

Transport to Blackwood

Could anyone travelling to Blackwood help me with transport. Also anyone travelling to Canberra on MONDAY - do you have room in your car for me?
#1, Jonathan Miller, AUSTRALIA

An Unreasonable Question?

Why aren't there any EcoCities?
#2, Paul Downton, Urban Ecology Australia Inc, AUSTRALIA

Production Target for EcoCities

There are 100 million extra people on the planet each year. An often-quoted ideal size for an EcoCity is around 50,000 people. That means we need to create 200 new EcoCities a year if we are going to house the world's population well and give us all a future worth living.
#3, Paul Downton, Urban Ecology Australia Inc, AUSTRALIA

Global Network of EcoCities

From February 14 -16, the "Earth Year '92 Symposium on the Global Environment" was held by the initiatives of tens of local legislators, environmentalists and concerned citizens and supported by GLOBE Japan, National Congress of progressive Local Councillors and Association of Local Legislators for a Better Environment. With the daily average of 256 participants including nearly 100 local councillors, the Symposium closed by unanimously adopting the Declaration for Eco-Cities. The Declaration's 5 directions and 10 action targets are on display on the Da Zi Bao bulletin board on the first floor of the Hilton Hotel. We want to develop a global network of local legislators. Please contact: Association of Local Legislators for a Better Environment (or Surugawan Network), c/o Chikyu House, 44 Kuruma cho, Shizuoka-shi, 420 Japan; fax +81 54 2515021.
#4, Association of Local Legislators for a Better Environment, JAPAN

Harnessing People Power

If people make cities, how can they be helped to make EcoCities?
#5, Paul Downton, Urban Ecology Australia Inc, AUSTRALIA

International Coalition for Earth Summit

Some sustainability-oriented nations, eg. Australia, Denmark and Sweden, do not view themselves as powerful enough to significantly influence world opinion and direction. There needs to be a "sustainability coalition" of nations that can wield the necessary power and influence to accelerate change. Who can facilitate such a coalition or is it already happening?
#6, Lois Arkin, Coop. Resources and Services Project, USA

To Lyn Morrow

Please contact me regarding chairing my session with Deborah White. I'm staying with J. Conran, North Adelaide, 2671732.
#7, Tamas Fleischer, HUNGARY

Earth Pledge for UNCED

"Recognising that people's actions toward nature and each other are the source of growing damage to the environment and resources needed to meet human needs and insure survival and development, I pledge to act to the best of my ability to help make the Earth a secure and hospitable home for the present and future generations."
#8, PrepCom IV

Da Zi Bao on Da Zi Bao

This introductory EcoCity 2 issue of Da Zi Bao contains some background and history of the Da Zi Bao process. Da Zi Bao was developed for the **Roots of the Future** conference in Paris last December, and has been evolving rapidly since that time. This is its last test before the United Nations Commission on Environment and Development (UNCED) Earth Summit / Global Forum to be held in Rio de Janeiro in June this year.
#9, Nadia McLaren, Da Zi Bao

The Roots of Da Zi Bao

The Da Zi Bao process represents a merger of two separate but related development tracks: work by Anthony Judge of the Union of International Associations on the design of participant interaction messaging systems and "transformative conferencing", and by Robert Pollard -- now of the International Synergy Institute -- on communication, information and participation processes and the role of information technology in the UNCED preparations for Rio.
#10, Robert Pollard, International Synergy Institute, USA

Da Zi Bao at Conferences

Since its inception at the **Roots of the Future** conference in Paris, Da Zi Bao has been successfully implemented in three other conferences. These were the **Second Global Structure Convocation**, held in Washington, DC from February 7-9, and the **Global Heart Planning Session**, in Tucson Arizona, on February 27-29, and **PrepCom IV**, the fourth preparatory conference for the Earth Summit in Rio, held last month in New York. The Da Zi Bao issues from these conferences are available as Issues 5, 6 & 7 respectively.
#11, Robert Pollard, International Synergy Institute, USA

Da Zi Bao is an Interactive Process

Unlike many media in which there is a clear distinction between the editors/publishers and the readers, the success of Da Zi Bao depends on transcending the conventional boundaries between those who provide and those who receive information. To be more direct, Da Zi Bao depends on **you**, the participants in EcoCity 2, to contribute your observations -- whether on matters of substance or of process -- or your reflections or insights pertaining to conference.

#12, Nadia McLaren, Da Zi Bao

Participant Interaction Messaging Systems

At the heart of Da Zi Bao is a "participant interactive message system" that provides a vehicle for strengthening communication among participants in any community, or of a conference. The basic unit is a brief message - preferably less than fifty words - on any issue of substance or of process, or as a response to previous messages.

#13, Robert Pollard, International Synergy Institute, USA

The Discipline of a 50-Word "Sound Bite"

There are several reasons for setting a 50 word limit on messages in Da Zi Bao, not the least of which is to allow for easy publication of many messages, from many participants. One important aspect is that it calls for people contributing messages to be as concise and clear as possible - to put their ideas into 20 second "sound bite" form. In the context of a massive overload of words in any conference process, any skill in presenting ideas concisely for Da Zi Bao can have valuable implications in other realms.

#14, Robert Pollard, International Synergy Institute, USA

A Manual for Da Zi Bao

In order to make the Da Zi Bao process available on a "do it yourself" basis, a manual is being developed in conjunction with the Brussels-based **Union of International Associations**.

#15, *Anthony Judge, Union of International Associations, BELGIUM*

Keyword Classification of Messages

By recording the Da Zi Bao messages in a relational database, and by classifying each message by one or more "keyword", it becomes relatively easy to generate a cumulative report of the messages by subject. To see an initial keyword compilation of the messages from the Paris conference, contact Da Zi Bao at the EcoCity 2 Secretariat in the Hilton Hotel.

#16, *Nadia McLaren, Da Zi Bao*

Some Technical Background on Da Zi Bao

From the perspective of someone who contributes a message to Da Zi Bao, or who reads copies of the Da Zi Bao bulletins, it is an easy-to-use tool that makes no demands for familiarity with advanced information technology. Behind the "user-friendly" facade is a relatively sophisticated use of a relational database (DataPerfect), and its integration with desktop publishing features of WordPerfect 5.1.

#17, *Robert Pollard, International Synergy Institute, USA*

Ecocities Versus MFP

Ecocities plan for people and the planet first. MFP's plan for technofix solutions while everything else might happen if we're lucky. MFP = "multi function polis" or "mangroves or fools' paradise".

#18, *Peter Clements, Greenhouse Association (SA) Inc, AUSTRALIA*

Clean and Healthy / Dirty and Happy

The city of the 21st Century : clean enough to be healthy and dirty enough to be happy.

#19, *Laura Lawson, USA*

The City is a Chaotic Ecosystem

Chaos theory provides a whole new framework for an ecocity philosophy. Examples of the implications of chaos theory for city design and functioning are the application of fractal geometry to administrative structures and the mathematics of chaos seen in population and traffic levels in cities. The essential, life-producing role of chaos and diversity in ecosystems is essential to building sustainable cities.

#20, *David Engwicht, CART, AUSTRALIA*

Dream Spinning & Web Weaving

Visual, performing and literary arts can provide valuable strategies for building "community", and for encouraging spiritual identification with the community's buildings.

Inter-relationships between non-material and material aspects are crucial to the life and culture of a community.

#21, *Robyn Manley, AUSTRALIA*

Ways to Escape the Inferno?

"The inferno of the living is not something that will be; if there is one, it is what is already here, the inferno where we live every day, that we form by being together. There are two ways to escape suffering it..."

#22, *Italo Calvino, "Invisible Cities"*

Vegetarian Cannibals

Nations pretending to be clean humanitarians is like cannibals on a health-kick eating only vegetarians.

#23, *Anonymous*

Sustaining Human Communities

"Sustainable" has become a value-laden word of wide use and dubious meaning. The question that is begged by its use is "What is it that should be sustained?" Is it nature or development or something else? I prefer the word "sustaining" when thinking about human communities. There is little point our lifestyles be "sustainable" if they are in sterile or static situations which do not nourish us. A "sustaining community" is internally rich, values each individual in whatever multiple roles s/he chooses to act, and is in intimate connection with its environment. The word "sustaining" honours the active and reciprocal partnership of the environment with each human community, particularly in the meanings of "sustain" as "to support", "to tolerate" and "to undergo".

#24, *Nadia McLaren, Global Action Plan for the Earth, NORWAY*

Governments Avoiding The Central Questions

Governments are not living up to the expectations that the UNCED process created. Two years of work, four preparatory meetings and these last five weeks of negotiations have not been enough to reach any real commitment to a sustainable economic system, nor to meet the priority needs of women, indigenous peoples, youth, and NGOs. All our positive inputs have been deleted under pressure from the industrialised countries. The result is a net regress on most of the issues handled in Agenda 21 and in the Earth Charter.

#25, *Michel Faucon, Alliance of Northern People, FRANCE*

Poet At your Service

Willy Bach - poet, playwright from Brisbane, Queensland, is willing to conduct poetry readings. Leave a message with Da Zi Bao if interested.
#26, *Willy Bach, Queensland Greens/Queensland Poets, AUSTRALIA*

Video Recordings

S.C.A.T. community access television and the conference secretariat are trying to record as much conference as possible. As we cannot cover all sessions, expressions of interest in recordings are invited. Anyone who has brought a video camera and would like to coordinate with us to further maximise coverage please talk with Walter, wandering around with camera. Anyone who does not want to be recorded, please let us know.
#27, *Walter Holt, UEA/SCAT TV.*

Contradictions

Let us decide to show the way to the new future. The next EcoCity conference should be held in an ecologically sound building. Why not take a vote on this?
#28, *Willy Bach, Queensland Greens/Queensland Poets, AUSTRALIA*

EcoCity Culture

The EcoCity should have a rich participatory cultural life. Artists, community arts workers, writers and teachers can help bring about and stimulate the movement and will be essential to its wellbeing once it is established.
#29, *Anna Lee & Willy Bach, Queensland Greens/Queensland Poets/St. Arts, AUSTRALIA*

Elementary School

Everything we are talking about at this conference, children in primary school already know.
#30, *Harriet Glen, United Nations Youth Association, AUSTRALIA*

Bridge-building the EcoCity

We can no longer afford to play "us" against "them" - we're all an integral part of Spaceship Earth. How can we work to establish bridges from the current dysfunctional economic and social and political systems into our future models? How are we structuring for change in these models?
#31, *Duncan Hall, Integra Environmental Services, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Leaving Developing Countries Behind

Just ponder about the resources required to mobilise the intelligent, enthusiastic, informed, committed individuals present here.
Can you imagine what we'll need to encourage alienated, dispossessed, frustrated, impoverished communities of the world?
#32, *Julio Rovi, Fundejoven, PANAMA*

Information Request

Background: People in developing countries are over 75% of the world's humans.
Premise: Books and materials contain information and experience essential to make EcoCities a realistic and viable alternative.
Request: You can help set up a pipeline of exchange, primarily designed to get materials about the environment to developing world libraries.
Please respond.
#33, *Julio Rovi, Fundejoven, PANAMA*

Thanks For Your Help!

Special thanks to all the persons who donated funds to our special project to protect Panama's rainforests. Also, thanks to those who requested more information and showed interest in our work. We welcome all inquiries.
#34, *Ronda Mosley-Rovi, Forest Friends, PANAMA*

Singing For Our Supper

Perhaps for a similar amount (\$45), we could have soup kitchen and make it more open - "Live simply so that others may simply live". \$45 seems a bit complex to me!
#35, *Robert McArthur, Nature and Society Forum, AUSTRALIA*

Request for Perspective Drawings

Any local people doing perspective drawings of communities for project presentation? (of Prospect - Adelaide)
#36, *Liz Fisher & Brian Fleming, AUSTRALIA*

Where's the Nearest Bike Rack?

Some bike racks for pedalling participants would be appreciated.
#37, *Liz Fisher & Brian Fleming, AUSTRALIA*

Extract From Agenda Ya Wananchi - I

"We commit ourselves to the rebuilding of our cities in balance with nature. We support the redesign and rebuilding of the physical infrastructure of them, especially focusing on creating compact urban centres served by energy-efficient transportation systems.
We support the restoration of the natural elements in and near our cities in order to ensure their integrity, and to refresh our spirits.
#38, *Agenda Ya Wananchi, Citizens Action Plan for the 1990s, adopted at "Roots of the Future", a global NGO conference in relation to the 1992 Earth Summit*

Looking for Kitty Tarjinsky

If you are at EcoCity 2, I want to contact you. Philip (waterworks) at 494047.
#39, *Philip*

We Need a TV and Video Player

Some people have brought videos to show. Does anyone here have a spare television and/or video player (VHS) that can be brought here to use for the next few days. Leave message with Secretariat. If successful, the programme and selection of titles will be posted on the door of the Angas Room and in the next Da Zi Bao.
#40, *Walter Holt, UEA/SCAT TV*

Extract from Agenda Ya Wananchi - II

"We call upon all nations, UN, UNEP and UNDP to recognise that our cities are the nexus of human life and we must develop strategies for creating Ecocities based on the broadly accepted principles of ecological sustainability. We must re-build our cities in balance with nature, so as to meet there all basic human needs."
#41, *Agenda Ya Wananchi*

Ecocity Design Competition

Urban Ecology USA is planning an "Ecocity Design Competition" -- for information please see Michael Schafer.
#42, *Michael Schafer, Urban Ecology, USA*

Mark Roseland's Book Information

Mark Roseland's "Toward Sustainable Communities : A Resource Book for Municipal and Local Governments", will be published shortly and be available free from:

National Round Table on the Environment and Development

1 Nicholas Street, Suite 520
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7B7
CANADA
tel: +1 613 982-7189;
fax +1 613 922-7385
#43, Mark Roseland, University of British Columbia, CANADA

An Evening With Mark Roseland

For those wishing to pursue Mark Roseland's ideas there is an "alternative dinner" at low cost in a quiet restaurant. Please meet at 6pm at the Registration Desk.

#44, Peter Newman, ISTP Murdoch
Local Government - Resource Information

The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), an international environmental agency for local governments, was established at the World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future at the United Nations in 1990. Contact:

ICLEI
New City Hall, East Tower,
8th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2
CANADA
tel: +1 416 392-1462;
fax +1 416 392-1478

#45, Mark Roseland, University of British Columbia, CANADA

Local Government, Global Climate Change

Vancouver, Canada's landmark "Clouds of Change" report details one of the first comprehensive responses to global climate change by a municipal government. Available for \$10 Cdn from:

Planning Department
City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C., V5Y 1V4
CANADA
tel +1 604 873-7344

#46, Mark Roseland, University of British Columbia, CANADA

Where Are The Town Planners?

Lots of towns and cities are "planned" by town planners. But there are very few town planners at this conference. I want to bring them / us into the fold. How? Why aren't they participating?

#47, Wendy Sarkissian, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Lift Wanted

To anyone travelling to/through Canberra - I would appreciate a lift with you on Monday or Tuesday. Contact 08-2782499.

#48, Matthew Kovaks, CANBERRA

Sorry for the Delay

The photocopier is fixed and we are back in production. keep the messages coming in.

#49, Da Zi Bao

Community Theatre Kit

This morning's Dream Spinning Web Weaving Workshop Group had several members interested in developing a kit to enable communities to start their own community arts activities. Please leave your name at the main desk to find out when meeting will take place about this project.

#50, Anna Lee & Willy Bach, Queensland Greens/Queensland Poets/St. Arts, AUSTRALIA

Searching for Ways to Make the City Liveable

This is the final part of my abstract (not included in proceedings):
In recent decades the political authorities exploited this situation. In a planned way they created similar centralisation in other networks as well. These centrally focused networks -- in transportation, communication, science, education, health, trade etc. -- led to a structure which placed even short-term developments based on articulated demands on a forced path. The jam is always at the centre, and it is always here that further developments appear to be the most urgent. Only the very centre of town attracts attention. Here a wiser bridge was built, a metro-crossing, multistorey car parks, multilevel junctions; but rather than decreasing, the tensions keep on growing.

In the new political system there were expectations that the new leaders would step out of these development traps, and open new directions for the future of the city. But the sad reality is, for example the Budapest EXPO : a dream inherited from the old regime, and by hat the old projects have turned up again. "There is only enough time to do that" -- is the slogan used, so that once again there is no possibility to thoroughly think over the developments; once again we are forced to take a path predetermined by the existing structure. But this time foreign capital and market forces are involved too. In this new cacophony the structural level of thinking and the coordination of spontaneous and planned progresses are once again overshadowed.

#51, Tamas Fleischer, HUNGARY

Da Zi Bao Issue 8 #3

Messages received 6:00 - 10:00pm, Friday 17th

Consolidation Sessions

Four of the five groups will reconvene at 4:30pm Saturday to continue discussions (see detailed reports below). New participants welcome.

#51, Rik Allen, *Permaculture Institute/Urban Ecology Australia, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Report On WAKEFIELD and FLINDERS Groups

Evaluated the conference so far. Between them they identified: Criticisms re: swish venue; cost of dinner; time cram; lack of discussion opportunity; Friday's plenary content (all agreeable but not what we came for); prevalence of jargon, assumed technical knowledge; patronising attitudes, to young people especially; Suggestions: pre-publication of papers; presenters' CVs with abstracts; Noted: the diversity of presentation techniques.

#52, Rik Allen, *Permaculture Institute/Urban Ecology Australia, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Report On The LIGHT Group

Discussed two topics:

- the need to adapt existing cities rather than build new "sustainable super-cities"
- ways of maintaining better momentum between EcoCity conferences, both worldwide and regionally.

#53, Rik Allen, *Permaculture Institute/Urban Ecology Australia, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Report On The BAUDIN Group

A small meeting discussed the problem of specialised thinking when holistic thinking is needed. This group will not be re-convening so the Baudin Room is now available for other activities.

#54, Rik Allen, *Permaculture Institute/Urban Ecology Australia, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Report On The BARKER Group

Also a topic session on:

- the nature of better ecocities : smaller? more sharing? "vernacular" values?
- language needed to better connect global and local perspectives
- education matters, for youngsters especially
- "Ecocity Ethics" and community values, including "love thy neighbour"

#55, Rik Allen, *Permaculture Institute/Urban Ecology Australia, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Why Aren't There EcoCities - A Response

Responding to message #2 : It's not an unreasonable question, but there is an unreasonable answer: there are no ecocities because too much of the world's money is vested in the multinational oil/auto corporations and a car-dependent infrastructure. We as citizens need to stop supporting this status quo.

#56, Katie Scarborough, *USA*

Health : Recommendations for EcoCities

- 1) The 4 roles of primary health care need to be further explored when planning an ecocity:
 - a) Information gathering and analysis
 - b) Community advice and explanation
 - c) Hazardous waste management
 - d) Health promotion
- 2) Marginalised minorities need more attention to their health and well being
- 3) Must be more recognition of the relationship between a healthy environment and people's health/wellness

Want to get issues of health/wellness firmly on the ecocity agenda.

#57, *Workshop Group of Justin Beilby*

For Future EcoCity Conferences : Health

- 1) We must have a bigger health/wellness input - with well-known, key speakers on health and ecology.
- 2) Basic morbidity data could be made available to emphasise the relationship between health and environment.

#58, *Workshop Group of Justin Beilby*

A Few Gripes

- 1) How can I make an informed choice when presenters aren't all listed in the abstracts programme?
- 2) Also, where are all these papers? Or are we in PsychikCity??
- 3) Why is childcare so often ad hoc at conferences? ... who will be responsible?? ... because if buildings don't contain childspace and gardens, then we've come absolutely nowhere.

#59, *Sioux Real, Mad Momma, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Food Production in the EcoCity

I'd like to gauge how the participants here view the importance of this issue. Can we gain a "show of hands" at some stage to indicate? My personal (permaculture) view holds food and food productions as central.

#60, *Colin Endean, Co-Abundance Permaculture, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Eco Art Tours

Mike McKelvey and Pam Thoday will meet small groups of delegates opposite the registration desk at the beginning of each break for a 15 minute discussion of the Australian wildlife artwork on exhibition in the foyer for this conference.

#61, *Pam Thoday, Urban Ecology, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Children Already Know

Harriet Glen:

1. How can children spread the word, both here in S.A. and abroad?
2. How can we help each other (you and I)?

#62, *Julio Rovi, Fundejoven, PANAMA*

Plenary Sessions

We believe that the 2nd and 3rd plenary sessions could (should?) be abolished. They take valuable time that could be spent in group workshops, often consist of stuff we have all heard many times before, and produce frustration in many of us because we cannot respond to what is being said.

#63, *Flinders Consolidation Group,*

"Sus-Venue" - Unfortunate Contradictions

OK! So this building has problems. But this conference was cheap, the facilities are generous and accessible, the staff are friendly. Unfortunately in the "sus-city" of ours there are no alternatives at present. So go outdoors sometimes, open doors and dream for a better future.

#64, *Su Groome, Urban Ecology Australia, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

We've Now Got Video Playing Equipment!

Thanks to those who responded with equipment. The following videos can be viewed at leisure in the Angas Room and more formally after 4:30pm on Saturday (the order of screenings can be decided by consensus):

"TJILBRUKE" - The Kaurna People
The indigenous people of the Adelaide Plains, as referred to by Irene Watson in Friday's Plenary Session (S.A. Education)
"2040 - A Message From The Future"
A dispassionate look back at the way the "Auto Age" societies of the 20th Century created unsustainable and socially unjust cities (C.A.R.T. - citizens advocating responsible transportation, 26 minutes)
"ECOPOLIS NOW"

A look at the theory and practice of Urban Ecology Australia during its build up to EcoCity 2. With the words of Paul Downton and Emilis Prelgauskas (A Walter Walcarpit production for SCAT News and Community Affairs, 13 minutes). **Please** tell me if you had seen the broadcast in February?
You are invited to contribute more videos on relevant themes.

#65, *Walter Holt, UEA/SCAT TV, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Videos For Viewing on Saturday

Videos to be screened at 4.30pm Saturday -- introduced by film-maker Cathy Henkel -- in the Angas Room:
"HOMAGE TO THE ELEMENTS : The Making of a Community Arts Celebration"

How a community on the Central Coast of NSW came together to celebrate their environment and work together in a shared creative experience.
"HEROES OF OUR TIME"

An inside look at Greenpeace and how they took on the international oil company Caltex in a direct action against urban pollution.

These videos are also available for screenings through the conference.
#66, *Cathy Henkel*

What's The Time Please?

Could you please print the time frame of each Da Zi Bao on the top of the page, ie. Fri 4:00-7:00pm, so we know where we are up to.

#67, *Anonymous*

Information and the Third World

Problem: Lack of information in 3rd World countries. 3 requests posed so far: Thailand, Panama and Senegal. Presume others? Can we organise ourselves to overcome this problem?

#68, *Geoff McDonald, AUSTRALIA*

Plenary? What Penitentiary?

Out of a consolidation group of 11 people, only 2 went to the plenary this morning. None of the other 9 (to my meagre knowledge) intend going on Saturday or Sunday. Are they worth it...?

#69, *Robert McArthur, CANBERRA*

User Report on Childcare

The childcare was good until the teenagers came. And then it was boring. Because they bossed us around too much.
#70, *Costello Age 5*

Life

Power to the people. Don't abuse the privilege though!! [PS. Kitty, see message for you in Da Zi Bao #2]
#71, *Kitty Schiansky, Yankalilla District Environment Group, TANDANYA*

Poetry Reading

To Willy Bach, message #26. I'm interested in contributing to a poetry reading (Sunday pm or Monday). I can be phoned Saturday evening on 2702810.
#72, *Pam Maitland, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

EcoCity Bibliography

I am compiling an ecocity bibliography (printed material). I would like to hear from other organisations which are collecting texts associated with ecocity developments. Catch me around the conference, ring (08) 2671732, or write to PO Box 761, North Adelaide, SA 5006.

#73, *Leigh Conran, Urban Ecology Australia, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Optimism!

Take heart -- Remember that in every city, in every state, in every country, there are thousands of ordinary, everyday people who are working on activities which contribute to the realisation of ecocity. The global network already exists!!

#74, *Leigh Conran, Urban Ecology Australia, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Attention All Presenters

Could you check that your address details as printed in the programme are correct. Advise us if correction is needed.

#75, *Cherie Hoyle, EcoCity 2*

Look For The White Feather

There are people from public radio wandering around the conference getting material. Don't be shy.

#76, *Ewart Shaw, Radio 5UV, ADELAIDE*

Coorong Day Tour

A unique opportunity to gain an Aboriginal perspective of one of the original affluent, high-density, ecologically sustainable societies that had it all right in the Tandanya Bioregion up to 200 years ago. Places limited. Tour will close Saturday 7pm. Bookings and information brochures at the Registration Desk; also see visual display notices.

#77, *Joc Schmiechen, AUSTRALIA*

Da Zi Bao Issue 8 #4

Messages received up to 1:00pm
Sunday 18th.

Ecology

This word seems to be the most used, and also abused, word in this conference. To biologists, scientists, environmentalists, and those of a similar bent, the word ecology has a meaning which is well understood: ecology is the study of the interrelationships of organisms amongst themselves, and the physical environment within the defined ecosystem. However, to those of an architectural bent, ecology has a defined anthropocentric meaning: the study of the human home. Unless one prefaces the discussion to include only such limits, it seems to me to be irrational to use the word ecology in such a limited fashion. The danger is that in using the word ecology in such a limited way, we fail to see the outcome of our actions. Let's not be so limited. Let's use ecology as it should be used: as the study of the WHOLE ecosystem.

#78, Bruce Moon, Centre for Urban and Regional Design, Queensland University of Technology, AUSTRALIA

Poetry Reading

I would like to participate in a poetry reading during the conference. Contact through Da Zi Bao or phone 384-5240.
#79, Sally Hunter, Urban Ecology, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Public Transport

This conference to issue a statement thus: "Adelaide, as host city to the EcoCity 2 Conference, should take steps to significantly improve its public transport system. The first step to be providing good bus and train services on weekends, public holidays and evenings."
#80, Sally Hunter, Urban Ecology, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Public Transport

The statement from this conference regarding Adelaide's public transport system to be issued to all media, and to the Minister responsible, Flank Blevins, and to Democrat MP, Ian Gilfillan.
#81, Sally Hunter, Urban Ecology, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Conference Currency

With registration at the next conference, issue a special currency which must be used to purchase optional books, reports, meals, tours and other services. Allow low-income participants to earn conference currency to pay for registration, dinners etc. through working for organisers. Provide an exchange service for those with too little or too much conference currency which might also be accepted at later conferences.
#82, Shann Turnbull, SYDNEY

Ecological Furnishings

I am compiling a list of suppliers/manufacturers of furnishing materials for housing which are derived from environmentally sound sources. Any information will be appreciated. Catch me around the conference office or send to the Urban Ecology address.
#83, Peter Clements, Urban Ecology Australia, ADELAIDE

Environmental Libraries

Response to message # 33. I am a writer and librarian from the USA. I would like to help get books and other informational materials about the environment to developing world libraries. How can I do this?
#84, Katie Scarborough, USA

The Eco-City Exists

The Eco-city exists wherever you live, if the Eco-city already lives in your mind and heart.
#85, Margaret Lynch, Permaculture Network, AUSTRALIA

Punctuality

Please get to workshop sessions on time. It is extremely rude to the presenters and disruptive to the rest of us trying to concentrate if people wander in up to 20 minutes after the start of the session.
#86, Andrew Tidswell, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Airconditioning

Why does this building need airconditioning? Yesterday's temperature seemed to me to be roughly the same inside as out, and I could have done without the dehydration and generally "bleaugh" feeling.
#87, Nicola Wells, GEELONG, AUSTRALIA

Information Request Response

Response to #68. Follow up to #33. Regarding transfer of information to developing countries. Suggestion: let's meet at Baudin, which is tentatively available at 4.30pm.
#88, Julio Rovi, Fundejuven, PANAMA

Melbourne Docklands - An Opportunity

The Eco-City principles being discussed at this conference need to be applied to current urban development proposals. An ideal, close-at-hand opportunity is the Melbourne Docklands Project. This development currently promises to flout every principle yet espoused as belonging to EcoCity development. The project is to be ringed by freeways, is being planned by an inaccessible group of unrepresentative people, bypasses normal public planning processes. The project lacks any commitment to social justice and ecological sustainability. The fact remains that key EcoCity principles could be applied to Melbourne Docklands - a practical outcome of this conference.
#89, Tike Hill & Lorna Rolf, City of Brunswick, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

An Equation

Education + Empowerment = Ecocities
#90, Katie Scarborough, USA

Cities Are People

There are large cities with many poor and disadvantaged persons. The social and economic improvement gets higher priority. How environmental and ecological parameters can be added in planning is a key question.
#91, Santosh K Ghosh, Institute of Built Environment, INDIA

Spiritual/Material Balance

Ad hoc meeting lunch-time Sunday to discuss the power available to help the environment, through a balance of the spiritual and material.
#92, Kingsley Wallace, Flinders Workshop (4), SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Conserving Resources

Through the process of meditation one taps into an infinite reservoir for personal fulfilment. In this way, one greatly reduces desires for consumption of material resources.
#93, Sally Hunter, Urban Ecology, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Correction Re Mark Roseland's Book

The telephone number for the National Round Table on Environment and Development in Ottawa, Canada is +1 613 992-7189.

#94

Eco Design

The Centre for Design at RMIT (Melbourne) will shortly publish a discussion paper on ecologically responsible design - input is welcome. The paper is the first stage in preparing a National Strategy on how design across all disciplines can contribute to ecologically sustainable development. Copies of the paper can be obtained from: Key Centre for Design at RMIT
GPO Box 2476V
Melbourne 3001
tel : (03) 6603487; fax : (03) 6632891
#95, *John Gertsakis, Centre for Design at RMIT, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA*

Lift Needed to Sydney

Does anybody go to Sydney next week by car - and can take me? (23/24 April.
#96, *Tamas Fleischer, HUNGARY*

Eco Planning

Cities should have an ecology plan and such plan will have to be in the regional context. The anglo-saxon city planning which is dominant in India, USA and Australia is an outdated concept. Ecocity movement will be the major movement in the last decade of the 20th Century.
#97, *Santosh Ghosh, Institute of Built Environment, INDIA*

Permaculture / Co-Housing Development

An invitation to join the planning process for a permaculture/co-housing ecovillage proposal here in SA. We are working up this proposal for a site on the edge of a town in the Mid-North, about 2 hours from Adelaide. We are pursuing the option of a Housing Co-operative structure, with integral economic components.
#98, *Colin Endean, Co-Abundance Permaculture, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Messages received up to 11.00am Sunday

Solar Power System for Sale

I have a solar power system for sale. It is valued at \$10,500 but will be sold for \$4,500. It includes 4 solar panels, an inverter, batteries and wiring. Contact me at 384-5240, or use Da Zi Bao. #99, Sally Hunter, Urban Ecology, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Accommodation for Saturday & Sunday

I'm looking for a bed for 2 nights, preferably with someone who has transport or lives nearby. Please leave a message with Cherie Hoyle or someone else at the registration desk. #100, Rosemary Thorburn

Pendant Found in Ladies Toilet

Pendant with picture of a courtly man and woman, gold on black, with gold surround, marked Limoges, France, is with the Da Zi Bao desk. #101, Nadia McLaren, Da Zi Bao

Promoting Sustainable Human Settlements

"By the year 2025, 60 per cent of the earth's population will live in cities. Degradation of the environment and human living conditions is already seen in cities, particularly in developing countries. Cities also generate 60 per cent of gross national product worldwide, and can develop the capacity to sustain their productivity. Proposals in Agenda 21 focus on planning and management methods that will meet the housing, water, sanitation, safety and waste management needs for billions of people. They include:

- Creating national strategies for providing shelter.
- Forming an international network of trained urban managers equipped to plan for human, environmental and infrastructure demands.
- Easing migration pressures on cities by creating employment opportunities in rural areas.
- Taking inventory of land resources and structuring land-use plans to reflect the needs of all

#102, Extract from a summary of Agenda 21 prepared for the Rio Conference, now emasculated and of dubious status after the New York PrepCom, Nadia McLaren.

Co-housing Interest Reply

Response to message #98. Colin, I'm interested in the permacoville. Phone 2788124 (h) until Monday. (06) 2480820 (home) after 28/4. #103, Robert McArthur, CANBERRA

Venue

Very comfortable, very convenient, staff pleasant and cooperative. Excellent choice. Many thanks. #104, Julie Bece, MFP Concerns Campaign, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Public Transport

Brighton Peace and Environment Group are organising a Public meeting on improving Adelaide's public transport system. Could anyone interested in speaking at the meeting, to be held in Brighton in a few weeks time, please see David Munn at Registration Desk. #105, David Munn, Urban Ecology Australia, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Healing Prayer

I'd like to know the origin of that hopeful, healing prayer, which appears here handwritten on the Arms Trade (deconstruction) publicity:
* In beauty we are united
* Through beauty we pray
* With beauty we conquer.
Yes! Thank you. It's important to counter these images of horror! P.S. You're doing a great job too, Da Zi Bao! #106, Sue Berry, Here 'n Now

Public Transport

The Public Transport Community Coalition is fighting to prevent cuts to evening and outer suburban public transport services in Adelaide. The next meeting is at 7.30pm, 22 April, 194 Morphett Street, 1st floor (NUS) ROAB Building. For further information ring Mark Parnell 2322566 (bus. hours). Also for information about People for Public Transport. #107, Margaret Dingle, People For Public Transport, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Conference Proceeding - HELP!

We have had many requests as to when the proceedings will be available and our best estimate is July. But it depends upon getting volunteer help just to do some keyboard entering. Can anyone with the time to help - even for one hour or so - please make themselves known at the Registration Desk or phone the conference secretariat on 3791984. Your help will keep Urban Ecology's work on schedule.

#108, Peter Clements, Urban Ecology Australia, ADELAIDE

Transforming Port Adelaide

Response to message #89. I've just been to Lynn Morrow's session on the Toronto waterfront! I'd like to talk with all those interested in transforming city waterfronts in Australia and elsewhere in the world. How can we get to a coordinated community-centred approach? Environment groups in port Adelaide area are trying. We want to meet others doing similar actions. We are especially concerned about air and water pollution. Address is 49 May Street, Birkenhead (Adelaide) SA 5015. #109, Jasmine Payget, North West Suburbs (Adelaide) Community Environmental Centre, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Diver - Cities?

Solutions for urbanised settlements in western U.S.A. may emerge - but it's more probable than the emergence of solutions for mega-cities! How will diversity of solutions be promoted and documented? #110, Richard Smith

Frustration

Every time I enter a workshop I think of the ideas which will be put forward, from tree planting to Ecocity Developing. The frustration is NOT being able to walk outside and practise these preachings. FRUSTRATION. #111, Sam Audas Rolfe, VICTORIA

Transitions

Eco-settlements can't be allowed to take as long to develop as the things someone called ego-cities. What are the time scales and sequences? What are some beginning points and end points? #112, Richard Smith,

EcoCity 2 DANCE Sunday

The Social Event of EcoCity 2. Not to be missed. Inspiring and thoroughly entertaining. Starts 8.00pm. This event will live in your memories forever. Haunting Aboriginal traditional outfit Ngarindjeri Narrungga start at 8.00pm followed by Rough Image (Australia's predicted next major Aboriginal success after Yothu Yindi) and Latin Superband Carumba. Adelaide Town Hall. Don't miss out.

#113, Mark Lobban, Waterways Foundation, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

"Retrofitting"

A word which must become incorporated in our language is "RETROFITTING" (or "TO RETROFIT") meaning the physical adaptation of an existing structure (home, public building), garden, or city plan, or system, towards ecological sustainability. Wholesale removal and replacement of existing resources is not sustainable. We'd all choke in the dusk.

#114, Rik Allen, *Permaculture & the Arts Community, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Canary in the Mine

Walkman's voice

Told us

Like a warning

Canary in the mine

"Hi, I'm Sue"

She couldn't

Join us

In the sick building

Too dangerous

Too dangerous

Too dangerous

A warning

To us all

#115, Willy Bach, *Queensland*

Poets/Queensland Greens, BRISBANE

Empowerment

Unions need to be set up to address a power imbalance. However, a management/union polarity only tends to encourage conflict. Boundaries need to be crossed, so that people can listen to each other.

#116, Sally Hunter, *Urban Ecology, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Hope

Those of us

With hope

Have something

To cling to

Those who have

Given up

Would be

Better

Gone

From here

#117, Willy Bach, *Queensland*

Poets/Queensland Greens, BRISBANE

A Chat Over The Back Fence

Presenter Laurie Varr upset many people in the workshop with his arrogant and sexist response to a question directed to him by a student about his sub-division proposal. In a conference which is attempting to build bridges and get meaningful communication happening it was sad to witness such behaviour - we have a long way to go.

#118, Tricia O'Donovan, *Urban Ecology Australia, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Dawn

I saw your

Grey pink dawn

Arrive

I saw your

Full moon

Disappear

I watched

The colour

Change

As waves

Kept coming in

This was another

Chance

To make it happen

Too precious

To be

Wasted

#119, Willy Bach, *Queensland*

Poets/Queensland Greens, BRISBANE

Coorong Day Trip

Last chance to see. Come and share the unique magic of the Coorong and put this conference into perspective with like-minded participants. Plenty of chance to interact with others and the environment come rain or shine. The bush tucker "a la Andrew Fielke" is an experience in itself. You still have a chance for a place - book now. See notice boards.

#120, Jok Schmiechen, *SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Meeting with Julio and Rhonda

Invitation to all Conference Delegates.

The Yookamurra Society (conservation group) invites you to its Meeting on Tuesday April 21st at 8pm. Julio and Rhonda are attending and one or both of them will address us. Come to the Conservation Centre - 120 Wakefield Street, Adelaide.

#121, David Lasscock, *Yookamurra Society, SOUTH AUSTRALIA*

Conference Protocol

Participants are requested to focus on the protocol. precise, directed contributions are essential. No time to waste.

#122, Paul Downton, *EcoCity 2*

Poetry and Dinner

Tonight 7pm. Meet Willy Bach, Sally Hunter and Pam Maitland.

#123, Willy Bach, *Queensland Poets, BRISBANE*

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#124, David Lasscock, Yookamurra Society, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ecological Architecture

Response to message # 78. Not all architects are thinking simply of the aesthetics of a nice home. As ecological architecture students at the universities of Adelaide and South Australia, we ARE (courtesy of Paul Downton and Deborah White) taking on holistic approach to the design of spaces in their PLACE, the whole ecosystem. It is recognised that Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water in all their aspects must be taken into account. The linkages and connection between a building, its site, and neighbouring and distant environments, must be recognised. An ecological design should have minimal impact on, and be compatible and sympathetic with, its environment. A good maxim to follow is that everything entering the site should be used - sun energy, rain water - and waste should be used on site - grey water, compost. Most of the ideas of ecological architecture are not new, they have simply been lost from conventional thinking. We are learning that there is a place both for the mudbrick and the microchip.
#125, Keith Oehme, Student, University of South Australia, AUSTRALIA

To Kitty Schiansky

Would like to get into contact with you re environmental issues in the Yankalilla area.
#126, Mark Basham, BEE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Forum on Practical Goals

There will be an alternative meeting to (and held simultaneously with) the protocol production discussion at 6pm in the Wakefield Room. The objective is to produce practical ideas, long and short term goals to take home with us all.
#127, Robert McArthur, Nature and Society Forum, CANBERRA

To Da Zi Bao

Could the physical messages please be numbered as it is easier to find specific messages. [Ed.: Sorry, but it has not been possible to do here; check back issues of Da Zi Bao - all text messages are numbered.
#128, Robert McArthur, Nature and Society Forum, CANBERRA

Saving Trees

Da Zi Bao, everyone writes their message on paper (trees), then the messages are printed on more paper (trees). If one was printed all could read it, and take from it what they need. Save some trees.
#129, Sam Audas Rolfe, VICTORIA

Revealing Anagrams : Mother Earth Speaks?

Happy Re-Birthday, everyone. May I share with you some a/mazing messages, derived from anagrams of the words "URBAN ECOLOGY":
- BE GYNO OCULAR
- GUY CAN BE ROOL
- BE COOL, A GYN U R
- GYNUCLEAR BOO
and from "URBAN ECOLOGY ECOCITY 2" you get:
- OO, BUT I GYN CO-CREATE
- BE COOL, A GYN U R
#130, Stious Real, Mad Momma, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Lost Brown Folder and Notes

Please return my folder to the registration desk or me. Thankyou...thankyou...
#131, Mark Basham, BEE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Aboriginality

An essential message that has emerged from the conference is the need to aboriginalise our communities. This implies a greater understanding of those who have harmoniously lived with this land for countless millennia. This understanding is fundamental before other models can be successfully integrated into our societies.
#132, Myf Turpin & Lorna Rolfe, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

Out With Expert Info-Colonialism

To all presenters:
1. Please bring you knowledge to participants with humility in a spirit of sharing. Please vary your style and strategies so that all senses and learning styles are encouraged to absorb new knowledge.
2. Most successful seminars are participatory, involving all the senses, usually sitting in a circle.
#133, Willy Bach, Queensland Poets/Queensland Greens, BRISBANE

Mark Bashan

How can I contact you? I will be at the EcoCity concert tonight and will wear my badge. Would like to meet with you before I go back South on Monday. Can we meet at 5.30 during break at Flinders doorway?
#134, Kitty Schiansky, Yankalilla District Environment Group, TANDANYA

YU, I CO-CREATE GYNO BLOC

(Yes, its the mad anagramist again!). In answer to #111 (Frustrations) and #112 (Transitions) - paralysis is one danger; it may be culturally indoctrinated? Right now the East End Market awaits our custodianship. There are trees and gardens to plant, cars to dispossess. Even I don't know when to start.
#135, Sue Berry, (08) 434005

E-mail Address List

I have set up a list for those who want to enter their e-mail addresses to form an exchange network. On pin-up board in Secretariat office.
#136, Robert McArthur, Nature and Society Forum, CANBERRA

Crafts & The Environment

Anyone who has information or knows of articles/books on the environmental impact of craft practices, use of toxic materials, alternative energy etc. As well as those who would like to know more - please contact me at the Crafts Council of NSW, 88 George Street, Sydney 2000.
#137, Rosemary Thorburn, Crafts Council of NSW, AUSTRALIA