



# EnviroEvents

## June 08

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## VAEE Overview

Welcome to the June 2008 edition of " *EnviroEvents* ", the newsletter from the Victorian Association for Environmental Education. Our aim is to provide an informative overview of the activities of VAEE and all persons and organisations who share our missions and goals.

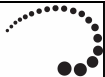
In May we started the first part of the AuSSI Vic Facilitation training with a great group of participants who came as far away as Adelaide to attend. They will be completing their training later in June after they have had five weeks to complete their main assignment. We will continue to deliver professional development on Education for Sustainability with our next PD "Funding a Sustainability Program". More information to, you will find below.

Please also mark in your diaries the dates of our conference. From 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August we will come together at the Royal Botanic Gardens and discuss new ideas about "Riding the Sustainable Green Wave".

Do you have some news for *EnviroEvents*? Contributions are always welcome. Email with your text and contact details. We wish you fun sharing your ideas and knowledge on lots of events, conferences and projects.

Kind regards,

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## VAEE Events and Developments

June 11**VAEE Professional Learning Program 2008: Funding a Sustainability Program**

While establishing an Education for Sustainability [EfS] program in itself does not require a vast expenditure, additional funding certainly helps.

- To promote Education for Sustainability in schools, and the community, government at all levels are offering grants or subsidies for infrastructure.
- Business and industry also offer grants and incentives to provide infrastructure
- A number of Charitable trusts can also be a source of funding
- How do we access these funds ?

Funding a Sustainability Program aims to help you to find out where funding can be obtained and how to direct it into your EfS program.

**Date:** Wednesday, 11th June 2008 **Time:** 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

**Facilitator:** Gary Shadforth - With material from a team of practicing educators and facilitators.

**Venue:** Statewide Resource Centre, 150 Palmerston Street, Carlton.

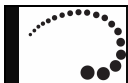
**Cost:** \$80 VAEE members, \$100 non-members

For information contact Gary Shadforth (03) 9349 1806 or via email at [gshadforth@vae.vic.edu.au](mailto:gshadforth@vae.vic.edu.au)

**August 22 - 23**

**2008 VAEE CONFERENCE**

The next VAEE conference under the theme "Riding the sustainable Green Wave" will be held at the Royal Botanic Gardens from August 22nd to 23rd. We are seeking conference committee members to assist in the organization of the conference. The requirements of a conference committee member are: a short monthly meeting, a few telephone calls to gather information and organise aspects of the conference, and some assistance with putting together the conference brochures etc. This could be your opportunity to help shape the 2008 VAEE Conference. We are still interested in potential speakers, presenters and exhibitors. Are you somebody with something to share? Are you a teacher with a success story to tell? For information contact Gary Shadforth (03) 9349 1806 or via email at [gshadforth@vae.vic.edu.au](mailto:gshadforth@vae.vic.edu.au)



**Other Professional development and training**

**May 23 and 29 - 30**

**LandLearn**

LandLearn will be introducing our simple and interactive VELS-linked activities which support teaching of sustainability topics in the science classroom at a number of conferences:

- Primary Science Teachers Conference (23 May - Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre, Preston)
- 2008 Victorian Outdoor Education Association Conference (29-30 May - Abbotsford Convent, Collingwood, Melbourne)

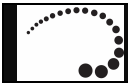
LandLearn will also be offering workshops covering four PD themes around Victoria in 2008. To find out dates for these PD's as they arise or to register for these workshops go to [www.landlearn.net.au](http://www.landlearn.net.au) > teacher support & PD > pd calendar. To organise a free PD covering one of these themes at your school contact us at [landlearn.program@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:landlearn.program@dpi.vic.gov.au).

**June 6**

**Biodiversity Green Paper Forums**

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is convening three workshops for councils to inform the MAV's submission to the Land and Biodiversity Green Paper. Submissions and comments will be considered in the development of the White Paper, which will direct the State Government's policy development and investment in NRM over the next 20 - 50 years. The last workshop is held in Melbourne, Friday 6 June.

For more information contact Luke Murphy, MAV Local Government NRM Facilitator on 9667 5583 or <mailto:lmurphy@mav.asn.au>. Submissions to the Green Paper can be made online at <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/landwhitepaper>.



**Conferences and Gatherings**

**June 4 and 5**

**Firestarter Melbourne Water River Health Youth Conference**

Firestarter is looking to recruit enthusiastic interns and volunteers for one or more of our events in 2008. The roles listed below refer to each conference, so please indicate on your “Registration of Interest” form which event you would like to volunteer at. You don’t have to live in the city or state of the conference to volunteer, many of the roles require planning that can be done from anywhere - and if you live in Melbourne then you can come into Firestarter to assist from the office.

For each of the roles below you will be provided with plenty of support, management advice and skills training. You will also have the exciting opportunity to be a part of these amazing events. We are looking for enthusiastic people, who are confident enough to lead large groups of people, who have the ability to oversee / support other volunteers taking part in the activities, and have good time management skills (the ability to get people from A to B on time). If you have experience in event management this is great, if not that is ok! We are happy if someone thinks they have what it takes to be an Event Manager! If you have an interest in the environment then this is also a bonus.

To register as a volunteer please fill out registration form. For all enquiries about roles, please contact Firestarter on 03 9329 3736 or [info@fire-starter.com.au](mailto:info@fire-starter.com.au). For more information visit [www.onelifeoneworldourfuture.com](http://www.onelifeoneworldourfuture.com)

**June 5 - 8**

**Going Green Expo**

Going Green Expo will open on Thursday 5 June, 2008 (World Environment Day) at the Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre. Featuring over 150 exhibitors, the four day event will showcase the latest environmentally friendly and sustainable information, products and solutions for business and consumers. From agriculture, air quality, recycling & waste, carbon trading & offset programs and cleaning, to clothing, textiles, design, food & beverage, health & beauty, office supplies, organic produce, travel and eco tourism. A series of free seminars will be held on the show floor covering a range of topics such as climate change, carbon trading and practical applications for sustainability in the work place and at home. A number of case studies and 'how to' presentations will also give business visitors and consumers tips and insight into the easy ways to 'go green'. All exhibitors at the Going Green Expo will be promoting environmentally responsible products and services that help reduce environmental impacts and offer a sustainable, ‘green’ approach.

Expo:	Thursday 5 June - Sunday 8 June, 2008
Expo Open Times:	Thursday 12 noon - 8.00pm
	Friday 10.00am - 6.00pm
	Saturday 10.00am - 6.00pm
	Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm

Venue: Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre, Southbank, Victoria  
Admission: Adults \$15, Children under 15 free when accompanied by an adult

Visitors can get a free ride to the expo using Ecotaxi's 'green transport'.

Anyone in Melbourne who spots and flags down the Going Green Ecotaxi on their way to the expo will enjoy a more environmentally friendly ride to the event in the luxury Lexus RX400h hybrid vehicle, compliments of Going Green Expo and Ecotaxi.

Ecotaxi is launching its 'Free Rides' service in Victoria on World Environment Day and will run it for the duration of the show from Thursday to Sunday as a free service to visitors.

For more information contact **Big Mouth, Kerry Nelson** on 03 9558 3122, [kerry.nelson@bigmouth.net.au](mailto:kerry.nelson@bigmouth.net.au) and visit [www.goinggreenexpo.com.au](http://www.goinggreenexpo.com.au).

### July 9 - 12

#### **AAEE's Environmental Education UP THE TRACK: Hot Topics for our Community**

The Australian Association for Environmental Education (AAEE) is the premier professional association for those who work in the fields of environmental or sustainability education. Darwin is uniquely positioned as a cross-road for diverse experiences in tropical Australia. Come 'up the track' to Larrakia country and Charles Darwin University or join our virtual conference from your home-base. Share your thoughts and ideas on how we can move forward to educate for a more sustainable future through our themes. For more information please visit [www.cdu.edu.au/ehs/AAEE/](http://www.cdu.edu.au/ehs/AAEE/).

Millennium Kids will be coordinating a Youth Conference in partnership with the Australian Association for Environmental Education (AAEE) conference in Darwin from the 9th - 12th July 2008. Two youth delegates from each state will be selected to represent their state at the conference. They will present at the conference on the youth activities happening around Australia and report back to the youth delegates attending the Carbon Free Youth Environment Conference being held simultaneously. If you are or know a young person who is interested in representing Victorian youth at the conference, OR you could assist financially with accommodation and flight expenses, we love to hear from you. Contact Bernadette Thomas on <mailto:bthomas@vae.vic.edu.au> or 9349 1806.

### August 18 - 20

#### **4th Australia-New Zealand Climate Change & Business Conference in Auckland**

The 4th Australia- New Zealand Climate Change & Business Conference will again look at the risks and opportunities facing business as a result of climate change with a focus this year on emissions trading, both compliance and voluntary, and complementary measures to address climate change. More than 90 expert speakers from the Australia-New Zealand region and around the globe have been invited including Prime Ministers Clark and Rudd. The event is a must for anyone involved in climate change strategy and policy planning and implementation in this region.

This not-for-profit event is being organised by a coalition of business groups, government agencies and NGOs from Australia, New Zealand, the USA and Europe.

Please visit [www.climateandbusiness.com](http://www.climateandbusiness.com) for registration and further program details.

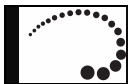
**October 19 - 12**

**The 2008 International Youth Coastal Conference**

This conference is about protecting and enhancing our precious marine and coastal environments, communities and industries through education and involvement of the next generation of leaders. All primary and secondary schools across the world are invited to attend this conference.

**Location:** Townsville, on the Great Barrier Reef.

If you are interested in supporting (as a sponsor) or attending (as a school) please speak to Cathy Oke: [cathy@fire-starter.com.au](mailto:cathy@fire-starter.com.au) or call 3 9329 3736.



**Community Events and General News**

**June 9**

**2008 SEAWEEK BANNER COMPETITION**

**Close of entries:** Monday 9th June

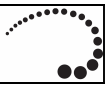
**Parks Victoria and MESA invites primary and secondary students in Victoria to create banners with clear messages about endangered (or extinct) marine creatures. The theme of the banner should tie in with the 2008 MESA SeaweeK theme: "Extinction- a Saw point".**

The banners will be displayed at the Melbourne Aquarium in from the 9<sup>th</sup> until the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. The general public will have the opportunity to vote for their 'Peoples Choice winner' during the display period. Finalists will be invited to an awards ceremony on the 16th of June at Ricketts Point Marine National Park, where students will get to meet other finalists. The awards ceremony will also be a local celebration of World Ocean day

<http://www.theoceanproject.org/wod/>

**Prizes:** Class trip to a Parks Victoria Education Centre or a Ranger Roo Membership for individual entries, Class trip to the Marine Discovery Centre

For **Entry details and further information contact** Victorian MESA representative Andrew Vance via email [avance@mgc.vic.edu.au](mailto:avance@mgc.vic.edu.au) or Kerry Roberts at Parks Victoria on 8627 4801.



## Resources

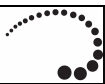
### Eco Agents website

Children can now learn about ways to protect the environment, while chasing eco-villains on the European Environment Agency's new 'Eco Agents' website, available in 24 languages.

Eco Agents website ([ecoagents.eea.europa.eu](http://ecoagents.eea.europa.eu)) invites 9- to 14-year-olds to become undercover 'eco agents' in comic strip stories. In each story, five heroes from the Netherlands, Finland, Poland, Turkey and Greece are assigned to a special mission, such as infiltrating a 'wind farm' in the Netherlands, which is a cover-up for a natural gas extraction facility. After creating a personal profile, each new recruit actually appears in the comic strips alongside the permanent characters. Each mission includes games where children earn points towards a general score.

Two storylines on climate change and water quality are already online. They will be followed by stories on sustainable lifestyle, biodiversity and air quality.

For more information visit: <http://ecoagents.eea.europa.eu/>



## Awards and Grants

### Melbourne Awards

Closes on **June 6**

Entries for the 2008 Melbourne Awards open on Monday, **10 March 2008**. You can be nominated or nominate yourself. Entry forms can be downloaded from the website. You are also required to fill out a 'Registration of Entry' form to advise us of your intention to enter. This will only take a few moments to complete and we request they are completed as soon as possible.

The key dates are:

Registration of entry forms due: Friday, 16 May 2008

Submissions due: Friday, 6 June 2008

Judging period: Monday, 23 June - Friday, 1 August 2008

Finalists announced: Tuesday, 5 August 2008 Gala Awards Ceremony: Saturday, 30 August 2008

For more information on the Melbourne Awards, please visit the [www.melbourne.vic.gov.au](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au) website.

### **Green Schools Connect**

**Closes on June 30**

Green Schools Connect is a partnership between Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Vodafone Australia Foundation to help make environment projects in schools a reality. Green Schools Connect has been helping to educate and inspire young Australians about the environment since 2005.

Green Schools Connect enables schools to get the extra hands to get the project done.

This may be creating a native bush foods garden, demonstrating to students how to monitor frog population in your school yard or cleaning up a creek line adjacent to the school.

In 2007 Green Schools Connect assisted 108 schools across Australia. Project outcomes included assisting 18 wildlife corridors, 10 nature trails 23 frog ponds and wetlands, 16 indigenous bush food gardens and creating 15 community gardens and learning spaces.

Nominations close 30 June 2008. Interested schools should visit [www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/greenschoolsconnect](http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/greenschoolsconnect) to apply and to read about some of the successful projects. For more information on Green Schools Connect, contact Conservation Volunteers Australia on 03 5330 2600.

### **The 2008 Switch™ Awards**

**Closes on September 15**

Through the Home Energy Project, students learn and develop important efficiency messages to share with others. These can be communicated via posters, stickers, talks, short films or PowerPoint displays - the options are endless. Students can enter this work into the Switch™ Awards. For Registrations visit [www.originenergy.com.au/switch](http://www.originenergy.com.au/switch).

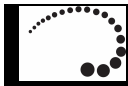
### **Australian Conservation Foundation: Environmental Heroes**

**Closes on 25 November**

Here's is your chance to become an environmental hero! Over the next nine month join Anthony Pratt - founder of the Australian Recycling Movement and CEO of paper and packing giant Pratt Industries USA) - *The Australians Women's Weekly* and ACF in the quest to discover our nation's environmental heroes.

The Environmental Heroes competition awards \$10,000 a month to environmental projects focusing on areas such as recycling/land fill avoidance/diversion, tree planting, energy efficiency and battling climate change.

Entry forms are available from the *Australians Women's Weekly*. Entries open now and close on November 25, 2008. For more information go to: [www.acfonline.org.au/heroes](http://www.acfonline.org.au/heroes).

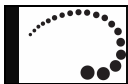


**Activate**

**Volunteering - Sustainable Living Foundation**

Get active in one of the many areas within SLF and help accelerate the uptake of sustainable living. Areas of participation are: SLF- Office Team, Own Practice, Directory, Calendar, Events, Focus Groups, and Festival. Detailed descriptions of these platforms can be found at: [www.slf.org.au](http://www.slf.org.au).

Contact for expression of interest or more information - Luke Taylor, [luke@slf.org.au](mailto:luke@slf.org.au), 9249 1888 (People expressing interest will be contacted in the second half of 2008 for the 2009 Festival)



**Vacant Positions**

**GreenHome Victoria Coordinator**

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) is seeking a GreenHome Coordinator to lead our sustainable living outreach program in Victoria. You are an exceptional communicator and experienced team leader with a passion for sustainable living issues. Your ability to identify new opportunities, develop strategic business partnerships and nurture diverse relationships are core to this role, as is your proven success in community engagement and outreach programs.

Applications close 4 June 2008

Please address the experience, skills and personal attributes required and send your application via email only to:

Justine Vaisutis,  
Human Resources Coordinator  
Email: [work@acfonline.org.au](mailto:work@acfonline.org.au)

**Careers at the Zoo (Years 9-12 students) *Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road, Werribee***

July 3rd, July 4th, July 10th, July 11th, July 24th or July 25th

For students considering pursuing a career with animals and/or wildlife conservation. Gain an insight into what a job working with animals actually entails. Students will have an opportunity to meet with passionate and experienced zoo employees working within a range of departments. The education and career paths taken by these employees and the diversity of employment opportunities within the Zoo will be discussed.

Flyers can be downloaded at

[http://zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student\\_Conferences/Careers/WORZ](http://zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers/WORZ)

Spaces are limited. Prior to sending your registration please phone Jeanette Goonan at Werribee Open Range Zoo for availability on 9731 9613.

**CareerHub Central.**

CareerHub Central allows you to write one job spec and distribute that advertisement to multiple universities simultaneously for a flat, distribution fee. You pay a fee every time you advertise, whether you choose to distribute the position to one or all 25 participating universities. Currently there are over 300,000 students and graduates using CareerHub to search for employment. For more information please visit <http://www.careerhub.com.au> or Wendy Gleeson on 1300 852 112 or <mailto:w.gleeson@careerhub.au>.

 **VAEE Contacts**

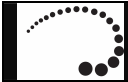
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Jane Ryan (Department of Sustainability and Environment)

Submission information: EnviroEvents  
To ensure inclusion of your advertisement, news story, event or program in *EnviroEvents*, please make sure you email to the VAEE at [admin@vae.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@vae.vic.edu.au) one week before the month ends.



## VAEE Events Booking Form

VAEE, 150 Palmerston St Carlton VIC 3053, Ph: (03) 9349 1806, Fax: (03) 9349 5758, Email: [vaae@vaae.vic.edu.au](mailto:vaae@vaae.vic.edu.au)  
 Cancellations made after this time may not be eligible for full refund. Bookings close 5 working days before the event date.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the VAEE? (Please circle)    Y / N

**Please give the following details for the event you want to attend:**

Name and date of event: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending (insert number in boxes):    Members     Non-Members

Names of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of booking (prices are GST inclusive): \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick appropriate category:    Catholic     Independent     Government

*If you teach in a government school please circle the applicable region:*

Eastern Metropolitan    Northern Metropolitan    Western Metropolitan    Southern Metropolitan

Barwon    South Western    Gippsland    Grampians    Hume    Loddon Mallee

**Catering:** please let us know of any dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide payment details. Bookings must be accompanied by Cheque/Card details/ or School Purchase Order No.**

**Credit card** – We only accept the following cards. Please debit my (tick the appropriate box):

MasterCard     Visa     Bankcard

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date (month/year): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Cheque** – Please mail cheques payable to the Victorian Association for Environmental Education.

**\*\* Please fax or post this form to the address or fax number shown above. \*\***