

National Water Information Seminar Series 2009



Australian Government
Bureau of Meteorology

SYDNEY Thursday, 24 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

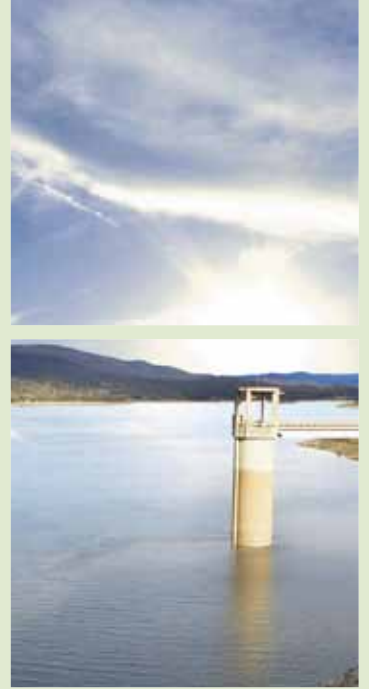
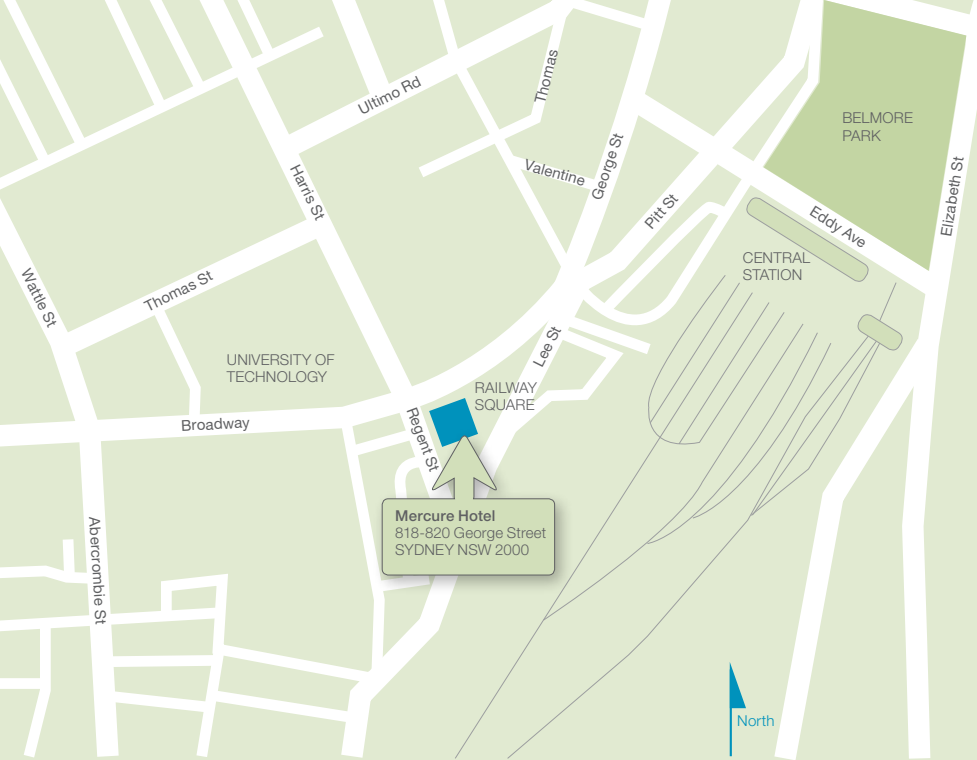
Coffee and tea on arrival

- 9.00-9.30 The importance of water information to national water reform**
Warwick Watkins, 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**
Paul Pendlebury, Director of Water Systems, NSW Office of Water
- 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, 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 Grace Mitchell, Manager Water Accounting, Bureau of Meteorology
- 2.15-3.00 Water Forecasting Services**
Dr Jaya Jayasuriya, Assistant Director, Water Forecasting Services, Bureau of Meteorology
- 3.00-3.15 Closing remarks**

The seminar will be chaired by
Barry Hanstrum
New South Wales Regional Director
Bureau of Meteorology



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VENUE

Central Function Room
Mercure Hotel
818-820 George Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Registrations close on Thursday, 17 September 2009.
There is no charge for attending this seminar.

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NATIONAL SEMINAR SERIES DATES

- Melbourne Friday, 4 September 2009
- Brisbane Tuesday, 8 September 2009
- Hobart Tuesday, 22 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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Our thanks to the following organisations for their support of this Industry Seminar:



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