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North East CMA reducing its energy 'footprint'

The North East Catchment Management Authority is lowering its greenhouse emissions by making practical changes in the workplace.

Over the last quarter, the CMA's Wodonga head office staff reduced carbon emissions by almost 10 tonnes and Everton Depot staff reduced energy use by 43%.

Chief Executive, Mr John Riddiford, said the CMA identified ways to reduce energy through an energy audit.

"Our Corporate Services team commissioned an independent energy audit of our Wodonga offices and the Everton and Kiewa Depots in December 2006 with the aim of reducing energy use and greenhouse gas pollution".

The audit concluded that CMA staff had good energy-conserving behaviour at all sites.

However, it also identified practical energy saving steps that the CMA could undertake to reduce greenhouse pollution by 17.4 tonnes per year— a reduction of some 12%.

Since then, the CMA has made practical changes, including changing air-conditioning running times, improving computer night time shut down, placing timers on hot water systems, installing occupancy sensors and phasing in the use of more energy efficient lighting.

"We've also purchased hybrid cars and plan to switch to alternative fuels as these become more readily available," said Mr Riddiford.

The North East CMA is an active member of the North East Greenhouse Alliance.

As part of its work across the region, the North East CMA is working to build community knowledge and understanding about ways of adapting to climate change.

Photo/interview opportunity:

John Riddiford will open an Energy Efficient field day being organised by the Ovens Landcare Network at Wooragee Hall next **Monday, 2 June**. John will be available for an interview/photo from **12.30pm – 1pm**.

For additional information or to arrange an interview please contact

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