

# Protected Areas Matter A 1-DAY SYMPOSIUM

*Protected areas and the future of wildlife conservation: threats and opportunities*

**14 March 2020**

Mt Coot-tha Auditorium,  
Brisbane



<https://wildlife.org.au/protected-areas-matter>

## PROTECTED AREAS MATTER

### PROGRAM



#### Connect with us:

Facebook [@WildlifeQueensland](#)

Instagram [@wildlifequeensland](#)

Twitter [@WildlifeQLD](#)

Share your symposium memories using **#ProtectedAreasMatter**



# WELCOME

## Welcome to Protected Areas Matter: protected areas and the future of wildlife conservation – threats and opportunities

The IUCN defines a protected area as: *A clearly defined geographical space, recognized, dedicated and managed, through legal or other effective means, to achieve long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values.*

Protected Areas Matter is an opportunity for conservationists and other members of the community to learn about and discuss some of the most pressing wildlife conservation issues of our time.

More than ever before, our national parks and other protected areas have a vital role to play in protecting our dwindling wildlife – locally, nationally and internationally. They need to be viewed by the community as an essential form of land and water use along with other uses, and not some sort of luxury that is available for exploitation by those who view them as unused land.

In the face of climate change, broad-scale land clearing and other threats to native plants and animals, our national parks, in particular, are critical biodiversity refuges and should be allowed to comply, unchallenged, with what the Nature Conservation Act specifies as their cardinal principle of management: *Provide, to the greatest possible extent, for the permanent preservation of the area's natural condition and the protection of the area's cultural resources and values.*

The symposium will explore these and many other aspects of Queensland's national parks and other protected areas.

Peter Ogilvie, President Wildlife Queensland

---

### Acknowledgement of Country

In keeping with the spirit of reconciliation and on behalf of Wildlife Queensland, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land that the symposium is created and presented on. We acknowledge the deep and timeless relationship between Country and Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders and pay respect to the Elders of the community and extend recognition to their descendants both past and present.

protecting wildlife • Influencing choices • engaging communities

# AGENDA

9.00 – 9.30	Morning tea on arrival	
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome and Housekeeping	<b>Prof. Marc Hockings</b> MC
9.45 – 10.00	About Wildlife Queensland	<b>Peter Ogilvie</b> President, Wildlife Queensland
10.00 – 10.40	<p><b>Protected areas the keystone of conservation of biodiversity</b></p> <p>Protected areas do the best job of saving biodiversity of all the options out there. But puzzlingly, the key role of protected areas has come under attack, and governments have slashed budgets. Growth has slowed to a crawl in Australia at the same time when the international community is planning to adopt a 2030 target of 30% of land and sea protected. Lack of protected areas for threatened species and ecosystems is assessed and found wanting. What would convince governments to start investing in protected areas again?</p>	<b>Martin Taylor</b> Conservationist and Scientist, WWF
10.40 – 11.20	<p><b>Developing &amp; implementing a collaborative new model for conservation in Australia</b></p> <p>Across the continent, Australia’s biodiversity is under intense pressure. Unless urgent action is taken to address the key drivers of biodiversity loss, more animals and plants are likely to be added to Australia’s appalling extinction record. Private conservation has a crucial role to play in transforming the delivery of conservation on the ground. Shauna Chadlowe will address how Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) is developing and implementing an innovative, collaborative model for conservation that is successfully arresting the decline of Australia’s biodiversity and restoring our natural capital.</p>	<b>Shauna Chadlowe</b> Chief Development Officer, Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC)

11.20 – 12.00	<p><b>The Use and Abuse of National Parks in Queensland</b></p> <p>The establishment of national parks in Queensland is unique in Australia. Queensland had State-wide national park legislation more than half a century before the other States. The presentation looks, very briefly, at the history of national park legislation, declaration, management and public use over 110 years. It looks at the uses that have been legally permitted over that time, paying particular attention to more recent attitudinal, and legislative, changes that have led to privately owned development being permitted to establish inside national parks. Some of the long-term consequences of such action will be explored.</p>	<p><b>Peter Ogilvie</b> President, Wildlife Queensland</p>
12.00 – 12.40		
12.40 – 1.20		<p><b>Darren Burns</b> Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC)</p>
1.20 – 2.00	<p><b>All in for the future - MPAs for people</b></p> <p>Marine Protected Areas are a vital tool for protecting our marine environment for future generations. Media attention can sometimes create a perception the implementation of marine parks results in groups of "winners" and "losers," but in reality, MPAs have been shown to have very real economic and social benefits to a wide spectrum of community members. This presentation will give an overview of some of the multiple outcomes that MPAs provide and describe how they might be achieved when the community is engaged in their creation and ongoing management, using examples from around the world and here at home in Queensland.</p>	<p><b>Katie Walters</b> Marine Campaigner, Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS)</p>
2.00 – 2.20	Afternoon Tea	
2.20 – 2.50	Presentation and Q & A	<p><b>Michael Berkman MP</b></p>
2.50 – 3.20	<p><b>The IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas: Setting the standard for effective conservation</b></p>	<p><b>Prof. Marc Hockings</b></p>
3.20 – 3.50	General discussion / Q & A / Outcomes	<p><b>Prof. Marc Hockings</b></p>
4.00	Thanks / Close	

# SPEAKERS

(Listed in order of agenda)



**Marc Hockings** MC, Moderator and Speaker

Marc Hockings is Emeritus Professor at the University of Queensland and Vice-Chair (Science) with the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas. He trained as an ecologist and spent 16 years with the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service. He joined the University of Queensland in 1992. From 2002 until his retirement from the University in 2016, he led the university's environmental management program. Marc is a long-term member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) through its World Commission on Protected Areas where he leads the global program on Science and Management of Protected Areas and is a member of the Commission's Executive Committee. He is also a member of the IUCN Species Survival Commission and the Commission on Ecosystem Management. Marc was the principal author of the IUCN's best practice guidelines on evaluation of management effectiveness in protected areas. He is the WCPA lead in the development of an IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas. He is a Fellow at the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre in Cambridge, UK and Managing Editor of the IUCN journal *PARKS*. In 2008, he received the Kenton R. Miller Award for Innovation in Protected Area Sustainability for his work on management effectiveness.

---



**Martin Taylor** Conservationist and Scientist, WWF

Martin has worked as conservation scientist with WWF-Australia since 2006. Before that he worked for the National Parks Association, Australian Rainforest Conservation Society, Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society and the Center for Biological Diversity in the USA

---



**Shauna Chadlowe** Chief Development Officer, Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC)

Shauna is responsible for fundraising and communications nationally with AWC. Prior to joining AWC in 2006, Shauna was the Executive Director of IQPC, Sydney, a global conference organization, where she gained 10 years' commercial experience. Prior to that, Shauna was a lawyer for a well-established Sydney law firm.

---



**Peter Ogilvie** President, Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland

Peter retired from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service in December 2011 after 46 years' involvement in the establishment, management and administration of national parks, World Heritage Areas and wildlife in Queensland. During that time, he held a number of State-wide positions, including Director of Marine Parks, Director of Park Management, Manager of Wildlife Management, Manager World Heritage and Chief Research Officer. Peter is a zoologist and has undertaken research on a number of seabird species on the Great Barrier Reef. He has had close involvement with the development of nature conservation legislation in Queensland and was a member of the Australian negotiating team for the Convention on Biological Diversity. He was awarded the Public Service Medal in the 2002 Queen's Birthday Honours List for "outstanding public service in the field of conservation in Queensland". He is presently State president of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, a member of three endangered species recovery groups, two animal ethics committees (University of Qld and Aus. Defence Forces), and of several community organisations involved in protecting biodiversity.

---



**Darren Burns** Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC)



**Katie Walters** Marine Campaigner, Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS)

Katie (B Sci hon) spent 20 years working in the not-for-profit community and cultural development sector before retraining in marine science with a special interest in how people relate to the marine environment, and to one another within the natural resource management space. Her post-graduate research at Griffith University examined values of the community for the Great Sandy Strait, and Moreton Bay, and in 2019 she hosted and produced a podcast series *Moreton Bay Online* which celebrated some of the diverse and valuable connections stakeholders have with their coastal home. Katie has served on the board of the Society for Conservation Biology Marine Section as Communications Officer, and is currently a Marine Parks campaigner at the Australian Marine Conservation Society.

---



**Michael Berkman – Greens member for Maiwar**

Michael is the first Greens representative in Queensland parliament, having been elected to the seat of Maiwar in 2017. Prior to taking his seat in parliament, Michael was a lawyer with the Environmental Defenders Office in Brisbane. Michael has been an advocate for wildlife and the environment long before his election to parliament, and is committed to action on climate change and protecting biodiversity in Queensland.

---