

Sunday, November 29, 2026 - Salty Beer Garden, 64 Taylors Road

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	**Welcome Event + Conference Registration: Salty Beer Garden Markets and Music** *Join us at the Salty Beer Garden for a Welcome event with a Norfolk twist.*

Monday, November 30, 2026 - Paradise Hotel & Resort, Queen Elizabeth Avenue

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration + Arrival tea & coffee
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	**Opening Welcome + Address** — **Session Chair:** Zoe Knapp
	***Host Introduction* - Zoe Knapp**, Park Manager, Norfolk Island National Park + Botanic Garden ***Cultural Welcome* – Rhonda Griffiths**, President, Norfolk Island Council of Elders ***Flora & Fauna Society Welcome* – Marg Christian,** President, Flora & Fauna Society
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	**Keynote Presentation** *Lots to love and lots to lose – challenges and opportunities for biodiversity conservation and socio-economic outcomes on islands* **Professor Brendan Wintle**, Melbourne Biodiversity Institute, University of Melbourne, VIC
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	**Keynote Presentation** **Dr Fiona Fraser**, Threatened Species Commissioner, ACT
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Morning Tea
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	**Session 1: Partnerships, Collaboration & Community Engagement** — **Session Chair:** Duncan Sutherland
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	*Australian Islands Alliance: a national network to advocate for island practitioners and custodians* **Dorian Moro**, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, WA

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	*Flinders Island Safe Haven; a conservation partnership* **Jonas Woolford**, Flinders Island Eco Escape Pty Ltd, SA
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	*It Takes a Community: Twelve Years of Engagement Behind a Species Recovery Success* **Amy Coetsee**, Zoos Victoria, VIC
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	*The Power of Partnership: Strengthening Biosecurity on Broughton Island* **Susanne Callaghan**, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, NSW & **Darryl Birch**, Lord Howe Island Board, NSW
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	*Community biosecurity; a collaborative approach to protecting the Lord Howe Island environment, forever* **Darryl Birch** & **Timothy Solomon**, Lord Howe Island Board, NSW
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	*War on wildings - From the mountains to the sea as far as the eye can see - wilding pines and the battle to save NZ's landscapes* **Jo Ritchie**, Natural Logic, New Zealand
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM - 3:00 PM	**Session 2: Island Restoration & Responding to Change** **Session Chair:** Stu Young
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	*From paddocks to paradise: the long-term management of Faure Island for wildlife conservation* **Bryony Palmer**, Australian Wildlife Conservancy, WA
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	*Rewilding the Pacific: a framework for identifying ecological replacements using functional traits and niche* **Matt Hayward**, University of Newcastle, NSW
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	*Reading the landscape backwards: mapping 250 years of land-to-reef change on Norfolk Island* **Susan Prior**, University of Newcastle, NSW
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	*Oceanic Island Reefs - Catchment Pressures, Warming Seas, and Reef Futures* **Tracy Ainsworth**, University of New South Wales, NSW
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	*Reef Islands Initiative: a Private-public partnership to restore Lady Elliot Island's seabird habitat* **Clarissa Elakis**, Great Barrier Reef Foundation, QLD & **Adria Crouse**, Lady Elliot Island, QLD
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	*Forests in the cloud: Critical water sources for the Fragile Ecosystems of Norfolk Island* **David McJannet**, CSIRO, QLD

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	*Ridge to Reef: showcasing and managing underwater cultural heritage artefacts in a Museum context* **Maree Evans**, Norfolk Island Museum, Norfolk Island
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Tea
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	**Session 3: Norfolk Island National Park** **Session Chair:** Abi Smith
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	*Recovery by Design: How One Small Park is Changing the Future of 46 Species* **Mel Wilson, Allie Andersen, Joel Christian & Jamie Donaldson**, Norfolk Island National Park, Norfolk Island
4:30 PM - 4:35 PM	*Lessons from the reintroduction of the Critically Endangered land snail Advena campbellii on Norfolk Island* **Junn Kitt Foon**, Western Sydney University; Australian Museum, NSW
4:35 PM - 4:40 PM	*Ecological recovery on Phillip Island, Norfolk Island Group: Lessons learned one-year post-restoration* **Michelle Gibson**, Monash University, VIC
4:40 PM - 4:45 PM	*Response of beetle communities to management of invasive strawberry guava on Norfolk Island* **James Tweed**, University of Queensland, QLD
4:45 PM – 4:50 PM	*Recent population trends of the Norfolk Island Green Parrot* **Mitch Burrows**, Threatened Species Conservancy, VIC

Tuesday 1 December - Paradise Hotel & Resort, Queen Elizabeth Avenue

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration + Arrival tea & coffee
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	**Keynote Presentation** **Session Chair:** Dorian Moro
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	*Putting culture first: The Mayala story* **Catriona Webster, Quentin Turner & Rowena Mouda,** Mayala Inninalang Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM	**Session 4: Indigenous Leadership, Governance & Co-Management** **Session Chair:** Dorian Moro
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	*Strengthening Sea Country Governance: Cross-Sector Partnerships in the Lalang-garram Marine Park*

	Leeanne Ferguson, Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation, WA
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	*Supporting Indigenous Stewardship Through Cultural Heritage Research on Broughton Island* **Susanne Callaghan**, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, NSW & **Laura Dafter**, University of Sydney, NSW
09:45 AM - 10:00 AM	*A collaborative approach to island restoration in the Great Barrier Reef* **Isabelle Onley**, Aestra Pty Ltd, SA, **Samantha Gibbs**, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, QLD & **Melissa Ball**, Mandubarra Aboriginal Land & Sea Inc, QLD
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	*Acquisition to Rehabilitation: Drivers of Island Rehabilitation Success in the GBR Island Arks Project* **Bec Tite** & **Jana Hummelshoj**, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, QLD
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	*Mahi Tahi - working together what makes it work and what makes it bomb out* **Jo Ritchie**, Natural Logic, New Zealand
10:30 AM – 11:00AM	Morning Tea
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	**Session 5: Citizen Science & Community-Led Action** **Session Chair:** Jo Ritchie
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	*Citizen Science and Community Action in Feral Cat Eradication: A Place-Based Approach on French Island* **Celia Fisher**, Melbourne Water Corporation, VIC
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	*Learning in Action: Adaptive Conservation and Feral Cat Eradication on French Island* **Celia Fisher**, Melbourne Water Corporation, VIC
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	*SIRCET's citizen science and community initiatives on Stewart Island/Rakiura NZ* **Shona Sangster**, Stewart Island/Rakiura Community & Environment Trust, New Zealand
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	*The Power of Persistence* **Judith Andersen**, Norfolk Island Flora & Fauna Society Inc, Norfolk Island
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	*The landscape has changed and behaviours must change with it. Respecting lived experience and establishing trust in the numbers* **Ben Thomas**, Phillip Island Nature Parks, VIC
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM	*Monitoring catchment water quality in a coral reef adjacent high island* **Troy Gaston**, University of Newcastle, NSW

12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM - 3:00 PM	**Session 6: Species Recovery, Translocations & Conservation Biology** **Session Chair:** Flossy Sperring
1:15 PM – 1:30 PM	*Conservation translocations on an inhabited island* **Duncan Sutherland**, Phillip Island Nature Parks, VIC
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	*Connected, AI-driven technology for invasive species management on islands: lessons from bringing new products to market* **James Smith**, Bush Heritage Australia, QLD
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	*Informing conservation monitoring of the Christmas Island giant gecko using occupancy models* **Julie Trezise**, Parks Australia Christmas Island, WA
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	*Who cares? Community connection and raptor conservation on Christmas Island* **Flossy Sperring**, Western Sydney University, NSW
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	*From Ocean Giants to Island Engineers: Integrated Biodiversity Monitoring on Christmas Island* **Brad Norman**, Murdoch University, WA
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	*Unpacking what EPBC Act reform could mean for conservation and development on islands* **Andrew Walsh,** Eco Logical Australia, NSW
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Afternoon Tea
3:15 PM - 4:35 PM	**Session 7: Bird Flu & Seabird Conservation** **Session Chair:** Andrew Walsh ***SPONOSRED BY:*** *The Director of National Parks*
3:15 PM - 3:35 PM	*Living on a bird island: Preparing Lord Howe Island for H5N1 Bird Flu* **Liam Murphy**, Lord Howe Island Board, NSW
3:35 PM - 3:50 PM	*Building resilience to avian influenza through remote island restoration: lessons from Willis Island, Coral Sea Marine Park* **Charlotte Page**, Aestra Pty Ltd, NSW
3:50 PM - 4:05 PM	*Conservation advances for remote petrel populations* **Peter Allen**, Monash University, VIC

4:05 PM - 4:20 PM	*Island sentinels: using seabirds to drive collaborative conservation* **Simon Gorta**, University of New South Wales, NSW
4:20 PM - 4:35 PM	*Establishing novel demographic estimates to assess seabirds as environmental indicators* **Nina Dawson**, University of New South Wales, NSW
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	**Symposium Dinner: Island Fish Fry with Pinetree Tours** – 71 Anson Bay Road, Orn Dar Cliff Experience one of Norfolk Island's most iconic evenings at the Island Fish Fry, a unique clifftop dining experience combining delicious local cuisine, spectacular ocean views, live music, and cultural entertainment. Dinner speaker: The Hon Fiona McKergow, Administrator of Norfolk Island.

Wednesday, December 2, 2026 - Paradise Hotel & Resort, Queen Elizabeth Avenue

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration + Arrival tea & coffee	
	Keynote Presentation	**Session Chair:** Allie Andersen
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	**Jack Gough**, Invasive Species Council	
9:00 AM - 10:35 AM	**Session 8: Invasive Species Management and Emerging Threats**	**Session Chair:** Allie Andersen
09:00 AM – 09:20 AM	Managing cats and rats on Norfolk Island **Matt Hayward,** University of Newcastle, NSW	
09:20 AM – 09:35 AM	*Changes to the ecological and social environment of Lord Howe Island post rodent eradication* **Malcolm Lyndsey,** Lord Howe Island Board, NSW	
09:35 AM – 09:50 AM	*From traps to algorithms: Data-driven eradication on Christmas Island* **Rosie Willacy,** Parks Australia, TAS	
09:50 AM – 10:05 AM	Drone-assisted eradication of invasive mice on Browse Island, Western Australia: lessons from an Australian first **Rohan Clarke,** Monash University, VIC	

10:05 AM – 10:20 AM	Emerging disease or early warning? Salmonella enterica serovar Weltevreden in critically endangered Christmas Island Reptiles **Jane Hall**, Taronga Conservation Society Australia, NSW
10:20 AM – 10:35 AM	Not just surviving, but thriving: Long-nosed Potoroo population and movement ecology alongside feral cat control **Meg Farmer,** Deakin University, VIC
10:35 AM - 11:00 AM	Morning Tea - Day 3
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	**Session 9: Technology, Tools, and Decision-Making in Conservation** **Session Chair:** Rosie Willacy
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	From Mapping to Management: Expanding the Use of Drone Technologies in Conservation on Christmas Island **Christina Lipka,** Christmas Island National Park, WA
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Autonomous Surface-Vessel Surveys Enable Rapid Assessment of Coral Disease in Remote Reef Systems **Tom Moir,** University of New South Wales, NSW
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Mapping threatened species and threats across Australian islands to support conservation **Salit Kark,** University of Queensland, QLD
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Managing uncertainty in conservation decision making on Norfolk Island **Chuanji Yong,** University of Western Australia, WA
12:00 PM – 12:15 PM	Prioritising thousands of islands in the Great Barrier Reef for restoration **Clarissa Elakis,** Great Barrier Reef Foundation, QLD
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch - Day 3
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Wednesday Field Trip
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Government House Reception

Thursday, December 3, 2026 – Workshops 1 + 2: Governor's Lodge Conference Room, Workshop 3: HMS Sirius Museum

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	**Workshops**
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Workshop 1: The Christmas Island Economic Future Working Group **Carolin Buncle Diesner,** IOT, WA
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Workshop 2: Approaches to cultural heritage management in Island National Parks **Justin Hodges,** Parks Australia, NSW
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Workshop 3: Ridge to Reef: showcasing and managing underwater cultural heritage artefacts in a Museum context **Maree Evans,** Norfolk Island Museum, NI