



Dear All,

The **May 2006** (No. 29) WSUD e-newsletter contains information on **(1)** 2006 NSW Sustainable Water Challenge now open for entries **(2)** Hornsby Sustainable Total Water Cycle Management Strategy **(3)** NSW SIA Regional Conference (June) **(4)** Workshop on Stormwater Management in Sydney (June) **(5)** 5th International WSUD Conference (2007) **(6)** Toxic chemicals in roadway runoff **(7)** 4th International WSUD Conference Proceedings available **(8)** Australain Runoff Quality (ARQ) Released **(9)** Additional photos and categories added to wsud.org website

1. 2006 NSW Council Sustainable Water Challenge

The NSW Council Sustainable Water Challenge is on again this year. 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 in September 06 (*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
Entry is open to all councils in NSW. Projects entered must have been worked on after June 2005, involve 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 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. Hornsby Shire's Sustainable Total Water Cycle Management Strategy

Hornsby Shire Council completed this Strategy late last year and has supplied a summary report (around 12 pages) that is available from the Council Information Exchange at <http://www.wsud.org/Exchange.htm>

The results of this project include a process and tools to improve decision making for urban development and land use change in the Shire, relating to the impact on water resources in ecological, social, and economic terms.

If any other councils have developed WSUD related policies, strategies and/or models and are willing to share the information please contact me at info@wsud.org

3. NSW SIA Regional Conference "Soil and Water , Too Good to Lose"

This year's NSW SIA Regional Conference will be held in conjunction with the Australian chapter of the International Erosion Control Association in Parramatta in late June. There are a series of workshops being held on the 27th, then a two day conference broken into 3 concurrent streams followed by separate SIA and IECA field trips on the 30th of June. The aim of the conference is to connect attendees with the very best local and international erosion and sediment control professionals and provide a robust program that aligns with the theme of the conference "Soil and Water - Too Good to Lose". It will provide technical expertise for people, organisations and government agencies seeking assistance in the field of erosion control, soil conservation and stormwater management and increase awareness of soil and water management issues.

2006 SIA and IECA Joint Annual Conference "Soil and Water , Too Good to Lose"
Carlton Hotel Parramatta, 27th – 30th June, 2006

Please visit the website below for more program details, a complete list of speakers and registration forms. <http://www.gemspl.com.au/soilwater>

4. Workshop on Stormwater Management in Sydney, 15/16 June 2006

A two-day Workshop entitled "Stormwater Management (source control)" has been organised for Sydney by EEA (Engineering Education, Australia – the education arm of Engineers Australia). The Notes provided in the course are based on the content of "WSUD: basic procedures for 'source control' of stormwater – a Handbook for Australian practice" edited by Professor John Argue (University of South Australia).

Attendance at the Workshop earns 32 hours credit for CPD (continuing professional development) purposes with Engineers Australia. The Workshop will be presented by Professor John Argue in Sydney on **Thursday-Friday 15/16 June, 2006**

More information and registration contact details can be found at:

www.wsud.org/seminar.htm

5. 5th International WSUD Conference coming to Sydney in 2007

The 5th International WSUD Conference will be held in conjunction with the 13th International Rainwater Catchment Systems Conference in Sydney in late August 2007. A call for abstracts and details on the conference themes will be available soon. I will post any updated information on the conference in the WSUD e-newsletter and on the events page of the website (<http://www.wsud.org/seminar.htm>)

It will be a great chance for those in Sydney to show some of the great work being undertaken and a chance to find out what other practitioners around Australia and overseas are doing.

6. Toxic Chemicals in Roadway Runoff

Assoc Prof James Ball from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) has been doing some great research into chemicals being deposited (and hence likely to be washed into the stormwater system) on our roads. A brief summary article about this research appeared in an ABC Science Newsletter recently and can be viewed at

<http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/stories/s1577835.htm>

James is currently finalising a paper on the research findings and has agreed to make it available on the wsud.org website once it is complete (*I will let you know when I post it in the literature section of the website*).

7. 4th International Conference on Water Sensitive Urban Design Proceedings Available

The 4th International Conference on Water Sensitive Urban Design was held in April in Melbourne. For those who couldn't attend, but would like to get a copy of the proceedings (hard copy books) they can be purchased from the Institute for Sustainable Water Resources (Monash Uni). <http://iswr.eng.monash.edu.au/udmwsudconf/index.html> or you can download an order form from <http://www.wsud.org/seminar.htm>

The proceedings come in two booklets (**Vol 1** Tuesday 4th April proceedings and **Vol 2** Wednesday & Thursday's proceedings). Cost is \$119 for both volumes and \$78 for one volume (contact Maeve O' Leary on (03) 9905 4957 or Maeve.Oleary@eng.monash.edu.au) I suggest you look at the conference website while it is still up (see link below) and check the program for each day to see which papers are in each of the volumes (you can also read the abstracts for the papers at this link).

<http://www.icms.com.au/UDMandWSUD/grid.asp>

8. Australian Runoff Quality (ARQ)

"Australian Runoff Quality *A Guide to Water Sensitive Urban Design*" is finally available (although only in hard copy at this stage) from Engineers Australia. It covers all the important aspects of WSUD (including institutional capacity) from a national perspective. The cost is \$132 for EA members and \$176 for non-members plus \$10.45 P&H. The electronic edition is meant to be available in May and is likely to be cheaper than the hard copy version. You can order a hard copy (ISBN 0858258528) from EA Books at

www.engineersmedia.com.au/bookshop (but you will have to do a search using the full name or ISBN to find it as their site doesn't really mention ARO). It may be easier to call EA Books and ask them to fax you an order form (02) 9438 5355

9. Additional Photos and Photo Categories Added to wsud.org

While I was down in Melbourne I visited about 10 new WSUD sites and have now added those photos to the website (mostly in street retrofits, carparks, swales and greywater treatment using subsurface wetlands). As mentioned I have also added a new category of photos (constructed wetlands, subsurface wetlands and constructed saltmarsh). The photos are for you to use to prepare reports or presentations to councillors and/or senior management. I am happy to add photos of other sites/devices or even other categories upon request. Just send them in and I will put them on the site for everyone to use. The entry page to the WSUD picture categories is www.wsud.org/pics.htm

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.

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

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Regards

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