

# 4<sup>TH</sup> Australian Marine Turtle Symposium

BUNDABERG

SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF QUEENSLAND

SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> 2018

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## FINAL ????? NEWSLETTER

WOW not long to go now. We hope you have all the information needed to make your symposium and stay in Bundaberg the best experience possible.

We hope you're reading all the Newsletters. From some of the questions we're fielding we feel that some are not receiving the newsletters. Check your junk mail.

Rather than repeat a lot of essential information check that you received a newsletter on the 18<sup>th</sup> August or if you have registered since then you should have received this Newsletter with your confirmation of receipt of your Registration Forms.

Please read the following Newsletter and the attachment is the final draft of the programme (still subject to change)

- REGISTRATIONS:** We are up over 280. Our venue will be stretched when we reach 300. You will be able to check in early and collect your ticket and convention package at the MULTIPLEX venue between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> or at the Riverfeast after 5.00 pm or the MULTIPLEX venue from 8.00 am Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>.

**We urge you to take advantage of the early check in if possible to help avoid congestion on Saturday morning. The Programme will commence at exactly 8.30 am**

There will be a ticket check at the door each day so don't forget to carry your ticket at all times. This is essential for security and insurance purposes and to ensure there is room in the venue for all who have registered.

The wonderfully hand-made and decorated bags that you will receive with your registration pack have been provided by the kids from Kalkie, Bargara and St Pats Schools and Boomerang Bundaberg. Please take time to say Hi and thanks when you see them on Monday.

- 2. PROGRAMME:** The full (final?) programme is attached for your information. Tony Tucker has had a gigantic task and is now away on field work so there will be no more changes.

Keeping to time will be essential. Please be punctual for each session to be fair to presenters. Presenters should have received their own requirements for their presentations.

We have not changed the dates of the Symposium! It will start on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – 3 full days. In your registration form you were offered the option of a “Meet & Greet” on Friday evening 7<sup>th</sup> and from the response, this has been organised. (Item 5 on the last Newsletter.)

- 3. TRANSPORT:** If you have not yet received your email response confirming your transfers to/from airport, accommodation, meet & greet, venue, please get in touch with us immediately **ausmarineturtlesymposium@outlook.com**
- 4. MEALS/CATERING:** Morning Tea, lunch and Afternoon tea will be provided on each of the 3 days. Our Caterer is Alowishus Delicious, who is also sponsoring the symposium with a cash donation plus meals for sponsored indigenous delegates.

If you have indicated your special dietary requirements on your registration form, special servings will be set aside for you at a dedicated collection point.

- 5. REEF TOGETHER:** You will have all the information about this event in your convention package. It is the Reef Guardian Schools Convention with participation by schools up and down the Queensland Coast. It also incorporates National Bilby Day. “Turtle Odyssey” will be shown in their venue during our lunch break and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please interact with the kids when you can. They are so looking forward to meeting all of us.
- 6. SILENT AUCTION:** The information for this went out in the last newsletter. (Item 9) Donations are needed. The auction will be finalised after the close of proceedings on Sunday, while everyone is still around. Proceeds will be allocated as seed funding for the 2020 symposium.

Bring donations and money to bid and buy. EFTPOS facilities will be available.

- 7. FEEDBACK:** After the symposium is concluded you will receive a survey for evaluation of the event. Please take the time to complete this survey so that the planners can tailor future symposia to your needs.
- 8. WEBSITE:** A new website is under construction that will provide access to the full proceedings of not only this symposium, but the previous 3 as well. It should be up and running at the start of the symposium so watch for details.

Funds will be allocated from this Symposium to get it up and running for the next few years with the hope that each future event will foster it.

- 9. MESSAGE BOARD:** Look for the Whiteboard/Pinboard where you can post messages during the symposium.

- 10. SPONSORS:** Our sponsors have been very generous with their support of this Symposium. Please take time to view their displays and support them where possible. You can't miss them as they will be set up in the foyer at the entrance to our conference rooms.

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**11. SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE**

- Col Limpus (Convenor):
- Nev & Bev McLachlan (Registrar & Treasurer)
- Tony Tucker (Programme Committee Chair)
- Mark Hamann (Programme Committee Member)
- Kate Hofmeister (Preparing Proceedings for distribution)
- Kellie Pendoley (Silent Auction);
- David Booth; Scott Whiting; Mick Guinea; Rachel Groom;
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