

# STORIES OF RESOURCESMART SCHOOLS

GRAMPIANS CENTRAL WEST  
WASTE & RESOURCE  
RECOVERY GROUP

Sustainability  
Victoria

## ST ARNAUD PS

Beginning in 2018 with their additions of recycling and organics bins to every classroom, St Arnaud PS has also signed up to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Gardens Program. A Landcare grant has been applied for to further develop the gardens and instill sustainability across the whole school by the Green Team of 12 students. They are rearing their own fertilised eggs to add to their chook pen..



## ARARAT 800 PS

The "Earthlings" group is a very small but extremely active and vibrant action team. They have recently become a SAKG school and are encouraging neighbouring schools to join their journey with St. Mary's school next door having joined with them to improve sustainability in Ararat as a focus.



## MARNOO PS

Now a three star school Marnoo PS has been involved since 2014 and has no recycling as it is dealt with within the community. Water use has reduced by close to 50% and energy is next on their list to reduce by half while adding to their kitchen garden to promote understanding where their food comes from.



## RUPANYUP PS

A new frog bog and chook pen including three new chicks are the latest the "Green Panthers" have added to their environment. Raised garden beds with summer produce are well watered by a massive water tank that collects every drop that falls on the school roofs. Wild ducks have also moved into the swimming pool next door and are raising a new family, such are the favourable conditions the school provides.



## WARRACKNABEAL PS

WPS is undergoing a rebuild and has seen most of their efforts going into the garden until the new school is unveiled. Skills being developed are weed identification and eradication without chemical use. Their water use is completely tank supplied with close to 90% of rainfall collected.



## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PS WARRACKNABEAL

A 5 Star school, it is leading ResourceSmart in the Grampians Region mentoring any school that asks for advice. They are adding to their kitchen garden with new fruit tree plantings and summer crops added in the lead up to the end of the 2018 school year. Additional rainwater tanks have been added during the term 3 holidays as well as a worm farm and compost bay.



## POMONAL PS

One of the newest to join the RSS family Pomonal has a wonderful garden and chook pen, the students are targeting waste reduction as their first action. Savings from this are planned to go into energy reduction and replacement of old electrical equipment.



## WOOMELANG GS

Having achieved three stars in the RSS Program in 2018 the students have worked hard to get within 4% of attaining their fourth star. Unfortunately student numbers are so low the school is closing in 2019 but the students have continued to work on their modules right up to the closing date. A tribute to tenacity, dedication and conscientious doggedness too do the right thing, even if it means they close.



## WILLAURA PS

A recent newcomer to RSS they have a large active student body with a well planned kitchen garden. Their aim is to expand the garden and introduce composting and a worm farm to improve soil fertility and productivity.



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