

WATER LAB



A Floating Land Event Sat 04.06.11 & Sun 05.06.11

If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate.

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WATER LAB PROGRAM Saturday 4th June *When the River Runs Dry*

	TOPIC	TIME	PEOPLE	BLURB
SESSION ONE	Welcome to Country	9am	Lyndon Davis	
	Introductions & Overview	9:15am – 10:10am	Tega Brain Ilka Blue Nelson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WATER LAB opening address & overview • ‘Lightning Talks’ - Tega & Ilka Blue will introduce keynotes, panellists & participants with flash focus on each person. Expect provocations with an ecological edge. • Grounding Exercise: creating space for LAB participants to situate themselves & prepare for a weekend of rigorous engagement on our water futures.
	Keynote 1 Wet Power	10:10am – 10:40am	Claudia Baldwin	Big picture global politics of future water management and governance with a focus on sustainability.
	Panel 1 Watershed	10.40am -11:30am (including Q & A)	Alyssa Vass Ben McMullen Dr Tamsin Kerr with Claudia Baldwin	Panellists will respond to the opening keynote from their field of expertise and explore how water could connect and divide us in reimagining a future on a spectrum between water as power and water as commons.
SESSION TWO	HYDRATE	12:30pm – 12:40pm	Ilka & Tega	A chance to refill your water bottle. Put your feet up and soak in the LAB while we douse the space with a collection of water inspired creations.
	Keynote 2 The Bang & the Echo	12.40pm – 1.10pm	Ramon Guardans	The world is full of jumping spectra. How to perceive risk & advantage in uncertain environments, how to imagine & describe the responses to them as an organism. Looking at the spectral features of long term water management systems.
	Panel 2 Headwaters & Ripples	1:10pm – 2:00pm (including Q & A)	Lyndon Davis Barbara Carseldine Christine Ballinger with Ramon Guardans	Panellists join Ramon Guardans to discuss historical examples & future scenarios of shifting paradigms in local and global water management. We ask speakers to address ideas of scale & interconnectedness as it applies to water.
	HYDRATE	2:00pm – 2:15pm	Ilka & Tega	A chance to refill your water bottle. Put your feet up and soak in the LAB while we douse the space with a collection of water inspired creations.
SESSION THREE	Keynote 3 Water Works	2:15pm – 2:45pm	Ros Bandt	Human attitudes to water storage articulated through sound, From the Australian water tank to the Yerebetan cistern and back. How can creative responses, methodologies or thinking, shift actions towards water globally?
	Panel 3 Confluence	Panel Discussion 2:45pm – 3:35pm	Michael O’Dwyer Krishna Nahow-Ryall Jo Tito with Ros Bandt	Panellists explore the ‘shoreline’ as a metaphor of connection to critique if creative practice/knowledge has the necessary elements to activate/mediate between thinking & doing – especially in context of our water futures.
	CATCHMENT	3:40pm – 4:00pm	Ilka & Tega	A participatory group exercise to capture the wellspring of ideas we’ve tapped in to today while they are still afloat.

PROGRAM WATER LAB Sunday 5th June *When the Waters Break*

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SESSION FOUR	Reading the Waters	9am – 9:30am	Ilka & Tega	Day 2 kicks off by submerging participants in a 'speed dating' exercise where you'll be asked to share a torrent of responses to critical water questions with a creative twist!
	Creating Life	9:30am – 11:00am	Feral Arts Michael O'Dwyer DL 'West' Marrin Global Waters Waterwheel	A Pecha Kuchu style session showcasing current creative projects & innovative technologies addressing environmental water matters locally and afar.
	HYDRATE	11:00am – 11:15am	Ilka & Tega	A chance to refill your water bottle. Put your feet up and soak in the LAB while we douse the space with a collection of water inspired creations.
	Elemental – People from Place	11:15am – 12:15pm	Nicky Davis Hartono Barmah-Millewa Krishna Nahow-Ryall Jo Tito with Di Mills	Exploring Indigenous and Generational knowledge systems and how political & corporate attempts to govern water affect the cultural and ritual practices of water in communities.
SESSION FIVE	Runoff	1:15pm – 3:15pm	Ilka & Tega	Designed as a sequence of interactive exercises, this session is an opportunity & a platform for participants to speak up & contribute their ideas. We'll collaborate in determining how to best harness the energy surging from all the WATER LAB conversations, ideas & visions into actions that explore new paradigms for our collective water future.
	HYDRATE	3:15pm – 3:30pm	Ilka & Tega	A chance to refill your water bottle. Put your feet up and soak in the LAB while we douse the space with a collection of water inspired creations.
	Words from the Deep	3:30pm – 4pm	Ilka Blue Nelson Jo Tito Leah Barclay	The 10 days of Floating Land has been a river of experiences. As we near the river mouth, we want to mark this shared journey with a culturally rich offering. It is said that storytelling comes from the same time that creation began and so it is befitting to end WATER LAB with cultural water stories from the beginning.
Close of Symposium				

We're all downstream.

Ecologist's motto adopted by Margaret & Jim Drescher

Water is the one substance from which the earth can conceal nothing; it sucks out its innermost secrets and brings them to our very lips - Jean Giraudoux In every glass of water we drink, some of the water has already passed through fishes, trees, bacteria, worms in the soil, and many other organisms, including people - Elliot A. Norse If you could tomorrow morning make water clean in the world, you would have done, in one fell swoop, the best thing you could have done for improving human health by improving environmental quality - William C. Clark Life originated in the sea, and about eighty percent of it is still there - Isaac Asimov Water is fluid, soft, and yielding. But water will wear away rock, which is rigid and cannot yield. As a rule, whatever is fluid, soft, and yielding will overcome whatever is rigid and hard. This is another paradox: what is soft is strong. - Lao-Tzu (600 B.C.) A little water clears us of this deed - Shakespeare, Macbeth, Act 2, Scene 2, 1.68 To live by a large river is to be kept in the heart of things - John Haines Anything else you're interested in is not going to happen if you can't breathe the air and drink the water. Don't sit this one out. Do something. You are by accident of fate alive at an absolutely critical moment in the history of our planet - Carl Sagan Water is the only drink for a wise man - Henry Thoreau If there is poetry in my book about the sea, it is not because I deliberately put it there, but because no one could write truthfully about the sea and leave out the poetry - Rachel Carson The real conflict of the beach is not between sea and shore, for theirs is only a lover's quarrel, but between man and nature. On the beach, nature has achieved a dynamic equilibrium that is alien to man and his static sense of equilibrium. Once a line has been established, whether it be a shoreline or a property line, man unreasonably expects it to stay put - G. Soucie Only a fool tests the depth of the water with both feet - African Proverb The deeper the waters are, the more still they run - Korean Proverb If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water - Loran Easley No one can see their reflection in running water. It is only in still water that we can see - Taoist proverb Our bodies are moulded rivers - Novalis Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backward - George Carlin Water flows humbly to the lowest level - Lao-Tzu In time and with water, everything changes - Leonardo da Vinci Thousands have lived without love, not one without water - W.H. Auden The frog does not drink up the pond in which he lives - Native American Proverb Water is the life for us all. It's the main part. If we are gonna loose that I don't know where we are gonna stand. If that water go away, everything will die. That's the power of water. He connect with the land. Pukarrikarra (the dreaming) put 'em all together. One life - John 'Dudu' Nangkiriyn

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