



## Annual Report 2005 - 2006

The year 2005-2006 began for AWaRE with the Election of Office bearers at AWaRE AGM 15 September 2005.

The following AWaRE Members were elected or co-opted to the Executive Committee at or just after the AGM.

Name	Position	Organisation
Judith Alcorn	President Public Officer	Least waste
Gayle Seddon	Vice - President	Citywide
Alison Winn (replaced by Rob Powell)	Treasurer	Frankston City Council
Lisa Coffa (replaced by Faye Loveland)	Secretary	City of Yarra SERWMG
Sandy Tibballs	Ordinary Member (E -news Editor)	SERWMG
Stan Vermeeren	Membership Officer	The Environmental Edge
Kirstine Oh	Ordinary Member	City Greater Dandenong
Pam Craven	Ordinary Member	Sustainability Victoria

### President' s Report 2005/2006

This year has seen a steady increase in membership of AWaRE (those beautiful butterfly badges are being seen everywhere!) As of 1 September 2006 AWaRE now has 88 Members from 45 Organisations with more renewals still to come in! The future for AWaRE looks brighter than ever!

We also made a meaningful contribution to the lives of sustainability educators around Australia through the " Learning for Sustainability" Conference. As President I was on the organising committee for this Conference held from 2-4 August. This event was one of the best Conferences I have ever had the privilege to help organise and take part in! All those who attended experienced something very special, from the Keynote Speakers including Akpezi Ogbuigwe from Nairobi who gave an inspirational presentation to the Artist in Residence providing creative opportunities for participants.

Please see the website for details -

<http://www.impactenviro.com.au/sustainability2006/>

AWaRE once again provided a range of activities for members to attend during the year. As well as the traditional Christmas Party there was a thought-provoking tour of a house retrofitted with sustainable water and energy saving products.

Calendar of Events for the past year

15/09/05	AGM + Annual Dinner Speaker	City of Boroondara
20/10/05	Exec Meeting	Citywide
16/12/05	Xmas Lunch & Fairtrade talk – Jasper Coffee	Via Volare
<a href="http://www.jaspercoffee.com/">http://www.jaspercoffee.com/</a>		
24/02/06	Exec Meeting	Least waste
28/03/06	GREEN MAKEOVER tour – Stuart McQuire	Brunswick
<a href="http://www.greenmakeover.com.au/">http://www.greenmakeover.com.au/</a>		
23/06/06	Exec Meeting	Citywide
2-4/7/06	Learning for Sustainability Conference	Rydges, Richmond
25/08/05	Exec Meeting	Citywide

The AWARENESS Journal for 2005 was delayed in production until earlier this year. All members should have received them and I once again congratulate Gayle Seddon for the high quality of editing involved. There will be another Journal this year –the 2006 edition will hopefully be available at the Christmas Function –planned to be on 8 December (stay tuned for an invitation.)

On a personal note, I would like to conclude my two years as president by giving my profound thanks to the hardworking Executive Committee - Stan Vermeeren (Membership Support) Rob Powell (Treasurer), Zandy Tibballs (Newsletter Editor), Pam Craven, Kirstine Oh, Faye Loveland and especially Gayle Seddon for the great partnership we have had in advancing AWARE this past year. Finally - a huge thankyou to Sustainability Victoria for their on-going sponsorship and all our other wonderful supporters and AWARENESS Journal sponsors.

I will close by saying that being President has opened up some great opportunities for me and I urge you to think about having a go at it sometime!

Judith Alcorn  
AWARE President  
2006

AWARE' s Green  
Makeover Tour in  
March at Stuart  
McQuire' s Brunswick  
home.

