



Dear All,

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1. 5th International WSUD Conference (Sydney) - Call for Abstracts

The 5th International Water Sensitive Urban Design Conference & 13th International Rainwater Catchment Systems Conference "*Rainwater & Urban Design 2007*" will be held in Sydney (21 - 23 August 2007)

The call for abstracts is now open (deadline for abstracts is 30th January 2007)

Conference Themes include:

- Construction and maintenance issues of WSUD and rainwater catchment systems,
- Environmental impacts on receiving water quality, morphology, ecology and salinity,
- Identifying and overcoming institutional and socio-economic impediments,
- Monitoring and evaluation of case studies,
- Integrating sustainable water management into urban form,
- Application of novel technologies - design and performance issues, etc.

A call for abstracts brochure in PDF format that includes the full theme list can be downloaded from www.wsud.org/seminar.htm

Abstracts must be submitted online at www.rainwater2007.com

More details about the conference and sponsorship opportunities can be found the conference website shown above.

2. DEH Water Efficiency Guide for Offices and Public Buildings

The Department of Environment and Heritage has released "THE WATER EFFICIENCY GUIDE: OFFICE AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS" which gives practical advice for building owners, managers and users to reduce water use by up to 30% to 40%.

The Guide has two parts. The first part provides an introduction to the technical and behavioural opportunities that exist in office and public buildings for reducing water consumption and increasing water reuse. The guidelines will be useful for building managers, owners, tenants and maintenance staff.

The second part of the Guide is the National water intensity benchmarks for office buildings and public buildings. These benchmarks have been developed from a national sample of building water consumption. For office buildings, the average water consumption was found to be 1.125 kL/m² per year, with best practice being 0.5 kL/m² per year.

The Guide can be downloaded from

<http://www.deh.gov.au/settlements/publications/government/water-efficiency-guide.html>

3. DEUS Round 3 of Water Savings Fund Open

The third round of the Sydney Water Savings Fund is now open.

More details about the Fund and how to apply can be found at:

<http://www.deus.nsw.gov.au/Water/Water%20Savings%20Fund/Water%20Savings%20Fund.asp>

Applications are due in by 7th of December 2006

4. NHMRC Guide to Managing Risks in Recreational Water

Earlier this year, after the NHMRC Guide to Managing Risks in Recreational Water was released some inconsistencies in the text were identified. The inconsistencies have now been corrected and the text of the Guide was also reviewed at the same time to improve the general ease of reading. The final draft is now out for final public consultation and can be downloaded from.

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/consult/index.htm>

The closing date for submissions is Friday 1 December 2006.

5. NSW SIA Regional Conference - Call for Papers

The 2007 Annual Conference of the NSW Stormwater Industry Association will be held in Wollongong from the 19th – 22nd, June 2007.

The Call for Papers and Posters is now open and closes on Friday, 24th November, 2006

More information on the conference can be found at:

www.gemspl.com.au/soilwater

6. 2006 NSW Council Sustainable Water Challenge Projects

The **23** projects entered into the 2006 Sustainable Water Challenge are now available for download from www.wsud.org/case_studies.htm or www.wsud.org/swc.htm

The projects are all high quality, interesting and innovative so go and have a look at what projects councils have been involved with recently.

7. Meeting the Sustainable Water Challenge Seminar Keynote Speaker Presentations

You can download a copy of the keynote presentations given at the seminar by **Prof Bill Randolph** from the City Futures Research Centre at UNSW, **André Taylor** from the National Urban Water Governance Research Program, **Damian McGarry** from Maroochy Shire Council and **John Dahlenburg** from the WSUD in Sydney Program.

You can also download a copy of the seminar booklet given to attendees and the keynote presentations at: www.wsud.org/seminar.htm

8. Groundwater Management Handbook – A Guide for Local Government

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group has finalised and published the Groundwater Management Handbook – A Guide for Local Government. The Handbook provides a single resource that promotes sustainable groundwater management. It has been developed so that the technical and management information it contains can be applied throughout NSW with a particular focus on the Sydney coastal region.

The overarching objective of the Groundwater Management Handbook is to provide stakeholders with comprehensive technical, management and education information on the sustainable management of groundwater resources.

To purchase a Hardcopy copy or CD Rom of the Handbook please contact the Sydney Coastal Councils Secretariat on (02) 9246 7702.

To download a **FREE** copy go to www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au

9. Engineers Australia “Stormwater Management (source control)” Workshops

Engineers Australia is running a workshop titled "Stormwater Management (source control)". The workshop is presented by Professor John Argue from the Urban Water Resources Centre, University of South Australia and will be held in various city venues around the country on.

Sydney: 9/10 November;

Melbourne: 30 Nov/1 December;

Perth: 7/8 December.

Lismore City Council would also like to hold this workshop and is seeking Expressions of Interest from professionals wishing to attend the 2 day workshop on **February 15th and 16th 2007** (Cost approx \$700 depending on numbers). If you work in the area and

would be interested in attending or if you're from one of the capital cities and can convince your employer that Lismore would be the best place for you to do the workshop please contact Jessica Huxley Jessica.Huxley@lismore.nsw.gov.au or on 0428 884 123

For more information and rego details about the workshops go to (look under Future Related Events) <http://www.wsud.org/seminar.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.

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