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Wildlife and Botanical Artists Inc. (WABA) presents:

# 'Art and science: a vibrant partnership in entomology'

## Presentation and Drawing workshop

**DATE:** 21 February 2015

**PRESENTER:** David Yeates, Director, Australian National Insect Collection, CSIRO

**VENUE:** Australian National Botanic Gardens Theatrette (behind the Visitors' Centre)

**TIME:** 1.00 - 3.00pm

Join us for a fascinating look at the intersection of art and science in the world of entomology. Dr. David Yeates, Director of the Australian National Insect Collection, CSIRO, Canberra, will present a talk on the vibrant partnership between artists and scientists. Some of the very first human drawings depicted insects and for centuries artists have explored ways to communicate the intricacies, colours, forms and behaviour of insects through art.

David will also lead a short drawing workshop on insects focusing on structural elements such as insect eyes, legs, antennae and wing structures. He will provide artists with tips for good illustration, using both live and preserved insect reference specimens.

**What to bring:** Pencils, ink drawing pens and paper suitable for sketching insects, plus a hand magnifying glass suitable for looking at small insects.

**Below left:** eX de Medici – ‘Gone in a flash’, 2008, watercolour on paper Source: [www.escapeintolife.com](http://www.escapeintolife.com)



**Above right:** eX de Medici, painting of a micromoth, CSIRO, 2007

Source: <http://www.csiro.au/Portals/Education/Programs/SCIENCE-ART/eX-de-Medici.aspx>



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## PRESENTER BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Dr David Yeates is the Director of the Australian National Insect Collection (ANIC). His research focus is on the taxonomy, systematics and ecology of Australian Diptera and other insect groups, providing information for their sustainable management. Dr Yeates' is currently President of the Australian Entomological Society. With Dr David Rowell (Australian National University) he coordinates the teaching of the undergraduate subject Invertebrate Zoology.

Dr Yeates was a guest presenter at the CSIRO-WABA 'Discover Art and Science' Symposium, CSIRO Discovery Center, Canberra, 2014.

**Image:** Dr David Yeates

**Source:** <http://www.csiro.au/Organisation-Structure/Divisions/Ecosystem-Sciences/DavidYeates.aspx>



## BACKGROUND NOTES ON WABA

WABA (established in 1998) is a friendly network of professional and emerging wildlife and botanical artists, based in Canberra, Australia. WABA is a non-profit visual arts organization, providing a structure where artists can meet to support and encourage each other, provide instruction and friendship.

As a group WABA has a common interest in flora and fauna as important sources of inspiration for art. We acknowledge and encourage diversity in style, subject matter, and interpretation. The group seeks to build bridges between art and science, feeling that properly valuing our natural environment is key to the growth and sustainability of our society, and that both art and science must play a part in engaging the broader community. Through promotion of the group and its philosophies and activities, WABA hopes to advance an appreciation of our natural heritage within the community.

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