

PR Membrane Cluster Alert

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VU leads new research into energy efficient desalination

Melbourne's just notched up it's driest year on record and with Melburnians hoping for rain, some incredible research is about to take place in the suburb of Werribee at Victoria University.

Victoria University will lead a new Advanced Membrane Technologies for Water Treatment Research Cluster that will work to improve membrane design to dramatically increase the efficiency of recycling and desalinating water.

The Advanced Membrane Technologies for Water Treatment Research Cluster will be launched on Friday 18 May 2007 at Victoria University's City Flinders Campus.

Media are welcome to attend

The Membrane Technologies for Water Treatment Research Cluster brings together some of Australia's leading scientists and institutions, with the goal of placing Australia at the forefront of innovative membrane development.

Professor Stephen Gray is the Director of VU's Institute for Sustainability and Innovation, where the research will be undertaken and he will be available for interview.

Led by Victoria University, the Cluster includes the University of NSW, Monash University, the University of Melbourne, RMIT, Curtin University of Technology, the University of Queensland, Deakin University and Murdoch University.

The research has been made possible through CSIRO's Water for a Healthy Country Flagship. \$8.6 million will be invested in the project over three years, and \$3.7 million of this has been contributed through the Federal Government's funding of the National Research Flagship Collaboration Fund.

A photo of Professor Stephen Gray is available on request

Where: Lecture theatre C1107, Level 11, Victoria University, 300 Flinders St, Melbourne

When: Friday 18 May 2007

Time: 10.30 am for 11 am start

Presentations 11 am – 12 noon – a light lunch will be served afterwards

Presentations by:

- Chair Dr Tom Hatton, Director, Water for a Healthy Country Flagship, CSIRO
- Professor Linda Rosenman, Deputy-Vice-Chancellor, Research and Region, Victoria University
- Dr Michael Barber, Group Executive, Information, Manufacturing & Minerals group, CSIRO
- Mr Alan Gregory, Theme Leader, Water for a Healthy Country Flagship, Urban Water, CSIRO
- Professor Stephen Gray, Director, Institute for Sustainability and Innovation, Victoria University, (Cluster Leader presentation)

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