

RCE GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY

Think global, act local

WHAT IS AN RCE?

A Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) for Sustainable Development is endorsed by the United Nations University (UNU). It brings together key educational, community, NGO, government, business and council groups in a specific region to link and leverage work that they have, hitherto, been undertaking in parallel.

There are more than 160 RCEs operating around the world, five of which are in Australia – RCE-Western Australia, RCE-Gippsland, RCE-Murray Darling, RCE-Tasmania and RCE-Greater Western Sydney. This network provides a rich resource of ideas and strategies for engaging people with the challenges of social, cultural, economic and environmental sustainability.

5
Global Action Program
priority areas

17
Sustainable Development
Goals outlined by UN

169
Targets to achieve the
2030 Agenda

166
UNU endorsed RCEs
globally

A NEW AGENDA

The Global RCE network was set up by the UNU to achieve the goals of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD, 2005 - 2014).

The Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development is the follow-up to the DESD which seeks to generate and scale up concrete actions in Education for Sustainable Development. The renewed focus is now for RCEs to contribute to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



ABOUT US

OUR PARTNERS

- Blacktown City Council
- Brewongle Environmental Education Centre
- Campbelltown City Council
- Cattai Hills Environment Network
- City of Parramatta Council
- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Cumberland Bird Observers Club
- Georges River Keeper
- Greater Sydney Local Land Services
- Greater Western Sydney Energy Alliance
- Greening Australia
- Hawkesbury City Council
- Hawkesbury Earthcare Centre
- Hawkesbury Environment Network
- Hawkesbury Harvest and Farm Gate
- Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre
- Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living
- Parramatta Climate Action Network
- Penrith City Council
- Penrith Environmental Education Centre
- Sydney Olympic Park Authority
- TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute
- Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils
- Western Sydney University (multiple stakeholders)

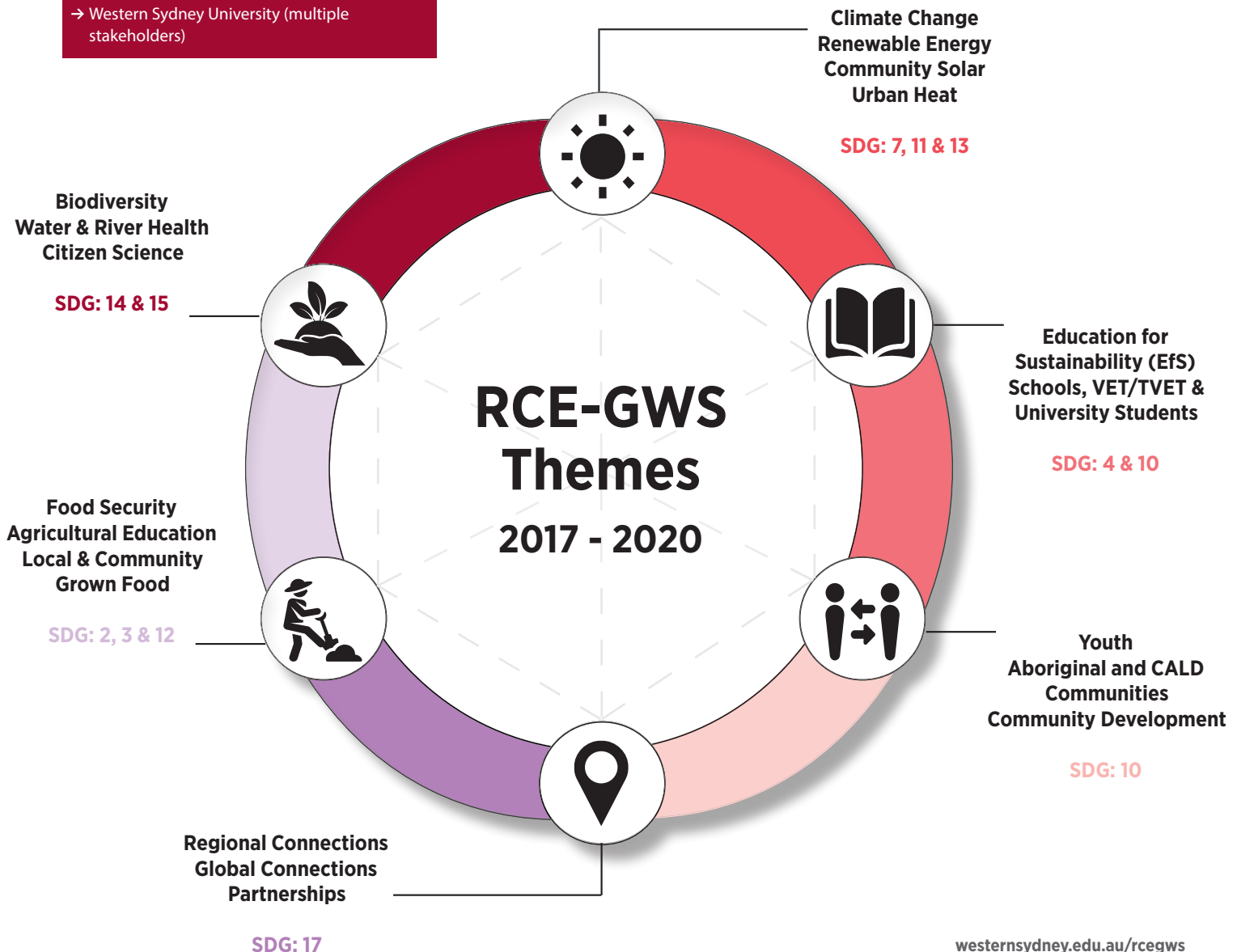
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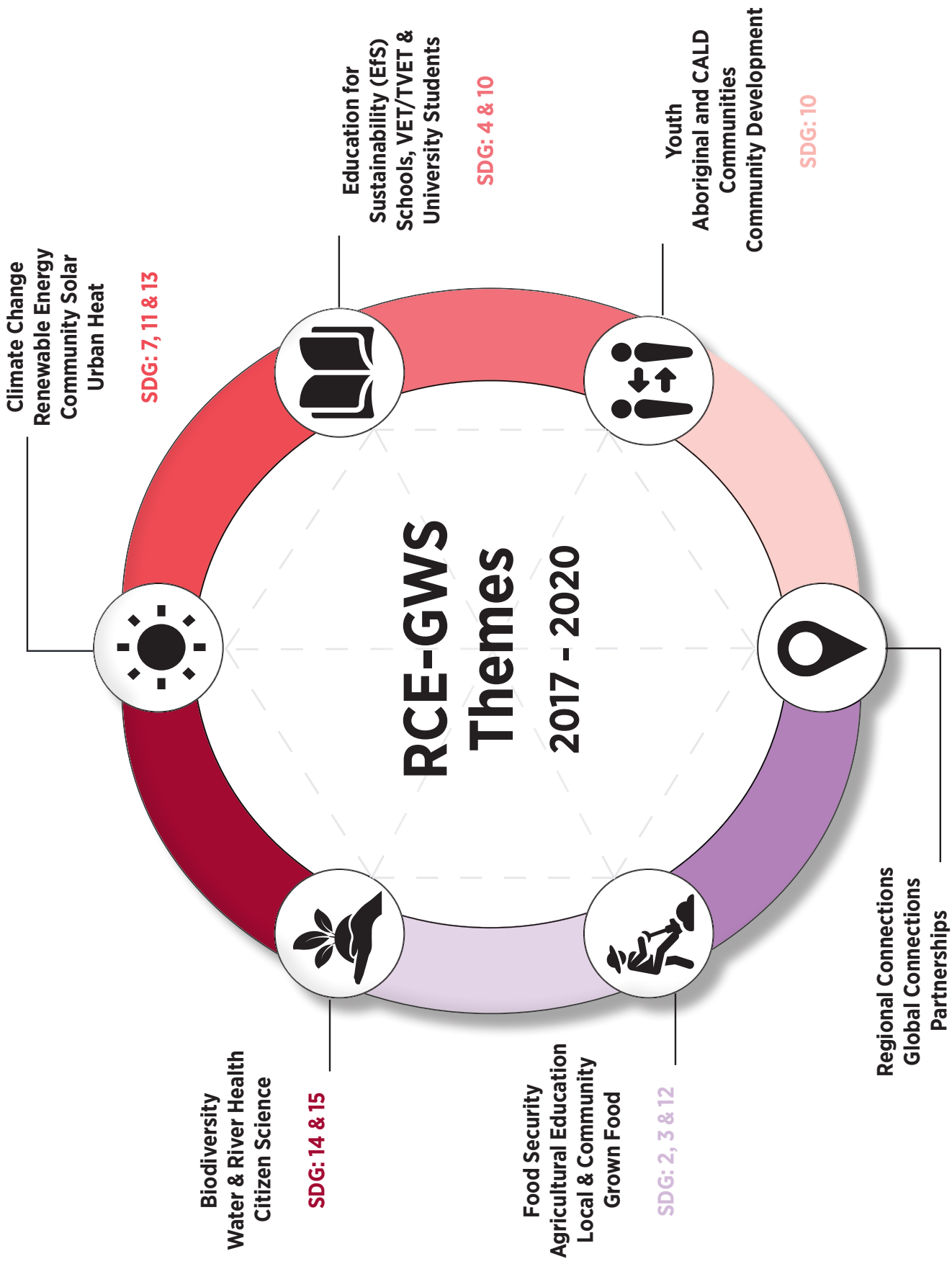
Hosted by Western Sydney University Office of Sustainability, RCE-Greater Western Sydney (RCE-GWS) vision is to establish itself as a model of how the linked challenges of social, economic and environmental sustainability can be addressed through an integrated process of collaboration. Our network has been established since 2012 and have focused our work on Education for Sustainable Development. Our partners, who include the region's educational institutions, organisations, businesses, community groups and local government, work together on tackling our region's sustainability challenges.

OUR REGIONAL CHALLENGES

Greater Western Sydney is an area of national importance with one of the fastest growing populations in Australia. As such it faces distinctive sustainability challenges:

1. Transitioning to a low carbon economy
2. Developing sustainable communities; health, housing and transport
3. Ensuring agricultural sustainability and food security
4. Conserving biodiversity and river health





SDG: 17