

INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT

Field trip program

Monday 20 July – Friday 24 July

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Monday 20 July

9am Presentation

Prof Peter Scales

Deputy Dean, Melbourne School of Engineering

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10am Dr Yongping Wei & Prof Zhongjing Wang will give an overview of the field trip

11.30am Depart University of Melbourne

12:30 pm Arrive Healesville for Lunch *and meet with Andrew Shields.*

1:15pm Depart Healesville for Dom Dom Saddle

- After crossing the Watts River at Fernshaw the road traverses a 1939 regrowth mountain ash forest – veritable cathedral of very tall trees. Andrew Shields will give an introduction on this site.

1:45 pm Arrive Dom Dom Saddle Picnic ground

- Dom Dom Saddle is on the Great Divide – look north and you are looking into the Murray Darling Basin – Look South and you are looking into the Yarra River Basin. Andrew Shields will give an introduction on this site.

2:00 pm Depart Dom Dom Saddle

3:00 pm Arrive Eildon Weir for 45 min inspection, talk and discussion with Andrew Shields of Goulburn Murray Water. The group can then have a look at the Weir from the public area.

3:45 pm Depart Eildon Weir

5:45 pm Arrive Dookie Campus for dinner and accommodation

Tuesday 21 July 2015

9:30 am to 11:30 am 2 Lectures from GMW staff, D1 Lecture theatre, Dookie Campus:

- John Vise Manager Customer Support Retail will present to the group on Management of water deliveries and trading from 9.30am – 10.30am (allowing time for questions).
- One GMW's Connections Project Managers to present on Modernisation of the GMID, the Connections Project and application of new technology from 10.30am – 11.30am (allowing time for questions).

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm lunch in Shepparton

1:00pm to 4:30pm Field trip around GMID (Tour of irrigation properties including channel modernisation activities if possible)

6:00pm return to Dookie Campus

Wednesday 22 July 2015

8:30 am Depart Dookie for Yarrawonga Weir

9:30 am Arrive Yarrawonga Weir

- Yarrawonga Reservoir Controller Peter Klowss will accommodate the group when they arrive at Yarrawonga
- Lee Baumgartner will talk to the Group about fish passage and the effects of barriers like Yarrawonga Weir (and possible Darren Baldwin to give a talk about the ecology of Lake Mulwala)

10:30 am depart Yarrawonga Weir

11:45 am arrive Wodonga for lunch

1:00 pm arrive La Trobe Wodonga Campus

- Lecture by Lin Crase 45 min – on the economics of water sensitive cities
- Lecture by MDFRC 45 min– Lee Baumgartner on fish migration and fish ladders
- Lecture by MDFRC- 45 min Darren Baldwin on Acid sulphate drainage

3:30 pm depart La Trobe Wodonga Campus

4:00pm arrive Hume Weir – Approaching from the NSW side of the Murray River. (Arrange for the bus to approach Hume Weir from the NSW and park in the public area and go to the vantage point to view the Weir. Students can walk across the Weir.

- Meet Water NSW MDBA Site Manager
- Students can walk across the Dam wall

6:00 pm arrive at accommodation in Albury

Thursday 23 July 2015

8:30 am Depart Albury

12:00 pm arrive University House Canberra

6:00 pm Farewell Dinner

Friday 24 July 2015

8:30 am Lectures by MDBA Staff, University House Lecture Theatre

- Tony McLeod Lecture on development and implementation of the Basin Plan
- Andrew Reynolds Lecture on Environmental Works and Measures

11:00 am Student presentations each 15 minutes for 8 groups of 5 students

1:45 pm Melbourne Students & staff depart for Melbourne: Tsinghua Students & staff depart for Sydney