



Semi-centenary and 55th Meeting of the Australian Mammal Society, Perth, Western Australia 5-9 July 2009



DATES

Registration and reception: evening of Sunday, 5 July 2009

Scientific meeting: 6–9 July 2009

AGM: late afternoon of 6 July 2009

Conference dinner: 8 July 2009

Leisure half day: afternoon and evening of 7 July 2009

VENUE

The conference venue will be the Tattersall Lecture Theatre at the Crawley campus of The University of Western Australia, 35 Stirling Hwy, Crawley. The university campus is located 10 minutes from the Perth CBD (www.uwa.edu.au).

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Contributed papers and posters on all aspects of mammalogy are invited. 2009 marks 50 years since the inauguration of The Australian Mammal Society. The 'semi-centenary' will be celebrated during the 55th Scientific Meeting at the same venue (UWA) as the original meeting in 1959. There will be sessions on the themes: parasites & disease, translocation, conservation genetics, wildlife conservation, introduced predators and reproductive biology, as well as general sessions. If you would like to present in a specific session, please identify this with your abstract.

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts for both spoken papers and posters must be submitted with registration payment by **15 May 2009**.

The preferred method of abstract submission is via e-mail as attached electronic files to Don Bradshaw (Don.Bradshaw@uwa.edu.au). The text should be submitted as a Microsoft Word file. If this is not possible then please save your file as "rich-text-format" (xxx.rtf). To aid in file management please start all file names with the primary author's last name and initials followed by AMS2009, e.g. bradshawAMS2009.doc. No abstract will be included in the conference until registration fees are received. Abstracts must be in Times New Roman and set out according to the following guidelines:

- Title (12 point), centred and in CAPITALS
- Authors (12 point), please indicate presenter in bold e.g. **McKenzie¹, Sarah** and Deane², Elizabeth M.
- Addresses (10 point), if more than one address please use arabic numerals as identifiers e.g. ¹Division of Environmental and Life Sciences, Macquarie University, North Ryde, New South Wales 2109, Australia
- Body of text should address the following: context of the problem, hypotheses or aims, brief statement of materials and methods, results (quantified if possible) and conclusions.
- Indent all paragraphs.
- Abstracts must be less than 250 words
- Do not include references

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTERS

Only one spoken paper may be presented by each person. Spoken papers will be limited to 10 minutes plus 5 minutes for discussion (total 15 minutes). Audio-visual facilities will include projection for powerpoint presentations (both Mac and IBM). If other facilities are required (e.g. slide or overhead projector) please contact the organising committee.

Posters will be displayed for two days, including a scheduled session for poster viewing. The space allotted for each poster is 1.2 m high by 1.0 m wide. A photograph of the author(s) is desirable. Methods of attaching posters to the boards will be provided.

STUDENT PRIZES

The Bolliger (best spoken paper) and Lyne (best poster) Awards recognise excellence in student research, as presented at the meeting. Winners will be announced at the end of the meeting, and the recipients awarded a prize of \$500.

It is important that students consult the web site of the Australian Mammal Society for information and eligibility for awards and for guidelines on preparing abstracts. Candidates for student prizes will be screened on the basis of their abstracts so they are advised to read the instructions to authors carefully.

A Student Travel Award Scheme is available to assist eligible students to get to and from Society conferences. Eligibility rules are available on the web site. Applications must accompany the submission of abstracts and should include an estimate of costs involved with travel to the meeting.

Current students and those who have submitted theses since July 2008 are eligible for the prizes and should indicate their eligibility on the registration form. See the web site (see below for address) or the April 2009 Newsletter for more details.

MEALS

Morning and afternoon teas, and light lunches are included in the cost of the conference registration fee. Special dietary needs must be listed on the registration form.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Conference registration will begin on the evening of Sunday, 5 July in the foyer of the Molecular and Chemical Sciences Building at The University of Western Australia (immediately south of the Tattersall Lecture Theatre), but it will also be possible to register during the conference. A reception with light refreshments and drinks will be held from 5-7 pm.

Separate dinner arrangements will be made for students and more mature members of the society for the evening of Monday 6 July, following the AGM.

The conference dinner will be held at Hackett Hall (on campus) on 8 July. The cost of the dinner is \$60 per person.

During the afternoon and evening of 7 July, there will be leisure time during which attendees and guests can go on a choice of two organised ½ day tours or make their own arrangements. The two ½ day tours organised by the Australian Mammal Society are:

1. an afternoon bushwalk at Paruna Sanctuary followed by a BBQ and spotlighting walk at Karakamia Sanctuary – both sanctuaries are owned by the Australian Wildlife Conservancy. At Paruna you can enjoy pristine jarrah and wandoo woodlands in this 2000 ha sanctuary while taking in views across the Avon Valley. Later in the evening at Karakamia you will have the chance to spot several species including woylies, tammars and quenda.
2. a 'behind the scenes' tour of the Native Species Breeding Programme at the Perth Zoo, including afternoon tea. The zoo is involved in breeding dibblers, numbats and western swamp tortoises.

Numbers for each of these are limited and bookings must be made with registration payment. The cost of the Paruna/Karakamia tour is \$45 (includes transport, entrance to sanctuaries, BBQ) and the cost of the Perth Zoo visit is \$15 (includes one-way transport to zoo, entry to zoo, afternoon tea). Bookings will be made on a 'first come first serve' basis, so register early to avoid disappointment!

Attendees who wish to obtain information on other tourist activities are encouraged to contact the Western Australian Tourism Bureau (www.westernaustralia.com).

POST-CONFERENCE TOUR

The two-night post-conference tour will visit Dryandra Woodland and Perup Nature Reserve, two south-western sites where remnant populations of Critical Weight Range mammals persist. These are locations of numerous significant studies of marsupial ecology and demonstrations of wildlife recovery following fox control and/or fire management activities. Both sites have been used as sources for translocations of threatened marsupials to other protected areas in Western Australia and beyond.

Mammals that may be encountered include numbats, woylies, tammars, brush wallabies, wambengers, western ringtail possums, common brushtail possums, quendas, chuditch and of course western grey kangaroos. Some kingos (red-tailed phascogales) may even be coaxed out of the she-oak stands. Dryandra is also the site of an on-site breeding program for dalgytes (aka bilbies), mala, boodies and marl (western barred bandicoots).

The tour leaves Perth at 8.30 am on Thursday 9th July, returning at 11 am on Saturday 11th July and will cost \$175 per person. Places are limited. Contact Tony Friend for further information Tony.Friend@dec.wa.gov.au

T-SHIRTS

Participants wishing to purchase a conference T-shirt should indicate this on the registration form and include payment. The T-shirts are locally made in Perth and there is a choice of a plain style with a printed logo (\$15) or polo style with an embroidered logo (\$25). The T-shirts are white and have the conference logo on the front.

Please refer to the following for sizing

T-shirt	Cm across chest	Polo shirt	Cm across chest
XS	51	XS	51
S	54	S	55
M	59	M	58
L	64	L	60
XL	69	XL	63
		XXL	65

TRANSPORT

Delegates are responsible for their own travel arrangements. The University of Western Australia is situated conveniently close to the centre of Perth, approximately 10 minutes by car from the CBD or 30 minutes from the Perth Airport. There are regular bus services to the university. See www.transperth.wa.gov.au. During the conference free parking is available on campus in yellow parking zones only.

ACCOMMODATION

It is the responsibility of delegates to book their own accommodation and this should be done ASAP. Accommodation is available adjacent to the UWA campus at Trinity College, which is a residential college for students. We have pre-booked 20 Motel style rooms (Double \$104p/n & Single \$88p/n) and 10 Standard Student rooms (\$39p/n) from 5 July-9 July 2009. Both these types of accommodation include breakfast. Contact admin@trinity.uwa.edu.au Ph: (08) 423 9423 Fax: (08) 9423 9422 (www.trinity.uwa.edu.au). Conference accommodation has also been booked at Currie Hall (approx \$55p/n in a student room including breakfast). Contact admin@curriehall.uwa.edu.au Ph: (08) 9273 3333 Fax: (08) 9388 1224 (www.currie.uwa.edu.au). There is alternative accommodation at other residential colleges close by, including St Catherine's College (www.stcatherines.uwa.edu.au - women only), St Thomas More College (www.stmc.uwa.edu.au) and St George's College (www.stgeorgescollege.com.au). Other accommodation can be found close to UWA:

Sullivan's Hotel (3 star) 166 Mounts Bay Road, Perth, Western Australia 6000 Ph: (08) 9321 8022 Fax: (08) 9481 6762 Email: perth@sullivans.com.au Website: www.sullivans.com.au \$155 single/double per night for Standard Room or \$255 for a 2 bedroom apartment (shared by up to 4 people).

Kings Park Motel (3.5 star) 255 Thomas Street, Subiaco, WA 6008 Ph: (08) 9381 0000 Fax: (08) 9381 4159 Email: bookings@kingsparkmotel.com.au Website: www.kingsparkmotel.com.au \$145 single per night for Standard Room \$155 double/twin per night for Standard Room.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES AND REGISTRATION

Australian Mammal Society website
www.australianmammals.org.au

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