



Institute for Sustainable Systems and Technologies Initiative (ISST)

Institute for Sustainable Systems and Technologies (ISST) of the University of South Australia is pleased to invite you to our public seminar

Adelaide, Nature of a City

Presenter: Prof Chris Daniels

Date: Tuesday, 20th March 2007
Time: 6:00pm – 7:00 pm (with light refreshment provided)
Venue: Mutual Community Lecture Theatre,
H2-02, Basil Hetzel Building,
City East campus, University of South Australia

RSVP: Friday, 16th March to alanna.wang@unisa.edu.au

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Chris Daniels is Professor of Urban Ecology in the School of Natural and Built Environments (NBE) at the University of South Australia. His immediate past position was Professor of Zoology in the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Adelaide. He is also Director of BioCity: Centre for Urban Habitats. Chris was educated at the University of Adelaide and the University of New England. Chris has held academic positions at the University of California and Flinders University before moving to the University of Adelaide. He is married with 2 children and lives in Belair.

Chris has always had an abiding interest in reptiles, particularly lizards, and is a passionate communicator to the general community, about science and the environment. Chris has written more than 15 "Do You Believe It" columns in the Saturday Advertiser and has a regular session on 891 ABC Radio and MMM FM.

In 2002 Chris, with Dr Tim Flannery, and scientists from the SA Museum, Botanical Gardens, Royal Zoological Society, SARDI and Department for Environment and Heritage, formed BioCity. This organisation has since grown to be a partnership of over 140 members from over 40 institutions in the State focussing on education, communication and research into the urban environment of Adelaide. Funded by the Adelaide City Council, BioCity has just produced the first ever complete historical analysis of a city as a natural ecosystem, from its inception to its future. Termed "*Adelaide, Nature of a City*", this book reviews the plants, animals and environmental communities that were present at the arrival of HMS Buffalo, what has changed, come, and gone, and what now shapes the new urban environment. The talk will focus on the findings of this book.