



Launceston
Environment
Centre Inc.

Winter 2006 LEC newsletter.

"The warnings from scientists are urgent and unequivocal: our civilisation is unwittingly stepping in front of an ecological lorry that is about to flatten us" - Ian Lowe

LIVING ENVIRONMENT GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Tasmanian State Government initiative to assist environmental groups with administrative costs has enabled us to employ a Co-ordinator for 3 days a week for a period of 3 years. We are pleased to have appointed a person of the calibre of Rob Palmer who will be able to give the LEC a higher profile & raise environmental awareness in the community.

GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAMME 2006- *Pencil this one in !!*

'MEET OUR NEW CO-ORDINATOR'

Your opportunity to have input into what you think should be the direction & campaign focus of the LEC over the next 3 years
We will also be discussing the proposed pulp mill & the forthcoming ! Integrated Impact Statement & how or if we respond.

7 P.M. Wednesday July 12, 2006

at the LEC, Holy Trinity Church Parish Hall, 34 Cameron St, Launceston (the Parish Hall is directly opposite the Grand Chancellor). Enter via side door from the car park.
Hot soup & fresh French Bakery bread will be served.

LEC BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Due to two recent resignations the Board has been reduced to six members. Not every Board member can necessarily attend every meeting and this may cause difficulty in attaining a quorum at all times.

Please give some thought to joining the Board, we would appreciate your input.

Non office holders of the Board have no other duties apart from attending a meeting on the second Wednesday of the month from 2 - 4 pm. We would be willing to pay travel allowance to attend meetings.

If you can spare a couple of hours per month please give the Centre a call on 6331 8406.

Current Board members are :**Chairperson** : Gillian Marsden, **Deputy Chairperson** : Doug Brown, **Treasurer** : Frank Thompson, **Secretary** : Brian O'Byrne, **Members of the Board** : Edmund Pickering, Mike Cassidy

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT NORTH COMMITTEE

NRM has new premises at 49-51 Elizabeth Street, Launceston (same building as Conservation Volunteers) that is at shopfront level & easily accessible to the public. ph 6333 7777, email- admin@nrmnorth.org.au
www.nrmtas.com.au

USEFUL WEBSITES

LEC - www.lec.org.au

Tas. Conservation Trust - www.tct.org.au

North West Environment Centre - www.happyplanet.org.au

Tamar Natural Resource Management - www.tamar-nrm.org.au

Sustainable Living Tasmania - www.sustainablelivingtasmania.org.au

Environment Challenge - www.up2me.com.au
Environmental Defenders Office - www.edo.org.au/edotas

PULP MILL CAMPAIGN

T.A.P. (Tasmanians Against Pulpmill) - www.tamar-residents-action-coalition.blogspot.com
Wilderness Society - www.wilderness.org.au/pulpmill

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

'A Big Fix - Radical Solutions For Australia's Environmental Crisis' by Ian Lowe, President of ACF, pre-eminent scientist & environmentalist. If you were inspired by Ian Lowe's recent talk then this book is essential reading.

-available for \$21.45 incl postage from The Australian Collaboration, 5 st Vincent Place, Albert Park, Vic 3206, Ph 03 96457977, email -enquiries@tya.org.au www.australiancollaboration.com.au
Petrarchs may have a few copies left.

LEC RESOURCE LIBRARY

You are welcome to borrow the following books & publications:

- **'TASMANIA 2003- STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT'** has recently been released. Summary Report available in hard copy or full report on CD-R from Resource Planning & Development Commission, GPO Box 1691, Hobart, Ph 03 62332795, email - soe@rpdc.tas.gov.au The report surveys the state of our environment ranging from health of the land & oceans to the state of our towns & cities & how environmental quality is related to socio-economic activities. The report proposes a series of actions for improvement. Can be downloaded on www.rpdc.tas.gov.au/soer

- **'Going It Alone - A Practical Guide For Unrepresented Litigants in the Resource Management & Planning Tribunal'** -published by the Environmental Defenders Office (Tas) Inc.- \$22 order from 131 Macquarie St, Hobart, Tas. 2000 or phone 6223 2770

- **'Birds On Farms'** - NW Environment Centre - a glovebox guide to birds & habitat restoration & management in NW Tasmania.12 incl. postage - order from NW Environment Centre, PO Box 999, Burnie, 7320 or email nwec@happyplanet.org.au or from Petrarchs, Launceston for \$15.

- **'New Aboriginal Heritage Legislation for Tasmania- Who should get Involved?'** Conserving Aboriginal Heritage
Department of Tourism, Parks, Heritage & the Arts.

- **'Outwit, Outplay, Outfox'- An educational resource for Tasmanian Schools**, published by Fox Free Task Force, Dept Primary Industries -

THE ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGE

Sustainable Living Tasmania (the trading name of the Tasmanian Environment Centre Inc. based in Hobart) has recently launched its online environmental challenge for those striving or seeking to reduce their ecological footprint. Take the Environment Challenge and see how you can commit to two changes that will lighten your load on the planet.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE CHALLENGE - SIMPLY LOG ON TO - www.up2me.com.au

SMART BURN www.smartburn.com.au

This is a device that is placed inside a domestic wood combustion heater.

Benefits gained are :

1. Reduced smoke & particulate emissions going into the atmosphere by up to 50%.
2. Increased heat output from the fire.
3. Keeps the glass window & firebox clean.
4. Cleans the chimney flue- reducing fire risk.
5. Contains a mixture of non toxic natural ingredients.
6. Lasts about 900 burning hours before replacing with a new one.

Cost is \$46 available from Rainbow Heating Services, 212 wellington St, Launceston, Ph 63436181 or R G Randall Wood & Gas Heating Ph 6331 5677

