

# 4<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL MALLEEFOWL FORUM

29<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011

Renmark Hotel, Murray Avenue, Renmark, South Australia

## PROGRAM

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July

- 3.30 – 5.00pm Registration, Function Room, Renmark Hotel
- 5.30 – 7.30pm Pre-forum drinks & nibbles, Function Room, Renmark Hotel.  
Welcome by Peter Copley, SA Dept of Environment & Natural Resources;  
Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July

- 8.00am Registration
- 9.00am **Welcome** by Peter Sandell, Chair, National Malleefowl Recovery Team; Parks Victoria
- 9.15am **Welcome** on behalf of the local Riverland Aboriginal Community by Oscar Abdulla  
**Welcome** on behalf of the Renmark/Paringa Council by Paul Day, Director Infrastructure & Environmental Services
- 9.30am **Aims of the National Forum** – Peter Sandell
- 9.45am **Performance Evaluation of the National Recovery Plan for Malleefowl**  
Peter Copley, SA Dept of Environment & Natural Resources; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team
- 9.55am **The national Malleefowl database: making excellence easier**  
**Keynote:** Dr Joe Benshemesh, La Trobe University, Victoria; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team
- 10.30 – 11am Morning tea (30mins)

### **State by state round-up: achievements since Katanning**

- 11.00am **Chair:** Ann Stokie, Secretary, Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group
- **Malleefowl Conservation in SA: activities from 2007 – 2011**  
Sharon Gillam, SA Dept of Environment & Natural Resources; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team
  - **Malleefowl monitoring in the SA Murray Darling Basin: 2011 update**  
Dave Setchell, Mallee Eco Services; SA Dept of Environment & Natural Resources Murraylands Region
  - **Activities of WA Malleefowl Network 2009 – 2011**  
Professor Stephen Davies, Curtin & Murdoch Universities WA; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team
  - **North Central Malleefowl Preservation Group – update**  
Sally Cail, North Central Malleefowl Preservation Group, WA; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team
  - **To Be or Not to Be – The Future of Malleefowl Conservation**  
Susanne Dennings, Malleefowl Preservation Group, WA

- ***New South Wales update***  
Peter Ewin, NSW Office of Environment & Heritage; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team
- ***Malleefowl Conservation Action in Victoria 2007 – 2011***  
Peter Stokie, Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team

12.00pm Questions for state-wide presenters

12.10pm **Chair:** sum up key issues

12.20 – 1.20pm Lunch (60mins)

**Poster Presentations**

- ***Private landscape restoration for Malleefowl***, Bernie Fox, Member Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group
- ***Using Remote Sensor Cameras to gather data on Malleefowl***, Graeme Tonkin, SA volunteer
- ***Landscape scale surveying for Malleefowl nest sites in western NSW***  
Milton Lewis, Lachlan Catchment Management Authority NSW

**Theme: The Role of Fire**

**Chair:** Peter Sandell, Chair, National Malleefowl Recovery Team; Parks Victoria

1.20pm ***Contemporary fire regimes in a fragmented and an unfragmented landscape: implications for persistence of the fire-sensitive Malleefowl***  
**Keynote:** Dr Blair Parsons, Outback Ecology; University of WA; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team

2.00pm ***The Mallee Fire and Biodiversity Project***  
**Keynote:** Dr Simon Watson, Charles Sturt University NSW

2.40pm **Chair:** Discussion on the role of fire

2.50 – 3.20pm Afternoon tea (30mins)

**Theme: The Role of Community Groups**

**Chair:** Dr Joe Benshemesh, La Trobe University, Victoria; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team

3.20pm ***Volunteering – Where would we be without volunteers, and can we keep them?*** Ann Stokie, VMRG

3.40pm ***A landowner's story of Malleefowl conservation in the SA Murray Mallee and the establishment of the Browns Well Landcare Group***  
Lew Westbrook, landholder, SA; Chair, Browns Well Landcare Group

4.00pm ***Twenty years of Malleefowl conservation by the Mantung Maggea Land Management Group*** Malcolm Johns, landholder, SA; Member, Mantung Maggea Land Management Group

4.20 – 5.00pm **Chair:** Day's wrap up and discussion

5.15 – 6.15pm **Meeting of the National Malleefowl Recovery Team**

6.45pm Assemble for Forum Dinner

7.00pm Forum Dinner, Function Room, Renmark Hotel. Includes Quiz (3 rounds), to begin between mains & dessert. Stay for fun & prizes

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July

### **Themes: The Role of Genetics / Adaptive Management**

- Chair:** Peter Copley, SA Dept of Environment & Natural Resources; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team
- 9.00am ***Conservation genetics of Malleefowl***  
**Keynote:** Taneal Cope, PhD Student, University of Melbourne
- 10.00am ***Effects of locust control activities on Malleefowl nesting success***  
Ellen Ryan-Colton, SA Dept of Environment & Natural Resources; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team
- 10.20 – 10.50am Morning tea (30mins)
- 10.50 am ***Adaptive management of Malleefowl***  
**Keynotes:** Dr Joe Benshemesh, La Trobe University, Victoria, and Dr Michael Bode, University of Melbourne
- 11.30am **Chair:** Adaptive management and research priorities discussion

### **Theme: Remnants and Landscape-scale Restoration Projects**

- Chair:** Professor Stephen Davies, Curtin & Murdoch Universities WA; Member National Malleefowl Recovery Team
- 12.00pm ***Distribution of nesting mounds by Malleefowl in remnant habitat in western New South Wales***  
Milton Lewis, Lachlan Catchment Management Authority NSW
- 12.20pm ***Tracking Malleefowl in the Little Desert National Park***  
Ralph Patford, Member Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group
- 12.40 – 1.30pm Lunch (50mins)  
**Poster Presentations**
- ***Conservation activity in the northern Murray Mallee – where do Malleefowl fit in?***  
Chris Grant, SA Dept of Environment & Natural Resources
  - ***Wedderburn CMN Malleefowl Conservation Activities***, Wendy Murphy, Parks Victoria
- 1.30pm ***Mallee and Malleefowl Restoration at Monarto Zoological Park***  
Vaughan Wilson, Monarto Zoo, Zoos SA
- 1.50pm ***How Habitat 141 contributes to Malleefowl conservation***  
Ben Carr, Habitat 141 Project; Greening Australia Victoria
- 2.10pm ***Monitoring of Malleefowl in the arid zone ecosystems of Maralinga Tjarutja***  
Harald Ehmann, Alinytjara Wilurara Region, SA Dept of Environment & Natural Resources
- 2.30pm **Chair:** Discussion on improvements to Malleefowl habitat management and restoration
- 2.50 – 3.20pm Afternoon tea (30mins)

3.20pm ***Vision Statement, Charter & Guidelines for project applications for Malleefowl Offset Monies***  
Stephanie Mitchell, Environmental Advisor, Iluka Resources

**Conclusion**

3.30pm **Chair:** Vicki-Jo Russell, Zoos SA

Review of discussions. Actions and outcomes. Forum resolutions

5.30pm ***Official Close*** by Peter Sandell, Chair, National Malleefowl Recovery Team;  
Parks Victoria

6.40pm Bus leaves Renmark Hotel for Malleefowl Restaurant

7.00pm Optional Dinner, Malleefowl Restaurant, Sturt Highway, Berri.

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August

**Optional Field Trips**

8.00am – 10.00am **1. River Breakfast Cruise** - \$45 pay on boarding

8.00am – 1.00pm **2. Nature Lovers** - \$15 – pay at registration desk on arrival

8.00am – 1.00pm **3. Wetland Wonders** - \$15 – pay at registration desk on arrival