



Dear All,

The **August 2006** (No. 32) WSUD e-newsletter contains information on **(1)** 2006 NSW Sustainable Water Challenge closes next week **(2)** DEC's Managing Urban Stormwater: harvesting & reuse released **(3)** FAWB Bioretention Media Specifications **(4)** WSUD in Sydney "Meeting the Sustainable Water Challenge" Seminar and Field Trip **(5)** WSUD Seminar Exhibition/Trade Display Areas Available **(6)** Round 2 of Commonwealth Community Water Grants Open

### **1. 2006 NSW Council Sustainable Water Challenge**

Applications for the NSW Council Sustainable Water Challenge close next week! It's your chance to share your WSUD/sustainable water management successes (and difficulties) with other councils and get some recognition for your innovation and hard work. Awards will be given in seven categories at the annual NSW WSUD seminar to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 (*greenfield, infill/brownfield, retrofit, landscaping, policy & planning, commercial & industrial and community engagement*). If you're not sure what it involves projects entered over the last 3 years can be found at

[http://www.wsud.org/case\\_studies.htm](http://www.wsud.org/case_studies.htm)

**Entry is open to all councils in NSW.** Projects entered must have been worked on after June 2005, involve improving water sustainability in some way, but do not need to be completed by August 2006. They can be projects undertaken by councils themselves or innovative developments that demonstrate improved water sustainability that were/are being conditioned by your council. **Entries (3 pages plus pictures, designs etc.) must be submitted (using a template) by Friday 11th August 2006.**

More information and a copy of the entry template can be downloaded from:

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

### **2. DEC's Managing Urban Stormwater: harvesting and reuse released!**

*Managing urban stormwater: harvesting and reuse* presents an overview of stormwater harvesting and its potential benefits and limitations. It also provides guidance on the planning and design aspects of stormwater harvesting projects, taking into account statutory and regulatory requirements. You can download a copy from the Stormwater Trust's website at:

<http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/stormwater/#managestormwater>

### **3. Facility for Advancing Water Biofiltration (FAWB) Guideline Specifications for Soil Media in Bioretention Systems**

The guideline specifications for soil media in bioretention systems have just been released and will be a great help to anyone planning or constructing a bioretention system. They have been prepared on behalf of the Facility for Advancing Water Biofiltration (FAWB) to assist in the development of bioretention systems, including the planning, design, construction and operation of those systems.

The guideline specifications are in two parts:

- Soil Media Specifications for Bioretention Systems with a Range of Vegetation Types
- Soil Media Specifications for Tree Pod Bioretention Applications

They can be downloaded from: <http://www.monash.edu.au/fawb/products/index.html>

### **4. NSW 2006 WSUD "Meeting the Sustainable Water Challenge" Seminar and Field Trip (14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September)**

The NSW 2006 WSUD Seminar and Field Trip are on again this year and will be held at the Waterview Convention Centre at Bicentennial Park (Homebush).

At the Seminar there will be keynote presentations from Prof Bill Randolph from the City Futures Research Centre at UNSW, André Taylor from the National Urban Water

Governance Research Program and Damian McGarry from Maroochy Shire Council as well as council practitioners giving short presentations about their Sustainable Water Challenge Projects.

A field trip will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September and visit four exciting WSUD sites. Including a brownfield WSUD 70 lot subdivision with grassed and bioretention swales, permeable car wash area, rainwater tanks and constructed wetlands as well as residential street and commercial strip retrofits with bioretention systems.

You can download a detailed program and registration from [www.wsud.org/seminar.htm](http://www.wsud.org/seminar.htm)

## **5. Exhibition Spaces at the "Meeting the Sustainable Water Challenge" NSW Councils Seminar**

There are a limited number (8) of exhibition spaces available at this year's seminar. If your organisation works with councils or developers on water (including stormwater, water and grey water) related projects, you are encouraged to exhibit your technology, expertise and skills at the event. More details and an exhibitor booking form can be downloaded from [www.wsud.org/seminar.htm](http://www.wsud.org/seminar.htm)

## **6. Round 2 of Commonwealth Community Water Grants Open**

The Commonwealth are seeking applications for Round 2 of Community Water Grants. You are invited to apply for a grant of up to \$50,000 for an on-ground project that will play a positive role in tackling Australia's water challenges.

Applications close 25 August 2006. For more information and to download the Round 2 Application guidelines or promotional brochure go to

<http://www.communitywatergrants.gov.au> or phone 1800 780 730

*If you have a water sustainability related policy, case study, report or an event/seminar coming up please email me the details and I will endeavour to put the information up on the wsud.org website and/or include it in this e-newsletter.*

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**Please forward this on to colleagues who may be interested in Sustainable Water Management and/or WSUD.**

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