

National Water Information Seminar Series 2009



Australian Government
Bureau of Meteorology

MELBOURNE Friday, 4 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 The Water Regulations and Water Data Transfer Format

Tony Boston, Assistant Director, Water Data Services Branch, Bureau of Meteorology

10.30-11.00 Morning tea

11.00-11.30 Enhancement of hydrologic monitoring and data management in the State

Adrian Spall, Director Water Information Management, Department of Sustainability and Environment

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

Dr Robert Argent, Manager AWRIS Project, Bureau of Meteorology

12.45-1.30 Lunch

1.30-2.15 The National Water Account and Water Resources Assessments

Dr Grace Mitchell, Manager Water Accounting, Bureau of Meteorology

2.15-3.00 Water Forecasting Services

Dr Jaya Jayasuriya, Assistant Director, Water Forecasting Services Branch, Bureau of Meteorology

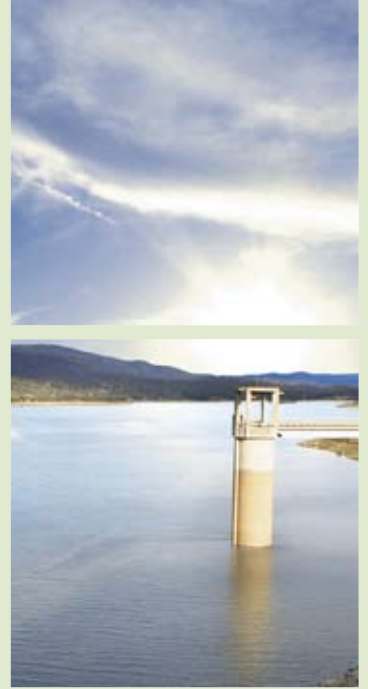
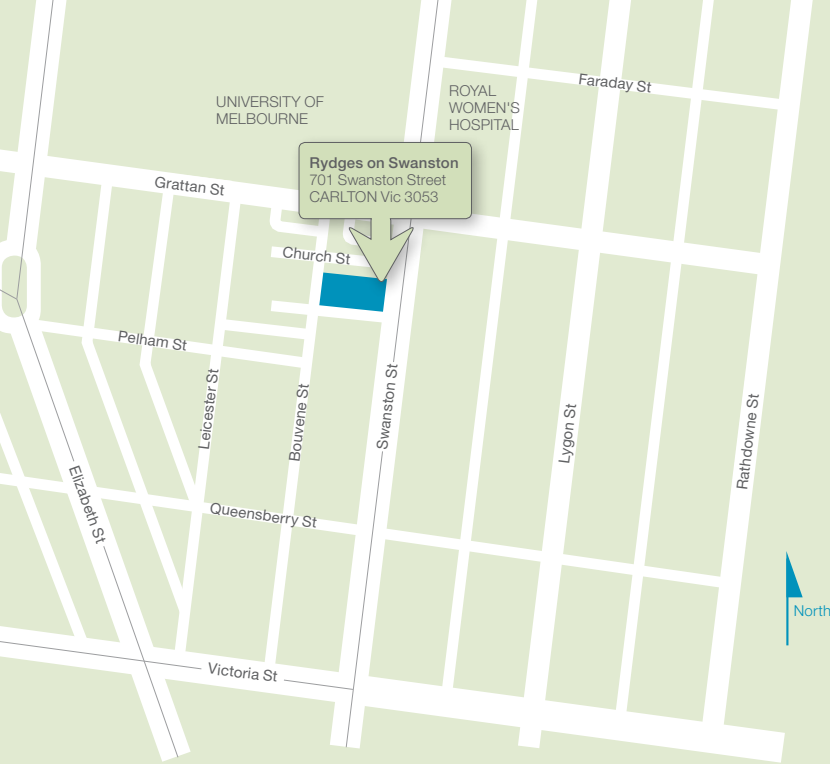
3.00-3.15 Closing remarks

The seminar will be chaired by

Dr Mark Williams
Victorian Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology



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VENUE

Rydges on Swanston
The Swanston Room
701 Swanston Street
CARLTON Vic 3053

RSVP

Please click on the button to RSVP.
 Registrations close on Friday, 28 August 2009.
 There is no charge for attending this seminar.

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GETTING THERE

- Tram – catch any tram along Swanston Street, heading north
- Drive – street parking subject to availability
- Walk – from the CBD – 1.5 kilometres north along Swanston Street

NATIONAL SEMINAR SERIES DATES

- Brisbane Tuesday, 8 September 2009
- Hobart Tuesday, 22 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

For more information please contact Gabrielle Forman at g.forman@bom.gov.au.

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