

PREFACE

The National Malleefowl Forum 2007 at Katanning in Western Australia was a project of the National Malleefowl Recovery Team and an integral part of the Natural Heritage Trust's Multi-regional Malleefowl Monitoring, Population Assessment & Conservation Project. It was the second national forum, a review of the progress of Malleefowl conservation across Australia. In addition three papers reviewed conservation issues in other species of megapode, from within Australia and in the adjoining Indo-Pacific region. It was always the intention of the Recovery Team that a permanent record should be prepared of the proceedings of the forum and by publishing this volume in the Curtin University of Technology, Environmental Biology Bulletin series it will be available both as a printed book and on line. We are grateful to the Department of Environmental Biology for enabling this to occur.

The forum attracted 22 papers from a wide range of sources, universities, state agencies, volunteer groups, consultants, zoos, mining companies and private naturalists, providing a comprehensive review of issues and achievements in the conservation of Malleefowl and other megapodes. These contributions should provide a useful baseline against which future progress can be assessed. All speakers were asked to provide a manuscript at the forum, either as a hard copy or in an electronic medium. In the event only three of the 22 did so; manuscripts have dribbled in slowly but for those who did not provide manuscripts by the date of printing, a summary has been included based on a transcript of their spoken presentation. A number of poster displays were also presented at the forum. Abstracts of these were published in the programme but have not been included in these proceedings.

The National Malleefowl Recovery Team is grateful to the Steering Committee that organised the forum. The members of the Steering Committee were: Dr. Stephen Davies (Chairman), Sally and Wally Cail, Carl Danzi, Lynda Green, Natalie Holland, Liz McClelland, Kat Miller, Judy O'Neill, Blair Parsons, Alice Rawlinson, Ann and Peter Stokie and Jessica van de Waag.

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The Steering Committee would also like to express its thanks to those who so ably chaired the sessions and kept the forum on time, and to those who looked after the registration desk during the event. The forum was held at the Katanning Leisure Centre where the staff members were most helpful. Catering was provided by Sally Boxall Catering and, on Tuesday, by the Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre, both of whose contributions were greatly appreciated.