



2018

## NSW VERTEBRATE PEST MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

## People, Planning and Practice

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**16th – 18th October 2018**

Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour, NSW

### Invitation

The 2016 NSW Vertebrate Pest Management Symposium took a fresh look at the many new developments in science, policy and practice, including:

- new control and monitoring techniques and modifications to existing techniques
- greatly increased affordability of some equipment (e.g. camera traps) that had led to a massive increase in the use of some monitoring techniques
- more examples of ways to establish and maintain regional pest control groups
- passing of the Biosecurity Act 2015 and associated development of underlying regulations
- Natural Resources Commission review of pest animal management in NSW.

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At the 2018 Symposium, the theme of People, Planning and Practice will place a sharper focus on the three key elements for successful pest management in New South Wales.

With many changes, developments and new tactics always emerging, it is a good time to bring people involved in pest animal management, research and policy together to discuss the above and more. This is not a scientific forum, this event brings government and non-government pest practitioners to participate in a range of pest related talks and discussions.

### Presentation Types

#### Oral Presentation

#### Poster Presentation:

Electronic or hard copy poster display

### General Policies and Requirements for Submission of Abstracts

All presentation modes require an abstract to be submitted. Please refer to the conference website for General Policies and Requirements for Submission of Abstracts –

[www.vpmsymposium.com.au](http://www.vpmsymposium.com.au)

## People

The People theme acknowledges that community engagement is critical in the development and implementation of pest control programs. There have been countless examples of well-planned control programs that have failed due to community attitudes, lack of understanding or resistance. Equally, there are an increasing number of pest control programs that are successful purely because of cooperation between neighbours. Presentations will focus on topics such as:

- Innovative management and/or community engagement case studies
- Peri-urban pest management and dealing with new audiences who may be otherwise disengaged
- The challenges of communicating pest management
- Overcoming the challenges of absentee owners

## Planning

There is no doubt that the legislation, policy and planning sector is becoming more important. With many states introducing new biosecurity legislation and an increasing pressure on demonstrating measurable success, the Planning theme is vital if pest animal management programs are to continue to be sufficiently funded. Presentations will focus on topics such as:

### The latest in legislation and policy

- How well does the Biosecurity Act support compliance?
- What does the revocation of pest control orders mean in practice?

### Strategic Planning

- New Regional Strategic Pest Animal Management Plans, the key to success?

### Performance Measurement

- How do we currently measure performance?
- How do we do this consistently?
- How can we do it better

## Practice

Of course, when it all comes down to it, pest animal management, whatever the pest, involves people undertaking a range of control methods. With new technology always being released and research finding new ways of solving old problems, the challenge for pest management practitioners is staying across the latest developments. This theme will help participants do exactly that with presentations on topics such as:

- New management and monitoring techniques, tactics and tools
- Improved knowledge of vertebrate pest biology and ecology
- Peri-urban pest management
- New Research

**Closing Date  
For Abstract Submission:  
Monday 11th June, 2018**

## How To Submit Your Abstract

Abstract submission is only available via the conference website [www.vpmsymposium.com.au](http://www.vpmsymposium.com.au)

Abstracts must be prepared in accordance with the "Author Instructions" document, included on the 'Program' page of the conference website. A template is also available online to assist you in preparing your abstract in the correct format. Abstracts should be a maximum of 300 words.

## Key Dates

**Abstract Submission Deadline: ..... Monday 11th June 2018**

**Notification to authors of Abstract Status: ..... Friday 29th June 2018**

**Deadline for presenters to register: ..... Friday 31st August 2018**

**Earlybird Registration Deadline: ..... Friday 31st August 2018**



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