

Harnessing Household Composting, Glen Innes

GLENRAC Inc



GLENRAC worked in partnership with Glen Innes Severn Council to deliver two household composting workshops during International Compost Awareness Week in 2018.

The issue

Green waste entering land fill is a universal problem across the world and Glen Innes is no different. In our small rural community kerbside green waste collection is not available for residents. In an effort to raise awareness and knowledge of the home composting Glen Innes Severn Council engaged GLENRAC to run two workshops to increase community capacity and to inspire residents to 'have a go' at composting at home.

The solution

Glen Innes Severn Council provided the financial resources for GLENRAC to deliver these events. We organised an experienced and enthusiastic presenter, Nichole Walker to come to Glen Innes and deliver the two workshops. Nicole has extensive personal and professional experience in household composting and worm farms. Two workshops were held on a Friday afternoon and a Saturday morning.

The workshops were free to attend, open to the whole community and were short in duration (2.5 hours). Nichole's delivery style was informal and interactive and was well received by participants. The practical demonstrations were supported by the production of a 12-page 'how to' guide that was available on the day and is now available on the GLENRAC website. The workshops were attended by 40 participants representing both urban and rural residents.

GLENRAC and Glen Innes Severn Public and TAFE Library staff organised a display in the library foyer to promote International Compost Week, the local workshops and the printed resources available for residents. We were also able to access printed resources from Northern Inland Regional Waste to promote a range of household sustainability practises including worm farming, composting, energy saving ideas and water saving devices.

The impact

These workshops engaged new participants to Landcare activities. By hosting one workshop on a Saturday we were able to attract participants that would have been unable to attend events held during work hours.

This activity has helped to strengthen the working relationship between GLENRAC and our local council. We have had early discussions about repeating this activity in 2019.

The workshops were also supported by local retailers who provided display materials including compost bins, worm farms and related accessories to showcase products available to support household green waste recycling.



Key facts

- Landcare and local government working together
- 2 workshops, 40 participants
- New participants to Landcare
- GLENRAC is now a Love Food Hate Waste business partner

Project Partners



The Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative Program that enables the promotion of these case studies on the Gateway, is funded by the NSW Government and is supported through the partnership of Local Land Services and Landcare NSW

