



My Career
Networking

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A big tick for Darebin Council and Amcor Flexibles, who have got together on a project to collect rainwater from the manufacturer's factory roof in Preston for local use. They plan to collect the water in five BlueScope tanks that store as much as 104,000 litres each. The council will be able to use the water for sports ovals. At a time when both urban and rural communities are struggling to keep their sports arenas in green working order, it's an idea that many businesses with large roof facilities could consider.

In a similar vein, any food outlet businesses out there that aren't up with the program when it comes to charity **SecondBite** should acquaint themselves as soon as possible. **SecondBite** collects good-quality, surplus, fresh food from Melbourne businesses and redistributes it to charity agencies that provide meals for the homeless and marginalised. Last year, **SecondBite** collected 132 tonnes of fresh food that would otherwise have gone to waste, a figure expected to almost double this year - enough food for 500,000 meals. Its work was recently recognised with the 2008 Melbourne Award for "contribution to the community", but the executive director of **SecondBite** **Katy Barfield** says there is much more that can be done.

LINK www.secondbite.org

The Bounce Network is hosting a lunch for marketing, communicators, advertising and public relations professionals in Central and Western Victoria next Thursday at noon at the Royal Hotel, Ballarat. Crikey.com founder Stephen Mayne will "entertain and enlighten" guests about the use of spin in business and politics. Mayne will also give insight into the success of crikey.com and his experiences as a reporter, business editor, gossip columnist and chief of staff for papers including The Age, The Daily Telegraph, The Herald Sun and The Australian Financial Review. You can register at bouncenetwork.com.au or phone 53334426.

Applications are open for the \$10,000 Women in Freight, Logistics and Marine Management scholarship, offered each year by the Department of Transport. The scholarship is open to any postgraduate

student beginning or completing her studies in a field relating to the industry. It aims to encourage women throughout Victoria into management positions in the freight, marine and logistics industries, and address the gender imbalance in a male-dominated field.

The scholarship winner will be given the opportunity to work part-time with the Freight, Logistics and Marine Division of the Department of Transport. Applications close on October 31.

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