Free community lecture/workshop series 2008
Session Seven: Review of the draft Peel–Yalgorup Ramsar Management Plan

Join us for another exciting lecture/workshop in a series presented by the Peel Waterways Centre.

The session will discuss the recommendations of the management plan for the Ramsar listed Peel–Yalgorup wetland system, presented by the Peel–Harvey Catchment Council.

The Peel–Yalgorup Ramsar site is a complex system of wetlands featuring the Peel–Harvey estuary, the salt lakes of Yalgorup National Park and freshwater wetlands including Lake McLarty and Lake Mealup. The system features a diverse range of habitats that support a wide variety of plant and animal species.

The complexity and uniqueness of the wetland system has led to its recognition under the International Convention on Wetlands [Ramsar Convention]. In 1990 it was listed as an internationally important wetland.

As a signatory to the Convention, the Australian Government takes responsibility for managing wetlands according to the principle of wise use - to protect the natural properties of the wetlands whilst acknowledging their important role in supporting human communities.

In order to protect the ecological features and to balance competing interests in the wetlands and waterways, the Peel–Harvey Catchment Council, in partnership with government agencies and community stakeholders, is preparing a management plan that will help protect the heath of the system for future generations.

Participants at the session will have the opportunity to contribute to the development of management recommendations for the wetland system and to see how previous community input has shaped the preparation of the management plan so far.

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the future management of the Peel–Yalgorup wetland system.

Date: Wednesday, 30 July 2008
Time: 5 – 7 pm
Enjoy a light supper on your arrival.
Where: The Peel Waterways Centre,
Suite 6, 21 Sholl Street, Mandurah
RSVP: Contact Michelle on 9550 4228 by 29 July or email pwc@water.wa.gov.au (RSVPs are essential as numbers are limited)

Stay tuned for Session Eight: Leave No Trace Australia, presented by Cameron Crowe, Leave No Trace Australia, Thursday 7 August.