

Celebrating WORLD OCEAN DAY

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PROGRAMME

- 08.30 Registration
08.50 Official Welcome and Opening of School Ocean Forum – Mayor of Townsville, Councillor Tony Moony
09.00 School Ocean Forums: background introduction – Greg Bruce (Office of Sustainability City of Townsville)
09.10 School Ocean Forum 1: Declaration – Dylan Furnell (SOF 1 student representative)
09.25 Introduction and Reflection on School Ocean Forum 2 – Russell Reichelt (Executive Manager, Reef and Rainforest Research Centre)
09.40 Theme 1. Chris Manning (Creek to Coral)
The state of the Ocean – current challenges and future prospects
10.00 Youth round-table discussion identifying implications for Youth
10.20 MORNING TEA
10:40 Theme 2. Alan Hauquitz (School of Public Health, James Cook University)
Involvement of Youth within the Millennium Development Goals Strategies
11:00 Youth round-table discussion – how can the ocean be used to alleviate global poverty
11.30 Theme 3. Fred Nucifora (Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority); Elizabeth Booth (Townsville City Council)
Engaging Youth in new solidarities for sustainable ocean governance
11:50 Youth round-table discussion - identifying actions and initiatives that engage youth to become effective participants in managing ocean and its resources
12:20 **Brainstorm** – developing strategies to address issues arising from round-table discussions for development of a Youth Statement to be presented at the *Pacem in Maribus* 32 Conference in Malta
13:00 LUNCH
13.30 Wrap-up and announcement of Youth representative to the *Pacem in Maribus* 32 Conference in Malta – Russell Reichelt
14.00 Conclusion of School Ocean Forum

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School Ocean Forum - June 8, 2007

Seagulls Resort

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Supporting Townsville's Environment Week & Townsville Tropical Science and Innovation Festival

The Townsville School Ocean Forum is proudly supported by the following organisations:

Belgian Gardens State School; Digital Dimensions; Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; IMarEST – ANZPAC Division, IMarEST North Queensland Branch; International Ocean Institute (Australia); James Cook University – School of Earth & Environmental Sciences, JCU – Partnership to Achieve UN MDG, Reef and Rainforest Research Centre; Townsville City Council & Thuringowa City Council – Creek to Coral Program; Queensland Department of State Development – Townsville State Development Centre

Front-cover picture: Belgian Gardens State School students monitoring seagrass health at Rowes Bay, Townsville



TOWNSVILLE SCHOOL OCEAN FORUM

To Celebrate the World Ocean Day 2007, the International Ocean Institute and its partners will be holding a special **Townsville School Ocean Forum** focussing on the role of Youth and the Sea. The Ocean Seminar theme is: **Youth and the Sea - Partnering for the protection of the ocean and the sustainable use of its resources.**

The Seminar encourages the Youth of Townsville to develop a Statement considering:

- The state of the Ocean: current challenges and future prospects – implications for Youth
- Involvement of Youth within the Millennium Development Goal Strategies - options and challenges related to the protection of the Ocean
- Engaging Youth in new solidarities for sustainable ocean governance

The Townsville Youth Ocean Statement will be presented at the International Peace on the Oceans Conference (*Pacem in Maribus*) to be held in Malta from 5th – 8th November, 2007. The School Ocean Forum Statement will be presented at the International Youth Parliament and *PIM* Conference by SOF participant Dylan Furnell.

PACEM IN MARIBUS XXXII CONFERENCE

5-8 November, 2007 - MALTA

The International Peace on the Oceans Conference or *Pacem in Maribus* (*PIM*) is a bi-annual event of the International Ocean Institute that focuses on the peaceful use of the ocean and its resources. This year *PIM* will be held in Malta with an endeavour to break new ground in its conference series by engaging two new constituencies, women and youth, on whom the future of the Ocean so strongly depends. The conference will mobilise skills, talents and experiences in advancing the sustainable use of marine resources and promote sound ocean governance.



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The three themes of the *PIM* Conference (Youth Parliament) are:

Theme 1. The state of the Ocean: current challenges and future prospects – implications for Youth

The theme explores critical issues such as climate change, threat to marine biodiversity and food security, marine disasters and coastal vulnerability, with special reference to their implications for Youth. It will also attempt to develop new approaches and methodologies for the participation of Youth in the management of ocean space and sustainable oceans governance.

Theme 2. Involvement of Youth within the Millennium Development Goals Strategies- options and challenges related to the protection of the Ocean

The theme explores ways to engage Youth in advancing the MDGs and promoting the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. It will focus on the role of Youth in the eradication of poverty by using ocean resources and in the protection of the marine environment. It will emphasise the need for curriculum development, teacher training and capacity building, through global training partnerships, towards the creation of appropriate employment in maritime and related services. It will also seek to find the most appropriate language for reaching all youth through the utilisation of the new media as well as advanced tools for communication, public awareness and action. A Youth Parliament and Workshop of Young Entrepreneurs will be organised as a way of facilitating the advancement of these objectives and to help frame the conference outcomes and declarations.

Theme 3. New solidarities for sustainable ocean governance: engagement of youth

Given the differences between realities, interests and expectations among youth in developing and developed countries, the conference would seek to provide a common framework for new solidarities and opportunities for socio-economic equity, as well as adjustments to current institutional arrangements and constraints that would empower youth to become more effective participants. Greater emphasis will be placed on realistic and practical solutions and sustained follow-up action. It will thus facilitate an open debate where all views will be heard and commitments made with a view to determine what each of us might do in promoting the goals, objectives and outcomes of the Conference.