

Lower Burdekin Water Forum



Invitation: It is our pleasure to invite you to the Lower Burdekin Water Forum:
An opportunity to learn more about what's happening in the
WATER world

When: 24 August 2006
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start

Where: Ayr Showgrounds Hall, Corner Edward & Craig Streets, Ayr

RSVP: 07-4783 9810 by 22 August 2006 (to assist with catering)

Cost: *Free of charge*

AGENDA

- 7.00 pm: Arrival at Ayr Showgrounds Hall
Chairperson: Dr Keith L. Bristow
- 7.30 pm:** Welcome: Lyn McLaughlin, Mayor, Burdekin Shire Council, Ayr
- 7.40 pm: An update on the Burdekin Water Resource Plan
Peter Gilbey, Natural Resources Mines and Water, Townsville
- 8.00 pm: Local management of the lower Burdekin water systems: Visions for the future
Bill Lewis, South Burdekin Water Board, Home Hill
- 8.20 pm: The Watershed Sustainability Index and water resources management in Brazil
Professor Henrique Chaves, University of Brasilia, Brazil
- 9.05 pm: General Questions and Discussion
- 9.30 pm:** Close and refreshments

BACKGROUND:

Water is one of the major issues of the 21st Century. Increasing demands for water, climate change, and the need to provide water for the environment will ensure increasing scrutiny on the way water is valued, managed, and used around the world.

This Lower Burdekin Water Forum will provide an opportunity to hear from local and international speakers about some of the challenges and opportunities we all face in securing our water future.

Water is an issue for the whole community and we hope this forum will help encourage broad and informed contributions to help develop and implement strategies that will deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the lower Burdekin.

International Guest: Professor Henrique Chaves is Brazilian Coordinator for the UNESCO-IHP Hydrology, Environment, Life & Policy (HELP) Program and the International Sedimentation Initiative. He is also a member of the Brazilian Committee of International Hydrologic Programs. He has extensive experience in water resource management in Brazil and internationally, and has published widely in the areas of watershed hydrology, water management and water conservation. Professor Chaves will also be speaking at the Brisbane Riversymposium 4-7th September 2006, who have cosponsored his visit to Australia.