

## **Earth Hour**

The RAS has again registered to take part in Earth Hour 2009; this is part of our ongoing commitment to the environment and adopting more environmentally friendly practices.

On Saturday **28 March at 8.30pm** Asset Management will ensure all lights are turned out in the RAS Admin building and across the Sydney Showground site. Some lights will have to remain on due to SRES bump in, the RAS has organised to plant trees to offset this energy usage.

Earth Hour began in Sydney in 2007 when 2.2 million homes and businesses turned off their lights at 8.30pm for one hour. The initiative aims to educate and promote awareness of climate change and global warming.

In 2008 more than 50 million people in 400 cities around the world took part. The lights went out at Sydney's Opera House, Rome's Coliseum, the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge.

This year Sydney will join international cities such as Beijing, Cape Town, Edinburgh, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, London, Mexico City, Moscow and Rome.

To help us make sure the lights actually do go out on 28 March, we'd like to ask that all employees switch off office lights, computers, screens and turn off or unplug non-essential equipment before leaving the building on the Friday.

Earth Hour is a fantastic initiative that draws attention to the issue of climate change and global warming. The RAS is proud to be involved and encourages all staff to participate and turn their lights off at home during the event.

Visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org) for more information.

Or contact Allan Morgan, General Manager Operations