

Environmental Sustainability Study Group Report for 2006-2007

The EESG has not undertaken any specific activities over 2006-7. The time has seen Arthur Conacher (UWA) retire and relinquish the convenor's position. This role was taken up by Nicholas Gill upon his return from a period of leave from the University of Wollongong.

The main activity for the convenor has been canvassing and helping to organise sessions for the 2007 IAG conference in Melbourne. Six specialist sessions have been organised with organisers collaborating across universities and disciplines. Early Career Researchers are among those convening sessions. Two are being held in conjunction with the Cultural Geography and Rural Geography IAG study groups. The six sessions are:

- Urban planning and Sustainability
- The Environmental Impacts of Tourism and Recreation
- The Nature of Rural Geography
- Water crisis? Socio-cultural and environmental dimensions of water and rivers.
- Social and Policy Dimensions of Climate Change in Australia and its Near Neighbours
- Institutions and Society-Nature Interactions

EESG members are also participating in other general environmental management sessions.

The committee of the EESG as named is out of date and most of the active committee members have now changed positions or completed postgraduate degrees and have moved on. Below is the list of committee members from the 2006 report:

Hugo Bekle (ECU)
Bill Boyd (Southern Cross)
Kath Broderick (program planning, UWA)
Arthur Conacher: convener (UWA)
Megan Farrelly (deputy convener, newsletter, website: UWA)
Nick Gill (Wollongong)
Kersty Hobson (ANU)
Lesley Hodgson (LaTrobe Bendigo)
Natalie Marshall (UNSW)
Alaric Maude (Flinders)
Phil McManus (USydney)
Tim Perkins (ECU)

A key task at the IAG meeting in July will be to reconstitute the committee and assign tasks. The meeting will also be a chance for the ESSG to revisit the activities decided upon at its inaugural meeting in 2004 and plan activities for 2007-08.

The remainder (approx \$970) of the 2004 allocation has still not been spent and the convenor is in the process of transferring these funds to the University of Wollongong for use in 2007-08.

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