

# National Malleefowl Forum 2018



# Program

Mildura

17-20<sup>th</sup> August 2018



**FRIDAY 17th August 2018. The Mildura Grand Hotel**

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| 5.00 – 6.00pm                | Registrations |
| <b>5.30 – 6.30pm CANAPES</b> |               |

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> August. The Mildura Grand Hotel**

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|---|---|---|--|
| 9.00  | Tea & coffee  |   |  |
| 9.30  | Welcome-VMRG  | John Olsen                                | Chair Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group                              |
| 9.40  | Welcome-National Malleefowl Recovery Team   | Sharon Gillam                             | Chair National Malleefowl Recovery Group                               |
| 9.45  | Welcome to Country  |   |  |
| 9.50  | A national perspective of Malleefowl recovery at this time  | Dr Joe Benshemesh & Tim Burnard           | National Malleefowl Recovery Team                                      |
| 10.05   | Key challenges in threatened species conservation in Australia and how research can help.                         | Professor Brendan Wintle                  | NESP Threatened Species Recovery Hub Director, University of Melbourne |
| 10.35   |   | Questions                                 |  |
| 10.40   | <b>MORNING TEA</b>  |   |  |
| 11.10   | TBA   | Dr Sally Box                              | Threatened Species Commissioner  |
| 11.55   |   | Questions                                 |  |
| 12.00   | Malleefowl: answering the big questions that guide all Malleefowl management                                      | Sharon Gillam                             | Chair National Malleefowl Recovery Team                                |
| 12.20   |   | Questions                                 |  |
| 12.25   | A history of Malleefowl monitoring  | Paul Burton                               | Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group                                    |
| 12.45   | <b>LUNCH</b>  |   |  |
| 1.45  | Habits of the Malleefowl during breeding seasons 2012-2017.   | David Wells                               |  |
| 2.10  | Malleefowl Genetics update  | Professor Steve Donnellan                 | South Australian Museum  |
| 2.45  |   | Questions                                 |  |
| 2.50  | National Monitoring roundup   | Dr Liz Kington & Graeme Tonkin            | National Malleefowl Recovery Team                                      |
| 3.00  | <b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>  |   |  |
| 3.30  | Improving Aboriginal engagement through cultural science: The role of community groups in Malleefowl conservation | Sandy Booth, Mal Ridges and Geoff Simpson | NSW Office of Environment and Heritage                                 |
| 3.55  |   | Questions                                 |  |
| 4.00  | Maralinga Malleefowl  | Brett Backhouse                           | Alinytjara Wilurara NRM  |
| 4.25  |   | Questions                                 |  |
| 4.30  | Wrap up and directions for Dinner   |   |  |
| 5.00  | Room closed   |   |  |
| <b>Saturday Forum Dinner. Mundoo Paddle Steamer</b> |   |   |  |
| 6.00 till 10.00pm                                   |   |   |  |

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> August. The Mildura Grand Hotel**

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| 9.00  | Tea & coffee   |   |  |
| 9.30  | Welcome  | John Olsen                              |  |
| 9.35  | The Threats to Malleefowl: An Appraisal of the Relative Significance of the "Usual Suspects"             | Robert Wheeler                          | NSW Office of Environment and Heritage |
| 10.00 |  | Questions                               |  |
| 10.05 | Long term population trends and short term movement patterns of Malleefowl on the Eyre Peninsula         | Dr Katherine Moseby                     | University of Adelaide,                |
| 10.25 |  | Questions                               |  |
| 10.30 | National Malleefowl trend analysis   | Dr Joe Benshemesh & Dr Darren Southwell | National Malleefowl Recovery Group     |
| 10.55 |  | Questions                               |  |
| 11.00 | <b>MORNING TEA</b>   |   |  |
| 11.30 | Everybody is talking about adaptive management but what does it take to do something about it?           | Dr John Wright                          | Parks Victoria                         |
| 11.55 | Landscape Conservation Action Plans – Parks Victoria planning for conservation                           | Dr Kathryn Schneider                    | Parks Victoria                         |
| 12.20 | Establishment and evaluation of an adaptive management program for malleefowl                            | Dr Darren Southwell                     | University of Melbourne                |
| 12.45 | Remotely sensed vegetation productivity as an indicator of malleefowl breeding activity                  | Alys Young                              | University of Melbourne                |
| 12.55 |  | Questions                               |  |
| 1.00  | <b>LUNCH</b>   |   |  |
| 2.00  | The Role of Private Land Management in Malleefowl Conservation; fenced reserves, monitoring and research | Dr Laurence Berry                       | Australian Wildlife Conservancy        |
| 2.25  |  | Questions                               |  |
| 2.30  | Cameras  | Dr Joe Benshemesh                       | National Malleefowl Recovery Team      |
| 2.40  | Comparative Assessment of Malleefowl Mound Search Techniques   | Jessica Sackmann & Peter Jamieson       | Mount Gibson Mining Limited            |
| 3.00  | <b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>   |   |  |
| 3.30  | LiDAR and the AM Project into the future   | Peter Jamieson                          | Anditi Pty Ltd                         |
| 3.50  |  | Questions                               |  |
| 4.00  | TBA Targeted Land Management to Aid Malleefowl Recovery in North-West Victoria                           | Gareth Lynch                            | Mallee CMA                             |
| 4.10  |  | Questions                               |  |
| 4.15  | Recovery Plan update   | Tim Burnard                             | National Malleefowl Recovery Team      |
| 4.40  | Wrap up and Farewell   |   |  |
| 5.00  | Room closed  |   |  |

**Please note that while every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, there may be some changes required after publishing this program.**

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Mallee Cliffs National Park

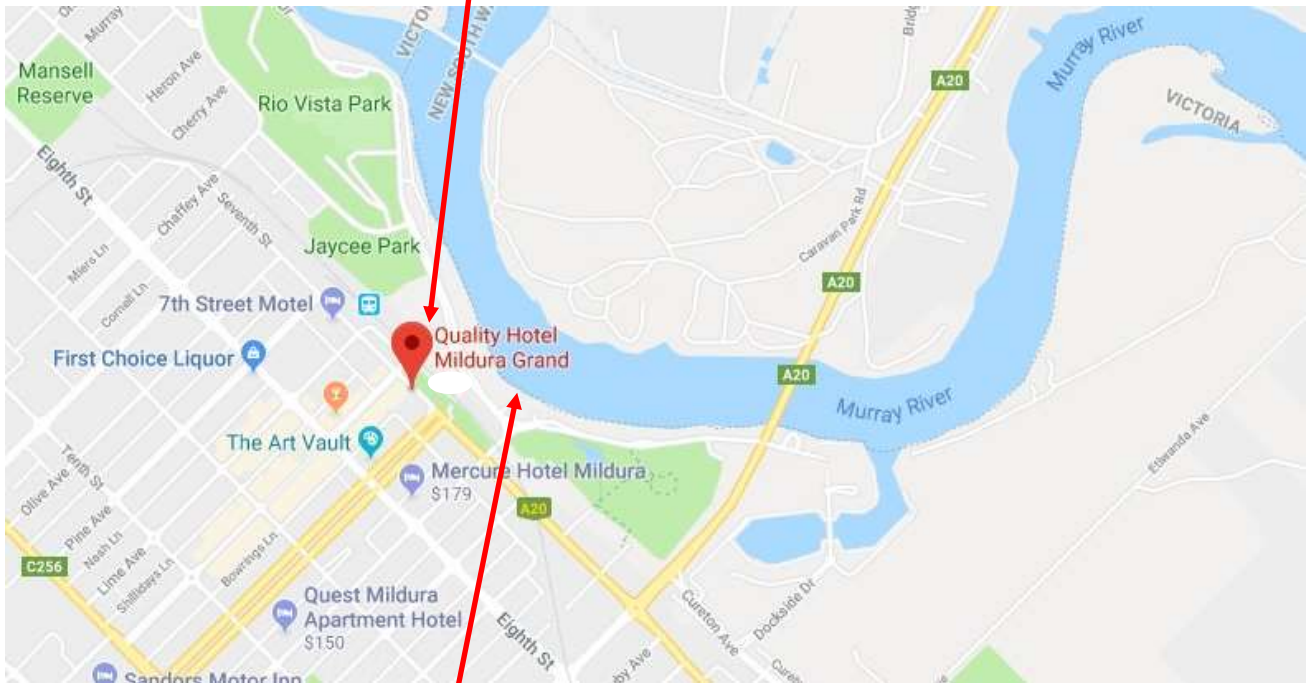
**We have worked with local tour operators to highlight some of the best local professional tours available. We have also collaborated with AWC to offer a tour that will interest those that don't mind a tour with some rough edges.**

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| <b>Mallee Cliffs National Park</b><br>9.00 to 4.00pm          | From Mildura we travel on a few small buses to Mallee Cliffs, a closed park now being managed by AWC in partnership with NPWS. The tour will involve displays and discussion by AWC staff of the land management program, biodiversity and Malleefowl monitoring, and the 'reintroduction of regionally extinct mammals' project. <b>Bookings for this tour can only be made through Tim Burnard</b><br><a href="mailto:tim@nationalmalleefowl.com.au">tim@nationalmalleefowl.com.au</a>   | \$40 inc lunch morn and afterno on tea |
| <b>Border and Brewery Tour</b><br>9.00 to 4.00pm              | Travel west from Mildura to South Australia, through Ned's Corner Station. Enjoy morning tea with the emus at Lake Walla Walla. Drive along the state border and discover its interesting history. Visit the Woolshed Brewery on Wilkadene Station. Enjoy the unique crafted beers, a brewery tour, history of the old station and lunch under the gums on the balcony overlooking the beautiful Murray River.<br><b>Bookings for this tour can only be made through Peter &amp; Jeanie Kelly from Murray Offroad Adventures</b><br>0417 500 131 <a href="mailto:murrayoffroadadventures@gmail.com">murrayoffroadadventures@gmail.com</a>  | \$150 (inc lunch and brewer y tour)    |
| <b>Mungo - Walls of China</b><br>9.00 to 4.00pm               | Take a giant leap back in time and enjoy a day exploring the remarkable natural location of Lake Mungo which sits within The Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area. Satisfy your curiosity as to why this area lists as World Heritage and enhance your understanding about the first modern human discovered outside of Africa. This important scientific site has been paralleled to Africa's "Rift Valley" and is very much the story of ancient Australia and of the people who belong to the oldest continued civilization in the world. Tour highlight is to walk upon the spectacular moon-like dunes known as "The Walls of China", an ice-age lunette, where slowly and gently we weave our way through the evidence of the people & animals who once lived in this landscape.<br><b>Bookings for this tour can only be made through Phil &amp; Alison Stone from Discover Mildura 0419127 210</b><br><a href="http://www.discovermildura.com.au/mungo.html">http://www.discovermildura.com.au/mungo.html</a> | \$150                                  |
| <b>Mungo - Sunset Tours</b><br>Estimated 3.00pm-9.00pm        | Mungo National Park Sunset Tours leave Mildura at 3:00pm and returns later in the evening. This is the most popular tour through the Summer months as it is ideal for photography and for viewing lots of wildlife. An alfresco style evening meal is supplied with special dietary requirements catered for. The temperature drops in the evening so our hot Summer days are not an issue, however our vehicles are all climate controlled and very comfortable.<br><b>Bookings for this tour can only be made through Trevor Hancock. 1800 797 530</b><br><a href="http://www.murraytrek.com.au/sunset-tours.html">http://www.murraytrek.com.au/sunset-tours.html</a>  | \$175                                  |
| <b>Tag along Hattah &amp; Murray Sunset</b><br>9.00 to 4.00pm | Travel throughout some of the largest National Parks in Victoria, including Murray Sunset NP and the RAMSAR listed wetland of Hattah Kulkyne NP. It is our aim to provide you with an enjoyable and memorable half or full day tour. The Mallee offers everything - wildlife, unique flora and fauna, tranquillity, walks, history, unsurpassed views and excellent photo opportunities.<br>"Experience the area we are proud to call our home and allow us to share with you our passion for the amazing Mallee Parks"<br><b>Bookings for this tour can only be made through Ricky &amp; Annette, Mallee tours. 0407615055</b><br><a href="mailto:malleetours@hotmail.com">malleetours@hotmail.com</a>  | \$ *on applicat ion                    |

## Accomodation

There are many, many places to stay in Mildura, but we have arranged a special price with the Quality Grand Hotel Mildura (also the conference venue) for people attending the conference; \$130/ night for a double room and \$90/night for a single room. These prices include breakfast.

**Conference Venue; Grand Hotel Mildura**  
**Seventh St, Mildura VIC 3500 (03) 5023 0511**



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