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Welcome



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Response to drought in South Australia: A case study in adaptive management

Introduction to today's workshop

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Satisfying the thirst of/for tomorrow's leaders

Established late 2004

Launched Aug 2005

Support by Government



Consortium

Facilitator and broker

Education, Training &
Research in Water



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National Centre for
Groundwater Research and Training
sustaining a vital water resource



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ICE WaRM activities



- **Education**

Award programmes

- **Training**

Short courses, study tours, vocational and in-service

- **Research**

Collaborative research programmes

all in **Water Management**



Education Excellence



- **Master of Water Resources Management**
Three semester programme structure:

4 Core Courses = Grad Cert

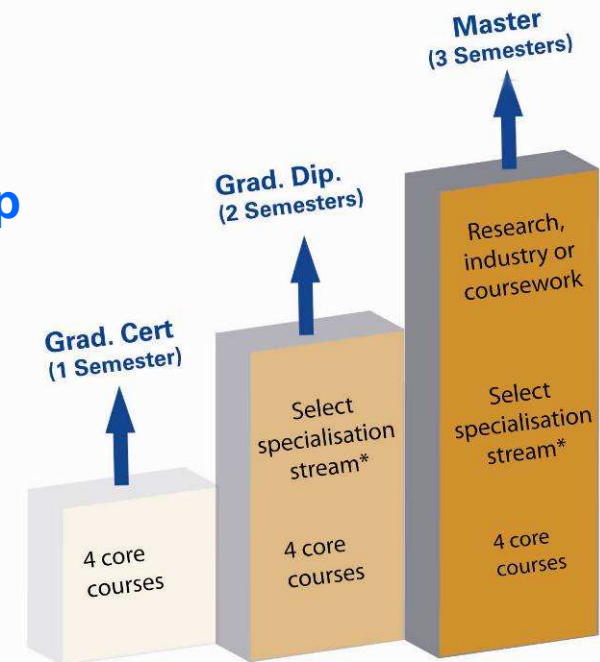
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4 Elective Courses = Grad Dip

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Study Options = Master

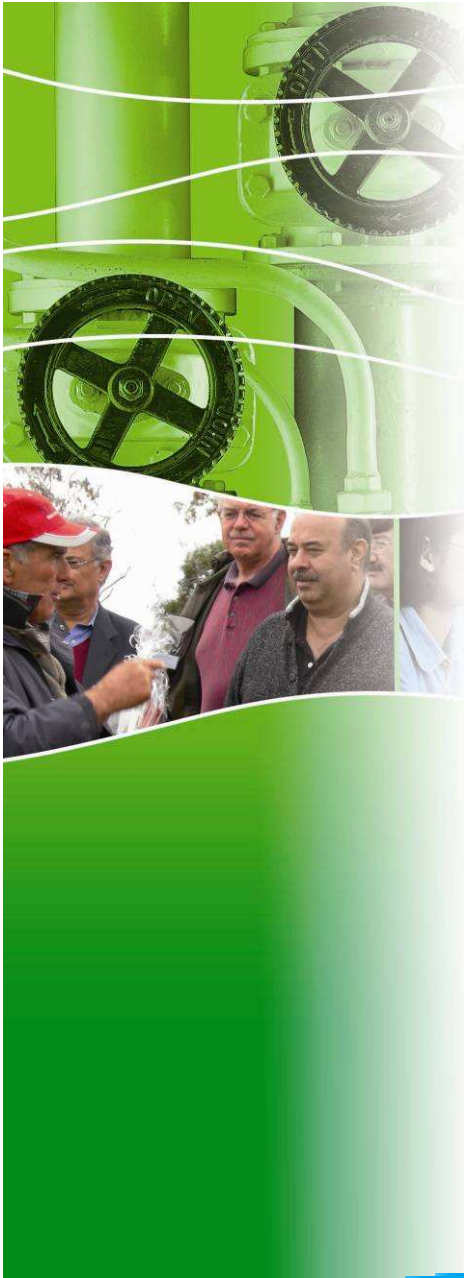
Research, industry project,
more coursework or blends
(some may be taken jointly overseas)



Training



- **Refresh and Grow**
ICE WaRM provides award and non-award **short courses** (intensive, with or without assessment)
- **Integrate and Innovate**
ICE WaRM hosts **seminars** and technical **study tours** tailored to suit individual and institution needs, and as part of long-term capacity development
- **Practice**
ICE WaRM arranges **industry placements** and practical application of knowledge and skills



Research



- **Collaboration**

ICE WaRM facilitates **collaboration** to combine capabilities for increased outlook and improved outcomes of water-related research

- **Network**

ICE WaRM creates and sustains trans-boundary **connections** between disciplines, individuals and partner institutions, nationally and internationally

- **Coordination**

ICE WaRM provides a framework for coordinated programmes and effective multi-way **linkages** between research partners and activities

International Liaison



ICE WaRM supports its vision to be nationally and internationally recognised as a centre for leadership and innovation in water management through:

- **an International Visits and Exchange programme**
- **an International Scholarship programme**
- **an EU-AU student exchange programme**

Check the ICE WaRM website for details

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Living Laboratories

Research in real time
on **real problems**
at **real scale**



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Living Laboratories



- From 2007, joint initiative of DWLBC and ICE WaRM
- Use large scale programmes as ‘Living Laboratories’, to:
- generate and document innovations and lessons learned
- benefit researchers and water managers, from policy to implementation
- build the evidence base to inform policy development and implementation



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Response to the drought



- Why are we interested in the response of South Australia to the recent drought? Why is it important?
 - *The drought resulted in one of the largest ever whole of government responses to an NRM issue in South Australian history, making it a significant Living Laboratories opportunity*
 - *Provides an opportunity to review an adaptive management approach on a large scale; the lessons learned will be particularly valuable given future predictions of increased frequency and severity of drought due to climate change*
 - *The response to the drought is of significant international interest; this workshop provides an opportunity to better understand common learnings from across government and research communities, and communicate the messages more widely*

Goals of the workshop



1. Identify common learnings from across organisations and keys to successful collaboration in responding to drought
2. Determine effective means for Government to engage with the community during periods of high, collective community stress
3. Identify outstanding high priorities for new research and/or policy to help respond to drought or equivalent natural resource stresses in the future
4. Record and publish the lessons learned that may be of interest to other public administrators in Australia and overseas.



Limitations



- Time limitations of a one-day workshop (perhaps the first step of a longer journey)
- Focus on experiences in South Australia (rather than interstate and overseas)
- Reflect on raw experiences to extract general and specific lessons learned
- Acknowledge that the next drought will unfold differently, but help us read the signs





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