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## **The Australian Herpetological Society Presents “A Night with “The Lizard Man” - Dr. Eric Pianka”**

The Australian Herpetological Society (AHS) is proud to announce “A Night with Dr. Eric Pianka, “The Lizard Man””. Dr. Pianka will come speak about his extraordinary life, unique world visions, and outstanding herpetological and ecological research that has earned him the title “Lizard Man”. Known for standing ovations, this talk is not to be missed! Come join Dr. Pianka for this fascinating evening at the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, Friday, 24 November at 7PM! Tickets are available through the AHS website at [www.ahs.org.au](http://www.ahs.org.au).

### **About “The Lizard Man”**

Dr. Pianka earned his Ph. D from the University of Washington in Seattle in 1965 and a D. Sc. from the University of Western Australia for his collected work. Dr. Pianka is currently the Denton A. Cooley Centennial Professor of Zoology at the University of Texas at which he has taught evolutionary biology since 1968. Throughout his time as a lecturer he has authored a couple of hundred scientific papers and written numerous books.

Cited by over 30,000 scientific papers and books, his famed textbook, “Evolutionary Ecology” and a number of his scientific papers are known as “citation classics”. He still brings a sense of passion, playful curiosity, joy and a clear understanding of his subject to his work. Dr. Pianka's influential research has helped science understand food web dynamics among numerous lizard species and the anatomy of these creatures.

From raising buffalo in the United States, to catching never before discovered lizards in the Great Victorian Desert in Western Australia, Pianka is a self-proclaimed “Jack of all trades, master of none”. Pianka will inspire you to learn and be curious in life and to appreciate the fascinating world we live in.

### **About the Australian Herpetological Society (AHS):**

The Australian Herpetological Society (AHS) was founded as the Australian Reptile Club, in 1949. Our mission is to promote the study and keeping of Herpetofauna in Australia. AHS meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Sydney Mechanics School Of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney NSW 2000, at 7.30pm. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

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