

Dear All,

Sorry it has been a while between newsletters (holidays...unfortunately they end!). This WSUD e-newsletter contains information on (1) new WSUD literature/case studies, (2) 2005 Sustainable Water Challenge for councils (3) Free in-house council "What's new with WSUD" forum (4) SCCG draft ground water guide (5) short (3 hour) AIUS seminar on Urban Villages (6) Houses of the Future exhibition and talks.

### 1. New WSUD Conference Papers/Case Studies Available

I have just loaded more than 50 new conference papers onto the website. They are from the 2004 International WSUD Conference held in Adelaide late last year. The papers cover a huge range of different aspects of WSUD from around Australia and overseas.

I have grouped them into the following categories:

- WSUD Literature on Specific Developments
- General WSUD Literature (planning, groundwater, paving, swales etc.)
- WSUD Costing & Life Cycle Costs
- Rainwater Tank Literature
- Water Demand Literature
- Greywater and Sewage Literature
- Capacity Building, Organisational & Community Engagement

You can download them in PDF format from:

[www.wsud.org/literature.htm](http://www.wsud.org/literature.htm)

### 2. 2005 Sustainable Water Challenge for Councils

The Sustainable Water Challenge is on again this year. This is your chance to share your WSUD successes (and difficulties) with other councils and get some recognition for your innovation and hard work. Awards will be given out in seven categories (commercial and industrial and community engagement are new categories this year).

**Entry is open to all councils in NSW.** Projects entered must have been worked on after June 2004, involve water sustainability in some way, but do not need to be completed by August 2005. They could be projects undertaken by councils themselves or innovative developments that demonstrate water sustainability that were conditioned by your council.

The project categories for entry are:

- Retrofit
- Infill
- Landscaping
- Greenfield
- Planning & Policy
- Commercial & Industrial
- Community Engagement

Your project will be judged by an expert panel made up of members from the SIA, AWA, UPRCT and WSUD in Sydney and used as a case study. We therefore require you to submit a brief project report (3 pages plus pics) by **Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005** outlining the project, the lessons learnt and the anticipated environmental outcomes.

Not sure what it involves? The Sustainable Water Challenge was held in 2003 and 2004 and the projects entered can be found at [www.wsud.org/swc.htm](http://www.wsud.org/swc.htm) so go and have a look at what other councils have done. A template for preparing your entry can also be found at [www.wsud.org/swc.htm](http://www.wsud.org/swc.htm)

### 3. "What's new with WSUD" Discussion Forums for Sydney Metro Councils

The key points I cover in my talk/presentation on "What's new with WSUD" are:

- Case studies and opportunities for WSUD building and roadway retrofits,
- Water sensitive commercial buildings and WSUD parks/landscaping (including case studies),
- Brief status report on council water savings plans (DEUS), and
- Summary of technical & planning resources available for sustainable water management/WSUD.

The presentation takes about 50 minutes. It is a **free** service to councils in the Sydney region and will be accompanied by information handouts for all attendees. It is likely to be of interest to council staff from engineering, asset maintenance, town planning, parks and gardens managers, environment sections and councillors. The talk is designed to be a discussion and opportunities generator and will be pitched at all levels of experience. Please give me a call to book a discussion forum for your council (my contact details are at the end of the newsletter).

#### **4. SCCG Draft Groundwater Guide for Local Councils**

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) has released its Draft Groundwater Management Handbook – A Guide for Local Government for review/comment. A PDF version can be downloaded from: <http://www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/> Don't leave it too long as comments are due by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2005.

#### **5. Australian Institute of Urban Studies NSW (AIUS) Short Seminar "Urban Villages – What, Where and How"**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 4-7 pm** in the Northcott Room of the recently refurbished MASONIC CENTRE, Goulburn Street at Castlereagh

##### **Speakers:**

**John McInerney**, Deputy Lord Mayor,  
City of Sydney.

**Chris Stapleton**, Urban design and  
transport consultant.

**Penelope Coombes**, The People for  
Places and Spaces.

**Ralph Bruce**, President UDIA

For a more detailed program and registration form, go to:

<http://www.wsud.org/seminar.htm>

#### **6. Houses of the Future Exhibition**

The exhibition features 6 unique houses and 2 landscapes that promote the benefits of sustainable design in the built environment including water and energy conservation and sustainable material selection.

It is on until the **30th October 2005 (Entry is Free)**

**Open 9:00am - 4:45pm (last entry)**

As part of the exhibition SOPA are conducting several seminars for World Environment Month (June) in Western Sydney. Four speakers will present each evening so places are strictly limited and pre-booking is essential.

For more information or bookings call 02 9714 7888

or visit [www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au](http://www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au) or [www.housesofthefuture.com.au](http://www.housesofthefuture.com.au)

If you have a related event/seminar coming up please email me the details and I will endeavour to put it up on the wsud.org website.

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