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## Australian and New Zealand Biosolids Partnership E-News

### The Australian and New Zealand Biosolids Partnership (ANZBP) supporting sustainable management of biosolids in Australia and New Zealand

Dear ANZBP members and colleagues,

Welcome to the latest newsletter of the Australian and New Zealand Biosolids Partnership. Below is a round-up of recent activities, an update on the research agenda and details of future events. Please keep in mind that contributions and announcements that benefit the sector are welcome from members.

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#### Update on Activities

##### Hobart Roadshow - March 2011

In early March the ANZBP administration team travelled to Hobart to hold the ANZBP's second Tasmanian Roadshow. Advisory Board members Brendan Hanigan (Southern Water), Nancy Penny (Water Corporation) and Karen Campisano (Melbourne Water) each delivered thought provoking presentations which lead to many questions and observations from the group.

The event was attended by over 20 people, an excellent turn-out for Australia's smallest State, with attendees travelling from all parts. Once again, the background of those present was quite varied with individuals from research institutions, regulatory bodies, consulting groups and utilities, which made for some great discussion during and after the event. Thank you to all attendees for your support at the event. Key presentations from the roadshow can be found on the public area of the [ANZBP website](#), and you are welcome to share these with your colleagues, and others in the sector.

##### Engagement with Regulatory Bodies

The ANZBP Advisory Board met after the Roadshow in Perth last year and discussed a number of matters relating to the value of Regulator engagement. To acknowledge the current support from a number of Regulators and in recognition of the importance of engagement, particularly the role of providing a communications forum to explore regulatory consistency.

##### A reminder that the following resources are available online or in hard copy:

- *Community Attitudinal Survey* - The Community Attitudinal Survey Report has been published and is currently being sent out to subscribers in hard copy. This report analyses the outcomes of a community survey process, which identified general community attitudes towards biosolids/ biosolids use.
- *Biosolids Production and End Use Statistics* - This project was undertaken to develop an accurate and comprehensive data-set of Biosolids Production and End Use for Australia and New Zealand. The data provided by WWTPs has been summarised in a report which is now available on the ANZBP Subscribers' website.
- *Literature Compendium* - The Literature Compendium documents progress in biosolids management practices and research developments in Australia and New Zealand from the past five years, as well as planned research. The Compendium has proved to be a valuable asset for researchers with technical matters to address, as well as a tool for policy and communications officers.

***Please visit the Subscribers section of the ANZBP website for access to the range of ANZBP research reports.***

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#### Project Manager's Update

The 2011 ANZBP administration team is currently setting the future research agenda of the Partnership, working to consolidate upon the efforts of the Partnership to-date, particularly through the development of a Communications Strategy and a Biosolids Position Paper.

##### Regulator Engagement

To coincide with the AWA OzWater '11 Conference the ANZBP is holding a Forum for Regulators to initiate discussion on the ANZBP *Review of Biosolids Regulations* and explore options for potential regulatory change and improvement. In order to keep discussion focused, the roundtable will be an invite only event, however all members are invited to attend the morning Roadshow which will be held prior to the Regulators Forum - more details at the bottom of this email.

Welcome to our newest member, the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. It is great to have a key Australian Government body on board and we look forward to working together with the Department. In October 2010 Advisory Board resolved to set the annual fee rate for Regulators at the minimum level of ANZBP fees (\$1,000.00). Please encourage your State regulators to consider the value of engaging with this National network.

### Invoicing Arrangements

A number of organisations have requested that ANZBP assist internal financial operations by sending out subscription invoices at the beginning of the financial year, rather than mid-financial year invoicing (essentially retrospective) as has been standard practice for the large majority of members in the past. In order to move towards this, subscription fee invoices for the current financial year are being sent out currently, with invoices for 2011-12 then delivered in at the beginning of the financial year. Please remember to ensure that your fees are included in your future budgets!

### How do I reference ANZBP resources?

This question arose recently and as AWA is the publisher should be referenced as such. An example of a correct citation, using the *Review of Biosolids Guidelines* to illustrate is: **Australian and New Zealand Biosolids Partnership (2009) Review of Biosolids Guidelines, Australian Water Association, Sydney.**

Please feel free to contact the [Project Manager](#) should you have any questions regarding the above items, or any other queries regarding the ANZBP.

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## Website Management

### Biosolids Experts & Spokespersons Directory

The ANZBP maintains an up-to-date list of independent biosolids spokespersons, technical experts and biosolids contacts. Much of this information can be found on the members website and further details can be sought from the Project Manager.

The hope is to expand this list with both member and non-members details in order to assist in identifying and contacting professionals for advice. If you would like to place your contact details on this page please contact the [Project Manager](#).

### Case Studies

The ANZBP is seeking Case Studies from members. The objective is to publish completed case studies on the ANZBP website to share with other organisations. Case Studies are an ideal way to raise the profile of a business's activities. If your organisation is planning, or implementing strategies or activities to manage biosolids issues and you would like to contribute a case study, please email your interest to AWA. A Case Study template has been developed and is available upon request.

### Seeking Images

Effort is being made to improve the visual appeal of the ANZBP website to increase the retention rate of visitors to the site. As a technical website it currently contains large amounts of text, which could be broken up with images illustrating relevant topics. If you have any clear, interesting images you are willing to contribute to the website please contact the [Project Manager](#). ANZBP will be happy to acknowledge sources.

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## Events

### ANZBP Roadshow - Adelaide - Ozwater '11

Coinciding with the Ozwater'11 Conference in Adelaide on 9-11 May 2011, the ANZBP is holding a free information Roadshow to provide information on the sustainable management of biosolids in Australia and New Zealand. The Roadshow will cover the activities and currently underway, and the future program of research being undertaken by the Partnership. The seminar will be held at the **Adelaide Convention Centre on Monday 9 May from 11.00 – 13.30**, including a light lunch and networking opportunities.

If you have not yet registered as a delegate for OzWater you can do so [here](#). If you cannot attend the conference proper, but would like to attend the Biosolids Roadshow, you can register as a trade visitor. This will allow you access to the Seminar and the trade exhibition only. There is no charge to attend as a trade visitor. You may register online [here](#), but you will need to collect a visitor's badge by registering onsite. Participants in Ozwater'11 will be able to use their delegate name badge for entry. Detailed invites will also be sent out soon.

### Risk management in using Biosolids - Dr Patricia Millner @ South East Water

South East Water invites you to attend a presentation by Dr Patricia Millner (US Department of Agriculture) on the topic of Risk management in using Biosolids. Dr Millner has broad knowledge about composting and compost use, and her work and expertise also covers both conventional and organic farming. She will speak about risk management in using organic soil amendments, an area in which she has done extensive work, and in which she is one of the world leaders. Lunch provided.

When: Tuesday 12th April 2011 @ 12.30 – 1.30 pm

Where: South East Water, 20 Corporate Dve, Heatherton 3202 (Melways Map 78 D9)

RSVP: [jacqueline.coleman@sewl.com.au](mailto:jacqueline.coleman@sewl.com.au) by Thursday 7th April

The **9th IWA Specialist Conference on Waste Stabilisation Ponds** Adelaide 1-3 August 2011.

This conference will focus on techniques for the delivery of the maximum volumes of clean, environmentally safe, treated waste water for amenity and agricultural purposes, using minimal energy inputs and having low maintenance requirements. It is envisaged that presentations would fit specific topics under the following headings:

- Performance of WSP

- WSP and sustainability issues - carbon, energy reduction - bioenergy production
- Public health microbiology
- WSPs and their integration with other treatment technologies

More information can be found on the [website](#).

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**As specialists working in biosolids management, you are invited to share information on biosolids developments, as well as resources and activities that may be valuable to other ANZBP subscribers. Any contributions, plus your comments on this E-news or the ANZBP website ([www.biosolids.com.au](http://www.biosolids.com.au)) can be forwarded to the ANZBP Project Team - [admin@biosolids.com.au](mailto:admin@biosolids.com.au)**

**From the ANZBP Team**

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