



River Management: Australian Perspectives

Evening Seminar

Hosted by **JACOBS**

Wednesday 15 June 2016 at Jacobs Winnersh office, Berkshire

4:30 pm for a 5 pm start (to conclude approximately 7 pm)

FREE for members; non-members £30 | Light refreshments provided

Join the RRC and some friends from down under for an informal evening of stories and discussion about Australian river restoration.

Dr Siwan Lovett, Director of the Australian River Restoration Centre, is visiting and has offered to share her river restoration experiences gained over 20 years in the field. Jasmine Errey, River Restoration Advisor at the [UK] RRC, has jumped on board and is excited to join the discussion with her own experiences in Australian catchment management.

To read about the seminar and speakers, see over page.



the Murrumbidgee River

Places are limited; first in first served! To register, email events@theRRC.co.uk, specifying your name, organisation and contact details. For any queries, call Jasmine at RRC on 01234 752 979.



An evening of storytelling...

Dr Siwan Lovett

Director, Australian River Restoration Centre



In 2007, Siwan was awarded a Winston Churchill Trust Fellowship to investigate the feasibility of establishing an Australian River Restoration Centre (ARRC), an idea she had discussed with Martin Janes when he visited Australia to attend the International Riversymposium in previous years. As part of her Fellowship, Siwan met the UK River Restoration Centre team and Board, and developed an appreciation of the work of the Centre and the importance of strong community support and connection. The openness and encouragement of the new friends she made on this trip, gave her the confidence to go ahead and turn her 'ARRC' into a reality, and the Centre has been successfully operating since 2008.

Siwan is back in the UK for a holiday, but wants to share her river restoration experiences with anyone who is interested in different riverine environments and new developments in the area of 'environmental water', 'rivers of carbon', carp herpes (!) and science communication. She will focus her presentation on the three areas the ARRC works in – (1) managing rivers, (2) valuing people and (3) sharing knowledge. Siwan uses story to communicate and the evening promises to be an enjoyable one filled with Australian river images, innovative river management approaches and plenty of opportunities for conversation.

About Siwan:

Siwan has been working in natural resources management for the past twenty years, focusing mainly on research and science communication for river and waterway management. She has a PhD from the Australian National University in public policy, majoring in sociology and administration. Travelling fellowships to Canada (2004) and the UK (2006) enabled Siwan to learn from other countries about ways to engage and motivate people to care for their environment. In 2008, she undertook a Winston Churchill Trust Fellowship to Europe to investigate the feasibility of establishing an Australian River Restoration Centre (ARRC), and she is now Director of the ARRC, an organisation she is proud to have established. Siwan is also editor of the popular RipRap Magazine, through which she aims to showcase the great work being undertaken in river restoration throughout Australia. Siwan has also been a National Riverprize judge for six years, as well as facilitating the Peter Cullen Trust Science to Policy Leadership Program and Waterway Twinning Mentoring Program. She lives in Canberra with her husband Tom and son Finn, as well as two welsh republican corgis Merry and Pippa. Favourite pastimes are singing, camping, kayaking and enjoying great conversations with friends.

Jasmine Errey

River Restoration Adviser, River Restoration Centre



During a conversation with a British colleague at a project site outside Melbourne in late 2014, Jasmine had a sudden moment of inspiration to do something scary. She had been working for six years in natural resource management consulting in Melbourne, which included secondments within the public sector in New South Wales and Victoria. She was also involved with the Australian Water Association and the River Basin Management Society. This was all very interesting and fun, but just a bit too settled and comfortable.

Luckily for Jasmine, an exciting new role at the RRC became available that aligned with her skills and experience. Although relocating to the United Kingdom hasn't turned out to be particularly scary, Jasmine can report that it's challenging enough to force her brain up a gear... and sometimes a bit chilly.

Jasmine is looking forward to discussing her experiences in Australian river and catchment management and the differences and similarities that she has noted in approaches, successes and difficulties in the field.