

## **Report of the National Environment Officer January - March 2009**

### **ASEN Training Camp**

The National Environment Officer helped organize and attended the annual training camp of environment officers from universities across the country. It was an opportunity to share the skills they have learnt over the years as well as meet representatives from different campuses

The National Environment officer worked with other students to formulate two main campaigns for the network, one around nukes and one around climate.

### **O'week Mailout**

The national Environment Officer spent two days working closely with the ASEN conveners in compiling a handout with resources, information, zines, designs and general useful things that went out to over 50 collectives nationwide.

### **Victorian Support**

The National Environment Officer spent the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> of February down in Melbourne visiting different campuses during o'week. Assistance was given to help RMIT collective get their materials together and the campuses of Melbourne University, RMIT, Monash Clayton and LaTrobe Bundoora where visited on their O'days/weeks.

The opportunity was taken to build relations with collective members and plan out the year as well as define the sort of support the different collectives require. Since then the national Environment Officer has maintained contact with the collectives and has established new contacts in Bendigo and Geelong and providing them with resources and support as requested.

### **NSW Support**

The National Environment Officer has been working closely with the convener of the Student Environment Activist Network in assuring that collectives are getting the resources and support they need. Together they have made plans to provide specific support to rural campuses.

A day was spent in Armidale meeting with environment and union contacts there. Ideas were shared and plans were made on how we could create a more active campus for students and how we could generate interest in environmental and social justice issues. Campuses of the University of Newcastle, University of New South Wales and University of Technology Sydney have also been visited to further strengthen networking between campuses.

The National Environment Officer co-organised a weekend (20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March) for the state network in Newcastle, students from Wollongong University, ANU, Sydney University, University of New South Wales, University of Technology Sydney and the University of Newcastle attended. The weekend allowed opportunity for cross campus organising and planning to put the climate campaign into action.

### **SoS Support**

The National Environment Officer has visited the team organising the Students of Sustainability Conference in Melbourne and has been involved in the organising of the conference, particular focus has been given in making sure documents and handovers from previous years are made available and in organising the program for this year.