

Sustainable Gardening Australia



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Gardening & Sustainability

- Water
- Environmental weeds
- Indigenous plants
- Chemicals
- Waste
- Green purchasing
- Biodiversity
- Resource use
- Sustainable design





How we communicate:

- Talks and workshops
- Interactive website – www.sgaonline.org.au with at least 10,000 hits per month and growing exponentially.
- Email newsletter – Cuttings (free monthly!) – over 5,000 subscribers
- Sustainable Gardening booklets produced for local councils
- Garden Centre certification
- ECLIPs



Nick Macdonald – Green Gardener of the Year 2006



- Garden centre environmental certification





- ECLIPs – Environmental Certification for Landscape Industry Professionals – focus:

- Water use
- Plant selection
- Chemical use
- Resource use
- Waste management
- Site management



Where does compost fit into all this?

Everywhere!!



- Compost is a soil improver and a panacea for many garden problems
- Compost improves soil structure and increases the activity of soil microflora – this in turn improves plant health and makes plants more resistant to pests and diseases
- Compost adds nutrients to soils
- Compost increases the water holding capacity of soils, ensuring more water is available to plants
- Used as a mulch, compost also reduces evaporation from the soil surface and an aid in weed suppression.



Everything we do as home gardeners or professionals hinges on having good soil to achieve successful long term outcomes in the landscape, and the solution is simple –
Compost!

Healthy gardens
Healthy people
Healthy environment

It's true - we can make a difference!

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