

Celebrating our precious water in Science Week

14th August 2008

More than 150 primary school students from north-west Tasmania will descend on the Burnie Civic Centre during Science Week to participate in the Cradle Coast NRM Living Water Forum and Showcase.

The theme of this year's event 'Living Water', refers to how all living things depend on water for their survival, and also how water is incorporated into every aspect of our lives: in the food we eat, the clothes we wear, cars we drive or the river we swim in.

The Living Water Forum has been designed to help students understand the role that water plays in sustaining both human and environmental systems as well as the management of our precious water resources. A number of exciting and educational hands-on activities will be on offer to students, including displays and presentations from the Bureau of Meteorology, Australian Paper, the Imaginarium and Cradle Coast Water as well as information on some of our region's iconic species.

"The Living Water Forum and Showcase follows on from the outstanding success of Cradle Coast NRM's "Water from the Ground Up" showcase in 2007. It also builds on the information provided in the 'Understanding Healthy Waterways' curriculum package that was released to schools earlier this year" said Sally Fenner, Project Officer for Cradle Coast NRM.

The opening of 'Living Water' 2008 will include a presentation by students who have been undertaking water studies through the recently released 'Understanding Healthy Waterways' Curriculum Package funded by the Australian Government and produced by Waterwatch and Cradle Coast NRM.

This event will be held at the Burnie Civic Centre on Tuesday 19th August 2008 and the opening ceremony will begin at 10.00am , followed by the student showcase and interactive forum.

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