

EIANZ SYP

Environmental Students and Young Professionals
In South East Queensland

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Christmas! That's it, we're outta here! Everyone has to take a break from saving the world sometime! This year has been pretty jam packed with SYP activities and events. We've got plenty of ideas for another busy year in 2006. Best wishes for the festive season!

EVENT WRAP UPS

Energy Efficient Building Tour



On Friday November 25th, the EIANZ SYP network hosted a building tour of the energy efficient Wil-

liam Buck Centre (on Edward St), guided by FKP's Bob Warwick. The tour was held on day one of the Futureshock conference, a three day conference exploring sustainability topics specific to young professionals in the built environment.

Conference participants were given a description of the building's evolution from design through to operation and Bob provided raw insight into the realities of developing a sustainable commercial building in today's market. The sustainability challenges faced by FKP were deconstructed over the conference table from the different disciplines, generations and experiences of each participant.

The EIANZ SYP Network would like to extend a big thankyou to Bob for contributing his Friday afternoon for the tour and many thanks to those who came along. For more info on Futureshock or the William Buck Centre go to www.2050.org.au or www.williambuckcentre.com

Ecofilm Night : End of Suburbia



On Thursday the 15th December the EIANZ Young Professional hosted a screening of the "End of Suburbia". The event reached capacity and packed out the makeshift theatre, the popcorn was a hit, and requests were made for more M&M's.

The documentary opened with a comical look at the settlement of America (and most other Western civilisations) into the suburbia we all know and love. It demon-

strated the evolution and thus dependence of this way of life on the accessibility of the automobile. This is where the movie progressed into a poignant look at the sustainability of our current way of life, and in turn international economies and the current dependence on the availability of oil.

It was a well articulated reality check, something we are rarely exposed to in mainstream media. Despite being a sobering look at the future we got great feedback from everyone who attended and many stayed to ponder the challenges ahead over beer and pizza.

Thanks to everyone who supported our event and provided feedback. Stay tuned for more inspirational Ecofilm evenings coming in 2006. If you would like your own copy (discounts for several orders) or host your own screening of the film, please contact Fiona on fiona.berry@arup.com.au or see the website at www.endofsuburbia.com

UPCOMING SYP EVENTS

Speed Networking!

What? An opportunity to mix with a range of environmental professionals to discuss some contemporary issues (and find a mentor).

Where? A very funky location TBA

When? Fri Mar 17th 2006

How much? TBA but as always we'll be very considerate of your pocket!

Stay tuned for more details.....



UPCOMING EIANZ SEQ EVENTS

Climate Adaptation: Do we adapt or do we flop?

What? Presentation and discussion on the recently released DNRM paper- "Climate Smart Adaptation"

Where? Riverside Auditorium, Lvl 6, 123 Eagle St

When? 3-6pm Thurs Feb 16th 2006

How much? \$30 EIANZ members, \$40 non-members, \$20 concession

Go to www.eianzseq.org for more info

WEB RESOURCES

Why waste this month? Christmas generates a lot of waste—all that packaging and paper.....take a look at some worthwhile sites (note how little waste our eNewsletter produces!)

www.noahsark.org.au

www.sita.com.au

www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au

www.ecorecycle.vic.gov.au



SYP PROFILE

Learn more about one of your SYP Network sub-committee members!

Name? Rebecca Wallace

Occupation? Env'tal Consultant

How many years/ months have you worked? 3 years 2 months

Where do you work?

Environmental & Licensing Professionals

What did you study and where?
Bachelor Applied Science (Env Sc) QUT

Why did you get into the environment industry? I wanted to be an environmental ambassador for other species and future generations which are not represented amongst our decision makers

What other volunteer activities have you done/ are interested in? I have been involved in riparian rehabilitation, ecotoxicology studies, and in research on photosynthesis rates in eucalypts. I would also like to be a part of the AusAID Youth Ambassador programme which places young professionals on assignments in developing countries (www.ayad.com.au).

What is your favourite type of pet and why? Cats (despite the environmentally friendly aspect of owning a domesticated predator). I also have a few guinea pigs roaming the backyard – the next generation of green waste recycling!

What is your favourite motto / quote? Study the past if you would define the future (Confucius)