

Conference Welcome and information for delegates

Ronda Green WTA Chair

Roger Smith WTA Vice Chair



Wednesday - International Aspects

Official opening

Hon John Eren MP

Minister for Tourism and Major Events



Wednesday - International Aspects

“Wildlife tourism’s untapped potential:
How tourists’ emotions contribute to
conservation and your bottom line”

Dr Jeffrey Skibins

Keynote speaker from USA

introduced by sponsor

Chris White, Tourism Victoria



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“Wildlife tourism in Indonesia: A Review on Development and Progress”

Dr Jatna Supriatna

Keynote speaker from Indonesia

introduced by sponsor

Chris White, Tourism Victoria



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*Morning tea,
networking and viewing
of posters and displays*



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Chair: Ronda Green



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“Conservation, Education, Entertainment?”

Reflections from history and future directions for zoos”

Dr Warwick Frost

La Trobe University

Keynote speaker



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“Conservation Partnerships” at work
– from wallaby to albatross!
Reflections from New Zealand”

Dr Anna Thompson-Carr

Keynote speaker from New Zealand

introduced by sponsor

Alysia Brandenburg, Parks Victoria



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“Threatened Species
– ours to protect”

Gregory Andrews

Australian
Threatened Species Commissioner



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networking and viewing
of posters and displays*



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Chair: Janine Duffy



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“Playing games and telling stories:
opportunities for
Responsible Wildlife Tourism”

Christopher Warren

Director,
International Centre for
Responsible Tourism: Australia

Keynote Speaker



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Contributed papers: International Aspects

Session Chair:
Jennifer Laing



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“Analyzing food-derived interactions between tourists and sika deer (*Cervus nippon*) at Miyajima Island in Hiroshima, Japan”

Rie Usui

Hiroshima University, Japan



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“Wildlife tourism in Okinawa JAPAN: current concerns and future prospects”

Junko Oshima

University of the Ryukyus,
Okinawa Japan



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“Saving the Environment through Tourism:
the importance of collaboration
between Tourism and Conservation”

Peter Miller

Orangutan Odysseys



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“Exploring Asia-Pacific Zoos’ Role in Delivering Conservation Messages to Visitors”

Dr Warwick Frost and Dr Jennifer Laing
La Trobe University



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“Marine Wildlife Tourism interaction in the Philippines”

Maria Rica C Bueno

Office of Tourism Standards & Regulation,
Philippine Department of Tourism



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Round Table Discussion

“International wildlife travels:
opportunities and challenges”

Chair: Ronda Green



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- What are the main wildlife features attracting Australia to other countries and vice versa?
- What lesser known wildlife and regions could be better promoted?
- What are some of the problems involved in opening up new regions to tourism? (e.g. access and facilities for tourists, increasing pressure on natural resources, changes to local lifestyle, illegal wildlife trade) and how can these be tackled by the tourism industry and governments?



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Skype Presentation -

“Wildlife tours to save nature –
What can Australia learn from Sweden?”

Marcus Eldh
Wild Sweden



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Close

5.30pm – Those who have booked the optional Mt Rothwell guided spotlight walk and bbq dinner meet at the registration desk NOW to leave conference venue



Thursday - Value of Wildlife Tourism to Biodiversity and Conservation

Good morning

Announcements and general information
for delegates

Ronda Green and Roger Smith



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**“Nature-based tourism –
the political perspective”**

Senator Janet Rice

Australian Greens Senator for Victoria

Keynote Speaker



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Contributed papers:

How can wildlife tourism contribute to biodiversity conservation?

Chair: Jeffrey Skibins



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“Wildlife tourism assisting biodiversity:
how can we make it work?”

Dr Ronda Green

Araucaria and Chair WTA



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“The benefits of including a client conservation action on tours”

Janine Duffy

Echidna Walkabout



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“Using a zoo based behaviour change model to drive pro-environmental actions in visitors to wildlife destinations”

Brooke Squires

Zoos Victoria



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“Educational-Recreational Activities in Parks for Nature Connection and Post-visit Conservationist Outcomes: Possibilities and Challenges at an Operational Level in the Gold Coast region”

Dr Ismar Borges de Lima

Southern Cross University



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Chair: Maree Treadwell-Kerr



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“A review of the conservation actions and outcomes of wildlife tourism enterprises”

Cassandra Wardle

Griffith University School of Environment



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“Why the future of Wildlife Tourism in Victoria depends on sustainable private land management”

Dr Kaye Rodden

Victorian Landcare Council



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“Look, Listen, and Let Your Senses Guide You”

Penny Irons

William Angliss Institute



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“Mt Rothwell’s conservation model: protecting threatened species, providing uniquely wild encounters”

Annette Rypalski

Mt Rothwell Biodiversity Interpretation Centre



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“Conservation on Spicers Hidden Vale –
A Cooperative Venture”

Andrew Tribe

University of Queensland Gatton



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“Humans in the cage:
Exploring the white shark (*Carcharodon
carcharias*) cage-diving experience”

Kirin Apps

Southern Cross University



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Lunch and networking



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“The Role of Citizen Science in Sustainable Tourism”

Justin Foster

Earthwatch Institute



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Round Table Discussion:

“Citizen Science by tourists”



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- How do we assure valid and useful data are collected?
- How do we assign different tourists to different tasks?
- How useful are bio-blitzes and how do we involve tourists in them?
- How can we improve WTA's research network?



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Round Table Discussion:

“Making a difference (wildlife tourism enhancing conservation)”



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- What more can wildlife tourism do to enhance biodiversity conservation?
- What can large operators and micro-businesses do?
- What can tourism organizations and government departments do?
- What are some of the obstacles to emulating success stories elsewhere, and how do we overcome them?



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Afternoon tea and networking



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Round Table Discussion:

**“Up close and personal?
Human-wildlife interactions?”**



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- How close should we get, both in the wild and in captivity?
- What do already know and what do we need to know to assess what kinds of interaction are acceptable in terms of both animal welfare and conservation?
- What do we know and what do we need to know about interactions with animals leading to support for their conservation?

Tourism Victoria



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Close

5.45pm – Some will leave to drive or walk to Eastern Park to see the Grey Headed Flying Foxes leave their roost. Meet at registration desk. We will be guided by Grant Baverstock of City of Greater Geelong who is the local bat expert and joined by WTA's Maree Treadwell-Kerr.





Annual General Meeting

7.15am – 8.45am

You can bring some own breakfast to Terrace Room [near restaurant] and network

WTA's AGM starts at 7.45am.

Everyone welcome!

Friday - Value of Wildlife Tourism to Local Economies

Contributed papers:

How can wildlife tourism contribute to local communities?

Chair: Janine Duffy



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“Wildlife/people conflicts:
how can tourism help to solve them?”

Dr Ronda Green

Araucaria Ecotours and Chair WTA



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“Phillip Island Nature Parks contribution to the local community and State of Victoria”

Matthew Jackson

CEO, Phillip Island Nature Parks

Sponsor



Friday - Value of Wildlife Tourism to Local Economies

“Elevating the role of nature in the Australian Tourism industry
a case study from Kangaroo Island”

Craig Wickham

Exceptional Kangaroo Island



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“The spill-over effects of zooscape experience: new challenges for developing zoo identity, zoo attachment and conservation outcomes”

Aise Kim

University of South Australia



Friday - Value of Wildlife Tourism to Local Economies

“American couples who travel internationally to watch birds:
An exploratory study of a large and under-explored market”

Denise Goodfellow

(in absentia)



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Morning tea and networking



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Chair: Aise Kim



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The benefits of expanding the wildlife tourism offering

Greg Lewin AM

WAMA Foundation Ltd



Friday - Value of Wildlife Tourism to Local Economies

“Local Government opportunities and challenges in wildlife tourism and economic development”

Nina Hewson

Western Australia Local Government Association



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“Creating jobs by boosting nature-based tourism in South Australia’s national parks, marine parks and reserves”

Chris Thomas

Dept of Environment Water and Natural Resources, South Australia



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“Bats and Tourism; A way to coexist and benefit financially from the other mammals with which we share the city”

Maree Treadwell-Kerr* and **Sera Steves****

Australasian Bat Society Inc. *
and The Wildlife Habitat, Port Douglas**



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“An opportunity for an Ecotourism destination on the doorstep of Geelong”

John Newman

Geelong Field Naturalists Club



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“A collaboration between a wildlife tour operator, a zoo and science: Monitoring nose patterns throughout life in tagged and captive koalas”

Janine Duffy* and **Yvette Pauligk****

Echidna Walkabout* and Werribee Zoo**



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“The Making of
‘Koala Clancy of the You Yangs’“

Melinda King

Koala Clancy Foundation
and Wathaurong Co-operative



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Lunch and networking



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Round Table Discussion:

“Solving human : wildlife conflicts with wildlife tourism”

Chair: Ronda Green



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- What are the real wildlife problems that people face (danger to crops, human safety, limited access to protected and private areas etc.)?
- What problems may be exaggerated?
- How do we get accurate information to all stakeholders (local residents, politicians, tourism operations, NGO's)?
- How can wildlife tourism contribute to solving the problems?



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Skype presentation

“How wildlife tourism can benefit the local communities living with wildlife in Kenya“

Daniel Ole Sambu and Paul Sadera Ole Kilelu
from Kenya



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Final Plenary Discussion

“Where do we go from here?”

General summary of conference and voting on priority actions.



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Suggested actions to follow the conference:

- lobbying of governments,
- information to be sent to tourism organisations, travel agents, tourism operations (wildlife or other),
- new projects,
- research priorities etc.



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Close of Conference
Thank you!

Final afternoon tea and networking

