

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH EAST WASTE FORUM

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NEWF Review Progress

At the December meeting a number of issues were identified as areas of importance for the ongoing success of the NEWF.

Working groups will be formed to work on the following:

- Liaising with the DEC
- Developing a new strategic plan
- New name and logo
- Communication Strategy
- Structure
- Operational Matters/Meeting Protocols
- Finance/Funding
- Project Selection

These groups will provide a range of options for each issue and report back to the NEWF committee for decision-making. Work will begin at the February meeting.

Hazardous Waste Stores

The NEWF approached the Department of Environment and Conservation (former Resource NSW) for additional funding to complete the construction of the two hazardous waste stores.

The DEC has offered an additional \$25,000 for this project. This will be used to cover increased and unforeseen costs associated with building the stores.

The Grafton store is almost complete. All of the internal equipment and signs have been purchased and are ready to be installed. The Lismore store is waiting for completion of the engineering design for the slab. Once this has been finalised the Construction Certificate application will be submitted and work will begin on construction.

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NEWF Staff Update

The Executive Committee is negotiating staffing arrangements to minimise disruptions to the NEWF project implementation. They are negotiating with Bernadette Thomas over continuing in the Co-ordinator's position for a longer period. The Committee will then advertise for the position of Education Co-ordinator.

NEWF Committees

Two NEWF Sub-committees have been formed to ensure input by councils and assist the Co-ordinator in administering NEWF projects. An Education Sub-committee of Gordon Fraser-Quick and Russell Chaplin will assist with the employment of contract staff to work on education projects. An Executive Committee of Cr John Felsch, Tim Gooley, Russell Chaplin and Gordon Fraser-Quick will provide executive support to the co-ordinator and look at employment, performance and administration issues for the NEWF.

NEWF Meetings 2004

NEWF meeting details for early 2004 are as follows:

Friday February 13
9.30am-12.30pm
Ballina Shire Council
Cherry Street
BALLINA 2478

Friday April 30
9.30am-12.30pm
Macleay Shire Council
River Street
MACLEAN 2463

All staff delegates and councillors are encouraged to attend meetings regularly. One of the actions from the NEWF Review process will be to look at NEWF meetings and implement changes where necessary. Watch this space for an update later in the year.

Funding for 2003/2004

The Department of Environment and Conservation has approved \$150,000 in sponsorship funding for this financial year. Projects to be funded include: Full Review of the NEWF, website improvement, NEWF monthly Newsletter, Member Waste Planning, Landfill Operator Training, Construction and Demolition data collection, Commercial and Industrial data collection, Glass Cullet Reuse, Greenwaste Contract, Regional Recycling Issues, Waste Costs and Charges Workshop, Contract Review and Recycling Contamination Program.

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