

About Naragebup: the Rockingham Regional Environment Centre

Founded in 1996, Naragebup was the first purpose-built environment centre in Western Australia. A not-for-profit organisation run by the community, for the community, Naragebup's mission is

'To provide constructive, integrated and educational programmes which promote the benefits of managing the environment to sustain quality of life.'



By 2000 the Naragebup vision had manifested a 1.7ha piece of ground complete with fauna gardens and an innovative Enviro-tech building. This building was constructed as a community project with state of the art technology, based on environmentally sound principles. It and the surrounding grounds contain many Learning Centres, exhibits and displays dedicated to promoting the protection and enhancement of our natural environment.

Naragebup receives no dedicated funding – our lifeblood is the 98 people who regularly volunteer their time towards helping us to continue to provide great environment education opportunities for the general public six days a week, augmenting visitor entry fees, and project-based grants, sponsorship and consultancies. We have over 600 voting members, and have won numerous prestigious state and national awards for our efforts.

Awards and recognition

Naragebup has been widely recognized for the excellence of its programmes, winning many prestigious awards:

2003	WA Coastal Awards 2002 Outstanding Group Effort Regional Winner
	WA Coastal Awards 2002 Outstanding Group Effort State Winner
	Landcare Community Group WA Winner (and National Awards finalist)
	Landcare Individual Awards Runner Up
	Fisheries Community Stewardship Award Winner
2004	SGIO WA Environment Awards - Eco-Building Category Winner
	Adult Learners Week - Outstanding Environmental Program Winner
	National Exemplar Awards - Toward Sustainable Communities Finalist
	National Exemplar Awards - Building Regional Communities Finalist
2005	John Oldham Conservation Employee – Inaugural Award Winner
	Banksia Foundation – Finalist

Naragebup's environment education infrastructure includes:

- Award winning Enviro-tech exhibition hall
- Marine aquariums and Turtle Rescue Centre (we rehabilitate ~ 70 baby sea turtles a year)
- Undercover displays on Thrombolites, touch-tables of biological specimens, microscopes, , Aboriginal artefacts, geological specimens, shell collection, alternative energy, fauna friendly gardening, bird ecology, pollution prevention, feral animals and more.
- Educational information resources including Regional Herbarium and library, wide range of factsheets on alternative energy, energy conservation, Thrombolites, local plants for year round colour, biodiversity, waste recycling etc.
- Resources in hands-on learning for example: freshwater macro-invertebrate scooping pond, recycling ball game, organic vegetable gardens, low water use gardens, fauna friendly gardens, Nyoongar culture and bushtucker walk trail, solar ovens.
- Functioning sustainability infrastructure: e.g. composting toilets, wind turbine, solar photovoltaic array, water conservation fittings, Permaculture swales and chicken tractor system, composting, worm farms.
- Great infrastructure: 400 seat powered amphitheatre, lecture theatre, presentation tools.





Environment Education Office

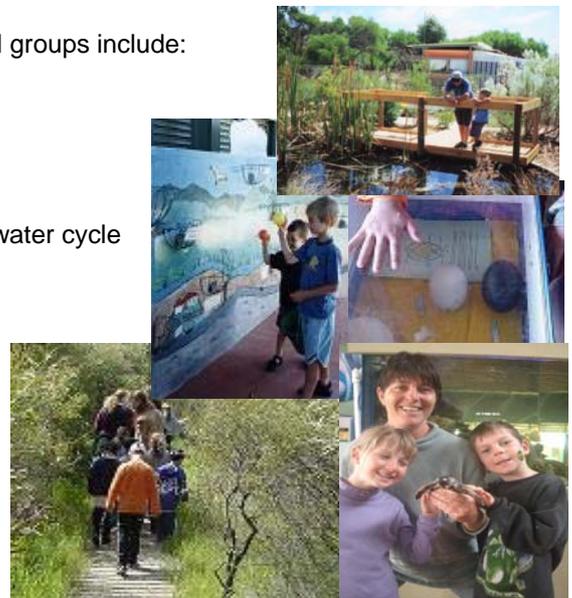


- Naragebup's environment education officers can assist in teaching Environmental Responsibility, tailoring hands-on programmes to individual teacher/class/theme needs.
- In 2004/05: 5,500 students participated in Naragebup's Environment Education programme, which has been running since 2002.
- Our Environment Education Office's flexible programmes adhere to Education Departments Curriculum Strands: Earth and Beyond, Life and Living, Investigating Scientifically, Energy and Change. These include topics such as:

- Thrombolites
- Nyoongar Culture
- Recycling
- Marine Education
- Coastal Awareness & Dune Ecology
- Geography & Geology (local)
- Wetlands
- Renewable Energy
- Waterwise Education
- Organic Gardening
- Sustainable living

- Naragebup's great environment education activities with school groups include:

- Making plant pots from recycled paper
- Pond scooping and macro-invertebrate identification
- Solar oven cooking and making a simple solar oven
- Milk carton purses
- Bread bag mosaics
- Water science experiments including making a model water cycle
- Recycling – the 'how to' with hands-on rubbish sorting
- Recycling - ball game
- Recycle - craft, mobiles and sculptures
- Green waste recycling – worm farming
- Green waste recycling – composting
- Insect collection (pitfall traps, pooters, sweep nets)
- Learning local frog calls
- Bird watching at Lake Richmond (binoculars supplied)
- Greenhouse effect experiments
- Air quality experiments – car exhausts
- Air quality experiments – particle collectors
- Bird beak models to food matching experiment



Sustainability Office

Drawing from professional experience that encompasses Permaculture, cleaner production and eco-efficiency, climate protection and energy conservation Naragebup offers a range of workshops in sustainable living. See the 'education' section of our website www.naragebup.org.au for our latest workshops brochure. Cert IV in Workplace Training & Assessment qualifications also allow us to design and deliver dynamic activities for all levels that can be used to teach and test key competencies in a range of AQIF accredited curricula.

Options for supporting Sustainable Schools programmes

Naragebup can assist **Sustainable Schools Initiative** schools with energy and other resource auditing, education and efficiency programmes, green purchasing, waste recycling, green office programmes, transport efficiency, cleaner production programmes, and a range of environment management activities.

Environment Education Activity	Aimed at
Hands-on activities	Students
Practical specialist workshops	Students, adults
Modules delivering key competencies	Students of accredited training courses
Professional development	Teachers, government officers
Organisational planning for sustainability	Government, community & business organisations
Oversee implementation of sustainability projects	Government, community & business organisations

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