

Firestarter

An Extraordinary Education Event for Students and Teachers from Around Australia and the World

2006 International Youth Coastal Health Conference

"One Life, One Ocean, Our Future"

October 15 – 18th 2006

Port Phillip Bay (Melbourne, Point Nepean, Queenscliff), Victoria

www.youthcoastalconference.com

What?

The 2006 International Youth Coastal Health Conference is less about a Conference and more about a lasting commitment to our youth and the sustainable use of our marine and coastal environment and resources. To launch the conference on Sunday 15th October a **Sustainable Seafood Food Trail** will be held at the Melbourne Aquarium, this will be an ideal opportunity to promote the sustainable use of our marine resources.

Why?

*The 2006 International Youth Coastal Health Conference will expand on the award winning International River Health Conferences (see www.riverhealth.com); these conferences are a proven success as they are based on the Kids Teaching Kids education model. *This process recognises the highest form of learning is to teach others, aiming for cultural change in the way we view, use and perceive our natural environment and valuable resources.* Ultimately, this conference is about protecting and enhancing our precious marine and coastal environments, communities and industries through education and involvement.*

Who?

All schools in Australia (and International schools) will be invited to attend this conference. 300 kids and teachers from up to 100 schools will attend, with age range of grades 5 to year 11 (approx 11 to 17 year olds).

Conference Program?

Sunday 15th October 2006; 11-4pm: Registration, Melbourne Aquarium (delegates able to view the aquarium between those hours.) 7pm: Sustainable Seafood Trail with Celebrity Chef

Monday 16th October 2006; 8:30 am Students meet at Melbourne Aquarium. Official Conference Launch. Group A to depart and go towards Point Nepean. Group B to depart and go towards Queenscliff. Group A to board ferry at Point Nepean to join group B at Queenscliff. Fish and Chip night and twilight beach walk whilst food is cooking!

Tuesday 17th October 2006; Students to present their workshops to each other (kids teaching kids), – workshops have been prepared on marine and coastal topics relevant to their region in the months prior to the conference. Afternoon is marine discovery walk on foreshore and dunes in separate groups.

Wednesday 18th October 2006; Ferries from Queenscliff to Docklands for kids to return home, with conference reflection session on board.

How can a school register to attend?

Schools can register their interest in this conference by emailing coastal@fire-starter.com.au. To register you must be a student from year 5 to year 11 or an accompanying teacher; the maximum number allowed to register per school is 15 students and 3 teachers; each group must keep a ratio of 1 teacher to 5 students. **Discount registration opens January 31st 2006.** Interested schools will be emailed the registration forms in January 2006. **Please get in early to avoid disappointment.** www.youthcoastalconference.com

What does it cost?

Registration cost is \$187 (incl. GST) per participant **before July 28th** and \$255 (incl. GST) **after July 28th**. This includes three night's accommodation (one night Melbourne and two nights Queenscliff), all meals and all conference activities. If Melbourne schools don't want to stay over on the Sunday 15th October, the cost is \$166 (incl. GST) or \$235 after July 28th. **Full registration closes on August 25th 2006.**

I am not a teacher or student, how can I get involved?

We are looking for experts in Australia's marine and coastal environments and industries to **mentor** schools across Australia. As schools select a marine or coastal workshop topic relevant to their region we aim to match them up with an expert **mentor** to ensure that their presentations are factually correct. It is a great way to interact with the younger generation about a topic that you know a lot about. The kids then get to share their new found knowledge with schools from across Australia – it is succession planning in an exciting form! If you are interested please email coastal@fire-starter.com.au with your name, contact details and area of interest. We are also looking for **sponsors** to financially or in-kind support this event. Schools will also be looking for assistance to attend the conference. If you are keen to lend your financial / in-kind support to the conference please call Cathy on 03 9329 3736 or email coastal@fire-starter.com.au www.youthcoastalconference.com