



MAY 2007 AAEE e-monthly

*This update is designed to complement the OzEE newsletter, as more regular and brief communication to members. It is a snap shot only, **relies on members/chapters providing us with information** about their state activities, initiatives, and events, and does not attempt to be comprehensive. Please contact felicity.calvert@environment.nsw.gov.au if you have information to include. If you would like to know more, information is available from the contacts identified in each topic.*

Did you know?

❖ **Are you seeking a way to interest and engage students in history, geography and environmental studies?**

The Environmental Memoirs activity encourages students to collect stories of environmental change first hand, from their parents, grandparents and other adults in their community and to submit these stories to the National Centre for Sustainability. Stories need to be of 150-250 words. With permission, all stories that meet the criteria will be published on the Environmental Memoir website www.swinburne.edu.au/ncs/environmentalmemoirs. Entries open from now until the end of September. For further information please visit <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/ncs/environmentalmemoirs/education.htm> or contact Kathryn Donnelly, kdonnelly@swin.edu.au ph 03 9214 4699.

❖ **Reminder Sustainable Cities Awards are open until 8 June**

Award categories below:

- Overall Sustainable Communities Award
- Overall Sustainable Councils Award
- Environmental Education Award
- Western Sydney Community Action Award
- Sustainable Clubs Award
- Waste Minimisation Award
- Metropolitan Schools environment Award
- Council Heritage Award
- Energy Innovation Award
- Biodiversity Conservation Award

Anyone can enter and all you have to do is fill out an entry and complete the appropriate award submissions, these are all available on the website along with lots of other information, please visit www.kabnsw.org.au

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❖ Teach Live

Through the generous support of Woodside Energy, Earthwatch is offering teachers in Western Australia the opportunity to participate in the Woodside Teach Live program. Woodside Teach Live is an innovative teaching and learning program that allows teachers to gain hands on experience in scientific field research whilst their students use Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to bring the real-life scientific research project into the classroom. Two teams will be in operation, the first from May 14-21, 2007, the second from June 2-9, 2007.

The Teach Live 2007 web site is about to "GO LIVE", so from May 11, log on to: www.whalesharks.teachlive.org.au and check out this year's activities!!!

❖ Web Links for Students

<http://abc.net.au/science/planetlayer/greena.htm>

An oldie but a goodie and with the focus well and truly on environmental issues it seems like a good time to remind you all that Greena (the Worrier Princess) is a great resource where you can get the dirt on the Greenhouse Effect with fun, games and the answer to lots of your enviro-dilemmas.

Science Clips (Primary) <http://abc.net.au/schoolstv/series/SCIENCECLIPS-NEW.htm>

Science Clips are short programs designed to stimulate children's interest and active involvement in science. The hosts, bright, animated clipsters, retrieve relevant footage clips to explain scientific phenomena in a brief, informative way. Topics covered are Teeth and Eating, Moving and Growing, Helping Plants Grow Well, Habitats, Characteristics of Materials, Keeping Warm, Rocks and Soils, Solids and Liquids, Circuits and Conductors, Magnets and Springs, Friction and Light and Shadow.

Postcards from Bangladesh (Upper Primary Secondary)

<http://abc.net.au/schoolstv/series/POSTCARDSFROMBANGLADESH-NEW.htm>

This series explores the landscape and lifestyle in Bangladesh. Focusing primarily on the role of water, questions to be answered include:

- What is the weather like in Bangladesh?
- How does water affect daily life in the cities and villages?
- Is flooding always a disaster?
- Why is it difficult to get clean water?
- Viewers will learn about the impact of the wet and dry seasons, how the locals respond to routine flooding, and hygiene issues that arise in that environment.

What's happening?

❖ NSW Nature Conservation World Environment Day Awards

7 June, 6:30 pm Leichhardt Town Hall, corner of Marion and Norton streets. Tickets \$50 or \$40 concession, go to the link below or contact (02) 9279 2466 RSVP by 31 May.

www.nccnsw.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1814&Itemid=1

• Interpretation Australia Association National Conference 2007

Building Blocks November 6-9, 2007 Darling Harbour, Sydney

The conference planning team are seeking proposals for this year's conference, the theme for this year's conference will address the BUILDING BLOCKS of heritage interpretation that underpin all aspects of heritage interpretation whether it be Indigenous, natural, built or cultural interpretation. Proposals are due by **Thursday 31 May 2007**. Please email your proposal to e-Kiddna Event Management info@e-Kiddna.com.au or call on (07) 5548 6199 to make other arrangements. See attachment sub proposal forms.

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- **Green Capital presents: Going Carbon Neutral: reality or hot air?**

Sydney: Thursday 24th May; 7-10am, The Grand Ballroom, Four Seasons Sydney

Melbourne: Thursday 31st May; 7-10am, ANZ Pavillion, The Arts Centre Melbourne

Brisbane: Thursday 7th June; 12-2.30pm, Marriott Hotel, Brisbane

Climate change is becoming the biggest issue for business and government alike. Hear case studies from leading organisations who have achieved carbon neutrality. Green Capital and business experts will explore what this really means, if it's realistic or is it just the latest version of Greenwash. We will also look at the ethics behind carbon offsets. What is a good offset? What questions should one ask about an offset? What is the real cost of carbon for your organisation? For a booking form and more information go to www.tec.org.au

Jobs / Funding Opportunities

- ❖ **The Environment Centre of the Northern Territory**

The NT's peak non-government environmental advocacy group - is seeking a highly motivated person to coordinate 'COOLmob', our successful sustainable living project.

The position is for two years, 4 days per week (with the possibility of going to full time), based in Darwin. The successful applicant will need excellent communication and organisational skills and a good understanding of sustainable energy and water use issues, policies and technologies.

For full details of position email: admin@ecnt.org or call (08) 8981 1984, or visit www.ecnt.org

- ❖ **Firestarter Project Coordinator**

Award winning environmental initiatives. A position to provide project administration and project management, **closes Tues 22 May 07** for more info contact (03) 9329 3736 and see attachment.

- ❖ **Green Schools Connect – Apply Now**

Do you need a hand to make your schools' environmental ideas a reality?

Green Schools Connect is a partnership between Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Vodafone Australia Foundation to help make environment projects on schools a reality. Green Schools Connect is now in its third year.

Green Schools Connect enables schools to get the extra hands to get the project done.

Nominations close 15 June 2007. Interested schools should visit

www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/greenschoolsconnect to apply and to read about some of the successful projects. Or for more information Freecall 1800 032 501

- ❖ **The Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Landcare Centre**

The centre is seeking an energetic, creative, self-motivated leader to coordinate worthwhile and often innovative NRM outcomes to a rural-based but increasingly urban-orientated region.

Activities range from strategic project resourcing and delivery, seeking sponsorship, community engagement, and organisational management.

If you have project management expertise, refined communication and negotiation skills, experience in staff and partner management, plus a passion for community-driven approaches to sustainability, contact Carol Bryant for an application pack: carol@landcaresj.com.au or 0409 116 801.

A salary in the range of \$55-\$65K plus superannuation and private vehicle use will be negotiated with the preferred candidate. The position may extend beyond June 2009 subject to funding and performance. **Applications close 16 May 2007.** Previous applicants need not apply.

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- **The Sydney Metropolitan CMA Community Support Officer**

The Sydney Metropolitan CMA is currently advertising for a Community Support Officer to work with culturally and linguistically diverse communities in the Sydney catchment area, to assist their engagement in natural resource management activities. The position would be part of the CMA's Community team, funded through the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust. It is full time temporary position, with an initial 12 months contract.

Applications **close on Friday 25th May**. See jobs NSW for details:

<https://jobs.nsw.gov.au/JobDetails.asp?JobAdvertId=59693>

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