

Media Release



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KU Peter Pan La Perouse Preschool promotes Sustainability

KU Children's Services and the NSW Early Childhood Environmental Education Network (ECEEN) joined forces last weekend to celebrate the SPROuts Awards (Sustainable Projects Recognising Outstanding Practice) which show case preschools and long day care centres with an outstanding commitment to education for sustainability to inspire others to change.

The awards were held at KU Peter Pan Preschool in La Perouse, a centre which has shown ongoing commitment to promoting environmental best practice and sustainability in the local community.

Local Member, The Hon Peter Garrett MP, Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts, made a special guest appearance and spoke to the many families and early childhood staff in attendance.

"KU is passionate about the natural environment and environmental education is integrated throughout the daily program in our centres," says Julie Gaul, KU Sustainability Manager and ECEEN representative. "By incorporating sustainable practices in our centre's and teaching these principles in our programs, KU is contributing to a sustainable future for our children, families and communities."

"KU and ECEEN believe young children have an innate interest in nature which is a wonderful starting point for sustainable life-long learning and living. The SPROuts Awards show how others are achieving this in early childhood services."

The SPROuts Awards are supported by The NSW Department of Environment Climate Change and Water (DECCW). DECCW representative, Ben Roche presented cheques and certificates to the winning children's services. Following the award ceremony, Author Sue Elliot held a presentation on Driving Change: Education for Sustainability in Early Childhood

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Caption: Peter Garrett speaks at SPROuts award at KU Peter Pan La Perouse

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