

Creating Sustainable Landscapes Breakfast

7.30am – 9.15am, Wednesday 9th May 2007
Royal Melbourne Zoo, Bong Su Room, Elliot Ave, Parkville

“We all need to become more Resource Smart. Sustainable landscapes create beautiful spaces that contribute to the health of the wider environment by reducing greenhouse gas impacts, water use, and other resource use.”

Andrew Monk,
Chair, Compost Victoria



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PURPOSE OF TODAY'S SEMINAR & WORKSHOP

- ✓ Learn more about the use of quality composts and mulches in sustainable landscaping
- ✓ Explore opportunities for greater use of quality compost and mulches in sustainable landscaping
- ✓ To improve communications between the composting industry and landscapers and promote further product development work

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WHAT'S THE ISSUE:

- ✓ We need to become more Resource Smart and manage resources more sustainably (we also need to repair and maintain eco-systems)
- ✓ Victorians waste over 1.5 million tonnes of garden and food organics each year
- ✓ In landfill these organic resources generate the potent greenhouse gas, methane. Annual emissions are equivalent to over 2 million tonnes of CO₂ - that's the same as over 40 billion black balloons, and about 3% of the state's emissions.
- ✓ Organics in landfill also pose risk to ground and surface water

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WHAT'S THE ISSUE:

When the organic resource is converted into quality compost and mulches it has significant potential to improve the sustainability of landscapes:

- ✓ Improve soil health, depth, permeability/drainage, and water- and nutrient-holding capacity
- ✓ Conserve water
- ✓ Improve soil fertility and nutrient management
- ✓ Suppress root diseases
- ✓ Improve root growth and plant health
- ✓ Increase stored soil carbon

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TODAY'S PROGRAM:

8.00 - 9.15 Creating Sustainable Landscapes

- > Frances Saunders, Sustainable Gardening Australia
- > Peter Sullivan, Melbourne Zoo
- > Angus Johnston, Compost Australia,
- > Scott Watson, VicRoads
- > Wayne de Klijn, Australian Quality Landscapes
- > Speakers' Panel Q&A

9.15 - 10.15 Product development workshop

10.15 – 10.30 Morning Tea

10.30 - 11.00 Zoo Tour

