

# BlueNet News

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## Project Office

The newly created BlueNet Office is located in the Maths and Physics building at the Hobart campus of the University of Tasmania. Information about how to contact the BlueNet Office is available from the BlueNet website, <http://www.bluenet.org.au> .

## Staffing

In addition to Kate Roberts, the Director of BlueNet, the BlueNet Office is now staffed with the following personnel:

- Project Officer - Alicja Mosbauer, has been seconded from the National Oceans Office to work for BlueNet for 3 months, as a Project Officer.
- Administrative Assistant - BlueNet has employed Kylie Cahill, an administrative assistant, on a casual basis. Kylie is working part time.

## Governance - BlueNet Steering Committee

The BlueNet Steering Committee was established in early January 2006. Membership is made up of invited experts. The current committee membership is:

- Craig Johnson (Chair) - University of Tasmania
- Kate Roberts - BlueNet
- Scott Bainbridge – Australian Institute of Marine Science
- Kim Finney – Australian Antarctic Division
- Nathan Bindoff – Tasmanian Partnership for Advanced Computing
- Rob Atkinson – Social Change Online

The Committee met for the first time in February 2006, and will meet 3 times a year.

## Communications

The BlueNet website has been established and can be found at <http://www.bluenet.org.au>. Information about BlueNet will be posted on this website, as soon as it becomes available. This monthly news bulletin will be posted on the BlueNet website in the “latest news” section, once it has been circulated. Please let us know if you would like to be emailed the bulletin, by sending an email to [info@bluenet.org.au](mailto:info@bluenet.org.au) .

### **MEST Tool – Metadata tool**

Following discussion with the BlueNet community, it has been agreed that BlueNet will establish a Reference Group to assist with the development of the MEST tool. This group will meet in the first half of June.

### **Oceans Portal**

BlueNet has been very heavily engaged in the final stages of the Oceans Portal web interface. BlueNet is making sure that its community will be able to fully utilise and build on the oceans portal once it has been completed.

### **University Partnerships - update**

All university partners have been contacted about their participation as BlueNet partners. BlueNet will now seek to appoint Data Administrators at each University participating in the project.

### **AODC JF – update**

BlueNet is in the process of negotiating hosting and infrastructure development arrangements with AODC JF partners.