

# 36th AWMS Annual Conference

Melbourne, Australia, 5 - 7 December 2023



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# Call for Abstracts

## About the conference

### The Australasian Wildlife Management Society (AWMS)

will be holding its 36th annual conference, on 5-7 December 2023 at Melbourne Connect (University of Melbourne), Melbourne, Australia.

We are looking forward to welcoming delegates from New Zealand, Australia and beyond in person to this years AWMS2023 conference.

### Objectives of the Society

- To promote the study and application of scientific wildlife management in the Australasian region
- To actively encourage the development, dissemination and adoption of applied scientific research in wildlife management
- To influence policy and management decisions through the provision of clear, explicit and pragmatic advice on options for wildlife management and associated risks

The major theme of the AWMS2023 conference is  
**‘Conservation amidst Conflict’**

### Symposia

#### Living with predators

Wild carnivores (native and introduced) create a myriad of conflicts for humans and our domestic animals. This symposium is focused on efforts to co-exist with, control, or eradicate predatory wildlife species.

#### Urban wildlife

An ever-increasing proportion of humans live in cities globally. Urban areas can hide a surprising diversity of wild animals, which sometimes come into conflict with humans. This symposium focuses barriers to co-existing with wildlife in cities.

#### Wildlife disease

This symposium explores the conflicts around the threats of infectious disease transmission from wild animals to humans and domestic animals and the growing concern for the biodiversity impacts created by anthropogenic introductions of infectious diseases affecting threatened wildlife species.

#### Hyperabundant Herbivores

At high levels of abundance, wild herbivores (native and introduced) can threaten biodiversity, agriculture and public health. This symposium navigates management approaches taken to mitigating conflicts arising from hyperabundance.

#### Land manager and Practitioners Symposium

This symposium provides a forum for practitioners to describe applied wildlife management programs.

#### Open Wildlife Management Symposium

Alternatively you can submit your abstract under the Open Symposium theme which will accommodate talks on any topic related to wildlife management in Australasian and beyond. Other symposia will be organised to fit the topics of the abstracts received.

### Conference field trips and workshops

AWMS is organising a number of workshops and field trips to accompany this years conference.

- Wildlife darting workshop. (Full day, Monday 4 Dec 2023)
- Deer sign fieldtrip. (Full day, Monday 4 Dec 2023)
- Yarra Bend flying fox colony fieldtrip. (Evening field trip, Thursday 7 Dec 2023)
- Phillip Island (Full day, Friday 8 Dec 2023)

Please find details and the booking form on our conference website. Conference registration and field trip bookings will open 15 July 2023:

[www.awms.org.au/conference](http://www.awms.org.au/conference)

## APPLY NOW!

AWMS offers a range of awards for students and professionals

#### Awards include:

Practical Management Award  
The DW Cooper Student Thesis Award  
The Student Travelling Scholarship (for undergraduate and honours students)  
The Postgraduate Student Research Award  
The Braysher Management Fund  
AWMS President's Award

Full details of prizes, award conditions and how to apply can be found on the AWMS website

[awms.org.au](http://awms.org.au)

For all awards, entries close 31 August 2023

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### Abstract submissions

Abstracts must be submitted by 8 September 2023. Abstracts are strictly limited to 250 words and need to be submitted via the online Abstract submission form. AWMS has a focus on management and your submitted abstract should reflect this focus.

#### Presentation formats:

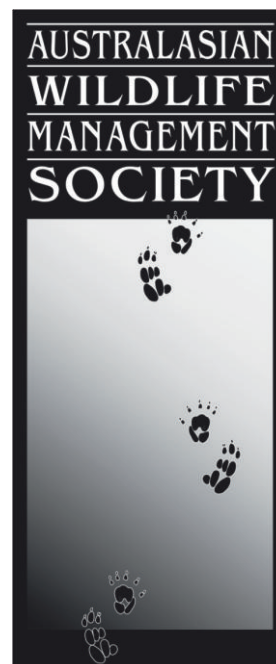
- **Full length presentations** will have 15-minute time slots (12 minutes + 3 minutes for questions).
- **5-min speed talks:** Present your project in a short, concise and energetic format, for example, to inform conference participants about a project proposal, new development in management, research, industry, policy, outreach and more.
- **Poster:** Presenters will be invited to give a 1-minute speed talk advertising their poster.

If there is insufficient space in the program, some presenters may be invited to give a 5-min speed talk or a poster instead of a full length talk. Speakers will be notified of acceptance by 20 September 2023.

- Abstracts will be reviewed prior to acceptance and may be edited.
- Accepted abstracts will be distributed to all attendees at the conference.
- Students must be enrolled at a recognised university.

### Best Student Presentation/Poster Prize

All student presentations will be considered for the prize of Best Student Presentation. The decision to award or not award prizes for best student presentation is at the discretion of the Conference Organising Committee and the AWMS Executive Committee.



[Submit your abstract here](#)

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