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Tindall points to Kyoto savings

Achieving the first stage of the Kyoto Protocol targets on reducing greenhouse gas emissions could save New Zealand \$350 million a year.

A report commissioned by the NZBCSD Business Council for Sustainable Development says the actual savings could be far in excess of that.

To receive news updates from NZBCSD go to <http://www.nzbcscd.org.nz/news.asp#join> . Source of RNZ article is : http://onebusiness.nzzoom.com/onebusiness_detail/0,1245_105902-3-166,00.html

Accountants checking out interface with SD organisations

The Sustainability Working Group of ICANZ is currently exploring the interface with a range of sustainable development groups (e.g. IPENZ, Royal Soc NZ, Resource Mgmt Law Assoc (Auckland), AIESEC, AEBN) and assessing sustainability approaches such as TBL Triple Bottom Line reporting. For more info, check in with Ray Skinner at ray@sustainabilitymatters.co.nz

Triple Bottom Line Reporting Guidelines for NZ Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

These will be presented in a talk to be given by Dr Steve Thompson (Royal SocietyNZ) and Annette Lusk (NZBSR Businesses for Social Responsibility) at the next ICANZ Sustainability Working Group's video conferenced evening (5.0-7.0pm) meeting (Auck/Ham/Wgton/Chch) on Tuesday 16 July. Interested to attend? Contact ray@sustainabilitymatters.co.nz

Auckland City Council "Wastewise" booklet

An excellent guide to reducing business waste in Auckland's inner city has just been released to link with the city's changed waste collection systems in the CBD which started on 1 July.

For more details go to http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/council/services/rubbish_and_recycling/wastewise.asp or to obtain a copy, email their Customer Publication team at Sandi.Williams@aucklandcity.govt.nz

SmartGrowth initiative in Western BOP

This programme aims to develop and implement strategies for managing sustainable growth in the Western Bay of Plenty Sub region. Environment BOP, Western BOP and Tauranga District councils and Tangata Whenua are leading the programme on behalf of the community. Refer website www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz or email info@smartgrowthbop.org.nz

EERST BOP CP initiative moves into 2nd year

The Environmental Education and Sustainable Resources Trust EERST has just had the funding for its Cleaner Production Coordinator from CEG Community Employment Group (Dept Labour) confirmed for another year.

Since Paula Inglis started as the cleaner production co-ordinator for environmental trust EERST, she has visited almost 250 businesses in Tauranga, advising them how to reduce waste, and bolster their bottom lines. Now thanks to the CEG grant, Paula can continue her fulltime role for another year.

Contact Paula at paulainglis@ihug.co.nz or call Marty Hoffart, EERST Trustee on (07) 577 1898 or email eerst@xtra.co.nz

Solar heated water now cost competitive

EECA and the Solar Industries Association have established a three-year action plan to increase the uptake of solar water heating so that 10,000 systems are being installed each year. The Association has established an accreditation system to ensure that only quality systems are installed.

Further information is on www.solarindustries.org.nz (See also *International News overleaf re UK government funded solar initiative*)

Greening your Business Guide

This "Can Do" guide contains a 10 point plan to provide practical solutions for both small and large companies to minimise their environmental impacts. More information at www.cleangreenNZ.com or email Laurence Boomert at Laurence@cleangreenNZ.com

EnviroMarkNZ Business Standard

Jim Watts reports that good progress is being made in establishing Enviro-MarkNZ as a useful and valuable HSE - Health, Safety & Environmental system. New sales support rep Chris Natapu just started in Auckland. For more info on EnviroMarkNZ contact Jim in Christchurch at wattj@landcareresearch.co.nz or Chris in Auckland at natapuc@landcareresearch.co.nz

GG21 Green Globe 21

GG21 is an organisation, which specialises in developing environmental management and awareness for the Travel & Tourism industry and provides practical means through which companies can improve their environmental performance

Kirsty Quickfall is the new Green Globe 21 Co-ordinator for New Zealand with funding from MfE SM. TIANZ, Tourism Industry Association, has developed the toolbox for this scheme's application by travel & tourism operators in New Zealand. Contact kirsty at kirsty@tianz.org.nz. Refer to website www.tianz.org.nz for access to the TIANZ GG21-NZ.

Burn offs of road seal to be blacklisted in BOP

Billowing black smoke from road seal burning may become a thing of the past in BOP. Environment BOP is reviewing the status of this practice, which is currently categorised as a permitted activity under the council's Regional Air Plan. Changes in technology mean there are now cost-effective and more environmentally friendly alternatives like high pressure water blasting.

As part of the review, a group of councillors and staff is to meet with TransitNZ, which authorises the work. Contact at EnviroBOP is Paul Dell paul@envbop.govt.nz (Sourced from *EnviroBOP's Regional Roundup newsletter June 2002*)

International News

UK Set to See the Power of Solar Energy

Source: [CIVITAS2004-Sustainable Development News](#)
LONDON, United Kingdom, April 16, 2002 - Brian Wilson, UK Minister for Energy, has announced that a total of 18 projects will move forward to show the power and flexibility of solar energy when they are placed on building rooftops. Originally, the solar energy effort was funded with £3 million for 11 projects, but Minister Wilson said that so many quality projects were put forth that an additional £1 million was made available for another seven projects. Sourced through: http://www.greenbiz.com/news/news_third.cfm?NewsID=20080&CFID=4018650&CFTOKEN=94870295

Castle Douglas Retail Project

Supported by Scottish EPA and Envirowise, this project is designed to help rural businesses increase profits by reducing waste. The "Engaging SMEs - Save Cash and Save Resources" scheme has been reported as a roaring success in the Envirowise Update March 2002 newsletter.

Working closely with Dumfries and Galloway Waste Minimisation Forum and SEPA, Envirowise helped to kick-start the project with free waste review visits to participating companies. Businesses including a food outlet, garden centre, metal fabricator, and a hotel have taken part in the free waste audits, and received reports detailing simple measures they could take to reduce waste and save money.

Register with Envirowise UK to access their newsletters. Go to <http://www.envirowise.gov.uk/>

Heard of the UK WARMER Bulletin?

Good Enews oil on wide range of national and international waste issues are regularly covered in this. For more info, contact Kit Strange, Editor at kit@residua.com or visit their website www.residua.com

'Consumption Barometer' to help keep Johannesburg World Summit green

Offers daily update on how much food, water, energy, paper and other resources the delegates all use at the RIO + 10 Summit in Johannesburg, SA. Environmental audits carried out before, during and after the summit will chart its impact – and what it would have been without efforts to stay "green" Sourced from: www.greenbiz.com

Ecologue: Staff Development, Sustainability and the Bottom Line

This article by Shawn Fitzgibbons from EarthWatch, presents one more opportunity for businesses to achieve profitability through sustainability. It focuses not on technology, but rather on the people who manage risk, spark innovation and solve problems. Contact Shawn at sfitzgibbons@earthwatch.org .

Register with Earthwatch for their regular fortnightly Enewsletter at <http://www.greenbiz.com/news/>

BusinessCare Update

WEBSITE

Nationwide Cleaner Production contact network

Check out the new map on the website for list of all our CP network contacts nationwide. Let Pamela know if we need to add others (pamelag@businesscare.org.nz)
Go to:

www.businesscare.org.nz/Regional_Pages/Index.html

Successful waste audits follow ARC/BC Pollution Abatement Staff workshop

Following on from this March workshop, Auckland Regional Council's Urban Pollution Control Team completed 50 industrial audits. The majority of sites were in the Food Manufacturing or Vehicle Sales/Repair related industries. A total of 64 actual and 80 potential water pollution problems were identified. For more info contact Campbell Sturrock on 09 366 2000 xt 8543 or email campbell.sturrock@arc.govt.nz

"CLEAN TEAM" – N&S article on BusinessCare

Did you see this in the June edition of North & South magazine (p21)? This magazine sure does get around. A Queensland Shire Council Business Development Manager contacted Peter Crosland after seeing the article. He wanted to know whether the BusinessCare scheme was being extended to Australia!

The article is on our website:

<http://www.businesscare.org.nz/newsEvent/pdf/North&SoutharticleJune02.pdf>