



A 6,000km odyssey to make a difference

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In a never before attempted odyssey, 54 year old water and civil engineer, Steve Posselt, will paddle and walk his kayak down the shrinking river systems between Brisbane and Adelaide. He says “Global warming, water and the Murray Darling Basin are very clear indications of our inability to live sustainably and the purpose of this trip is to draw attention to what we must do.”

Steve will be farewelled by Lord Mayor Campbell Newman at 12.45pm on Sunday 27th May from the boat ramp at Riverside Drive West End (UBD Ref: Map 3 A6) where there will be a flotilla of kayaks to see him off.

Along the way there will be forums, discussion groups and recorded interviews where Steve will converse with the local people. He wants to know what they need and what we can do to help. Over a beer at the pub or a cup of tea at a kitchen table, Steve will record their sometimes heart-wrenching stories. He says “Many people are already saying the Darling is dying. We have been let down by our supposed leaders, only people power can fix things”.

Steve is well informed. He has over thirty years experience in the water industry, has chaired Australia’s largest water conference and currently leads the Queensland climate change group within the Australian Water Association. But, he says: “Too much of my life was spent not understanding the complexity of nature. We thought we could control everything but in the end if we don’t live within the natural systems and their balance, then we will fail. The evidence is all around us”.

Steve’s trip is unique; no-one has ever traveled the distance nor stirred debate through forums, conducted research all while completing an enormous physical challenge. He hopes to finish before Christmas but as he says “It is a bloody long way!”

The trip is Steve’s contribution to the above debate and finding solutions. But he has put out a challenge to everyone. “What are you going to do? Because to do nothing is to go along with a system that is destroying the planet.”

Steve invites anyone interested in being involved in the journey to watch his site or set up an action group for which K4e starter kits are available. See: www.kayak4earth.com .

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