

35th AWMS Annual Conference

Napier, New Zealand, 6 - 8 December 2022

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'Ki uta ki tai - From the mountains to the sea'

Call for Abstracts

About the conference

The Australasian Wildlife Management Society (AWMS) will be holding its 35th annual conference, on 6-8 December 2022 at the Napier War Memorial Conference Centre, Napier, New Zealand.

After two years of online conferences, we are looking forward to welcoming delegates from New Zealand, Australia and beyond in person to this years AWMS2022 conference.

The objectives of the Society are:

- To promote the study and application of scientific wildlife management in the Australasian region
- To actively encourage the development, dissemination and adoption of applied scientific research in wildlife management
- To influence policy and management decisions through the provision of clear, explicit and pragmatic advice on options for wildlife management and associated risks

The major theme of the AWMS2022 conference is
'Ki uta ki tai - From the mountains to the sea'

Symposia

Predator Free 2050

Eradication of mustelids, possums and rats from New Zealand by 2050 is an audacious vision that will require significant science, technology and social innovation to achieve. This symposium is an opportunity to share new research and thinking on the pathway to Predator Free.

Conserving taonga species

A common goal in wildlife management in every country is the conservation or recovery of taonga species. These are species that are highly valued, either for cultural reasons (e.g. animals with spiritual significance for indigenous peoples), for ecological reasons (e.g. keystone species), or because the species is under threat of extinction. This symposium will focus on management interventions that aim to conserve or restore taonga species.

Land manager/Practitioner symposia

We'd like to hear from groups/individuals that are involved in on-ground wildlife management projects which have a focus on the planning and practical application of wildlife management and work with community groups in Australasia and beyond.

Open Wildlife Management Symposium

Alternatively you can submit your abstract under the Open Symposium theme which will accommodate talks on any topic related to wildlife management in Australasian and beyond. Other symposia will be organised to fit the topics of the abstracts received.

Conference field trips and workshops

AWMS is organising a number of workshops and field trips to accompany this years conference.

- Poutiri Ao ō Tāne (Restoration Project) (full day, Mon. 5 Dec 2022)
- Waitangi Star Compass Tour (Evening Tour, Thu. 8 Dec 2022)
- Cape Sanctuary Field Trip (full day, Fri. 9 Dec 2022)

Please find details and the booking form on our conference website. Conference registration and field trip bookings will open 1 July 2022:

www.awms.org.au/conference

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AWMS offers a range of awards for students and professionals

Awards include:

- Practical Management Award
- The DW Cooper Student Thesis Award
- The Student Travelling Scholarship (for undergraduate and honours students)
- The Postgraduate Student Research Award
- The Braysher Management Fund
- AWMS President's Award

Full details of prizes, award conditions and how to apply can be found on the AWMS website

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For all awards, entries close 31 August 2022

Abstract submissions

Abstracts must be submitted by 31 August 2022. Abstracts are strictly limited to 250 words and need to be submitted via the online Abstract submission form. AWMS has a focus on management and your submitted abstract should reflect this focus.

Presentation formats:

- **Full length presentations** will have 15-minute time slots (12 minutes + 3 minutes for questions).
- **5-min speed talks:** Present your project in a short, concise and energetic format, for example, to inform conference participants about a project proposal, new development in management, research, industry, policy, outreach and more.
- **Poster:** Presenters will be invited to give a 1-minute speed talk advertising their poster.

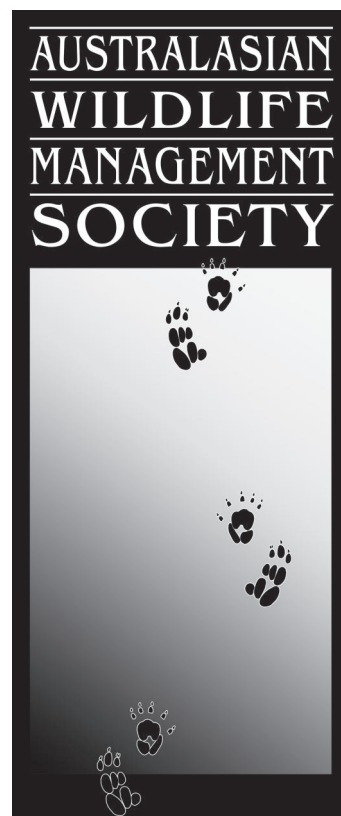
If there is insufficient space in the program, some presenters may be invited to give a 5-min speed talk or a poster instead of a full length talk. Speakers will be notified of acceptance by 20 September 2022.

- Abstracts will be reviewed prior to acceptance and may be edited.
- Accepted abstracts will be distributed to all attendees at the conference.
- Students must be enrolled at a recognised university.

[Submit your abstract here](#)

Best Student Presentation/Poster Prize

All student presentations will be considered for the prize of Best Student Presentation. The decision to award or not award prizes for best student presentation is at the discretion of the Conference Organising Committee and the AWMS Executive Committee.



Please email conference@awms.org.au if you have any problems submitting your abstract.

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