



ENVIRONMENTAL and SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

AWARD FOR 2008

Every year since 1985, the Victorian Association for Environmental Education (VAEE) has awarded the **Victorian Environmental and Sustainability Educator of the Year Award**. The award is presented to an individual who has made an exemplary contribution to the field of environmental and sustainability education within Victoria. It provides an opportunity for us all to celebrate an individual who has made a special contribution.

Why Nominate?

As the Victorian Environmental Sustainability Educator of the Year you will receive recognition of your contribution and work through the VAEE website, publications, events and the media. The Award will be presented at the VAEE Conference 2008 to enable the winner, and the environment and sustainability education sector as a whole, to celebrate the achievement. This will provide an opportunity for you, the winner, to network and make contact with people in the sustainability sector within Victoria. In providing an example of excellence, you will also achieve statewide recognition for your project or organisation. As a recipient of the award you will be made a lifetime member of VAEE, enabling you to contribute to the development of knowledge, skills and networks within the sector.

Award Criteria

To be eligible for the award, nominees:

- Must be current VAEE members (for the year the award is made).
- May work for a state government department or agency, local government, non-government organisation, community organisation, not-for-profit or for-profit organisation, school, tertiary institution or pre-school setting.
- Must not be current VAEE Councillors.
- Must not be paid VAEE employees.

Nomination

- Each nomination must be made by a member of VAEE.
- Nominees cannot nominate themselves; they must be nominated by another VAEE member.
- Nominations must be seconded by one other VAEE member.
- If the quality of the nominees does not adequately meet the stated criteria, VAEE is not obligated to make an Award.
- Rules relating to the award should have the form of a Standing Order of Council; in that they are subject to review/reaffirmation by Council at the start of each year, but may not be changed otherwise.

Application Process

Nominations for the award should be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer, Environmental and Sustainability Educator of the Year, VAEE, 150 Palmerston Street, Carlton VIC 3053.

Nominations should clearly demonstrate how the individual has made a major contribution to environmental and sustainability education in 2007 via one or more of the following:

1. Implementation or development of an Education for Sustainability (EfS) program in a school, a group of schools, an educational institution, state government department or agency, local government area, non-government organisation, community organisation, not-for-profit or for-profit organisation.
2. Operated as an accredited AuSSI Vic facilitator to support the implementation or development of the AuSSI Vic framework to a high level of excellence in several schools or a particular group of schools.

3. Development of an acclaimed education resource or program or resources for the support of EfS in a school or community setting.
4. Publication of a significant article or series or articles in *'Eingana'* and/or another education, environmental or sustainability journal reporting on, or related to, the implementation of EfS in any setting.
5. Undertaken research and collection of data leading to a published research report that furthers EfS in any setting.
6. Made a major contribution to the writing and development of textbook material in printed or electronic format for use in EfS in any setting.
7. Significant, ongoing volunteer support for the activities of VAEE or other EfS programs.

Please note: it is expected that an award nominee will demonstrate high levels of achievement in more than one criterion. However, exceptional achievement in one criterion could be deemed to be sufficient.

Timeframe

1. Submissions received by Friday 25th July 2008.
2. Submissions will be reviewed by the panel.
3. Award Winner notified by mail by the 15th August 2008.
4. Award will be presented at the VAEE Conference 2008.

Award Process

Nominations will be considered by a panel set up by the VAEE Council, consisting of one member of the VAEE Executive and two previous award winners nominated by the Council. The VAEE Executive Officer may advise the panel but may not vote on the Award. The panel recommendation will be put to the full Council for approval.

Presentation

- The award will be presented at the VAEE Conference in August 2008.
- Award recipients will be given a citation and certificate.
- At the discretion of the Council they may be nominated for the AAEE Environmental Educator of the Year Award.
- The work of the recipient will feature in the next issue of Eingana.

For more information:

Contact Bernadette Thomas, Executive Officer, VAEE on 03 9349 1806 or bthomas@vae.vic.edu.au

Please tear off and include the following in you submission.

Name of Nominee _____ **Signature** _____

Contact Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____ **Date** _____

Nominated by _____ **Signature** _____

Telephone _____

Email _____ **Date** _____