

ASZK Conference Program

Perth Zoo

24 – 26 May 2024



Friday 24 May

8:00 am Registrations - Perth Zoo– arrival tea and coffee – .bring your silent auction items

9:00 am Welcome and Opening address – **Chris Dryburgh, ASZK president, Perth Zoo Executive Director**

9:20 am **Welcome to Country**

9:45 am **Keynote address:** Harriet Mills

10:15 am *Climate change, health and disease in wildlife and zoo animals*

Sarah Alexander Perth Zoo

10:30 am *Kesejahteraan hewan – The positive impacts of the Orangutan Haven for Sumatran orangutans and beyond*

Jenna Hollamby Perth Zoo

10:45 am **MORNING TEA**

11:15 am *Closing a zoo: the story and lessons from the closure of Cairns Zoom & Wildlife Dome*

Dan Kemp CaPTA Group

11:30 am *Zookeeper Evolution: Navigating the aftermath of a Tornado in a Zoo.*

Ashleigh Neal and Jessica Butterworth, Paradise Country

11:45 am *Green Tree Python – Breeding at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, securing the population in the region.*

Diane Thomas Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

12:00 pm *Snailed it? Ex-situ conservation of a critically endangered terrestrial gastropod*

Andrew Daly Taronga Zoo

12:15 pm *Wildlife Wanderers: Inspiring the Next Generation through Nature Connection and Educational Interaction.*

Rebecca Smith Gumbuya World

12:30 pm **LUNCH**

Workshops Choose 1 of 2 first session

1:30 – 2:30 Ethograms in Zoos. Melanie Mirville Perth Zoo

1:30 – 2:30 pm Using acoustics for wildlife reintroduction with Song Meter recorders. Harry Rust
Fauna Tech

2:30pm

AFTERNOON TEA

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm Climate Change and Zookeeping – preparing for disasters – Holly Thompson
Perth Zoo and Graeme Phipps Moonlit Sanctuary Foundation

6 pm **Icebreaker South Perth Bowls Club**

Saturday 25 May

Note this is a long day and you won't be back till after the dinner so bring everything you need with you.

8:00 am **Registrations - Perth Zoo**

8:45 am **Keynote Tony Friend** DBCA Biodiversity and Conservation Science

9:15 am *Blue Tiger (Tirumala hamata) and Monarch (Danaus plexippus) Captive Overwintering at Melbourne Zoo*

Melvin Nathan Melbourne Zoo

9:30 am *The Red Panda's Gut Dilemma: are genetics to blame?*

Courtney Ross Taronga Zoo

9:45 am *Barking up the right tree*

Samantha Robertson Auckland Zoo

10:00 am *Climate Change: In Conversation, Perspectives from the Field a Focus on Primate Ecosystems*

Holly Thompson Perth Zoo

10:15 am **MORNING TEA**

10:45 am *Improving Captive Snake Welfare by 'Thinking Outside of the Box'*

Jadan Hutchings and Matthew Crane NSW DPI

11:00 am *The Legacy of Our Kings: Evolving Cheetah Husbandry at TWPZ*

Jordan Michelmore Taronga Western Plains Zoo

11:15 am *The Spectacular New Guinea Crowned Pigeons*

Bonnie Bilson Port Moresby Nature Park

11:30 am *Choice and Control with Natives Species in Human Care*

Mikaela Preston WILDLIFE Sydney Zoo

11:45 am *21ST Century Zoos in a Rapidly Evolving Landscape*

Akanksha Mukherjee Life Science Educational Trust

12:00 pm **ASZK Annual General Meeting**

12:30 pm **LUNCH**

1:30 pm **Keynote John Lemon Perth Zoo**

2:00 pm *Can we adapt with our wildlife? - Climate impacts in threatened species recovery programs and ecological consultancy.*

Jeff Lewis Queensland Department of Environment and Science, Northern Wildlife Operations

2:15 pm *Managing the lasting effects of forced copulation in female orangutans: moving towards choice*

Melanie Mirville Perth Zoo

2:30 pm *A new zoo for WA*

Ranger Red Ranger Red's Zoo and Conservation Park

2:45 pm Afternoon Tea

3:30 pm Buses leave for AQWA

4- 6 pm Tour of AQWA

6:30 – 11:30 pm Conference Dinner Hilary's Yacht Club including Silent Auction

Sunday 26 May

9:00 am **Registrations**

9:45 am *Non-invasive Hormone Analysis: An Established Management Tool in Zoos*

Larissa Spiteri Taronga Western Plains Zoo

10:00 am *The changing face of zoo exhibits*

Jake Meney Symbio Wildlife Park

10:15 am *Capacity building for conservation in a changing world*

Amy Saunders Animals Asia, Vietnam Bear Rescue Centre

10:30 am Empowering Animal Autonomy: Offering Independence in Training Practices

Teagan Anstiss Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

10:45 am **MORNING TEA**

11:15 am Keynote Neil Hamilton Ghost Bird consultancy

11:45 am *Investigating egg incubation strategies for the Western Swamp Tortoise (*Pseudemydura umbrina*) to optimise fitness for individuals released to the wild.*

Kerry Ryan Perth Zoo

12:00 pm *Re-thinking trap designs for aviaries*

Tammika Stasiak Healesville Sanctuary

12:15 pm *Evolving the Way We Look at Zoo Keeping: A Case Study on the Welfare Assessment of the Australian Pelican (*Pelecanus conspicillatus*) in a Managed Care Setting.*

Samuel Burbidge Sea World Australia

12:30 pm *The power of little conversations*

Lucy Doran Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park

12:45 pm LUNCH

1:45 pm *The Evolving Role of Platypus Keepers*

Angelica Aguilar Healesville Sanctuary

2:00 pm *Managing Bird Collections Within Zoos and Wildlife Parks*

Josh Allen Symbio Wildlife Park

2:15 pm *An adventure to Nashville 2024: Sharing Learnings from the Animal Behavior Management Alliance (ABMA) Conference*

Bianca Papadopoulos and Phoebe Allen Melbourne Zoo

2:30 pm *Critical Conservation - let's look to the Turtles*

Imogen Hall Australian Reptile Park

2:45 pm *Re-introduction of a bachelor group of ring-tailed lemurs after social breakdown*

Alice Greenup Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

3:00 *Beyond the Zoo*

Lorraine Miller Great Ape Consultancy

3:15 pm AFTERNOON TEA

4 pm Close – Best Paper and Poster presentations