



ICE WaRM Seminar Series

ICE WaRM Presents a free short seminar

Renewing water resources management in South Africa – changing role, form and context for science

One of the keys to learning in management is to be able to perceive generic elements of ones own situation in that of others. If one can do this, it gives one the advantage of learning valuable lessons at somebody else's expense. Australia and South Africa have many lessons to learn and many to offer each other in our endeavours to implement integrated water resources management (IWRM). The people of both countries are on a learning journey through largely uncharted territory and the challenges are daunting. One of the first lessons to become evident in both countries is that integrated water resources management cannot be based on dis-integrated science.

As a Bio-resources Engineer and management development professional, working in an academic and research capacity in South Africa since 1975, Mark says he has been privileged to experience & witness many changes. These include the advent of computer simulation modeling, the internet, GIS, the birth of a democratic South Africa and its subsequent struggles with itself, the growing world consciousness to global climate change, alarming environment degradation and also the recognition of the dangers in the growing gap over natural resource sharing between rich and poor. In South Africa these changes have stimulated world acclaimed policy and legislation in water and natural resources management and at the same time shown up severe deficiencies in South Africa's ability to implement these policies. Against this backdrop significant dynamics have occurred in the realm of water related expertise that is so desperately needed in the socio-scientific-learning required to cope with integrated water resources management.

Mark is in Australia to present a 6 city seminar series as a guest of the CSIRO and is being sponsored primarily by the International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management (ICE WaRM).

WHEN Wednesday 27 February 2008
3.30pm for afternoon tea followed by seminar at 4pm

WHERE Charles Hawker Conference Centre, entrance through Gate 3, Waite Road, Urrbrae

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The Visit is being sponsored primarily by the CSIRO and ICE WaRM. Dr Keith L. Bristow, CSIRO is the visit Co-ordinator & overall Host.



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