



BusinessCare

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Welcome to this second edition of the BusinessCare E-newsletter.

What's new?

BusinessCare Information pack

This promotional package, consisting of a generic folder with customised information sheets for both councils and businesses, is currently being developed. Initial distribution of these packs out to councils is planned for early to mid June.

Training update

Our team of consultants is making good progress in putting together our training materials. We will be running a preliminary trial on June 25 with Formway, a very progressive furniture company on Lower Hutt, and finalising the training material by early July. We will then run a two-day pilot session in mid July with a band of very keen volunteers, from several councils in the upper North Island, who will have an opportunity to give us a detailed critique of the content. We plan to run training sessions, as people need them, but we are hoping to run training sessions on a regional basis to maximise the benefit to those attending in terms of both cost and content. Look for in the next newsletter for more information, or just contact us at the details below.

Networking update

BusinessCare convened a successful networking and update meeting of the key National Environmental Organisations in Auckland on 4th May. The attending organisations were Zero Waste, The Natural Step, Landcare, the Auckland Environmental Business Network, Enviro Choice, Recycling Operators of NZ, NZ Businesses for Social Responsibility, the NZ Business Council for Sustainable Development and WasteMINZ, with representatives from the Ministry for the Environment's –Sustainable Management Fund programme and EECA (the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority) also present.

Cleaner production in Australia

Funding from Zero Waste has enabled Clare Feeney and Christine Byrch to attend the Australian Cleaner Production Roundtable being held 31 May – 1 June 2001 in Brisbane. Clare is a trustee of BusinessCare and Christine, from Christchurch City Council, is a Steering Group member. The Roundtable aims to gain a comprehensive picture of cleaner production programmes and progress throughout Australia,

and New Zealand stands to learn a great deal by attending. We will report on their findings in a forthcoming issue.

Website update

The BusinessCare website is now live and user testing is under way. Please visit the site and let us know what you think. If you have any ideas or suggestions we would love to hear them! <http://www.businesscare.org.nz/>

What's on?

The Carbon Forum

Forest Research will host a Carbon Forum on Tuesday 29th May at Forest Research in Rotorua. The prime objectives are to raise awareness of Climate Change related issues, to develop closer links between research, industry and government and to identify business opportunities for NZ. For information contact Christine Leigh at Forest Research Ph: 07 343 5484 or christine.leigh@forestresearch.co.nz

WasteMINZ

The 13th Annual 2001 Conference and Trade Exhibition will take place from Wednesday 31 October to Friday 2 November 2001 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Christchurch. Registration forms are available from Carole Inglis and Gael Austen at wasteminz@xtra.co.nz <http://www.wasteminz.org.nz>

EECA

The Authority is running a seminar on "How to get more efficiency and savings from your vehicle or fleet". Its programme can help to cut vehicle-running costs by up to 20%. The seminar cost is \$35 for EECA programme members and \$60 for non-members. Charges cover the cost of GST, a copy of the guidelines, refreshments and light lunch. All seminars run from 9.30am to 12.30pm in:

Wellington: James Cook Grand Chancellor, 14 June.
Auckland: Level 2, 159 Khyber Pass, Employers and Manufacturers Association, 12 June
Christchurch: Copthorne Hotel, Durham Street, 13 June
Registration: Dale.Bicknell@eeca.govt.nz
Information: Rachael.Dunn@eeca.govt.nz
Website: <http://www.eeca.govt.nz>

Ministry for the Environment

Information to Motivation, a State of the Environment conference, will run from form 5 to 7 June 2001 at Te Papa in Wellington. <http://www.soeconference.govt.nz/>



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RIO + 10: Our environment – What matters to you?

In 2002, governments from around the world will gather to review the progress in the ten years since Rio and to set priorities for the future. New Zealand is asked to produce a 'Rio + 10' report, outlining what we have done since Rio, what we have not yet done, and what our priorities are now. Put the environment on your agenda - have your say: visit

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/new/rio.htm>

2001 An Environmental Odyssey

A State of the environment conference at the University of Waikato in Hamilton, from 21 to 23 November 2001. Find out more from <http://www.2001odyssey.co.nz>

Information

Global Warming

Interested in New Zealand's climate change programme? Visit the new website at <http://www.climatechange.govt.nz/>

TransPower Landcare Trust Grants Programme

TransPower and the NZ Landcare Trust have developed the Grants Programme for community groups that have a project promoting sustainable land management or biodiversity. <http://www.landcare.org.nz/>

Recovered Materials Foundation

The Recovered Materials Foundation is a professionally run, non-profit organisation, operating with the support of local and international networking. The initiative for a New Zealand Recovered Materials Foundation has evolved from contact with organisations doing similar work overseas. For further information visit the website:

<http://www.arc.govt.nz/about/re/152-2.htm>

Publications – from our library

Electronic versions of the following are available from BusinessCare.

Queensland Environmental Protection Agency, June 2001. [Commonwealth, State and Territory Cleaner Production Activities Regarding the Aims of - Towards sustainability - Achieving Cleaner Production in Australia.](#)

NSW Department of State and Regional Development and NSW EPA, June 2000. [Profits from Cleaner Production, a self-help tool for small to medium-sized businesses.](#)

Resource exchanges

RENEW Resource Exchange, Auckland

"Wastes are resources waiting to be discovered". The RENEW catalogue is available on the Auckland Regional Council website at <http://www.arc.govt.nz/about/re/157-2.htm>

Enviomart - Wellington

Enviomart facilitates the re-use and recycling of any commercial waste. From plastic and chemicals, to glass, vegetation and machinery, anyone can register for resources they want or have available. Check out the website or ring 0800 4 EXCHANGE, 0800 439 242. <http://enviomart.wcc.govt.nz>

Waste Exchange Waikato and Bay of Plenty

This database is designed to help businesses find markets for industrial by-products, surplus materials and waste. For further information visit <http://www.nothrow.co.nz/>

Target Zero – Christchurch City Council Recycling Directory

The Recycling Directory contains a list of businesses and organisations providing services for and/or advice to businesses on resource efficiency and environmental issues. <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/WasteMinimisation/RecyclingDirectory.asp>

Who's who

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA)

is a Crown-owned entity responsible for encouraging, promoting and supporting energy efficiency and the use of renewable sources of energy. Visit their website at <http://www.eeca.govt.nz>

Zero Waste

The Zero Waste New Zealand Trust's mission statement is "To encourage and motivate all sectors of New Zealand society to work towards a target of zero waste, and to promote the re-use of all materials in an environmentally sustainable manner. Visit the Zero Waste website and have a look at their *Products & Information* page, which lists New Zealand companies that have created products out of recycled or biodegradable materials. Also worth a look is the new *Buy it Back Guide*, which gives a listing of businesses and products made from recycled materials throughout NZ. <http://www.zerowaste.co.nz/>

The Natural Step (TNS)

The Natural Step Framework is a holistic approach that encourages and helps participating companies to carry out their activities increasingly in accord with ecological demands, to work within natural cycles and decrease environmental damage <http://www.naturalstep.org.nz/>

The Environmental Business Networks of New Zealand

EBNs are regionally based business support and information sharing networks whose aim is to assist business on the journey to environmental improvement principally through information, training and support. This site connects to the Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty EBNs. Find out more from <http://www.ebn.co.nz/>

Energy Library and Information Services Ltd

The (Energy Library provides a confidential, efficient, timely and cost effective information service to the energy and related industries in New Zealand. <http://www.energylibrary.co.nz/>

Energy Information NZ

This convenient, single location site accesses an extensive range of information on energy (electricity, gas, oil, solid fuels etc.) It is also a forum for those involved and interested in the New Zealand energy industry.

<http://www.energyinfon.nz/>