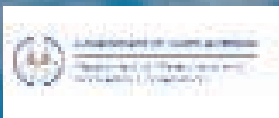


LAKE EYRE BASIN CONFERENCE

3rd Biennial Conference - 7th & 8th September 2006

LEB - TODAY AND TOMORROW
... Place, People, Possibilities



RENMARK REGISTRATION BROCHURE

The Lake Eyre Basin and the Australian Rangeland Society-2006: an historic joint conference

We have great pleasure in inviting you to join key players in the Australian Rangelands for a significant combined event: the 3rd Biennial Lake Eyre Basin Conference and the 14th Biennial Conference of the Australian Rangeland Society.

2006 marks 5 years since the effective date of the Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement, due for its first formal review this year. It also marks 10 years since the Australian Rangeland Society's last major round of foresighting scenarios, developed in Port Augusta in 1996.

To mark this milestone year, we are providing the first ever opportunity for Lake Eyre Basin and Rangelands delegates to attend either or both conferences at the one venue in the one week. The two conferences will be run in Renmark over 5 days, from 4th to 8th September 2006, with opportunities for delegates to attend both conferences or parts of each.

The Lake Eyre Basin, containing almost a quarter of Australia's rangelands, is the largest of Australia's twelve drainage divisions to be both a single drainage basin and to be contained wholly within the rangelands. It is a significant and unique part of Australia's rangelands.

The Australian Rangeland Society, established to pursue sustainable use of Australia's rangelands commensurate with their innate capacity, has a keen interest in the Lake Eyre Basin and its cross-border management arrangements.

Convening these two conferences together will provide an important opportunity to share knowledge, ideas and histories, to bring different perspectives to current management challenges, and to discuss potential synergies and shared futures. The threads of 'People', 'Place' and 'Possibility' will extend throughout both conferences, providing a mixture of technical/scientific input and social and community perspectives, and generating vigorous discussion of future management implications and directions.

The inclusion of international material in both conferences will further broaden conference perspectives, and provide delegates an opportunity to benefit from comparable resource management challenges being addressed under contrasting social, cultural and political circumstances. The combined conference promises to be a challenging, enriching and inspiring experience. We commend it to you, invite your registration, and look forward to seeing you there.

Further information about both conferences can be found at www.lebmf.gov.au and www.austrangesoc.com.au

CALL FOR LAKE EYRE BASIN POSTERS

We invite interested people to submit posters for display. Posters that complement and align with the theme and threads of the Lake Eyre Basin Conference would add significant value to the conference, and would be welcomed by the Conference Committee.

We extend a special invitation to interested members of the Basin community to submit posters. This is a conference with a strong community voice, and we encourage you to consider compiling a poster about what you are doing, achieving, learning, or experimenting with in your part of the Lake Eyre Basin. If you are considering a poster but feel you need some help, please contact us.

Please submit poster abstracts of not more than 300 words by 31st May 2006, to the Chair of the LEB Conference Steering Committee (email: vol.norris@deh.gov.au fax: 07 4658 2702 post: Vol Norris, PO Box 359 LONGREACH QLD 4730)

Posters will be on display throughout the conference, and a poster viewing session has been scheduled during the conference for Thursday afternoon 7th September.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Chaffey Theatre,
via Seventeenth Street, RENMARK

The Riverland is rapidly becoming a premier eco-tourism destination within SA.
For information regarding Renmark visit www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au

FIELD TOURS - Wednesday 6 September

As part of the Australian Rangeland Society Conference, 3 full-day Field Tours, and one half-day Field Tour are being organized on Wednesday 6 September. LEB delegates are encouraged to join one of these Field Tours. The cost is additional to the Registration Fees for the Conference and includes dinner at Barrock Station. If you wish to participate on a Field Tour, you must indicate which tour, with payment, in Section B of the Registration form.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Full Registration Fees \$200.00
Discounted for land managers or land owners \$100.00

The above registration fees include:

- Attendance at all Conference sessions on Thursday 7 September and Friday 8 September
- Attendance at the Conference Dinner (Renmark Golf Club)
- Lunches, and morning/afternoon teas
- Conference Satchel and name badge
- Conference Proceedings, including list of participants

DISCOUNT FOR BOTH CONFERENCES - Why not register for both the LEB and ARS Conferences and take advantage of our \$50 discount?

For combined registration to both the Conferences, please register using the registration form in the 2006 Australian Rangeland Society Conference brochure which can be downloaded at www.austrangesoc.com.au.

TRAVEL TO RENMARK

Renmark is approximately a 3hr drive from Adelaide.

Special Conference Bus - \$38 one way

The Conference Organising Committee has organized a special bus for delegates for travel between Adelaide and Renmark and return. The bus will pick up delegates from either Adelaide Airport or from the centre of the city. NOTE: This special service will only operate if there is sufficient confirmed interest.

	Sunday 3 Sep	Tues 5 Sep	Wed 6 Sep	Thurs 7 Sep	Friday 8 Sep
To Renmark	2.30pm	2.30pm	2.30pm		
To Adelaide				2.00pm	5.00pm

Delegates wishing to take advantage of this service MUST indicate this on their Registration Form and pay the cost with their registration fee (Section E). The Conference Organiser will be in contact with these people closer to the time to confirm their place on the bus and their departure point and time.

Alternative travel to Renmark -

Premier Stateliner operates a commercial service twice a day to Renmark. It is a 4hr journey, and the cost is \$41 one way. The website has timetable details. www.premierstateliner.com.au

Car Hire - All the major car hire companies operate in Adelaide. Please contact them for specific car hire information.

Renmark Taxi Service - ph. 131 008

COMMUTER BUS SERVICE

A Commuter Bus Service has been organised to transfer delegates staying at the hotels/motels listed in this brochure, to and from the Conference venue each day; as well as to the social events included in the program.

Delegates staying elsewhere to the accommodation listed may still take advantage of the commuter buses by being at one of the locations listed in time to catch the bus. A bus schedule will be included in your Conference Satchel.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in Renmark is limited, and includes the following hotels/motels. It is advisable to book early. If accommodation is unavailable in Renmark, Berri is a 20 minute drive away and is the best alternative (www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au).

(Rates have been negotiated at the corporate room rate, and were correct at the time of printing.)

Renmark Golf and Country Club

Phone: 1800 804 849 Email: onthegolfcourse@renmarkcountryclub.com
Basic Double/Twin \$92
Deluxe Double/Twin (Corporate Rate) \$126

The Renmark Hotel/Motel

Phone: 1800 736 627 Email: mail@renhotel.com.au
Single Hotel \$60
Single Motel \$85
Twin/Double Hotel \$118
Twin/Double Motel \$70
Twin/Double Deluxe \$95
Twin/Double Deluxe \$128

Ventura Motel

Phone: 1800 626 721 Email: ventura@riverland.net.au
Twin/Double \$88
Single \$75

Citrus Valley Renmark

Phone: (08) 8586 6717 Email: citrusvalley@dodo.com.au
Twin/Double \$82
Single \$75

Renmark Motor Inn

Phone: (08) 8586 6899
Twin/Double \$70
Single \$65

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Conference Dinner - The Renmark Golf and Country Club

Please note that the Conference Dinner at the Renmark Golf and Country Club is INCLUDED in the registration fee for delegates. If you require additional tickets to the dinner, please complete Section C of the Registration Form.

Date: Thursday 7 September
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Renmark Golf & Country club
Additional Tickets: \$45 per person
Dress: Smart Casual

Delegates will enjoy a 3 course meal with limited wine included.

Bus transportation to and from the Renmark Golf & Country Club will be provided from the hotels/motels listed in this brochure. Please refer to the Bus Schedule in your Satchel for details.

Field Tour Finish - Banrock Station

Dinner at Banrock Station is included in the Field Tour cost. If you require a ticket for someone who has NOT participated on a field tour, please complete Section C of the Registration Form.

Date: Wednesday 6 September
Time: At the completion of the field tours
Venue: Banrock Station
Additional Tickets: \$50 per person
Dress: Casual

Banrock Station will provide a fitting end to a full day of touring around the Rangelands. Admire the setting sun over the wetlands, while enjoying a drink and dinner on the verandah.

FIELD TOUR PROGRAM

All the tour groups will end the day at Banrock Station for drinks and dinner overlooking magnificent panoramic views of the wetlands. Dinner and limited drinks are included in the cost of each of the Field Tours.

(1) Pastoral: Pastoral Production in the Eastern Districts

On this tour you will travel north from Renmark through a range of land types with dramatic variation in the terrain and vegetation. You will also travel through a variety of land usage from Regional Reserve to National Park to Pastoral lease. Pastoral leases in this district have been traditionally used for sheep grazing, but in recent years ecotourism and conservation have become important alternative land uses. During the tour we will discuss many issues relevant to the situations we are travelling through and how different activities have effected changes in the land scape, including major rainfall events that may be a sign of what we can expect in the future with climate changes on the horizon.

(2) Gluepot: Conservation and Tourism in a Pastoral Landscape

On this tour you will see how a change in land use at Gluepot Reserve is evolving and developing to provide biodiversity and conservation outcomes. A highly successful operation of this size and complexity is unique in Australian land management. Gluepot is an award winning ecotourism destination managed by volunteers from Birds Australia, as well as a centre for scientific research. Hear how visitors to Gluepot are able to participate with research projects and are offered the opportunity to participate in two day courses to promote biodiversity conservation and environmental management on this Pastoral lease formerly used only for opportunistic sheep grazing.

Time permitting, the Gluepot reserve tour will have the opportunity to spend some time at Banrock experiencing the wine marketing and tourism enterprise followed by a guided tour of the wetland before dinner.

(3) Chowilla: Managing issues on the Chowilla Floodplain

On this tour you will be given an insight into the measures that are being used to save and conserve the biodiversity of threatened Floodplain environments. The decline in the vitality of the Floodplain and the biodiversity associated with it are a microcosm of the issues facing the whole of the Murray- Darling catchment. These issues would directly relate to many of the inland river systems in the country. Delegates will visit trial sites to hear about the manipulation of water levels in attempts to preserve the key assets of the Floodplain and the research being carried out to determine the benefits from this. Also hear about the research being undertaken to find long term solutions to the problems of salinity and poor water condition resulting from rising water tables associated from past and present water usage.

(4) Banrock: Half Day tour - Banrock Station

This will be an afternoon tour to Banrock Station. Participants will be taken on a guided walk through the wetlands featuring a series of Story Centres, Information Huts and Birdhides where you can get up close to the spectacular wetlands and wildlife; as well as hearing about the Station's wine marketing and tourism enterprise.

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2006 - CHAFFEY THEATRE

JOINT SESSIONS: LEB CONFERENCE AND AUSTRALIAN RANGELAND SOCIETY CONFERENCE

7:30 am	Registration desk open - LEB CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
8:30am - 10:00am	CHAIR: M. Stafford Smith SESSION TOPIC: Desertification and Ecological Legacy Introduction: Mark Stafford Smith Key Speaker: Philip Young "Desertification in rangelands - an international perspective on technology, institutions and policy" Hugh Pringle: "Missing the Point: Desiccation, homogenisation and impoverishment of the Australian rangelands as living ecosystems" Angas Hopkins: "What is the ecological legacy of pastoral 'development' in the Gascoyne River catchment of Western Australia, and how might we deal with this?" This discussion will draw upon relevant posters
10:00am - 10:30am	MORNING TEA
10:30am	Lake Eyre Basin session
10:30am - 11:45am	Facilitator: Phillip Toyne, Eco Futures SESSION TOPIC: Alliances in the Rangelands-Lake Eyre Basin and other examples How can we build collaborative voices for the Australian Rangelands? Five brief presentations will outline the Lake Eyre Basin Agreement and a number of other rangelands alliances, and a panel discussion will address the challenge of how to strengthen collaborative voices for the Rangelands. Presenters and panelists will include:- Greg Campbell, Professor Richard Kingsford, Mike Chuk
11:45am - 12:30pm	Plenary Session - Completing the Fabric In this innovative session we will draw together the learnings from the different threads of the Rangelands Conference: People, Place and Possibilities Where are we headed? - insights from the Conference - Barney Foran Panel of Rangelanders: Integrating discussion
12:30pm - 1:00pm	CHAIRS: Carolyn Ireland & Geoff Mills Young Researcher Prizes & ARS Closing Comments
1:00pm - 2:00pm	ARS CONFERENCE CLOSE and LUNCH
2:00pm - 2:15pm	INTRODUCTION TO AFTERNOON SESSIONS
'PLACE' - What have we learnt about the landscapes, environments and resources of the Basin, and what does this mean for us?	
2:15pm - 2:30pm	Summary overview of key Rangelands Conference papers with important messages about PLACE that are relevant to the LEB
2:30pm - 3:30pm	SESSION TOPIC: What have we learnt about the Lake Eyre Basin - Recent updates to our knowledge of how the Basin functions. Glen Scholz, DWLBC, Adelaide: "Lake Eyre Basin Rivers Assessment" Rachael Young, SAAL NRM Board, Port Augusta: "Arid Rivers Cultural and Natural Heritage Program" Dr Cliff Dahm, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque: "Arid land Rivers of the southwestern United States - An international perspective"
3:30pm - 4:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
4:00pm - 5:00pm	SESSION TOPIC: Community presentations - Implications for the practical business of managing the Basin Qld community speaker (TBA): "The importance of 'place' to a long term landholder" Reg Dodd, Marree, SA: "Aboriginal tourism and land management" Rebecca Cadzow, Mt Riddock Station, NT: "EMS, rotational grazing and buffel grass"
5:00pm - 5:30pm	PLENARY FACILITATED DISCUSSION: Gathering threads - Critical points and issues from the presentations on PLACE
5:30pm - 6:00pm	Poster viewing session
6:30pm	CONFERENCE DINNER - THE RENMARK GOLF CLUB

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2006 - CHAFFEY THEATRE

7:30am

Registration desk open

'PEOPLE' - What have we learnt about the people, communities and economies of the Basin, and what does this mean for us?

8:00am - 8:15am

Summary overview of key Rangelands conference papers with important messages about PEOPLE that are relevant to the LEB

8:15am - 9:15am

SESSION TOPIC: What have we learnt about the Lake Eyre Basin - Recent updates to our knowledge of people, communities, social and economic issues.

Lynn Brake, SAAL NRM Board & Desert Knowledge CRC, Adelaide: "Lake Eyre Basin Social and Economic Review Project"

Gerry Roberts, DPI, Longreach, Qld: "Decision-making practices of land holders in the Desert Uplands, Qld"

Don Blackmore AM: "Institutional and governance arrangements for cross-border dryland river basins- An international perspective"

9:15am - 10:15am

SESSION TOPIC: Community presentations - Implications for the practical business of managing the Basin

Robyn Adams, Stratford Station, Qld: "Community action and involvement from a land manager's perspective"

Bill McIntosh, SA Outback Areas Community Development Trust: "South Australian perspectives on people and livelihoods in the LEB"

Linda Keane, NT Remote Health, Alice Springs: "LEB people and livelihoods from a remote Aboriginal community perspective"

10:15am - 10:45am

MORNING TEA

10:45am - 11:15am

PLENARY FACILITATED DISCUSSION: Gathering threads - Critical points and issues from the presentations on PEOPLE

'POSSIBILITIES' - What issues face us for the future of the Lake Eyre Basin and the LEB Agreement, and how will we deal with them?

11:15am - 11:30am

Overview of key Rangelands conference papers with important messages about POSSIBILITIES that are relevant to the LEB

11:30am - 12:30pm

SESSION TOPIC: Scene setting 1 - Critical considerations for the future of the LEB

Dr Mike Tyler, University of Adelaide: "Future implications of pest threats, contaminants & resulting biosphere change"

Dave Cobon, Qld Centre for Climate Applications, Toowoomba: "Future implications of climate change"

Dr Ian Plowman: "Future implications of social and economic change in rural areas"

12:30pm - 1:30pm

LUNCH

1:30pm - 2:10pm

SESSION TOPIC: Scene setting 2 - Critical considerations for the future of the LEB

Angus Emmott, LEB Community Advisory Committee: "The future for pastoral landholders in the LEB"

2006 LEB Aboriginal Forum representative: "Lake Eyre Basin Aboriginal futures"

2:10pm - 3:00pm

FACILITATED GROUP DISCUSSIONS: Key issues for the future of the LEB

What and where are the most pressing challenges for the natural resources of the Lake Eyre Basin?

3:00pm - 3:30pm

AFTERNOON TEA

3:30pm - 4:15pm

PLENARY FACILITATED DISCUSSION: Where to from here and implications for the LEB Agreement

How might our most pressing challenges be met, and what role will the LEB Agreement have in meeting them? This discussion will provide delegates with an opportunity for input into the 2006 review process for the LEB Agreement.

4:15pm - 4:30pm

CLOSING COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE CLOSE

TAX INVOICE / REGISTRATION FORM
LAKE EYRE BASIN CONFERENCE - RENMARK 2006
ABN 42 008 784 414 (Australian Rangelands Society)

Print clearly and photocopy for your records. Complete ONE form per delegate and return to the Conference Organiser. Upon payment of fees, this form will become your TAX INVOICE. No separate invoice will be issued. Please keep a copy of this form for taxation purposes.

SECTION A: DELEGATE INFORMATION

TITLE: FIRST NAME: SURNAME:
NAME FOR BADGE:
ORGANISATION:
POSTAL ADDRESS: STATE: POSTCODE:
PHONE: MOBILE: EMAIL:
Special Dietary Requirements:

Privacy Act: The Privacy Act 2001 provides that before your name and address details can be published in the list of conference delegates for distribution to fellow delegates or any other party, you must give your consent.

If you DO NOT wish to have your name, address and details included in the list of delegates, you MUST tick here

SECTION A: REGISTRATION FEES

Confirmation of your Conference Registration will be sent to you within 10 working days from receipt of your registration form.

Please circle one.

Full Registration Fees	\$200.00
Discounted for land managers or land owners	\$100.00

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SECTION A: Sub-Total of Registration Fee A\$

SECTION C: FIELD TOURS

Costs for all field tours include dinner at Banrock Station.

<input type="checkbox"/> TOUR ONE (Pastoral) Conservation and Tourism in a Pastoral Landscape	\$70.00
<input type="checkbox"/> TOUR TWO (Gluepot) Conservation and Tourism in a Pastoral Landscape	\$70.00
<input type="checkbox"/> TOUR THREE (Chowilla) Managing issues on the Chowilla Floodplain	\$90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> TOUR FOUR (Banrock) Afternoon tour to Banrock Station	\$50.00

SECTION C: Sub-Total of Field Tour Fee A\$

SECTION C: SOCIAL PROGRAM

EVENT	COST PER TICKET	NO. OF TICKETS	TOTAL COST
Dinner at Banrock Station (Wednesday 6 Sep) (INCLUDED for field tour participants)	\$50.00		
LEB Conference Dinner (Thursday 7 Sep) (INCLUDED in registration fees for delegates)	\$45.00		

SECTION C: Sub-Total for Social Program A\$

SECTION D: BUS TRANSPORT TO RENMARK

		COST PER TICKET	NO. OF TICKETS	TOTAL COST
Sunday 3 September	Adelaide to Renmark	\$38		
Tuesday 5 September	Adelaide to Renmark	\$38		
Wednesday 6 September	Adelaide to Renmark	\$38		
Thursday 7 September	Renmark to Adelaide	\$38		
Friday 8 September	Renmark to Adelaide	\$38		

SECTION D: Sub-Total of Bus Transport A\$

SECTION F: PAYMENT

SECTION B Registration Fee A\$

SECTION C Field Tour Program A\$

SECTION D Social Program A\$

SECTION E Bus Transport A\$

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED A\$

Please take a copy of this form and send with payment to:

Intercomm Event Coordination
 22 Edmund Ave, Unley SA 5061
 Fax (08) 8357 3378
 Email: snicolson@internode.on.net

Cheque - please make cheques payable to "The Department of Environment and Heritage"

Credit Card - please charge the total amount to the following credit card.

Master Card

Visa Card

Bankcard

AMEX or Diners Club Cards not accepted.

Cardholders Name:

Credit Card Number: Expiry Date: / /

Signature: Date: