

August 2004

▶ President's Report

AWARE is at a crucial point in its development as a professional incorporated association. We have built a reputation for providing excellent networking opportunities and informative speakers for members at our events and we have continued to provide opportunities for sharing resources, information and educational expertise through our e-news, AWARENESS journal and more recently our website:

www.aware.asn.au

However as we look to the future we ask ourselves, 'How can we continue to provide these resources based on our voluntary support and the effort of a handful of dedicated educators?' We are facing the realisation of financial pressures forced upon us through the need for annual public liability insurance and the ongoing administration of the association. We work on a shoestring budget and the good will of our members

and their councils for which we are very appreciative.

We are currently looking to secure our financial future through a three-year sponsorship agreement with EcoRecycle Victoria for the ongoing provision of waste and resource education services, including the judging of the 'Waste Wise Education Awards', AWARENESS journal and provision of best practice educational events.

We are also reviewing our membership fees and will be seeking members' approval for a small increase at the Annual General Meeting in September. This will be the first increase in fees since the establishment of AWARE in 1997.

We are very grateful to our ongoing and newly secured sponsors for their support in the production of the AWARENESS journal. This continues to be our

flagship annual publication and an historical record of achievements of our members. I look forward to presenting it to you at the AGM.

As president of AWARE for the past two years I have had the privilege of working with a team of dedicated and enthusiastic educators and as I will be standing down from this position at the AGM, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in this role over the past two years. I have enjoyed the opportunity to represent members of AWARE at meetings, events and waste education conferences in particular the 'Education for Sustainability Conference' in Sydney. I have enjoyed the camaraderie of our executive meetings and the lively debates about AWARE and its future. I look forward to continued involvement with you all in this upcoming 'Decade for Education for Sustainable Development'.

~Gayle Seddon

▶ enviroPLUCK yourself an environmental job

The Environmental Jobs Network (EJN), in conjunction with PLUCK (RMITV), have produced an 8 week half-hour series entitled 'enviroPLUCK Yourself an Environmental Job', showing on Channel 31 in Melbourne and Adelaide.

EnviroPLUCK started on Monday 19 July. Each show will explore a theme ranging from the different

types of environmental careers available now and in the future, opportunities through joining graduate programs, the importance of volunteer work and networking, great career advice tips, environmentally friendly gadgets for sustainable living and contacts for working and studying overseas and much more!

enviroPLUCK is produced and



presented by volunteers from the Environmental Jobs Network and PLUCK/RMITV. EJN is a non-profit group that helps people, in particular students or recent graduates, to find their ultimate dream environmental job – by providing a website www.environmentaljobs.com.au packed full of career advice, course information and jobs.

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Do you have something to contribute to E-News? We are always interested in receiving news of seminars, events, resources and websites to include in E-News. So, please let Sandy Tibballs know.

E-News is an electronic newsletter produced by AWARE for its members. To join AWARE, contact Subash Nanoo at: subash.nanoo@manningham.vic.gov.au



The producers will be interviewing experts in government departments, environmental groups and industry to get the inside story on how to land that environmental dream job. The show will feature key representatives from the City of Melbourne, RMIT University, Parks Victoria, Going Solar, Department of Sustainability and Environment, SARDI Aquatic Sciences, Earthwatch, Australian Conservation Foundation, Environment Victoria, Whitehorse Council, Latrobe University, Monash University, The Age, Vox Bandicoot, Melbourne Zoo, GHD, Earth Systems, CityWide, Toyota, Environment Protection Authority

Victoria, Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria, EcoRecycle Victoria and the Environmental Jobs Network.

Pluck is a ground-breaking youth television program for community television, broadcasting over 250 'live' episodes of Pluck. Pluck has an audience reach of 30,000 people.

enviroPLUCK is sponsored by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (Victorian Government), EPA Victoria and the Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria.

The principal partners of the Environmental Jobs Network are RMIT University School of Social

Science and Planning, Global Sustainability RMIT University and the City of Melbourne.

For more information, a full schedule of shows or interviews please call or email:

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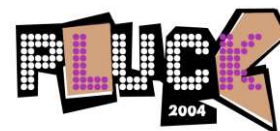
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~Gayle Seddon



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▶ ACE Model

Now that piloting has been completed, Metro West Waste (formerly Western Regional Waste Management Group) is pleased to announce Melbourne Water and Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria will manage the bookings and maintenance of the ACE model.

Melbourne Water aims to use the ACE model as part of its Prep to PhD Education Program across the greater Melbourne area while KABV will provide opportunities to use ACE in its regional and rural Victoria program.

Bookings for the ACE model can now be made via Melbourne Water. Contact Rachel Farran on 03 9742 9264 or ace@melbournewater.com.au or fax 03 9742 9284

~ Marion van Gameren



▶ News

Company unveils new waste processing option for councils

Waste management company Baxter Group has announced it has developed a new method of processing green waste sourced from municipal kerbside collections that might provide a viable alternative to existing processing methods.

Baxter has developed its 'Green Cell' technology at the company's licensed waste disposal site in South East Melbourne after undertaking extensive research work over the past 12 months.

The company unveiled the new technology at a special briefing session attended by local government CEOs, councillors and staff along with bodies including

waste management groups, Victoria's EPA and Visy Recycling.

The Green Cell proposes to turn kerbside collected garden and food waste into a soil enhancement product, helping prevent waste from going to landfill.

The product, which is achieved after the waste undergoes a biodegradation process within the cell, is expected to be used on site as either landfill cover material or organic rich soil enhancer for the rehabilitation of landfill cells.

For more information visit www.baxgroup.com.au

Source: Local Government News July 2004

Public Litter Reports up 30 per cent!

The ongoing trend of the Victorian public taking action against those that litter has reached even greater heights, with EPA Victoria issuing a massive 18,087 litter fines in the 2003-2004 financial year.

A huge rise in public litter reporting has seen EPA Victoria issue some 4,000 more fines than last year, and sees a doubling of the 8,502 fines issued for the 2001-2002 financial year.

This year has seen a significant increase in on-line litter reports, with some 5700 online reports received by EPA since May 2003. In fact, over the last three months, online web reports represent some 40 per cent of useable litter reports.

'One person has actually lodged 43 litter reports, via the internet, over the past year,' EPA Chairman, Mr Bourke said. 'Given the fact that a litter report is actually a legal statement, this level of commitment is outstanding.'

'Whilst a vast majority of the reports relate to cigarette butts, food packaging, beverage containers and even rubbish poorly secured to cars and trailers can be reported,' Mr Bourke said.

Those that litter from motor vehicles can be reported to EPA toll free on 1800 35 25 55, whilst litter report forms can be downloaded from EPA's website at www.epa.vic.gov.au

Litter reports can also be lodged electronically, via the internet at www.epa.vic.gov.au/Reporting/litter.asp, while more information on EPA's Litter Report Line can also be found at this address.

EPA can provide specific fine statistics for all Victorian municipalities/regions for the past three years.

Source: EPA Victoria www.epa.vic.gov.au

14 July 2004

▶ New Resources

Compiled by Sandy Tibballs

The GOOD STUFF Guide? A behind-the-scenes guide to the things we buy.

This excellent little Guide provides a wonderful insight into the 'Where does it come from?' question that frequently gets asked, but rarely gets properly answered.

The Worldwatch Institute has put together this Guide and made it available free for downloading on their website. The booklet covers "stuff" from chocolate to DVDs, and from antibacterial soap to paint. Remember that it is a US-based publication but other than that, it provides an excellent basis for discussions and debates around resources, recycling, reuse and plain and simple, 'Do we REALLY need it?' type of queries. The Guide can be downloaded for free from

www.worldwatch.org/pubs/goodstuff/

Keeping Our Stormwater Clean? A Landscaper's and Paver's Guide

Organisation: Kingston City Council

Summary: This recently released booklet provides guidelines designed to assist landscape gardeners and pavers prevent stormwater pollution and comply with council and state regulations.

More info: John Karner, Kingston City Council
Tel (03) 8585 3367 or john.karner@kingston.vic.gov.au

Keeping Our Stormwater Clean? A Builder's Guide (HTML Version)

Organisation: Kingston City Council

Summary: The popular 'Builder's Guide' is now available in html version. Councils and industry groups are welcome to create a link from their website to this resource or contact Clearwater to arrange a copy.

More info: www.clearwater.asn.au/CDs/Builders_Guide/HTML



▶ Events

Industry Stormwater Forum

Friday 20 August 2004

Kingston City Council is hosting an Industry Storm Water forum on Friday 20 August 2004, 8.45 am to 3.00 pm at the Kingston Arts Centre in Moorabbin. The forum will be focusing on environmental management on Victorian industrial sites.

Starting at 8.45 am, there will be a number of speakers covering topics of interest to storm water/environment professionals from government, CMAs, EPA Victoria and consultants. Speakers include Cr Topsey Petchey (Kingston Council), Chris Chesterfield (Melbourne Water), Geoff Thiel (Marrickville Council, NSW), Robert Powell (Kingston Council) and representatives from PACIA and Pronto Concrete.

Geoff Thiel and Robert Powell will then lead site assessment tours of a concrete batching plant and a plastics manufacturing factory before and after lunch.

The VSAP funded joint project Best Practice Stormwater Guides for the Concrete Industry and Plastics Manufacturing will be officially launched by EPA Victoria and the Mayor of Moreland, Cr Anthony Helou at 1.00 pm. Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of the guides.

For further details about the forum, please contact Robert Powell, City of Kingston on (03) 8585 3379 or robert.powell@kingston.vic.gov.au To book a place, contact Nina Keath at Clearwater on (03) 9667 5569 or nkeath@mav.asn.au

AWARE Members Event

Product Stewardship Forum

Recently AWARE members had the opportunity to hear the latest on product stewardship initiatives from Diana Gibson, Team Leader Product Stewardship, EcoRecycle & Will LeMessurier, Managing Director MRI Industries. In addition, Michael Sterling's explanation and description of the 'Follow Your Waste Tours' organised by Stonnington Council for its residents.

Understanding product stewardship and managing the end of life problems that electronic and electric waste is generating for the community is an issue for government, industry, manufacturers, retailers, consumers and End of Life (EoL) manufacturers. Estimates provided by Will LeMessurier point to a pressing need for recycling schemes to be put in place to manage the disposal of electronic and electrical waste. In Victoria,

for example, it is estimated that 570,000 TVs, 1.7 million home PCs and 1.5 million mobile phones will need to be disposed of over the next 10 years. Helping the community and the corporate world to understand the problems that our use of electric and electronic goods is generating provides a major challenge.

Perhaps one way to assist the community is to provide opportunities for people to participate in Follow Your Waste Tours. Feedback from residents who participated in Stonnington's FYW tours suggests that, as a result of seeing where their waste goes and what happens to it, people are able to gain more knowledge and confidence in their recycling system and awareness of the problems that our increasing use of resources and resulting waste is causing.

~ Sandy Tibbals

▶ Strategy

Key EcoRecycle Victoria Draft Business Plan Priorities for 2004-7:

EcoRecycle Victoria recently launched its 2004-05 to 2006-07 Business Plan, announcing their priorities for the next three years.

1. Significant financial support for key infrastructure development to achieve the draft Strategy targets, particularly waste diversion and recycling programs for
 - Green organics in greater metropolitan Melbourne (\$9 million over three years)
 - C & I materials recovery in Melbourne and Regional Centres (\$6.2 million over three years)
 - Away from home recycling and litter reduction (\$3.4 million over three years)
 - Kerbside Recycling (\$6.3 million over three years)
2. Pursue product stewardship priorities identified in the draft Strategy with an initial focus on paint and electronics.
3. Refocus the business waste reduction program, with greater emphasis on working with and through other government departments, agencies and associations; eg working with DIIRD, EPA, SEAV and water agencies to provide a "full" sustainability package; and working through key industry associations such as AIG, PACIA, MBA, HIA and others to achieve these longer term sustainability objectives.
4. Connect more effectively with all our stakeholders, focussing on contacts, consistency in approach and simplicity in message.
5. Key deliverables for the 2004-2005 financial year:
 - Finalising the draft Towards Zero Waste Strategy
 - Facilitating a solution for green organics in greater metropolitan area
 - Further progress in recycling
 - Household best practice
 - Public places, events (including litter)
 - C & I sorting/processing
 - Implementing a Paint Product Stewardship program with this supply chain

Source: EcoRecycle Victoria's website – August 2004



▶ Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2004

- **Elster Creek Catchment Education & Awareness Project Launch**

Hosted by Port Phillip, Glen Eira and Bayside City Councils

Thursday 19 August, 9.45 – 11.00am

Elster Creek, St Kilda Street, Elwood
St Kilda Street, Elwood

Cost: Free

To book, contact Emily Dare at EDare@portphillip.vic.gov.au or (03) 9209 6680

- **Stormwater and Sustainability in Industrial Areas**

Forum, Launch & Site Tours
Hosted by City of Kingston & Clearwater

Friday 20 August, 8.45am – 3.00pm

Kingston Arts Centre
Cnr South Road and Nepean Hwy

Cost: Free lunch provided and a copy of the NEW Best Practice Industry Guide. Free parking provided on site.

To register, contact Nina Keath at Clearwater nkeath@mav.asn.au (03) 9667 55540

- **National Science Week – Plastic Bag Famine**

Saturday 21 – Sunday 22 August

Here's your chance to make a difference while taking part in this year's National Project. National Science Week has joined with Planet Ark to encourage Australians to reduce the 6.9 billion plastic check-out bags used every year.

Register your interest by sending an email to: scienceweek@your.abc.net.au with the subject heading Plastic Bag Famine.

- **EBATE Seminar**

Easy Steps for Greener Tourism Waste reduction in the Accommodation, Winery and Tourism sector

Wednesday 25 August, 5.30 – 7.30pm

Yarra Ranges Council Chambers, Anderson Street, Lilydale

Cost: Free

To register, contact June Porter by Friday 20 August for catering purposes at june@leastwaste.com.au or (03) 9874 4633

SEPTEMBER 2004

- **Who Cares About the Environment – Seminar/Workshop**

Friday 3 September, 9.30am – 1.00pm

The Mansion Hotel
Werribee Park Road, Werribee (Melway Reference 201 B4)

Morning tea & lunch provided plus optional Safari Tour of Werribee Zoo (2.00 pm)

Organised by Clearwater

- **WMAA AGM/Seminar**

Wednesday 8 September

1.00pm – AGM
2.30pm – 5.25pm – 'Sustainability in Practice' Seminar
5.25 – 6.30pm – Drinks

EPA Theatrette
Herald and Weekly Times Building
Ground Floor, 40 City Road, Southbank

- **AWARE AGM/Dinner** – Supported by Yarra City Council

Wednesday 15 September

5.30pm – Registration and pre-dinner drinks
6.00pm – AGM
7.00pm – Dinner and entertainment

Richmond Town Hall, Bridge Road Richmond

Cost: \$30 – with a contest and prizes for best re-used art /sculpture created on the night.

- **Waste 2004 Conference & Exhibition – “Working Together for Better Resource Management”**

Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 September

For further information visit www.impactenviro.com.au

- **Association of Women Educators Bi-Annual Conference**

STAND OUT – Lead, Shape, Sustain the Future

Wednesday 29 September

AEU Building, 112 Trenerry Cres, Abbotsford Victoria

Conference website: www.awe.asn.au

Contact Lesley MacFarlane on (07) 3512 9000, Mob 0407594 319

▶ Calendar of Events - continued

OCTOBER 2004

- **EcoRecycle's Waste Wise School Awards Ceremony**

By invitation – Date TBA

For more information contact Gould League on (03) 9532 0909

- **Schools' Environmental Expo – Lilydale Lake**

Tuesday 19 October – All day

For more information contact Judith Alcorn at Leastwaste on (03) 9874 4677

- **EcoRecycle Victoria 2005 Victorian Tidy Towns State Awards**

Friday 22 – Saturday 24 October

Gala Awards Dinner 23rd

Hosted by Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and the Hastings Tidy Towns Committee with support from Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria.

- **Zero Waste Week – 'Recycle Everywhere'**

Monday 25 – Saturday 31 October 2004

Zero Waste Week celebrates, recognises and applauds achievements and new initiatives that contribute to the avoidance and reduction of waste in the community. All organisations, groups and individuals are invited to get involved in Zero Waste Week by organising an event or taking part in an event.

EcoRecycle will be staging or participating in a number of events during the week to bring home the importance of moving Victoria towards zero waste

Organised by: EcoRecycle Victoria – www.ecorecycle.vic.gov.au

NOVEMBER 2004

- **National Recycling Week**

Monday 8 – Saturday 14 November

Recycle wherever you are - whether at home, work, school or around town

Organised by Planet Ark. For more information visit www.planetark.org

- **ECObuy National Conference**

BUYING GREEN 2004 – Sydney

Wednesday 10 – Friday 12 November

Following the success of the Buying Green Conference held in Melbourne 2003, Sydney will be hosting Australia's second national green purchasing conference and product exhibition. Headed up by a number of exciting international keynote speakers, the conference will include speaker presentations, workshops, forums and interactive panel discussions delivered through targeted streams. The theme for the conference is 'Buying Green Means Business' with a focus on buying green, procurement strategies and how to engage customers and supply chain innovation. If you are interested in attending this exciting two day conference please download the Expression of Interest.

- **Sustainable Waste Management Conference, Expo and Technical Tours**

Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 November

Organised by WMAA-Victorian Branch.

- **AWARE Christmas Party**

Friday 17 December, Exciting venue TBA

▶ How to cut your costs in cleaning up litter

The easiest way to spend less time and money on cleaning up litter is to have less to clean up, and more to recycle. Specialised training in 'best bin placement' is something that can deliver just that. It's called Blns training – Bins Infrastructure Training.

The training has been developed by the Beverage Industry Environment Council (BIEC) following years of litter research and a system trial, and is being delivered by Sustainable Learning and Terra Cordis.

The training works through a seven step method of analysing littered sites, including looking at where bins are placed and whether they are the right size for the job. Each step is rated to gauge what needs to be done to improve the area and cut the amount of litter.

The Blns process has built-in continuing monitoring of the performance at the site, so the management of litter and recycling can change if the situation changes – whether its your local football field, a busy street, or a major event attracting thousands of could-be litterers.

Using Blns enable more than 80% of waste generated at the Sydney Big Day Out concert to be recycled. South Eastern Regional Waste Management Group recently ran a Blns session for their councils and they're working on several areas now.

If you're interested in how you can benefit from the special Blns training, call Kirsty Richards at the Beverage Industry Environment Council on 0439 134 896.

~ **Kirsty Richards**



▲ Participants of the Blns training course organised by the SERWMG for its 10 member Councils.



AWARE (VICTORIA)

Annual General Meeting & Dinner

Richmond Town Hall
333 Bridge Road Richmond
Melways Reference 2H B6

Wednesday 15 September 2004

Program

Networking / Pre dinner drinks 5:30 pm
Annual General Meeting 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Dinner, Environmental Trivia 6:30 pm
8.00 pm to 9.00 pm Coffee

Cost: AGM Dinner – \$30 (members) \$45 (non-members)
GST – No GST applies*

RSVP: Carmela Parris at ParrisC@yarracity.vic.gov.au, T:03 9205 5093 or F: 03 9205 5069

Payment Before Dinner is Essential

Please mail payment ***before the event*** to:

Treasurer, AWARE Victoria
PO Box 975
South Melbourne 3205

Agenda For AGM 2004

1. Welcome, Apologies
2. Minutes of 2003 AGM
3. Business arising
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Business Plan (2004/2005)
7. Launch of Awareness journal
8. Election of Office Bearers *

**To obtain a nomination form contact Michael Sterling at
MSterlin@stonnington.vic.gov.au**



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AWARE VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP 2004

Invoice

Membership Category:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual members	\$35.00
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MEMBER DETAILS:

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**Corporate members are entitled to nominate three people to attend workshops and meetings.*

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