5th Annual Conference
Australasian Association
for Progressive and Alternative Education

DATE: MONDAY 4th – WEDNESDAY 6th JULY 2005

VENUE:

PRESHIL
12 – 26 Sackville St
Kew
Melbourne 3101

Phone: 03 98169466
Website: www.preshil.vic.edu.au

THEME: ENABLING EDUCATIONAL CHANGE for SUSTAINABLE LEARNING and LIVING

AT THE CONFERENCE we hope to meet and exchange experiences, share practices, perspectives and stories with other people from alternative, progressive, democratic schools, learning centres, educational faculties and places; to discuss current theoretical perspectives within alternative/progressive education and explore current socio-political issues relating to education in general. An important aspect of our gathering is to further AAPAE’s network of like-minded schools within Australasia and prepare for AAPAE’s hosting of the International Democratic Education Conference in Sydney in 2006.
GENERAL INFORMATION

The Host: PRESHIL, The Margaret Lyttle Memorial School
Preshil was founded in 1931 by Margaret J Lyttle and for the past 75 years has been an important presence in Australian and alternative education. Preshil recognises that human relationships are the fundamental basis of all learning. The child who enters Preshil is accepted unconditionally as she or he is. From that basis the teacher becomes the trusted leader in the education process. By starting 'where the child is' the teacher is able to form an educational relationship with the child, which stimulates the child to find answers to questions of relevance to the child. Please visit the Preshil website for more details about the school or better still join us at the conference and see for yourself and meet many people from around Australia who are passionate about alternative education.

Preshil has two campuses. The conference will be held at the high school at
12 – 26 Sackville St, Kew
There is parking available at this campus.
People will be able to visit the Barker Rd campus which houses the Primary school during the conference.

The 109 Tram from the city runs close to the school.

Accommodation Suggestions:
The Pathfinder
(three and a half star)
Cotham Rd, Kew 3101
www.wotif.com/Pathfinder-Motel.html
It is within walking distance of the school.

For ‘backpackers’
The Nunnery Accommodation
116 Nicholson St
Fitzroy, Vic 3000
infonunnery@bapakgroup.com
www.bakpak.com/nunnery

We are investigating other options so please contact organisers for further details.
PRESENTERS:
Stuart Hill
Stuart is the Foundation Chair of Social Ecology, University of Western Sydney. Stuart participated and presented at AAPAE’s 2004 conference and will build on the work we began with him on enabling learning for life and sustainable change. Particularly concentrating on "acknowledging, celebrating, imagining, visioning, deciding, choosing and enabling small meaningful initiatives and practices...

With respect to child rearing, I believe that it is particularly important to foster the development of autonomy, mutualistic relationships and a sense of place (Hill 2003b). These three competencies are foundational for the accumulation of personal capital, which is a pre-requisite for the building of social capital, itself a pre-requisite for both the conservation of natural capital and the design and maintenance of just, humane and sustainable societies (Roseland 1999).

Prior to 1996 he was at McGill University, in Montreal, where he was responsible for the zoology degree and where in 1974 he established Ecological Agriculture Projects, Canada’s leading resource centre for sustainable agriculture (www.eap.mcgill.ca). He has worked in agricultural and development projects in the West Indies, French West Africa, Indonesia, The Philippines, China, and the Seychelles, as well as in the UK, Canada, New Zealand and Australia.


John Fien
John is Innovation Professor of Sustainability at RMIT University, where he is responsible for facilitating collaborative research in the social, ecological and economic dimensions of sustainability. He has a broad, interdisciplinary background in environmental and education policy and he has been at the forefront of developments in capacity for sustainable development. He has been appointed by The Australian National Commission for UNESCO to coordinate the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) strategy and activities.

His experience in environmental communication, education and training spans community, TAFE, university and school sectors. He is particularly interested in the emergence of alternative institutional frameworks and organisational development for locating sustainability at the central focus of innovative practice in business, education and resource management.

Recent Relevant Publications, Talks, Activities: In 1998 he wrote the Discussion Paper for the OECD Education and Learning for Sustainable Consumption workshop and, with Matthew Bentley and Cameron Neil, completed a report for the national Youth Advisory Research Scheme titled Sustainable Consumption: Young Australians as Agents of Change. Training materials on sustainable consumption include Module 9 in Teaching and Learning for a Sustainable Future (www.unesco.org/education/tlsf).
**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

All prices are in Australian Dollars

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**Students by donation**

Registration includes  
Conference Fee  
Meals - Lunch, Morning and Afternoon Teas

(OPTIONAL)  
The conference dinner will be held at a nearby local restaurant or at the school on TUESDAY night. The cost for this dinner is NOT included in the Registration fee.

**Refund policy**  
Registered delegates can withdraw up until 1.07.05 and receive a refund (less $30.00 administration fee). No refunds will be given to delegates withdrawing after this date.
AAPAE 2005 Conference REGISTRATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS:
Name: ____________________________________________________

Contact Information:
Postal address: ____________________________________________
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State:______________Postcode:__________________
Organisation: ___________________________________
Work Phone: ________________________________
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Special dietary requirements (please specify)
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Conference Registration: Amount

Member  Early Bird:  $______________________
Member (Adult):   $_____________________
Member (Conc):   $_____________________  
Non Member Early Bird $_____________________
Non Member (Adult): $___________________
Non Member (Conc) : $____________________

Conference Dinner:          $_____________________

Total:     $______________________

I enclose a cheque/money order for     $_____________________

Please make cheques/money orders payable to AAPAE

Please mail money and registration to 
The Secretary, Christine Price
AAPAE
C/- Currambena 
205 Longueville Rd
Lane Cove 2066

Signature: ________________________________________

Date:  ______________________________________

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