

Rain Bird® Intelligent Use of Water® Summit

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PANELISTS

Mary Ann Dickinson



Executive Director, Alliance for Water Efficiency Chicago, USA

A graduate of the University of Connecticut with a degree in environmental planning, Mary Ann has over 35 years of experience, having worked at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Prior to joining the Alliance for Water Efficiency, Mary Ann was Executive Director of the California Urban Water Conservation Council.

Benjamin Grumbles



Former Asst. Administrator for Water, US Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, USA

Before joining the EPA, Ben Grumbles was Deputy Chief of Staff and Environmental Counsel for the Committee on Science in the US House of Representatives. He spent 11 years as an adjunct professor of law at George Washington University Law School, teaching water-based legislation. Ben's degrees include a B.A., J.D. and LL.M. in Environmental Law.

Geoff Gardiner



General Manager Service Sustainability, City West Water, Melbourne

Geoff has 30 years experience in the water industry and has worked on the planning, design, construction and operation of many of Melbourne's major water supply and sewerage infrastructure projects. In his present role he has responsibility for Trade Waste, Cleaner Production, Water Conservation, Environmental Management, Customer Service & Corporate Communications.

Greg Stewart



General Manager, Total Eden; Chair of Irrigation Australia WA Region

The Total Eden McCracken Group (TEMG) has over 50 water management locations throughout Australia. Greg was one of the inaugural Expert Panel members for the Smart Approved WaterMark Summit when it commenced in 2003 and was part of the team that was instrumental in the program's development and growth. He is the Chair Person of the IAL Western Australia region for the third year in a row.

Julian Gray



CEO, Smart Approved WaterMark (Event partner organization), Sydney

Julian combines an educational background in international communications and environmental science with 20 years environmental marketing and communications experience in the public, not-for-profit and private sectors. He champions the use of marketing to help address environmental issues and has worked on a number of water related projects. Julian is a member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

Professor Stuart White



Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, Sydney

Professor Stuart White is the Director of the Institute for Sustainable Futures. He has undertaken research in sustainability for over 20 years, specialising in the use of least cost planning for utilities and the advocacy, design, implementation and evaluation of programs for improving resource use efficiency. He is responsible for three of Australia's largest water efficiency programs.

MODERATOR

Jeremy Cape



CapeAbility Consultants, NSW

Jeremy's work has been characterised by his involvement in ground breaking initiatives. He helped to establish the Australian Irrigation Technology Centre and became the Executive Officer of the National Irrigation Science Network. He is currently involved with the Cooperative Research Centre for Irrigation Futures and is Chair of the Expert Panel of the Smart Approved WaterMark.

LUNCH TIME SPEAKER

Dr Bryson Bates



Chief Research Scientist with CSIRO's Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research

As the Director of CSIRO's Climate Program from 2004 to 2006, Bryson served as Lead Author for the Second, Third and Fourth Assessment Reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). He received a certificate of recognition for his contribution to the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize awarded jointly to IPCC and Al Gore.



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Thursday 19th March, 2009

Agenda:

- 9:00 Welcome coffee
- 9:30 Panel discussion followed by Q&A session
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 4:00 Breakout Sessions:
 - **Water-efficient landscape design:** Led by Chris Bennett (Irrigation Australia, Ltd.) and Mark Frisby (Australian Institute of Landscape Architects)
 - **Alternative water sources for irrigation:** Led by Dr Anne-Maree Boland (RM Consulting Group) and Jeremy Cape (CapeAbility Consultants)
 - **The relationship between water and climate change:** Led by Dr. Bryson Bates (CSIRO)

BREAKOUT SESSION LEADERS

Chris Bennett *Irrigation Australia*



Chris is the newly appointed CEO of Irrigation Australia. He has nearly 30 years experience in numerous facets of the irrigation industry, including nursery, tree crops, research and system design and management. Chris has qualifications in Applied Science (Agriculture) and Business (majoring in Management and Marketing).

Mark Frisby *Australian Institute of Landscape Architects*



Mark has extensive experience in master planning, urban and landscape planning and design, construction documentation, contract administration and project management. Mark has a broad range of experience for public and private clients, from small scale residential housing development to the design, documentation and supervision of major projects.

Dr Anne-Maree Boland *RM Consulting Group*



Dr Anne-Maree Boland has 20 years experience in dealing with natural resource and water management in Australian agricultural industries. This has included research and development in the areas of water use efficiency (WUE), salinity, waterlogging, recycled water, environmental management systems and the adoption of improved irrigation management practices.

Jeremy Cape *CapeAbility Consultants*



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