

REGISTRATION

2009 EHAA National Conference

*“Environmental Health
Understanding the Elements”*

Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th September 2009
Esplanade River Suites
112 Melville Parade, Como



Environmental Health
Association (Australia) Inc.

DAY ONE

Wednesday 23rd September 2009

- 8.00am Registration Desk Opens
Tea/Coffee in Exhibition Area
- 8.30am **WORKSHOP**
WA Food Act 2008
Food Unit, Environmental Health Directorate
Chaired by Sue Judd, City of Cockburn
- 10.30am Morning tea break in exhibition area
- 11.00am **WORKSHOP cont...**
WA Food Act 2008
- 12.30pm Lunch – Long Bar Buffet Restaurant
- 1.30pm - 4.30pm **WORKSHOP**
Managing Risks in the Aquatic Environment
Llew Withers, Environmental Health Hazards Unit
Includes Afternoon tea
- 5pm-7pm EHAA Media Workshop
Mary Ward, EHAA Media Officer
(For Members and prospective members)

DAY TWO

Thursday 24th September

- 8.00am Registration Desk Opens
Tea/Coffee in Exhibition Area
- 8.30am **WELCOME TO DAY TWO**
By EHAA President Llew Withers
- 8.40am **WORKSHOP**
Preparing for Emergencies
Terry Jackson, Emergency Management
Consultant
- 10.40am Morning tea break in exhibition area
- 11.00am **WORKSHOP cont...**
Preparing for Emergencies
- 12.30pm Lunch – Long Bar Buffet Restaurant
- 1.30pm **WORKSHOP**
**Practical Application of Road and Rail Noise
Policy**
John Macpherson, Dept of Environment and
Conservation
Afternoon tea during session
- 4.30pm **EHAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
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5.30pm Chaired by EHAA President Llew Withers
- 7pm - 11pm EHAA National Conference Dinner

DAY THREE

Friday 25th September

- 8.00am Registration Desk Opens
Tea/Coffee in Exhibition Area
- 8.40am **Official Welcome**
Dr Peter Flett, Director General for Health
Llew Withers EHAA Chairman
- 9.00am Award Presentation – James Harcombe Award for
Professional Excellence
- 9.10am Award Presentation – Dr Richard Lugg Award for
Contribution to Environmental Health Profession
- 9.20am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Sustainability and Health Interface
Dr Judy Edwards, former Minister for the
Environment
- 9.50am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Environmental Health Workforce Action Plan
John Hardy, Science and Policy Unit
- 10.30am Morning tea break in exhibition area
- 11.00am **KEYNOTE**
Indigenous Health Issues
Matt Lester, Science and Policy Unit
- 11.30am **KEYNOTE**
“Waste water: When to Recycle?”
Dr Richard Lugg, Medical Consultant
- 12.00pm **KEYNOTE**
Alternate Water Supply Guidelines
Richard Theobald, Water Unit
- 12.30pm Lunch – Long Bar Buffet Restaurant
- 1.30pm **KEYNOTE**
Pandemic Planning for a Rural Area
Anne Foyer, Wheatbelt Population Health Unit
- 2.15pm **KEYNOTE**
**Proposed Amendments to the Environmental
Protection Regulations (Noise) 1997**
John Macpherson, Dept of Environment and
Conservation
- 3.00pm Afternoon tea break in exhibition area
- 3.30pm **KEYNOTE**
Environmental Health in the Prison System
Elizabeth Re, Office of the Inspector of Custodial
Services
- 4.10pm **KEYNOTE**
Landfill and Compliance - A Rocky Road
Lyll Davieson, City of Cockburn
- 5.00pm Conference Sundowner - Long Bar

Preparing for Emergencies

Emergencies are caused by natural hazards, human acts (deliberate and accidental) and technological mishaps. Emergency preparation is imperative to safeguard life, property, the environment and future business/service delivery. An emergency, particularly fire, can cause injury, death, property damage, destroy business records, put people out of work, drive customers elsewhere, and cause loss of productivity, profitability, market share, reputation and image. This session will provide an appreciation and understanding of emergency management planning as a mitigation strategy.

Managing Risks in the Aquatic Environment

Llew Withers of EHHU will be joined by Darrell Doust from Poolwerx (water balance) and Syd Brodie of EHHU (water playgrounds) to discuss the implementation of new Legislation and the management of risks in the recreational water environment by taking a practical focus to examine plant & equipment used in aquatic facilities.

Environmental Health Workforce Action Plan

Activity 3.1 of the National Environmental Health Strategy 2007-2012 reads as follows: "Develop a 5 year plan to address environmental health workforce shortages particularly in local government. Performance indicator: Develop a 5 year plan."

In November 2007 a project team was appointed to develop the 5 year plan. In April 2008 enHealth adopted the National Environmental Health Workforce Action Plan, as recommended by the project team, in order to address Activity 3.1. The project team was charged with the responsibility for implementing the plan.

This presentation on the Environmental Health Workforce Action Plan, describes how the plan was developed, updates action to date and identifies opportunities for involvement, feedback and comment.

Waste water: When to Recycle

Presented by Dr Richard Lugg who, over the years has developed a special interest in all aspects of water and health, including drinking water, recreational water, wastewater and even mosquitoes breeding in water.

Join the EHAA

The EHAA is committed to best practice in the environmental health industry and was formed to enable its members to express their opinions across a range of public health and environmental health concerns. It is an autonomous incorporated organisation and is operated on a federated system.

Our objectives are very broad, decidedly so to allow our organisation to move in many directions, to reflect members' needs and the changing face of environmental health.



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Pandemic Planning for a Rural Area

The recent advent of Human Swine Flu in Australia has increased the focus of public health and environmental health professionals on pandemic planning and the practical application of these plans in managing a pandemic or disease outbreak in the community. Anne Foyer is a Public Health Nurse based in Northam and works closely with the local LEMC and EHO's throughout the Wheatbelt, and has been instrumental in writing the Wheatbelt pandemic plan - as well as being involved in a recent Human Swine Flu outbreak.

Draft Alternate Water Supply Guidelines

Alisha Ryans-Taylor will present the directions the Department of Health is taking, what issues still need to be resolved and how the guidelines will affect local governments.

About the Conference

The Conference will explore the broad elements of Environmental Health, demonstrating the interconnectivity between those elements. The elements could be identified as food safety, water safety, waste management, indigenous health, built environment, environmental hazards, emergency management or disease control.

The theme is about returning the focus to the fundamental principals essential within Environmental Health.

Conference Objectives

- To provide an opportunity for delegates to build knowledge and networks
- To disseminate up to date information on new initiatives and developments
- To showcase new innovations in the field of Environmental Health
- To encourage partnership amongst industry and government
- To promote best practice in the field of Environmental Health

Who Should Attend

Environmental Health Officers and assistants from local, state and federal government, industry and academics, students studying in the field and anyone with a special interest in the interconnectivity between Health and the Environment.

Conference Accommodation

The Esplanade River Suites is offering conference delegates significantly reduced accommodation rates. To receive the discounted rates when booking, advise Reservations that you will be attending the EHAA Conference. For more information or to book please call Esplanade River Suites on (08) 9367 0300.