

## **Research Seminar: *Effectiveness of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease***

### **Postgraduate Research Grant**

RFA recently awarded a new Postgraduate Grant for research that relates to the management and control of feral rabbits or to the species or ecosystems that are affected by feral rabbits. Maija Marsh is the 2007 recipient of the grant, which is supporting a visit to Australia by her UK Supervisor, Dr. Piran White.

RFA is hosting a special seminar at which both Dr. White and Mrs. Marsh will present their work.

Date:

Friday 12th October 2007

Time:

9.30am – Morning Tea

10.00am to 12 noon –

Speakers' presentations

**Please RSVP by  
Friday 5 October**

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### **Guest Speakers**



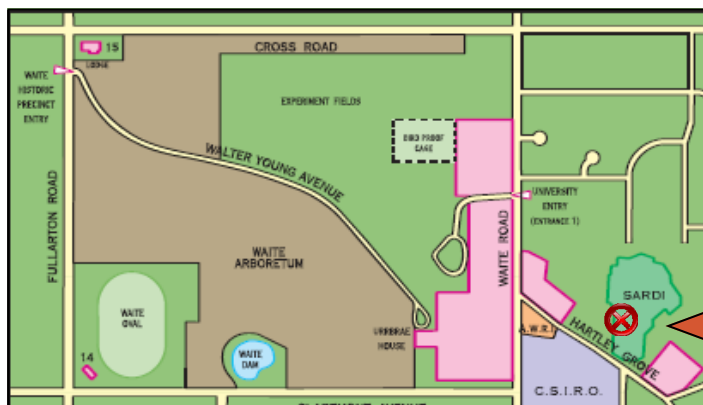
**Dr. Piran White, University of York**

Piran White is a Senior Lecturer in the Environment Department at the University of York. He has advised the UK government on the control of wildlife diseases and was involved in the recent Government Inquiry into Hunting with Dogs in England and Wales. He has held visiting research posts at New South Wales Agriculture (Australia), AgResearch (New Zealand) and the University of Waikato (New Zealand). Piran White is an ecologist with wide-ranging research interests in wildlife pests and diseases, wildlife economics and biodiversity conservation.



**Mrs Maija Marsh**

Mrs Marsh's PhD project uses innovative techniques to quantify the transmission and effectiveness of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) infection in rabbit populations in Australia at different spatial scales, through field study as well as host disease modelling. An important outcome of the study will be a direct estimation of RHDV transmission rate in wild rabbit populations from contact rates and the probability of infection. This will inform current and future management on the most effective use of RHDV and will be important when planning the use of other biological control methods.



#### **Location Details**

Ground floor conference room of the SARDI Plant Research Centre  
Waite campus of Adelaide University, Hartley Grove, Urrbrae.