



The Allies Express

A NEWSLETTER FOR SEDA ENERGY SMART ALLIES

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to 2004, I hope you all managed a break over the holiday season. As you would have read in the last issue of Allies Express, Suzanne Dunford has moved on from SEDA and has been seconded to work at the newly formed NSW Greenhouse Office, we were very sorry to see her go and wish her all the best. I will do my best to take over where Suze left off and keep you all informed of what's happening in the sustainable energy industry. I am by no means a newcomer at SEDA and have been running our Energy Smart Information Centre since mid 1999.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any comments or feedback about the newsletter and the Allies Program. In coming issues we will update the format of this newsletter and are updating the website so that newsletters can be accessed on line from the Allies website.

Regards,
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SEDA STILL BUSINESS AS USUAL

As mentioned in the last issue NSW Premier Bob Carr has announced the formation of a new department, the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability (DEUS), incorporating SEDA and the Ministry for Energy and Utilities. It is intended that SEDA will transfer to the DEUS, however, the operational arrangements to give effect to this decision have yet to be finalised. In the interim, we are continuing on a business-as-usual approach, we will keep you abreast of the changes as they come to hand.

MRET REVIEW

The review of the Federal Governments Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET), which requires the generation of 9,500 gigawatt hours of extra renewable electricity per year by 2010, was tabled in Parliament on 16 January 2004. The review report recommended that the level of generation required should remain unchanged and that targets should continue at the same rate until 2020. To see the full report see: <http://www.mretreview.gov.au>

Industry and green groups have responded strongly to the review and are calling for the Government to increase the MRET. See: <http://www.bcse.org.au>

DIARY NOTE - ALLIES EVENT JULY 22, 2004

This year we have funding to run an Energy Smart Technologies Expo. The expo, to be held on Thursday July 22, 2004, will feature exhibitions and presentations on the latest in new (i.e. post 2000) energy efficiency technologies and services from Energy Smart Allies. To support the industry, exhibitor space will be subsidised by SEDA and entry to the expo will be free for attendees. We will promote the event to our contacts in industry, government, engineering and building services. We anticipate interest in the key areas of; Lighting, HVAC, Control Systems, Meters, Monitors, Motor Drives, Energy Efficient Appliances, Hot Water Systems, Energy Consultants, Cogeneration and Clean Fuels.



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See the Allies website to download an Exhibitor Proposal Form and fax back the expression of interest form to reserve your place: www.energysmartallies.com We are currently assessing suitable venues, however it is likely to be either a Central Station or Lower North Shore location (both accessible by train).

FUNDING FOR DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROJECTS IN BROOKVALE / DEE WHY AREA

As part of EnergyAustralia's Demand Management program EnergyAustralia is making a Standard Offer of \$200 per kVA of peak demand reduction from Commercial and Industrial Energy Efficiency projects undertaken in the Brookvale / Dee Why area. EnergyAustralia invites interested parties to submit proposals to implement eligible projects. Up to \$300,000 in total is available to qualifying proposals on a first-come-first-eligible basis. Offer expires: 30 November 2004. For further information on the offer visit:

http://www.energy.com.au/ea/earetail.nsf/Content/DemandManagement_OurNetwork

WELCOME NEW ALLIES

There are now over 400 organisations providing sustainable energy products and services in the Energy Smart Allies Directory, a warm welcome to newest member **Elite Pool Covers NSW**. Manufacturers of the Elite Solar Blanket, Elite Pool Covers can increase pool temperature, reduce heat loss by up to 75% on heated pools, reduce chemical costs, keep your pool cleaner and virtually eliminate water evaporation:

<http://www.energysmartallies.com/esa/companies.asp?num=532>

SYDNEY'S GREENEST SKYSCRAPERS

Energy and Utilities Minister Frank Sartor has unveiled the list of Sydney's greenest skyscrapers, confirming that the Henry Deane Building at Central Station and the historic Lands Building in Bridge Street in the CBD are Sydney's most energy efficient and greenhouse friendly buildings.

Compared to the average performance of commercial building's those on the top 10 "green list" save over 7142 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions every year - the equivalent of taking more than 1500 cars off the road each year!

The buildings, which employ numerous methods of reducing their energy consumption such as energy efficient lighting, high performance glass and the use of Building Management Systems, have all been rated for greenhouse performance with the NSW Governments Australian Building Greenhouse Rating (<http://www.abgr.com.au/>).

For full media release see: http://www.seda.nsw.gov.au/news_mediadisplay.asp?ID=101

ALLY UPDATE - PV Solar Tiles BiPV Training Project

Energy Smart Ally, PV Solar Energy Pty Ltd has an applied to AusIndustry to support national training courses on Building Integrated Photovoltaic (BiPV) installation issues starting in March/April 2004 using the PV Solar Tile as a model system for training. Partners include BlueScope Steel and AirCell insulation who provide components for PV AIRFLOW™ the BiPV installation system recently developed for use with PV Solar Tiles to optimise performance. The Training courses will help disseminate the BiPV Best Practice Guidelines developed by the Australian Greenhouse Office. The first courses will be run in Sydney at the University of NSW PV Centre, and then at TAFE colleges in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Brisbane, and will also be offered via the HIA and MBA building associations in future. Courses are open to all industry and interested parties by application.

The training project will allow much wider and rapid teaching on the Australian BiPV innovation that is gaining interest in overseas markets. PV Solar hopes that trained Australian installers would like to participate in opportunities with the Solar Tiles for future projects in neighbouring developing markets like China, Thailand and Vietnam. To register interest for courses please e-mail an Expression of Interest to info@pvsolar.com.au



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If you would like your company featured in Allies Express email a brief synopsis (max 250 words) to allies@seda.nsw.gov.au

SEDA ANNUAL REPORT 2002/3

SEDA's Annual Report has now been published and is available for downloading on the SEDA website: www.seda.nsw.gov.au/pdf/AnnualReport_2003_webversion.pdf (340Kb)

NOTICE BOARD

Enviro 04 Convention & Exhibition, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre Darling Harbour, 28th March – 1st April 2004. A platform for five environment industry associations, Enviro 04 will comprise conference streams on, sustainable energy, sustainable industry, water and waste. For registration and program details visit: <http://www.enviroaust.net/e4/>

19th World Energy Conference " Delivering Sustainability - Opportunities and Challenges for the Energy Industry", Sydney, 5-9 September 2004. The theme of the Sydney conference moves debate beyond expressions of concern about sustainability and invites solutions that are technically sound, economically feasible and environmentally and socially acceptable. The World Energy Congress Youth Symposium will be held in conjunction with the conference. For program and registration details visit: <http://www.tourhosts.com.au/energy2004>