



## ***MARCH 2006 AAEE e-monthly***

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*This update is designed to complement the OzEENews 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](mailto: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.*

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### ***Did you know?***

- ▣ There are significant moves afoot at the national level to undertake a review of the National Action Plan *Environmental Education for a Sustainable Future*. Guided by input from the National Environmental Education Council [NEEC] of which Grahame Collier is a member, the Department of Environment and Heritage is planning to undertake a major process for reviewing the current plan and developing a new plan which will take us into the future. Watch this space or OzEENews for more information. You can also look on the DEH website [www.deh.gov.au](http://www.deh.gov.au) over the next few months. This is an exciting future development for the field of EE/EfS in Australia.
- ▣ Also at the national level the House of Representatives Standing Committee has announced that they are conducting an *Inquiry Into a Sustainability Charter*. This has followed a review of the *Sustainable Cities Report*. An interesting discussion paper has been produced to frame this process [available at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/environ](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/environ)]. The intent of the inquiry is to identify the key elements of the charter and it runs until May 12. The AAEE Executive at its meeting on 21/3/06 identified how an AAEE submission will be put together. If you would like to be involved in this process please email Sandy and let her know. Or if you wish to respond in another way please go to the website, above for details.
- ▣ Vision into Action - 2006 NSW Environmental Education Conference - 10 / 11 March, 2006 was a great success with over 100 participants from across the NSW. The conference provided a state wide forum on the challenges, demands and opportunities currently facing environmental educators in NSW. Congratulations to Shellharbour City Council, especially Tuesday Heather, and GEMS for organising a wonderful event!!

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## *What's happening (events)?*

- A Blooming Good Conference in Spring See the wildflowers of the West and join us for a colourful AAEE International Conference, 4th to 6th October 2006, Bunbury WA Sharing Wisdom for our Future: Environmental Education in Action Details at [www.aaeeconf2006.org](http://www.aaeeconf2006.org)  
Oh, and be a petal...bring a bud-die to this conference and ecological hotspot [www.swaecoregion.org](http://www.swaecoregion.org)

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## *Jobs / Funding Opportunities*

- The EDO seeks a suitably qualified applicant for the newly created position of Education Officer. The position is open to dynamic, self-motivated individuals who satisfy the following essential criteria: knowledge and understanding of environmental law and policy; tertiary qualifications or demonstrated experience in adult or community education; project management experience, including budgeting and evaluation of projects and events; excellent written and oral communication skills. This is a permanent full-time position, 37.5 hours per week, applications close 10 April. For a full position description, please visit: [www.edo.org.au/edonsw/site/jobs\\_volunteer.asp](http://www.edo.org.au/edonsw/site/jobs_volunteer.asp).
- The EDO is also seeking applicants for three other positions of:
  - Policy Director (closes 17 April),
  - Locum Solicitor (Northern Rivers, closes 17 April) and
  - Scientific Director (3 April)Go to [www.edo.org.au/edonsw/site/jobs\\_volunteer.php](http://www.edo.org.au/edonsw/site/jobs_volunteer.php) for a full positiondescription. For further information contact Jeff Smith, EDO Chief Executive Officer, on 02 9262 6989 or via email at [jeff.smith@edo.org.au](mailto:jeff.smith@edo.org.au)
- NPA OPERATIONS MANAGER Job closes 10am Monday 27th March 2006 The Operations Manager is a new full time position to support the work of NPA staff and volunteers. See [www.npansw.org.au/jobs](http://www.npansw.org.au/jobs) for details. Ask Andrew for any additional information
- NPA is seeking a permanent full time staff member for the role of OFFICE COORDINATOR, job closes: 10am Monday 3rd April 2006. This person would ensure the smooth running of the organisation by facilitating and organising the office's day to day activities. The Sydney office is the focal point of NPA's 19 branches, 5300 members and a bushwalking program with over 1,000 walks each year. See [www.npansw.org.au/jobs](http://www.npansw.org.au/jobs) Ask Sam for any additional information.
- The Total Environment Centre is seeking a part-time (2.5 days/ week) Communications Officer to continue and expand a 2.5-year education program on hazardous chemicals in the home. The position can be based at a home office, although TEC office resources will be available to assist. Applications close on 27 March 2006. Contact either Jenny Kent or Jeff Angel for more information 9299 5680 or [jenny.kent@tec.org.au](mailto:jenny.kent@tec.org.au)

- ☐ The Wilderness Society has exciting opportunities for enthusiastic and committed advocates to work with an experienced team for the protection of the Cape York wilderness. Brisbane-based Community Campaigner position\* Part-time, 30 hours per week Salary \$28,000 per annum + super (\$35,000 pro rata) Cairns-based Community Campaigner position Part-time, 21 hours per week Salary \$19,600 per annum + super (\$35,000 pro rata) Application close 27 March, contact [larelle.mcmillan@wilderness.org.au](mailto:larelle.mcmillan@wilderness.org.au).
  - ☐ **Eureka Prize:** The NSW Department of Environment and Conservation Allen Strom Eureka Prize for Environmental Sustainability Education rewards excellence in the design, implementation and evaluation of programs for environmental sustainability education. The prize commemorates the outstanding work and untiring devotion to education related to the environment over 40 years by Allen Strom - considered by many as one of the founders of the conservation movement in New South Wales. For details of the and entry information see. How about having a go? [http://www.amonline.net.au/eureka/environmental\\_education/index.htmprize](http://www.amonline.net.au/eureka/environmental_education/index.htmprize) . Entries close May 5 2006
  - ☐ **Climate Action Grants** are part of the NSW Government's Greenhouse Plan. Grants for 2006 are available for up to \$250,000 for projects of 1 to 3 years duration. Two types of grants are being offered - Technology Action Grants & Community Action Grants. Application guidelines and forms are available at: [http://www.greenhouseinfo.nsw.gov.au/climate\\_action\\_grants](http://www.greenhouseinfo.nsw.gov.au/climate_action_grants) Or contact the Environmental Funding Programs Section at the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation on (02) 8837 6093.
  - ☐ Australia Post and Landcare Australia Ltd have joined forces with two new grant opportunities for community and youth groups across Australia: **Australia Post/Landcare Community Development Grants** and Junior Landcare Grants Program. Further information and application forms can be accessed at [www.landcareonline.com](http://www.landcareonline.com)
  - ☐ The Australian Government has recently announced that the next round of **Envirofund grants:** environmental and sustainable agricultural projects, including those targeting coastal areas. Community groups and individuals can apply for grants of up to \$50,000 (GST inclusive) to carry out on-ground and other actions to target local problems. Visit the website [www.nht.gov.au/envirofund](http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund) to register for Round 8 and to receive a copy of the Australian Government Envirofund Guide and Application Form.
  - ☐ Incorporated community conservation groups are invited to apply for funding in Round 9 of the **Threatened Species Network Community Grants** program, which will open on 1 April and close on 2 June 2006. Guidelines and application forms may be obtained from [www.wwf.org.au/tsn](http://www.wwf.org.au/tsn) or by calling 1800 032 551 from April 1; or ask the NSW & ACT Coordinator, Alison Colyer at [tsnsw@wwf.org.au](mailto:tsnsw@wwf.org.au).
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