



## Subiaco Primary School Parents and Citizens Association

### Annual General Meeting Sustainability Sub-Committee Report

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#### 1. Overview

##### Term 1, 2022:

At AGM, the sustainability sub-committee was established and Cath drafted initial Terms of Reference which was accepted by the P&C at the Term 2 meeting.

##### Term 3, 2022

- Inaugural meeting of subcommittee members Term 2, 2022. Attended by Chloe and Cath! Sent out communications to grow membership of the sub-committee (whatsapp chat and school newsletter)
- Cath Enquired about Subiaco PS eligibility criteria – for the Schools Clean Energy Technology Fund - this is a link to the Minister's media statement announcing that the round 2 funding applications are open. - <https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2022/05/Round-two-open-for-schools-to-apply-for-green-energy-funding.aspx> Melinda Harris was not aware of the program and whether Subiaco ps would be eligible.
- Cath contacted Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) on what programs they can offer the school for free. Rosie Bruce, Education and Community Officer at WMRC, said they can visit the school and run a School Waste Education Day. This is an award-winning, free education event offered to schools of our member councils. The aim is to teach the top five G.R.E.A.T. behaviours of: gifting, recycling, earthcycling, avoiding, and taking, encouraging students to do better than landfill and get waste in the right place. Designed to run the length of a school day, targeting a year group per period, students are divided into small groups and rotated through a suite of activity stations. Find out more here: <https://www.wmrc.wa.gov.au/education-and-community/school-program/>
  - Rosie Bruce, Education and Community Officer, T 08 6147 4601; E [rosie.bruce@wmrc.wa.gov.au](mailto:rosie.bruce@wmrc.wa.gov.au); A 2/317 Churchill Avenue, Subiaco WA 6008; [www.wmrc.wa.gov.au](http://www.wmrc.wa.gov.au) |
- Parents liaised with school staff to discuss potential projects. Some Idea's discussed in passing -see separate working list to be added to and discussed at a meeting.
- Created email list for group communication!

##### Term 4, 2022

1. MEETINGS: Three of us Parents (myself, Chloe and Sara) managed to meet in real life, twice! On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November. Friday's afterschool at the school undercover area / tables and umbrellas is the preferred day/time/location. Collaboration with school staff interested

in sustainability has been more difficult, adhoc and usually via email. Moving forward in 2023, the subcommittee will like to improve collaboration with staff to move school sustainability projects forward with support from the subcommittee members. And vice versa. Relationships are developing but, being able to plan and coordinate with staff on sustainability issues with P&C events will mean more actions can be achieved. For example, there was an attempt to separate containers for collection at the sundowner, but it was very difficult to maintain no-contamination and they ended up in the landfill bin. Lack of volunteers means achieving sustainability objectives a low priority.

2. **AUDIT:** Sara volunteered to draft some great planning documents and request at the next P&C meeting that we can conduct an Audit of the all the Sustainable things happening at Subiaco Primary school, see how they align with the UN Sustainable Goals and the WA Ed. Dept Sustainable Schools Recommendations and find out where the gaps are to help us plan events and projects for next year and longer term. A short survey was going to be sent to the principal to request staff to complete. This was discussed in the meeting in Term 4 and I think it was a difficult time of year to ask more from staff at the end of the year.
3. **EVENT OFFERING:** Week before the end of Term 4 2022, we provided a "Sustainable Festive Crafternoon" for parents and children at the school. Event Brief and run sheet was been submitted to P&C meeting agenda. Volunteers involved Cath, Rosemary, Natalia and Chloe Keller. Event was supported by having it as a compass tix event. Limited to 50. Even reached capacity very early, but on the day, we did not have full capacity. So will probably increase tix available to allow for non-attenders on the day. Then more people can be involved. This event was a success and could easily be replicated! Would be nice to have had music, and an acknowledgement of country at the start. Sub-committee volunteers sourced materials on their own and contributed their own funds to this, so having the \$200 budget per term to run events will be most appreciated!

