

## Kalkari Talks- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 2pm to 4pm

Location: Kalkari Discovery Centre, 402 Ku-ring-gai Chase Rod., Mt Colah NSW 2079.

### **WETLAND WORLDS**

Wetlands are among the most fragile and rapidly disappearing ecosystems, with nearly one in eight wetland species lost in the past decade. This visually engaging presentation explores how art, science, and community action can help protect these vital environments. Join Professors Jill Scott and Marille Hahne, an artist and a filmmaker - who collaborate with environmental scientists and hydrologists, as they share citizen science projects set in Swiss wetlands. Their work combines creativity with research, offering hands-on ways to understand and monitor biodiversity. The event includes an introduction, two short documentary screenings, and interactive Q&A sessions. You'll learn how environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling and sound recordings can map biodiversity, and how the CrowdWater app enables anyone to contribute to real scientific research by tracking water levels and quality.

#### *Film 1: Wetland World Workshops (25 min)*

Explores immersive outdoor workshops where artists, scientists, and participants collaborate in Swiss wetlands, using creative methods and digital tools to study ecosystems.

#### *Film 2: Wetland World Exhibition (15 min)*

Discover interactive installations blending art and science, including global dragonfly stories, underwater soundscapes, and visualised eDNA data.

Welcome to this inspiring event- a new trans-disciplinary perspective on wetland futures!

### **Prof. Dr. Jill Scott**

Jill Scott is a media artist, curator, and science communication researcher, and Professor Emerita at Zurich University of the Arts, where she founded the Artists-in-Labs Program. Her interdisciplinary work explores art and science with a focus on the human body, neuroscience, ecology, and health, and she has exhibited internationally while leading initiatives such as SciArt Switzerland and the LASER Salon in Zurich.

### **Prof. Marille Hahne**

Marille Hahne is a filmmaker and educator who was Professor at the Zurich University of the Arts, where she led the Master's in Film program. Her films have been shown internationally since 1983, and her recent work focuses on art and science collaborations, including documentaries on ecology, neuroscience, and citizen science.

The event is free, however there is a National Park entrance fee of \$12 per motor vehicle.

As space is limited, please register by phoning Kalkari at 9472 9300 during business hours.