



Murrumbidgee Local Government Urban Salinity Forum 2007

Junee

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Junee Shire Council

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DRAFT PROGRAM

SOLVING AND MANAGING FOR THE LONG TERM

WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2007

- 8.30am Registration continues and welcome coffee
- 9.00am Welcome to Wiradjuri Traditional Lands
Wiradjuri Elder – Flo Grant, Murrumbidgee CMA Board Member.
Spoken Word Performance: Neil Smith
- 9.05am Hosts Welcomes
Session MC Greg Campbell, General Manager, Junee Shire Council
Murrumbidgee CMA – *Chairperson, Lee O'Brien*
Junee Shire Council – Mayor, **Lola Cummins**
- 9.15am Ministerial Address
Philip Koperberg (to be confirmed), Minister for Climate Change Environment and Water
- 9.30am Opening Keynote
Ross O'Shea, Dept for the Premier and Cabinet, NSW Government
Update: The State Plan
- 9.50am **TBA**,
2010: A Vision for Local Government

10.15am MORNING TEA

Trade Display: open for perusal

11.00am NEW APPROACHS TO A DEVELOPING PROBLEM

- 25 mins per speaker
- Session Chair – **John Searson**, General Manager, Murrumbidgee CMA
Jasmine Rutherford, Senior Hydrologist
'Best-practice science to develop sustainable management actions'
Sian McGhie, Senior Natural Resource Officer, Dept. of Environment and Climate Change
'Better Standards towards a Manageable Solution'
Rod Kendall, Architect, Xeros Kendall
'Protecting Infrastructure through leading edge engineering'
- Discussion Time (15 mins)

12.30pm CONVERSATIONAL LUNCH

Lunchtime Tour: Junee Urban Wetland

1.20pm THE URBAN SALINITY MANAGEMENT PLAN EXPERIENCE

5 mins per exhibitor

Session Chair – James Davis, Junee Shire Council

Trade display officially opened. Brief presentations from exhibitors.

1.50pm CASE STUDIES TO CARRY FORWARD

10 mins per speaker

Session Chair – James Rennie, Senior Environmental Engineer, EarthTech

James Davis, Manager Planning and Development, Junee Shire Council

'Protecting infrastructure and the public that use it'

Joanne Tarbit, Environmental Planner, Griffith City Council

'Engaging the broader community in the lower catchment'

Natasha Abbott, Manager Environment and Health, Queanbeyan City Council

'A multi-disciplinary approach in the upper catchment'

Discussion Time (10 mins)

2.30pm COLLECTIVE WORKSHOPPING FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS

15 mins for break-up session

Session Chair – Gareth Adcock

To develop a suite of take-home solutions

2.45pm FAREWELL FROM THE HOSTS

Junee Shire Council

Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority

2.50pm FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA

A selection of local pastries and Hors d'œuvres to be served

LUNCHTIME TOUR: JUNEE URBAN WETLAND



The Junee Wetland is home to a variety of plant and animal species. It is rich in biodiversity, and plays an integral part in urban stormwater management, receiving almost 75% of the town's stormwater runoff.

The plant species existing in the wetland are indicative of salinised areas. They are also vitally important to the health of the ecosystem, helping to slow water flow through the wetland and take up excess nutrients from polluted water.



The Junee Wetland has evolved over many years with Council, Landcare and interested community members working together to enhance the amenity, and conservation value of the area.

Projects already completed include the construction of a series of boardwalks incorporating a viewing platform, planting of native tree and shrub species, weed control and a boardwalk upgrade to make the main thoroughfare wider with concrete paths leading up to the boardwalk.

The tour departs from the Junee Ex-Services Memorial Club at 1pm.

