



## Living Laboratories

# Tools for Sharing Environmental Information

### Context

In "The Wisdom of Crowds", James Surowiecki asserts that large groups of people are smarter than an elite few in terms of solving problems, fostering innovation and coming to wise decisions. One may argue that the current approach to the regional delivery of NRM overlooks tools and processes for harnessing the collective wisdom of the general public as part of NRM planning and program delivery, in particular NRM volunteers who were instrumental in the decade of 'landcare'. Further, there seems to be a significant insufficiency of processes, infrastructure and technologies in existence for capturing and sharing data, information and knowledge across a variety of NRM stakeholders, including state agencies, regional boards and landholders. Rapid developments in computer-based technologies for freely sharing information and organising and managing content over the internet such as Google Reader, Google Docs, SahulTime, N-RMIS and Interactive Landscape Values Mapping provide an opportunity to address these gaps. This workshop will be a 'show and tell' of locally known computer-based technologies for engaging local stakeholders. Workshop participants will be able to share their ideas, with the goals of learning from each other and discussing opportunities for future tool development and promotion. It is also an opportunity for custodians of government data and knowledge to discuss how to facilitate the sharing of these data.

### SCHEDULE

<b>1.30pm</b>	Welcome and Context	Chris Raymond & Paul Dalby
<b>1.45pm</b>	Show and Tell - Open Session. Bring along your 10 minute presentation	All
<b>3.00pm</b>	Discussion: Shared learning and emerging opportunities	All
<b>4pm</b>	Close	

**WHEN** Thursday, March 6, 1.30pm - 4pm

**WHERE** DWLBC Conference Room 1, Gate 4, Waite Road, Waite Campus, Urrbrae

### RSVP

If you would like to be involved in attending the workshop in person, please contact Please email Amber Welk at [awelk@icewarm.com.au](mailto:awelk@icewarm.com.au)

### Workshop Objectives

- 1) Learn about new computer-based technologies for engaging NRM stakeholders
- 2) To identify funding opportunities and policy drivers for supporting these tools in SA
- 3) To discuss how to facilitate sharing of data across a broad range of NRM stakeholders.