



SCIENCE INFORMING POLICY SYMPOSIUM SERIES

## Healthy People in a Healthy Environment: valuing the health, social and cultural benefits of nature

### AGENDA

Tuesday, 17 September, 9.00am – 17.00pm  
 Wednesday, 18 September 8.45am - 17.00pm  
 Queensland Museum Auditorium, Southbank Brisbane

DAY 1		
8.30-9.00	REGISTRATION	
9.00-9.15	Welcome and context setting	Peter Cochrane, IUCN Regional Councillor
9.15-9.25	Opening Address	Professor Paul Bertsch, Chief Scientist, Queensland Department of Environment and Science
9.25-9.45	First Australian's Cultural Determinants of Health and Wellbeing	Professor Kerry Arabena, Managing Director Karabena Consulting Trust and Weyarn Pty Ltd.
9.45-10.05	The New Public Health	Dr Bruce Bolam, Chief Preventive Health Officer, Department of Health and Human Services Victoria
10.05-10.15	Q&A	
10.15-10.45	MORNING TEA	
SESSION 1: The link between nature and human health and well-being Facilitator: Jo Hopkins		
10.50-11.05	Healthy Parks Healthy People – the benefits of contact with nature	Tony Varcoe, Director, Community Programs, Parks Victoria
11.05-11.20	Understanding how natural systems support civilisational health	Prof Tony Capon, Professor of Planetary Health, University of Sydney

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11.20-11.45	Live Nature Wise and Nature Scripts: a nature-based health and wellbeing intervention	Alison Hill, Managing Director, People and Parks Foundation and Dr Iain Butterworth, consultant and liveability specialist
11.45-12.00	Co-creating solutions to the climate crisis to protect health and well-being	Fiona Armstrong, Founder and Executive Director, Climate and Health Alliance
12.00-12.20	Q&A	
12.20-13.20	LUNCH	
<b>SESSION 2: The importance of spiritual and cultural connection to place</b> Facilitator: Dr Rebecca Spindler		
13.25-13.55	The right way approach to merging traditional and western science	Dr Vanessa Westcott, NSW Ecologist and Sarah Eccles, Aboriginal Partnership Officer, Bush Heritage Australia; Phil Eulo, Budjiti Elder
13.55-14.10	Connecting culture and conservation	Ricky Archer, CEO, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA)
14.10-14.40	When the rivers run dry	Jason Ardler, Head of Aboriginal Affairs NSW and Bilyara Bates, Board member of Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council
14.40-15.00	Q&A	
15.00-15.25	AFTERNOON TEA	
<b>SESSION 3: How nature can support vulnerable and under-represented communities</b> Facilitator: Tony Varcoe		
15.30-16.00	The multiple co-benefits of Indigenous land and sea management	Dr David Hudson - Chairperson Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation and Natalie Stoeckl, Professor of Economics, James Cook University
16.00-16.15	Bush Adventure Therapy: Outdoor Healthcare with bio-psycho-socio-ecological benefits	Dr Anita Pryor, Director, Adventure Works Australia
16.15-16.30	Building strong Connections to Country and Culture for health and wellbeing	Seraeh Wyles, Communications Manager, Girringun Aboriginal Corporation
16.30-16.50	Q&A	
16.50-17.00	WRAP-UP OF THE DAY	Peter Cochrane, IUCN Regional Councillor
18.00-20.00	NETWORKING FOR NATURE AND ACIUCN 40 <sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT THE FOX HOTEL	

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DAY 2		
8.50-9.00	Welcome and aim of the day	Darren Grover, Chair, Australian Committee for IUCN Inc. and Head of Living Ecosystems, WWF-Australia
<b>SESSION 1: Connecting people with nature</b> Chair/Facilitator: Darren Grover		
9.00-9.20	The power of podcast - citizen storytelling from home ground to grow engagement	Gretchen Miller, freelance podcaster, PhD candidate, former ABC RN documentary maker
9.20-9.30	Parks Access for All – improving the inclusivity and accessibility of SA Parks	Rachel Pfitzner, Senior Policy Manager Healthy Parks Healthy People SA
9.30-9.40	When Balloons Fly – a zoo-based community conservation program	Emily McLeod, Senior Social Science Research Manager, Zoos Victoria
9.40-9.50	Partnering to protect the Great Barrier Reef	Dr Renee Rossini, Ecologist and Conservation Project Manager, Queensland Trust for Nature
9.50-10.00	Biophilic Design for Wellbeing	Samantha Hayes, LFIA Biophilic Design Initiative
10.00-10.15	Q&A	
10.15-10.40	MORNING TEA	
<b>SESSION 2: Ensuring a healthy environment for healthy people</b> Facilitator: Dr Rosalie Chapple		
10.45-11.00	IPBES report: biodiversity challenges and opportunities for human wellbeing	Dr Rosie Cooney, IUCN SULi and Honorary Senior Lecturer, Australian National University
11.00-11.15	Building resilient landscapes through carbon farming	Barry Hunter, Regional Manager, Aboriginal Carbon Foundation.
11.15-11.30	Green, global, connected - Transforming the way we live, work and play	Jess Miller, City of Sydney Councillor
11.30-11.45	Connectivity conservation: natural solutions to the climate and biodiversity crisis	Gary Howling, Executive Director, Great Eastern Ranges Initiative
11.45-12.00	Q&A	
12.00-12.55	LUNCH	
<b>SESSION 3: Building support for nature: the future</b> Facilitator: Penelope Figgis		
13.00-13.15	#NatureForAll – answering the call to connect people with nature	Dr Joanne Wilson, International Partnerships NSW NPWS
13.15-13.30	The importance of nature-based learning in education	Dr Rosalie Chapple, Board Director & Education Program Leader, Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute
13.30-13.45	Making the connect: Understanding environmental decisions and behaviours	Associate Professor Kelly Fielding School of Communication and Arts, University of Queensland
13.45-14.00	Q&A	

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14.00-14.25	AFTERNOON TEA	
<b>WORKSHOP SESSION: Distilling the benefits of nature into policy and practice          – opportunities and challenges          Facilitator: Dr Joanne Wilson</b>		
14.30-14.40	Health and well-being in the context of international conservation efforts	Jo Hopkins, Chair IUCN WCPA Health and Well-being Specialist Group and ACIUCN Executive Member
14.40-14.50	Workshop overview	Dr Joanne Wilson
14.50-16.55	Focussed discussions in break-out groups	
16.55-17.00	Wrap-up and acknowledgements	Peter Cochrane, IUCN Regional Councillor

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