

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH EAST WASTE FORUM

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Learning for Sustainability NSW Environmental Education Plan 2002-05

The NSW Council on Environment Education recently launched its 3-year plan for NSW, with a series of seminars across the state in metropolitan and regional areas. The plan aims to build the capacity of the whole community to be even more involved in making environmental improvements. It sets out a series of priority action areas and contains a framework of key outcomes that the State Government will pursue. Each outcome will be achieved through a series of strategies and actions, by highlighting the agency/ies responsible for implementation. For more information check out the website at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/cee

COURSES/CONFERENCES

Education for Sustainability –

- When: 13-14 & 20-21 June
- Where: Coffs Harbour
- Who: The NSW EPA and Macquarie University
- Contact: Roslyn Green on 02 9850 9716 or rgreen@mrl.mq.edu.au.
- Cost: \$55

Stormwater and Environmental Education Training for Local Government Officers –

- When: 29-30 April
- Where: Grafton
- Contact: Hunter Councils on (fax) 4962 0966
- Cost: free

WMAA Conference –

- When: 4,5,6 June
- Where: Sydney
- More information:
www.nswwasteconference.com.au

QLD WMAA WasteQ 2003 -

- When: 13,13 March
- Where: Calypso Plaza Resort, Coolangatta, QLD
- More information:
www.wmaa.asn.au

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Welcome to Matt Kelly who joins NEWF as the Ballina staff representative.

Many thanks to Paul Wilson who has been an enthusiastic and valuable NEWF representative for Ballina over the past few years.

Waste Management Association Australia – an Education Working Group for NSW

The WMAA has been in consultation with a Committee to formalise a Waste Education Working Group for NSW and the ACT as part of the WMAA in NSW. As part of the consultation process, a Discussion Paper has been developed and will be sent to waste education and waste management groups for feedback. The Working Group will seek to have greater input into waste management decision making and to develop closer links between waste education and waste management across local government, industry and community groups. For more information contact Bernadette on 6687 7066.

Compliance Audits of 30 NSW Rural Landfill Facilities by the NSW EPA.

The NSW EPA undertook a series of industry audits as part of its Compliance Audit Program – with 30 landfill sites across NSW. The purpose of the audits was to assess how each facility complied with the statutory instruments issued to it, with legislation administered by the NSW EPA, and to outline a program of follow up actions needed to address non-compliance and to improve environmental performance. Three councils on the North Coast – Grafton Regional Landfill, Namoona Landfill and Murwillumbah Landfill – were subject to the audit process.

For the full report see www.epa.nsw.gov.au/licensing/complianceaudit

NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2003

The Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy was released in February 2003. The Strategy was developed following comprehensive consultation with the NSW community, industry, community groups, environment groups, individuals and government. The strategy presents a framework for action. It is designed to guide all sectors of the community in identifying priorities for action and opportunities for partnerships that will help achieve these targets.

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