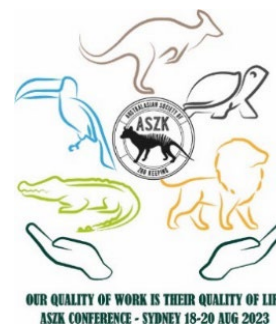


## ASZK Conference Program

18-20 August 2023

Venue: Rydges Cronulla Beachside



### Friday 18 August

9:00 am Registrations – arrival tea and coffee – bring your silent auction items

9:30 am **Presidents** Welcome and Opening address – **Chris Dryburgh, ASZK president**

9:40 am **Keynote address:** *Responding to emergencies – Securing threatened amphibians from extinction*

**Michael McFadden** Taronga Zoo

10:10 am *Care of geriatrics in the zoo setting*

**Lauren Sumner** Perth Zoo

10:25 am *Skink on the brink*

**Sonja Murray** Auckland zoo

10:45 *Using Artificial Intelligence for Animal Welfare*

**Joe Cincotta** Taronga Zoo

### 11:00 am Morning Tea

11:30 am **Workshop** –Increasing Positive Experiences for the Animals in our care–

**Nicolas de Graaff** – Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia

12:30 pm **Keynote address** – *Life as a Zoologist in and out of the zoo*

**Dr Stephen Jackson**, Australian Museum (Author of Australian Mammals in Captivity)

### 1:00 pm Lunch

### 2:30 pm Buses to Symbio Wildlife Park

Visit to park then icebreaker evening function

Buses return to Rydges at 9 pm

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August

### Rydges Cronulla Beachside

**8:45 am Registrations** – arrival morning tea and coffee

9:15 am Housekeeping and welcome

9:25 am *Use of the ZIMS Care and Welfare module to inform data-based decision making and provide a clear picture of each individual animal's overall welfare.*

**Jessica Ellery** Wellington Zoo

9:40 am *Spider Nursery Egg sack collection and future breeding Funnel Web Spider Program*

**Seleena de Gelder** Australian Reptile Park

9:55 am *It takes two to tango, but three to raise: Implementing a co-raising approach for captive cheetah.*

**Kahlia Britton and Tamblyn Williams** Wild Cat Conservation Centre

10:10 am *Tutu the Solo Kea*

**Kim Schotel** Oruawharo Medlands Ecovision

10:25 am *The journey of the Pookila Penthouse: From plans to pups*

**Kiandra Phillips**, Moonlit Sanctuary

10:40 am **Keynote:** *Passion in action: Unleashing the power of zookeeping and conservation*

**Amy Robbins** Auckland Zoo

### 11:10 Morning tea

11:40 am *Assessing the mess: the role of faecal scoring in monitoring primate physical health and welfare.*

**Grace Watson** Auckland zoo

11:55 am *Where have all the birds gone?*

**Jordan Mountney** Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

12:10 pm *Bringing herp husbandry into the 2020's*

**Alex Mitchell** Melbourne Zoo

12:25 pm *Zephyr the Brahminy kite*

**Tessa McKelliget** Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

12:40 *What it takes to breed a Black Rhino*

**Adam Smith** Taronga Western Plains Zoo

**1:00 pm Lunch**

## **2pm Workshops**

2- 3:30 pm *Australian Animals Enrichment – Birds, Mammals and Reptiles* – Activities and updating the Manual

**Margaret Hawkins TCSA/Liz Notley ASZK**

## **3:30 pm Afternoon Tea**

## **4 pm Workshop Choice**

1. *Workshop: How to apply for that role.*

**Liz Notley** Department Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

2. *Finding the right gear for your project: Reconyx ' camera traps and Wildlife Acoustics ' audio recording devices.*

**Harry Rust, Faunatech**

## **5pm Finish**

## **7 pm – 11 pm Conference Dinner Rydges including Silent Auction**

## Sunday 20 August

### Rydges Cronulla Beachside

**9:10am Registrations** - arrival tea and Coffee

**9:30 am** Housekeeping and welcome

9:40 am *Enriching the Lives of predatory birds: Research, Development, and Implementation of an enrichment schedule at the Territory Wildlife Park*

**Blake Hutchinson** Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

9:55 am *6 Learnings from the Best Animal Trainers in the World*

**Jose Gomes** Melbourne Zoo

10:10 am *Diving into the future: Training, safety, procedures and future applications for diving with sea lions, dolphins and pelicans.*

**Alice Tse and Christina Lovell** Sea World Gold Coast

10:25 *Hand raising of a wild Platypus puggle.*

**Robert Dockerill** Taronga Zoo

**10:45 am morning tea**

11:15 am **Keynote:** *Conservation status of the Fijian Crested Iguana*

**Peter Harlow**, Taronga Zoo

12:00 pm *Make them work for it! Extending feeding times by working smarter not harder*

**Jacob Leto**, Taronga Zoo

12:15 pm *Revitalizing Endangered Freshwater Turtle Breeding: A Success Story from Aussie Ark at Reptile Park*

**Billy Collet** Australian Reptile Park

**12:30 Global Café**

**All**

**1:00 pm** Lunch

**2:00 pm** Global Café Reports and *Bruce Kubbere best papers winner announcement*

**2:30 Close**