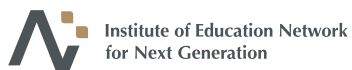




Global Link Australia

29 JULY – 31 JULY 2026

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WELCOME TO GLOBAL LINK AUSTRALIA



WHAT IS GLOBAL LINK?

Global Link Australia is an engaging educational event that connects schools and students with critical global sustainability challenges through interactive learning experiences and a dynamic competition.



PURPOSE & IMPACT

Our event is designed to address pressing environmental issues, aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) **14: Protect Life Below Water** and **15: Protect Life on Land**.

Students will delve into these goals and explore how their actions can make a real difference in global conservation efforts.



BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Dive into real-world sustainability challenges with practical, problem-solving activities.



HONE VALUABLE SKILLS

Develop leadership, teamwork, critical-thinking and presentation skills. Students work together to tackle significant issues, through discussing and exchanging opinions.



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Enhance understanding of environmental stewardship and global sustainability and meet new friends who gather from around the world.



THE COMPETITION

Teams from participating schools will compete by presenting innovative solutions to a real-world sustainability challenge. This encourages students to research and analyse environmental issues and develop and pitch actionable solutions, showcasing their findings to a panel of judges.

BE PART OF THIS IMPACTFUL EXPERIENCE & EMPOWER YOUR STUDENTS TO LEAD IN SUSTAINABILITY!

Sign up for Global Link Australia, and inspire your students to become the change-makers of tomorrow. Read on to find out more.



PRESENTATION OUTLINE



THE BRIEF

Students are required to deliver a presentation to an audience of peers, judges and spectators on an issue related to their school, local community, country or on a global scale. The issue selected will need to relate to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 14: Protect Life Below Water) and/or 15: Protect Life on Land.

PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1 A clear explanation of the issue, outlining why it is significant
- 2 Data and research to support the issue
- 3 Identification of the challenges, opportunities and solutions
- 4 Engagement of community
- 5 Actions completed or planned for the future
- 6 Any other items that may engage the audience or demonstrate originality or creativity



POWERPOINT USAGE

In the presentation it is important to demonstrate your depth of knowledge of the issue. Your PowerPoint presentation should summarise your information (less is more). You should use the PowerPoint to 'speak to' not 'speak from', please try to avoid reading from the PowerPoint.



Q&A SESSION

At the completion of your presentation, to extend your thinking or to clarify any information, the judges will ask you questions. Some example questions are below:

- ? Can you please explain...?
- ? Can you give me an example of...?
- ? How can you promote this issue?
- ? How can you encourage a change in behaviour of...?
- ? How can this response be scaled up?

CREATING A
SUSTAINABLE
SOCIETY



MEET THE JUDGES FROM 2025

CLIMATE
ACTION



DIANNE AYLWARD

Di is the proud principal of Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre (EEC) and a committed and passionate educator continually striving for innovative ways to engage students, teachers and the broader community. She was the recipient of the Queensland College of Teachers award for Excellent Leadership in Teaching and Learning. Under her leadership, Moreton Bay EEC, along with treasured partners, received the Department of Education Showcase Award for the Leadership Team of the Year and Excellence in Industry Partnerships, Peter Doherty STEM Award and the Healthy Land and Water Sustainable Education Award.



ECOMARINES BOARD MEMBER



MICHAEL ZEUSCHNER

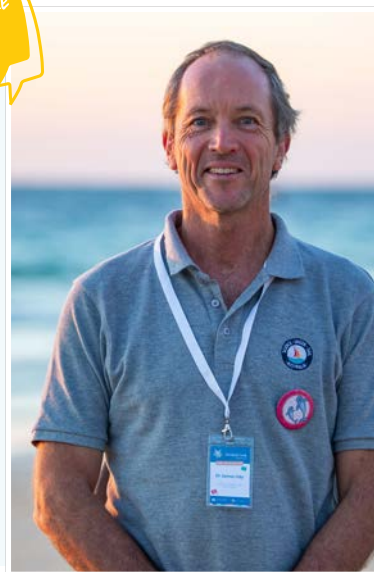
Michael has been a principal in Queensland State Schools for 39 years, and only recently retired as Principal of Bulimba State School, a position he had held since 1995. In 2010 Michael won the 'Keep QLD Beautiful' award for significant contribution to Environmental Education, and he was also recognised by the Minister for Education as 'Principal Champion - the Year of Environmental Education'. In 2013, Bulimba won the Premier's Sustainability Award and in 2015 was a finalist in the UN Australia World Environment Awards. Michael has been a driving force in the provision of exciting learning for every child, everywhere, every day.



ECOMARINES BOARD MEMBER

DR JAMES UDY

James has over 30 years' experience undertaking marine based scientific fieldwork. He is passionate about finding ways for citizen scientists to enhance data collection alongside trained professionals, improving decision-making for environmental managers. For the past 6 years, through Science Under Sail, he has been collecting marine habitat data throughout Queensland (Moreton Bay & GBRWHA) to inform and support the management of Marine Parks. All data has been collected to a professional standard using citizen scientists working under the supervision of trained marine scientists and will contribute to national databases.



DR KUMI KATO

Dr. Kumi Kato is a professor at the Faculty of Tourism/Graduate School of Tourism, Wakayama University/Creating Happiness Incubation, Musashino University, Japan. She is also a Co-President, ISA, RC50 (International Tourism), PATA board member, and EarthCheck Research Institute researcher. She serves on a number of executive committees at national and regional governments promoting sustainable tourism and destination management. Currently chairing a committee to promote conservation and use of "good environments", a national project at the Ministry of the Environment.



EXAMPLE PRESENTATION TOPICS 2025

JUNIOR STUDENTS



1ST PLACE

"Frogs in Our Schoolyard: Saving Local Species One Pond at a Time"

BULIMBA STATE SCHOOL,
AUSTRALIA



1ST PLACE

"Forever Pens – Micro Plastic Recycling Project"

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE,
AUSTRALIA



2ND PLACE

"Reducing Waste"

KURWONGBAH STATE SCHOOL,
AUSTRALIA



3RD PLACE

"Creativity or Crisis? The double life of hermit crabs"

THE SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOL OF HONGGUTAN DISTRICT & NANCHANG NORMAL UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED EXPERIMENTAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAINLAND CHINA



SENIOR STUDENTS



1ST PLACE

"The Commercialisation & Implementation of the Dunning-Kruger Effect on Consumer's Understanding of & Action on Sustainability"

CANNON HILL ANGLICAN COLLEGE,
AUSTRALIA



2ND PLACE

"Less Waste Starts at the Source, New Life Begins at the Shore"

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION,
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TAIWAN



3RD PLACE

"From large-scale bleaching to coral transplantation activities in Okinawa ~ The effect of marine plastic pollution"

TAMAGAWA ACADEMY,
JAPAN





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Please get in touch with **Melissa Hermes** at **education@tangalooma.com** or **+61 7 3637 2160** if you have any questions or if you would like to register.



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT GLOBAL LINK AUSTRALIA 2026!

