



Hello All,

Since my last e-newsletter, I have been busy working with numerous councils, research institutions, Government Departments and Industry developing projects and resources to help address barriers to the uptake of WSUD identified in Council Stakeholder Surveys (completed June 2007). Keep an eye out for the results which will be communicated in future editions of the e-newsletter and via the www.wsud.org website.

I am currently investigating innovative finance mechanisms adopted by councils and will finalise case studies in the new year. Eg. regional tendering, environmental levies, revolving funds etc. I am also partnering with councils who have developed WSUD Strategies and developing case studies of the planning and approval processes they conducted. The issue of WSUD Infrastructure and associated risk (eg. OH&S and liability etc.) has also recently emerged as a matter of concern for a number of councils. Similarly, several councils have expressed a need for WSUD signage objectives and design case studies which will commence early next year.

Please send me an email if you would like to feature your council in any of the above case studies that will be made available via the www.wsud.org website.

I have also been assisting councils with the NSW Planning Reform Process. I will be working with relevant NSW Government Departments and developing the following over the next few months to address council enquiries and concerns:

- Themed e-newsletter(s);
- Website development (eg. case studies, web links, contact listings etc.);
- Workshops held in conjunction with the NSW Government.

Please email WSUD related NSW Planning Reform enquiries via info@wsud.org and also forward this e-newsletter to the relevant council staff (who are drafting the LEPs and DCPs within your organisation) so I can ensure I am addressing as broad a cross section of needs as possible.

Finally and as ever, if you have any enquiries concerning water sensitive urban design and/or sustainable urban water management, please don't hesitate to contact me accordingly.

Regards, K.

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The **November 2007 (No. 42) WSUD e-newsletter** contains information on: **(1)** Sydney WSUD Courses **(2)** NSW Government Green Globe Awards **(3)** Smart Approved WaterMark **(4)** Water Education Resource Hub **(5)** 2008 SIA Conference – Call for Papers **(6)** DECC Toward Integrated Stormwater Management Seminars **(7)** Grants and Rebates **(8)** Events Calendar **(9)** Websites of Interest

1. Sydney WSUD Courses – Call for Interest

I didn't receive as hearty a response to my call last month, so thought I'd try again - the following courses will be held in Sydney subject to interest by practitioners. As the WSUD in Sydney Program does not have the contact details of all officers within councils (eg. DA planners, Landscape Architects, Engineers etc.), please forward the following details on my behalf:

- *WSUD Training Course: for DA Planners and CC Assessors* – A one-day course held at University Technology Sydney in February (wk 3) 2008. A minimum of 20 attendees are required per session. Cost is \$550 per person. Register your interest with Dr. Jaya Kandasamy on (02) 9514 2558 or via jaya.kandasamy@eng.uts.edu.au
- *FAWB - Designing Bioretention Systems (Raingardens)* – A two-day course, Day 1 - explores the latest research findings and scientific 'proof of concept' for achievement of best practice standards in rain gardens (or biofiltration systems); Day 2 - bring your own project to the workshop to apply the lessons learned from Day 1. Cost will be confirmed at a later date, estimates suggest cost per person may be about \$550 for two days. Attending only one day may also be possible. Register interest via kate.black@cma.nsw.gov.au or on 02 9895 6206.

2. NSW Government Green Globe Awards – Water & Energy Reduction

Nominations are now open for the NSW Government's leading environmental awards program. The 2008 Sustainability GREEN GLOBE awards showcase organisations and individuals who are promoting the sustainable use of water and energy in NSW. Entries close 19 December 2007. Contact Alex Fraser via telephone on 1300 361 967 or via email greenglobes@environment.nsw.gov.au

3. Smart Approved WaterMark – Domestic Outdoor Labelling Program

An Australian outdoor water saving labelling program for products and services that help reduce domestic water usage. For example, garden, pool and spa, auto and cleaning. Eligible products or services are reviewed by the Smart Water Mark independent Technical Expert Panel. The not-for-profit scheme was established by four associations - the Australian Water Association, Irrigation Australia, the Nursery and Garden Industry, Australia and the Water Services Association of Australia. Councils may wish to promote the program to residents via their websites and/or newsletters. Refer <http://www.smartapprovedwatermark.org/home/default.asp>

4. Water for Life – Water Education Resource Hub

The water education resource hub is a 'one-stop-shop' development tool and is suitable for use by anyone from environmental practitioners to community groups, schools and first timers. It was designed to improve the effectiveness of projects, increasing the priority of education for organisations, and accelerating staff development. There are many resources available, such as council communication toolkits; an online searchable database of water-related education resources and programs in Australia; interactive tools (eg. BASIX, NABERS, plant selector and interactive house); downloadable fact sheets and school tools). Refer <http://www.waterforlife.nsw.gov.au/education>

5. NSW & QLD Stormwater Industry Association Conference – July 2008

A call for papers, posters and workshops extended to 14th December. The joint annual conference will be held at the Gold Coast in July 2008. The theme will be "Going with the Flow... WSUD to ESD" and will focus on the opportunities that continue to grow for enhanced stormwater management, stormwater harvesting and sustainability. For further information, please contact GEMS Event Management on 02 9744 5252 or visit the official website at www.gemspl.com.au/stormwater

6. DECC Towards Integrated Stormwater Management Seminars – Extra Workshop - 19th December 2007

Due to an overwhelming response to the seminars (particularly in Sydney they were booked out within the first few weeks of promotion), DECC will be holding a FINAL workshop in Sydney on Wednesday, 19th December 2007 at the Sydney Masonic Centre for up to 100 people. For the chance to attend, please email name, organisation, position, phone and email address care of Michelle Teehan (GEMS Pty Limited) on mteehan@gemspl.com.au or contact her on 02 9744 5252.

7. Grants & Rebates

The following grants and rebates are currently available. Councils may wish to promote via their websites and newsletters and/or incorporate with their own initiatives:

- NSW Climate Change Fund, Green Business Program – Applications are invited for projects that will save water, energy, and greenhouse gas emissions in business operations in NSW. Two funding streams are available – market transformation and direct measures. Refer <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/ccfgbp.htm>;
- NSW Climate Change Fund, Water and Energy Rebates – NSW residents are eligible for up to \$1500 to install a rainwater tank connected to rainwater toilets and washing machines, up to \$1200 for a climate friendly hot water system and up to \$300 for ceiling insulation. Refer <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates/index.htm>;
- Green Vouchers for Schools – Primary and Secondary Schools are eligible for up to \$50,000 (G.S.T. exclusive) for rainwater tanks and/or solar hot water systems. Refer www.environment.gov.au/greenvouchers.

8. Events Calendar

The following events are scheduled in the next few months, refer weblink for further information:

- Water Researchers Symposium – University of NSW, Room 109, Civil Engineering Building (H20), 11 December 2007. Refer <http://www.water.unsw.edu.au/Water%20@%20UNSW%20Symposium%20-%20Dec%2007.pdf>;
- 2nd Australian Young Water Professionals Conference – University of Queensland, Brisbane, 4 – 6 February 2008. Refer www.ywp.org.au;
- Accounting for Carbon in the Water Industry – Sydney CBD, 27 – 28 February 2008. Refer http://www.awa.asn.au/AM/Template.cfm?Section=b_Feb_08_b_Accounting_for_Carbon_in_the_Water_Industry&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=7539 or contact Diane Weisner via dweisner@awa.asn.au or on 02 9495 9906;
- 48th Annual Floodplain Authorities Management Conference, Held at Novotel Northbeach, Wollongong 26 – 29 February 2008. Refer <http://www.iceaustralia.com/fmawollongong/register.html> or email fmawollongong@iceaustralia.com or telephone on 02 9368 1200

9. Websites – new and/or potential interest

The following websites may be of particular interest for WSUD related research and/or policy and project development:

- The Environmental Defender's Office Ltd, is a not-for-profit community legal centre specialising in public interest environmental law – helping individuals and community groups who are working to protect the natural and built environment. The EDO is part of a national network of centres that help to protect the environment through law. Refer <http://www.edo.org.au/edonsw/site/default.php>
- Find More Leaks is an information source, education tool for engineers using a three step strategy – localise, locate and pinpoint. Refer www.findmoreleaks.com/index.php
- Science Alert Australia and New Zealand - a website devoted exclusively to delivering Australian & New Zealand science, technology, and innovation news to science, industry, the media, government and the broader community. Refer www.sciencealert.com.au

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](http://www.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.

If this e-newsletter was forwarded to you and you would like to receive future WSUD e-newsletters please send an email to info@wsud.org and put **join** in the subject line.

If you want to be removed from this e-newsletter list please email info@wsud.org with **remove** in the subject line.

Regards,

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