

# It's been dry – how's your bore holding up?

## **Understanding groundwater in the Strathbogie Ranges**

All across the Strathbogie Ranges most properties have a bore or spring-fed dam - people rely on groundwater for stock, domestic and irrigation purposes. But, is your bore holding? During the Millennium Drought, lots of spring-fed dams and many bores struggled, or dried up. And if things stay dry, some local bores may begin to struggle again as we head into a dry autumn.

The Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network and Gecko CLaN Landcare are working with landholders to monitor changes in groundwater in the Seven Creeks catchment. In November 2018, automated monitoring equipment was installed in a Strathbogie bore and several more automated bore monitors are being planned. In addition, ten private bores are being regularly 'dipped' to see how groundwater varies across the Tableland.



Friday evening's presentation will include several speakers. University of Melbourne hydrologists, Dr Tim Peterson and Mr Giancarlo Bonotto, are beginning a multi-year investigation into groundwater on the Strathbogie Tableland. Tim and Giancarlo will share their knowledge of groundwater in fractured rock aquifers and describe the research they are undertaking.

Phil Whitten from Farm Monitoring Solutions will demonstrate equipment that can help landholders manage their water supplies and Bertram Lobert from the Strathbogie Ranges CMN will outline the current community bore monitoring project and how those bores are behaving this season.

Kerri Robson from Gecko CLaN will outline opportunities available to landholders to better manage farm water.

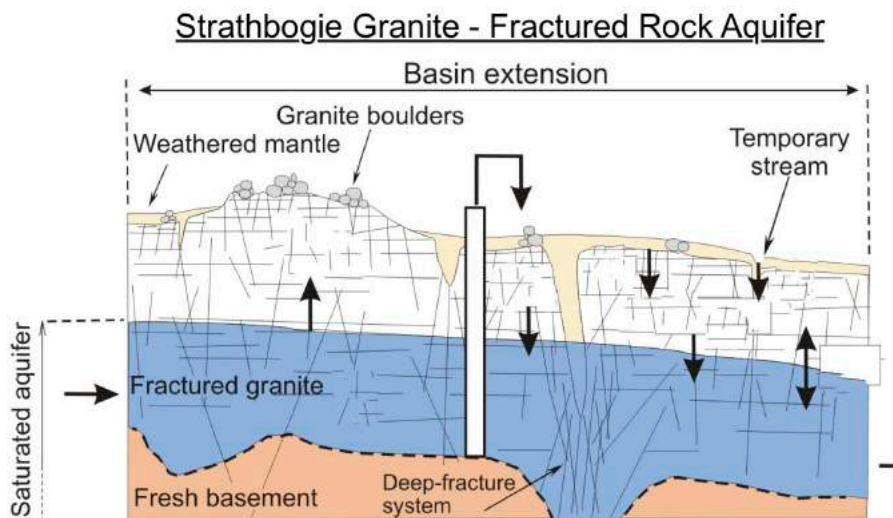


**When:** 6 to 8 pm Friday 22nd March 2019

**Where:** Strathbogie Hall, Supper Room.

**Cost:** free, light supper provided.

**RSVP for catering:** Bertram Lobert 0409 433 276 or Kerri Robson 0418 140 710



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