

# Program

## National Malleefowl Forum

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

12.00pm	Poster & Sponsor display setup
4.00pm	Registration Opens
5.00pm	Drinks & nibbles
7.00pm	Close

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February

*Session Chair* Neil Macfarlane, Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group

9.00	Official Conference Opening CMA)	(Joan Burns Chairperson Mallee)
9.15	Aboriginal welcome to country	(Brian Hunt)
9.20	Purpose & role of conference	(Denis Saunders)

#### **Role of community groups**

9.50	Western Australia	(Raquel Carter, TSN)
10.10	South Australia	(Karina Mercer, TSN)
10.30	<i>Morning Tea</i>	
11.00	New South Wales	(Paul Burton, NPWS)
11.20	Victoria	(Neil Macfarlane, VMRG)
11.40	Sum up key issues	(Denis Saunders)
11.50	Questions & discussion	
12.15	<i>Lunch</i>	
12.45	Poster presentations	

## Threats & Community Action

*Session chair* Peter Copley, Dept for Environment & Heritage, SA

- 1.00 Keynote address (Joe Benshemesh)  
1.40 Foxes (Jeff Short, CSIRO)  
2.00 Fire (Mike Wouters, Parks Victoria)  
2.20 Mallee fires and malleefowl - seeking a balance.  
(Paul Seager, NSW NPWS)  
2.40 *Afternoon tea*

*Session chair* Andrew Marshall, Parks Victoria

- 3.00 Fragmentation (Denis Saunders)  
3.30 Malleefowl chicks in isolated remnants  
(Jessica van der Waag, WA)  
3.50 Funding & Bureaucratic Impediments  
(Julie Kirkwood, TSN )  
4.10 "Knowing is Believing": Understanding Community Group  
Opportunities and Challenges (Susanne Dennings, WA, MPG)  
4.30 day's wrap-up & discussion  
5.00 close  
5.00 Poster presentations  
7.00 Conference Dinner at Grand Hotel  
Dinner speaker - Stefano DePieri

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

### Monitoring methods & protocol

*Session chair* Stuart Pillman, Dept for Environment & Heritage, SA

- 9.00 Why is monitoring important (John Wright, Parks Victoria)  
9.20 Monitoring protocol & procedures (Joe Benshemesh)  
9.40 Malleefowl Conservation on Eyre Peninsula, South Australia

- (Andrew Freeman, Eyre Peninsula, Natural Resource Mgt Group)
- 10.00 *Morning tea*
- 10.30 Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things - An outline of the processes used by volunteers to collect malleefowl data in northwest Victoria (Ann Stokie, Peter Stokie & Ralph Patford, VMRG)
- 10.50 Workshop preparation, recap and explanation & purpose
- 11.30 Workshops - Concurrent workshops leading to recommendations & action
- 12.30 *Lunch*
- 1.30 Workshops - concurrent (continue)
- 3.00 *Afternoon Tea*
- 3.30 Report back to forum
- 4.00 Discussion
- 4.30 Actions & outcomes (Peter Copley, Chair of the Malleefowl Recovery Team)
- 5.00 Close

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

### Up with the birds – Malleefowl Mound Tour

The Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group will be hosting a field trip to at least one active Malleefowl mound. This trip will be subject to weather conditions. The bus will depart the Grand Hotel at approximately 6.00 am and return prior to lunch (in time for the leisurely luncheon on the Murray trip). Leaving at this early hour is desirable, as it will help avoid the hottest part of the day.

### Leisurely luncheon on the Murray River

**Cruise on the Murray River to one of Mildura's many wineries, stopping for BBQ lunch and wine tastings.**

Details of both of these trips will be available at the Forum.

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