

Forum Program



Savannah Function Centre,
Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo



FRIDAY 12 th September 2014	
4.00pm	Registrations open
5.30 – 6.30pm CANAPES	
7.00pm	Registrations close (can also register 8.00-8.45am Sat)

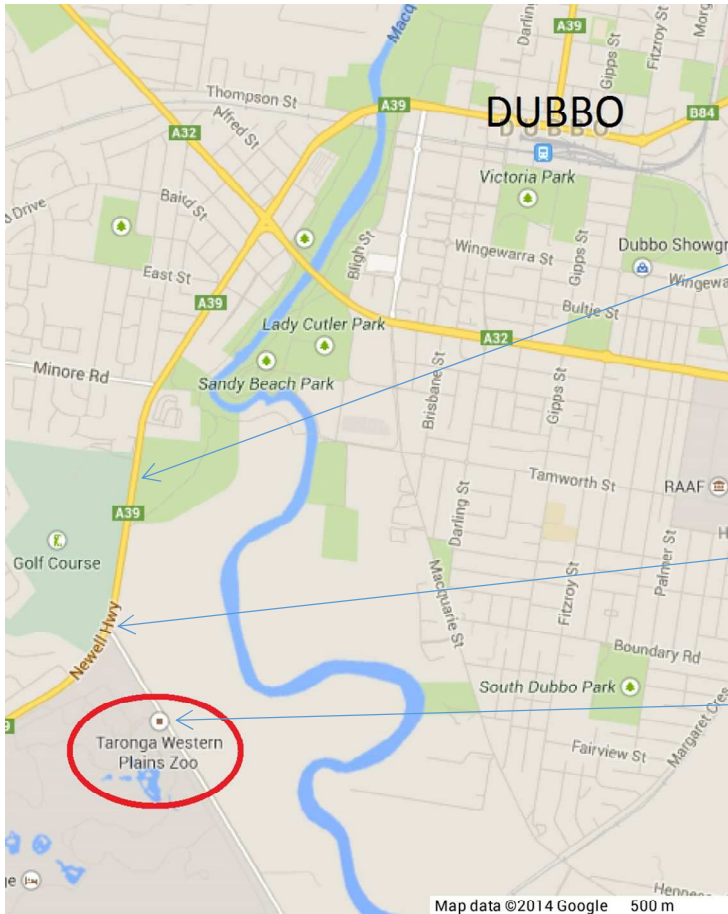
SATURDAY 13 th September 2014			
8.00 – 8.45am Registration continues			
9.00	Welcome from Chair, National Malleefowl Recovery Team	Sharon Gillam	NMRT
9.10	Welcome to Country from Local Aboriginal Community	Uncle John Hill	Tubbagah
9.15	Tribute	Sally Cail	NMRT
9.25	Introduction to Forum	Dr Joe Benshemesh	NMRT
9.45	How we have progressed as measured against the National Recovery Plan for Malleefowl and resolutions from Renmark	Tim Burnard	NMRT
10.00	Update from the National Malleefowl Recovery Coordinator	Tim Burnard	NMRT
10.07	Report from the NCMPG, Western Australia	Sally Cail	NCMPG
10.15 -10.40am MORNING TEA			
10.40	MPG Report – Establishing new directions for the MPG, WA	John DeJose	MPG
10.48	Malleefowl conservation activities in NSW 2012 - 2014	Melanie Bannerman	OEH
10.56	Malleefowl conservation in SA - Activities from 2012 - 2014	Sharon Gillam	DEWNR
11.04	Malleefowl conservation action in Victoria 2011 - 2014	Peter Stokie	VMRG
11.12	Questions		
11.20	Saving Our Species - Malleefowl Iconic Species Project	Marc Irvin	OEH
11.40	WA Malleefowl Network Update	Blair Parsons	Outback Ecology
12.00	Questions		
12.10	Reproductive outputs of two comparable regions of the SA Murray Darling Basin – Results and learnings for recovery	Chris Hedger	DEWNR
12.30 – 1.30pm LUNCH Poster presentations			
Mallee Fires in the SAMDB – Losses, learning's and linings. Chris Hedger & Jared Pippas DEWNR, SA			
Is road kill the greatest threat to Malleefowl survival in bush remnants? Gordon McNeill NCMPG, WA			
Emergency Summit for Threatened Mallee Birds. Janelle Thomas, et al Birdlife Australia & Uni of Adelaide			
1.30	An Investigation of Potential Landscape Links to Enhance Malleefowl Conservation in Northwest Victoria	Allen, G.G and Sluiter, I.R.K.	Ogyris Pty Ltd
1.50	How mining offsets can provide support towards meeting National Recovery Plan objectives	Stephanie Mitchell	ILUKA Mining
2.00	Questions		
2.10	A proposed release of Malleefowl at Taronga Western Plains Zoo: for discussion	Paul Andrew	TWPZ
2.30	Questions		
2.40	Conservation Genetics of Malleefowl Part 1: Phylogeography and population genetics	Taneal Cope	Melbourne Uni
3.00	Conservation Genetics of Malleefowl Part 2: Mating systems and relatedness of mounds siblings	Taneal Cope	Melbourne Uni
3.20 – 3.40pm AFTERNOON TEA			
3.40	Conservation Genetics of Malleefowl Part 3: Landscape genetics of Malleefowl	Taneal Cope	Melbourne Uni
4.00	Questions		
4.10	Guest Speaker A brief history of Megapodes through time	Dr Walter Boles	Australian Museum
4.45	Questions		
4.55	Directions for Evening Dinner and Data Handlers Gathering	Tim Burnard and Melanie Bannerman	NMRT
5.15	Data Handlers Gathering (45 min)	Dr Joe Benshemesh	NMRT
7.00pm FORUM DINNER Guest speaker Ian Fraser			

SUNDAY 14 th September 2014			
9.00	Welcome to Day 2	Sharon Gillam	Chair, NMRT
9.10	Update on the National Malleefowl Monitoring Database: recent developments and new gear	Dr Joe Benshemesh	NMRT
9.25	Malleefowl (Nganamara) as a flagship species for Indigenous Land Management in the Great Victoria Desert of WA	Adam Pennington	Pila Nguru Abor Corp, WA
9.45	Progress towards a method of monitoring Malleefowl in the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands, South Australia	Dr Joe Benshemesh	La Trobe Uni and NMRT
10.05	The use of LiDAR to determine the presence of Malleefowl mounds	Dr Vi Saffer and Travis Peake	Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited
10.25 -10.45am MORNING TEA			
10.45	Motion-sensitive cameras for monitoring a range of animals in Malleefowl monitoring sites	Dr Joe Benshemesh and Peter Stokie	La Trobe Uni and VMRG
11.05	Using high definition aerial photography to search for Malleefowl mounds	Julia Sparks	Aerometrex Pty Ltd
11.25	Comparison of three survey techniques for locating Malleefowl mounds	John Read and Katherine Moseby	Ecological Horizons and Adelaide Uni
11.55	Questions		
12.05	The Mallee Hawkeye Project: assessing most suitable habitat for threatened mallee birds using predictive fire history mapping	Jemima Connell	La Trobe Uni
12.35	Questions		
12.45 – 1.35pm LUNCH Poster presentations			
Thinking outside the jerry can.		John DeJose	MPG, WA
Malleefowl at Monarto Zoo.		Vaughan Wilson and Mal Norman	Monarto Zoo and Adelaide Zoo, SA
1.35	Do we need better questions?	John DeJose	MPG
1.50	Questions		
2.00	Applying adaptive management techniques to ongoing management of the mallee	Dr Cindy Hauser	Melbourne Uni
2.15	Analysing the effects of ongoing and historical fox control on Malleefowl population viability	Dr Cindy Hauser	Melbourne Uni
2.30	Camera trapping analysis of mallee wildlife	Rosanna van Hespen	Melbourne Uni
2.40	What's going on in the mallee? Constructing competing models of mallee ecosystem dynamics, and using expert knowledge to decide between them	Dr Michael Bode	Melbourne Uni
3.00	Questions		
3.10	A brief history of Malleefowl conservation and monitoring efforts in the Goonoo forest	Alison Towerton	University of Sydney
3.30 – 3.50pm AFTERNOON TEA			
3.50	Malleefowl activity at nesting sites increase fox and other feral animal visitation rates	Dr Milton Lewis & Michelle Hines	NSW Local Land Services
4.05	Feral Goat removal to restore habitat quality within Malleefowl nesting areas in the western rangelands of New South Wales	Dr Milton Lewis & Michelle Hines	NSW Local Land Services
4.20	Questions		
4.30	Forum wrap up. How it all fits together	Dr Joe Benshemesh	NMRT
4.50	Farewell & Directions for Field Trips and Malleefowl Recovery Team meeting	Sharon Gillam and Melanie Bannerman	NMRT
5.15	National Malleefowl Recovery Team meeting (45 min)	Sharon Gillam	NMRT

Please note that while every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, there may be some changes required after publishing this program.

Acronyms

CRC	Cooperative Research Centre
DEWNR	Department of Environment Water and Natural Resources (SA)
LLS	Local Land Services (NSW)
MPG	Malleefowl Preservation Group
NCMPG	North Central Malleefowl Preservation Group (WA)
NMRT	National Malleefowl Recovery Team
OEH	Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)
TWPZ	Taronga Western Plains Zoo
VMRG	Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group



Taronga Western Plains Zoo location

Head south out of Dubbo along the Newell Highway towards Parkes/Peak Hill/Forbes.

Turn left onto Obley Road.

Follow the zoo signs to the Zoo entrance, 500m on the right.

Savannah Function Centre location

5th National Malleefowl Forum
Venue – Savannah Room

Car parking

More parking

Zoo entry off Obley Road

