

Sunday 9th November 2008

1.00pm – 5.00pm

Building 12, Level 13, Room 2
RMIT University
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Trouble in Paradise **(emerging threats to Australian native animals)**



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Trouble in Paradise (emerging threats to Australian native animals)

Australia is facing a wildlife crisis. Debate rages across several disciplines about how to address the issues and even whether we will be able to maintain our biological diversity – even into the next 50 years.

Many threats to Australian native wildlife are on-going and arise from diseases carried by migratory or invasive animals, quarantine and customs breaches, and even new diseases such as the Tasmanian devil facial tumour disease.

Other threats are environmental and include introduced predators, loss of habitat due to land clearing and urbanisation, pesticide and chemical residue contamination and the potential effects of climate change.

Many of these threats act in concert to produce deleterious change. This symposium will look at current research and recent trends in disease and other threats to native fauna and importantly, the interactions between these factors.

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The Event

The "Trouble in Paradise" symposium will attract scientists, academics, teachers, students and all those interested in the broad scope of the biological sciences.

Everyone with an interest in biology is invited to attend.

Speakers include academics who are leaders in fields related to Australian species, river health, disease control and extinction.

The meeting will showcase the talents of Australian biologists and be a forum for a non-political exchange of views amongst all those interested in the challenges faced by Australian wildlife.

Seminar Objectives

- To share information on the biological views on emerging threats;
- To stimulate new thinking on fauna management; and
- To create links between practitioners, academics and managers.

When and Where

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Speakers

Prof Hamish McCallum, Tasmanian devil facial tumour disease
University of Tasmania

Dr Alex Hyatt, Chytrid disease of frogs
Australian Animal Health Laboratories
Geelong

Mr Ian Penrose, Yarra River Health
Yarra River Keeper

Dr Ann Musser, Challenges facing monotremes
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