

## WEBINAR INVITATION

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE AWARD-WINNING VICTORIA RABBIT ACTION NETWORK AND AN INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Presenters: **Michael Reid** works for Agriculture Victoria as a program manager, leading a \$4.3 m initiative working with a wide range of communities to manage invasive species. Michael is passionate about engagement and the integration of socio-political and ecological systems.

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**This webinar will explore the underlying principles, community engagement strategies and framing of the innovative Victoria Rabbit Action Network program (VRAN).** The program was developed as a community-based, collaborative response to Australia's most destructive invasive species – the European rabbit. This program was also the recipient of the 2019 United Nations Public Service Award for delivering inclusive and equitable services and its contribution to UN Sustainable Development Goal 15 – Life on the Land. **The webinar will also highlight lessons learned from the collaborative research and capacity-building partnership between Penn State, Australia's Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre and University of New England**

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This webinar is the fourth in the Water for Ag Engagement Webinar series intended to encourage sharing of scholarship and practitioners' experience with community-based stakeholder engagement in natural resources.

The Water for Agriculture project brings together, researchers, technical experts, Extension professionals and communities to foster community-led solutions to the water and agriculture issues most important to them.

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