

Dieback Information Group Conference

20-21 Aug 2024

Murdoch University, Boorloo, Perth, WA

“Seeing the Forest for the Trees”

DAY 1 - CONFERENCE | 20th Aug

Location: Murdoch University (Boola Katijin Building), 90 South Street, Murdoch, WA 6150
Time: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

SUNDOWNER

Location: SIR Walter's Restaurant, 90 South Street, Murdoch, WA 6150
Time: 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm

This year's conference theme is “Seeing the Forest for the Trees” – selected to recognise the importance of holistic management for Australia's forest ecosystems, and the pivotal role that environmental biosecurity and disease hygiene play in the health of these landscapes.



DAY 2 - FIELD TRIPS | 21st Aug

GREEN CARD TRAINING

Location: Mt Lawley Golf Club (Founders Room), Boorloo, Perth
Time: 8.30 am – 2.30 pm
Trainer: Bruno Rikli, BSc Env mgt, DBCA Registered Dieback Interpreter, 30 years experience.

Green Card™ Training includes a presentation, assessment and a walk in bushland to look at Dieback Management.

ECU 'SUPER LAB' EXPERIENCE

Location: ECU (Edith Cowan University) Joondalup Campus
Time: 9 am – 1 pm
Leader: Anna Hopkins

Come on a site visit to ECU's School of Science super labs to see how we teach plant pathology and pests.





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Conference Program Day 1 | Tuesday 20th August

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
8:00am	REGISTRATIONS TEA & COFFEE	
8:30am	SESSION 1	
	Aunty Marie Taylor	Welcome to Country
	MC	Opening, housekeeping
	Mia Townsend CEO, Dieback Working Group	Dieback Working Group address
	Ben Sawyer (<i>keynote</i>) Coordinator: FMP - DBCA	The Forest Management Plan: New directions for forest management
10:00am	MORNING TEA	
10:30am	SESSION 2	
	Tom Mansfield Researcher - Murdoch University	Long-term implications of ecosystem decline caused by <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>
	Katinka Ruthroff Research Scientist - DBCA	Quantifying responses to ecological thinning
	Melanie Davies Urban Forest Facilitator - WALGA	Creating Resilient Urban Forests
	Anna Hopkins Senior Lecturer - ECU	A return to tertiary plant pathology teaching
	Aj Perkins and Geoff Pegg (<i>keynote</i>) DCCEEW - NSW / DAF - QLD	Partnerships to protect Country from forest biosecurity threats
	Kylie Ireland Plant Diseases Program Leader - DBCA	Major Sponsor address - DBCA
12:30pm	LUNCH	
1:30pm	SESSION 3	
	Adrian Bauwens Ranger - Bunya People's Aboriginal Corporation	The Environmental and Cultural Impacts of Phytophthora in the Bunya Mountains
	Shannon Hunter (<i>keynote</i>) Researcher - University of Auckland	Managing Kauri Dieback
	Kar-Chun Tan Associate Professor - Curtin University	Dissecting the mode of action of phosphite in the dieback Pathosystem
	Mark Garkaklis and Barbara Wilson Hon. Professor of Practice – Murdoch University	A Roadmap for National Registration of Phospite for the Management of <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> in Native Vegetation
3:05pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3:30pm	SESSION 4	
	Annie Leitch Coordinator - Fitzgerald Biosphere Community Collective	'Dieback Unearthed': Drawing on Parallels with the Fitzgerald Biosphere Community Collective
	Shawn Colbung CEO - Binalup Aboriginal Corporation	Impacts of Dieback to Noongar Country
	Nigel Rowe Senior Environment Officer - Main Roads WA	Dieback Free Gravel - Main Roads Process for Treating & Using Gravel Fumigated with Metham Sodium
	Nicholas Wilkins PhD Candidate - Flinders University	Spatial identification and preferences of <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>
	James Widenbar Environmental Team Leader - Western Power	Biosecurity & Nature Positive challenges in a cleaner energy future and Green Card update
	MC	Conference wrap up and final remarks
5:30pm	Conference Closed	

