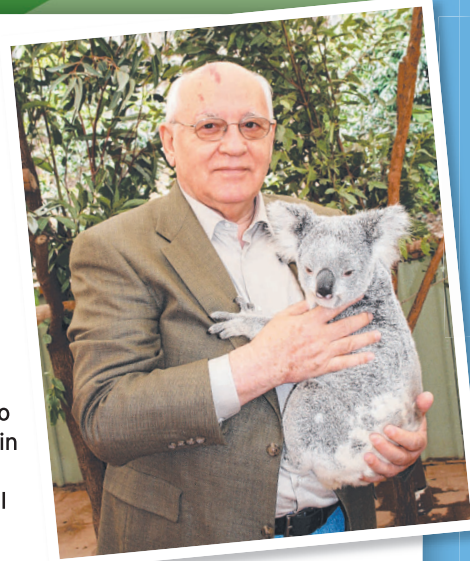


Green Cross International is a Geneva-based non-governmental organisation founded by former Russian president Mikhail Gorbachev in Kyoto, on April 18, 1993. Gorbachev continues to promote Green Cross and is actively involved in many of its projects. To date, GCI is represented in 30 countries around the world. The mission of GCI is to help ensure a just, sustainable and secure future for all by cultivating a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility in humanity's relationship with nature. GCI has been granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and with UNESCO.

Learn more: www.greencrossinternational.net



Green Cross Australia, the Australian affiliate of Green Cross International, is made up of an inspiring and dedicated group of individuals who support the ideals of Gorbachev. It supports local practical action that inspires a values shift towards sustainability and resilience, working through social media and on the ground with young emergency volunteers and communities impacted by severe weather events.

"With our fragile earth facing so many global and local challenges, it's easy to throw our hands up in despair. But actually it's not that hard - at the end of the day, just as we have contributed to the problem, we now get to contribute to the solution," says Green Cross Australia CEO Mara Bun (pictured).



"There's nothing quite as inspiring as supporting new generations to rise to that challenge with gusto! That's what Green Lane Diary is all about - empowering kids to be the solution we all aspire to, and sharing their leadership with peers around Australia who in turn can inspire others to action"

"It is because our problems have taken on such global dimensions that the implications for not responding to the problems are far greater. If the environment is not addressed, we implicate our survival on the planet. Equally, mass migration will place tremendous strains on our resources and cities. If living conditions are not improved for those in the developing world, if poverty is not alleviated and political unrest and upheavals calmed, then there will be implications for the most comfortable of industrialised countries. It is therefore everyone's business."

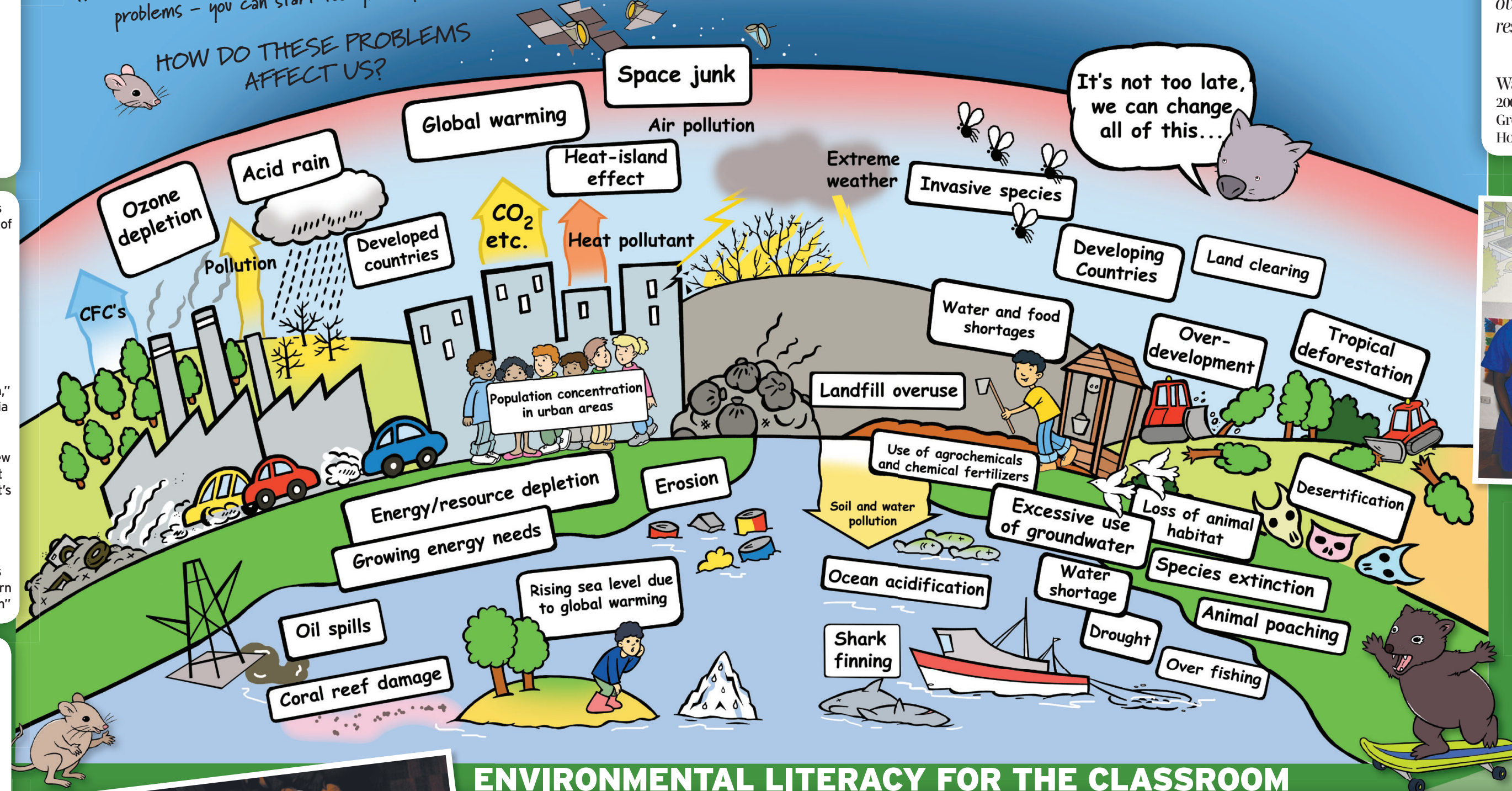


Princess Basma bint Talal
Sister of the late King Hussein I of Jordan,
Green Cross International
Honorary Board Member

THINK + ACT + SHARE = CHANGE

YOUR WORLD TODAY

We live on an incredible planet but there are environmental problems that we have to face. It's up to each of us to do something about these problems - you can start today! Step 1 - learn about the issues.



WISE WORDS
"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." - Dr Seuss, from the Lorax

"I don't only think that the biosphere is in trouble, I know it is. I just have to look around in the environment, in which I live. In my own part of the world, I keep telling people, let us not cut trees irresponsibly. Let us not destroy especially the forested mountains. Because if we destroy the forests on these mountains, the rivers will stop flowing, the rains will become irregular, the crops will fail and people will die of hunger and starvation. Before these tragedies, there will be conflicts and wars over the diminishing resources."



Wangari Maathai
2004 Nobel Peace Prize recipient,
Green Cross International
Honorary Board Member



2010 Class Community Action Award
Year 6 and 7 students from St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, Moorooka, made a difference last year. Their fundraising efforts helped to provide clean water to students at the Dawu Methodist primary and junior high school in the eastern region of Ghana. For their efforts, the students were awarded the 2010 Class Community Action Award.



2010 Green Lane Diary Awards at the Queensland Museum

The diary is generously supported by Energen, SEQWGM, TravelSmart, CSIRO, Department of Environment and Resource Management, Department of Education and Training, Channel 10, SIGG Australia and ACT Sustainable Schools Initiative. Teachers can register their schools online now. Simply email your name, school, number of students, contact number and email address to info@greencrossaustralia.org

ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY FOR THE CLASSROOM

The Green Lane Diary (www.greenlanediary.org) is a curriculum-linked education program designed by environmental educators to help 8-13-year-old children become aware of the stresses our planet confronts and how sustainable living can make a difference. The diary project was initially launched by Green Cross Japan 11 years ago. More than 600,000 Japanese students have participated since then. Last year, more than 14,000 students participated in Australia for the first time. Students are once again invited to participate in the project in Term 3. Class copies of the diary are available to students in Years 3-7. Supported by an interactive website, the diaries can be used to promote literacy and learning. Students are invited for a period of 10 weeks to use their Green Lane Diary to focus on helping our environment and living a greener life. The 2011 diary features ideas and stories of students and classes who made a difference in 2010.



The Green Lane Diary is back!



The diary project is co-ordinated by dynamic teacher Miranda Mason (pictured), from Green Cross Australia. "We've got one planet and kids play an important part in looking after it. The Green Lane Diary explores the issues of today and gives positive ideas to help. Every action is important and kids can make a big difference," says Mason, who is keen to encourage all teachers in all schools to participate and enable students to become Green Lane Diary heroes. Students with the best diaries and projects will be invited to attend the Green Lane Diary Awards ceremony in Brisbane in November. Federal Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, Peter Garrett, is scheduled to attend.