

# The North East Environmental Education & Communication Reference Group

## Who are we?

The NE Environmental Education and Communication Reference Group are a group of environmental education/communication practitioners working in government organizations with the aim of facilitating enhanced local and regional coordination and collaboration of environmental education programs.

## Vision

The regions Environmental Educators will work together, providing opportunities to increase the effectiveness of our environmental education outcomes of knowledge, skills and actions for our shared communities.

## Objectives

- provide a coordinated and cooperative approach to waste, water and other education for sustainability programs regionally;
- identify and develop opportunities to work together and collaborate on projects providing greater links between environmental issues and a broader focus on sustainability;
- showcase best practice environmental education programs;
- provide input and advice in project planning and development;
- provide a forum to share learnings, skills, technical knowledge, contacts and information resources;
- provide professional development in education for sustainability planning and practice.

## How do we share information

Group participants become part of an email exchange, which is coordinated currently by the North East Waste Forum. Meetings are also held once every 2/3 months at different venues across the North Coast region.

## Who are the group participants

Group participants are environmental educators and communicators, or people involved in education, who generally represent an organisation, local or state government. **Current participants include representatives from the following organisations:**

North East Waste Forum

ROUS Water

Lismore City Council

Clarence Valley Council

Byron Shire Council

Ballina Shire Council

Richmond Valley Council

Tweed Shire Council  
North Coast Water  
Coastcare  
Department of Environment and Conservation, National Parks  
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources  
ENVITE  
Southern Cross University

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