



ATLAS OF LIVING AUSTRALIA FORUM

Presenter: Peter Brenton, CSIRO



Are you passionate about management invasive species or are you interested in local biodiversity? The Atlas of Living Australia is a free National citizen science mapping portal developed by the CSIRO. It that can be used to map, not only the distribution of gorse and other invasive species, but also the native biodiversity that shares the same ecosystem.

Peter Brenton is based with the CSIRO in Canberra and has worked with the Atlas of Living Australia since 2009. For the past 6 years he has led the ALAs work to develop and implement tools which support the many and varied needs of field-based data collection by the ecological and citizen science communities. Peter is actively involved in global initiatives to develop standards for citizen science data and metadata to facilitate more effective project information and data sharing between platforms, as well as enabling data from many projects to be aggregated for more informed policy and management decision-making at regional, state, national and international scales. He is particularly interested in making the efforts of citizen scientists and the data which they collect more visible, relevant and accessible in areas where they can have great impact.

Registrations are now open for the upcoming forum. There will be two sessions, one will be targeted at Industry / Stakeholders and the other session will be for interested community members:

When: **Wednesday 6th February 2019.**

Where: **Ballan Mechanics Institute – Supper Room (Inglis St, Ballan)**

Time: **1.30 – 4.30 pm (Stakeholders)**

Learn how the ALA can be used by individuals or groups for strategic roles or project planning. This session will focus on how you can use the ALA for weed control, biodiversity recording etc. For example, how the ALA can assist you in organising a weed control program in an area.

OR 7.00 – 9.30 pm (Community)

An interactive session for how to use the ALA in the field. This session will be of interest for those community and contractors who need or are interested in mapping the occurrence of native or exotic plants or animals.

Includes: **Afternoon Tea OR Light Dinner (Depending on session attending)**

Cost: **FREE**

RSVP: **Thursday 31st January 2019**



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Name:

Represent (Community or Industry):

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone:

Select one: **Session 1: 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm** or **Session 2: 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm**

Please note that there are limited places available for 30 attendees per session – so book early!

For further information, contact Jennifer Johnson on: **0497 770 075** or moorabool.landcare@gmail.com