

General Information

 22nd to 24th March 2023

PROGRAM

The Aquatic Animal Technical Forum for 2023 is being hosted by the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Biosecurity Science Laboratory. The workshop will be located in Block 12, Health and Food Sciences Precinct, 39 Kessels Road, Coopers Plains QLD 4108.

The forum will run over 3 days from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th March 2023. We plan to finish early to mid-afternoon on Friday, to allow participants to return home that day

One of the aims of the forum is to encourage informal discussion and the transfer of knowledge. A**ll participants are encouraged to prepare a presentation to be presented in a welcoming environment where “no question is a stupid question”.** Past feedback has mentioned that the forum is a welcoming and comfortable environment for presenting. Presentations may be from 10 minutes to 40 minutes duration (you have the freedom to decide) and may be on any aspect of your work or interesting cases or techniques.

As in previous workshops, the program for the forum will be a mixture of topics for presentations and cover various disciplines. There will be a field trip to the Bribie Island CSIRO/DAF facility by hire bus for attending participants.

It is intended to hold discussion sessions on general topics during Day 1 and 3, as well as time for general discussion/feedback regarding the forum itself

Participant numbers will be capped at 26. Do not hesitate to register despite the participant number being capped. If registrations exceed 26, priority will be given to those that have not attended a previous forum and to those participants prepared to make a presentation.

REGISTRATION

Participants will need to return the attached registration form including a presentation topic and its expected duration to Nette Williams (lynette.williams@csiro.au), expressing an interest to attend no later than **Wednesday 1st March 2023.**

On the registration form please clearly indicate:

* any special dietary requirements
* if you require an accommodation booking at Coopers Plains motel and your approximate arrival time, so the hotel can be notified in advance

PRESENTATIONS

* Please advise the title (even if it is a draft title) and approximate duration of your presentation on the registration form - this helps shape the DRAFT Forum program
* The final program will be distributed to the attendees by mid-March

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms for participants are being held at the Coopers Plains Motel, Beaudesert Road, Acacia Ridge.

The project will cover participant’s costs for 3 nights’ accommodation (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights only). All bookings are being co-ordinated as a group booking through Nette Williams. **Please clearly indicate on the registration form whether you will require accommodation for these nights,** and it will be arranged for you.

If you intend to stay additional nights, you will need to arrange this with the hotel directly.

Breakfast is not included in this rate.

For more information <https://www.cooperscolonial.com.au>

TRANSPORT

Please book your flights as soon as possible, therefore not paying for expensive flights closer to the workshop date. Forward details of your flights and cost to Nette Williams.

It is anticipated that return airfares will be refunded by the project for participants. This will be dependent on registration numbers and may be a proportion of the fare only, but you will be notified.

Transport to Coopers Plains from the airport is easiest by either taxi or Uber with a cost of approximately $100. Alternatively, trains are available to Coopers Plains Station or car hire.

MEALS

Tuesday dinner and daily breakfast will be at **your** expense. There are a number of restaurants near your accommodation.

Wednesday and Thursday’s dinners cost will be funded by the project and sponsorship, but drinks will be at **your** expense.

WHAT EXPENSES ARE COVERED BY THE WORKSHOP

3 night’s accommodation Tuesday - Thursday inclusive

Return airfares or a proportion of fare

Bus transport to Bribie Island

Morning, afternoon tea and lunch on 2 days (Wednesday, Thursday)

Morning tea on Friday

Workshop dinner (not drinks) on Wednesday evening

Workshop dinner (not drinks) Thursday evening

CONTACTS for more information:

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