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KEYNOTE

Anna Littleboy

Research Director, CSIRO

Anna joined the CSIRO in 2003 and has spent the last 11 years exploring the social issues affecting the uptake of new energy and minerals technology. In 2007 Anna was awarded a Partnership Excellence Award and in 2008 received the CSIRO Medal for Business Excellence. Anna was previously Deputy Director of the Minerals Down Under flagship and now sits on the Executive Board.



Anna has 20 years research and research management experience. Anna is internationally recognised for her work into characterising long-term environmental risks associated with the underground disposal of radioactive wastes. She is a Chartered Geologist, Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining and a Member of the Education Advisory Committee for the CRC for Greenhouse Technologies.

Dr. Nick Gales

Chief Scientist, Australian Antarctic Program

Prior to his appointment as Chief Scientist in 2012, Nick worked with the Division for over ten years. Nick's current role at the Antarctic Division is to oversee the implementation of the Division's 10-year Australian Antarctic science strategic plan. Previously, Nick has been responsible for all technical and scientific aspects of the Australian Government's responsibilities for the management of marine mammals in Australian and Antarctica. Nick has been involved in marine mammal research and management for over 30 years and has published more than 100 scientific papers. Nick has extensive experience in this field having also worked for the New Zealand Department of Conservation and having led the Australian Marine Mammal Centre. Nick heads the Australian science delegation at the international whaling Commission, sits on the board of the international Society of Marine Mammalogy and the International Federation of Mammalogists and is the Australasian coordinator of the CN Cetacean Specialist Group.



Dr. John Zichy-Woinarski

National Environmental Research Program, Charles Darwin University

John also works for the Pew Charitable Trust. John previously worked as an Ecologist with the Conservation Commission of the Northern Territory and as an Experimental Scientist with the CSIRO. John is an ecologist and ornithologist with almost 40 years experience in research, policy and management of Australian biodiversity. He has had substantial involvement in biodiversity policy.

In 2011 John won the Eureka Prize for Biodiversity Research and the Serventy Medal for life-time contribution to Australian ornithology. In 2008 he won the Northern Territory Tropical Knowledge Research and Innovation Award and the Northern Territory Chief Minister's Award for Research and Innovation. In 2011 he received the Australian Natural History Medallion. John has authored and edited six books and more than 200 scientific papers and book chapters.

SPEAKERS

Keith Springer

Project Manager, Macquarie Island Pest Eradication Project, Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service



For the past eight years Keith has been responsible for managing a multi-species pest eradication project on sub-Antarctic Macquarie Island. The project has included developing an eradication strategy, operational planning, multi-agency liaison, contract management, and logistics coordination. In April 2014, the eradication of rabbits and rodents from Macquarie Island was declared successful. Keith has been involved in restoration projects across Australia and New Zealand for the past five years including Aeale Island, off Western Australia. Keith has a background in forestry and national park management, working with the New Zealand Forest Service and Department of Conservation for 20 years in recreation management and wild animal control.

Hon. Greg Hunt MP

Federal Minister for the Environment
Member for Flinders

Greg was elected as the Federal Member for Flinders in 2001. In 2004, he became Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment and Heritage and in January 2007 was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. After the November 2007 Federal election, Greg was appointed

Shadow Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Urban Water. In September

2008 his role was expanded to include all water responsibilities.

In December 2009 Greg's role was expanded again to Shadow Minister for Climate Action, Environment and Heritage. After the

2013 Federal election, Greg became Minister for

the Environment, with responsibility for climate, environment, heritage and water.



Prof. Peter Harisson

Founding Director of the Marine Ecology Research Centre,
Director of Marine Studies at Southern Cross University and
Director of the SCU Whale Research Centre



Peter has been researching and teaching about marine science and ecology for over thirty years. Much of Peter's research has focused on the Great Barrier Reef and subtropical marine habitats in eastern Australia. Peter is passionate about science and ecology and its application to conservation management. Peter is a recognised world leader in coral reproduction ecology. He was a joint recipient of a Eureka Prize for Environmental Research. In 2009, he received the Australian Learning and Teaching Council citation for outstanding University Teaching and two University Teaching excellence Awards. Peter has been awarded more than \$6.4 million in research grants and consultancies and has published more than 130 scientific research papers and books.



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Peter Cosier

Director and a
Founding Member
of the Wentworth
Group of
Concerned Scientists

The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists was established in 2002 with the aim of connecting science to public policy and to pursue reform in the management of Australia's land and water resources. In recent years, the Wentworth Group has been active in native vegetation, water reform, climate change, promoting policies to optimise carbon in the landscape and trialling a system of regional scale, national environmental accounts. Peter is an environmental policy specialist with a background in science and has worked at all levels of Government. Peter's expertise lies in environmental policy, legislative and institutional reform, catchment management, land use planning and environmental accounting. Peter has numerous publications and is concerned with the challenges to environmental systems from climate change, land clearing and invasive species.

Alvin Stone

Media and Communications Manager, Australian Research Council's Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science

Alvin specialises in communicating science and, in particular, climate science to a mass market audience. Since starting with the ARC in 2011, Alvin has been overseeing internal and external media communications for over 140 climate scientists across five hubs separated across three states. Alvin has increased the ARC's media and social media presence and has guided many young scientists in developing effective communication. Under his watch the ARC has now become the first point of call for many media organisations and has produced some of the most highly regarded spokespeople in the country. From November 2013 to January 2014 Alvin volunteered as Media and Communications Manager to support the University of NSW's Australasian Antarctic Expedition, following in the footsteps of Sir Douglas Mawson.



KEYNOTE

Simon Currant AO

Chairman, Tourism Industry Council Tasmania.
Director, TT-Line Pty

Simon is the leading tourism developer in Tasmania. In his 30 years in Tasmanian tourism, Simon has been responsible for such iconic tourism experiences as



Cradle Mountain Lodge, Strahan Village, Gordon River Cruises, Franklin Manor, Peppermint Bay, Tasmanian Air Adventures and Pump House Point. In 2001 he was awarded a Centenary Medal for his contribution to Australian Society. In 2004 Simon was named Tasmanian of the Year

after the completion of the successful Peppermint Bay development. In 2006 he was appointed an honorary Member of the Order of Australia.

Vanessa Bleyers

Lawyer

Vanessa is Chairperson of Environment Tasmania Inc. and former President of Lawyers for Forests Inc. Her deep interest in conservation issues led to the expansion of her legal practice into conservation law. Particularly, as it applies in a commercial context now combining commercial and conservation law at a time when economic and environmental issues are of increasing interest and importance in commercial activities. Vanessa has worked at every level of government, from local issues affecting municipal bodies to national issues affecting state and federal government. Vanessa is Chairperson of Environment Tasmania Inc and a Committee Member of the Hillwood Area Residents' and Ratepayers' Association Inc. From 2003 to 2007 she was the President of Lawyers for Forests Inc. From 2006 to 2012 she was a board member of the Architects Registration Board of Victoria. In 2012, she was awarded the Law Institute of Victoria's President's award for providing Access to Justice for the environment.

SPEAKERS

Gregory Andrews

Threatened Species
Commissioner, Department
of the Environment



Gregory Andrews is also part of the senior executive team at the Department. Gregory works collaboratively with the National Threatened Species Scientific Committee and the community, including the non-profit sector, industry, scientists and all levels of government to broker solutions that avoid the extinction of Australia's native species. Gregory consults on, and raises awareness and support for, threatened species in the community. Prior to his appointment, Gregory worked for the Department managing implementation of natural resource management programs and was responsible for over \$100 million of investments, including protecting the Tasmanian devil and threatened birds. Gregory has worked for the Australian Government in senior positions on social and Indigenous policy reform.





WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2014

6:30 – 8:00pm

Welcome Drinks - Hotel Grand Chancellor

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2014

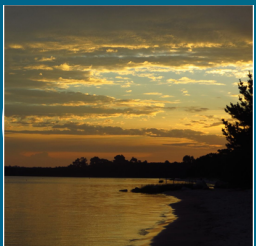
9:00 am	Welcome to Country		
Times to be confirmed	Welcome Address		
	Opening Plenary Day One		
	Morning tea		
Block A Concurrent Sessions	Stream Session One	Stream Session Two	Stream Session Three
	Lunch		
Block B Concurrent Sessions	Stream Session Four	Stream Session Five	Stream Session Six
	Closing Plenary Day One		
	EIANZ Awards Dinner - Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery		

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2014

9:00 am	Welcome		
Times to be confirmed	Keynote Address Hon. Greg Hunt MP Minister for the Environment, Commonwealth of Australia		
	Opening Plenary Day Two		
	Morning tea		
Block C Concurrent Sessions	Stream Session One	Stream Session Two	Stream Session Three
	Lunch		
Block D Concurrent Sessions	Stream Session Four	Stream Session Five	Stream Session Six
	Closing Plenary		
	Closing Address - EIANZ President		



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