

## MEDIA RELEASE

### International Composting Awareness Week (ICAW) 2010

#### “Compost, Help Scrap Carbon Pollution!”

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The Centre for Organic & Resource Enterprises (CORE) with the support of Compost Australia (a division of the Waste Management Association of Australia) has launched the fifth International Composting Awareness Week 2010 (ICAW) throughout Australia.

ICAW is being held from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May with a week of activities and events to promote the awareness of the importance of this valuable organic resource and the environmental benefits composting affords our communities.

This year, Queensland is a particularly active state in International Composting Awareness Week. Thanks to the support of Brisbane City Council and Compost Queensland, and lots of events and programs will be organised in the area:

#### **Healthy Sustainable Gardens Program**

**Date and time:** From Monday 3 to Saturday 8 May

**Venue:** Nine retail landscape outlets (check their details on [www.compostweek.com.au](http://www.compostweek.com.au))

**Description:** The Healthy Sustainable Gardens Program is an awareness campaign that aims to promote recycled compost and mulch products sold in retail outlets in Brisbane and the surrounding region. The involved retail outlets invite the local community to come to their store and view the range of recycled organic composts, mulches and soil blends available to improve your gardens. Their friendly staff will also be able to help you with questions about using these products.

**Contact:** The Centre for Organic & Resource Enterprises on 1300 885 566

#### **Industry Leaders Forum – City to Farms - Returning the favour**

**Date and time:** Thursday 6 May 2010 - 11.00am - 3.00pm

**Venue:** Metropolitan Motor Inn – 106 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, QLD 4001

**Description:** The forum will host around thirty industry delegates from key organisations in the agriculture, resource recovery and government sectors. The objective of the forum is to explore pathways to agriculture for significant volumes of recovered organics from the Brisbane metropolitan area.

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**Facility and Demonstration Site Tour****Date and time:** Friday 7 May 2010, 09.00am - 2.00pm

**Description:** To celebrate International Composting Awareness Week (ICAW) 2010, The Centre for Organic and Resource Enterprises (CORE) and Compost Queensland are conducting a Facility and Demonstration Site Tour. The tour is being organised to showcase - professional organics processing, the range of product types and best practice applications. If you are in the landscape (Designers & Contractors), open space, civil engineering or garden maintenance sectors this is a rare opportunity to increase your knowledge of recycled organic products and applications.

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**These are just some of the events taking place for International Composting Awareness Week 2010. Join us in the festivity – check the International Composting Awareness Week Calendar on the ICAW website [www.compostweek.com.au](http://www.compostweek.com.au)**

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