

AAEE e-bulletin Nov 09

AAEE Updates

AAEE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The AAEE AGM in October established a lively committee from which is going to meet face to face for the first time later in November in Melbourne this year to continue to develop AAEE as the peak association for Environmental Educators across Australia. The committee now comprises:

Phil Smith, President NSW

Gayle Seddon, Vice President VIC

Jem Hansen, Committee Member NSW

Frank Fisher, Committee Member VIC

Sheila Brown, Committee Member SA

Sandra Wooltorton, Committee Member WA

Jenny Dudgeon, Committee Member TAS

Pearl Tassell, Committee Member VIC

Please contact the AAEE Office if you would like to get in touch with the committee, by e-mail:

admin@aaee.org.au

What's On!

AusAID 2009 GLOBAL EDUCATION WEBSITE SURVEY

AusAID are currently seeking feedback from educators about the Global Education website and hope you might be willing to complete an online survey. The survey results will be very important in determining how the website can be redeveloped in 2010 to best meet the needs of 21st century teachers and learners.

The survey is located within an online project at

<http://www.ozprojects.edu.au/course/view.php?id=48>

The following web address will take you straight to the survey.

<http://www.ozprojects.edu.au/mod/feedback/view.php?id=910>

YOUTH LEADING AUSTRALIA CONGRESS

24-26 Nov 09

in locations across Australia

for young people ages 12 to 28

- Help youth to take responsibility for their own ecological footprint
- Provide the skills necessary to develop achievable action plans for their community/school or workplace
- Build leadership capacity to accelerate their communities' and Australia's transition to sustainability
- Enhance presentation and team work skills, develop confidence, understand environmental challenges & sustainability, harness their passion for positive social change
- Share stories of the changes they achieve in their communities with other youth across Australia and with Copenhagen political representatives, inspiring others to engage their communities in sustainability action
- Strengthen connections between youth change makers and communities locally, nationally and globally

PRE-CONGRESS

- Digital Media Training 16-18 Nov 09 Sydney
- Facilitator Training 18-20 Nov 09 Sydney

POST CONGRESS

- Communicate concerns and collective vision statement to the Governmental Representatives through the Australian Youth Delegation in Copenhagen;
- Ongoing support for LEADers as they reach out to their whole school community
- Students, parents and teachers (PlanetSAVERS 4to1 Program);
- Report and presentation back on the success, outcomes and ongoing actions from the congresses;
- Ongoing reports from Youth Reporters on Stories of Change updated to OzGREEN website and You Tube

<http://www.ozgreen.org>

DEEP BREATH ANNUAL RETREAT FOR PLANET CARERS

4-6 Dec 09

Wholesome food, good company, bushwalks, workshops and discussion on the theme:

Wings of Hope for the Planet

All for \$130 (waged)/\$90 (unwaged)

Price includes catering and shared accommodation in mudbrick Lodge.

<http://www.wangat.com.au>

ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS SURVEY

RMIT University & Environmental Jobs Network

Research is now underway to document the range of professional environmental jobs across Australia, and identify the types of skills, knowledge and experience associated with these jobs. This information will be used to create a 2010 Australian Guide to Environmental Careers.

We are calling for all Environmental Professionals to take part in a survey to help provide the detailed information on the ever expanding breadth of green jobs out there. The survey asks questions about your current role, your career history and future plans and takes 25 minutes to complete.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=bF5YuKo6s85L8DyjQP8J1A_3d_3d

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES EDUCATION: PUTTING THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM INTO CONTEXT

National Association of Agricultural Educators Conference

10-14 Jan 2010

Gatton QLD

Exploring how sustainable food and fibre production fits into the national curriculum.

<http://www.naae.asn.au/conference.htm>

FIDUCIARY DUTY, PUBLIC TRUST AND THE GOVERNANCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

9:00am-5:00pm Mon 23 Nov 09

Monash Law Chambers, 472 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Please register not later than Mon 16 Nov 09

Long term policy issues and administration affecting the public interest, such as climate change, raise major concerns about how parliaments and governments are held to account. Beyond the crude, blunt instrument of elections, what principles and practices can ensure that longer term and intergenerational interests predominate over the usual media and electoral political cycles.

Top academic and political figures will examine and develop the potential application of principles of fiduciary duty and public trust to improving accountability, as shown on the accompanying program.

<http://www.buseco.monash.edu.au/mgt/research/governance/fiduciary-workshop.html>

BEYOND THE 'USUAL SUSPECTS': INVOLVING YOUR COMMUNITY IN DECISION MAKING THROUGH DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY

Sydney & Regional NSW Locations Nov & Dec 09

At this hands-on, interactive workshop you will:

- Learn the tools and techniques of deliberative democracy and how to more effectively involve a broad cross section of citizens in your community in climate change and other sustainability issues;
- Develop the skills to design, convene, facilitate and evaluate a deliberative process in your local community to inform policy and program development.

These training workshops draw on the award winning NSW Climate Consensus Project, see:

www.nccnsw.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2488&Itemid=1133

Download the workshop flyer here:

www.nccnsw.org.au/images/stories/ClimateChange/workshop%20flyer.pdf

Register for the training here:

http://www.nccnsw.org.au/index.php?option=com_forme&fid=33

EnviroAsia2009

4th International Environmental Technology Exhibition & Conference

1-4 Dec 09

Suntec, Singapore

Back to showcase ever more innovative environmental, ecological and clean technologies and solutions. Facilitating sustainable development in ASEAN and beyond across 4 major industry segments – Waste, Water, Energy and Air, the event seeks to help companies stay competitive while meeting the increasingly stringent environmental standards and regulations.

<http://www.enviro-asia.com>

Resources

ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS AGREE ON THE NATIONAL WASTE POLICY

Australian environment ministers agreed to the National Waste Policy at the 20th meeting of the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC) in Perth on November 5th 2009. The National Waste Policy sets the agenda for waste and resource recovery in Australia over the next 10 years.

The National Waste Policy sets directions in six key areas: taking responsibility, improving the market, pursuing sustainability, reducing hazard and risk, tailoring solutions, and providing the evidence. The policy identifies 16 priority strategies that would benefit from a national or coordinated approach.

As part of its commitment to a national policy on waste and resource recovery, Council agreed to release a National Waste Overview and also agreed that a National Waste Report would be published by the end of 2009.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/wastepolicy>

ACHIEVING CHANGE FOR SUSTAINABILITY IN SUPPLY CHAINS

A recent project by the Australian Research Institute in Education for Sustainability (ARIES) achieved organisational change towards sustainability by engaging several Australian corporations and their supply chain members from two different sectors in a systems-based learning approach.

The report from this project provides a systems-based learning approach for corporations to address their sustainability management and research needs with supply chain partners. The case studies (in the construction and food industries) also provide unique insights and ideas for corporations and government agencies who are considering how to respond to the emerging climate change challenges, risks and opportunities.

<http://www.aries.mq.edu.au/projects/SupplyChain>

PROMISING PRACTICES IN ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

Essay By Scott Bittle, Chris Haller and Alison Kadlec from the US Center for Advances in Public Engagement (CAPE)

Focussing on a range of national and local examples, we have organized what follows according to a number of principles that we think are especially salient:

- Allow citizens to set priorities
- Use citizens as fact-finders
- Generate bipartisan buy-in
- Merge online and face-to-face engagement
- Help experts and citizens to collaborate
- Foster local problem-solving

<http://www.publicagenda.org/pages/promising-practices-in-online-engagement>

DON'T WAIT FOR COPENHAGEN: IMPLICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE IMPASSE FOR AUSTRALIA AND APEC

AsiaLink Essay

Stephen Howes, ANU Professor of Economics and key contributor to the Garnaut Climate Change Review, says an effective response to climate change requires a mix of unilateral and multilateral action - and individual countries must demonstrate good faith. Just as APEC has promoted unilateral trade liberalisation, it should encourage its member countries to compete with each other to reduce emissions and develop new technologies. Waiting for Copenhagen would do nothing to discourage free-riding countries

http://www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/publications/the_asialink_essays/ nocache

KidEarth

KidEarth and its "100 Generations" song -- an international global warming song California 6th grader Aitan Grossman wrote for children all over the world to sing to raise awareness about the climate change.

School children in Africa (Botswana and Ethiopia), Europe (France), South America (Venezuela and Guatemala), and Asia (Taiwan) have joined kidEarth in song already.

The more kids who sing Aitan's song, the bigger its impact will be as children everywhere, together, raise the world's awareness about the climate change.

Aitan's made it easy - the song's notes, lyrics and instrumental tracks are on kidEarth's website.

<http://www.kidearth.us>

AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES SURVEYS REPORT 09

Now available on the ABARE web site at

http://www.abare.gov.au/publications_html/news/news/news.html#

STATREGIES FOR CHANGE

World Wildlife Fund UK

http://www.wwf.org.uk/what_we_do/campaigning/strategies_for_change

Scholarships & Awards

COSTS AND BENEFITS OF DISTRIBUTED RECYCLED WATER SCHEMES

PhD Scholarship – closes 23 Nov 09

Sydney Water is providing a generous scholarship for a PhD in Sustainable Futures at UTS. Specifically, the successful candidate will investigate the real social, economic and environmental costs and benefits of small-scale water recycling in an urban context e.g. in green buildings and infill developments. The range of impacts addressed could include social factors such as customer and community acceptability, economic impacts such as whole-of-life costs and willingness to pay, and environmental impacts such as net greenhouse gas emissions, potable water savings, and net nutrient released to the waterways. Data will be sourced from existing case study locations in Sydney with the active assistance of Sydney Water.

A \$30,000 per annum (tax free) stipend is available. The Institute for Sustainable Futures at UTS offers a comprehensive supervision and peer support program for its doctoral candidates, including additional funds for professional development and opportunities to engage in related research consulting work.

<http://www.isf.uts.edu.au/postgrads/SWCscholarship.html>

SERVENTY CONSERVATION MEDAL

Nominations close end Dec 09

In 1997 the Council of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia decided to perpetuate the memory of the Serventy family for their outstanding contribution to wildlife preservation in Australia by establishing the Serventy Conservation Award and Medal.

In addition to the medal a cheque for \$1,000 is awarded annually. Many conservationists in the past have suffered financially for their devotion to the cause of conservation. This monetary award is a tribute to their dedication. The bronze medal is designed to be a constant reminder that the conservation movement has remembered their work in the past, just as history will remember the same achievements in the future.

<http://www.wpsa.org.au>

Jobs

REEF GUARDIAN EDUCATION OFFICER

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority QLD

This position supports a partnership between the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) Reef Guardian Schools Program and NQ Dry Tropics to deliver natural resource management (NRM) outcomes through the engagement of students and schools. The partnership delivers an effective natural resource management program to schools and students to enhance natural resource management awareness and activities within the general community.

http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/corp_site/about_us/employment/PN175.html.

PROJECT OFFICER / CO-ORDINATORS

Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC)

Geraldton WA

Closes 23 Nov 09

The Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) is seeking suitable applicants for the following positions:

- Coastal Project Officer (PT0902)
- MERI Coordinator (PT0903)
- Biodiversity Project Coordinator (PT0904)
- Coastal Project Coordinator (PT0905)
- Wind Erosion Project Coordinator (PT0906)

The Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) is the peak natural resource management body for the Northern Agricultural Region - extending from Gingin to Kalbarri and into the wheatbelt as far as the Shires of Perenjori and Dalwallinu.
<http://www.progressivetraining.com.au>

INDIGENOUS FACILITATOR pt

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority

Traralgon or Leongatha VIC

Closes 27 Nov 09

This role will be responsible for facilitating activities which contribute to the organisation's ongoing commitment to engage with Indigenous organisations and Traditional Owners and for the out workings of the WGCMA's Indigenous Partnership Policy.

This position will also contribute to the successful coordination of ongoing Cultural Heritage Training for WGCMA staff and to the organisation's Community Engagement Framework, including coordinating the WGCMA Indigenous Advisory Group.

The remuneration range is \$49,850 - \$63,644 and includes 9% superannuation, use of a mobile phone and laptop. This position will be for an initial 12 months position and will be ongoing subject to funding.

<http://www.wgcma.vic.gov.au>

PROGRAM DIRECTOR – ACTION LEARNING INITIATIVES

Jindabyne NSW

Closes 27 Nov 09

ALI is an outdoor education company based in Jindabyne NSW. It operates from Bungarra Alpine Centre, a 200 bed purpose built school program site located 3 km from Jindabyne. ALI specialises in running summer & winter school programs based in the Snowy Mountains area & Kosciuszko National Park. ALI is well known for delivering quality programs for a diverse range of schools.

The position involves both field and office work. The Program Director will have a proven track record in outdoor recreation with relevant qualifications and experience who is prepared to commit to a position for a minimum of 3 -5 years.

A passion and knowledge of snow sports for our winter programs and experience in summer outdoor activities that include canoeing, camping, mountain biking, hiking and abseiling will allow them to successfully fulfil the job requirements.

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