

*Forum Facilitator: Richard Sharp, FEIANZ, CEnvP – Chair, EIANZ Ecology SIS Management Committee*

*9:00 am Keynote Address*

*Nicholas Rutter – Graduate Researcher, Anthrozoology Research Group Dog Lab, La Trobe University*

*10:00 am Post-Keynote Panel Discussion*

*Panel Guest: Professor Pauleen Bennett – Head of Department, Psychology and Counselling, La Trobe University*

*Panel Guest: Dr Scott Thompson, MEIANZ, CEnvP (Ecology Specialist) – Partner and Principal Zoologist, Terrestrial Ecosystems*

*Panel Guest: Dr Megan Davidson – Chief Executive Officer, Wildlife Victoria*

*Panel Moderator: Nelson Wills, MEIANZ, CEnvP – Deputy Chair, EIANZ Ecology SIS Management Committee*

*MORNING TEA*

*11:00 am “Evaluating the effectiveness of detection dogs as a tool for conservation research”*

*Emma Bennett – PhD Candidate, Monash University*

*11:20 am “Not just any man and his dog – improving wildlife detection dog team selection”*

*La Toya Jamieson – Wildlife Detection Dog Officer, Healesville Sanctuary*

*11:40 am “What’s new at the zoo – Zoos Victoria’s Wildlife Detection Dog Program”*

*Naomi Hodgins – Wildlife Detection Dog Officer, Healesville Sanctuary*

*LUNCH*

*1:00 pm “Beyond the field - The practical considerations of maintaining a conservation detection dog”*

*Luke Edwards – Managing Director & Dog Handler, Canidae Development*

*1:20 pm “Using conservation dogs to monitor mortality strikes at a wind farm in south-west Victoria”*

*Thorin Robertson – Zoologist, Ecology and Heritage Partners*

*1:40 pm “Sniffer Dogs; a powerful conservation tool on the construction frontline”*

*Amanda Hancock – Director, Ecological Services & Wildlife Detection Dog Specialist, ‘Carnarvon Canines’*

*AFTERNOON TEA*

*2:30 pm “Using detection dogs in environmental impact assessments - Lessons learnt from surveys of the EPBC-listed koala”*

*Romane Cristescu – Postdoc Research Fellow, Global Change Ecology Research Group, University of the Sunshine Coast*

*2:50 pm “Using canine detection to find a cryptic anuran in a complex environment”*

*Dr Natalie Calatayud – Biological Consultant & Dog Handler, Canine Ecological*

*3:10 pm “Zorro, the Tasmanian masked owl pellet detection dog”*

*Nicole Gill – Difficult Birds Research Group, Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University*

*NETWORKING DRINKS*