

IAIAsa Gauteng Event Invitation



IAIAsa Gauteng invites you to come and enjoy an interesting talk on the Cedar Lofts Wetland Rehabilitation Project presented by Brian Gardner (Seaton Thomson and Associates) and Gary Marneweck (Wetland Consulting Services). The presenters will take us on their journey through the design process, obtaining the relevant authorisations and implementation of the project. They will share the challenges they were faced with and how teamwork resulted in a success story. A short site visit will take place after the presentation by Brian and Gary.

Date: 17 March 2016

Time: 9:30 for 10:00

Venue: Cedar Loft on Witkoppen Road, Fourways (entrance off Willow Road). The presentation will be in the Clubhouse.

Refreshments will be provided but please remember that it is hot so an extra bottle of water will not be wasted, remember your hat and sunscreen.

About the Presenters:

Brian Gardner qualified with a BTech in Environmental Science at Tshwane University of Technology (TUT). While studying at TUT Brian did an internship at Seaton Thomson and Associates and re-joined them after his adventures overseas. Brian worked as an Outdoor Education Instructor in Australia, leading groups of youth on outdoor pursuits and environmental education programs.

After his time in Australia, he was selected as an International team member and environmental trainee on a multinational Environmental Restoration work crew with EarthCorps in Seattle, United States. He spent 8 months in Seattle doing various environmental restoration projects, including salmon habitat restoration and water resource management, invasive plant removal and trail building throughout Washington State.

Brian now specializes in Environmental Impact Assessment, Water Use Licencing and water resource management.

Gary Marneweck qualified with a BSc. Honours degree in Botany from the University of the Witwatersrand. His post graduate student career included research for the Centre for Water in the

Environment, University of the Witwatersrand, at Nylsvley Research Station on the Nyl River floodplain, part of which is now a Ramsar Site.

Gary's professional career started at the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism where he was Assistant Director, Natural Environment in the Aquatic Ecosystems section. Here he focused particularly on legislation and the implementation of the provisions of the Ramsar Convention (Convention on Wetlands of International Importance) in South Africa. After leaving the Department, Gary moved into the field of environmental consulting and was the founder of Wetland Consulting Services in 1998.

Through Wetland Consulting Services, Gary has since been involved in numerous consulting and research projects throughout Africa, and particularly in southern Africa. These range from wetland baseline, impact and rehabilitation assessments to wetland offsetting. He also has experience in Wetland Reserve determinations, having recently been involved in the development of new methods for Intermediate Level studies. Gary was also partially responsible for developing a new local wetland classification system based on a hydro geomorphic approach (after Brinson, 1993) and has contributed to the development of some of the South African wetland assessment tools.

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