

## HOPE e:news bulletin - Monday, 22 September 2008

Hello everyone,

It's a busy time of year, for me personally as well as for HOPE, so we decided to skip an edition of the e-news bulletin. In the last month or so there have been displays, meetings and a colouring competition. I am very pleased to report that all of these have been a wonderful success. I would like to say thank you to everyone who showed his or her support to HOPE!

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### Office news

#### **HOPE show and tell**

On 6 September Ian Simons came to Toowoomba to do a show and tell on permaculture chickens. It was a wonderful presentation. He provided the attendees with lots of useful information, and has kindly offered to be available for further queries regarding permaculture chickens. Thank you Ian!

#### **HOPE library displays and colouring competition**

For 3 weeks there was a space available to HOPE for information displays both upstairs and downstairs in the Toowoomba City library. The downstairs activity was a more general HOPE display, while the one upstairs in the children's section was a combined 'September Biodiversity Month' and 'International Year of the Reef' display. Coinciding with this we ran a colouring competition for kids up to year 7. This was a roaring success, with 3 times the number of entries as last time! Nearly 150 children participated, so we had a hard time choosing winners. Congrats to all, and a big thanks to all our sponsors for donating prizes, and to Steph for making the colouring sheet! A big thanks also to all those agencies that supplied literature for our displays. The material was eagerly snapped up by children (and parents).

### General

The Rudd Labor Government is committed to helping Australian households to take practical measures to reduce energy use, save on energy bills and make a real contribution to tackling climate change. More information can be found on

<http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/garrett/2008/pubs/mr20080829.pdf>

Research from leading scientists at the Australian National University has found that Australia has some of the most carbon-dense forests in the world – with the potential to sequester carbon equivalent to 25% of our current annual emissions over a 100 year time frame. These ANU research findings should prompt governments to take a fresh and un-biased look at the role protecting and restoring native forests could play in helping Australia make the deep cuts to greenhouse gas emissions needed within the next 10 years. More info on

<http://www.wilderness.org.au/articles/research-finds-native-forests-key-to-climate>

Help the ACF to save the Great Barrier Reef! Join the online campaign here:  
[http://www.acfonline.org.au/articles/news.asp?news\\_id=1927](http://www.acfonline.org.au/articles/news.asp?news_id=1927)

## Resources

Check your ecological footprint at <http://wwf.org.au/footprint>

## Updates on upcoming events

### **Reverse Garbage School Holiday activities**

During the school holidays there will be workshops at Reverse Garbage, Brisbane, for children aged 6-12 years old. Every weekday there are a couple of different projects, such as robots, knights, treasure chests, farmyard friends and jewellery. These are creative and educational activities for every child. They provide a wacky and interesting range of workshop projects while expanding your child's environmental awareness. All children's workshops are \$20 per class and include materials. There is a maximum of 10 participants per workshop. To secure a place, workshops must be paid in full upon booking. The workshops are held at: Reverse Garbage, 296 Montague Rd, West End (cnr Ashington St)  
Phone: 07 3844 9744 Email: [info@reversegarbage.com.au](mailto:info@reversegarbage.com.au)  
Website: [www.reversegarbage.com.au](http://www.reversegarbage.com.au)

### **Grow Local Queensland Campaign**

Queensland Conservation Council invites you to the launch of Grow Local on **Wednesday 8 October 6pm – 8pm** at the Footsteps Gallery 166 Ann Street Brisbane. Grow Local is about getting people involved in growing food locally in backyards and community gardens. It's about understanding where food comes from and supporting local farmers. It will help to reduce food miles and cut greenhouse emissions. ABC Gardening Australia presenter Jerry Coleby-Williams, and sustainability coach Michael Mobbs will be at the launch. Reply by 3 October to ph 3221 0188, or email to [admin@gccqld.org.au](mailto:admin@gccqld.org.au)

### **Reptile Workshop at Myall Park Botanic Gardens**

Bring the whole family to the Myall Park Botanic Gardens, Glenmorgan, for a reptile workshop on **Saturday 4 October** hosted by QMDC. For the early risers there will be a bird walk at 7am. The actual workshop begins at 9am after a sausage sizzle breakfast. Please RSVP by 1 October to Alison Goodland ph 0427 651 976.

### **International Youth Coastal Conference**

**19-22 October 2008**, Townsville QLD, on the Great Barrier Reef!

This conference is about protecting and enhancing our precious marine and coastal environments, communities and industries through education and involvement of the next generation of leaders. Student delegates prepare 40-minute workshops to present to their peers at the conference on a marine or coastal topic, relevant to their local area. The Conference program also includes an environmental activity day so that delegates get to use their Head, Heart and Hand when thinking and acting on issues that affect their local marine

and coastal areas. All primary and secondary schools across the world are invited to attend this conference, with the age range of students approximately 11 to 17 year olds. See <http://www.onelifeoneworldourfuture.com/index.php?pageid=301>

### Library and Office hours

HOPE's library resources are available:

- Monday, 1pm-5pm
- Wednesday, 9am-1pm
- Friday, 1pm-5pm
- or by appointment.

The library hours have been extended to facilitate access to these resources, and we would like to invite anyone to make use of this service. Teachers in particular may find this useful. There are books, journals, magazines, videos and CDs – a full list of titles is available by emailing the HOPE office at [hopequeensland@yahoo.com.au](mailto:hopequeensland@yahoo.com.au).

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