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Grenades, Grasslands and Groundwater Seminar on the approval of Ravenhall Prison

On 20 October 2014, ACLCA Victoria and EIANZ bring you a seminar on the Ravenhall Prison Project.

The Victorian Government will build a 1,000 bed medium security prison using a public-private partnership model. The site was Defence land with a number of legacies as well as hosting rare species. Learn from the project team how the challenges of assessing the site and gaining approvals were overcome.

Date: Monday, 20 October 2014
Time: 5:45 pm - registration
6.00pm sharp – seminar
Venue: State Library of Victoria, Roadshow Theatrette,
328 Swanston St, Melbourne (enter from LaTrobe St)
Costs: ACLCA / EIANZ members \$50.00 pp (incl GST)
Non-members \$60.00 pp (incl GST)
Register: <http://www.aclca.org.au/vic-events>
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5:45-6:00	Foyer	Registration / Networking
6.00 -6.10	Welcome	Peter Rodgers - ACLCA, President-elect
6.10 – 6.25	Project Introduction, scene setting	Johan Top - Dept of Justice, Assistant Project Director
6.25 – 6.45	Ecological and Cultural Heritage assessment and approvals	Clare McCutcheon - Biosis
6.45 -7.05	Planning approvals / stakeholder engagement / award of contract	Johan Top - Dept of Justice, Deputy Project Director
7.05 -7.25	Site Contamination, Hazardous Materials and Geotechnics	Tim Shanahan – Coffey Environments
7.25- 7.40	Questions	
7.40- 7:45	Close and 'thank yous'	Martin Juniper - EIANZ, Victorian President
7:45 – 8:45	Drinks / Fingerfood	Library Courtyard



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Clare McCutcheon
Biosis Pty Ltd

Clare McCutcheon is a Consultant Zoologist at Biosis with extensive experience undertaking fauna surveys and habitat assessments in a wide range of environments throughout south-eastern Australia. With a working knowledge of environmental policy and legislation, Clare has provided ecological advice for a range of government and private industry clients. Since 2011, Clare has coordinated a team of botanists, zoologists and archeologists to undertake survey and assessment of the proposed Ravenhall Prison Project site. Following the completion of site assessments, Clare was then responsible for coordinating the process to obtain all ecology and heritage approvals required under relevant Commonwealth and state government legislation, including the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

Clare will describe the ecological and cultural heritage values of the Ravenhall Prison Project site and how these were considered in assessments, regulatory considerations and other site investigations for the Ravenhall Prison Project.



Johan Top
Department of Justice

Johan Top has extensive experience in child welfare, youth justice and corrections service delivery. During the 1980s, Johan worked in senior management roles in various child welfare and youth justice facilities, including Allambie, Baltara, Winlaton and Malmsbury. In the 1990s, he was a key participant in the service redevelopment of the youth justice system that saw the closure of a number of outdated facilities, construction of new facilities and an increase in community-based options. For many years he was a member of the Youth Parole Board and Manager of Juvenile Justice in the Department of Human Services. On moving to the Department of Justice in 2001, he worked on service redevelopment in the adult corrections system, specialising in public private partnership projects. Prior to Ravenhall Prison Project, Johan was the Deputy Project Director for the development of the Metropolitan Remand Centre and Marngoneet Correctional Centre, and Project Director of the Ararat Prison Project.

Johan will provide an overview of the project and discuss the challenges faced on a site with complex environmental, town planning, UXO remediation and contamination issues.



Tim Shanahan
Coffey

Tim Shanahan is an Associate Environmental Engineer with Coffey and has experience in complex assessments of contamination in soil and groundwater for a wide variety of polluting industrial activities. Tim has also managed geotechnical assessments, waste disposal, hazardous materials and asbestos abatement works as well as HSSE planning and implementation throughout Australia, South East Asia and the Middle East. Between June 2013 and May 2014, Tim co-ordinated the completion of contaminated site assessments for Statutory Environmental Audit for 2 parcels of land intended for development as the Ravenhall Prison. In addition to managing the assessments to support the audit, Tim also managed the preparation of the overarching environmental management plan, completion of geotechnical assessments, hazardous materials survey for site infrastructure and dumped materials and co-ordinated these site works with ecological and unexploded ordnance consultants.

Tim will describe the range of assessments he implemented at Ravenhall, including what was required to help the auditor complete a site contamination audit. He will also describe how that process evolved during the project for this former Defence site with a long and history of explosives handling and experimental rocket testing.