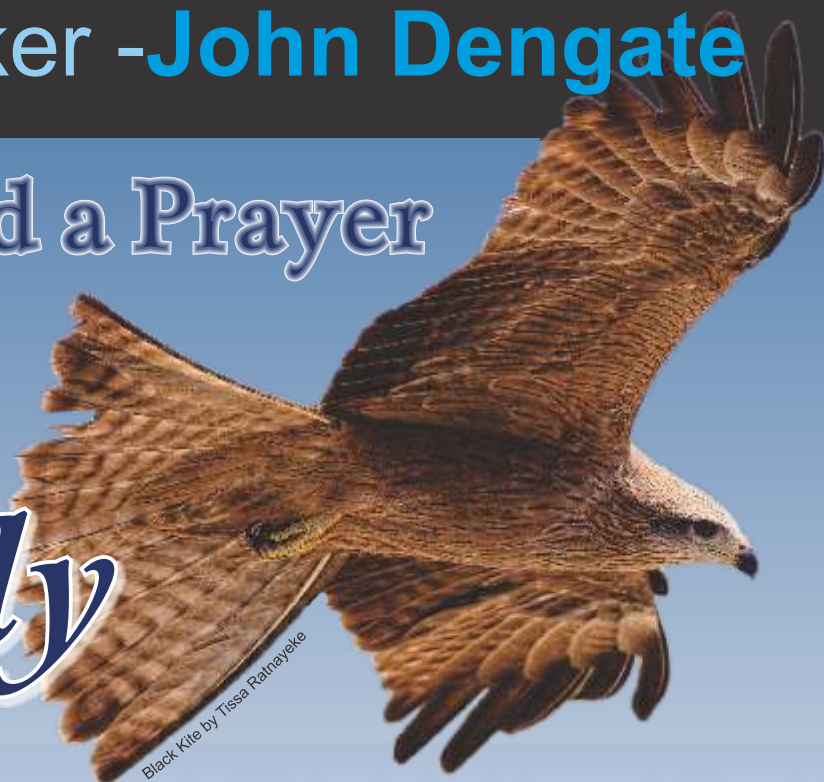


Celebrity Speaker - **John Dengate**

On a Wing and a Prayer

How Birds Fly



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John Dengate* has been fascinated by flight ever since he jumped off the garage roof at a young age armed with a sheet and soared gracefully and more-or-less vertically onto the family lawn. He says the footmarks are still visible.

Having failed in his own attempts, he set about studying how birds and other creatures manage to stay aloft, and he is happy to share his knowledge of this intriguing subject.

He will explain how birds and bats fly, as well as how some snakes and lizards can glide impressively. And he will answer the questions on the tip of everyone's tongue including why goshawks have round wings and falcons pointy ones; why Airbusses have winglets and how pelicans can travel thousands of kms even though they have virtually no fat stores.

If you were ever wondering how the clap fling mechanism works or why a frigate bird's bones weigh less than its feathers, then this is the talk for you!

** John Dengate is a well-known environmentalist, media naturalist, author and TV personality. For more than two decades he presented a wildlife talkback segment on ABC radio and also presented wildlife and environmental segments on the long-running Burke's Backyard TV show.*

John began his career more than 35 years ago with NSW National Parks and later worked at the Australian Museum and the Environment Protection Authority. In 2009 John retired as head of public affairs at the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change, and in the same year was recognised in the Queen's Birthday honours list with the Public Service Medal of the Order of Australia for his work.

2 pm Saturday 18 July 2015

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