

4TH Australian Marine Turtle Symposium

BUNDABERG

SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF QUEENSLAND

SEPTEMBER 8TH – 10TH 2018

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REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

We would like to invite you to become a sponsor of the 4th AUSTRALIAN MARINE TURTLE SYMPOSIUM and thank you so much for taking the time to consider our request.

INTRODUCTION:

The 4th Australian Marine Turtle Symposium will be held in Bundaberg from the 8th to the 10th of September 2018. The Australian Marine Turtle Symposium had its inaugural meeting in Buderim on Queensland's Sunshine Coast in September 2012. This first event was hosted by Turtle Care Volunteers Inc, a not for profit organisation, focussed on fostering turtle conservation through the study and enjoyment of marine turtles.

The 2nd symposium was held in Hillary, in Perth's northern region, in August 2014 and was organised by the Turtle Group at Department of Parks and Wildlife W.A.

In 2016 the 3rd symposium was organised by AusTurtle Inc., a not for profit organisation established to promote marine turtle conservation and research in Northern Territory and was hosted by the major sponsor, Territory Wildlife Park, in Berry Springs.

ACHIEVEMENTS and MAJOR FEATURES:

2012

- establishment of biennial meetings
- 90 participants
- official address by Minister for National Parks
- Presentations by local community turtle conservation groups
- Panel discussions on satellite telemetry and bio-logging

2014

- 150 attendees
- Collaboration by scientists, industry, government, community and indigenous groups.
- Corporate involvement/sponsorships e.g. Chevron Australia, Inpex Operations Australia, Imbricata Environmental, Wildlife Computers, West Pilbara Turtle Program, Woodside Energy.

2016

- 100 attendees
- Focus on nesting biology, in-water monitoring, conservation management, anatomy and physiology.
- Turtle necropsy
- Animal ethics
- Field trips to Charles Darwin University rehabilitation facility and Bare Sand Island turtle rookery

THE 2018 SYMPOSIUM

The theme for the 4th Australian Marine Turtle Symposium will be “An environment good for turtles is good for us”. Our focus will be on engaging the diversity of professional and non-professional community groups, indigenous communities involved in caring for our country, students and individuals with interest in conservation.

It will be our pleasure to be part of a year of celebration of 50 years of Turtle Research at Mon Repos. Dr Col Limpus first visited Mon Repos as a 5 year old child and it became a family tradition beginning in 1956 to see the new year in at Mon Repos beach. In 1968 Col started a 4 year study of Flatback turtles which got out of hand and is still running. A legacy is being built by Col to instil the love, appreciation and practice to sustain turtle populations in younger generations. His research convinced the Queensland Government to declare waters off Mon Repos a Marine Park in 1990 and assisted in making turtle exclusion devices compulsory on fishing trawlers in 2001. He was honoured with the awarding of the Public Service Medal in 1993.

The 2018 Symposium is to be held at the Bundaberg Regional Council’s recently opened ultra-modern Multiplex Community Centre. It is anticipated that over 150 delegates from all Australian States and Territories and neighbouring countries will attend. An organising committee comprising notable turtle researchers and turtle conservation volunteers from around Australia is organising a program to engage the diverse range of participants as well as members of the general public who wish to attend.

The Qld Department of Environment and Science has offered in kind support in the form of use of facilities at the Mon Repos Turtle Research Base for free camping. It is hoped that sponsors will come on board to enable the Symposium to offer greatly reduced registration fees to enable students, members of indigenous communities and overseas visitors to attend while still providing financial benefit to local businesses and traders. Sponsors will be offered the opportunity for recognition in all publications including registration information, the published “Proceedings of the Symposium” and the website. Bundaberg and North Burnett Tourism is supporting the event with hosting the web presence for online registration and booking service for accommodation, travel, car hire and attractions, with the aim of extending length of stay in the region. Kelly’s Beach Resort has joined us as an accommodation partner and will provide accommodation for some of the indigenous delegates from WA, NT and Nth Qld.

2018 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As a sponsor your support will ensure the success of the 4th Australian Marine Turtle Symposium and the continuation of similar biennial events. Your support will also help in the ongoing efforts for the conservation of marine turtles for the benefit of future generations, the securing of benefits to tourism and related industries in the Bundaberg region and the building of partnerships between interested groups and individuals whether within this community, the state of Queensland, Australia and neighbouring countries who share turtles as a resource.

All sponsorships, whether from a large corporate organisation, a not for profit group or an individual, whether in cash or in kind, will be acknowledged, valued, respected and appreciated. Your contributions will be posted on our website, in all promotional material and in the final published record of proceedings.

As well as cash needed to support the travel and accommodation of indigenous delegates from interstate and North Queensland, we aim to offer subsidy to delegates from neighbouring Pacific countries throughout the regions in which our turtles interact and disperse.

You may wish to contribute in-kind support for our delegate information and registration packages, refreshments including morning and afternoon teas and “meet & greet” function, prizes for the fundraising silent auction or even organise some independent fundraising activities in your area. Drivers and vehicles will be needed to move delegates on limited budgets to and from their lodgings.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for taking the time to consider supporting the 4th Australian Marine Turtle Symposium. We hope we can build on successes of past symposia and bring even more people to Bundaberg to celebrate a truly magical asset that this region has to offer.

Regards,

New & Bev McLachlan

On Behalf of the 4th Australian Marine Turtle Symposium

Leatherback (2 available)

Cash or in-kind to the value of \$ 6,000

To assist the travel expenses of delegates from 6 neighbouring countries who will be making presentations at the symposium.

Recognition of supporting turtle research

- Logo or business listed in registration information
- Logo or business listed in Proceedings of the Symposium publication
- Logo or business listed on the website
- Vendor tables
- Static wall displays or stand-up banner
- Opportunity to put product brochures in conference packs
- Business acknowledged by MC and/or convenor daily
- Up to 4 tickets to attend symposium

Flatback (5 available)

Cash or In-kind to the value of \$1000

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- Logo or business listed on the website
- Vendor tables
- Static wall displays or stand-up banner
- Business acknowledged by MC and/or convenor during the day
- Up to 2 tickets to attend symposium

Hawksbill (unlimited)

Cash or In-kind to the value of \$500

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- Logo or business listed in Proceedings of the Symposium publication
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- Business acknowledged by MC and/or convenor during the day

Logger (unlimited)

Cash or in-kind to the value of \$250

Recognition of supporting turtle research

- Logo or business listed in Proceedings of the Symposium publication
- Business name listed on the website

Green (unlimited)

Cash or In-kind to the value of \$100

Recognition of supporting turtle research

- Business name listed on the website

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