

## Conference Program

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

9.00 am Welcome by Professor Anne Edwards, VC Flinders University.

9.10 am Keynote Speaker,  
Professor Chris West

Student Presentations

10.30 am Tea Break

Student Presentations

12.20 pm Lunch

Student Presentations

3.00 pm Tea Break

Student Presentations

5.30 pm Conference Social Event

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

9.00 am Keynote Speaker,  
Dr Sue Murray-Jones

Post Doc Presentations

10.20 am Tea Break

Student Presentations

12.00 pm Lunch

Student Presentations

3.20 pm Tea Break

Student Presentations

Presentation of Student Prizes and Conference  
Close

**If you would like any further information on the conference program or would like to attend this conference, please RSVP to Dr Gillian Napier, Project Co-ordinator by the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2007.**

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## Flinders Research Centre For Coastal & Catchments Environments and Flinders Bioknowledge

# POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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**Tuesday – Wednesday  
17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

**8.30am – 5.30pm Lecture Theatre 1  
Flinders Medical School  
Flinders University**

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## The Flinders Research Centre For Coastal and Catchment Environments (FR3cE)

The Flinders Research Centre for Coastal and Catchment Environments (FR3cE) brings together academic staff from the Faculties of Science and Engineering, Health Sciences and Social Sciences with research expertise, which encompasses the whole water cycle. FR3cE will conduct research, in partnership with external organisations, which is consistent with Donald Schultz's vision that his Bequest aid

“scientific study and research into the environment and ecology of South Australia with the intent that information and knowledge so gained shall be applied to or made available for the preservation of the environment and ecology of South Australia and elsewhere”.



## FLINDERS BIOKNOWLEDGE

The Flinders Bioknowledge research group is focussed on conducting research on Australia’s biodiversity and landscapes and for interpreting the outcomes of such research for a wide variety of end-users. Bioknowledge builds upon a great breadth of expertise of over 25 Flinders University Staff members working across fields such as ecology, and conservation biology, landscape ecology, ecotourism, cultural tourism, earth sciences, geography, screen studies and environmental education. Flinders Bioknowledge emphasises a multidisciplinary and collaborative approach in providing and interpreting information on the diverse processes that effect the conservation and functioning of Australia’s biodiversity and landscapes.

## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The FR3cE/Bioknowledge Postgraduate Research Conference brings together postgraduate researchers in ‘coasts & catchments’ and ‘biodiversity’ related research, to practice their presentation skills in a friendly atmosphere, to find out about what other researchers are doing and to stimulate discussions on opportunities for collaboration and furthering common research interests. The conference is an annual event and gives postgraduate researchers the opportunity to present each year of their candidature.

The conference will give students the opportunity to try-out presentations, which they may already be planning to give at national or international venues, and we encourage them to use this forum as a practice platform for other events. Other attendees of this conference will be university researchers and invitees from the public and private sectors, particularly those from the areas of water supply/distribution, environmental health and catchment management, science and technology industries, plus representatives from local and state government authorities and community groups.

## INVITED SPEAKER: PROFESSOR CHRIS WEST

Dr West, a former Zoological Director of the Zoological Society of London Zoo, recently arrived in Australia to take up his position with Zoos South Australia. He said the effect of threatened and actual species losses, along with climate change, drought and water

resource shortages and carbon emissions on human society and our economies is increasingly hitting the headlines. Dr West said that as a conservationist who worked through the zoos, he sees his challenge as motivating visitors not only to think about what is happening, but also to respond in a positive and constructive way. "I want South Australians to be more and informed about and understand the value of our natural heritage, and what we can do to conserve it for future generations," he said. "Flinders researchers have the same objective."



## INVITED SPEAKER: DR SUE MURRAY-JONES

Sue did her PhD at the University of Wollongong in marine ecology, specialising in the population and conservation biology of the pipi (called Goolwa cockles here). She did a stint working on recruitment, movement and population biology of the blue crab at SARDI before moving to the Department for Environment and Heritage, where she does a bit of everything, but specialises in aquaculture issues. Sue has worked as a freelance writer, consultant, and marine educator for longer than she cares to remember, after starting her working life doing research in Biophysics.