



# Ecological Consultants Association of NSW Annual Conference 2022

Monday 18th July Sage Hotel,  
60-62 Harbour Street, Wollongong, NSW

## Program Bridging the Gap

<b>8:30 - 9:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<i>Tea and coffee available</i>
	TOPIC OF PRESENTER	PRESENTER
<b>9:00 – 9.05</b>	<i>Conference Welcome</i>	<b>Rebecca Hogan</b> ECA President
<b>9.05 - 9.15</b>	<i>Welcome to Country</i>	Dr Jodi Edwards
	<b>SESSION 1: LEGISLATION AND POLICIES</b>	<b>Chair: Daniel McDonald</b>
<b>9.15-9.35</b>	Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) and it's implementation	<b>Dr Kate Newman</b> Biodiversity and Conservation Division Department of Planning and Environment
<b>9.35-9.55</b>	BOS Compliance and Assurance Framework	<b>Tim Sides</b> Biodiversity and Conservation Division Department of Planning and Environment
<b>9.55 – 11.00</b>	EPBC Act	<b>DCCEEW Presenters</b>  <b>Kelly Steele</b> , Assistant Director, Southern NSW Assessments Section  <b>Jennifer Pearson</b> , Director, Northern NSW Assessments Section, and/or  <b>Martin Paull</b> , Director, Southern NSW Assessments Section  <b>Cormac Farrell</b> , Director Environment Assessment Policy
<b>11.00-11.30</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	
<b>11.30-11.50</b>	BOS Help Desk	<b>Carlie McClung</b> Biodiversity and Conservation Division Department of Planning and Environment
<b>11.50-12.10</b>	Local government & biodiversity: Implementing legislation & policy, the BAM experience, and conservation planning	<b>Robbie Economos &amp; Martin Fallding</b> Environmental Planner Lake Macquarie City Council
	<b>SESSION 2: ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>Chair: Kim Stephens</b>
<b>12.10-12.30</b>	Wildlife Drones: aerial radio-telemetry technology bridging the data gap when tracking small animals across large landscapes	<b>Dr Debbie Saunders</b> Founder & CEO of Wildlife Drones
<b>12.30-12.50</b>	Use of drone technology as a wildlife monitoring tool	<b>Dr Lachlan Howell</b> Postdoctoral Research Fellow - Centre for Integrative Ecology, School of Life and Environmental Sciences, Deakin University

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<b>12.50-1.10</b>	Use of eDNA as an ecosystem monitoring tool	<b>Josh Griffith</b> EnviroDNA
<b>1.10-1.35</b>	The Use of Scent Detection Dogs for Conservation Purposes	<b>Steve Austin</b> (CPDT-KA) Austins' Dog Training Education
<b>1.35-2.15</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
	<b>SESSION 3: BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS</b>	<b>Chair: Shelomi Doyle</b>
<b>2.15-2.35</b>	Monitoring and evaluating biodiversity gain at offset sites, now and in the future	<b>James Brazill-Boast</b> Biodiversity Conservation Trust
<b>2.35-2.55</b>	Estimating the value of biodiversity credits from a supply side perspective: Learnings from the development of the BCF Charge System	<b>Justin Williams</b> Biodiversity Conservation Trust
<b>2.55-3.15</b>	Biodiversity Credits Supply Fund	<b>Dr Louisa Mamouney</b> Environment and Heritage Group, Department of Planning and Environment
	<b>SESSION 4: STUDENT PRESENTATIONS</b>	<b>Chair: Rebecca Hogan</b>
<b>3.15-3.35</b>	Threatened plant translocations; Lessons from practitioners	<b>Chantelle Doyle</b> PhD candidate Centre for Ecosystem Science School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences UNSW
<b>3.35-3.55</b>	The Ecology and Conservation of the threatened Mahony's Toadlet: Are plant community types a suitable proxy for species occurrence?	<b>Grant Webster</b>
<b>3.55-4.15</b>	Investigating management solutions to assist post-fire recovery of small mammals	<b>Angela Rana</b> PhD Candidate Sydney university
<b>4.15-4.35</b>	Seasonal Migration and Winter Bat Activity	<b>Amy Rowles</b> PhD Candidate Hawkesbury Institute of the Environment Western Sydney University
<b>4.35-5.00</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>	
<b>5.00-5.30</b>	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>	
<b>5.30-5.35</b>	<i>Summary and Close</i>	<b>Daniel McDonald</b>
<b>6.00-9.30</b>	<i>Conference Dinner and Trivia</i>	<b>Watersedge Room And Terrace, Sage Hotel</b>