



Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation CONFERENCE *Sydney* 2018

AWRC 2018 Conference Program

VENUE: ABERCROMBIE BUSINESS SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY of SYDNEY

Cnr Abercrombie & Codrington Streets, Darlington

DATES

Sunday July 1 Pre-registration is available at the venue from 3-5 p.m

Monday July 2 to Wed July 4 in Venue

Thursday July 5 off-campus excursions

This program is subject to change

All AWRC Conferences are run as not-for profit events

Any proceeds are donated to wildlife rehabilitation causes

An online program will be available in April

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has allocated 18 CPD points to this event

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SUNDAY 1 JULY

ABERCROMBIE BUSINESS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



TIME	Presenter / Topic
16:00 (1 hour)	Pre – Registration Delegates are invited to avoid the early morning rush on Monday, Pre-Registration will be available at the venue from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

MONDAY 2 JULY

ABERCROMBIE BUSINESS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

TIME	Presenter / Topic
08:00 (1 hr)	Registration
09:00 (10 min)	Opening Video and Welcome to Country
09:10 (15 min)	Official Opening, <i>Anthony Lean CEO NSW Office of Environment & Heritage</i>
09:25 (5 min)	Announcement, <i>Marg Peachey Chair, AWRC Inc</i>
09:30 (1 hr)	Keynote: The Science of Wildlife Rehabilitation (Working Title), Dr Karl Kruszelnicki
10:30 (30 min)	Morning Tea Served on level 1. Please return to your seat by 10:55
11:00 (30 min)	Facilitating a more effective model of local wildlife care with the volunteer wildlife rehabilitation sector: A survey of volunteers in NSW, <i>Peter Stathis (OEH)</i>
11:30 (15 min)	Anaesthesia for Wildlife, <i>Howard Ralph</i>
11:45 (15 min)	Causes & Treatment of Diarrhoea in Joey Macropods, <i>Anne Fowler</i>
12:00 (30 min)	Marine Turtle Rehabilitation & Satellite tracking, <i>Libby Hall (Taronga Wildlife Hospital)</i>
12:30 (1 hr)	LUNCH Served on level 1. Please return to your seat by 13:25
13:30 (15 min)	Together again for the first time: Using collaboration to improve the sector <i>Steve Amesbury</i>
13:45 (15 min)	Coccidian Tales, <i>Belinda Brice and Gwyneth Thomas (Kanyana)</i>
14:00 (15 min)	Unique Aspects of Australian Marine Mammal Rescue, <i>Shona Lorigan (ORRCA)</i>
14:15 (15 min)	Anticoagulant Rodenticides: Implications for Wildlife Rehabilitation, <i>Michael Lohr</i>
14:30 (30 min)	Rewilding ecosystems through wildlife rehabilitation – a successful trial in Western Sydney, <i>Peter Ridgeway</i>
15:00 (30 min)	Afternoon break. Please return to your seat by 15:25
15:30 (15 min)	Raptor Rehabilitation Case Studies, <i>Charlie Carter</i>
15:45 (30 min)	Surviving the Challenge: Rehabilitating Australian Magpies, Tawny Frogmouths and Others <i>Gisela Kaplan</i>
16:15 (15 min)	The NSW Wildlife Council – Supporting NSW Wildlife Rehab Sector, <i>Audrey Koosmen</i>
16:30 (1 hr)	Conference Poster Session with refreshments. Posters from: Melanie Barsony – the Art of Imping Serena Chung Case Study: Wound management of a Florida box turtle (<i>Terrapene carolina</i>) Amanda Cox & Shirley Lack – Accomplishments & future of the Wombat Protection Society Australian Wildlife Society – AWS Wildlife Care Award Wildlife Health Australia – The role of carers in Australian Biosecurity (TBC) Peggy McDonald – Raptors in the Round Nature Conservation Council – Tree Clearing, Wildlife Care & Conservation issues NSW Wildlife Council – Wildlife Volunteer Grants Program Glenda Ralph – Fracture Management Christie Wong – Establishing a Volunteer Program Tanya Stephens – Cataracts and Kangaroos: nutrition of orphan hand-reared macropod marsupials
17:30	Close for the Day



TUESDAY 3 JULY

ABERCROMBIE BUSINESS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



TIME	Presenter / Topic
08:00 (1 hour)	Registration
09:00 (1 hour)	Keynote: Wildlife Care and Conservation: Confluences and Conflicts, <i>Dr Carol Booth</i>
10:00 (30 min)	Koala Hospital: A Model for Wildlife Rehabilitation? <i>Damien Higgins & Cheyne Flanagan</i>
10:30 (30 min)	Morning Tea Served on level 1. Please return to your seat by 10:57
11:00 (30 min)	Wildlife Brain & Spinal Injuries – <i>Georgina Child (SASH Vets)</i>
11:30 (30 min)	Avian Pox in Kiwi <i>Ateryx mantelli</i> , <i>Emma Bean (Kiwi Encounter, rainbow Springs)</i>
12:00 (30 min)	Impact of Carer Behaviour on Wildlife in Care, <i>Rosemary Elliott (Sentient)</i>
12:30 (1 hr)	LUNCH Served on level 1. Please return to your seat by 13:57
13:30 (30 min)	Australian Animal Welfare Legislation, <i>Brendon Neilly (RSPCA NSW)</i>
14:00 (15 min)	Wildlife Rescue & Potential Impact on Mental Health, <i>Frances Carleton (Counsellor)</i>
14:15 (30 min)	Improving Bobtail Treatment through Analysis of Measurements, <i>Carol Jackson (Kanyana)</i>
14:45 (15 min)	Satellite Tracking of Rehabilitated Raptors, <i>Kiara Simonis</i>
15:00 (30 min)	Afternoon Tea Served on level 1. Please return to your seat by 15:27
15:30 (30 min)	Coccidia, <i>Derek Spielman (University of Sydney)</i>
16:00 (15 min)	Challenges of Wildlife Rehabilitation in Central West NSW, <i>Jodie Milton (Taronga WPWH)</i>
16:15 (30 min)	The role of wildlife rehabilitation in ameliorating the loss of genetic diversity in isolated populations, <i>Richard Frankham</i>
16:45 (15 min)	Managing a Heat Stress Ringtail Possum Emergency, <i>Janet Wheeler</i>
17:00	Close Day Sessions
18:30	Conference Dinner – Water Room Pier One 11 Hickson Rd, Sydney

WEDNESDAY 4 JULY

ABERCROMBIE BUSINESS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

TIME	Presenter / Topic
08:00 (1 hour)	Registration
09:00 (1 hour)	Keynote: The New Nature: Implications for wildlife rehabilitation (<i>working title</i>), <i>Tim Low</i>
10:00 (30 min)	The Veterinary Treatment of Wildlife in Australia, <i>Bronwyn Orr (RSPCA Australia)</i>
10:30 (30 min)	Morning Tea Served on level 1. Please return to your seat by 10:57
11:00 (30 min)	Feed guidelines for Native Birds in Rehabilitation, <i>Gordon Rich (Wombaroo)</i>
11:30 (15 min)	Innovations in Wildlife Rescue Technology, <i>Kyla Shelley (WIRES)</i>
11:45 (30 min)	Impact of Stress on possums in care, <i>Catherine Herbert (University of Sydney)</i>
12:15 (15 min)	Managing Conflict in the Wildlife Sector, <i>Maryanne Large</i>
12:30 (1 hr)	LUNCH Served on level 1. Please return to your seat by 13:57
13:30 (30 min)	Psittacine Circoviral Disease in wild Australian Psittacines, <i>Hamish Baron</i>
14:00 (30 min)	Bat Analgesia, <i>Tania Bishop</i>
14:30 (30 min)	Microbat Rehab - 10 Ways to Boost Your Chances of a Successful Outcome, <i>Rachel Lyons</i>
15:00 (30 min)	Afternoon Tea Served on level 1. Please return to your seat by 15:27
15:30 (30 min)	Monotreme Genesis: Wildlife Care Challenges, <i>Peggy Rismiller</i>
16:00 (1 hour)	Ask The Vet – <i>Panel Discussion (Questions to be submitted prior to the panel session)</i> Larry Vogelnest Tania Bishop Mike Cannon Howard Ralph Teri Bellamy David Vella
17:00	Close



THURSDAY 5 JULY

OFF-SITE EXCURSIONS



IMPORTANT: Please read all details carefully. While AWRC will be responsible for any cancellations which initiated by the organiser, it is up to each delegate to carefully read the information below, taking notice of the departure and return times, and any special requirements / conditions noted. To avoid congestion, some departure times may be altered slightly so listen carefully to all announcements about excursions at the conference and check all documentation given to you. Travel time estimates to and from excursions are based on mid-week traffic conditions for the time of day.

Excursion	Details <i>(Subject to change)</i>
A: Taronga Wildlife Hospital behind the scenes	<p>A bus will pick you up at 8:30 am on Thursday 5 July from near the conference venue. It is about a 40 minute bus trip to the zoo. You will be advised of the exact time and pick-up point at the conference. Your ticket will allow you general entry to the Zoo after your visit to the wildlife hospital. The cost of your ticket is less than the general zoo entry alone, so it is a condition of entry that all delegates who wish to visit the zoo, must enter as a group together.</p> <p>There are various cafes within the zoo where you will be able to buy your lunch. There is no return bus booked so delegates are free to leave at their convenience. We recommend walking from the top of the zoo downhill, and catching a Sydney Ferry back to Circular Quay. From there you can take a train, bus, taxi or Uber back to your destination.</p>
B: AREPH Wildlife Hospital Camden	<p>A bus will pick you up at 8:00 am on Thursday 5 July from near the conference venue. You will be advised of the exact time and pick-up point at the conference. The Hospital is a teaching veterinary practice associated with the University of Sydney, so delegates are asked to respect the needs of vets and clients while visiting.</p> <p>There are cafes nearby where delegates will be able to buy lunch. This is a half-day excursion which will depart Camden around 11:30 to 12:00 pm and arrive back at the conference venue about 1 – 1:30 pm.</p>
C: ORRCA Training	<p>A bus will pick you up at around 8:30 am on Thursday 5 July from near the conference venue. You will be advised of the exact time and pick-up point at the conference. It is about a 40 minute bus trip to Taronga Zoo, where the ORRCA Training will take place.</p> <p>Your ticket also allows you general entry to the Zoo after your ORRCA training session. The cost of your ticket is less than the general zoo entry alone, so it is a condition of entry that all delegates who wish to visit the zoo, must enter as a group together.</p> <p>There are various cafes within the zoo where you will be able to buy your lunch. There is no return bus booked so delegates are free to leave at their convenience. We recommend walking from the top of the zoo, downhill, and catching a Sydney Ferry back to Circular Quay. From there you can take a train, bus, taxi or Uber back to your destination</p>

D: Australian Raptor Care and Conservation Centre	<p>A bus will pick you up from near the conference venue at 8 am. It is about a 2 Hour trip to the Raptor Centre. You will be advised of the exact time and pick-up point at the conference.</p> <p>There is no entry fee at the raptor Centre as it is a private rehabilitation centre, but all donations are welcome. Lunch will be served at the Centre and the cost for this lunch is included in the excursion fee.</p>
E: Ofer Levy Photography Workshop	<p>Delegates are to meet Ofer Levy at the gates to Centennial Park at 7:00 am to take advantage of the sunrise and the “Golden Hours” that follow. Centennial Park is in Sydney’s eastern suburbs and at that time of day can easily be reached by Bus, Taxi or Uber. This is a half day excursion, which will finish up around lunch time. There are two large Cafes within Centennial Park where you can get your lunch, after which you are free to wander around one of the largest urban parks in the world. Be sure to check out the Flying-fox roost while you are there. Bring your camera and dress for cold weather.. A Map of Centennial Park is available from our website: https://sydney.awrc.org.au/ofere.html</p> <p><i>This excursion is subject to minimum numbers but if cancelled by the organiser, all fees will be refunded in full.</i></p>
F: Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park	<p>This is a full day excursion, and a bus will pick you up from near the conference venue shortly before 8. It is about a 2 Hour trip to the Park for Sydney. You will be advised of the exact time and pick-up point at the conference.</p> <p>The morning will consist of private ranger-led tours of the park. Lunch is included in the cost of the excursion, but there is a small shop on site if you need anything else. After lunch you will be free to walk that park or attend a talk by Flying-fox expert Tim Pearson.</p> <p>The bus will leave AWWP at about 2:20 and arrive back at the conference venue around 4 to 4:30 pm.</p> <p><i>NOTE: If you wish to join Tim close-up and personal with the flying-foxes, you will need to bring proof of current rabies vaccination (titres).</i></p>
G: Royal National Park Birding Tour	<p>This excursion has been organised with “Follow That Bird”. There are limited numbers so a mini-bus will leave from the conference venue by 8:00 am. You will be advised of the exact time and pick-up point at the conference. The bus will visit multiple locations including a café near the Royal National Park where you can buy lunch (or you can BYO lunch if you prefer). The bus will bring you back to the conference venue around 5:30 pm. You should bring a camera, binoculars and appropriate clothing for the weather.</p> <p><i>This excursion is subject to minimum numbers but if cancelled by the organiser, all fees will be refunded in full.</i></p>
H: Blue Mountains Eco-Tour	<p>Note this excursion is an all day affair, and the mini-bus will leave the venue at 7:00 am. You will be advised of the exact pick-up point at the conference. There is some walking, including steps and paths with slight gradients, so best for reasonably healthy people. This tour includes binoculars, picnic lunch and refreshments. Bring a camera and we recommend ‘layering’ you clothes. It will be cool in the mountains, but walking the trails will heat you up!</p> <p><i>This excursion is subject to minimum numbers but if cancelled by the organiser, all fees will be refunded in full.</i></p>