



VICTORIAN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Thursday 6th - Friday 7th February 2020

Monash University, Clayton campus

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Day	Time	South One Foyer	South One Lecture Theatre	H1 Lecture Theatre	H2 Lecture Theatre	H3 Lecture Theatre
Thursday 6th February, 2020	8:15-9:15	Registration				
	9:15-9:30		Welcome Address & Acknowledgement of Country			
	9:30-10:15		Plenary 1: 'Influencing politics – some tips for scientists' Prof. John Thwaites (Monash Sustainable Development Institute)			
	10:15-10:30		Q & A with Prof. John Thwaites			
	10:30-10:55	Morning Tea				
	11:00-12:30			<i>Session 1: Climate Change & Species Resilience</i>	<i>Session 2: Genetics</i>	<i>Session 3: Novel Technology & Methods</i>
	12:30-13:25	Lunch	Optional tour: ARMI FishCore Research Facility (approx. 35 mins; 20 places available) Lead by: Dr. Jan Kaslin (Facility Manager, ARMI FishCore Research Facility)			
	13:30-14:25		Symposium 1: 'How can science influence policy?'	Speakers: Dr. Josephine Machunter (ARI), Dr. Simon Watson (DELWP), Dr. Zeb Tonkin (ARI), Dr. Amber Clarke (DELWP), Dr. Don Driscoll (Deakin University), and Dr. Mark Norman (Parks Victoria) Facilitated by: Dr. Kim Lowe & Dr. Jemma Cripps (Arthur Rylah Institute)		
	14:30-16:00			<i>Session 4: Environmental Policy & Decision Making</i>	<i>Session 5: Freshwater & Marine Ecology</i>	<i>Session 6: Science Communication & Community Engagement</i>
	16:00-16:25	Afternoon Tea				
	16:30-17:15		Plenary 2: 'How to talk about conservation and activate people to connect, protect and restore nature' Dr. Tessa Fluence (Australian Conservation Foundation)			
	17:15-17:30		Q & A with Dr. Tessa Fluence			
	17:30-17:45		30 Second Pitch by Poster Presenters			
	17:45-19:00	Poster Session				

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Friday 7th February, 2020	8:15-9:15	Registration				
	9:15-9:30		Welcome Address & House Keeping			
	9:30-10:15		Plenary 3: 'My journey to science communication (or why I decided to stop being a researcher)' Dr. Jenny Martin (University of Melbourne)			
	10:15-10:30		Q & A with Dr. Jenny Martin			
	10:30-10:55	Morning Tea				
	11:00-12:30			<i>Session 7: Plant Ecology & Diversity</i>	<i>Session 8: Terrestrial Ecology I</i>	<i>Session 9: Urban Ecology & Conservation</i>
	12:30-13:25	Lunch	Optional tour: Jock Marshall Reserve (approx. 25 mins; 20 places available) Lead by: Dr Chris Johnstone (Assistant Lecturer, Monash University)			
	13:30-14:25		Symposium 2: 'Finding hope in long-term conservation projects'	Speakers: Dr. Jack Pascoe (Conservation Ecology Centre), Dr. Rhys Coleman (Melbourne Water), Dr. Amy Coetsee (Zoos Victoria), Dr. Noushka Reiter (Royal Botanic Gardens), Dr. Phoebe Burns (Zoos Victoria), and Dr. Tim Wills (GHD) Facilitated by: Rachel Nalliah & Blythe Vogel (University of Melbourne)		
	14:30-16:00			<i>Session 10: Threatened Species</i>	<i>Session 11: Terrestrial Ecology II</i>	<i>Session 12: Fire Ecology</i>
	16:00-16:25	Afternoon Tea				
	16:30-17:15		Plenary 4: 'Through the eyes of First Nation People' Amos Atkinson & Mick Bourke (DJANDAK & DELWP, respectively)			
	17:15-17:30		Q & A with Amos Atkinson & Mick Bourke			
	17:30-17:45		Awards & Acknowledgements			
	18:00-21:00	Networking Event	Script @ Jazz Club, Monash University, Clayton campus			



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