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# 19th Australasian Engineering Heritage Conference

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**Putting Water to Work**  
*Steam Power, River Navigation  
and Water Supply*

**Monday 9 - Friday 13 October 2017**

Engineering Heritage Australia invites you to participate in the **19th Australasian Engineering Heritage Conference** in Mildura, Victoria.

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The theme of the conference is **Putting Water to Work: from the steam power that opened Australia's inland waterways to navigation in the 19th century to the nation-building irrigation and water supply schemes that capitalised on Australia's most precious resource.**

## Why Mildura?

Mildura is situated in the heart of the Sunraysia district in north-west Victoria on the River Murray, Australia's longest river. The river provides water for its plentiful wine and citrus crops and many tourist and recreational activities in a year-round sunny climate. The town is the centre of a rapidly-expanding municipality with a population of more than 50 000.

## Conference Program

The program will consist of three full days (Tuesday 10 -Thursday 12) of papers and presentations on the theme and other topics relating to engineering heritage, conservation, and practice. The conference will open with an informal welcome event and conclude with a relaxed dinner. The free evenings will provide plenty of opportunity to sample Mildura's restaurants, wines, and local produce.

## Conference Tour

A conference coach tour on Friday 13 October will visit engineering heritage sites in Victoria's Sunraysia and South Australia's Riverland and conclude with a country barbeque at the Psyche Bend Steam Pumping station – a unique opportunity to see the historic Chaffey-designed Tangye pump lifting water from the Murray into the lagoon as originally designed. The tour is included in the cost of all registrations.

## Getting there

**Fly** - Mildura has regular flights from Adelaide (1hr 5mins), Melbourne (1hr 5mins) and Sydney (2hr 10mins); flights from other capitals connect through these cities.

**Drive** - As part of the conference package, we will provide self-drive engineering heritage tour itineraries from Adelaide, Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney. The direct travel distances by road are: Adelaide, 393 km; Canberra, 800 km; Melbourne, 542 km; Sydney, 1016 km.

## Contact

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