

WA Feral Cat SYMPOSIUM

13-15 February 2023 | UWA

#WAFeralCat23



Monday 13 February

15:30	Registration desk opens	
16:00	Welcome and acknowledgement of Country	Kath Broderick MC
16:05	Introduction and aspirations	Susan Hunt & Judy Dunlop WA Feral Cat Working Group
16:10	Creating a future for endangered species - Collaborative research into feral cat management	Tony Buckmaster Centre for Invasive Species Solutions
16:20	Feral/stray/pet: Definitions matter when managing cats	Jenni Loveland Oyster Harbour Catchment Group
16:24	Challenges in achieving humane and effective feral cat control	Talia Morgan RSPCA Australia
16:28	Assessment of feral cats in Dryandra, Western Australia	Heather Crawford Murdoch University
16:32	Managing feral cats in a multi-tenure landscape	Jeff Pinder Bush Heritage Australia
18:00	Close	

Tuesday 14 February

08:00	Registration desk opens	
09:00	Welcome	Kath Broderick MC
09:05	Welcome to Noongar Country	Brett Collard Dooga Waalitj Healing
09:20	Opening address	Julie Quinn Office of the Threatened Species Commissioner
09:30	Progressing cat management in WA, the last four years	Jane O'Malley Peel-Harvey Catchment Council & Bruce Webber WA Biodiversity Science Institute
09:40	NESP Threatened Species Recovery Hub	Sarah Legge Australian National University/ Charles Darwin University
09:55	30 years of feral cat management in WA	Dave Algar Biodiversity Conservation Science
10:10	Questions for plenary speakers	
10:20	Morning tea	
10:50	Looking after threatened species and controlling cats: The Anangu way	Jodie Ward Kiwirrkurra IPA
11:05	Protecting threatened species on Ngururpa Country	Angie Reid Ngururpa Rangers
11:15	Do feral megaherbivores facilitate feral cat activity in high-rainfall savannas?	Georgina Neave Charles Darwin University
11:25	Questions for speakers	

11:35	Feral cats and people: cat legislation and social license	How should we talk about cats? Insights from recent public polling and focus group research	James Trezise Invasive Species Council
11:45		Effective management needs to be more than just numbers, you need a plan	Gillian Bassett Centre for Invasive Species Solutions
11:55		Meeting in the middle: Managing stray cat populations in Australia	Heather Crawford Murdoch University
12:05		Feral cats - Community engagement across a landscape	Cynthia Schaap Landcare Tasmania
12:15		Questions for speakers	
12:25	Lunch		
13:25		'Herding Cats': Challenges and opportunities of individual variability in managing cats	John Read Thylation group
13:40		AI and automation for cat monitoring	Trish Fleming Murdoch University
13:55		Questions for plenary speakers	
14:05	Improved and emerging management techniques	Feral cat management and environmental approvals	Graham Thompson Terrestrial Ecosystems
14:15		Potential for improving feral cat baiting efficiency by integrating habitat selection data	Ned Ryan-Schofield Bush Heritage Australia
14:25		Immunocontraceptives for feral cat control in Australia	Ellen Cottingham University of Melbourne
14:35		Developing pipelines for vertebrate genetic biocontrol	Stephen Frankenberg University of Melbourne
14:45	Questions for speakers		
14:55	Afternoon tea		
15:40	Threatened species management and success stories	Western Shield: Landscape scale feral cat management	Ashley Millar Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
15:45		A comparison of toxic baits for feral cat and fox control in southwest Western Australia: An adaptive management experiment testing the effectiveness of cat management in complex management areas	Michelle Drew Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
15:50		Feral cats, Kyloring [Western Ground Parrot] and conservation on the south coast of WA	Abby Thomas Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
16:00		The use of artificial refuges by small vertebrates after prescribed fire	Darcy Watchorn Deakin University
16:10		A neighbourhood approach to feral cat management to protect Numbats in Dryandra Woodland	Christine Townsend Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

16:20	Speed talks	Dryandra Woodland National Park life after feral cats	Peter Lacey Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
16:26		Intensive adoption as a management strategy for unowned, urban cats	Michael Calver Murdoch University
16:32		Here kitty-kitty: Lure choice for predator attraction in a temperate rainforest	Alexandra Paton University of Tasmania
16:38		Questions for speakers	
16:50		End, free time	
18:00	Conference Dinner		

Wednesday 15 February

08:00		Registration desk opens	
09:00		Welcome	Kath Broderick MC
09:05		Guest speaker	Hon Reece Whitby MLA Minister for Environment; Climate Action
09:15		The journey of a WA local council in changing cat ownership laws	Adin Lang City of Fremantle
09:30		Gene technology and its potential for pest control	Paul Thomas The University of Adelaide
09:45		Questions for plenary speakers	
09:55		Morning tea	
10:25	Threatened species management and success stories	Trialling the use of Felixers on the Birriburu Indigenous Protected Area	Delston Ashwin & Tremaine Anderson Birriburu Rangers
10:40		Cats on Country - The journey of Nyangumarta Rangers managing cats on their country	Jacob Loughridge Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
10:55		The importance of flexibility and persistence in feral cat management	Amanda Bourne Australian Wildlife Conservancy
11:05		Managing feral cats to protect the Central Rock-rat	Alistair Stewart Northern Territory Department of Environment Parks and Water Security
11:15		Questions for speakers	
11:25	Improved and emerging management techniques	Cats are attracted to successful conservation efforts	Hugh McGregor Nature Foundation
11:35		Efficacy of targeted cat control at Yampi Sound Training Area	Braden Riles Australian Wildlife Conservancy
11:45		Testing the use of Felixer- grooming traps to control cats in the jarrah forest of Western Australia	Brian Chambers South West Catchments Council
11:55		What is the temporal and spatial scale of impacts of a novel feral cat control method on cat activity?	Michelle Hall Bush Heritage Australia
12:05		Felixer Feral Cat Grooming Trap trials in the presence of Northern Quolls in the Pilbara region of Western Australia	Todd Edwards Fortescue Metals Group
12:10		Questions for speakers	
12:20		Lunch	
13:20		Managing predator impacts for a resilient landscape	Guy Ballard Vertebrate Pest Research Unit, Department of Primary industry NSW
13:35		Improving the outlook for Australia's native species	Katherine Moseby University of New South Wales
13:50		Questions for plenary speakers	

14:00	Managing predators in a complex environment- interactive threats	Feral cat responses to fire: New field data and a review	Tim Doherty The University of Sydney
14:10		The curious cat: Feral cat activity at artificial refuges	Tenaya Duncan Murdoch University
14:20		The ecology of feral cats on the south coast of Western Australia	Sarah Comer University of Western Australia / Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
14:30		Monitoring and managing feral cats in an arid landscape	Cheryl Lohr Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
14:40		Questions for speakers	
14:50	Improved and emerging management techniques	Setting the scene for failure: Victorian feral cat legislation, social license dimensions and the French Island feral cat eradication project	Michael Johnston Environmental Consultant
15:00		Towards a feral cat free Kangaroo Island	James Smith Kangaroo Island Landscape Board
15:10		A case study: Improving the efficiency of feral cat control in one of Australia's Special Places	Paul Jennings Kangaroo Island Landscape Board
15:16		Feral cat impacts on a threatened endemic marsupial in the wake of the Black Summer Bushfires – NGO response to protect the Kangaroo Island Dunnart	Pat Hodgens Terrain Ecology
15:22		Questions for speakers	
15:42		Afternoon tea	
15:45		Optional bus departs to Karakamia Sanctuary for night stalk	
17:05		BBQ dinner at Karakamia	
19:30		Night stalk at Karakamia	

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