

HOPE e:news bulletin, 13 October 2008

Hello to all our readers,

All over the world there are concerns about the credit crisis. It has an important impact on everyone. It also means that the 'green agenda' is at risk of being pushed to the side. But 'being green' can actually save money and help the environment. This is demonstrated by some information that one of our readers sent in about recycling. Thank you for being actively involved in HOPE's e:news bulletin everyone! All contributions are welcome.

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Office news

HOPE Fundraiser

Our current fund-raiser is the sale of the 2009 People and Planet: A Social Justice and Environment Diary. They are for sale from the HOPE office for \$19.95 each plus P&H, or at the discounted price of \$15 each on orders for 5 or more.

Invite

The next HOPE meeting will be the AGM on **8 November**. We ask everyone to join us for a **lunch-time** social, and the election of the 2009 committee member. If you are interested in taking on one of the positions available, please contact the office on (07) 4639 2135.

Walk Against Warming

We have just been advised by the Queensland Conservation Council that this year's Walk Against Warming event is scheduled for Saturday, **15 November**. HOPE is seeking expressions of interest in forming a working group to take responsibility for organising Toowoomba's Walk Against Warming event.

General

Food and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

A new report from The Food Climate Research Network (FCRN) sets out what is known about the food system's contribution to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Taking a life cycle perspective, it looks at how these

emissions arise, both by life cycle stage (from plough to plate to bin) and by food type. It then explores the global impact of a changing climate on how we grow, distribute, produce and consume food. It also discusses mitigation options, such as cleaner technologies, better management and behavioural changes, and then it highlights what actions are being taken at the UK, EU and international levels. This report can be downloaded from: <http://www.fcrn.org.uk>

Recycling in Brisbane

Thank you Judy Whistler for providing us with the following information that she found on Brisbane City Council's website:

- Producing 20 aluminium cans from recycled materials uses the same power as making ONE from raw materials;
- making steel from recycled material uses only a quarter of the energy needed to make steel from raw materials;
- Recycling ONE tonne of paper and cardboard saves 13 trees and 31,000 litres of water;
- 17 trees can absorb carbon dioxide emitted from one car each year;
- glass can be recycled indefinitely - manufacturing plastics from recycled materials uses 30% of energy needed to make plastics from fossil fuels. So recycling ONE tonne of plastics saves enough energy to run a refrigerator for a month.

Updates on upcoming events

October is Energy Awareness Month. Check this website for more info: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/services/energy_aware.html

It is also International Walk to School month: <http://www.iwalktoschool.org>

And **15 October** is National Ride to Work Day: <http://www.bv.com.au>

For the Toowoomba leg of this event check this: <http://toowoombabug.blogspot.com/2008/09/toowoomba-community-breakfast-r2w-day.html>

Australian Volunteers International Information Session - Brisbane
Australian Volunteers International (AVI) kicks off its end of year volunteer recruitment drive on Thursday **23 October 2008**. Time: 6.00 - 7.30pm. Venue: Sebel Suites Brisbane, 95 Charlotte St, Brisbane. For more information on AVI and on other information sessions around the country, visit www.australianvolunteers.com.

Office hours

The office and library are open on the following days:

Mondays, 1pm - 5pm

Wednesdays, 9am - 1pm

Fridays, 1pm - 5pm

or by appointment.

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