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Schools to reduce waste in Wangaratta on World Environment Day

More than 270 primary school students from the Wangaratta area will compete in a rubbish free lunch challenge on Thursday (5 June).

The activity is part of a North East Schools Environmental Roadshow being held at Apex Park, Wangaratta to celebrate World Environment Day.

North East Water and Waterwatch launched the new Environmental Roadshow program earlier this year and will run the events in various locations throughout 2008.

North East CMA Waterwatch Coordinator, Ms Carolyn Humby said the Roadshows offer schools an excellent opportunity to be involved in hands-on and fun educational activities.

“We’re aiming to raise awareness and increase knowledge of environmental topics in our region. So, we’ll be rotating students through a range of activities focussed on four environmental themes- water, waste, biodiversity and energy”, said Carolyn.

Ms Humby said a host of government, business and community groups worked together to develop the Wangaratta event.

“ Rural City of Wangaratta is contributing to the cost of buses, NevRwaste is donating a prize for the rubbish free lunch event and Bright GreenCorps will help run activities the day. We’ve also had great support from the North East Greenhouse Alliance, Department of Primary Industries and Cleanaway.”

The North East Waterwatch Program delivers classroom lessons and field activities to most of the 70 primary and 13 secondary schools in the North East of Victoria.

During 2007, most local schools in the region were involved in Waterwatch, with more than 4,300 students participating in the program.

The Schools Environmental Roadshow will be held on **Thursday 5 June 2008** from 10am – 2pm. For further information or to arrange an interview please contact:

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