

Welcome to the HUB

As we celebrate the second year of the Treasury funded National Responsible Business Practice (RBP) project, we have taken time to reflect on the work undertaken characterised by a strategic weaving together of key players and initiatives, both national and international. Our approach reflects the interconnectivity of RBP, ensuring relevance internationally and enabling the Centre to become a catalyst for learning, dialogue, resource development and to provide the way forward in a transitioning business environment.

The National Responsible Business Practice Project stands at a critical point for next steps as it beds down a significant year of development and transitions to long-term sustainability. The Centre is grateful to Treasury and the many partners that have helped along the way for the opportunity to engage and expand responsible business practice in Australia. We are pleased to share with you an outline of the work we have undertaken over the last two years. Please [click here](#) to read more.

Please feel free to send feedback and comments to [Amanda Armstrong](#). To read more about the RBP Project, please click [here](#). To learn more about the work of St James Ethics Centre, please click [here](#).

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United Nations Global Compact

A commitment to a universal set of principles

As the number of Australian signatories to the UN Global Compact, the world's largest Corporate Citizenship initiative continues to grow, the Centre through the Australian Global Compact Focal Point, will be running introductory one hour Webinar sessions for businesses of all sizes on 30 October 2009. [Click here](#) to book your place.

We are currently sourcing case studies, reports and examples from Australian signatories that show how companies are responding to the ten principles of the UN Global Compact. These will be made available on the Global Compact Australian Network website. Examples are welcomed from businesses of all sizes. Please email our UNGC intern ungc@ethics.org.au.

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Global Reporting Initiative

The international framework in sustainability reporting

Thanks to everyone who helped organise, participated in and attended the GRI Introductory Workshops that were run nationally from July to September 2009. We had an amazing response with nearly 200 participants taking part. As a result of those workshops we've been able to start developing some regional resources that are a summary of what was discussed □ so ultimately the documents have been written by all of those that participated. They may offer some good advice for first time reporters and tips that may refresh or help the most seasoned reporter!

On the website you will find:

- FAQs that may help new reporters and inspire seasoned ones
- High level statistics on the workshops
- Thoughts and comments on where sustainability reporting will be in 5 years time
- Compilation of discussions had at the workshops

To view these documents and for further information, please [click here](#).

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Corporate Responsibility Index

Robust business management and benchmarking tool

We are delighted to announce the upcoming launch of the Seventh Annual Corporate Responsibility Index (CRI) for Australia and New Zealand! Shortly following the October launch of the 2009 CRI, a series of Training Workshops will be held for our continuing and new CRI participants. These workshops will include details on the 2009 survey question changes, the survey validation process, using the CRI online tool as well as further practical tips and hints from our current CRI participants and the survey validation team.

Thank you to the many company representatives who recently participated in our 2009 Australasian CRI Information Seminars and Webinars held during August and September. Thank you especially to our host PricewaterhouseCoopers, and our CRI participant speakers from EnergyAustralia, Energex and Minter Ellison Lawyers, for kindly sharing their experiences.

For further information please either visit the [CRI website](#) or contact Sarah Davidson, Manager, Corporate Responsibility Index - sarah.davidson@ethics.org.au

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Small to Medium Business

National SME Project

Project work on our SME resources continues to build momentum as we move closer to the launch of the National Responsible Business Register on 1 December 2009 at the International Small Business Congress in Brisbane. The first online concept of the Register is currently being reviewed by small business and procurer focus group members who generously donated their time earlier this year to provide feedback on the initial paper-based concept.

The Centre is also planning the release of the product roadmaps and accompanying reports in late October 2009 after which they will be freely available to download from the HUB.

To find out more about the project, [click here](#).

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Dates for your diary

United Nations Global Compact

Introductory information webinar to be held 30 October 09. [Click here](#) to register.

Global Reporting Initiative

A special event has been planned for GRI Organizational Stakeholders. To find out more details and take part in this online interactive session, please [click here](#).

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Key 2009 Dates

Oct 09 Online Survey Launch and Training Workshops

Dec 09 Company submissions due

Dec 09 - Feb 10 Validation of submissions

April - May 10 Company feedback reports

For further information on the CRI please contact [Sarah Davidson](#), Manager, Corporate Responsibility Index.

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