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Information and support package

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The background of the image is a close-up of a flag with three horizontal stripes: red at the top and bottom, and a yellow stripe in the middle. The stripes are slightly curved, suggesting the flag is waving. The colors are vibrant and the lighting creates a sense of depth and texture.

Acknowledgement of Country

Speaking 4 the Planet 2020 organisers and partners
acknowledge the Traditional Owners
of the Land and pay respects
to Elders past, present and future.

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The Eastern Alliance for Sustainable Learning (EASL) offers services and support to schools and early years to better incorporate sustainability into their curriculum, facilities and policies.

EASL is made up of five councils within the Eastern Region, including:

- ◇ Knox City Council;
- ◇ Manningham City Council;
- ◇ Maroondah City Council;
- ◇ City of Whitehorse; and
- ◇ Yarra Ranges Council.

To date, EASL is the only formal alliance of its kind in Australia and focuses its activities on programs that are typically beyond the reach of individual councils.



Environment Education Victoria (EEV) is the peak body for Sustainability and Environment Education. We connect with individuals and organisations across early learning centres, primary schools, secondary schools and universities. Our membership and support extend to the broader community, Local Government and the corporate sector.

EEV's membership is approaching one thousand VCE and other students, Pre Service Teachers, professional teachers and community educators, as well as government and corporate sustainability practitioners from across Victoria. EEV provides access to educational expertise and high quality resources.

For more information visit eev.vic.edu.au

Event Summary

Eastern Alliance of Sustainable Learning (EASL) and Environment Education Victoria (EEV) are proud to present 2020 Speaking 4 the Planet.

The 2020 Speaking 4 the Planet event will be an online event. Competition categories include:

- ◇ public speaking
- ◇ drama
- ◇ art
- ◇ writing
- ◇ meme
- ◇ TikTok

This package contains details about the competition, about the categories and also how to submit your entries. Judging criteria are also included in this package.

The topic for 2020 Speaking 4 the Planet is **I am Water**. Submissions in ALL categories must be based on this topic.

**The closing date for all submissions is
5 pm Friday 25 September 2020.**

This support package provides explanations, ideas and links to relevant articles and resources.

All participating students are strongly encouraged to research the topic.

Let your imagination run free! All categories invite students to be quirky, original, divergent in their thinking/presentation, and well-researched.

All participants will receive certificates. Please note that no feedback will be given to individual submissions.

Terms and Conditions of submitting your items:

By submitting your items you give your permission and parental permission for the items to be:

- ◇ placed on the Speaking 4 the Planet website and/or used on the Speaking 4 the Planet YouTube channel
- ◇ placed on the EASL and EEV websites
- ◇ used on other social media platforms
- ◇ used in print media.

Please note: it is the responsibility of your school to ensure a parental consent form has been signed.



1. PURPOSE OF THIS BOOKLET

The Speaking 4 the Planet public speaking, drama, writing, artworks, memes, and TikTok competitions create opportunities for students to express their ideas for a better world. Students are invited to prepare and deliver punchy, quirky, creative and pointed submissions. They should seek to influence the thoughts, emotions and action of the audience around the choices they make.

This information package is designed to help students prepare quality entries for the competition. It provides:

- Information on the competition categories
- Links to the General Capabilities of the Australian Curriculum
- Links to relevant websites
- Useful articles
- Judging criteria

The links in the package are a start. Students are encouraged to research widely and build evidence-based, powerful, personal and global messages. The competition invites participants to:

- Appreciate the role of water in their personal lives
- Link the personal to the regional to the global
- Understand the role of water in Indigenous societies
- Recognise water rights and the struggles for water around the world
- Connect the water to country and catchments land management
- Increase their learning about water infrastructure, water pollution, and water treatment.

Information is provided on the Sustainable Development Goals because water is linked to several of those.



Here are some links to help in your preparation of a TikTok.

TikTok: Powerful Teaching Tool or Classroom Management Nightmare?

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2019/11/13/tiktok-powerful-teaching-tool-or-classroom-management.html>

TikTok for Education

<https://churn.sutori.com/blog/tiktok-for-education>

High Schools to TikTok: We're Catching Feelings

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/19/style/high-school-tiktok-clubs.html>



6. RESOURCES

I Am Water

Water is powerful. It can be beautiful and brutal, cleansing and contaminated, lethal and life-giving. Water is essential to life, yet 748 million people in the world still struggle to find it. It's time to take notice.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSz9IRbl_0I

Water Changes Everything.

Almost a billion people live without clean drinking water. We call this the water crisis. It's a crisis because it only starts with water -- but water affects everything in life. Health. Education. Food security. And the lives of women and children, especially. We can end the water crisis in our lifetime. But first, we have to let everyone know it's happening. Learn how water changes everything

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCHhwvxvQxg>

I Am Water: Hanli Prinsloo at TEDxBermuda

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yVguGicBYg>

Why Care About Water?

There is the same amount of water on Earth today as there was when the dinosaurs roamed. And just less than one per cent of the planet's water is available to meet the daily drinking water, sanitation and food needs of nearly 7 billion people and millions of other species. Learn more about water in all its forms and how you can make a difference.

<https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/00000144-0a2c-d3cb-a96c-7b2d4ff50000>

TED talk about future global water mapping

'We need a global weather service for water, says entrepreneur and TED Fellow Sonaar Luthra. In a talk about environmental accountability, Luthra shows how we could forecast water shortages and risks with a global data collection effort -- just like we monitor the movement of storms -- and better listen to what the earth is telling us.'

https://www.ted.com/talks/sonaar_luthra_we_need_to_track_the_world_s_water_like_we_track_the_weather



Why Swamps, Riparian zones and Rainforests are essential

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riparian_zone

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_Sequence_Farming

How trees transport water

<https://theconversation.com/you-dont-have-to-be-barking-to-think-trees-are-like-us-38232>

Yarra Valley Water

<https://www.yvw.com.au/about-us/teaching-resources/teaching-materials>

Frog Census

<https://www.melbournwater.com.au/community-and-education/becitizen-scientist/frog-census>

Waterwatch

<http://www.vic.waterwatch.org.au/>

<https://www.melbournwater.com.au/community-and-education/education>

Murray Darling River Basin and other significant rivers

https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/BriefingBook44p/

MurryDarlingBasin

<https://www.mdba.gov.au/basin-plan-roll-out/groundwater>

The Amazon

"...one-fifth of the worlds freshwater is in the Amazon Basin, supplying water to the world by releasing water vapour into the atmosphere that can travel thousands of miles. But unprecedented droughts have plagued Brazil this decade, attributed to the deforestation of the Amazon.

<https://theconversation.com/tree-rings-hold-key-to-100-year-amazon-rainfall-history-9935>

<https://theconversation.com/statistic-of-the-decade-the-massive-deforestation-of-the-amazon-128307>



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Indigenous History and Rights

“Aboriginal culture can be traced back at least 45,000 years. In western NSW, many Aboriginal groups can be clearly identified. Within this region, most of these groups lived along the waterways that make up the Darling catchment. For these people, the river was the centre of their existence and they have lived with its constant changes over 30,000 years.

The Warrego, Paroo and Darling rivers and their floodplains provided not only a cultural base but also sustained life by providing food, water, medicines, shelter, transport, fire and spirituality.”

<https://discoveringthedarling.com.au/cultural-heritage/>

The oldest water science

Australia is often acknowledged to be the driest inhabited continent on Earth. It has been the traditional lands of Australia’s first peoples for thousands of generations. I am Kamilaroi and my cultural water (gali) place is Boobera Lagoon.

Our ancestors told stories, danced, drew in sand and dirt, painted on walls and laid down lore that was passed down for generations to tell, sing, paint and abide by. Our ancestors saw sea levels fall and rise, lived through mega-droughts and witnessed the great floods that move slowly across this flat country.

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/14/as-the-driest-inhabited-continent-australia-should-listen-to-the-oldest-water-science-on-the-planet?CMP=tw_t_a-environment_b-gdneco

Water sustainability and creative thinking

https://www.awa.asn.au/AWA_MBRR/Publications/Latest_News/Why_water_sustainability_needs_more_creative_thinking.aspx

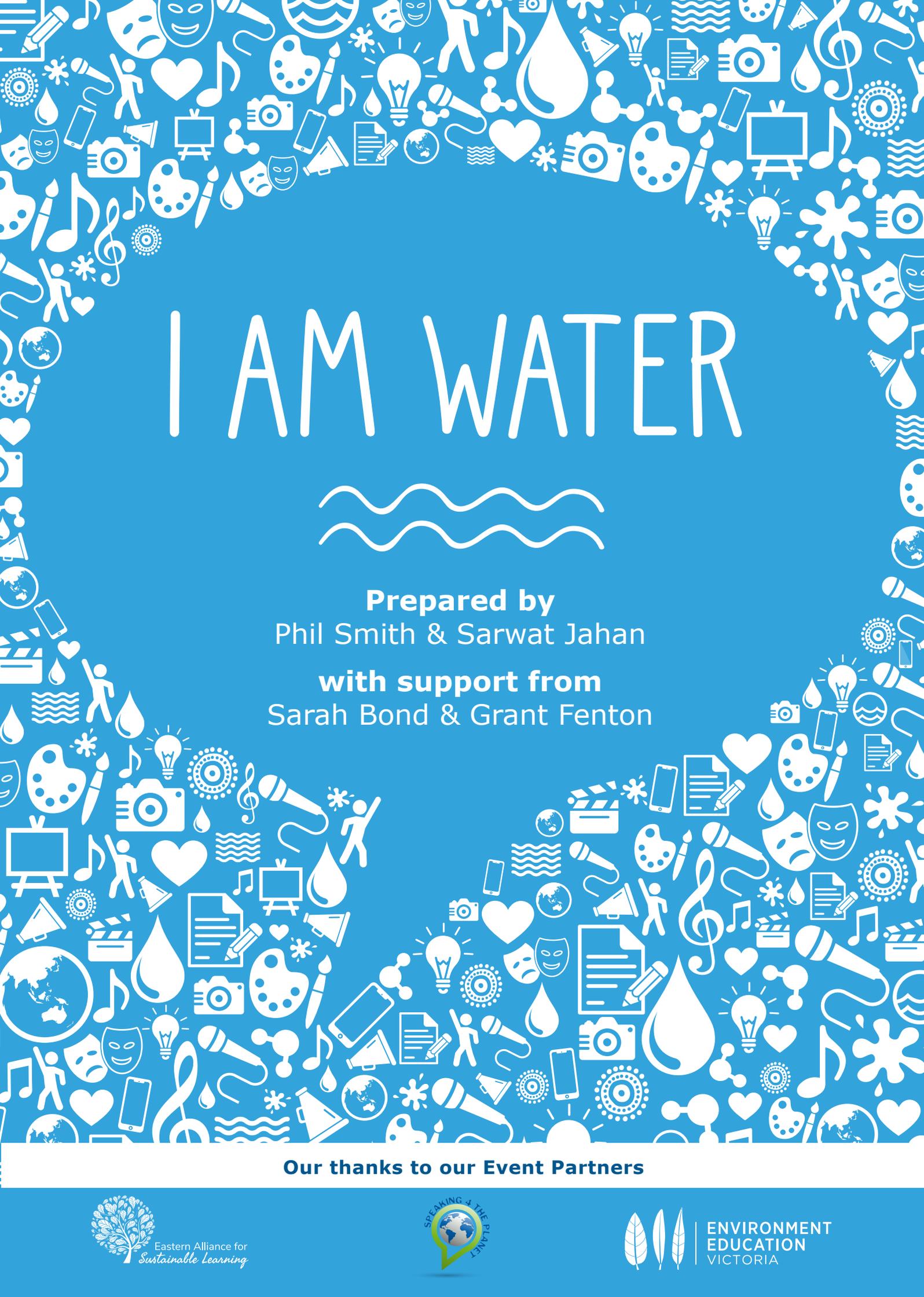
<http://resources4rethinking.ca/en/resource/conserving-water-through-art>

<http://www.ecoartsaustralis.org.au/ecoarts-australis/why-use-the-arts-for-environmental-sustainability/>

Schools Water Efficiency Program (SWEP)

<https://www.myswep.com.au/>





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