

AAEE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM, 2014

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GENERAL INFORMATION

We are pleased to announce the inaugural Research Symposium of the Australian Association for Environmental Education, to be held in Hobart, Tasmania, Saturday 1st November, 2014.

The research symposium is an AAEE initiative, directed by an AAEE organising committee with representatives from a range of states and research institutions. In 2014, the event will be hosted by the University of Tasmania as it aligns with the AAEE Biennial conference in Hobart from 2nd to 5th November.

Following this inaugural event, the expectation is it will occur every two years, coupled to the biennial conference and AAEE’s wider support for inquiry (via the research SIG and Journal).

Purposes

The key purpose of the research symposium is to develop a high quality, interactive event that contributes to the development and growth of the environmental and sustainability education (EE and SE) research communities in Australasia.

A symposium format provides the space and opportunity for robust dialogue, capacity building, and networking on research in environmental and sustainability education, and in related fields.

The organising committee has designed the inaugural event with the following values in mind:

- commitment to open inquiry and reflexivity
- expression of critical sensitivity to research, its development and challenges

- non-hierarchical and participatory formats for sessions taking place at the event
- emphasis on interactions that are nurturing, in good humour, and ‘ego-free’
- anticipation of generosity and collegiality towards others and their scholarship
- inclusivity to those with a genuine interest in developing EE / SE research.

Who might participate?

The symposium is intended for active researchers and those with interests in connecting with research related to environmental / sustainability education. The inaugural AAEE research symposium has been designed to attract early-career to senior academics, higher degree students, community researchers, and practitioners who are interested in research, from Australasia and further afield. The symposium language will be English.

What can you expect from the event?

This inaugural event is designed to facilitate a series of creative and critical dialogues about research, research development, and research challenges for the field. The expectation is that these dialogues will be original, participatory, creative and collegial.

For those who wish to make a presentation about a specific research project or offer a paper on a research topic, please consider submitting an abstract to the AAEE conference instead.



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Symposium dialogues will explore the above title in relation to three core themes:

1. Key research questions in EE / SE research:

What were they? What are they? How might they relate, evolve, shift ...? - Why?

2. Research utilisation and the impact of EE / SE research: Which dimensions of research utilisation and impact are priority considerations for developing: policy and political traction, ideas and theorising, and/or practice and praxis?

3. Interdisciplinary and multidimensional aspects of researching EE / SE: What are the key lessons to learn in better developing, supporting and/or evaluating interdisciplinary and multidimensional forms of EE / SE research?

The success of the research symposium depends on active engagement and participation from all attendees. Rather than traditional presentations, the event will be scaffolded by conversational and interactive dialogues, such as fishbowls, roundtables, and inquiry workshops. See the call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for further information.

If you are interested in co-leading a dialogue at the Research Symposium, please **CLICK HERE**.

Where will it be held?

The symposium will be held at:

**The University of Tasmania
Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS),
20 Castray Esplanade Battery Point.**

This is an easy 10 minute walk from the AAEE Conference venue.

Date and time

Saturday 1st November, 2014

10:00am - 5:00pm

(Please arrive around 9:30am for a 10am start).

Further communication about informal pre-events will be circulated closer to the date.

Cost

\$50

(Discounted rate for HDR students \$30)

Refreshments and lunch will be provided, please bring drink bottles and reusable coffee cups if you have them

Registration

All participants must register for the Research Symposium via the AAEE Conference website:
<http://aaee2014.com.au/registration/>



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For further information or questions about an EOI or the research symposium, please contact the organising committee facilitators for this event (Allen Hill, Janet Dymont or Alan Reid).

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