillip EcoCentre is a not-for-profit umbrella environment organization that aims to work with the community to improve and protect the natural environment and ensure good living for future generations.

One of the primary objectives of the EcoCentre is to provide access to current technical expertise to maintain and improve the environment and one tool that has been vital in supporting this objective has been the development of the EcoCentre Library.



Reference shelves

The library includes reference books, field guides, government policies and legislation, magazines and newsletters on a wide range of subjects related to sustainability. While at this stage the library is unable to provide lending library services it is primarily geared to support research and project development.

Services at the library include free internet access for appropriate research; and photocopying at very reasonable rates.

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