



ASZK Virtual conference



Program

Session times are in Sydney time.

Session 1 :

Friday 12th 6-9 pm

Session 2:

Saturday 13th 1– 4.30 pm

Session 3:

Sunday 14th 10am —1.40 pm

The ASZK conference has gone virtual in 2021. With a theme of “*Keeper Konnect 4: Keepers Connecting with each other, with the Public, helping the Public Connect to the Wild, and Connecting what we do in Zoos to the Needs of the Wild,*” this year’s event encompasses every critical facet of the animal care industry.

We hope you enjoy this wonderful program showcasing the work of keepers and take the opportunity to network with others.

Sessions can be registered for via www.aszk.org.au

Friday 12 November

6:00 pm Welcome and acknowledgement of country, announcement of Photo Competition winners —Chris Dryburgh ASZK President

6.15 pm Samantha Robertson, Auckland Zoo “A Golden Opportunity”

6:35 pm Dave Laux, Wellington Zoo “Grand Caymans Blue Dragons Back from the brink”

6:55 pm Nick de Graaff, ZAA “Clarifying the function of Five Domains Model to simplify and strengthen its application in animal welfare assessment”

7:30 pm Erin Oakley, Sea World Australia “Voluntary tooth extraction in a geriatric California Sea Lion, an example of how far co-operative husbandry training can be taken”

7:50 pm Dr Edward Narayan, University of Queensland “Conservation physiology research applications to boost Australasian wildlife management “

8:10 pm Cathrine Atkin, Sea World Australia : Reducing Undesirable Aggressive Behaviour Utilising a GnRH Agonist to Improve Animal Welfare in Sea Lions and Fur Seals”

8:30 pm Jake Meney, Australian Reptile Park “Komodo Oviposition at the Australian Reptile Park”

8:50 pm ICZ Achievements. Final Q&A session

Saturday 13 November

1:00 pm Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country—Andrew Daly ASZK Vice President

1:10 pm Justine Partoon & Wayne Phillips, Sea World Australia “Enhancing dolphin welfare through enrichment with the utilization of ZooMonitor and OERCA platforms at Sea World, Gold Coast

1:30 pm Olivia Clarke Mogo Zoo “Kits after kanoodle? The Trials & tribulations of breeding Binturong”

1:50 pm Emily Newell, Sea World Australia “Utilisation of Tactile Cues (Sds) in A Vision Impaired Inshore Bottlenose Dolphin (Tursiops aduncus)”.

2:20 pm Holly Thompson, Perth Zoo—Connections to aid ongoing learnings - Workshop

3:00 pm Nick Bishop, Zoos SA, “ The keepers Konnect for success “- Workshop

4:30 pm Final Q& A Session

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Sunday 14 November

10:00 am Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country—Sam Hermann ASZK Committee

10:10 am Andrew Hardie Auckland Zoo “Investigating the effect of social-setting on the behaviour of red panda “

10:30 am Rachael Thomas and Georgia Clark, National Zoo “Operation Onesie”

10:50 am Kara Stevens, Taronga Western Plains Zoo “Connecting our Zoos – The Expansion of the Regent Honeyeater Recovery Program to TWPZ”

11:10 am Karen Moseley, Sea World Australia “A Retrospective Study of Annual Fluctuations in Clutch Rates of a Little Penguin (*Eudyptula minor*) Captive Population to Improve Welfare Outcomes at Sea World Gold Coast.”

11:30 am Ellyn Berry and Jess Burgess (Poster) Auckland Zoo “Managing dental disease in Southern white rhinoceros. Improving behaviour and health through nutritional enhancement”

11:35 am Lesley Small, Taronga Zoo/Sumatran Sun Bear Team “ From Zoo Keeper to Sumatra, the large project to save the smallest bear”

11:55 am Rowena Fraioli Hamilton Zoo “ Voluntary ECG Readings in Chimpanzees “

12:15 pm Mel Frith & Caitlyn Doherty Taronga Western Plains Zoo “The Positive Effects of Crush and Blood Draw Conditioning for Cheetah”

12:35 pm Janet Lackey Sydney Zoo “ Collaborative zookeeping to maintain and develop relevant behavioural husbandry conditioning programs for Orang-utan (*Pongo abelii*) individuals at Sydney Zoo.”

12:50 pm Jocelyn Hockley TAFE NSW “New Certificate III Qualification”

1.00 Final Q & A session

