



Australian Marine Sciences Association (SA Branch) Annual Symposium

Wednesday, 20 October 2010
9 am – 5 pm

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MARINE BIODIVERSITY BIOGEOGRAPHY, TAXONOMY & MANAGEMENT

The United Nations declared 2010 to be the International Year of Biodiversity – a celebration of life on earth and of the value of biodiversity for our lives.

Australia's biota is very diverse, supporting ~10% of the biological diversity on earth, recognised by the Government and under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity agreement. Australia has developed national strategies, plans and programs for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, integrating biodiversity conservation into broader policies and programs.

Understanding and managing South Australia's marine biodiversity represents one of the State's major scientific challenges. Maintaining a healthy and biologically diverse marine environment is essential for sustaining economic development. This symposium will examine marine biodiversity in South Australia from the perspectives of biogeography, taxonomy and management.

Our **keynote speaker** is **Michelle Grady**, of the global NGO, the Pew Environment Group. Michelle joined Pew in 2008 having worked previously for 18 years as a conservation advocate at the local, national and international level. A recipient of Australia's Centenary Medal for service to the community in education, environment, advocacy, leadership and conservation, Michelle was instrumental in the declaration of one of Australia's largest marine parks in the Great Australian Bight. Michelle will offer an assessment of Australian marine management and conservation responsibilities under international treaties as well as describing the nexus between marine science and application, and the role of marine scientists and NGOs in driving good management of Australia's oceans.

With this context, the symposium will host a series of presentations by outstanding marine scientists and students to provide a contemporary snapshot of the science supporting South Australian marine biodiversity.

To share as much information as possible on marine biodiversity, we are making an **open call for posters** from both students and non-students. Abstracts must be submitted by **4 October 2010**. Prizes will be awarded for the best student and non-student poster.

Important Dates in 2010

<i>Registration open</i>	20 September
<i>Program announced</i>	27 September
<i>Poster abstracts due</i>	4 October
<i>Registration close</i>	15 October
<i>Symposium</i>	20 October

Fees

AMSA Student Member	\$10
Student Non-Member	\$15
AMSA Member	\$20
Non-Member	\$30
Late registration (after 15 October)	+\$10
<i>Lunch, morning & afternoon tea included</i>	

Symposium Venue

Lecture Theatre & Conference Room
SARDI Aquatic Sciences
2 Hamra Avenue
West Beach SA 5024
Free parking available

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