

# PERTH 2023



## Australian Wildlife Rehabilitation CONFERENCE INC

### “Rebuilding Communities”

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Friday 11 August 2023	
Theme: Innovation in wildlife medicine, rescue and/or rehabilitation	
7:30am	Registrations
8:30am	<b>Conference Opens</b>
8:45am	<b>Master of Ceremonies</b> – Dean Huxley
9:00am	<b>Keynote Address: TBC</b>
9:35am	<b>Changing landscapes of volunteering in Australia</b> (Traci Gamblin, Volunteering WA)
10:10am	<b>Understanding and treating starvation and refeeding syndrome in Australian wildlife</b> (Dr Anne Fowler, Adelaide Bird & Exotics Vet Centre)
<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
11:15am	<b>Wildlife Health Australia and wildlife rehabilitators</b> (Dr Simone Vitali, Wildlife Health Australia)
11:50am	<b>Fine-tuning the treatment of burnt paws of critically endangered Western Ringtail Possums</b> (Dr Shan Siah, FAWNA Inc.)
12:25pm	<b>Diarrhoea in macropods</b> (Dr Howard Ralph, Southern Cross Wildlife Hospital)
<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:45pm	<b>Fire first-aid for fauna</b> (Tania Duratovic, Southern Cross Wildlife Hospital)
2:20pm	<b>Q &amp; A: What support does the veterinary industry need to achieve better outcomes for wildlife?</b> (Dr Howard Ralph, Dr Anne Fowler, Dr Meg Rodgers, Dr Simone Vitali, Dr Shan Siah)
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
3:25pm	<b>The value of proactive training in educational animal welfare and how wildlife ambassadors support wildlife rehabilitation</b> (Marra Apgar, animal trainer & raptor rehabilitator)
4:00pm	<b>Supporting wildlife workers: working in isolation and the impact to mental health</b> (Frances Carleton, WildTalk)
4:35pm	<b>Upskilling GP veterinarians in wildlife medicine</b> (Dr Meg Rodgers, WA Wildlife Hospital)
5:10pm	Close Day 1
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Happy Hour</b>

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Saturday 12 August 2023	
Theme: Emergency response & disaster preparedness for wildlife	
8:00am	Registrations
8:30am	<b>Master of Ceremonies</b> – Helen Riley
8:40am	<b>Keynote Address: Wildlife caring is wildlife advocacy</b> (Louise Bonomi, Animals Australia)
9:15am	<b>Recovering our missing marsupials</b> (Catherine Herbert, University of Sydney)
9:50am	<b>Workshop: Preparing for emergency responses</b> (International Fund for Animal Welfare)
<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
11:15am	<b>Workshop Continued: Preparing for emergency responses</b> (International Fund for Animal Welfare)
12:25pm	<b>Humane Society International’s disaster response program</b> (Helen Church, Humane Society)
<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:45pm	<b>The future of wildlife care and rehabilitation in the face of climate change in Australia</b> (Dr Tania Bishop, WIRES)
2:20pm	<b>Q &amp; A: Emergency Response Panel</b> (TBC)
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
3:25pm	<b>Roadkill monitoring app: using technology to conserve wildlife</b> (Jacqui Marlow, Sydney Wildlife Rescue)
4:00pm	<b>Quantifying PTSD in macropods</b> (Professor Steve Garlick, Possumwood Wildlife Veterinary Hospital)
4:35pm	<b>Little penguins on Phillip Island: rehabilitation as a tool in a changing climate</b> (Jodi Bellett, Senior Environment Ranger, Phillip Island Nature Parks)
5:10pm	Close Day 2

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Sunday 13 August 2023	
Theme: Innovation in wildlife medicine, rescue and/or rehabilitation	
8:00am	Registrations
8:30am	<b>Master of Ceremonies</b> – Dean Huxley
8:40am	<b>Keynote Address: Using photography for wildlife conservation</b> (Georgia Steytler, Nature Photographer)
9:15am	<b>The use of net guns/launchers in bird rescue</b> (Dr Halina Burmej, Western Australian Seabird Rescue)
9:50am	<b>Antibiotic resistance in wildlife</b> (Professor Michelle Power, School of Natural Sciences, Macquarie University)
<b>10:25am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
11.00am	<b>Tracking wild raptors via satellite telemetry</b> (Ellen Rasidi, Australian Raptor Care and Conservation Inc.)
11:35am	<b>Tracking Oblong Turtles for conservation</b> (Dr Anthony Sontaro, Murdoch University)
12:10pm	<b>A cooperative approach to identification and treatment of Nannizziopsis fungal disease in Shingleback Lizards</b> (Carol Jackson, Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre)
12:45pm	<b>Fire first aid for fauna</b> (Tania Duratovic, Southern Cross Wildlife Hospital)
1:20pm	<b>Keynote Address: Conference close - Moving Forward</b> (Hon Melissa Parke)
<b>1:45pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
2:30pm	<b>Buses depart for wildlife centre tours (3.5 hours)</b>