

Otways Ecological Research Forum 2023



Colac Otway Performing Arts & Cultural Centre (COPACC) 95-97 Gellibrand Street, Colac

A G E N D A

9:00am – Tea and coffee (provided)

9:30am – Welcomes and introductions

SESSION 1.

9:45 – 10:00am. *Conserving threatened small mammals in the Otway Ranges: significant refuges and species management.* **Dr Barbara Wilson** - Barbara Wilson Pty Ltd and Deakin University.

10:00 – 10:15am. *Protecting plant and animal diversity in the Otway Ranges, Bells Beach (Ironbark Basin) and Great Ocean Road hinterland from Phytophthora cinnamomi dieback.*

Dr Mark Garkaklis - Barbara Wilson Pty Ltd.

10:15 – 10:30am. *The Big Pig-ture: Research Informing Effective Feral Pig Management Across the Otways.* **Tim Wilson and James Templeton** - Conservation Ecology Centre.

10:30 – 10:45am. *Life Among the Leaves: Invertebrate Conservation in the Southern Otways.*

Molly Fisher and Louisa Bartels - Threatened Species Conservancy.

10:45 – 11:15am. **MORNING TEA, generously sponsored by**



SESSION 2.

11:15 – 11:30am. *The Carlisle Heath Research Program: A Potted History.* **Dr Jack Pascoe** - Conservation Ecology Centre and The University of Melbourne.

11:30 – 11:45am. *Describing the response of predators and prey to fire in a biodiverse heathland.* **Mark Le Pla** - Conservation Ecology Centre and The University of Melbourne.

11:45 – 12:00pm. *Influence of prescribed fire on the density of long-nosed potoroos in the Carlisle Heath.* **Dr Bronwyn Hradsky** - The University of Melbourne.

12:00 – 12:15pm. *Addressing Woody-Shrub Encroachment Through Strategic Fire Management.* **Tamika Farley Lehmer** - The University of Melbourne.

12:15 – 1:15pm. LUNCH BREAK

(please bring your own, or explore Colac's café scene for the food that's best for you)

SESSION 3.

1:15 – 1:30pm. *Density Estimates of Invasive Predators in Three Distinct Otway Landscapes.* **Emma Birnbaum** - Conservation Ecology Centre.

1:30 – 1:45pm. *Investigating the feasibility of translocation of the swamp antechinus in the Otway Ranges.* **Dr Jemma Cripps** - Zoos Victoria.

1:45 – 2:00pm. *Genetic diversity of Southern Brown Bandicoots in the Otways and across Victoria.* **John George Black** - Cesar Australia.

2:00 – 2:15pm. *Dreeite Ngootyoon Meerreeng (Healthy Country) Overview.* **Laura Prentice, Brodey Hamilton and Matt King** - Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation.

2.15pm. Wrap up & discussion.

3:00pm. CLOSE, safe travels home.