



## REGISTRATION FORM

The Organising Committee of the 2014 Fifth National Malleefowl Forum takes pleasure in inviting you to attend the Forum at the Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo NSW from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

The National Malleefowl Forum will review progress in improving the conservation status of the Malleefowl *Leipoa ocellata* and exchange new information about its biology and management. Progress on Malleefowl conservation will be reviewed in each state, and the application of research findings to management will be discussed.

### Topics of the Forum include:

- **Involvement of community groups in Malleefowl conservation**
- **Land management to aid Malleefowl Recovery**
- **Adaptive Management to benefit Malleefowl**
- **New technologies in monitoring Malleefowl**
- **The role of fire in Malleefowl conservation**

### The National Malleefowl Forum aims to:

- **Bring together community groups, individuals, agencies and corporations working with Malleefowl in Australia to share information and experiences;**
- **Discuss related issues of interest;**
- **Develop recommendations and strategies to improve the long-term management and conservation of Malleefowl.**

The 2014 Forum will comprise of registration and pre-forum canapés on the Friday evening, 2 days of presentations on Saturday and Sunday, a Forum Dinner on Saturday evening and a range of optional post-conference field trips on the Monday.

### Speakers

An impressive group of speakers from a variety of backgrounds will be presenting at the National Malleefowl Forum. These include:

**Walter Boles**, Senior Fellow, Ornithology, Australian Museum will present 'A brief history of Megapodes through time.'

**Ian Fraser**, Canberra-based naturalist, conservationist, broadcaster and author of the recently published book *Australian Bird Names* which received a 2013 Whitley Award Commendation for Zoological Resource will present an entertaining talk "How Australian Birds got English Names" at the Saturday Dinner.

**Taneal Cope**, is travelling from NZ to present Conservation Genetics of Malleefowl.

**Joe Benshemesh**, will present on how the National Database feeds into current work on the Adaptive Management Project and how that all leads to better Malleefowl management.

A full program of speakers and their presentations will be available at [www.nationalmalleefowl.com.au](http://www.nationalmalleefowl.com.au) soon.

**Registrations should be received by Friday 1st August 2014**

# Program Outline

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September (5pm - 7pm)

Registration opens 5pm

Pre-forum canapés from 5.30 to 6.30pm

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September (9am - 5pm, Conference Dinner 7pm)

Registrations available between 8 and 9am

Official Conference Opening and welcome 9am

Aims of the Forum

Individual state reports

Invited speakers and oral presentations

Poster presentations

Conference Dinner 7pm

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September (9am – 5pm)

Invited speakers and oral presentations

Discussion session on recommendations

Poster presentations

Official close of conference

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Fantastic Field Trips! All Forum attendees are welcome to stay on for optional activities in the Dubbo region to explore our unique environment.

### Option 1: Goonoo National Park bird watching

Goonoo National Park contains over 150 bird species with 17 of these threatened. We will have a look at some Malleefowl mounds nestled in the ironbark forest and visit some artificial nest boxes erected throughout the forest for the Glossy Black-cockatoo to supplement nesting hollows lost in the 2007 wildfire. A stop at one of the many forest dams will give us an opportunity to search for numerous other species including the speckled warbler and turquoise parrot. This trip will include breakfast and morning tea in the park and bus travel.

Trip time: approximately 5 & 1/2 hours, departing early in the morning and returning before lunch.

Fitness Level: easy, short walks through level grassy bushland.

### Option 2: Taronga Western Plains Zoo behind the scenes tour

Take a tour with one of the keepers to look at some of the interesting work going on behind the scenes at the zoo. The tour may include the Malleefowl breeding facilities, Tasmanian Devil breeding facilities and the Vet & Quarantine Centre as well as other interesting behind the scenes areas.

Trip time: approximately 2½ - 3 hours, with possibly two tours being run – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Travel around the zoo will be by bus.

Fitness Level: easy, short walks at each facility.

### Option 3: Pilliga Discovery Tour

Enjoy a full day round trip through the beautiful Pilliga scrub. One of the iconic landscapes of the Australian inland, the Pilliga contains half a million hectares of forest that bursts into spring colour and is home to over 350 species of animals. We will stop at the Sandstone Caves for a short walk to these numerous caves ranging in size and colour, with some containing Aboriginal rock engravings. We will also visit the sculptures in the scrub at Dandry Gorge. This walk through a wildflower wonderland, will take us past four Aboriginal inspired sculptures and offers spectacular views of the gorge. Our final stop will be at the Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre, an interactive centre where you can discover the hidden secrets of the Pilliga and stories of yesteryear. This trip will include morning and afternoon tea, lunch and bus travel.

Trip Time: All day, departing early and returning late afternoon.

Fitness Level: medium grade walks (1.7km at Sandstone Caves and 2.3km at Dandry Gorge).

A full program will be available in due course, and will be posted at [www.nationalmalleefowl.com.au](http://www.nationalmalleefowl.com.au)  
You can also indicate on your registration form if you would like a final program sent to you.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Conference Venue;

### Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Obley Road

Dubbo. NSW 2830

Phone 02 6881 1438

[taronga.org.au/taronga-western-plains-zoo](http://taronga.org.au/taronga-western-plains-zoo)

## Getting there;

### By Bus

If arriving to Dubbo by plane or train an easy way to get to the Zoo is by the public bus service which operations Monday – Saturday. Alternatively you may be staying at an accommodation provider that is on the route making your access to the Zoo even easier by bus.

The public bus service starts at the Dubbo CBD running through West Dubbo to the Zoo.

The bus stop location at Taronga Western Plains Zoo is located inside the main gates near the flag poles. A sign displaying the timetable is present at the bus stop location.

For the latest timetable visit <http://www.countrytransport.131500.com.au/>



### By Rail

Dubbo is a seven hour rail trip from Sydney by the CountryLink XPT. Train services operate daily from Sydney with a choice of first or economy class seats and access to the buffet car, which carries a variety of hot and cold meals and beverages.

To book the train to Dubbo, visit [www.nswtrainlink.info/](http://www.nswtrainlink.info/)

### By Air

Dubbo is located an hour's flight from Sydney. Dubbo City Airport is located five kilometres North West of Dubbo on the Mitchell Highway and serviced by Regional Express and Qantas Link.

To book your flight to Dubbo, visit:

Regional Express - [www.rex.com.au](http://www.rex.com.au)

Qantas - [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au)

### Accommodation

Dubbo offers a breadth and variety of accommodation with over 70 accommodation venues ranging from caravans and cabins to self-contained units, a backpackers' hostel, camping grounds, hotels, motels, bed and breakfast or overnight safaris at the zoo. The list is too great to include here so we suggest you contact the Dubbo Visitors Information Centre by phone (02) 6801 4450, Fax (02) 6801 4459 or [www.dubbotourism.com.au/VisitDubbo/visitorinformationcentre.html](http://www.dubbotourism.com.au/VisitDubbo/visitorinformationcentre.html)

You could also try one of the many online booking agencies like Wotif [www.wotif.com/](http://www.wotif.com/) or [www.booking.com/](http://www.booking.com/)

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# REGISTRATION FEES

Due to an allocation of funds from Iluka Resources Ltd Malleefowl Committee of Management, we have been able to keep Registration Fees very low, especially for community members.

**\$130 per person standard registration (all agency staff)**  
**\$65 per person community members**

Registration fees include:

Saturday night Forum Dinner

Canapés Friday night

Participation in all Sat / Sun sessions

Morning and afternoon teas (Saturday & Sunday)

Lunch (Saturday & Sunday)

Forum Proceedings

## Registration and Payment options

Direct EFT Transfer

Cheques made payable to: National Malleefowl Recovery Group Inc

A National Bank Australia branch (or at another bank for a fee)

Credit card (phone or mail)

## Additional People

Additional tickets are available for social functions and field trips

Pre-Forum canapés Friday night \$25

Conference Dinner Saturday night \$50

Optional field tours (important to register interest)

## Register by telephone

For further enquiries contact:

Tim Burnard

Phone: (03) 5581 2205 Email: [Tim.Burnard@birdlife.org.au](mailto:Tim.Burnard@birdlife.org.au)

## Post

Send completed registration form and payment to:

Tim Burnard

PO Box 25

CASTERTON, 3311 Vic



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Please complete in **BLOCK LETTERS** and email or post to:

Tim Burnard: [Tim.Burnard@birdlife.org.au](mailto:Tim.Burnard@birdlife.org.au) or PO Box 25, CASTERTON, 3311 Vic

Name	Organisation
Email	Telephone
Address	
Name Badge Preference	Special dietary requirements
<b>Forum Registration Fee</b> (includes canapés (Fri), lunches, morning & afternoon teas (Sat/Sun) and Forum Dinner (Sat) Standard Registration: \$130 (all agency staff) Community member: \$65	Please indicate how many tickets and total cost.
Additional Tickets for people not registering for the Forum: pre-Forum canapés Fri night \$25 Conference Dinner Sat night \$50	Please indicate how many tickets and total cost.
<b>Optional Field Trips:</b> <b>Option 1: Goonoo National Park bird watching</b>  <b>Option 2: Taronga Western Plains Zoo behind the scenes tour –morning or afternoon</b>  <b>Option 3: Pilliga Discovery Tour</b>	Prices are dependent on participation numbers we expect half day to be about \$25 full day \$50. Registration and billing will be on a separate form posted to you soon. Please indicate which trips you may be interested in.
<b>Method of payment</b>	
I wish to pay by Direct Transfer (please circle if using this option) Electronic funds transfer banking details: Account Name: National Malleefowl Recovery Group Inc. Financial Institution: NAB BSB 083 565 Account Number: 84 846 7775 <b>If paying by EFT please ensure you include your name in the 'Remitter Name Box'</b>	<b>Please tick</b>
I enclose a cheque / money order made payable to: National Malleefowl Recovery Group Inc.	
I will be paying at a National Bank Australia branch (or at another bank of my choice for a fee)	
I would like a final program posted to me.	

## Confirmation Details:

After receiving payment a receipt will be issued. If you do not receive a receipt two weeks prior to the event, please contact Tim Burnard (03) 5581 2205.

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