

Community Composting Program

Yiyili Community Aboriginal Corporation

Introduction

The Community Composting Program project was designed to develop and maintain a composting program to improve the Yiyili Aboriginal Community School's management of waste.

The project involves the introduction of composting bins to allow for the effective use of green waste materials through the reuse of composted materials, and the introduction of recycling bins to allow for the efficient removal and recycling of non-green recyclable waste products by separation.

The project aims to promote and enhance the community's awareness in effective waste management and promote the participation and involvement of the local community in a school project. The student and community participation in the program supports environmental health and awareness and helps to address health and nutrition issues.

Towards Zero Waste

The introduction of high-quality, specific compost bins has enabled food and garden waste to be reused in the form of compost, which is an essential element in the maintenance of the school garden.

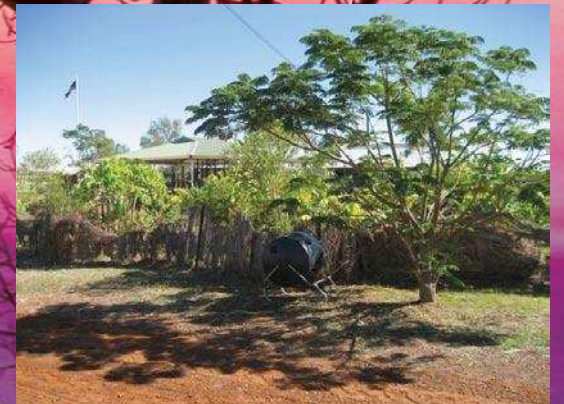
The heavy-duty 'Other Waste' bins have enabled the school and the community to more efficiently separate reuseable and non reuseable waste. The design of the bins also allows for easy pick up and transportation to the local landfill.

The project helps the community avoid the creation of waste and helps to divert waste from landfill. Non-green wastes are being separated and disposed of through the use of the Other Waste bins.

Project outcomes

There has been excellent student and community participation in the program, from disposing of green waste in compost bins, to nurturing the composting process by regularly turning bins, through to using newly created compost on the garden.

As a result, a greater quality and quantity of compost has been produced and the school community garden continues to thrive.



Community Grants Scheme

The Community Grants Scheme was established to assist our state to achieve the vision, "Towards Zero Waste in Western Australia". Funding is provided for successful local community-scale projects which are consistent with the Waste Management Board's Statement of Strategic Direction for Waste Management in Western Australia.

More information regarding the Community Grants Scheme is available on the Zero Waste WA website: <http://www.zerowastewa.com.au/> and follow the Support Schemes link.

For more information call the Department of Environment and Conservation on 64675318.