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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Spring Edition of the IANZ Victorian Division newsletter!

In this issue Nicole Rogers looks at the concept of the Victorian STAYcation, a great way to get away and stay home all at the same time!

If you have a case study or article which would be of interest to our members please e-mail your submissions to [vic-events@cianz.org](mailto:vic-events@cianz.org). We also invite your comments, suggestions and feedback on this and subsequent issues.

## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are thrilled to welcome four new members to the Victorian Division committee:

Leah Wheatley from the Department of Sustainability and Environment,

Matt Nation from SKM,

Sri Patnaikuni from KPMG, and

Kate Fenby from the Australian Conservation Foundation

We are delighted to have some fresh new faces around the table, and look forward to their input, enthusiasm and expertise which will no doubt translate into an even better service to members!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay tuned for details of our members' networking night in January.

Also let us know what kind of events you would like to see in 2009..

Email to [vic-events@cianz.org](mailto:vic-events@cianz.org)

## PAST EVENTS

### THE IANZ ANNUAL CONFERENCE and GALA DINNER

The IANZ Annual Conference on 30-31 October in Melbourne was attended by hundreds of delegates from all over Australia and NZ.

The Day 1 workshops had over 150 participants, with topics including the CEnvP program, Environmental Ethics, Law, and Education, the EPBC act, Impact Assessment, Ecology, Risk Mgmt, Corporate Sustainability Reports, and the sold-out Climate Change Skills Training.

With a sensational group of guest speakers, including Cheryl Batagol from Melbourne Water, Prof. John Zillman from the Bureau of Meteorology, Andrew Stock from Origin Energy, Dr Maxine Cooper, the Commissioner for Sustainability and Environment, Alan Pears from Sustainability Solutions, Prof. Peter Matthews, joint co-founder of the Society for the Environment UK, Dr Sue Briggs of CSIRO, Mark Pizey of Solid Energy NZ, Dr Mark Burgman of ACERA, and facilitated by Rob Gell of Access Environmental, the panel sessions generated discussion and debate and left participants invigorated and re-energised.

The Conference wrapped up with the Gala Dinner and Merit Awards on the Friday evening in the Langham Ballroom. The dinner was a star-studded event, MC'd by World Champion Iron Man Trevor Hendy, with special guest speaker Olympic champion, national treasure and keen environmentalist Shane Gould, and the Merit Awards were presented to all recipients by the



Hon. Peter Garrett, Federal Minister for the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

Mr Alan Chenoweth of QLD received the Simon Molesworth Award for outstanding contribution to the development of the EIANZ and the environment profession at national level.

Mr Michael Pitcher of VIC received the Mary Lou Morris Award for outstanding contribution for the development of the EIANZ and the environment profession at state level.

Dr Adam Smith of FNQ was named the Certified Environmental Practitioner of the Year 2008 for outstanding contributions to environmental practice, particularly in the last 5 years.

Ms Lana Heydon of QLD received the Tor Hundloe Award for a young environmentalist whose professional work has led to environmental excellence.

The Eric Anderson Award for the best article published in the Australasian Journal of Environmental Mgmt during 2007-08 went to John Gardner, Simone Carr-Cornish and Peta Ashworth, all from QLD.

We congratulate all the winners on their well deserved awards!



*Award Winners with Peter Garrett from left Lana Heydon, Alan Chenoweth, Victorian Winner Michael Pitcher, Simone Carr-Cornish and Adam Smith, with EIANZ president Bill Haylock (far right).*

## SUSTAINABILITY YOUTH FORUM UPDATE

Following on from the Youth Forum held in September, four position papers were produced, on Water, Climate Change, Social Sustainability and Waste.

These position papers were presented to the Hon Peter Garrett at the EIANZ Gala Dinner by The Youth Forum organisers Stacey Bloomfield and Gordon Young.

Click [here](#) to check out the video of the speech and presentation on YouTube.

The position papers will also be published in the Australasian Journal of Environmental Management and are currently available on the EIANZ website [www.eianz.org](http://www.eianz.org) - chapters - Victoria – events, or follow the links below: [EIANZ Victoria](#)



*The Sustainability Youth Forum organisers Gordon Young (far left) and Stacey Bloomfield (far right) pictured with Peter Garret and members of the forum including Duncan Fitzpatrick, Yohanna Aurish, and Ana Martins*

## SUSTAINABLE EVENT MANAGEMENT FORUM

The Sustainable Event Management Forum was held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Arup. Presenting on the evening were Liz Franzmann of Sustainability Victoria, Tony Martin of the Sustainable Living Foundation, and Euan Williamson from Creative Environment. They covered a range of sustainability issues related to running large-scale events, as well as demonstrating how certain initiatives, once presented to the public, tend to inspire greater participation and dissemination of the message of ongoing sustainability.

Nicole Rogers from Arup gave a run down of the British Standard 8901 on Sustainable Event Management, outlining the key areas to consider in the planning, execution and monitoring of an event, regardless of size.

The forum was a huge success, well attended by members of the event management, tourism and sports and recreation sectors.

## SPRING ARTICLE

Spring is in the air and summer is just around the corner! With the sun warming up some of you may be starting to think about holidays and weekends away.

With the likelihood of tougher economic times ahead and concern about reducing one's carbon footprint, now is the perfect time to start thinking about exploring some of the wonders on offer on our very own doorstep..... have a Victorian STAYcation!



Not only will you save on travel expenses, you're also promoting sustainability by staying local, spending your tourism dollar in your own backyard, supporting local industry and enjoying fresh produce and wine straight from the vines!



Here in Victoria we are spoilt for choice, no matter which direction you choose to head off in, within 100 kms of the CBD you can reach many of our beautiful National Parks and other attractions.

Point Nepean – Mornington Peninsula	90km
The Dandenong Ranges	50km
The Yarra Valley	55km
The Bellarine Peninsula	75km
Macedon Ranges,	70km

Most places are accessible via V-line, and don't forget you can always carpool with friends.



Remember to staycation responsibly to ensure the long-term sustainability of our parks and "outdoor areas" for all to enjoy, keeping in mind that if you go walking to stick to defined walking tracks and paths to minimise erosion and loss of vegetation, take all rubbish with you for recycling (or

later disposal) and observe rules and signs regarding camping and camp fires. And before taking Fido along with you on your staycation ensure that dogs (or other pets) are permitted.

Most importantly, get out there and have some fun!

## CARBON MARKETS EXPO 2008

**Victorian Committee member Alison Dodd recently attended the Carbon Markets Expo 2008 conference at the Gold Coast.**

The conference attracted 1200 delegates from 26 countries. Attendees came from a wide variety of sectors, including banking and finance, consulting, carbon brooking and trading, NGOs, UN, carbon offset creation, local, state and federal government, law, energy efficiency, forestry and ecology, and many others. There was also a large trade hall exhibition with exhibitors from all of these sectors.

Speakers of note included Federal Minister for Climate Change and Water Penny Wong and former Australian of the Year Tim Flannery. The conference was particularly well timed, with Penny Wong's presentation just before the release of the Commonwealth Treasury's modelling around the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme providing some interesting insights. There were also many excellent speakers during both the plenary sessions, and during sessions covering topics ranging from the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, carbon market infrastructure, the Clean Development Mechanism and other international linkages, renewable energy, energy efficiency, forestry and the voluntary carbon market.

The most interesting and exciting aspect of the conference for me was the comprehensive way that it brought together all sectors, particularly the business sector, to discuss not just the problem of climate change but to focus on what positive steps need to be done to prevent it and practical information on how to take those steps. While there was an appreciation for the enormity of the scale on which action must be taken, there was a sense among presenters and participants of the opportunities that this action can create. A number of speakers, particularly those with international experience, also emphasised the need for the government to put in place an appropriate policy setting, through a well designed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, to allow this to occur.

Although an unfortunate clash of schedules meant that this conference was on at the same time as the EIANZ conference in Melbourne, I am very glad that I went as I learnt a lot at this conference and met many interesting people. I would highly recommend the Carbon Markets Expo 2009 conference to anyone with an interest in the area of carbon trading and carbon markets.





## DECEMBER INTAKE FOR THE CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTITIONER PROGRAM (CENVP)



### CENVP Year-End Intake Closing Approaches - 21<sup>st</sup> December!

The Certified Environmental Practitioner (CENVP) Program is inviting suitably qualified practitioners to participate in this important initiative for the environmental profession. Don't miss this opportunity to apply for CENVP status and be recognised!

There are already over 220 practitioners certified across Australia and New Zealand and the number is steadily growing, with the June 08 intake applications due to add another 30+ practitioners to the scheme.

Amongst the reasons people have given for joining the program is the belief that environmental practitioners should have equal standing to those from other professions engaged for example in developmental projects, and also giving assurance to stakeholders that environmental practitioners are competent in their field and have a recognised high standard of ethical conduct.

Completed applications including application fee and referee reports should be submitted to the CENVP Registrar prior to the closing date. As the process is rigorous and the application thorough, be sure to get started now.

**IANZ members and fellows receive significant discounts on application and annual certification fees.**

Please review all application materials and requirements prior to submitting an application. If you have any questions regarding the requirements or your eligibility, the Registrar would be happy to speak with you to determine whether you should apply during this intake.

Please post signed hard copies of applications to:  
 CENVP Registrar  
 c/- IANZ  
 GPO Box 211  
 Melbourne VIC 3000 Australia

Digitally scanned copies can be emailed to:

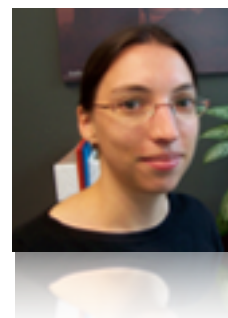
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## IANZ PROFILE

### Meet our Committee Member and Website & Newsletter Editor



#### 1. You work for BECA – how long have you been with them and what is your current role?

I started with Beca in March this year as an Environmental Management Specialist, so about nine months now. The job with Beca is my first job in Australia; previously I was an Environmental Management Consultant in The Netherlands. Currently I work full time as an Environmental Officer at the Sewage Treatment and Pump Station Alliance. This is an Alliance between Melbourne Water, Beca, MWH, Boulderstone Hornibrook and UGL.

The Alliance delivers a five-year program of capital works at Melbourne Water's Western and Eastern Treatment Plants and its Pump Stations. In my role as Environmental Officer I have to make sure that environmental and sustainability considerations are incorporated into the project's design, construction and commissioning.

### Minimum Requirements

In brief, to qualify for the CENVP, you will need:

- 1) an environment-related degree;
- 2) five years of relevant environmental experience over the past ten years;
- 3) three referees prepared to vouch for your skills, performance and professional conduct;
- 4) a signed statement of ethical conduct;
- 5) commitment to a minimum over two years of 50 hours of continued professional development; and
- 6) additional supporting evidence of claim including at least two referee reports.



2. **Where do you see the new challenges of sustainability in the environment profession?**

One of the new challenges is the global economic crisis. Where we as a profession are considered to be part of business as usual, now the whole world is looking at cutting cost. I am concerned that sustainability and the environment will suffer from that. Also the focus of the world has turned away from the climate change challenge we are facing. Do we need a sequel of Al Gore's "Inconvenient Truth" or will it be reality TV?

3. **How do you personally incorporate sustainability into your everyday life?**

With the move to Australia my partner and I downsized from two cars to none. I also try to ride my bicycle to work everyday. Furthermore I try to create a little bit of awareness with the people in my surrounding. I often find it striking that people don't seem to know that everything they use and consume ends up polluting the environment.

4. **How do you wind down at the end of a hard week at the coal face (sorry, that should that be 'renewable energy' face!)**

Since working at the Alliance the time has been flying by, weekdays and weekends. We spent most of our weekends looking for a house that would meet all our requirements (close to public transport, not too far from the city, a backyard and not too much \$\$\$). It has been a six-month search but luckily that search is now over and I can start looking at fun things to do in my leisure time. Now that the backyard is going to be a reality I will be spending my time on creating my own little veggie and herb patch. And if there is enough space left maybe a couple of chooks too.

5. **What are you looking forward to most in your role as Committee member?**

I've been a member of the Victorian committee for just over a year now and what I really enjoy is working together with likeminded people, being part of the action and building networks for the future. Keeping the Victorian page on the EIANZ website up to date and to bring the newsletter to the next level is something I enjoy. I would like to use this opportunity to welcome the four new committee members.

## FACEBOOK

Don't forget to check out the EIANZ Facebook page! You can become a fan of EIANZ, read about upcoming events, as well as the CEnvP program, initiate discussions with other members online, read wall posts and view photos from our latest events.

Click [here](#) for the link to the Facebook page.

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