

Herp Husbandry Conference



Healesville Sanctuary
11 and 12 May 2013





Welcome

My staff and I are thrilled to be able to work hand in hand with the Victorian Herpetological Society (VHS) to host this conference.

The more one learns, the more you realise how much you have to learn. Sharing herpetological knowledge and skills at such conferences is vital to our staff, private collectors and for our reptiles.

There have been many changes at the Sanctuary over the past year and we look forward to sharing them with you.

*Glen Holland
Director
Healesville Sanctuary*



It is with great anticipation that we, the Victorian Herpetological Society (VHS) join with Healesville Sanctuary to hold a reptile and frog husbandry conference.

The conference will focus on providing information on basic herpetoculture through to more advanced and also look at some of the sanctuary's threatened species programs.

There will be presentations from both private breeders and zoological staff along with behind the scenes tours that will include a look at the alpine skinks, broad-headed snakes and threatened frogs.

The Victorian Herpetological Society Conference is an opportunity to bring the experiences of both the successful private herpetoculturist and the zoological community together in the wonderfully unique setting of Healesville Sanctuary.

*Adam Sapiano
President
Victorian Herpetological Society*



Conference Program

Day One

Saturday 11 May

9.00 – 10.00am

Registration & coffee – Sanctuary Brolga Room

10.00am

Welcome by Murrundindi, Wurundjeri Elder

10.10am

Welcome address Glen Holland, Director, Healesville Sanctuary

10.20am

Welcome address Adam Sapiano, President, Victorian Herpetological Society

Morning Session Coordinator

Mike Swan (Zoos Victoria)

Keeping and Breeding Australian Reptiles - the basics

10.30am

Keeping and Breeding Carpet Pythons.
Brad Walker (Australian Fauna Supplies)

11.10am

Caring for Freshwater Turtles.
Kwai Chang (Zoos Victoria)

11.30am

Australian Lizards in Captivity.
Peter Comber (Zoos Victoria)

11.50am

Disease management and diets in Herpetoculture.
Dr. Franciscus Scheelings (Zoos Victoria)

12.20pm

Lunch

1.00pm

Reptile Presentation

2.00pm

Tours Reptile House/ Frog house/Live food room (half group)

2.45pm

Refreshments

Afternoon Session Coordinator

Lee Stroud (Zoos Victoria)

Keeping and Breeding Australian Reptiles -more advanced

3.00pm

Australian Geckos in captivity.
John McGrath

3.45pm

Housing and handling Venomous Snakes.
Michael Taylor (Zoos Victoria)

4.15pm

The Moloch in Captivity.
Adam Sapiano (Victorian Herpetological Society)

4.30pm

Day One Finish

6.30 – 10.00pm

Conference Dinner at Sanctuary House Resort Motel

7.45pm

Keynote Address - Sharing the Passion

Steve Wilson, Qld Museum, Herpetologist, Photographer and Author

Day Two

Sunday 12 May

Morning Session Coordinator

Peter Comber (Zoos Victoria)

Herpetoculture in Australia

8.30am

Herpetoculture in Australia Past and Present.
Brian Barnett OAM (Victorian Herpetological Society)

9:30 am

Workshop

Product reviews/safety and sustainability in the Herp Room.
Phil Elliot (Victorian Herpetological Society) with Mike Swan (Zoos Victoria)

10.00am

Morning tea

Morning Session Coordinator

Michael Taylor (Zoos Victoria)

Fighting Extinction

10.30am

'Hoppo' Australia's only threatened snake.
Mike Swan (Zoos Victoria)

11.00am

Frog programs at Healesville Sanctuary.
Mason Hill (Zoos Victoria)

11.30am

Threatened Alpine Skinks.
Lee Stroud (Zoos Victoria)

12.00am

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Refreshments

3:30pm

Conservation Programs with Zoos Victoria
Russel Traher, Life Sciences Manager (Zoos Victoria)

4.00pm

Conference Close

Adam Sapiano
President, Victorian Herpetological Society

Registration Form

Please send completed registration form and payment details to:

mail:
Victorian Herpetological Society
PO Box 4208
Ringwood Vic 3134

email: vhs@optusnet.com.au

For further information call:
Mike Swan 0409 553 464

Full Registration Cost: \$220.00

Your full Registration provides you with attendance at all sessions, refreshments, lunch both days and Conference Dinner.

Drinks at bar prices for Conference Dinner.

Your registration also provides you with free entry to Healesville Sanctuary for the duration of the Conference.

Registrations Close:
Thursday 30 April 2013
Places are limited, book early to avoid disappointment.

Conference Venue:
Healesville Sanctuary
Brolga Room
Badger Creek Road
Healesville Victoria

Conference Dinner
Sanctuary House Resort Motel
326 Badger Creek Road
Healesville Victoria



Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ State _____ Post code _____

Organisation: _____

Contact:

phone/mobile: _____ fax: _____

email: _____

Special dietary requirements:

Food allergies? please specify:

Privacy:

I agree to my name being published in the delegate list.

Yes No

Conference Registration \$220.00

Extra Guest at Conference Dinner \$ 50.00

Total \$ _____ .00

Payment Details:

Option One

I enclose a Cheque for \$ _____ payable to
Victorian Herpetological Society

Option Two

Payment by EFT

BSB: 033044

Account No: 222693

Account Name: Victorian Herpetological Society

Swift Code WPAC.AU.S.2

EFT receipt number: _____

EFT payment: \$ _____



Accommodation Information and Rates

Please contact the accommodation venues directly for current rates and to make your booking.



We encourage you to book your accommodation early.

For those arriving by air, Melbourne Airport is approximately a one hour drive to Healesville.

The Airport has six car rental companies located on site. All have offices on the ground floor of the short term car park, and information desks in domestic terminals. Contact the companies direct for current rates.

Sanctuary House Resort Motel ★★★/★★★★★

326 Badger Creek Road Healesville

Type: Room only/restaurant/bar on-site

Location: 5min walk to Healesville Sanctuary

Contact Details: +61 (0)3 5962 5148

Healesville Tourist Park AAAT ★★★★★

322 Don Road Healesville

Type: Self Catered Cabins

Weekend 2 night min booking

Location: 20min walk to Healesville Sanctuary

Contact Details: +61 (0)3 5962 4398

Big 4 Badger Creek Holiday Park ★★★/★★★★★

419 Don Road Healesville

Type: Self Catered Cabins

Studio Cabins 1/2/3 bedrooms

Weekend 2 night min booking

Location: 10min walk to Healesville Sanctuary

Contact Details: +61 (0)3 5962 4328

Healesville Motor Inn ★★★

45 Maroondah Highway Healesville

Type: Share Rooms

Location: 40min walk to Healesville Sanctuary

Contact Details: +61 (0)3 5962 5188

Healesville offers a wide range of accommodation options to suit personal preference, comfort and budget.

For further accommodation options, please visit:

<http://www.visitarravalley.com.au/pages/welcome/>

or contact:

Yarra Valley Information Centre: +61 (0)3 5962 2600