



# Australian Association for Environmental Education

## AAEE QLD Chapter – April 2008 e-news

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#### **Editor's Notes**

The national AAEE conference in Darwin 9-12 July is fast approaching. Early bird registrations close on 30 April 2008. Register now through this website <http://www.cdu.edu.au/ehs/AAEE/>. As a member you have access to a great registration deal – why not tell your colleagues about it. There is no better time to join and start working together to tackle some of the growing environmental issues. Education helps to set us all free!

I'd love to know what exciting initiatives are happening in your area. Please send me an email and I can promote them in our e-news. Stay tuned for more information on World Environment Day. AAEE QLD is hosting a lecture at Griffith University – a leading learning organization for sustainable practices. Bring a friend, your family or colleagues – it will be a terrific chance to meet each other and look to a greener future.

Miranda Mason  
State Coordinator QLD AAEE

*In 2002-2003, each person in Australia generated an average of 1.62 tonnes of waste per year.  
That works out to 4.4kg of garbage per person per day.*

#### **Statement on Sustainability for all QLD Schools (released March 2008)**

We all have an impact on the environment, economy and people of Queensland. Through systems thinking and behaviour change, our environment can be sustained for the communities of the future. It is imperative that our schools, education systems and our communities play a role now to invest in that future.

See full statement released by Education Queensland from this link  
<http://education.qld.gov.au/publication/production/reports/pdfs/statement-on-sustainability-all-qld-schools-enough-for-all-forever.pdf>

#### **Interesting Website**

Climate Change booklet – questions answered (Australian Greenhouse Office)  
[www.greenhouse.gov.au/science/faq/](http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/science/faq/)

## QLD Opportunities

### AAEE 2008 Conference (9-12 July 2008 Darwin)

Annual conference is fast approaching! Get yourself organised.

[www.aeee.org.au](http://www.aeee.org.au)

### Moreton Bay Regional Council School Sustainability Forum – 18 June 2008

The Forum will; bring together schools in the area that are participating in environmental initiatives, provide the opportunity for peer learning, to encourage schools to further develop environmental activities and help students develop an environmental ethic that will continue past schooling years. All are welcome. For more information see attached flyer or call Mia Christensen ph3488 9660

### 2008 Australian Museum Eureka Prize for Environmental Sustainability Education

Entries and nominations are now invited for the Eureka Prize for **Environmental Sustainability Education**, one of seven prizes dedicated to environmental issues in this year's Australian Museum Eureka Prizes, Australia's largest award scheme for research into critical environmental sustainability issues facing the country.

Sponsored by the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change the Eureka Prize for **Environmental Sustainability Education** is awarded for excellence in the design, implementation and evaluation of an innovative, leading edge program that has contributed to behavioural change among individuals and organisations and has led to changed practices and environmental improvement.

The winner will receive \$10,000. Entries CLOSE 2 May 2008

For further information on this prize, judging criteria, conditions of entry, and how to enter, see <http://www.amonline.net.au/eureka/> or email [eureka@austmus.gov.au](mailto:eureka@austmus.gov.au)

*Organic matter makes up about 40% of solid waste sent to landfills in Australia. Removing organic material could reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by around 3%. (Jones, 2007)*

#### 2008 Events

June	5 June World Environment Day Lecture, Griffith University
July	9-12 Jul National AAEE conference, Darwin
September	QLD members networking event