

WORLD WETLANDS DAY SEMINAR

5:30PM-8:00PM, FEB 2 (MONDAY) 2009

DECHANEUX LECTURE THEATRE

TASMANIAN SCHOOL OF ART

HUNTER STREET, HOBART WATERFRONT



Tasmania has 10 Ramsar wetlands of international importance and around 23,000 other ecologically diverse wetlands. What is the state of these socially, economically and ecologically important ecosystems and the unique wildlife they support?

On World Wetlands Day* (2 February 2009), five of the leading wetland ecologists / managers in the state will come together to answer this question and in general, celebrate the tremendous wealth that Tasmania has in its wetlands.

Speakers:

- » **Prof. Jamie Kirkpatrick**, University of Tasmania: History of wetland conservation in Tasmania and the current knowledge gaps.
- » **Mr. John Gooderham**, Department of Primary Industries and Water: The State Government perspective and current wetland projects.
- » **Ms. Lee Drummond**, Caring for our Country Facilitator: The Natural Resource Management perspective and opportunities for funding and work on wetlands.
- » **Dr. Christine Crawford**, Natural Resource Management: The state of Tasmanian estuaries and future conservation needs.
- » **Dr. Eric Woehler**, Birds Tasmania: A Non Governmental Organization's perspective and a case study of beach nesting birds.

Chairperson:

Dr. Michael Lockwood, Natural Resource Social Scientist, University of Tasmania.

The talks will be preceded by a 'Welcome to Country' address by **Jimmy Everett** from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (TALSC) and a short video on wetlands by the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

* World Wetlands Day is celebrated across the world every year on the 2nd of February, the day when Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was signed in the year 1972.

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