



2021 WA WETLAND MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Call for plenary, poster & workshop presentations



Lake Mealup, part of the Ramsar-listed Peel-Yalgorup Wetland System, Site 482. Western Australia

‘Celebrating World Wetlands Day and 50th anniversary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands’

Field trips - Monday 1st February 2021

Field trips exploring the Ramsar-listed Peel-Yalgorup Wetland System, Site 482

Conference Day - Tuesday 2nd February 2021

The Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, Mandurah, Western Australia

The Wetlands Centre Cockburn invites all interested persons to contribute plenary presentations, poster presentations and/or workshop presentations to its 17th Annual Wetland Management Conference to be held at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 2nd February in celebration of World Wetlands Day. The 2021 Conference Festival will be held over two days in celebration of an important milestone: the 50th anniversary year of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands in the Iranian city of Ramsar on 2nd February 1971.

The primary objective of the Conference is to provide an annual opportunity for the exchange of information and ideas between wetland practitioners with a focus on the latest developments about how to effectively manage and restore wetlands.

This year’s theme follows the Ramsar theme for 2021 of ‘Wetlands and Water’. Sub-themes include wetland management and restoration, wetland education and wetland policy.

For the 2021 conference, we are seeking contributions that support this theme or the subthemes and demonstrate innovative wetland conservation and rehabilitation practices, examples of the multiple use and wise use of wetlands, and partnerships between government, industry, community and school groups that improve wetland health and enhance our understanding and appreciation of the value of wetlands. In addition, we are also looking for current wetland projects, programs and achievements.

The Proposed Format will include a combination of plenary and concurrent sessions. It will feature keynote presentations and poster presentations, workshop sessions and interpretive tours of local restoration sites. Groups are encouraged to contribute displays and other information. The conference program will be prepared in late-November and speakers will be notified of their time slots and any other relevant information. If there is a particular topic that you would like to see addressed at the conference, or an appropriate speaker that you would like to hear please contact the coordinators, Denise or Danielle, by Wednesday **11th November 2020**.

Plenary Lectures will consist of an oral presentation (approximately 15-20 minutes and 5-minute question time from the audience) that supports the Ramsar theme or one of the subthemes. If you would like to be considered as a plenary lecturer, please submit an abstract by Wednesday **11th November 2020**. Submissions should be a maximum 1-page abstract and include a title, author(s) names, affiliations(s), address, telephone and email contacts.

Contributed posters will consist of poster presentations and displays, which provide an opportunity to discuss your wetland project and allow for greater interaction between the presenter and the audience. Contributed presentations will take the form of a short oral presentation (approximately 4 minutes), combined with a poster display throughout the day. Time will be allocated for authors to attend their poster stand for an informal discussion session with interested conference participants during the refreshment breaks. Groups are encouraged to make shared presentations. Advice and assistance is readily available from The Wetlands Centre if you are not familiar with this format. All accepted posters will be published in the proceedings. If you choose to present a poster, please submit an abstract by Wednesday **11th November 2020**. Submissions should be a maximum 1-page abstract and include a title, author(s) names, affiliations(s), address, telephone and email contacts. The maximum size for posters is AO in portrait orientation (1189mm high x 841mm wide) and A1 in landscape orientation (594mm high x 841mm wide). Alternatively, equivalent-sized posters may be presented as a combined series of A3 (297mm x 420mm) and/or A4 (210mm x 297mm) sheets. Free laminating services for A3/A4 posters are available through the Centre.

Workshops: Expressions of interest are sought for presenters and facilitators for concurrent 1-hour workshop sessions featuring issues that address the Ramsar theme and sub-themes. If you choose to present a workshop, please submit an abstract by Wednesday **11th November 2020**. Abstracts should include a title, author(s) names, affiliations(s), address, telephone and email contacts, and a maximum 1-page summary of the workshop. Please give an indication if the material you wish to present is at an introductory or advanced level. The workshop format **must** be interactive and engage the audience.

Proceedings: Papers/PowerPoints, posters and workshop sessions will be collected and be available on our website www.thewetlandscentre.org.au

Audience: The Conference is intended to bring together community conservation volunteers, landowners, local and State Government officers and private sector environmental officers involved with wetland management.

Registrations: A call for registrations will be issued in early December. It will include details of the field trips, conference program and registration fees. Every endeavour will be made to keep the fees to a minimum to facilitate community participation. Presenters are eligible for the concessional registration fee.

Sponsorship: Expressions of interest are sought for sponsorship of the 2021 conference. Please contact the Conference Coordinators, Denise or Dani, for further information.

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