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Annual Memorial Lecture 2009

taking the long view

*vision and transformation in an age
of change*

*Leon Costermans
Professor John Wiseman
Robyn Edwards*

Thursday 19th November
5 pm-7.30 pm
The AGE Theatre
Museum Victoria
(Nicholson Street, Fitzroy)



The Norman Wettenhall Foundation

As an environmental organisation and registered charitable trust, The Norman Wettenhall Foundation's objective is to support projects that enhance or maintain the vitality and diversity of the Australian natural living environment.

The Norman Wettenhall Memorial Lectures are an annual series of environmental lectures, and are held in association with Museum Victoria, Birds Australia and Trust For Nature. A committed environmentalist who sold his natural history collection to form the Foundation, Norman Wettenhall played a significant role in all three of the organisations that are partners in this lecture series.

Underground parking is available at the Museum but we encourage you to use public transport.

**The evening begins at 5 pm
Thursday 19th November
with drinks and nibbles
in the foyer of The AGE Theatre
Museum Victoria**

The lecture will take place between 6-7.30 pm

Tickets are available at \$25 per head.

Donations are tax deductible.

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Get in early to avoid missing out on a seat.

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Taking the Long View

vision and transformation in an age of change

From space, our planet is a symphony of blue and green amidst swirling clouds. We often forget that the earth's land and oceans have not always been so benign. Life on earth has faced huge challenges in the past, from volcanism and ice ages to the sudden death following a meteor impact. **Leon Costermans**, well known environmental author and botanist, is about to publish a new book on geology and landscapes. As the first speaker, Leon will set the scene with his graphic exposition of the underlying geological influences that have shaped the structure and content of south-east Australia's natural living environment.

There have been several major extinctions in the earth's past. Now we confront an enormous challenge of our own making. Normal political processes can't cope with this current environmental crisis. It is clear that we need a different sort of leadership, working towards creating and implementing an integrated, sustainable vision of the future.

Our second speaker, **Professor John Wiseman**, is the director of the McCaughey Centre at the University of Melbourne and the founding chairperson of Safe Climate Australia. He will canvass how we might work together to transform the way we live, giving examples of past inclusive approaches that have successfully negotiated a passage through times of turmoil.

Finally, **Robyn Edwards** from Trust for Nature will provide a practical example of how leadership at the local level can effect landscape change for the better. Robyn, we are proud to announce, is the inaugural recipient of a three year Landscape Restoration Fellowship from The Norman Wettenhall Foundation.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the panel of speakers at the end of the Lecture.