

General Business and Announcements



Resources

HCCREMS Regional Climate Change Study

The outcomes of two years of research into the effects of climate change on the Hunter, Central and Lower North Coast Region are now available. Visit www.hccrems.com.au/climate_change/index.html to download the full report or project fact sheet.

HCCREMS Roadside Environment Toolkit

The Roadside Environment Toolkit provides a suite of practical resources to assist councils when undertaking road related environmental assessment and planning activities. This information could also be relevant to community groups working to rehabilitate roadside environment including Landcare and Bushcare groups in your LGA. Visit http://www.hccrems.com.au/roadside_environment/index.html to download the toolkit.

Climate Action Newcastle - Green Loans Assessors

Climate Action Newcastle have taken the initiative to list Green Loans Assessors within the region, this can help in finding out more about the program, and provide the opportunity to speak with an assessor before booking a home audit. To find out more visit <http://climateaction.org.au/green-loans>

New Website Living Greener

Federal Government has released a new sustainability website visit www.livinggreener.gov.au/

Green Home Display

DECCW have a Green Home cardboard pop up display that Councils are able to borrow for living green or sustainability displays. The display has several rooms with tips on how to reduce water or energy use. The display needs to be collected or couriered from Sydney, for bookings contact Prue Phillips
Prue.Phillips@environment.nsw.gov.au or if you would like more info or to see photos of the display call Juliana

Australian Schools Gardner Network

A new community web space has been established for people passionate about learning in the garden and schools visit <http://australianschoolgardensnetwork.ning.com>

Events

Climate Code Red Emergency Planning

Organised by the Society for Sustainability and Environmental Engineering, Lake Macquarie City Council and Newcastle City Council. Keynote address by Professor Ian Lowe. This is a national series of workshops to discuss what would happen if Australia was to immediately reduce emissions by 50%. Wednesday 14th October 2009 4pm -7pm. Newcastle Panthers . RSVP Katrina Baker 4926 4440 or kbaker@engineersaustralia.org.au

Invitation for Private Conservation landholders

The Environmental Defender's Office (EDO) is seeking to consult with landholders who have been involved in private conservation. The EDO is also interested in speaking with people who are in the process of investigating or carrying out private conservation or people who have looked at private conservation options and decided against implementing a private conservation program. If you fit into any of these categories please contact us. Your feedback and experiences will be used as part of the research into a new free publication on private conservation. Please contact Project Officer Rosemary Bullmore on (02) 9262 6989 or education@edo.org.au

Ride to Work Day

Wednesday 14th of October is Ride to Work Day and registrations are already open. Free promotional and event organizers kits are available, encourage your colleagues to take up the challenge and organise a community breakfast for those who ride. To find out more visit www.registerridetowork.com.au/home

Smart Energy Expo

Friday 6th November - Sunday 8th November Newcastle Town Hall. The event has grown from its humble beginnings and is now in its 3rd year. Event organizers are calling on volunteers to assist throughout the event for more info visit <http://www.climateaction.org.au/>

Events continued...

Sensible transport for Newcastle

Elliot Fishman from Melbourne's Institute for Sensible Transport will discuss alternatives to car dependent transport systems with solutions like ride sharing, bicycle and public transport integration, workplace bike fleets, and Council peak oil contingency planning. The session will include a presentation followed by a panel response and questions from the audience. Organised by Transition Towns and supported by Newcastle City Council for more information visit <http://www.transitionnewcastle.org.au/sensible-transport-newcastle-forum>

Training

DECCW Using Research to Improve Sustainability Programs

FREE training based on a new Guide to Using Research in Sustainability Programs'. Tuesday 15th of September 10am-3pm Maitland Town Hall to find out more or to register contact Lynne McLoughlin from DECCW on 8837 6045

DECCW How to Develop and Evaluate Sustainability Programs

FREE Training Monday 28th September Maitland Councils (details TBC) to find out more or to register contact Tanya Rajaratnam from DECCW on 8837 6021 or tanya.rajaratnam@environment.nsw.gov.au

Train - The - Trainer Catchment Workshop Training for Community Educators

FREE On completion of the training you will be equipped to present the Catchment Connections workshop series . 26th September 1pm-5pm Gladesville for more information contact Sarah Kinsela skinsela@ryde.nsw.gov.au or 9952 8206

Certificate Program in Public Participation IAP2

Build knowledge, and capacity for effective design and implementation of public participation programs. 2nd –6th November 2009 Sydney for more information please visit www.iap2.org.au/training

Les Robinson Enabling Change Training

Motivating Community Action 15th of October (1 day) OR Facilitation Skills 13th October (1 day) both in Sydney For more information visit www.enablingchange.com.au/

Doug McKenzie-Mohr community-based social marketing (selecting behaviours, identifying barriers, developing strategies, conducting a pilot, and broad scale implementation). February 2010 for more information visit <http://homepage.mac.com/dmohr/filechute/AustraliaFlyer2010.pdf>

Funding

DECCW Rebates Promotion Funding Opportunity

Funding available for up to \$5,000 per Council or Councils submit a joint application (i.e. 4 Councils receive \$20,000). Information available from Janice Bagot janice.bagot@environment.nsw.gov.au or if you are interested in organising a joint application please contact Juliana (HCCREMS).

News Items of Interest

4 Sydney Councils ban collection of E-Waste from General Clean Ups

In an effort to place pressure on federal and state governments to implement a national recycling scheme Mosman, Manly, Warringah and Pittwater have all banned the collection of E-Waste. The SHOROC Councils are hoping to redirect the devices from landfill to a nationally regulated recycling system that is yet to be agreed upon. A national e-waste policy is expected to be announced in November, Warringah's Michael Regan is confident a national scheme will be in place in the first quarter of 2010. "I'm putting my faith in all sides of politics that there is enough goodwill there and from industry and consumers for it to happen." Mayor Regan is calling on other Councils to join the ban.