

Wise Water Ways presents:
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TIME

4.00—4.45pm

VENUE

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Transforming river management – what works?

As a land of “drought and flooding rains” Australia has had more reason than most countries to experiment with innovative river management. However, despite considerable investments, our river management institutions have struggled to break out of the “hydro-illogical cycle” of short term fixes following extreme events, which then unravel. I venture to suggest that the Murray-Darling Basin Plan will need reform to avoid this fate.

In this presentation I will focus on what Australia can learn from other countries from my research on six rivers and nine jurisdictions. A key question is why did significant reform persist, or not, in these cases where societies implemented major changes? Further, how can we apply these lessons to emerging threats to river health, such as from societal responses to climate change?

Dr Jamie Pittock (BSc, Monash; PhD, ANU) is Associate Professor in the Fenner School of Environment and Society at The Australian National University. He is also Director of International Programs for the UNESCO Chair in Water at ANU. Jamie worked for environmental organisations in Australia and internationally from 1989-2007, including as Director of WWF’s Global Freshwater Programme from 2001-2007. His research from 2007 has focussed on better governance of the interlinked issues of water management, energy and food supply, responding to climate change and conserving biological diversity. Jamie directs research programs on irrigation in Africa, hydropower and food production in the Mekong region, and sustainable water management in the Murray-Darling Basin. He is a member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, the board of Water Stewardship Asia-Pacific, and is a scientific adviser to WWF Australia. Dr Pittock teaches courses on environment and society as well as on climate change adaptation.

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