

PRESTIGIOUS BROADCASTER TO ADDRESS ART AND THE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE

Prestigious science broadcaster, Robyn Williams, is to address the conference dinner of the first national EcoArts Australis conference on 13 May, 2013 in Wollongong.

David Curtis, President of EcoArts Australis, said “We are very excited to have Robyn Williams as our after-dinner speaker.”

“Robyn’s profound knowledge of science, and his great interest in how the arts can be used to communicate scientific information, will be of great interest to delegates”, David Curtis said.



Robyn Williams is well known as the presenter of ABC Radio National’s long running Science Show. A fascinating and engaging presenter, he infuses his presentations with wit and humour - and has the enviable ability to make science interesting and fascinating for almost anyone.

Robyn has conducted countless interviews with scientists for ABC TV and he hosted a link between leading scientists of Australia and the United Kingdom at the Grand Launch for the Royal Institution of Great Britain, attended by David Attenborough and the Queen.

Robyn Williams is highly respected in the academic world. In 1993 he was the first journalist elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. In 1988, he received an Honorary Doctorate in Science from the Universities of Sydney, Macquarie and Deakin. The ANU awarded him a Doctorate of Law, and he is a Visiting Professor at the University of NSW and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Queensland.

Robyn Williams was appointed AM in the 1988 Australian Bicentenary Honours list. He was elected a National Living Treasure by the National Trust in 1987 and even has a star named after him by the Sydney Observatory.

Robyn Williams has written over 10 books, three of which are on the Higher School Certificate reading list.

David Curtis said that the EcoArts Australis conference has attracted a huge range of presentations covering how the arts can be used in natural resources management and environmental education to communicate scientific information, how the arts can create an empathy for the environment, how the arts can catalyse environmental sustainability and how the arts can help build community capacity to deal with environmental challenges.

“Robyn’s great skill of communicating science clearly and his knowledge of the use of the arts in communicating science will be a vital part of our conference” David Curtis said.

The conference is sponsored by Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority and the University of Wollongong.

To register for the conference or the dinner, go to the conference website:
<http://www.ecoartsaustralis.org.au/conference/registration/>

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