

TO: AAEE WA
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RE: SCHOLARSHIP REPORT – WEEC

It is now 3 weeks since the 6th World Environmental Education Congress: Explore, Experience, Educate, held in Brisbane. Well I certainly explored, experienced and was educated. How could I not be – mixing with 700 people from 50 countries – all working towards living and educating about sustainability, in a movement aimed at changing the world.

My special thanks to the WA Chapter of A2E2 for the scholarship that assisted my participation in the Congress. Whilst there I presented a paper *Sustainability education: local communities in real partnerships with local schools*. From the feedback and requests for copies of the paper I believe it was well received. If anyone would like a copy please email me on anne.jennings@bigpond.com and I'll forward it.

Naturally there were far too many paper presentations and workshops to be able to attend them all; however I was fortunate in being able to mix and match them to broaden my knowledge base, whilst thoroughly enjoying the papers and people I met. This included the wonderful women from Papua New Guinea who gave me some of their certified organic coffee, and others from Malaysia and Thailand who I will continue to 'talk' to via email. A highlight was attending the roundtable discussion on the Derby Bushrangers program and meeting the Derby 'girls'. Now I have incentive to travel to Derby more often (from Broome) and catch up with them. We talked about the possibility of a Kimberley grouping of AAEEWA so watch this space. Papers presented by others from WA were also very good – I believe we are up there with the best of them internationally.

Another personal bonus was the up-to-date papers and resultant discussion - I am currently using this information in writing my PhD thesis. Overall it was a valuable learning experience for me and has given me that extra drive I needed to finish my studies.

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