

What's new?

Industry New Zealand alliance with BusinessCare

Industry New Zealand has just confirmed sponsorship of the BusinessCare website and database over the next three years.

Discussions between the two organisations began in April. This sponsorship reflects the value that Industry New Zealand places on the alliance with BusinessCare. It also recognises a shared interest in promoting sustainable management practices to local businesses, especially small to medium enterprises. This sponsorship will enable BusinessCare to enhance and further develop its existing website and database.

We are delighted with this sponsorship, which will help BusinessCare deliver on its promise to provide a one-stop-shop website for cleaner production and sustainable management information for New Zealand local businesses and councils.

MfE/ARC cleaner production database

The Ministry for the Environment and Auckland Regional Council have agreed to re-site their cleaner production information on the BusinessCare website. This will be included in the upgraded website/database and there will be links between the ARC and BusinessCare websites once this hand-over has taken place. This is scheduled for completion in mid-September.

BusinessCare training update

We expect to run our first two training courses in September/October. Before coming to the training course, those attending can complete a preparatory task designed to boost their confidence in areas where they feel they need it most.

What's in the training?

- day 1 focuses on the cleaner production process – what's involved, and how to support companies through one complete cycle of identifying and implementing options, and where they can go from there.
- day 2 focuses on the process of marketing and managing cleaner production clubs – how to enlist companies into the process, and publicise the good news of their achievements.

Who should attend?

- environmental health, trade waste or dangerous goods officers can in their day-to-day work recruit companies that could benefit from cleaner production training
- communications and education staff can help market and promote the availability of cleaner production to local firms
- local chamber of commerce, employers and manufacturers association or other local business groups can spread the word

- local consultants or other service providers working in cleaner production in your area.

The course has been designed in such a way that hazardous substances and environmental health officers may find it useful to attend only Day 1 of training. Communication staff may choose to attend only Day 2. Local co-ordinators should attend both days.

What will it cost?

Local authorities that are fully financial members of BusinessCare can send one person for free, and a second person at a reduced rate.

Watch this space ...

As soon as we have confirmed dates for the September/October training courses, we will let you know through this newsletter or by email direct.

What's on?

WasteMINZ 13th Annual 2001 Conference and Trade Exhibition

Venue: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Christchurch

Date: Wed 31 October – Fri 2 November 2001

Registration forms are available from Carole Inglis or Gael Austen at wasteminz@xtra.co.nz <http://www.wasteminz.org.nz>

International Winter Environmental School

The International Winter Environmental School Pty Ltd (IWES) is a large and successful continuing education program for professionals responsible for industry environmental performance. The IWES program is designed to keep professionals abreast of the latest environmental management technologies and trends.

Venue: Gold Coast International Hotel, Queensland Australia

Date: Monday 9-Friday 13 July 2001

For detailed information and registration form: email Judy Nankiville j.nankiville@uq.edu.au or visit <http://www.iwes.com.au/>

2001 An Environmental Odyssey

The conference will look at what causes environmental change and the tools to achieve our desired environmental outcomes over the next century. "Destination Utopia" is the name of the final day's session as the conference seeks to find ways to create a new framework where environmental management, social and economic policy are linked.

Participants are invited from central and local government, industry groups, iwi, environmental organisations, research institutions, the rural community and other resource users and scientific education providers.

Venue: University of Waikato, Hamilton

Date: Wednesday 21 – Friday 23 November 2001

For registration information visit <http://www.2001odyssey.co.nz>



We welcome your input and feedback on this newsletter. To send us your comments, add news items, ask questions, or to be added to our mailing list, contact us at;

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Information

The Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act

A new law has just been introduced that will radically change the way we manage industrial chemicals and other substances that can be harmful to people or the environment. The Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, known as HSNO, came into effect on Monday 2 July.

The HSNO website is a gateway - a first port of call for everything you need to know about hazardous substances and new organisms and the HSNO Act. New Zealand has a comprehensive system for managing the risks of hazardous substances and new organisms. This website explains how it all works and who is affected.
<http://www.hsno.govt.nz/>

The New Zealand Waste List (L-code)

The Ministry for the Environment's pollution and waste team has completed the online New Zealand Waste List. The list contains wastes that typically exhibit hazardous characteristics (i.e. explosiveness, flammability, capacity to oxidise, corrosiveness, toxicity, eco-toxicity). This online database will allow you to search the L-Code for specific wastes and provide feedback on the description.

<http://www.environment.govt.nz/NZWLOnline/>

Sustainable business initiatives

The stocktake report on local government, private sector and non-governmental organisation activities supporting environmentally sustainable business initiatives is available online at
<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/about/other.html>

To update or add to this stocktake document please contact BusinessCare by email to: enquiries@businesscare.org.nz, or by phone, 04 801 9162, or write to us at PO Box 11 595 Wellington

The Sustainable Households Project

This is a joint initiative by nine local and regional authorities from across NZ, and is entering its first pilot stage this winter. Christchurch-based project contractor Rhys Taylor, guided by Marlborough District Council staff, is drafting information packs on everyday domestic environmental issues and impacts, including waste, energy saving, water use (and pollution avoidance), gardening, shopping choices and travel. These will be used in experimental community-based study groups and more formal evening classes in Nelson, Tasman, Christchurch and Hutt City from July 2001, and then at other pilot venues.

After a year's re-drafting and design work, the information materials will be made available electronically for more widespread use. The project is jointly financed by MfE Sustainable Management Fund and the participating authorities: Christchurch City, Environment Canterbury, Environment Waikato, Hamilton City, Hutt City, Marlborough District, Nelson City, Tasman District, Wellington Regional Council. Rhys can be contacted by phone at 03 343 6226, or by email at; anneandrhys@compuserve.com

Cartridge recycling and remanufacturing

Did you know that your printer cartridge could be refilled for approximately 50% of the cost of replacing it without reducing the quality of your prints, and also saving the environment and landfills from damaging chemical and plastic pollutants?

For further information, visit <http://www.cartridgeworld.co.nz/>

Profits from cleaner production - a self-help tool for small-to-medium businesses

Located on NSW Small Business Website, this 'Self-Help Tool' was developed by the NSW Department of State and Regional Development and the NSW Environment Protection Authority as part of a joint Cleaner Production Pilot Program.

The Tool has been developed to help small-to-medium sized enterprises reduce their operating costs through a systematic

process of identifying cleaner production opportunities and implementing cost-effective measures.

For further information, to view or download the CP self help tool and the CP power point slides visit:

<http://www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/frame.cfm?l=/resources/tools/links.html&r=/resources/tools/cleanprodselfhelp.html>

EconoDrive Guide

In association with the fleet management industry, EECA has developed a set of comprehensive guidelines aimed at bringing about more efficient use of light fleet vehicles and running cost savings of up to 20 per cent.

To order a copy of the EconoDrive guide phone 0800 358 676.

It is also available from the EECA website

<http://www.eeca.govt.nz/>

Who's who

Green Globe 21 – 'The Nature of Good Business'

An industry initiative to encourage tourism operators, and organisations to improve their environmental and business performance. The guidelines and supporting information have been developed to help companies write their own Environmental Plan.

For further information please contact:

Tourism Industry Association NZ

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

Email: greenglobe@tianz.org.nz

Freephone: 0800 692 144

Enviro-Mark New Zealand

Certification to International environmental management system standards is beyond the resources and needs of many organisations. Enviro-Mark NZ is an Internet-based five-step certification programme that makes appropriate health, safety and environmental management achievable by organisations of all sizes. For further information please contact Jeska McNicol, Landcare Research, McNicolJ@landcare.cri.nz or phone (03) 325 6700.

New Zealand Businesses for Social Responsibility (NZBSR)

NZBSR's vision is to advance New Zealand through socially responsible business. Many New Zealand businesses are already socially responsible in ways that are creative and innovative. NZBSR seeks to promote this, to encourage learning and sharing of both local and international examples.

For more information on NZBSR, you can email enquiry@bsr.org.nz or write to New Zealand BSR, PO Box 109 579, Newmarket, Auckland.

For a larger scale view, you can contact the American BSR website on <http://www.bsr.org/>

New Zealand Organisations for Quality (NZOQ)

NZOQ is a non-profit, professional society dedicated to providing leadership in the adoption of the principles of quality management and best practice in New Zealand.

NZOQ's vision is to be the leader in networking, training, promoting, championing and advancing continuous improvement in quality.

Their mission is to make quality a way of life in all facets of New Zealand business and community living.

Visit the website at <http://www.nzoq.org.nz/>

New Zealand Water and Wastes Association (NZWWA)

NZWWA's mission statement is "The advancement and application of fundamental and practical knowledge to natural resources, water use and wastes". Visit their new look website for information: <http://www.nzwwa.org.nz/>

Resource exchanges

We are compiling a list of New Zealand resource exchanges on our website at <http://www.businesscare.org.nz/frameLinks.htm>. If you know of a resource exchange that isn't listed here, please email us at enquiries@businesscare.org.nz with the details.