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AQUA VITAE: WATER OF LIFE

Eleventh Annual RMLA Conference
09 October - 12 October 2003
The Marlborough Centre, Blenheim

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday 09 October

5.00 pm **Registration**
6.00 pm **Karakia & Powhiri**
Opening Ceremony
Welcome Function Cocktail Party

Friday 10 October

9.00 am Plenary Session 1
The Politics of Need

Sponsor: **Goodman Stevens Tavendale**
Speaker: **Bjorn Lomborg, Associate Professor,
Department of Political Science,
University of Aarhus, Denmark**

10.00 am MORNING TEA

10.45 am Plenary Session 2
Big Fish in a Small **Pond: Marine** Reserves,
Aquaculture and the Sustainable Management of
Resources in the Coastal Marine Area

Sponsors: **Fletcher Vautier Moore & NIWA**
Speakers: **Colin Keating, Partner, Chen
Palmer & Associates.
Glenn Cridland, Director, Fisheries
Management Services, Department
of Fisheries, Western Australia**

12.00 pm LUNCH & WORKSHOPS

Workshop A (Friday Only)
– Oceans Policy

Sponsor: **Goodman Stevens Tavendale**
Speakers: **Lisa Sheppard, Manager, Oceans
Policy Secretariat
Plus others to be confirmed**

Workshop B (Saturday Only)
– Customary Rights and Legal Title

Speakers: **Ron Crosby, Consultant, Gascoigne
Wicks
Iwi Representatives**

Workshop 1
– Landscape and the Lifestyle Leap

Sponsor: **Fletcher Vautier Moore**
Speakers: **Richard Keys, Manager –
Environmental Policy Unit,
Marlborough District Council
R Balasubramaniam, Grower
Business Development Manager,
Delegat's Wine Estate Ltd
Di Lucas, Landscape Planner,
Lucas Associates**

Workshop 2
– Viticulture: Water Usage

Speakers: **Christina Robb, Programme
Implementation Team, Ministry for
the Environment
Peter Davidson, Groundwater
Scientist, Marlborough District
Council
Stuart Smith, President, Grape
Growers Association and
vineyard owner
Val Wadsworth, Hydrologist,
Marlborough District Council**

Workshop 3
– Ports and Marinas

Sponsor: **Russell McVeagh**
Speakers: **Derek Nolan, Partner and Heather
Harris, Senior Solicitor, Russell
McVeagh
Wayne Barnett, Property and
Infrastructure Manager, Port
Marlborough New Zealand Ltd
Janine Paul, Marinas Manager,
Port of Marlborough
New Zealand Ltd**

Workshop 4
– Waterways and Wetlands: Riparian Management

Speakers: **Peter Hamill, Environmental
Scientist, Marlborough District
Council
Lynda Neame, Policy Analyst –
Regional, Marlborough District
Council
Neil Deans, Manager
Nelson/Marlborough Region,
Fish & Game New Zealand
Jeffrey Hynes, Spokesperson, Te
Runanga A Rangitane o Wairau**

Workshop 5
– Aquaculture: Room to Move

Sponsor: **NIWA**
Speakers: **Rob Pooley, General Manager,
Elaine Bay Aquaculture (Sealords)
Tania Bray, Strategic Planner,
Marlborough District Council
Robin Britton, Resource
Management and Planning
Consultant
Camilla Owen, Associate, Duncan
Cotterill
Dr Ken Grange, Regional Manager,
NIWA Nelson**

Workshops

The workshop sessions provide a hands-on approach on RMA practice and will be held at key locations around the Marlborough District. These sessions will include field trips with a travelling commentary on the relevant subject. Each will finish with a wine tasting at one of the many Marlborough wineries. The same workshops will be offered on both Friday and Saturday so you will be able to attend two of eight workshops available. Please indicate your preference of workshop and day on registration form.

Workshop 6

– Sounds Ethic: Preserving the Slice of Heaven

Sponsor: Marlborough District Council,
Nelson City Council and Tasman
District Council

speakers: Pere Hawes, Strategic Planner,
Marlborough District Council
Craig McDowell, School Director,
Outward Bound
Di Buchan, Sociologist, Corydon
Consultants
Andrew Fenemor, Programme
Leader, Integrated Catchment
Management, Landcare Research
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5.00 pm CLOSE

Saturday 11 October

8.45 am **Plenary** Session 3
Bring Your Own Water;
Growing Thirst in a Dry World

Sponsor: Russell McVeagh
Speakers: Kevin Goss, General Manager
Natural Resources, Murray-Darling
Basin Commission, Australia
Philip Milne, Solicitor, Simpson
Grierson

10.00 am MORNING TEA

10.30 am Plenary Session 4
Ubi Aqua Quanti Aquam:
Whose Water is it Anyway

Sponsor: Marlborough District Council,
Nelson City Council and Tasman
District Council

Speakers: Sue Powell, General Manager –
Working with Local Government,
Ministry for the Environment
Professor Peter Cullen, University
of Canberra

11.45 pm AGM

12.15 pm LUNCH & WORKSHOPS

Same options as Friday

5.00 pm CLOSE



Biography by Bjorn Lomborg

Bjorn Lomborg is an associate professor of statistics in the Department of Political Science at the University of Aarhus, Denmark. Professor Lomborg has an MA and PhD in political science from the University of Copenhagen.

In 1998 he published four lengthy articles about the state of our environment in the leading Danish newspaper, which resulted in a firestorm debate spanning over 400 articles in major metropolitan newspapers. The articles lead to the publication of "The Skeptical Environmentalist" in 2001, which has now been published in more than 10 languages. In "The Skeptical Environmentalist" Lomborg challenges widely held beliefs that the global environment is progressively getting worse. Using statistical information from internationally recognized research institutes, Lomborg systematically examines a range of

major environmental issues and documents that the global environment has actually improved. He supports his argument with over 2900 footnotes, allowing discerning readers to check his sources. Lomborg criticizes the way many environmental organizations make selective and misleading use of scientific data to influence decisions about the allocation of limited resources.

Many people in the scientific community and in environmental organizations have taken issue with his findings and in January, 2003 the Danish Committee on Scientific Dishonesty found that he was "systematically one-sided", a claim that Lomborg has refuted. He has also received widespread support for his findings.

In November 2001, Lomborg was selected a Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum, in February 2002, he became a director of Denmark's national Environmental Assessment Institute and in June 2002, he was named one of the "SO stars of Europe" (as one of the nine "agenda setters" in Europe) in Business Week.

Thursday Evening 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Welcome Cocktail Function, The Marlborough Centre

Extra tickets are available for partners attending the conference. Price is \$45.00.

Conference participants will be required to register at the Registration Desk prior to attending the Welcome Cocktail Function as admission is by ticket only.

Optional Dinners

Bacchus

A celebration of food and wine. Enjoy quality dining in a unique, relaxed environment in the heart of Blenheim. Cash bar available. Price per person \$36.50.

Maharaja India Tandoori **Restaurant**

Delicious Indian banquet served in a private dining room. Enjoy an authentic Indian feast in central Blenheim. Cash bar available. Price per person \$30.00.

Oak, Smoke and Blues at Brancott

Enjoy an evening of jazz and blues at Brancott Winery, where the Montana oak aged wines are matched with delicious smoked food with a theatre environment, enjoy light blues music to dance the night away. Cash bar available. Ticket includes return transport from accommodation facilities, entertainment and meal. Price per person \$60.00.

Saturday Evening 7.30 pm

Conference Dinner

Sponsored by Simpson Grierson

The Conference Dinner will be held in a marquee amongst the vines at Brancott Estate.

There will be a range of entertainment during the evening. Numbers may be restricted.

Preference will be given to Full Conference Delegates. Extra tickets are available for partners attending the conference and can be purchased for \$100.00.

Sunday

Optional Activities

A range of optional activities has been arranged on Sunday so that delegates can get out and experience activities available in the Marlborough area. These activities have been planned to allow for late afternoon departure from Blenheim.

Deep Sea Fishing

Enjoy deep sea fishing in the sheltered waterways of the Queen Charlotte Sound. Return home with your freshly caught cod and gurnard filleted and ready for your frying pan. All gear, bait etc provided. 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Price per person \$85.00 includes return transfer from Blenheim to Picton.

Dolphin Watch

Cruise the Queen Charlotte Sound, see the dolphins, seals and seabirds, land on Motuara island. Learn about DOC programmes from a qualified marine biologist. Picton's most fascinating tour. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Price per person \$84.00 includes return transfer from Blenheim to Picton.

Mountain Biking

Take in the beauty and magic of the Marlborough Sounds. Transfer by water taxi to the best piece of single track mountain biking in New Zealand. Suitable for all levels of fitness and mostly downhill. 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Price per person \$96.00 includes return transfer from Blenheim to Picton.

Sounds Cruise

Take a cruise through scenic areas and enjoy the whole peace and tranquility of the sounds. This cruise goes via a Mussel farm with an explanation of the industry, along with a tasting of freshly steamed mussels matched with a glass of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. 8:30 am - 1.00 pm. Price per person includes return transfer from Blenheim to Picton \$65.00.