

## Summary of Semester 1 Professional Learning

Tues 23/2	Canning Region Network Group (CREEC)
Tues 18/5	'Making the Connections' (CREEC)
Tues 25/5	'Making the Connections' (Narrogin DEO)
Thur 27/5	'Making the Connections' (Warren-Blackwood DEO)
Tues 1/6	'Making the Connections' (HLWC)

**CREEC:** Canning River Eco Education Centre

**HLWC:** Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre

**DEO:** District Education Office

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## AuSSI is... the Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative



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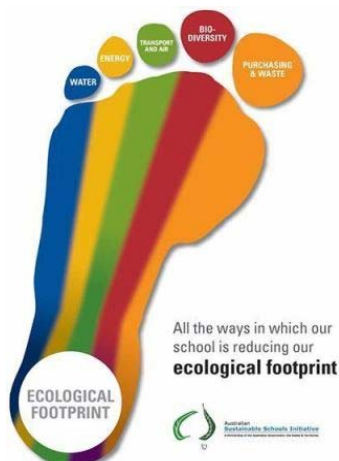
### The Year Ahead in 2010

Welcome back to a new school year - and here's to a great one for 'education for sustainability'!

The inclusion of sustainability as one of three cross curricular perspectives in the *Australian Curriculum* certainly adds even greater support for our collective work.

Participating schools now number 275, with new case studies and examples of schools' sustainability action plans continuing to be added to the project website.

2010 will see significant promotion of the AuSSI-WA whole school planning framework to all schools in WA, with A3 (display) copies of both the footprint and handprint resources to be sent out to schools shortly to assist with local promotion of schools' related work/activity.



### Featured in this issue

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- *Showcasing Sustainability* ~ an AuSSI Expo
- Schools Clean Up Day
- Celebrating progress and outcomes
- 'School in the Spotlight'
- Canning Region Network Group

### Showcasing Sustainability ~an AuSSI Expo

You are invited to join AuSSI-WA and its associated program and resource providers for a day of professional learning that explores many aspects of sustainability via:

- Presentations
- Previews
- Resources
- Workshops
- Displays
- Guided walks

Where: Perth Zoo  
When: Tuesday 4 May 2010,  
9.00am-3.00pm. Free of charge.

Bookings essential by Friday 30 April.

For more information phone:  
9474 0365 or 9474 0457

# AuSSI-WA Newsletter

## Schools Clean Up Day

2010 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first national Clean Up Australia Day.

This makes 2010 a year of special significance and Clean Up Australia Ltd will hold a series of Clean Up events to encourage schools, businesses and communities to get involved.

Schools Clean Up Day is scheduled for Friday 5 March 2010.

Schools can register for Schools Clean Up Day via the organisation's website:

<http://cleanupaustraliaday.org.au>

## Celebrating progress and outcomes

*Every school is at some point along a continuum to becoming a 'sustainable school' and is achieving a range of positive 'sustainability outcomes' through its day-to-day activities.*

To date, a number of methods have been used to celebrate and evaluate these achievements, ranging from case studies to interviews with teachers and administrators, to recording reductions in utilities consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions.

*A national evaluation framework has recently been developed to promote the collective achievements of participating AuSSI schools, and an easy-to-use template is currently being developed for use by WA schools to help showcase WA's contribution to the national profile.*

The template will be sent out shortly for your consideration, completion and return, which will then assist in providing an overview/summary of the (collective) sustainability outcomes for WA schools – cause for significant celebration no doubt!

## 'School in the Spotlight'

### South Fremantle Senior High

South Fremantle Senior High is a 'leading light' in the area of energy efficiency and conservation, endeavouring to become 'carbon neutral'.

Check out their case study on the website for some great, inspirational ideas:

<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/sustainableschools/detcms/navigation/action-learning-areas/energy/?oid=MultiPartArticle-id-1862591>

## Canning Region Network Group

A local 'cluster' of schools will continue to be supported by members of the 'AuSSI Alliance' through network meetings held at the Canning River Eco Education Centre in Wilson.

A similar network group for participating schools in the West Coast District will 'kick off' in Semester 2, based at the Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre, Wembley.

