



NATIONAL MALLEEFOWL FORUM

Renmark, South Australia
29th July – 1st August 2011

Registration

Date: Friday 29th July – Monday 1st August 2011

Location: Renmark Hotel, Murray Avenue, Renmark, South Australia

Synopsis:

The Organising Committee of the 2011 fourth National Malleefowl Forum takes pleasure in inviting you to attend the above Forum to be held at the Renmark Hotel, Renmark, South Australia.

The National Malleefowl Forum will review progress in improving the conservation status of the Malleefowl *Leipoa ocellata* and exchange new information about its biology and management. Progress on Malleefowl conservation will be reviewed in each state, and the application of research findings to management will be discussed. **The major themes of the Forum are:**

- **The role of community groups in Malleefowl conservation;**
- **Adaptive Management for arid zone ecosystem management;**
- **The role of genetics in Malleefowl conservation;**
- **The role of fire in Malleefowl conservation;**
- **Malleefowl and remnants; and**
- **Landscape-scale restoration projects**

The National Malleefowl Forum aims to:

- **Bring together community groups, individuals, agencies and corporations working with Malleefowl in Australia to share information and experiences;**
- **Discuss the National Recovery Plan for Malleefowl and review progress;**
- **Discuss related issues of interest, particularly: fires, ecosystem and habitat management and restoration, and fragmentation;**
- **Develop recommendations and strategies to improve the long-term management and conservation of Malleefowl.**

The 2011 Forum will comprise of registration and pre-forum refreshments on the Friday evening; 2 days of presentations on Saturday and Sunday; and optional post-conference field trip on the Monday.

Speakers:

An impressive group of speakers from a variety of backgrounds will be presenting at the National Malleefowl Forum. These include:

- Taneal Cope, presenting on Population Genetics and Malleefowl, PhD Research
- Dr Blair Parsons, presenting on Malleefowl and Fire, Southwest Western Australia, PhD Research
- Prof Andrew Bennett, presenting on Mallee Fire and Biodiversity Research Project
- Dr Joe Benshemesh, will present on Adaptive Management and the National Database, among other things

Registrations should be received by Friday 24th June 2011

Program Outline:

Friday 29th July (4 pm – 7.30 pm)

- Registration Opens 4.00 pm
- Pre-forum refreshments 5.30 – 7.30 pm

Saturday 30th July (8.30 am – 5.30 pm, Conference Dinner 7 pm)

- Official Conference Opening
- Aboriginal Welcome
- Aims of the Forum
- Keynote Address
- Individual state reports
- Oral presentations
- Poster presentations
- Conference Dinner at Renmark Hotel 7pm

Sunday 31st July (9 am – 5 pm)

- Keynote address
- Invited speakers and oral presentations
- Discussion session on recommendations
- Poster presentations
- Optional Dinner at the Malleefowl Restaurant 7pm
check their website: www.malleefowlrestaurant.com/ - please register your interest

Monday 1st August

Fantastic Field Trips! All Forum attendees are welcome to stay on for optional activities in the Riverland to explore our unique environment

1. River Breakfast Cruise – see the Murray after the Big Wet
2. Mallee nature lovers
3. Wetland wonders

- **Option 1: River Breakfast Cruise – see the Murray after the Big Wet**

Cost per person including 2hr cruise and breakfast: \$45 – pay on boarding. Time: 8.00am – 10.00am

The Big River Rambler will cruise you down the majestic River Murray, starting and finishing at Renmark. Entertaining commentary on the ecology and history of the River is provided. The large cruiser boat is fully heated with large glass windows for viewing in wintertime, and if the weather is fine an upper outdoor deck provides an up close experience with waterbirds, fish and River Red Gums, as well as historic Riverland settlements and conservation parks. See the River at its finest as the region experiences some of the largest flows in decades. Breakfast provided on board.

- **Option 2: Mallee nature lovers**

Cost per person including transport, lunch and donation to McCormick Centre: \$15. Time: 8.00am – 1.00pm Pay on arrival at Forum Registration desk

Local naturalists will guide you through Cooltong Conservation Park, nearby to Renmark, renowned for unique plants to the region and with an interesting understory of Spinifex and chenopod shrubs. Cooltong includes one of South Australian's regularly monitored Malleefowl grids, as well as threatened mallee birds such as Striated Grasswrens.

Lunch is provided back in Renmark at the McCormick Centre for the Environment, where you can explore the centre's exceptional educational facilities and learn about our unique Mallee and River environments.

- **Option 3: Wetland wonders**

Cost per person including transport, lunch and donation to McCormick Centre: \$15. Time: 8.00am – 1.00pm Pay on arrival at Forum Registration desk

For those with a freshwater interest, our NatureLinks officer will guide you through Chowilla floodplain and the environmental watering project currently underway. As the largest wetland complex in the Lower Murray, Chowilla is a RAMSAR site of international importance, and is home to an array of waterbirds, fish and floodplain species.

Lunch is provided back in Renmark at the McCormick Centre for the Environment.

A full program will be available in due course, and will be posted on the following websites:

- Department of Environment & Natural Resources SA: www.environment.sa.gov.au/
- Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group: www.malleefowlvictoria.org.au/

You can also indicate on your registration form if you would like a final program posted to you.

General Information

Conference Venue:

Renmark Hotel, Murray Avenue, Renmark, SA 5341
Phone: (08) 8586 6755
Fax: (08) 8586 6186
Email: reception@renmarkhotel.com.au

Getting there:

Road (car, bus)

From Adelaide via the Sturt Highway (A20); from Melbourne take the Calder Hwy (A79) via Bendigo to Mildura, then Sturt Hwy (A20) to Renmark. From Sydney take the Mid-Western Hwy (24) to the Sturt Hwy (A20). Renmark is 250km from Adelaide, 700km from Melbourne, and 1230km from Sydney by road.

Bus services:

- **Premier Stateliner** 4 hour trip Adelaide to Renmark, ~\$49.65 one way; enquiries (08) 8415 5500 or bookings (08) 8415 5555 or www.premierstateliner.com.au
- **Greyhound Australia** Service runs from Sydney to Adelaide, stopping at Renmark (~\$180 one way). Service also picks up from Mildura to Renmark (~\$45 one way). 1300 473 946 or www.greyhound.com.au
- **VLINE Train & Bus** Service runs from Melbourne Southern Cross Station to Mildura, (train to Bendigo or Swan Hill and bus to Mildura) - \$74 return approx: enquiries (03) 8608 5011 or www.vline.com.au

Air

There are no direct flights into Renmark. The nearest regional centre is Mildura - Qantas and Regional Express (REX) fly from Melbourne to Mildura several times per day; Virgin flies from Sydney and Melbourne to Mildura, once per day. Check websites for times: www.qantas.com.au/ www.rex.com.au/ www.virginblue.com.au

Accommodation:

Renmark offers a wide range of accommodation options to suit everyone's budget. The Renmark Paringa Visitor Information Centre is your 'one-stop-shop' for all your visitor Information needs.

Renmark Paringa Visitor Information Centre, 84 Murray Avenue, Renmark SA 5341

Phone: 1300 661 704

Email: tourist@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au

Call 1300 661 704 for enquiries or www.visitrenmark.com/visitor-information-centre/

Renmark Hotel 4★ Standard accommodation rates per night for 2011:

Room type	Single or Twin/Double
Executive ground floor room (12 rooms)	\$105
Executive upstairs room (13 rooms)	\$115
Deluxe upstairs room (6 rooms)	\$140
Deluxe spa room (3 rooms)	\$140

For bookings contact: 1800 736 627 Toll Free or www.renmarkhotel.com.au Free continental breakfast included (mention you are here for the National Malleefowl Forum).

Calperum Station – Dormitory-style budget accommodation located 12 minutes drive from Renmark. Thirteen rooms available, 3 beds in each room (single or bunk). \$16.50 per bed per night. Own bedding required. Self catering – camp kitchen available.

For bookings contact Karen Brown (08) 8595 7359

Big4 Renmark Riverfront Caravan Park – Accommodation ranging from 3 bedroom river-front villas (\$145/night), standard cabin-no bathroom (\$82/night), powered site (\$30/night)

For bookings contact: 1300 664 612 Toll Free or www.big4renmark.com.au

Ventura Motel 3½★ (Gold Chain Motel) 234 Renmark Avenue, Renmark. Rates start at \$76 Standard Single/night; \$81 Double Standard/night, \$86 Superior Single/night, \$97 Superior Double/night. 10% discount on stays of 2 nights or more.

For bookings contact 1300 626 721 Toll Free or www.venturamotel.com.au/

Comfort Inn Citrus Valley 3½★ 210 Renmark Avenue, Renmark. Rates start at \$92 Single/night; \$97 Double/night. Free continental breakfast included.

For bookings contact (08) 8586 6717 or www.citrusvalleymotel.com.au

Registration Fees

Due to an allocation of Offsets Funds from Iluka Resources Ltd's Malleefowl Committee of Management, we have been able to keep Registration Fees very low, especially for community volunteers. Community volunteers include people who participate in Malleefowl conservation activities on a voluntary basis.

\$65 per person standard registration

\$35 per person community volunteers

Registration fees include:

- Participation in all sessions
- Refreshments Friday Night
- Morning and afternoon teas (Saturday & Sunday)
- Lunch (Saturday & Sunday)
- Forum Proceedings
- Conference Dinner – **Volunteers Only** (Saturday night)

Registration and Payment Options

- Telephone, Fax or Post
- Credit cards (MasterCard & Visa) are accepted
- Direct EFT Transfer
- Cheques made payable to: Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Additional people:

Additional tickets are available for social functions and field trips

- Refreshments Friday night \$25
- Conference Dinner Saturday night \$35
- Optional field tours (important to register interest)

Register by telephone

For further enquiries and telephone registration call:

Holly Schleyer or

Sharon Gillam

Phone: (08) 8222 9308

Phone: 08) 8222 9459 / Email: sharon.gillam@sa.gov.au

Have your credit card details ready

Fax

Please fax your completed registration form to:

Holly Schleyer

Administrative Officer

Department of Environment and Natural Resources, SA

Fax: (08) 8222 9457

Post

Send completed registration form and payment to:

Holly Schleyer

Administrative Officer

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

PO Box 2732

Kent Town South Australia 5071



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Department of Environment
and Natural Resources



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Registration Form

Please complete in **BLOCK LETTERS** and fax back to:
Holly Schleyer (08) 8222 9457

Name: _____
 Position: _____
 Email: _____
 Organisation: _____
 Address: _____

 City: _____ State: _____
 Country: _____ Post Code: _____
 Tel: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____
 Name Badge Preference: _____
 Special dietary requirements: _____

Forum Registration Fee:

<u>Standard Registration</u>	\$ 65	\$.....
Includes pre-Forum mixer, lunches, morning & afternoon teas and Forum proceedings		
<u>Community volunteer</u>	\$ 35	\$.....
Includes pre-Forum mixer, lunches, morning & afternoon teas, Forum proceedings and Forum Dinner		
<u>Forum Dinner</u>	\$ 35	\$.....
(3 course, not including drinks)		
<u>Additional Tickets</u>		
Drinks & nibbles Fri night	\$25	\$.....
Conference Dinner Sat night	\$35	\$.....
Total Cost		\$.....

Please indicate if you would be interested in participating in an optional dinner at the Malleefowl Restaurant on Sunday night (31/7/11) and/or one of the optional field trips on Monday (1/8/11)

- Malleefowl Restaurant** **YES** **NO** circle one
Field Trip 1 River cruise **YES** **NO** circle one
Field Trip 2 Nature lovers **YES** **NO** circle one
Field Trip 3 Wetland wonders.... **YES** **NO** circle one

Please indicate if you would like a full program posted to you, when available **YES** **NO** circle one

Method of payment

Credit Card:

Please debit my Visa MasterCard (please tick one)

Card Holder's Name: _____

Card Number:

Expiry Date: _____ / _____

Security Code:

Signature: _____

I wish to pay by **Direct Transfer** (pls tick if using this option)

Electronic funds transfer banking details:

Account Name: Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Financial Institution: Westpac

BSB: 035502

Account Number: 140046

All EFT remittance advices **MUST** be faxed to (08) 8204 9344 or emailed to: DENRActsRcvEFT@sa.gov.au

Please ensure that the lodgement reference field is completed (18 characters) with MFConf (and your surname, or any part thereof)

I wish to pay by **cheque** **money order** (please tick one)

Cheque/Money Order made payable to: Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Confirmation Details:

After receiving payment a receipt will be issued. If you do not receive a receipt two weeks prior to the event, please contact Holly Schleyer (08) 8222 9308 or Sharon Gillam (08) 8222 9459

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