

Wildlife Tourism Australia 2026 Conference
Wildlife Tourism Fighting Extinction
Healesville and Moonlit Sanctuaries, Victoria
27 – 30 October 2026

Sub-themes:

Assisting conservation projects, including conservation-related research.

Interpretation for Conservation

Minimising our own impacts on species and habitats

Other relevant themes

Tuesday 27th October (Healesville Sanctuary)

3.00pm Registration opens (Healesville Sanctuary)

5.00pm Welcome function, and explore Sanctuary

7.30pm Bat Detection Walk

Wednesday 28th October (Healesville Sanctuary)

9.00am Introduction and opening of conference

9.30am Opening address: Fiona Fraser, Threatened Species Commissioner

Morning presentations including Keynote addresses by Georgia Garrard and Emily McLeod from Zoos Victoria

Afternoon: roundtable discussions, perusal of poster papers, tour of endangered animals being bred at the sanctuary, Free flight show

Thursday 29th October (Healesville and Moonlit Sanctuaries)

Morning: Presentations (Healesville Sanctuary) including presentation from Interpretation Australia

Afternoon: (after afternoon tea) Excursion to Moonlit Sanctuary, daytime tour of Sanctuary

Evening: Conference Dinner, visit nocturnal creatures, return by coach to Healesville Sanctuary

Friday 30th October (Healesville Sanctuary)

Morning: presentations including Keynote Emeritus Professor David Newsome

Afternoon: presentations and final plenary discussion

4.30pm Close of conference