

Sustainability Update – June 2025

We continue to maintain our 5-star sustainability rating through **ResourceSmart School (RSS)**.

We continue to work on updating Biodiversity and Waste modules - due for re-accreditation in September and December 2025 respectively.

We hosted a **sustainability network meeting** at Albion PS on Monday 19th May. Adrienne spoke about our 5-year journey to becoming a 5 star sustainable school and Marita answered questions asked by the 5 schools that were represented. Marita then took the teachers on a tour of the school grounds, everyone was very impressed taking photos of bin system, recycle hub and beautiful gardens.

We won the **Brimbank Environment or Sustainability Award 2025** in the *We are Brimbank Awards* – Adrienne and Marita attended the presentation evening on Thursday May 22nd and Marita received the award on behalf of the school, thanking Brimbank for the nomination and the award. We were seated on a table with an ex-student Dianne Mayo who we got talking too. Dianne suggested we do the **designer bricks** for our 100-year anniversary and said that she would like to contribute to the cost of the bricks if we would like to pursue it as a fundraiser for the celebration. Marita met with Dianne last Friday, 6th June, to tour Dianne around the school grounds. Mat and Adrienne thought the area under the shade in the west corner of our school would be a good idea for the pavers/bricks. A **yarning circle** was also suggested which would be a great place to begin the weekly sustainability lessons and provide another outdoor learning area where classes can yarn about things or do presentations/performances to the whole grade. Marita has sourced a company, Diggers Down Under, to give us a quote.

Adrienne, four house captains and Marita attended the **2025 ResourceSmart Schools Sustainability Awards** at the MCG on Thursday 5th June. The *Sustainability Teacher of the Year Award* was won by Marita Ryan.

Environment week was celebrated at Albion PS by running the Recycle shop from Monday 2nd June till Friday 6th June. It was once again a big hit with the students. Thanks to the parents that came along before school and at lunchtimes to assist with the running of the shop. One bag of clothing was left over at the end of the week.

Biodiversity audit – the annual Biodiversity audit will be conducted by the house captains on Friday 20th June, and will be updated in the RSS portal to finalise the Biodiversity module to be submitted in September.

‘WOW’ Wednesday and **Fruity Friday** continue. House captains are responsible for giving out house points and collecting data on these days.

Marita Ryan

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