

National Water Information Seminar Series 2009



Australian Government
Bureau of Meteorology

HOBART Tuesday 22 September 2009 9.00am to 3.15pm



National water reform is accelerating under the Australian Government's *Water for the Future* program, a \$12.9 billion investment to secure long-term water supply for all Australians. The program includes a significant commitment to reforming water information, led by the Bureau of Meteorology and supported by water data supplying agencies in the States and Territories.

At the program's two-year mark, the Bureau is well advanced on its mission to ensure Australia is better equipped to manage water scarcity, water quality and flood risk through ready access to high quality water information at the national level.

The National Water Information Seminar Series 2009 will feature presentations by senior Bureau and State and Territory representatives highlighting progress toward achieving this water information mission and describing the water information products planned for delivery over the next 6-18 months.

The presentations will demonstrate how:

- the accuracy, coverage and currency of Australia's hydrologic observing networks is improving
- water data from across the nation is being gathered and harmonised into a standard national format, and spatially-enabled for easy access by users
- the Australian Water Resources Information System (AWRIS) will evolve over the next three years, following initial launch in early 2010
- national water accounting standards have been developed and are being piloted in seven high-profile water management areas
- the National Water Account and Water Resources Assessments will become comprehensive annual water products, commencing early 2011
- a range of new water availability forecasting products, currently in early stage development, promise to enhance future water resources operations and planning.

PRESENTERS AND SESSIONS

Coffee and tea on arrival

- 9.00-9.30 The importance of water information to national water reform**
Dr Russell Mein, Chair,
Australian Water Information Advisory Council
- 9.30-10.00 Progress with the Bureau's new water information mission**
Dr Rob Vertessy, Deputy Director (Water),
Bureau of Meteorology
- 10.00-10.30 Enhancement of hydrologic monitoring and data management in the State**
Dr Martin Read, Manager, Water Assessment Branch,
Dept Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment
- 10.30-11.00 Morning tea**
- 11.00-11.30 The Water Regulations and Water Data Transfer Format**
Tony Boston, Assistant Director, Water Data Services Branch,
Bureau of Meteorology
- 11.30-12.00 The Australian Hydrological Geospatial Fabric**
Elizabeth McDonald, Geofabric Project Manager,
Bureau of Meteorology
- 12.00-12.45 The Australian Water Resources Information System**
Peter Gigliotti, Assistant Director, Water IT Planning and
Development, Bureau of Meteorology
- 12.45-1.30 Lunch**
- 1.30-2.15 The National Water Account and Water Resources Assessments**
Dr Louise Minty, Assistant Director, Water Reporting Services,
Bureau of Meteorology
- 2.15-3.00 Water Forecasting Services**
Neil Plummer, Manager Extended Hydrological Prediction,
Bureau of Meteorology
- 3.00-3.15 Closing remarks**

The seminar will be chaired by
Dr Steve Dixon
Tasmanian Acting Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology



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58 Collins St



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VENUE

**Sovereign Room
Hobart Function and Conference Centre
1 Elizabeth Street Pier
HOBART Tas 7000**

RSVP

Please click on the button to RSVP.
Registrations close on Tuesday, 15 September 2009.
There is no charge for attending this seminar.

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GETTING THERE

Walk – 5 minutes from Salamanca Place and the city centre
Car – no parking available at the Hobart Function and Conference Centre
Public car park – Market Place Car Park, 58 Collins Street, Hobart
Rates: 4 hours \$4.50, 6 hours \$9.00, 8 hours \$13.00, maximum \$17.
Ten minute walk to conference centre

NATIONAL SEMINAR SERIES DATES

Melbourne Friday, 4 September 2009
Brisbane Tuesday 8 September 2009
Sydney Thursday, 24 September 2009
Adelaide Tuesday, 13 October 2009
Canberra Thursday, 15 October 2009
Darwin Tuesday, 27 October 2009
Perth Tuesday, 10 November 2009

All seminars start at 9.00am and finish at 3.15pm.
For more information please visit http://www.bom.gov.au/water/announcements/upcoming_seminars.shtml

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This Water Information Industry Seminar is part of a series targeting water industry professionals around Australia involved in water resources policy, planning and management.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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