



## **New Resources for the Regional Educators Network**

New fact sheets have been developed and published on our website for use by councils. Topics are:

- Household rebates from the Federal and NSW Government (please note Together Today have also released a similar brochure which is available from their website);
- Eco label accreditations; and
- Steps to sustainable procurement.

Fact sheets are available as a 'complete package' or in a raw text format to incorporate into your own corporate branding. Case studies from the recent Environmental Educators Forum are also available for download, including a range of projects from marine, business, water and schools.

To download these resources visit the Environmental Educators Resource Library

[www.hccrems.com.au/environmental\\_education/EnviroEdResources.html](http://www.hccrems.com.au/environmental_education/EnviroEdResources.html)

HCCREMS is currently developing a new website which will be more user friendly and provide access to more resources.

## **HCCREMS Positions Vacant**

### **Regional Sustainability Officer (Maternity Leave Position)**

The FOCUS on Sustainability program team is seeking a suitably qualified person to fill the role of the Regional Sustainability Officer whilst the Education and Events Co-ordinator takes maternity leave. The Sustainability Officer will be responsible for the ongoing facilitation of the Regional Educators Network and the delivery of the sustainable procurement, community arts, resource efficiency project and FOCUS on Energy Reduction projects. The Officer will also assist the FOCUS on Sustainability team with coordination of regional events and with other various projects being implemented by the project. The successful candidate will have a passion for environmental and community education and/or experience in local government, community environmental education or similar organisations, have excellent verbal and written communications skills, and the confidence to take on the ongoing facilitation of the Regional Environmental Educators Network. The position is offered full-time until 1 August 2010, with a possible extension for a further 6 months or redeployment to another project within the Division. The salary package will be negotiated with the successful candidate up to \$55k per annum including 9% superannuation.

### **Regional Sustainability Compliance Co-ordinator (Maternity Leave Position)**

The FOCUS on Sustainability program team is seeking a suitably qualified person to fill the role of the Regional Sustainability Compliance Co-ordinator whilst the Co-ordinator takes 12 months maternity leave. The Co-ordinator is responsible for delivering the compliance related initiatives within the overall project and will specifically manage the delivery of: a regional compliance policy and its associated operating procedures; the design and delivery of appropriate training for Council compliance staff; the development and delivery of a computerised review of environmental factors template tool; and the management of the Regional Compliance Officers Network. The successful candidate will have 3-5 years experience in compliance / planning or environmental roles in local government, have a working understanding of the EPA Act and Local Government Act, excellent verbal and written communications skills, have experience in project management and the facilitation of industry networks and/or large groups of professional staff. The position is offered full-time until 31 March 2011. Salary Package will be negotiated with the successful candidate (salary range \$70 -75k per annum including 9% superannuation).

Both applications close 9:00am Monday 1st of Februarys. Applicants must address ALL the criteria as described in the position description.

To download the position description visit [www.huntercouncils.com.au](http://www.huntercouncils.com.au) or email [enviroadmin@huntercouncils.com.au](mailto:enviroadmin@huntercouncils.com.au)

## Events

### HCCREMS Regional Compliance Network Meeting

The Bradford Hotel, Rutherford Thursday 18th February 2010.

The meeting will include a mix of presentations and workshops. Topics to be covered include: updates on key HCCREMS projects including the regional compliance training program for 2010; controlled actions under the Water Management Act; a case study of a successful pollution prosecution; and discussion a range of illegal clearing enforcement tools.

To RSVP or to request a copy of the agenda please contact [enviroadmin@huntercouncils.com.au](mailto:enviroadmin@huntercouncils.com.au)

### USSA Sustainability Tool Selector Workshop

The Bradford Hotel, Rutherford Wednesday 3rd March 2010.

This workshop will be presented by the Urban Sustainability Support Alliance (USSA) based on the 'Sustainability Tool Selector; a Guide for Local Government', developed by the Institute of Sustainable Futures. The guide will be distributed to all NSW councils and consists of tools identified through consultation with councils. The workshop will profile 5 tools and attendees will receive hard copy versions of the toolkit. The workshop will be relevant to senior executive staff and councilors, corporate planners, environment and community services staff and other interested council officers and stakeholders.

Cost to attend is \$55 for the first two participants from the same council, and \$33 each for subsequent participants. For more information on the event visit [www.lgsa-plus.net.au/www/html/3154-selecting-and-applying-sustainability-tools-workshop.asp](http://www.lgsa-plus.net.au/www/html/3154-selecting-and-applying-sustainability-tools-workshop.asp)

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## 2010 International Year of Biodiversity

The UN has declared 2010 International Year of Biodiversity and has produced resources to assist in developing education campaigns or projects. For more information visit [www.cbd.int/2010/welcome/](http://www.cbd.int/2010/welcome/)

In support of the Year of Biodiversity the World Association for Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) have developed an educational manual. The manual is a great tool to assist in developing biodiversity education programs. To download the manual visit [www.waza.org/en/site/conservation/2010-year-of-biodiversity](http://www.waza.org/en/site/conservation/2010-year-of-biodiversity)

## Hunter Water - New Education Position

Hunter Water has recently employed Irene White as its new Water Efficiency Communications Coordinator. The new position plays a key role in developing targeted community related projects as part of Hunter Water's 50 year water resources plan. Irene's role is to develop and implement water efficiency programs in partnership with key groups and organisations, and work with schools and community groups to deliver water efficiency education and promote water efficiency programs.

If you are interested in developing a water efficiency community project or education program in conjunction with Hunter Water, or require information in regards to saving water in homes, businesses or schools please contact Irene on 4979 9443 or email [irene.white@hunterwater.com.au](mailto:irene.white@hunterwater.com.au)



## Training

### IAP2 Certificate Program in Public Participation

IAP2 are running a course on public participation in Sydney during March. Public participation uses tools and techniques that are common to a number of fields: communication, social science, research, dispute resolution, facilitation and more. The course is divided into 3 modules with options of participating in all or just one.

For more information visit [www.iap2.org.au/training](http://www.iap2.org.au/training)

### Community Based Social Marketing Seminar

Kenmore-DMP are running a two day combined seminar on community based social marketing based on Doug McKenzie-Moore's *Fostering Sustainability Behaviour* book. The course is running in February in Melbourne.

For more information visit [www.kenmore-dmp.com/cbsmworkshop/](http://www.kenmore-dmp.com/cbsmworkshop/)

## Coming Up.....

**World Wetlands Day** 2nd February *'Caring for our Wetlands, the answer to climate change'*

**Sea Week** 1st-7th March *'Oceans of Life - ours to explore; ours to restore'*

**Clean Up Australia Day** 7th March *'Community, Business, and Schools Events'*

**Ground Water Awareness Week** 7th-13th March *'Time to schedule your annual water well check up'*

**World Water Day** 22nd March *'Communicating water quality opportunities and challenges'*

**World Meteorological Day** 23rd March *'take advantage of the weather and minimize its harmful effects'*

