

# Group goes green



## Reading tips

POPULAR children's author Mem Fox will talk to parents about the importance of reading to children at a free session in Beenleigh next Thursday. Organised by the Gold Coast City Council, the session will be held at the Beenleigh Community Centre from 7-8pm. The author of *Possum Magic*, Fox is the only Australian author to outsell *The Da Vinci Code* in this country. To register for the free session, contact council's library staff on 5581 6788.

## Open garden

GARDEN lovers should mark their diaries to visit an Open Garden property at Sunnybank at the end of this month. Hundscheidt Tropical Gardens, at 173 Young St, will be open from February 23-25 from 10am-4.30pm. Entry is \$8 and some plants for sale.

## Focus on dam

A COMMUNITY information day will be held on Saturday, February 10, at Bicentennial Park, Boonah Fassifern Rd, Boonah, from 11 am to discuss the proposed Wyaralong Dam. The day, organised by Queensland Water Infrastructure, will explain the community engagement process and how the community can participate in the review of the draft terms of reference.



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Green way ... Bruce Mitchell gives a group of industry leaders a tour of the environmentally friendly site at Stapylton.

Picture: Richard Walker

### By STEWART MULLIGAN

STAPYLTON'S environmentally friendly industrial development by Bruce Mitchell has attracted interest from industry leaders.

A group of leaders toured the site on Tuesday. Among the group was head of the Mirvac School of Sustainable Development at Bond University Professor George Earl and Urban Development Institute of

Australia sustainable development officer Kirsty Chessher. Prof Earl said the project "opens up a whole new field of water management". "There is a quantum shift in this area. We're starting

to see it in master-planned communities," he said. "It should have been done 20 years ago, but we have to start somewhere." The \$8 million project was the first industrial subdivision in Australia to

exclusively use in-house water and sewage systems. Water from roads and recycled water from sewage treatment is used to water the native gardens. Roof water is stored for potable use.

## Kiernan puts out call to help in clean-up day

ONE million Australians are needed to help fight climate change as part of the 2007 Clean Up Australia Day campaign. Clean Up Australia chairman Ian Kiernan said individual action to protect water supplies, improve recycling of electronic

waste and limit damage by plastic bags would reduce greenhouse gas emissions. "Toxic materials from electronic or e-waste, which includes lead and mercury from old computers and batteries, is being sent to landfill at three times the rate of other general or

municipal waste and generates damaging greenhouse gases," he said. Mr Kiernan hopes to involve one million people in the March 4 event, an increase on last year's number of 750,000. Beaudesert Shire residents are being

encouraged to help clean-up roadways, parks and river banks. Phone 5540 5433 to register. Mayor Joy Drescher said: "Beaudesert Shire is a wonderful place, but there's always room for improvement." Northern Gold Coast City

clean-up sites are registered at Noffke Park in Loganlea, Bethania and Windaroo. Business clean-up day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, and schools on Friday, March 2. Visit [www.cleanup.org.au](http://www.cleanup.org.au) for information and to register your involvement.

## Help research

LOGAN Hospital wants people with Type 2 Diabetes to volunteer for a diabetes research study. You must be aged between 40 and 75, take Metformin for the treatment of diabetes and have no other health complaints. Phone Gillian Melksham on 3299 8989 from Monday to Friday.

## Boot sale

BARGAIN hunters should add the car boot sale at the Beenleigh Tavern car park on Saturday to their list. Beenleigh Bird Breeders Club, who organise the regular event, will be running a free sausage sizzle from 6am.

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