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**NZAEE AGM**

The NZAEE AGM will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of July at the Auckland Regional Council, Pitt street, Central Auckland.

For catering purposes please RSVP your attendance to [admin@nzaee.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzaee.org.nz)

**News**

**Education funding cuts**

The National government released its 2009 Budget on 28<sup>th</sup> May. The executive summary of the budget reads that the government is *“increasing spending on front-line public services, particularly in health, education, and justice...”* (<http://www.treasury.govt.nz/budget/2009/execsumm/b09-execsumm.pdf> pg 3). This statement is later contradicted on page seven with, *“A total of \$2 billion in spending over four years was identified that either did not accord with our priorities, or that could be better used elsewhere. Reprioritisation within departments, particularly the Ministries of Education, Economic Development and Foreign Affairs and Trade, make up a large share of these savings.”* This statement is supported by a comparison of 'savings' and 'initiatives' on the Ministry of Education's website, highlighting the government is withdrawing \$144 million from the Education sector over the next four years ([www.minedu.govt.nz/theMinistry/Budget/Budget2009.aspx](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/theMinistry/Budget/Budget2009.aspx)).

Of that \$144 million being withdrawn from education, EfS, EE and other vital education programmes that do not 'accord' with the National government priorities are severely affected. As of 2010, government funding for the following programmes and initiatives will cease: EnviroSchools Foundation, Govt3, Public Place Recycling, MfE Household Sustainability programme; and initiatives including Education for Sustainability Advisors, Maturanga Taiao, Adult Community Education, the Guidelines for Environmental Education in New Zealand Schools and the Sustainable Business Network. A priority focus has been re-aligned to building new schools, numeracy and literacy.

A week prior to the budget announcement, the publication *'Shifting frontiers, new priorities, creating pathways: elevating the case for tertiary education for sustainable development in New Zealand'* by Associate professor (UNITEC Institute of Technology - Auckland) Peter Mellalieu was circulated via email.

This publication challenges priorities of the New Zealand government and Tertiary institutions and their arguably dark age methods in not reacting quicker to the concept of sustainability as central importance to education.

As picked up by Mellalieu, the Minister of Education Anne Tolley, failed to mention the topic of sustainable development in a speech at the New Zealand Tertiary Education Summit, but instead spoke of a '*prosperous, highly skilled nation*'. Mellalieu believes that numeracy and literacy do not sit separately or are not compartmentalized from sustainable development learning but are incorporated into it, along with other literacies such as problem solving, critical thinking and team collaboration.

The article '*Package Cure*' in the June edition of the Listener further emphasises the healthy and environmental attitudes of New Zealanders stating that just over half the nation took part in Earth Hour on March 28<sup>th</sup> this year and over 2000 Aucklanders also demonstrated their support for pedestrian and cycling access over the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Events like these highlight the need for our country's leaders to start listening to and matching their priorities to the people they represent, rather than focusing on roads (Listener, 2009) and infrastructure.

## Discounts on Connected Media DVDs

Connected Media is pleased to offer a 10% discount to NZAEE members for online orders from our DVD catalogue.

The catalogue includes:

- *The Middle-earth Connection* - documentaries on environmental issues in New Zealand; featuring footage from 'The Lord of the Rings' movies
- *Wa\$ted* – as seen on TV3
- *The Outlook for Someday* – winning short films from the sustainability film challenge for young New Zealanders
- *Earth Report* – the environmental series on BBC World and TVNZ 7
- *Life* – the international series on BBC World
- *Hands On* – sustainability success stories

To see the DVD catalogue go to [www.connectedmedia.org/catalogue](http://www.connectedmedia.org/catalogue)

To get the 10% discount members need to put 'NZAEE Discount' in the message box of the online shopping cart. Connected Media will then charge their credit card only 90% of the total value of the order.

Connected Media can be contacted by phone at (09) 376 6060 or by email [contact@connectedmedia.org](mailto:contact@connectedmedia.org)

## The Outlook for Someday 2009

The third sustainability film challenge for young New Zealanders is about to be launched. The

website for this year's challenge will go live in mid-July, so keep an eye on [www.theoutlookforsomeday.net](http://www.theoutlookforsomeday.net)

As with previous years, films can be any length up to 5 minutes. They can be made individually or in teams. They can be any genre at all – drama, documentary, animation, music video, advertisement, video blog, reality tv... They can be made with any camera – film, video, stills camera, webcam or mobile phone.

This year anyone up to the age of 24 (i.e. anyone born in 1985 or later) can enter the challenge. There will also be Special Awards for Winning Films made by Primary/ Intermediate School film-makers and Secondary School film-makers.

The deadline for entries is 18 September 2009.

To receive updates about The Outlook for Someday go to [www.theoutlookforsomeday.net/sign-up](http://www.theoutlookforsomeday.net/sign-up)

### **Feet First Picture Book Competition**

This spring, one primary school will have the opportunity to professionally publish a picture book on active travel, written and illustrated by their students.

The Feet First Picture Book Competition is designed to get schools thinking about active travel. The competition is part of the Feet First Walk to School Every Week initiative which promotes safe walking in fun and unusual ways.

To enter the competition, a class (or a group within a class) must write and illustrate a picture book based on active travel. Schools can create their book on paper or in a digital format. The story can be fiction or non-fiction, serious or humorous – it's up to the students to decide!

A professional picture book writer/book editor and picture book illustrator/book designer will visit the winning class or group to enable a workshop in Term 4. They will work with the winners on their picture book and help them prepare it for publication.

At [www.feetfirst.govt.nz](http://www.feetfirst.govt.nz), teachers can download an Entry Pack and a copy of Getting Started, which is a booklet packed full of lesson activities, guidelines and hints for budding authors, artists, designers and editors.

Jennie Gianotti, Education Manager at the NZ Transport Agency, said: "This is a wonderful opportunity to get students working collectively on a creative project that brings together reading, writing, visual language, and art. At the same time, schools can use the competition to promote safe and active forms of travel."

Every student at the school of the winning class or group will receive a free copy of the book when it's published and Feet First will host a book launch party at the winning school. A copy of the book will also be sent to every primary school library in New Zealand.

The competition is open to New Zealand schools that are registered for Feet First (Years

1-8). Schools who have not yet signed up can register at [www.feetfirst.govt.nz](http://www.feetfirst.govt.nz)

### **Calling for independent executive board members**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of August NZAEE will be holding its Annual General Meeting in Auckland at the Auckland Regional Council, Pitt Street, Central Auckland.

Prior to the AGM we are seeking nominations for independent members who are interested in serving on the Executive Board. Individuals must have been NZAEE members for at least two years prior to nomination and must be nominated and seconded by existing members of the Association.

If you would like to nominate an individual please send in your nomination (via email or post) along with a 'seconder' and a brief outline about the nominee (no more than half a page) to: [admin@nzaee.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzaee.org.nz)/ NZAEE, P.O Box 6189, Marian square, Wellington 6141. The outline should include a brief background of their environmental education or educating for sustainability experience and/or what they feel they can bring to the association. Nominations must be received no later than the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2009.

To reduce travel costs, elected representatives must be based in Wellington (or the NZAEE base city), apart from exceptional cases agreed to by the full executive, OR where an elected member wishes to fund his/her own travel to attend the meetings. Two Executive Board meetings are held annually, however

with increased communications through phone conferencing and alternative communications, it is envisaged that the need and cost of travel will be kept to a minimum.

Joining the Executive Board is a brilliant way to actively contribute to the on-going work of NZAEE and the environmental education sector.

Nominations will be circulated among members prior to the AGM.

### **A Single Image Can Change The World!**

GET CREATIVE FOR YOUR CAUSE TO WIN  
\$25,000.00

On 28 May 2009, Canon will launch *Creative for a Cause* – a national awareness campaign encouraging New Zealanders to get creative for the causes they are passionate about. Canon would like to invite you and your organisation to get involved.

Canon *Creative for a Cause* is a campaign designed to generate exposure for causes and organisations. In addition to fundraising opportunities arising from the awareness campaign itself, the active involvement of members and support community could earn organisations \$NZD25,000 as well as a chance to become a Canon preferred charity in 2009.

Canon Creative is calling upon all New Zealanders to get creative by taking a photograph that depicts a cause that they are

passionate about and uploading it, along with a 25 word description of what their photo represents and who their selected charity is, to [www.canon.co.nz/creativeforacause](http://www.canon.co.nz/creativeforacause).

An extensive PR campaign and online image sharing through various social networks will encourage people to actively vote and encourage voting on the images that appeal most to them.

New Zealanders are renowned for their passion for causes and for taking photographs. The campaign will link these two passions and provide a platform to raise awareness of causes people are passionate about. Through *Creative for a Cause* and the power of creative imagery, Canon hopes to make a difference to the many important charities in New Zealand.

#### *The Campaign*

Canon is urging New Zealanders to get Creative for a Cause by taking a photograph that depicts a cause that they are passionate about and uploading it, along with a 25 word description of what their photo represents and who their selected charity or not-for-profit organisation is, to [www.canon.co.nz/creativeforacause](http://www.canon.co.nz/creativeforacause)  
<<http://www.canon.co.nz%20/creativeforacause>>.

24 images as selected by popular vote and editor's picks will be reviewed by a judging panel who will then select the top 5 finalists. From the top 5 images, one entry will be chosen based on popularity and

photographic merit. Canon will donate \$25,000 to this entrant's nominated recipient. In addition to the \$25,000 donation, Canon will reward the winning entry and four other finalists with a Canon prize pack.

People can also vote for their favourite images at [www.canon.co.nz/creativeforacause](http://www.canon.co.nz/creativeforacause)  
<<http://www.canon.co.nz%20/creativeforacause>>

#### *Cause categories*

The cause categories to submit images under include

- \* Arts and Culture
- \* Children
- \* Medical / Health
- \* Humanitarian
- \* Welfare
- \* Education
- \* Environment
- \* Other

#### *Key dates*

The Creative for a Cause campaign will open to entries on Thursday 28 May and close Friday 10 July.

The top 24 finalists will be announced via the website on Thursday 16 July, 2009

The judging panel will review the top 24 images and announce the top five finalists via the website on Friday 31 July, 2009.

The winner will be announced on Thursday 6 August, 2009.

If you have any queries, please contact the Canon *Creative for a Cause* team at [creativeforacause@hillandknowlton.com.au](mailto:creativeforacause@hillandknowlton.com.au) or call us on (09) 379-2121.

## Professional development

**NZAEE 'Taking the next steps'**  
**Lindisfarne College, Hawke's Bay**  
**19 – 22 January 2010**

**Call for abstracts – closes 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

2010 marks the midpoint of the UN Decade for Education for Sustainable Development. This is an appropriate time to reflect on what has been achieved since the start of the Decade, and to explore opportunities for the remainder - hence the theme "Taking the Next Steps - Te Ahu Whakamua". This conference is an opportunity to take stock of where we are at, and to explore ideas and make plans for how we head into the future.

The conference programme will consist of common interest workshops, key note speakers and panel discussions, presentations, workshops, poster sessions and field trips. Alongside the formal conference programme will be a social programme and a pre-conference research symposium.

Abstracts for conference presentations are now welcome!

The NZAEE conference programme committee is pleased to invite abstracts for:

**a) 45 minute presentations:** Maximum time 30 minutes with 15 minutes for questions

**b) 90 minute workshops:** Introduction followed by interactive format with intended outcomes for participants

**c) Poster presentations:** A1 size, portrait or landscape format.

Presenters must be available for question and answer sessions within the conference programme. For more information go to: [www.nzaee.org.nz](http://www.nzaee.org.nz)

## **4<sup>th</sup> South Asia Renewable Energy Conference** **New Delhi - 29 July 2009**

For developing countries, whilst the strategy for energy development constitutes an integral part of the overall economic policy, efficient use of resources and long-term sustainability remains a core objective of economic planning. Sustainability not only encompasses efficient harnessing of available natural resources and issues related to ecological balance but also established delivery mechanisms, prevalent systemic technological constraints and pressing compulsions to meet the priority needs of the economy, economic equity and self-reliance. Thus, as a basic need of the economy, security of energy supply becomes an imperative.

The Conference aims to provide an opportunity to raise issues, exchange information, share experiences and best practices by bringing together experts, investors and other stakeholders from South Asian nations and developed economics, for advancement and large scale deployment of renewable energy in our region. The principal purpose is to promote renewable energy enterprise development by removing barriers impeding Renewable Energy use.

For more information go to:

[www.assochem.org/4asia/](http://www.assochem.org/4asia/)

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### **Sustainable School Buildings – from concept to reality**

**Ljubljana, Slovenia - 1- 2 October 2009**

A sustainable school incorporates the values of economic viability, social justice and ecological preservation in all stages of the planning, design, construction and maintenance.

This international conference addresses the challenges in achieving sustainable school buildings from their initial planning through to their use.

In striving to create sustainable school facilities, policymakers, educators and facility planners are charged with the responsibility to not only ensure that schools are safe, healthy and accessible, but also that they are 'green'. The challenge in guaranteeing sustainability in schools rests in co-ordinating conflicting governmental policies, design philosophies and dynamic pedagogies. Facilitating progress in the provision of sustainable schools necessitates a collective response and enacting more integrated and coherent reforms.

The focus of this conference will be on pre-primary, primary and secondary schools. The conference will explore the obstacles to co-ordinating legislation, budgets and other

policy challenges, and present and share knowledge on good practices and innovative facilities. It will use a range of formats: speaker presentations, poster exhibitions, round-table discussions and school visits.

Further information is available at:

[www.oecd.org/edu/facilities/sustainable-schools](http://www.oecd.org/edu/facilities/sustainable-schools) and the conference website is:

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### **Water New Zealand's Annual Conference & Expo 'From Fragmentation to Efficiency'** **Rotorua Energy Events Centre,** **23 - 25 September 2009**

The Conference will have a core theme of 'From Fragmentation to Efficiency' and the 2009 Conference will focus on how over the next decade we achieve more efficient and sustainable management frameworks than currently is the case.

The Conference will have three primary streams:

- New directions in water & wastewater management
- Innovation & technology in the water industry
- Integrated planning to deal with the challenges

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**New Zealand Cycling Conference**  
**"Communities, Connections and the Economy"**  
**New Plymouth 12 – 13 November 2009**

Now, more than ever, cycling has the potential to play a key part in the economic development of New Zealand. The 7th NZ Cycling Conference aims to bring together a wide range of people who share this vision and can make it happen.

The conference theme combines a number of intertwined issues:

- **Communities:** Cycling can enhance the viability of local communities and towns, by providing sustainable accessibility to key services. Communities can also tap into the social, environmental and economic benefits that cycle networks and cycle tourism bring with them.
- **Connections:** There is a continuing need for completing physical cycle networks, be it a national cycleway or a local commuting route. At the same time, the many sectors that affect or are affected by cycling also need to better connect, including transport, health, tourism, education, environment, sport/recreation, and economic development.
- **The Economy:** Given the current global financial climate, everything that we do should provide sustainable economic development. Cycling can demonstrate that in a variety of ways, in terms of reduced oil dependence, better health balance sheets,

economic revitalisation of small communities, and so on.

Through a combination of plenary sessions, short presentations, workshops and networking, participants will explore these issues. For more information go to:

<http://can.org.nz/conference/2009>

**Educational Resources**

**TuiTime**

TuiTime was developed by the New Zealand Ecological Society (NZES) [www.nzes.org.nz](http://www.nzes.org.nz). Its purposes are to encourage teachers to make greater use of ecological studies in their teaching, to encourage students to learn about New Zealand's unique ecology and to engage them in interactive games and activities that teach them knowledge, attitudes and values about ecology.

<http://www.tuitime.org.nz/>

**The Kiwi Conservation Club (KCC)** is a Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society project for children. It began in 1988 and is cool for kids. Over 17,000 children receive the Kiwi Conservation Club magazine, including around 1000 schools that receive the magazine.

The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand is often known as 'Forest and Bird'. It is New Zealand's largest conservation organisation. For more information visit [www.forestandbird.org.nz](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz)



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### **About NZAEE**

The New Zealand Association for Environmental Education (NZAEE) was established in 1982 to promote and support environmental education.

Regional branches include; Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Wellington, Christchurch and Southern.

NZAEE seeks to promote environmental education by:

- Providing an environmental education network;
- Supporting the inclusion of environmental education in policy and curricula;
- Supporting environmental education initiatives;
- Coordinating workshops and seminars on environmental education.

### **NZAEE newsletter**

The newsletter of the New Zealand Association for Environmental Education is published a minimum of four times a year.

- Material may be copied with due acknowledgement.
- The views expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the Association.
- Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. Intending contributors should forward material as word documents by e-mail or post to NZAEE.

The next issue of the newsletter will be in August. Intending contributors should forward a copy no later than 15 August 2009