

The kayak4earth odyssey is about global warming, water, raising awareness and developing adequate responses.

Steve Posselt is a 54 year old civil engineer who has spent all his working life in the water industry. Much of this time has been devoted to the Australian Water Association whose mission statement is to promote the sustainable use of water. Steve is planning to paddle his specially modified kayak from Brisbane to Adelaide via the inland river system, to highlight global warming, specifically, the effect on our water availability

The trip will be a journey, an odyssey, a quest. It is a long way from Brisbane to Adelaide. Some say 7,000km. The water bodies include the Brisbane, Bremer, Condamine, Darling, Murray and Torrens Rivers, Lake Alexandrina, Encounter Bay and Gulf St Vincent. The uphill slog includes the Toowoomba Range.

Will there be enough water? Who knows. Certainly there is none between Ipswich and Dalby. So, the kayak has wheels and a pulling harness. Water or not, the kayak can make it.

It is now confirmed that Brisbane Lord Mayor Campbell Newman will officially send Steve off from the Brisbane City Hall at 12.45pm on Sunday 27th May 2007.

All are welcome to attend and then walk to the boat ramp at West End where Steve will begin his journey up the Brisbane River and onto the Darling. Tuesday 29th May Steve will be in the Ipswich mall to talk to people from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Then there will be the forum on Wednesday 30th May.

After this it will be off up the hill to Toowoomba as fast as he can go because he needs to be there by Sunday 3rd June

You can find out all the details of the trip and / or donate to Steve's journey at www.kayak4earth.com

Forums have been organised at key locations on the way and the k4e team is keen to have interaction with anyone who wishes to use the opportunity to promote these issues within their area.

So, if you are a local authority or a community environmental group contact councils@kayak4earth.com and tell them what you want to do. We are keen to assist you in any way we can. Steve will be happy to speak at any forum you propose and we also have a network of speakers that we can draw on.