



Dear All,

## **1. WSUD in Sydney Project Continues with a focus on supporting implementation**

In recognition of the successes of the WSUD in Sydney Project and to help facilitate the further uptake of WSUD principles across the Sydney region, Sydney Water and the Upper Parramatta River Catchment Trust have agreed to provide funding for me to continue the program for another year with the same project partners.

The main thrusts of this year's program will be to:

- help councils implement planning controls developed in the Water Sensitive Planning Guide,
- support councils undertaking WSUD projects,
- organise a WSUD seminar in early August 2004,
- co-ordinate a WSUD research project at Second Ponds Ck with Landcom and Sydney Water,
- continue to develop and expand the [www.wsud.org](http://www.wsud.org) - website, and
- promote available WSUD resources; to councils, developers and the public.

I am currently helping councils with a variety of WSUD projects and processes such as: developing, or including WSUD in, council planning policies, development an Expression of Interest (EOI) with WSUD and ESD principles for a tender process, helping update planning and rainwater tank policies, helping councils to review or develop masterplans for specific sites and running/supporting in-house WSUD capacity building training sessions. I am keen to work with all councils in the Sydney Region on WSUD projects and policy development so feel free to contact me at [info@wsud.org](mailto:info@wsud.org) or 04 22 00 88 69 (This is a free service for councils)

## **2. WSUD Discussion Forum**

The WSUD discussion forum is a way for you to ask questions of others working on water sensitive urban design. There are currently 110 people on the discussion forum list from all parts of Australia. It works by someone emailing a question in, which is vetted then sent around to all those on the list and hopefully someone answers the question, which goes to everyone on the list! It's not a chat room so it won't contravene some organisation's policies, so join up now! To join click here: <http://lists.uprct.nsw.gov.au/mailman/listinfo/wsud> or follow the link on the [wsud.org](http://wsud.org) homepage.

## **3. Australian Runoff Quality (ARQ) Guidelines out for Comment**

Australian Runoff Quality (ARQ) have draft national guidelines that are currently out for comment. The draft guidelines can be downloaded and feedback can be given at <http://www.arq.org.au/>

I encourage you to have a read and put your comments in to help get a document that will be useful to you. Comments/Feedback should be given by the end of April 2004.

## **4. WSUD Seminar Planned for first week of August 2004**

We are planning to run a WSUD seminar focussed on NSW issues and projects in the first week of August, so pencil it into your diaries. It will be run in conjunction with the NSW branches of the AWA and SIA. We will be calling for people to present the WSUD work/projects they have been working on soon. If you have an interesting/innovative project or policy that others may be interested in please let me know about it on [info@wsud.org](mailto:info@wsud.org)

#### **5. New Office Contact details**

The WSUD in Sydney Office has moved so please update your address books with the new landline numbers and postal address. Email and Mobile is still the same.

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#### **6. Water Sensitive Resource Kit CD**

CD copies of the Water Sensitive Resource Kit CD are still available. The Resource Kit contains electronic copies of the Water Sensitive Planning Guide & Practice Notes, 20 case studies of projects undertaken by Sydney Councils last year, WSUD literature (including case studies) and the Draft WSUD Technical Guidelines for Western Sydney. If you would like a copy please email [info@wsud.org](mailto:info@wsud.org) with your name and postal address.

***Please forward this on to colleagues who may be interested in WSUD.***

If this e-newsletter was forwarded to you & you want to receive future e-newsletters please send an email to [info@wsud.org](mailto:info@wsud.org) and put **join** in the subject line.

If you want to be removed from this list email [info@wsud.org](mailto:info@wsud.org) with **remove** in the subject line.

Regards

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