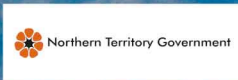


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## LEB MAP

# The LAKE EYRE BASIN

1.2 million km<sup>2</sup>

One sixth of Australia



# **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

LEB CONFERENCE PROGRAM – RENMARK 2006

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2006 – CHAFFEY THEATRE - COMBINED ARS / LEB CONFERENCE	
<p><b>CHAIR &amp; Facilitator</b> M. Stafford Smith</p>	<p><b>SESSION TOPIC: Desertification and Ecological Legacy</b> (This session's papers are in the Australian Rangelands Society Conference Proceedings)</p> <p><b>Introduction:</b> <i>Mark Stafford Smith</i></p> <p><b>Key Speaker:</b> <i>Philip Young</i> "Desertification in rangelands - an international perspective on technology, institutions and policy"</p> <p><i>Hugh Pringle:</i> "Missing the Point: Desiccation, homogenisation and impoverishment of the Australian rangelands as living ecosystems"</p> <p><i>Angas Hopkins:</i> "What is the ecological legacy of pastoral 'development' in the Gascoyne River catchment of Western Australia, and how might we deal with this?"</p> <p><b>Discussion,</b> also drawing upon relevant posters</p>
<p>10:00am– 10:30am</p>	<p><b>MORNING TEA</b></p>
<p><b>CHAIR &amp; Facilitator</b> Don Burnside</p>	<p><b>SESSION TOPIC: Alliances in the Rangelands—Lake Eyre Basin and other examples</b></p> <p><i>Greg Campbell:</i> "Capturing the Border Cheque – Catchment Management in the Lake Eyre Basin"</p> <p><i>Richard Kingsford:</i> "Lake Eyre Basin – the role and involvement of Science and Scientists"</p> <p><i>Mike Chuk:</i> "A Government perspective on the Lake Eyre Basin Story"</p> <p><i>Rod Ferdinands:</i> "The Rangelands NRM Groups Network"</p> <p><i>Joy Taylor:</i> "Desert Knowledge Australia Linked Business Networks Project"</p> <p><i>Joc Schmiechen:</i> "Cross-Border Tourism Initiative"</p> <p>(<i>Sharon Hocking, Board Member, Desert Knowledge Australia, will also join the discussion panel</i>)</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> How can Rangelands alliances be built and strengthened?</p>
<p><b>CHAIR &amp; Facilitator</b> Carol Ireland</p>	<p><b>Plenary Session – Completing the Fabric</b></p> <p>This session will draw together what we have learnt from the different threads of our Conference including the field tours.</p> <p><b>Where are we headed?</b> - Insights from the Conference – <i>Barney Foran</i></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> including the Daily Musterers (Andrew Ash, George Cooley, Paul Williams) and Barney Foran</p>
<p><b>CLOSING</b> Geoff Mills</p>	<p><b>YOUNG RESEARCHER PRIZES:</b> to be presented by <i>Peter Marin and Geoff Mills</i></p> <p><b>ARS CONFERENCE CLOSING COMMENT:</b> <i>Geoff Mills</i>, Chair of the Conference Organising Committee</p>
<p><b>ARS CONFERENCE CLOSE and LUNCH</b></p>	

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INTRODUCTION TO LAKE EYRE BASIN SESSIONS	
<b>'PLACE' - What have we learnt about the landscapes, environments and resources of the Basin, and what does this mean for us?</b>	
<b>CHAIR:</b> Angus Emmott	Summary Overview of key Rangelands Conference papers with important messages about PLACE that are relevant to the LEB
	<p><b>SESSION TOPIC: What have we learnt about the Lake Eyre Basin — Recent updates to our knowledge of how the Basin functions.</b></p> <p><i>Glen Scholz, DWLBC, Adelaide: "The Lake Eyre Basin and Dryland Rivers"</i></p> <p><i>Rachael Young, SAAL NRM Board, Pt Augusta and Chris Raymond, DWLBC, Adelaide: "Mapping landscape values and biological attributes for balancing pastoral production and conservation management in Neales and Macumba River Catchments"</i></p> <p><i>Dr Cliff Dahm, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque: "Arid land rivers of the southwestern United States – An international perspective"</i></p>
3:35pm – 4:00pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
<b>CHAIR:</b> Angus Emmott	<p><b>SESSION TOPIC: Community presentations—Implications for the practical business of managing the Basin</b></p> <p><i>Adie Bode, Woura Station, Torrens Creek, Qld: "The importance of 'place' to a long-term landholder"</i></p> <p><i>Reg Dodd, Marree, SA: "Aboriginal Tourism and Land Management in the Lake Eyre Basin: Arabunna Aboriginal Tours"</i></p> <p><i>Rebecca Cadzow, Mt Riddock Station, NT: "Environmental Management Systems, rotational grazing and Buffel Grass"</i></p> <p><b>PLenary FACILITATED DISCUSSION: Gathering threads—Critical points and issues from the presentations on PLACE</b></p> <p><b>FACILITATOR:</b> Ian Plowman</p>
5:30pm – 6:00pm	Poster viewing session
7.00pm	<b>LEB CONFERENCE DINNER, THE RENMARK GOLF &amp; COUNTRY CLUB</b>

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2006 – CHAFFEY THEATRE	
<b>'PEOPLE' - What have we learnt about the people, communities and economies of the Basin, and what does this mean for us?</b>	
<b>CHAIR:</b> Nigel Kelly	Summary overview of key Rangelands conference papers with important messages about PEOPLE that are relevant to the LEB
	<p><b>SESSION TOPIC: What have we learnt about the Lake Eyre Basin—Recent updates to our knowledge of people, communities, social and economic issues.</b></p> <p><i>Lynn Brake, SAAL NRM Board &amp; Desert Knowledge CRC, Adelaide: "People, Communities and Economies of the Lake Eyre Basin"</i></p> <p><i>Margaret House, Fortuna Station, Aramac, QLD: "Understanding Natural Resource Decision Making in Queensland's Desert Uplands"</i></p> <p><i>John Scanlon, Murray Darling Basin Commission: "River basin organizations across the Globe – a brief snap shot"</i></p>



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	<p><b>SESSION TOPIC: Community presentations—Implications for the practical business of managing the Basin</b></p> <p><i>Robyn Adams, Stratford Station, QLD: "Community action and involvement from a land manager's perspective"</i></p> <p><i>Bill McIntosh, SA Outback Areas Community Development Trust: "South Australian Perspectives on People &amp; Livelihoods in the LEB — Keeping US in "the bUSh".. people living in our rangelands as a key to long term NRM"</i></p> <p><i>Linda Keane, NT Remote Health, Alice Springs: "People and livelihoods from a remote Aboriginal community perspective"</i></p>
10:25am-10:55am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
CHAIR: Nigel Kelly	<p><b>PLENARY FACILITATED DISCUSSION: Gathering threads—Critical points and issues from the presentations on PEOPLE</b></p> <p><b>FACILITATOR:</b> Ian Plowman</p>
<p><b>'POSSIBILITIES' - What issues face us for the future of the Lake Eyre Basin and the LEB Agreement, and how will we deal with them?</b></p>	
CHAIR: Mark Stafford Smith	<p>Summary overview of key Rangelands conference papers with important messages about POSSIBILITIES that are relevant to the LEB</p>
	<p><b>SESSION TOPIC: Scene-setting 1 — Critical considerations for the future of the LEB</b></p> <p><i>Dr Mike Tyler, University of Adelaide, SA: "Future implications of pest threats and environmentally induced faunal change"</i></p> <p><i>Craig Clifton, Sinclair Knight Merz, Bendigo, Vic: "Future implications of climate change in the Lake Eyre Basin"</i></p> <p><i>Dr Ian Plowman: "Future implications for social and economic change in rural areas"</i></p>
12:40pm-1:35pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
CHAIR: Mark Stafford Smith	<p><b>SESSION TOPIC: Scene-setting 2 — Critical considerations for the future of the LEB</b></p> <p><i>Angus Emmott, LEB Community Advisory Committee: "The future of pastoralism in the Lake Eyre Basin"</i></p> <p><i>George Cooley, 2006 LEB Aboriginal Forum representative: "Aboriginal involvement in the Lake Eyre Basin Agreement"</i></p>
	<p><b>FACILITATED GROUP DISCUSSIONS: Key issues for the future of the LEB</b></p> <p>What and where are the most pressing challenges for the natural resources of the Lake Eyre Basin?</p> <p><b>FACILITATOR:</b> Ian Plowman</p>
3:05pm – 3:35pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
CHAIR: Mark Stafford Smith	<p><b>PLENARY FACILITATED DISCUSSION: Where to from here and implications for the LEB Agreement</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>FACILITATOR:</b> Ian Plowman</p>
4:20pm – 4:35pm	<b>CLOSING COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE CLOSE</b>