

Wimmera Forum Plan Nov 2009

Forum objectives

This forum aims to give students the opportunity to learn about inspirational initiatives to address climate change and the current drought in south eastern Victoria. It will also give them the opportunity to participate in challenging activities that will greatly extend their understanding of leadership and sustainability.

Resources

A range of resources and materials have been prepared for all participants to support the delivery of the Leading the Way Forum. These include:

- Teacher Booklet - for general information, roles & responsibilities and forum timetable
- Student Forum Booklet - for general information and about the program.
- Forum Teams' Information Booklet - for information about the tasks for the Forum Teams, plus background information on the Forum topic
- Pre Forum Quiz Sheet
- Pre Forum Student Surveys
- Post Forum Student Surveys
- Risk Management Plan
- Fire Plan (due to potential risk at that time of the year)

Special Interest Groups

The students will be broken up into 8 Special Interest Groups and a Media Team. These include:

- Agricultural company
- Community Team
- Farmers Team
- Indigenous Team
- Business team
- Local Government Team
- Tourism Team
- Wimmera Conservation team
- Media Group

Participating Schools

- Brentwood Secondary College
- Edenhope P-12
- Eltham College
- Goroke P-12
- Horsham Secondary College
- St Brigid's College
- Westernport Secondary College

Guest Speakers & Presentation topics

Gillian Vanderwaal (GWMWater)	The Wimmera Mallee Pipeline and how it will impact future generations in the region
Craig Hurley (National Centre for Sustainability, Ballarat University)	Overview of climate change and its likely impacts for Victoria
La Vergne Llehmann (Dimboola Riverside Caravan Park EcoLodge)	The role of tourism and recreation in rural communities
Adam Blake (Trust for Nature)	Conservation and its role in sustainable land management
Deanne Price (Department of Primary Industries)	Climate change and its impact on local agriculture
Rae Talbot (Greening Australia)	Working with the local community for a sustainable future
Gail Harradine (Barenji Gadjin Land Council)	Indigenous culture and its role in sustainable land management
Colin Kemp (Wimmera Development Association)	Big business and its actions for climate change
Dean Robertson (Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance)	Local Government and its actions for climate change

Daily activities

Day 1 (25 Nov.)	Activity	Location
10.00 am	Melbourne schools to arrive at Southern Cross station no later than 9.45 am. Melbourne schools travel to Horsham.	
2.00 pm	Local schools leave to travel to Longerenong College	
3.00 pm	Arrive Longerenong College, settle in	
3.30 pm	Introductions. Getting to know you activities	Auditorium
4.00 pm	College induction and tour	Auditorium
4.45 pm	Introduction to Forum theme, allocation of Forum teams	Auditorium
5.00 pm	Team building activities	Auditorium and nearby rooms
6.30 pm	Prepare for dinner	
6.45 pm	BBQ dinner	Dining room
7.30 pm	Presentation of a Sustainability / TLFs Project from each school (3-5 minutes per school)	Auditorium
8.30 pm	Bush Dance	College hall
10.00 pm	Prepare for bed, quiet games	
10.45 pm	In rooms	
11.00 pm	In bed. Lights out!!	

Day 2 (26 Nov.)	Activity	Location
7.00 am	Rise, tidy rooms	
8.00 am	Breakfast	Dining room
8.50 am	Seated in Auditorium	Auditorium
9.00 am	Welcome to country - Aunty Nancy Harrison	Auditorium
9.05 am	The Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project, presentation by Gillian Vanderwaal, GWM Water	Auditorium
9.25 am	Rotating and interactive presentations from 6-8 guest speakers on the theme: <i>Leading the Way - In the Face of Climate Change</i>	Rooms near Auditorium
10.30 am	Morning tea	Auditorium foyer
11.00 am	Introduction to Forum topic. Teams receive Forum Information Packs. Students work in Forum Teams to conduct research.	Auditorium and nearby rooms
12.00 pm	Lunch	Dining room
12.50 pm	Assemble at bus stop	Bus stop
1.00 pm	Sustainability field trips - students visit local projects that are demonstrating actions to address sustainability issues.	
5.30 pm	Return to Longerenong College	
5.45 pm	Free time - games and activities will be arranged	Based from Auditorium foyer
6.30 pm	Prepare for dinner	
7.00 pm	Forum dinner	Dining room

8.00 pm	Welcome and introductions Introduction by Tim Shaw, EO of WSMLLENS Presentation Best Sustainability / TLfS Project	Auditorium
8.15 pm	Guest Speaker: "Climate Change - The Science, the Issues and the Solutions."	Auditorium
9.00 pm	Games and activities	Auditorium and foyer
10.15 pm	Prepare for bed, quiet games	
10.45 pm	In rooms	
11.00 pm	In bed. Lights out!!	

Day 3 (27 Nov.)	Activity	Location
7.00 am	Rise, tidy rooms, pack	
8.00 am	Breakfast	Dining room
8.50 am	Seated in Auditorium	Auditorium
9.00 am	Final preparation for presentations	Auditorium and nearby rooms
9.30 am	Forum Teams give presentations on forum topic (key issue relating to climate change)	Auditorium
10.30 am	Morning tea	Auditorium foyer
11.00 am	Students work in school groups to develop actions on the theme of "Leading the Way".	Auditorium and nearby rooms

	Final presentation by each school on joint reflections	
11.30 am	Students meet with teachers in school groups to reflect on declaration and outcomes of forum	Auditorium and nearby rooms
12.00 pm	One person speaks on behalf of each school group about what the group has gained from the forum (1 min. per school)	Auditorium
12.15 pm	Media Team's slide presentation Farewells	Auditorium
12.20 pm	Lunch (dining room)	
12.50 pm	Assemble at bus stop	Bus stop
1.00 pm	All students depart by bus for school	Bus stop
Approx. 5.00 pm	Melbourne students arrive back at Southern Cross Station	

Forum outcomes

See this link for more information <http://www.leadersforsustainability.com/latest-news/top-stories/54>

See this link to read an Evaluation Report by Dr Brian Sharpley
<http://www.leadersforsustainability.com/programs/monitoring-a-evaluation>