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Less than a month now to the election, debate on the environment has been thin, as you can see in this month's news. It will be interesting to see as we spring into September and closer to the polling day whether the environment becomes an election issue. Make sure you check out the great professional development opportunities, read the latest publications and get along to the green drinks in Christchurch if you are in the Garden City on September 3rd.

Feedback:

Email with your thoughts to nznewsletter.eianz@gmail.com and we will share them with members in our next Newsletter.

In the News

So in case you missed it, here are some snippets of environmental news since the last newsletter.

Politics

[Nats eye more resource act tweaks](#)

Local Government

[Development Contributions Commissioners appointed](#)

[ECan hands council toxic-land headache](#)

Conservation/Ecology

[NZ's first whale and seal sanctuaries open](#)

[Colony of rare mudfish rehomed](#)

[Ten year shark study comes to an end](#)

[1080 blitz against pest plague begins](#)

[Shark finning ban brought forward](#)

[Sticky beak is New Zealand's tooled-up kea](#)

[Penguin fence complete at last](#)

['Antarctic audit' for marine life](#)

Water

[Gareth Morgan and Geoff Simmons: Govt policy too weak to maintain waterways](#)

[Rio passes first Olympic test, water quality surprises](#)

Air quality

[China urges public to walk, ride bikes to help cut smog](#)

Climate Change

[Deep emissions cuts needed by 2050 to limit warming: U.N. draft](#)

[Science and Innovation Minister Steven Joyce officially launches the Deep South Challenge](#)

[Kiwis in Antarctica: Secrets of the ice world](#)

[NZ could spark climate action, expert says](#)

[Greenland ice sheet losses double](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

The following Professional Development Opportunities are available and as always, all EIANZ events are available on the calendar of our home page <http://www.eianz.org/>

EIANZ Conference 2014 – Living on the Edge



Living on the edge- environmental management has many edges; borders of ecological communities, divisions in the landscape created by development, and sharpness of thought, language and argument about environmental outcomes and good practice.

See Tasmania in the spring time, come and explore 21st century challenges in environmental policy and practice. The conference will showcase new knowledge and skills that will ensure that you can practice at the leading edge of shaping a resilient and sustainable environment. Reserve the date now – plan to present a paper or poster about your research or practice. Let's ensure as a chapter, New Zealand is well represented.

Registration here - <http://www.eianz.org/conference/registration>

Where: **Hobart, Australia**

When: **30 and 31 October 2014**

Venue: **Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania**

New Zealand Symposium 2015 – Save the Date - 27 March 2015

We are pleased to announce that the 2015 New Zealand EIANZ Symposium will be held in Wellington on Friday 27 March 2015. Topics at this stage are;

- Implementing the NPS on Freshwater Management - how to make it work
- Local Government Reform – strengthening councils' capacity for environmental management

The New Zealand Coastal Society Annual Conference



Join the New Zealand Coastal Society for their 22nd Annual Conference in Raglan.

Where: **Raglan, Waikato**

When: **November 18-21 2014**

Webpage for more information: <http://coastalsociety.org.nz/conference2014/>

New Publications

New Zealand's framework for adapting to climate change

The Government is taking steps to prepare for the impacts of climate change so that New Zealand is resilient, less susceptible to the impacts and in a position to take advantage of the opportunities that may be presented to us.



This document helps create a broader understanding of New Zealand's framework for adapting to climate change and details four areas: information, responsibilities, investment and action.

Although the impacts are already becoming evident, we still have time to adapt to a changing climate. Adaptation is a long term process and we will regularly review our approach and initiatives in light of new science and as the impacts of climate change on New Zealand become clearer.

Click here for your copy of the document - <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/climate/adaptation-framework-aug14/index.html>

The Environment – What Matters Most? Resource Management Law Association Salmon Lecture, 17 July 2014

Read Jan Wrights lecture to the Resource Management Law Association on what she believes are the four priorities of action for New Zealand's environment - <http://www.pce.parliament.nz/media/speeches/the-environment-what-matters-most/>

Canterbury Branch Event

Canterbury Green Drinks

The Christchurch EIANZ branch had a successful evening hosting 'Green Drinks' in August for the first of our regular monthly catch ups. Jeska McNicol sparked a lot of conversation about the combined environmental footprint of all of our SME's.

The details of our next Christchurch EIANZ branch drinks and catch up are as follows:

Wednesday, 3rd September, from 5:30pm, @ Bean Scene Café and Cargo Bar, Lincoln Road, Addington (Cargo Bar will be open for drinks and food prior to this for early birds).

Speaker: Ned Norton, Water Resource Management Consultant @ NN Consulting, "Changing times for freshwater: the NPS (National Policy Statement), NOF (National Objectives Framework) and collaboration"

All members welcome! And please feel free to bring friends and colleagues.

The first Wednesday of every month, the Canterbury EIANZ branch members (and guests) will meet for drinks and a speaker at Bean Scene Café, from 530pm.

Dates for 2014 are:

Wednesday 3rd September - Ned Norton, Water Resource Management Consultant @ NN Consulting, "Changing times for freshwater: the NPS (National Policy Statement), NOF (National Objectives Framework) and collaboration"

Wednesday 1st October - Lynda Murchison, North Canterbury President, Federated Farmers "Sustainable Agriculture"

Wednesday 5th November - Richard Howard, Soil and Groundwater Consultant @ Separate Phase Ltd, Topic TBC

Wednesday 3rd December – TBC

With the support of members we will continue these into the new year. Let us know what you think.

If you have any questions, or have a great idea for a future speaker, get in touch with your local branch by [email](#).

Certified Environmental Practitioner – closing 5th Sept 2014

Certified through a process of peer and Board assessment, Certification can provide a greater level of assurance to the community, employers, clients and professional associates of the credentials and peer recognition of an environmental professional.

Maintaining high quality professional outputs of practitioners not only has positive environmental and social results, but may offer economic gains by enhancing sector competitiveness.

The CEnvP Scheme was established in 2004 as an initiative of EIANZ. It is Australasia's first certification scheme for general environmental practice, and one of the first in the world.

There are currently over 540 CEnvPs across Australia and New Zealand (as at June 2014).

We encourage suitably qualified practitioners to participate in this important initiative for the environment profession.

For more information about certification criteria and the application process, please visit www.CEnvP.org/apply

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Call for Articles and Ideas

We will be putting out this newsletter quarterly and need interesting and informative articles every time!

Have you...

- Finished an interesting project?
- Attended a training course you found valuable?
- Have some photos that you just have to share?
- Got some ideas for other things you would like to see in this newsletter?

If so, we would love to add your two cents to the newsletter.

If you would like to share, please do send any suggestions, articles, photos to [Craig Redmond](mailto:Craig.Redmond).

The next newsletter will be out at the end of August, so please send any submissions through by 20 August 2014.

Have your details changed?

It is important for us to keep your details up to date. If you have recently moved house or job, changed your phone number or email address please let us know by sending an email to newzealand@eianz.org to ensure that your details are up to date.

Key Institute and Chapter Information

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