



## June/July 2009 Newsletter

It's exam time again, but once you've finished there are plenty of events to keep you busy during the holidays. The SWB office will be closed for 3 weeks during July, but urgent enquiries can be dealt with by Murdoch Guild.

### Events:

**BUMP launch party – Friday 5 June.** The Anti-Nuclear Alliance of WA (ANAWA) have a new campaign - Ban Uranium Mining Permanently (BUMP) - and they invite you to their launch on World Environment Day at **The Palms in Subiaco, 6-8pm**. The Anti-Nuclear Alliance of WA (ANAWA) are an active community group who educate the public about the nuclear fuel chain and create events to let the public know that they exist in order to build a growing movement to not only stop uranium mining, but also to promote the renewable energy sector, set in context with climate change and peak oil and the economic recession. They are strongly focused on the uranium mining issue, and work alongside other groups promoting policies for a liveable future. They campaign for nuclear disarmament and various peace initiatives, for renewable energy, for protection of our fragile environment, and for less consumerist lifestyles, all of which contribute towards creating more harmonious communities.

**Palm Oil Action Group Letter Writing – Saturday 6 June.** The Palm Oil Action Group invites you to a peaceful letter writing Action at Fremantle (near the famous Fremantle markets). On the day their stall will be set up with petitions and letters for the public to sign along with information pamphlets on palm oil. If you want to find out more about palm oil then please come along and tell your friends, the more people spreading the word about palm oil the better.

Australians unknowingly consume an average of 10kg of palm oil each year, and it has been estimated that 10% of all supermarket products contain it as a (usually hidden) ingredient. As the world's hunger for palm oil grows, mega monoculture plantations are fast replacing the last wilderness areas of Indonesia, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea, threatening species such as orang-utans, Sumatran tigers, rhinos and Asian elephants with extinction. The latest estimates show that unless we act now orang-utans in the wild may be extinct within 10 years. We have already seen positive moves in Europe to phase out palm oil so come along and find out a little more about what is going on - consumer pressure through consumer awareness is the major factor that leads to change. Be part of the solution!

**Where:** Fremantle (the laneway in between the Sail & Anchor Pub & Fremantle Markets) - just look for the orang-utan and balloons!

**When:** 10am - 3pm

**Peter Benenson Memorial Dinner – Monday 8 June.** The West Australian Branch of Amnesty International would like to invite you to attend a panel discussion for this year's Peter Benenson Memorial Event. The topic of the panel discussion will be: A Human Rights Act for Australia?

**Where:** Perth Concert Hall, Wardell Room, 5 St Georges Terrace

**When:** The panel discussion starts at 7.30pm sharp

**Entry:** \$10 waged / \$5 unwaged

Coffee, Tea & biscuits will be served afterwards.

Please RSVP to [amnestylegalgroupwa@gmail.com](mailto:amnestylegalgroupwa@gmail.com)

**Youth Tree TEducation Night – Monday 8 June.** You're invited to the second ever Youth Tree TEducation Video Night to be held at SCITECH. Watch stuff (inspiring interesting and incredible videos), discuss stuff (conversations based around ideas brought up in the videos), eat stuff (everyone brings some food to share), learn stuff (by meeting like-minded Perthians and connecting with amazing ideas).

The purpose of these TEducation video nights is to share with lots of people the amazing, diverse, inspiring and fascinating ideas that the speeches on [TED.com](http://TED.com) bring to the world, and to bring people together in the real world at the same time. It was envisioned for all those who wished university was more of a melting pot of new ideas, inspiration and interdisciplinary cross-pollination. The topics of each video vary hugely; from replanting rainforests to education, from deep-sea exploration to music, from poverty statistics to solar-power. Every video will teach you something and/or inspire your face off. So instead of watching videos that explain in detail the extent to which the world is doomed, which can be quite depressing, we're sharing some of the most incredible and inspiring solutions to the world's problems.

**Where:** SCITECH DISCOVERY CENTRE, City West (go through the main City West entrance and up to the second floor)

**When:** 6.00pm

**Bring:** 1. Food to share (preferably pre-compost, edible foodstuffs)...

2. A USB stick so you can get your own copy of the videos we watch (and many others too)

3. Anyone else who you think would be interested in watching riveting talks from people sharing the world's most incredible ideas.

**Where are we in the World? - Thursday 11 June.** Professional development for teachers or education students. Students have a natural curiosity about things around them in their local environment as well as the world and as teachers we can capitalise on this. Their interest in maps and map reading can be stimulated and built on so that reading and understanding maps becomes part of their currency of communication. Participants will gain a greater understanding of how maps and globes can be used to develop students' perceptions of their world, experience practical mapping and globe activities that can be used in the classroom, explore where mapping fits into the Curriculum Framework, and receive a copy of the book 'Where are we in the World?'

**Where:** One World Centre, 5 King William St, Bayswater

**When:** 4.00 – 6.00pm

**Cost:** \$30 for OWC members and students, \$40 for non-members

Registration is essential. Please contact the One World Centre on 9371 9133 or [education@oneworldcentre.org.au](mailto:education@oneworldcentre.org.au) for more info or to register.

**National Climate Emergency Rally – Saturday 13 June.** Support the call for 100% renewable energy by 2020, new green jobs, protection of Australia's forests, and no uranium mining. As well as attending the event, you can get involved by banner painting, helping to spread the word with posters and emails to your friends, putting a link to [safeclimate.org.au](http://safeclimate.org.au) on your blog or updating your Facebook profile to let people know you are going to the rally, or by donating to the Safe Climate appeal – [www.safeclimate.org.au](http://www.safeclimate.org.au).

**Where:** Forrest Place, Perth

**When:** 12.30pm

**FANGraiser – Wednesday 17 June.** FANG (Freo Anti-Nuclear Group) are hosting a film night at Fremantle's Film and Television Institute. The movie showing will be "Uranium – is it a country?", filmed by a group of young, German filmmakers on a visit to Australia in 2008. They came to Australia to discover where the uranium that is used for Power around Europe comes from. The film focuses on the reality of BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam (Roxby) uranium mine in South Australia. This is the world's largest uranium deposit. The filmmakers reveal the truth about the local pollution, the unsustainable use of water, and the reality of radioactive mine tailings.

**6.30pm, entry by donation.**

**Deaths in Custody Watch Committee Rally – Saturday 20 June.** Don't let Mr Ward's death be in vain, join the public rally for justice and human rights. Protest Mr Ward's death. Demand that people will be safe in custody. Demand the State government takes immediate action to reduce indigenous imprisonment rates in WA. Demand the State government does something real and substantial NOW to tackle racism in the WA justice system. No More Deaths in Custody!!

**Where:** Forrest Place, Perth

**When:** 12.00 – 2.00pm

For more information, contact the DICWC: 9444 1930 or [dicwc@inet.net.au](mailto:dicwc@inet.net.au)

**Campaigning for Change Workshop – Wednesday 24 - Thursday 25 June.** What does it take to win change for social, economic and environmental justice? How can campaigns for change effectively utilise people power? How can campaigns be planned to create achievable steps along the way to winnable goals? Find out in this two day workshop presented by the Change Agency. The workshop includes; the elements of campaign strategy and planning frameworks; theories of how social change happens, and the role of people power; practical strategy and mobilising tools and techniques to practice and apply to real campaign situations, including critical path analysis, stakeholder analysis, tactics analysis for strategic consistency and political impact, and practice sessions on tactics such as interacting with powerholders, speaking to the media, door knocking, and phone canvassing.

The Campaigning for Change workshop is open to a broad range of activists, and will include opportunities to network and learn with each other. This workshop will benefit community workers, union organisers, grassroots activists, professional campaigners, and many others.

**Where:** Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre

**When:** 9.30am – 5.00pm

**Cost:** \$80-\$220 depending on your means. Resource kit, lunch and refreshments included

Register with the Conservation Council on 9429 7266 or [conswa@conservationwa.asn.au](mailto:conswa@conservationwa.asn.au)

**Seeking Asylum in Australia: What happens to rejected asylum seekers? - Thursday 25**

**June.** Public lecture by Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre in Sydney. Phil is co-author of 'Deported to Danger' and 'Deported to Danger II', research reports which documented the fate of asylum seekers rejected by the Australian government and deported back to countries deemed to be 'safe'. These reports formed the basis of the documentary 'A Well Founded Fear' shown on SBS in November 2008, and graphically showed the tragic results of some of these deportation decisions.

But what has happened since then, and has the new federal Labor government's policy and approach to asylum seekers changed anything? What is wrong with Australia's assessment and screening process of asylum seekers and how should Australia approach the issue of providing safe haven to people fleeing terrible situations in their homelands? What role can ordinary citizens play in influencing the national 'attitude' to asylum seekers and refugees?

Phil Glendenning will address these and other questions in a thought-provoking and timely presentation marking the 2009 UN International Day in Support of Survivors of Torture.

**Where:** Curtin University, Bank West Lecture Theatre

**When:** 7pm, come early to see the display of ASeTTS' services and SBS documentary 'A Well Founded Fear' from 5pm – 7pm.

**Cost:** gold coin donation

**Community Climate Change Dialogue – Sunday 28 June.** The Conservation Council of WA, in partnership with Murdoch University's ISTP, is hosting a major community-based event to engage Western Australians in a discussion on climate change issues and challenges. The Dialogue will have a strong focus on facilitating and building community-based participation in solving the climate change crisis. This FREE event is your chance to have your say on climate change and is not to be missed.

As a participant you will hear from experts on the latest climate science, policy settings, issues and consequences across the themes of climate safe sustainable communities, sustainable energy policy, citizen-led climate science and citizen centred climate actions. You will have the opportunity to put forward your questions and engage in deliberations across these themes. Politicians from all major parties have been invited to hear the outcomes of these deliberations at the final dialogue

plenary.

This event will take place in the period leading up to the crucial international climate negotiations in Copenhagen in December 2009 and as the State Government is in the process of developing Western Australia's long awaited climate change mitigation and adaptation strategy.

Speakers include:

- Dr Bryson Bates, Theme Leader, CSIRO's Climate Adaptation Flagship & Chief Research Scientist Div. Marine & Atmospheric Research
- Dr Linda Chambers, Senior Scientist, Centre for Australian Weather & Climate Research (Bureau of Meteorology) Climate Change Group
- Dr Paul Wilkes, Vice President, Sustainable Energy Now
- Mr Peter Robertson, State Coordinator, The Wilderness Society
- Mr Piers Verstegen, Director, Conservation Council of WA
- Dr Nic Dunlop, Citizen Science Program Coordinator, Conservation Council of WA
- Dr Brad Pettitt, Dean, Institute of Sustainability and Technology Policy (ISTP) Murdoch University
- Ms Nicole Hodgson, Lecturer Sustainable Development, ISTP Murdoch University

**Where:** Murdoch University

**When:** 8.30am – 4.30pm

**Cost:** Free if you register before 12 June. Lunch will be available if preordered and prepaid (\$15).

**Further information:** Conference Convenor: Carolyn Hofmeester, Registrations: Ariane Cancès  
Phone: (08) 9420 7266 Email: [conswa@conservationwa.asn.au](mailto:conswa@conservationwa.asn.au)

**Blueprint for a better world – Thursday 2 - Monday 20 July.** Nine years ago, the world made a promise. A promise which, by 2015, will lift millions of people out of poverty. Here is your chance to be part of that promise. Caritas, in conjunction with AusAID, brings you 'The Millennium Development Goals and you', an interactive exhibition on tackling poverty in the world. The exhibition aims to strengthen support for the work of the Australian Government in their commitment to aid and overcoming global poverty, and increase awareness of the importance and unique contribution of Australian Non-government Organisations.

Designed to highlight the Millennium Development Goals and the promise of Governments throughout the world to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015, this exhibition gives a practical face to the eight goals, through video, photographs, visual installation as well as contributions from Caritas partner communities make up the installation. Each of the eight MDG's are presented as a blueprint for positive social change in our world emphasising how Caritas Australia and its community partners are engaged in the challenge of tackling poverty for the world's poorest. It provides tangible options for individuals and communities to take action. The exhibition focuses on case studies of development programs around the world and staff and volunteers from Caritas Australia will be on hand to personally guide you through the exhibition.

**Where:** Prindiville Hall, University of Notre Dame, Fremantle

**When:** 10.00am – 4.00pm weekdays/weekends

**Cost:** Free

For more information go to: [www.blueprintforabetterworld.org](http://www.blueprintforabetterworld.org) or contact Alana Scuglia at Caritas on 1800 024 490 or email her at: [alanas@caritas.org.au](mailto:alanas@caritas.org.au)

**United Nations Association Australia (WA) Quiz Night – Tuesday 7 July.** UNAA(WA) are hosting a quiz night with all proceeds going to the UNAA(WA) to assist with its initiatives. Get together a team of 8 and head down for a night of fun!

**Where:** Belmont Sports & Recreation Club

**When:** 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

**Cost:** \$15 (\$10 concession)

Full bar facilities available with tea and coffee. BYO food platter and nibbles.

To book your table or find out more contact the UNAA(WA) events convenor on 0421 316 717 or email [unaawa@tpg.com.au](mailto:unaawa@tpg.com.au)

**NAIDOC Perth Ball – Friday 10 July.** NAIDOC Perth Ball is the most anticipated night on Perth's social calendar. This year will feature highlights from the Coolbaroo Club League, ballroom dancing, fine dining and wonderful entertainment through out the evening. This social event is an opportunity for NAIDOC Perth to share with the whole

community our Elders and our history.

### **TICKET PURCHASE**

Gail on 9482 0000 / 0428 118 753 or email [gjones@waaid.com](mailto:gjones@waaid.com) or

Reg 0400 628 233 or email [reg.yarran@commerce.wa.gov.au](mailto:reg.yarran@commerce.wa.gov.au)

**Where:** Hyatt Regency Hotel, 99 Adelaide Terrace

**When:** 6.30pm to 12.30am

**Cost:** \$90

**Dress:** Formal

**Global Health Short Courses – weekly from Monday 27 July.** Interhealth is a part of WAMSS (Western Australian Medical Students' Society), and is composed of volunteer medical students from UWA in various years of their medical degree. WAMSS is starting a new initiative this year, the Global Health Short Course (GHSC). GHSC is an 8 week course; each week, a public lecture is held at UWA. The course is supported by the UWA Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Science and is open to all members of the public.

The topics for each week are as follows:

**Week 1:** "The way things are" (statistics and global health)

**Week 2:** "Making poverty history" (the causes and cures of global inequality)

**Week 3:** "Getting shot is bad for your health + No place to call home" (Conflict and health + The health of displaced persons)

**Week 4:** "Access to essential medicines" (Patent law and how this affects patients)

**Week 5:** "It's getting hot in here + When disaster strikes" (Climate change and health + Emergency humanitarian relief)

**Week 6:** "Closing the gap" (Aboriginal health)

**Week 7:** "Mums and Bubs" (Women's and children's health)

**Week 8:** "AIDS" (The AIDS epidemic)

The lectures will be provided by a guest lecturer with a significant amount of experience in their respective field. At every lecture, there will be handouts for each attendee, specifying key points, further reading, and how they can get involved in a particular topic.

**Where:** Tattersall Lecture Theatre, UWA

**When:** 5pm

**Cost:** Free

Further information is available at [interhealth.org.au/ghsc](http://interhealth.org.au/ghsc).

### **News/Updates:**

#### **SWB Information Stalls during O' Week and Week 1 of semester 2**

Gerry and Vicky will be on Bush Court during Orientation Week and Week 1 to let you know about all the ways that you can get involved with Students Without Borders. There will be a barbecue on the Thursday of each week, and each day a selection of NGOs and NFPs will have stalls set up on Bush Court. These two weeks will provide you with an opportunity to find out more about what SWB and the NGOs offer, and how to get involved with them. SWB National T-shirts will be available all week for you to buy.

We need volunteers to help out on the stall and/or barbecue. If you can spare a few hours during O' Week or Week 1 (between 8.30am and 2.30pm), please contact Vicky –

[swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au) - or Gerry – [guildmanager@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:guildmanager@guild.murdoch.edu.au).

#### **Students Without Borders National Magazine**

The first edition of the National SWB magazine will come out this year. 20,000 copies of this annual magazine will be available at universities, cafés, cinemas and selected other outlets around Australia from September/October. If you would like to write for the magazine, please send your articles through to Vicky – [swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au) – by 15 July. This is a great opportunity to let students around the country know about the issues that you care about. Articles need to fall within the themes of social justice, community development, the environment and sustainability. If you would like ideas for topics to write about, please contact Vicky.

### **Kimberley whale survey trip 2009 - the opportunity of a lifetime!**

The Kimberley coast is one of the most intact in the world; scientists are only just beginning to document the outstanding natural values of the region. Beautiful and extensive fringing coral reefs, vast seagrass beds, mangrove forests and spectacular sponge gardens support an incredible array of marine life in one of the highest tidal range coasts in the world. Everything from dugong, sawfish and turtles to Australia's unique dolphin - the snubfin dolphin - all rely on this incredible healthy ecosystem.

The Wilderness Society is very concerned about proposals for polluting coastal industry that would have irreversible impact on this world-class marine environment. This year, the Wilderness Society would like to organise a whale survey trip along the Kimberley coast in a luxury cruise ship. This trip is for Wilderness Society members and friends. The trip would likely be held in September and would depart from Broome. [More info](#)

### **A Climate for Change**

A Climate for Change is a news and social networking website (like Facebook & MySpace), except with a climate twist to it. It's a fun, active community providing a place for you to share and network with other like minded souls.

- Create your own profile and share anything and everything about climate change: your beliefs, goals, ideas and actions.

- News & Opinions - the latest climate change news from around the web including news and opinion from some of the world's leading community organisations.

- Blog - if you read a great article, hear an interview, see an interesting documentary (good or bad), and have an opinion about it, this is the place for you to share it.

There are also discussion forums, groups you can join, an events calendar, you can upload photos and videos, and learn how to become a climate activist.

To celebrate the launch of A Climate for Change, there are some great green prizes to be won.

First prize is valued at over \$250 and includes a solar charger for your MP3 player/phone. Prizes donated by Going Solar. [Check it out](#)

### **National Environmental Law Association**

Students, lecturers and anyone else who is interested in keeping in touch with the development of environmental law in Australia are invited to utilise the unique resource that NELA provides by becoming a member.

NELA is a multi disciplinary association, bringing together professionals in law, planning, natural resources, environmental engineering and management, environmental science and environmental impact assessment to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas on harmonisation of law and policy and best practice environmental regulation in Australia.

A year long NELA membership, which is only \$30 for students, entitles you to:

- invitations to regular NELA seminars on the most topical issues which provide a practical and inspiring break from the theory of study and discounts to annual NELA conferences;
- quarterly publications which include updates and discussions on developments in environmental law throughout Australia and regular Bulletins with further updates;
- and fantastic networking opportunities, including Young NELA cocktail Functions.

For more information contact Emma Cavanagh, National Environmental Law Association Committee Member - [ecavanagh@nd.edu.au](mailto:ecavanagh@nd.edu.au)

### **8Ball Computer Recycling Program Update**

In early March 2009, a container packed full of computers, monitors and peripherals was shipped to Uganda. The computers have arrived (all in one piece and working) and are much appreciated by the schools that have started receiving them. Training centres are now being set up to ensure that as many people as possible can benefit from them. We have recently received an email of thanks for the computers and a request for more!

The volunteers are currently working hard to prepare 200 computers for Uruguay. These computers are being donated to hospitals, through the International Red Cross. However, we are short of computers to refurbish. If you have any old computers at home or work that you want to dispose of, please consider donating them to the 8Ball Program. We will accept computers up to 6 years old. It doesn't matter if the computers work or not, as our IT geniuses can fix them up. We

can wipe hard drives of any sensitive information, but we will also accept computers without the hard drive.

Anyone who has walked past the 8Ball room recently might think that we already have far too many computers, but sadly not. We have an abundant supply of monitors, which are taking up all available space and are spilling out into the courtyard. They are now causing OSH concerns, and we desperately need more space to safely store equipment. Unfortunately, we are not having any luck finding space on campus, but if you know of anywhere that could be used (warehouses, spare rooms at your work/community group, etc.) please let us know. Alternatively, if you know anyone who might be interested in sponsoring a shipping container for us to use as extra storage space, please pass on their details. You can contact Vicky on 9360 6307 or email [swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au). Alternatively, you can contact Gerry Georgatos on 9360 6288 or email [guildmanager@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:guildmanager@guild.murdoch.edu.au)

### **Demand a Human Rights Act for Australia**

Australia is the only liberal democracy without a Human Rights Act or similar human rights protection. The Government's current nationwide consultation on how Australians want our rights protected is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to call for legal human rights protection. The public consultation is finishing on **Monday 15 June**. You can make a personalised submission to the consultation in four easy steps - it won't take longer than five minutes - just visit the Amnesty International website. Your submission will then be emailed directly to the Committee.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this historic decision on our country's future!

[Visit the Amnesty website](#)

### **Start your own campaigns or join the Action Group**

Do you want to create change? Do you have great ideas but don't know how to go about putting them into action? Contact [Vicky](#) to find out how to start your own campaign on campus. It can be about anything – perhaps you are concerned about the treatment of animals, or you want to raise awareness of children's lack of access to education overseas... We can help you to plan your campaign strategy, put you in touch with other people who share your passion, and advertise your events for you.

If you'd like to organise campaigns but you'd rather be part of a group, why not join the SWB Action Group? This is a small group of students who work together to raise awareness of social justice issues, and coordinate events in the Perth area. We meet at Murdoch Uni every fortnight (less often during the holidays) to throw around ideas, discuss issues and plan our fundraising efforts. You don't have to be a Murdoch student, you just have to want to make a difference. Check out the [Action Group website](#) for more information.

### **Amnesty International on campus**

Would you like to help create an Amnesty International group at Murdoch University? If you would like to get involved, please contact Martin – [m.gwyn@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:m.gwyn@murdoch.edu.au).

### **Volunteering/Paid Opportunities:**

#### **100.9fm Noongar Radio Perth**

Do you have a passion for radio, music, or talkback? Do you have an idea for a specialist radio program? Would you like to get experience working in the media and at the same time support Perth's new Noongar community radio station?

100.9fm Noongar Radio Perth is currently seeking expressions of interest from potential volunteer radio announcers, program producers and station helpers.

If you think you have what it takes to be in the media, complete and return the application form by Monday 8 June. The application form is available from the [News](#) page of the [SWB website](#).

### **Students Tutoring Students**

If you have achieved a Distinction or High Distinction for any of your units, you could become a tutor. Tuition can take place on campus or at any other suitable location, and you can set the times and days that you are available. Tutoring is a great way to reinforce the information that you have learned, and you can earn up to \$20/hr whilst helping other students to achieve their goals. If you

choose not to charge students for your services, you can receive recognition for your participation in this program on your Developmental Transcript, which will look great on your CV when you start looking for work after uni. To find out more, contact Vicky – [swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au).

### **Language Classes**

SWB will be offering language classes again in semester 2. If you would like to teach conversational language classes to small groups of beginners, please let us know. You will earn \$2 per week for each member of the class, and you can choose what material you wish to cover. There is strong demand for French, Spanish and Italian classes. For more information, please contact Vicky – [swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:swb@guild.murdoch.edu.au).

**Gerry and Vicky would like to wish everyone good luck for their exams!** Don't forget that the Guild has an Exam Helpdesk based at the Guild Shop. If you realise just before your exam that you have managed to leave all your pens or your calculator at home, just drop by the Guild Shop and borrow what you need.



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