



Queensland Pest Animal Symposium

Sunshine Coast Function Centre, Caloundra, 30 July–2 August 2012

Adapting pest animal management to a changing world

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The Symposium Organisers reserve the right to change the Program, Speakers, Events and/or Times, Dates, Prices, Rooms and other details as necessary.

Monday, 30th July 2012

3:00 pm–5:00 pm Registration

5:00 pm–7:00 pm **Welcome Reception**
Sunshine Coast Function Centre

Tuesday, 31st July 2012

7:00 am - 5:30 pm Registration

7:30 am - 5:30 pm Trade exhibition open

8:00 am Opening remarks and official welcome

8:15 am Opening Address – Invited Guest

Session 1: How environmental extremes affect pest management

Chairperson: Greg Jones

8:30 am **Keynote: Kate Reardon-Smith, Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments**
Managing pest species under climate change: risk and opportunity

9:00 am **Tony Pople**
Dynamics of large pest mammal populations in a fluctuating environment

9:20 am **Alicia Whittington**
Feral Cats in the Spotlight in Western Queensland

9:40 am **Matthew Amos, Greg Baxter, Neal Finch, Peter Murray**
Red Deer (*Cervus elaphus*) Home Range Responses to an Extreme Flooding Event in South East Queensland

10:10 -10:40 am *Morning Tea and viewing of trade displays*

Session 2: Advances in pest management - new technologies, legislation & partnerships

Chairperson: Peter Murray

10:40 am **Keynote: Andreas Glazing, Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre**
Rocky Road or Golden Path ahead to better control invasive animals

11:10 am **James Speed, Matt Gentle**
Comparison of bait palatability for foxes : Probait vs. Foxoff

11:25 am **Jacinta Hodnett, Mark Dunn, Peter Murray, Greg Baxter**
Development of a user friendly photographic browse index to quantify browsing by red deer at Cressbrook Dam, QLD, Australia

11:40 am **Simon Chinnock**
Using the camera estimate method for population estimates of wild red deer (*Cervus elaphus*) in South East Queensland

- 11:55 pm **Matt Gentle**
Feral pig harvesting statistics in Qld
- 12:10 pm **Lee Allen**
Lethal Trap Device Development
- 12:25 pm **Jim Mitchell**
Wild Boar: Identifying new techniques for feral pig control
- 12:40 pm **Questions and Discussions**

12:45 pm–1:30 pm *Lunch, viewing of trade displays & poster presentations*

Session 3: Pests other than mammals

Chairperson: Frank Keenan

- 1:30 pm **Keynote: Craig Jennings, Biosecurity Queensland Control Centre Biosecurity Queensland**
Use It Or Lose It - Embracing technology in the Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program
- 2:00 pm **Susan Vaughan**
Aggressive Bird Management
- 2:20 pm **Danni Stewart**
Preventing tilapia establishing in the Murray-Darling Basin: Community Education and Social Science
- 2:40 pm **Bill Handke**
Tackling Indian Mynas
- 3:00 pm **Alexis Wilson**
Future Management of Exotic Birds in Queensland

3:20 pm–3:50 pm *Afternoon tea and viewing of trade displays*

Session 4: Prioritisations in Pest Animal Control

Chairperson: Alexis Wilson

- 3:50 pm **Keynote: John Virtue**
Prioritising pests for coordinated control programs
- 4:20 pm **Patrick Kirby**
Boydong Island - black rat eradication
- 4:40 pm **Julie O'Connor**
Preliminary findings relating to home range and habitat use of a coastal fox population and possible implications for management.
- 5:00 pm **David Dall**
A National Categorisation System for Invasive Species

Wednesday, 1st August 2012

Field Trip day

Managing Feral Animals from the Beach to the Bush

9:00 am–5:00 pm *Managing feral animals from the beach to the bush*

7:00 pm–11:00 pm **Symposium Dinner**
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Thursday, 2nd August 2012

7:30 am-16:00 pm Registration

8:00 am-16:00 pm Trade Exhibition open

Session 5: Social factors influencing pest animal control

Chairperson: Tony Pople

8:00 am **Keynote: Deborah Blackman, Faculty of Business, Government & Law, University of Canberra**
To Hunt Or To Analyse: that was the question

9:00 am **Robert Cobon, Michael Graham, Shane Ross**
'Exotics in the tropics' - introduced exotic species found in north Qld over recent years - trend to increase? Risk

9:20 am **David Berman**
Are we going to let the rabbits win?

9:40 am **Greg Baxter, Neal Finch, Peter Murray, Julia Hoy**
Attitudes and Characteristics of Australian Recreational Hunters

10:00 am **Neal Finch, Greg Baxter, Peter Murray, Carla Meurk**
Legal status versus community attitudes: the importance of considering context when planning pest management projects.

10:20 -10:45am *Morning Tea and viewing of trade displays*

Session 6: Adapting pest animal management to changing land use

Chairperson: Mark Weaver

10:45 am **Keynote: Tony Cathcart, Australian Wildlife Conservancy**

11:15 am **Kirsty Bassingthwaighte, John Madigan**
Management of wild dogs for biodiversity outcomes - East Coomera koala relocation program

11:35 am **Will Dobbie, Mark Ridge**
Neighbourhood rabbit control in peri-urban areas of south-east Queensland

11:55 am **Matt Gentle**
The Nature and Impact of Urban Wild Dogs

12:15 am **John Madigan**
Interactive Session

1:00 -1:45pm *Lunch and viewing of trade displays and poster presentations*

Session 7: Advances in pest management - new technologies, legislation and partnerships

Chairperson: Dave Berman

1:45 pm **Keynote: Tarnya Cox, Vertebrate Pest research Unit, NSW Department of Primary Industries**
The changing face of rabbit control

2:15 pm **Peter Elsworth**
Rabbits and RHDV: Resistance and virulence

2:35 pm **David Smorfitt, Prof Steve Harrison**
Pest animal modelling - economic implications of various management strategies

2:55 pm **Jayne Thorpe**
Invasive species impact reduction through integration and regional application of nationally developed tools

3:15 pm *Afternoon tea and Symposium Close*