



Australian Government
Australian National Botanic Gardens

MEDIA ALERT

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AUSSIE KIDS TAKE ACTION THROUGH GREEN EDUCATION

As world leaders continue to meet and talk about climate change and the environment, Australian kids are taking action.

In the lead up to Copenhagen over 2,000 kids from every state and territory around Australia and from New Zealand will converge on Canberra from 18-20 October for the 2009 MDBA International River Health Conference.

The Australian National Botanic Gardens is proud to support the MDBA International River Health Conference Environmental Project Days.

The ANBG is home to the world's largest collection of Australian plants. The Gardens is in a unique position to educate youth and the wider community about Australia's rich flora and the challenges facing the Australian environment.

The Gardens is Australia's first botanical institution to specialise in native flora and it has been the inspiration for many of the nations' regional botanic gardens focusing on Australian plants.

Hosting the Environmental Project Days provides an opportunity for students to combine 'heart', 'head' and 'hands' to address the environmental challenges all Australians face.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR INTERVIEWS, PHOTOS AND FOOTAGE OPPORTUNITIES:

What: The Environmental Project Days, 2009 MDBA International River Health Conference

Where: The Australian National Botanic Gardens, Clunies Ross St Acton

When: Monday 19 October, 12.40 - 3.50 pm

275 students participating in water testing, bird box making, building water saving devices and no-dig gardens, planting seedlings, revegetating areas and learning about indigenous art and heritage.

Tuesday 20 October, 10.25 – 2.20 pm

330 students involved in concurrent workshops/activities (as above)

For further information on the Environmental Project Days visit:

http://www.onelifeoneworldourfuture.com/protected/objects/media/save/243/IntConfBrochure_2009LR.pdf

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