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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the mini Christmas edition
of the EIANZ Victorian Division
newsletter!

In this issue we look back at the
'Breakfast with the new EPA chair
Cheryl Batagol and the New
Commissioner for Sustainability Dr. Kate
Auty'.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sustainable Living Festival Debate

**"Why bother with renewable
energy?"**

As part of the Sustainable Living Festival
at Federation Square, EIANZ Victoria
will again join a debate with Young
Engineers Australia. This year's topic:
"Why bother with renewable energy?".
We look forward to seeing you all at
Federation Square to soak up the very
best examples of ecological and social
sustainability.

The Sustainable living festival runs from
19 - 21 February.

EIANZ Victoria Events Summer & Autumn 2010

To give an idea of the events we are
working on for the first half year of
2010.

March – Members Networking event

April – Partner event with AWA

June – Meet the Policy Drivers forum

June – Climate Change Boot Camp

PAST EVENTS

Breakfast with the new EPA Chair and the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability

With the recent announcement of Dr
Kate Auty as the new Commissioner for
Environmental Sustainability, and Cheryl
Batagol as the new EPA Chairman, the
Victorian Division of the EIANZ
thought it was important for members to
get some insight into the minds of these
very talented people. Approximately 85
people attended the event, and feedback
has been nothing but positive, including
"I was so enthralled by what both Kate
and Cheryl had to say that my breakfast
went cold!".

Although the event was never intended to
highlight the fact that both of these
important positions have been taken up
by women, it became apparent whilst
listening to these speakers that they have
faced similar challenges as women in
important positions in the workplace,
which has played an important part of
the development of their respective
careers.

Kate has an amazing background,
embedded in which is her love of the
land and our natural environment, and
the original caretakers of that land,
overlaid with her legal training and
experience. Cheryl has a completely
different background of farming, waste
management and environmental
management, and attributes raising a
family as an important part of
developing skills that she has needed to
apply in her career.

Interesting information to take away
from the event include the fact that
Cheryl indicated that she was satisfied



with recent structural changes made to the Environment Protection Authority by the previous Chairperson, Mick Bourke. Additionally, Kate indicated the potential need for the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability to report more regularly on important issues than the State of the Environment report allows. Both agreed that our response to climate change challenges will be one of the biggest upcoming issues Victoria, and Australia, will face.

Feedback from this event and ideas for any future events are welcome, and should be emailed to vic-events@cianz.org

IANZ PROFILE

Meet our Events Coordinator, Melissa Grant



1. **You work for CenvP Program and the EIANZ – how long have you been with them and what is your current role?**

I have been with the CenvP program and the EIANZ since February 2008.

As Manager of the CenvP Program it is my role to coordinate each new intake of CEnvPs and arrange interviews in conjunction with our interstate and NZ panel conveners, maintain the database, promote the program, as well as the day to day running of the business including finances.

As Victorian Division Events Coordinator for EIANZ I plan and coordinate our events and functions, a highlight of which was the Annual Conference in 2008, which included Minister Garrett as our guest speaker!

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

As I work more 'for' the environment profession rather than in it per se, my personal perspective is just that each person needs to realise the impact they have on the environment and adjust their behaviour and purchasing patterns accordingly. Take individual responsibility, inform yourself about which companies are environmentally friendly, and are working positively to reduce their impact, and purchase their products. Find out what your local council is doing, chances are there are lots of projects to become involved with. Support local industry and produce whenever you can, eliminate non-recyclable items from your life wherever possible, recycle everything you possibly can and don't just mindlessly

consume things that will end up in landfill. This is particularly important coming up to Christmas!

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

I am an obsessive recycler (I take rubbish home in my handbag if there are no recycle bins around when I am out, and sort through my parent's rubbish to make sure they are doing their bit), we grow our own herbs and vegetables and have planted native trees in the garden, we use grey water, I try to limit the use of my car to once a week on my day off, and use the train every other day, I have cut back red meat consumption to about once a week, I buy plants for people instead of cut flowers, I drink tap water, I am buying many of my Christmas presents this year from Oxfam, and I love organic and biodynamic wine!

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!)**

Spending time with my 5 year old on my day off restores the spirit after a week at the office! A long walk/run early on Saturday morning along Gardiner Creek, and usually catching up with friends for a home cooked meal on a Saturday night.

5. **What do you enjoy most about your role as Committee member?**

The energy and enthusiasm that our committee members display first thing in the morning at our monthly meetings, how switched-on, informed and passionate they are, and how they are always willing to contribute their time and talents to help create events for our members and guests which are informative, interesting and entertaining.

CALL FOR NEW VICTORIAN TREASURER

Our current Victorian Treasurer, Tim Phillips, will hang up his calculator at the end of 2009, leaving us bereft of a treasurer and committee member for 2010.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution and hard work that Tim has put in over the past 2 years as treasurer, and thank him sincerely for all his effort, ideas, and dedication to the task of treasurer for the Victorian Division.

We are now calling for a volunteer to step up to fulfill this important role, which would suit anyone with an hour a month free to attend our committee meetings (first Tuesday morning of the month from 8am till 9am in the CBD) initially, and a bit more around the time of events when bills need paying etc. If you are a sole practitioner and used to doing your own accounts payable and receivable this would suit you down to the ground, however



we encourage any member who would like to make a contribution to the EIANZ Victorian committee to contact Melissa at vic-events@eianz.org to register their interest.

TURN YOUR CHRISTMAS GREEN

Twelve (Environmentally Friendly) tips for Christmas

1. Deck the halls with boughs of real holly - instead of using artificial Christmas decorations, hang greenery from the garden or organic seasonal fruit that can be composted when the decorations come down.
2. Instead of buying a plastic tree, use a potted Australian native that can be planted in the garden after Christmas.
3. Instead of Christmas paper, wrap gifts in fabric that can be re-used, such as tea towels, cloth bags or tablecloths.
4. Buy gifts that help someone else live sustainably, such as seedlings for a vegie patch.
5. Turn Christmas lights off overnight.
6. Buy locally-grown or organic produce for Christmas lunch.
7. Give charity, recycled or e-cards.
8. Keep and reuse gift bags.
9. If you are washing up plates, use a tub to rinse them and pour that water onto the garden.
10. If you're using disposable plates, choose the sturdy paper variety, not plastic.
11. Consider becoming part of a Kris Kringle instead of buying a lot of unwanted gifts.
12. Keep the emphasis on presence, not presents, by spending plenty of time with family and friends.



CENVP END OF YEAR INTAKE

CENVP End of Year Intake now open - Deadline is 21st December 2009

Don't put it off until the last minute! It's time to start preparing your application for CENVP. 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!

Completed applications including application fee and referee reports should be submitted to the CENVP Registrar prior to the closing date. EIANZ members and fellows receive significant discounts on application and annual certification fees.

Extensions may be granted by applying in writing (by email is acceptable) to info@cenvp.org by 10th December 2009. Application fees must be submitted for payment at time of extension request.

Please review all application materials and requirements prior to submitting an application. Applications which are incomplete or incorrect will risk delays in processing and interview scheduling. The process from application to certification will take approximately 6 months, to allow for screening of all applications, allocation of interview panel, scheduling of interview, compilation of panel reports, and assessment and ratification of applications by the Board Application Review committee.

Application forms, frequently asked questions, and all other information can be found online at www.cenvp.org

If you have any questions regarding the requirements or your eligibility, the Registrar is 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/- EIANZ
GPO Box 211
Melbourne VIC 3000
Australia

Digitally scanned copies can be emailed to:

applications@cenvp.org For more information, please direct enquiries to info@cenvp.org





WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS



The Victorian Committee would like to welcome Melody, Kimberly, Martin and Ross as members of the Committee.

We will introduce them to you in our newsletter in 2010.



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WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS. HOPEFULLY WE SEE YOU ALL IN THE NEW YEAR AT ONE OF THE GREAT EVENTS THE VICTORIAN COMMITTEE WILL ORGANISE FOR ITS MEMBERS.