



The Ecological Consultants Association of NSW

invites you to attend the 2008, 10th anniversary, 2 day conference on:

liabilities, assessments & expectations of the ecologist

Date: 4th & 5th September 2008
Where: The Manly Pacific Hotel, Manly
Cost: \$ 140.00 (ECA member); \$ 240.00 (non-member)
Commences: Day 1 - Registration 8:00 - 9:00am, Thursday 4th September 2008
Day 2 - Reconvene check in 8:00 - 9:00am, Friday 5th September 2008

Conference enquires should be directed to the Administrative Assistant at: admin@ecansw.org.au

The role of the ecologist continues to increase and a far greater emphasis is placed on ecological issues than ever before in both NSW and Australia. Ecological site assessments and biodiversity impact statements continue to become more detailed, covering a wider range of technical issues and are under greater scrutiny from the community, the client and the consent authority.

As the role of the ecologist grows, so does the level of responsibility and accountability. Ecological advice and recommendations often become significant issues particularly in land use and planning matters, major developments and in the NSW Land & Environment Court.

This conference aims to provide an insight into the pitfalls and expectations associated with the role of ecologist in today's environment.

The Manly Pacific Hotel is situated right on Manly Beach on the northern beaches of Sydney and is only 15 minutes by jet-cat from the city. Manly ferries also offer transport from the city for a more leisurely ride across Sydney Harbour and there are various bus routes that terminate at Manly Wharf. For those travelling by car parking in Manly is available at several local parking stations, however a charge may apply.

For those wishing to extend their visit the Manly Pacific Hotel (Managed by Novotel) can offer excellent accommodation. Should you require accommodation, you will need to arrange it directly with the Hotel on (02) 9977 7666. The Manly Pacific Hotel can offer a special rate for those attending the Conference so be sure to mention you are attending the ECA conference when booking.

Day -1



Programme for Thursday 4th September 2008

8:00 - 9:00 am Registration

Morning Session Chair – Judie Rawling

9:00 - 9:15 am ECA President's Welcome & Introduction – Dr. Stephen Ambrose

9:15 - 10:15 am Keynote Speaker Day 1 The Changing Nature of Ecological Consultancy – Dr Andrew Smith, Principal Environmental Consultant, Austeco

10:15 - 10:45 am Morning tea

Liability & Insurances for the Ecological Consultant

10:45 - 11:30 am Professional Due Diligence & Liability - David Nock SC, L9 Wentworth Chambers

11:30 - 12:15 pm Professional Indemnity Insurance are you really covered ? – Robert Beaton, Chairperson PI Committee, Insurance Council of Australia

12:15 – 12:25 pm Questions, Answers & Discussion on Morning Session Topics

12:25 – 1:15 pm Lunch

Planning Matters for the Ecological Consultant

Afternoon Session Chair – Mark Couston

1:15 - 1:45 pm Bio-certification of LEPs, (*to be announced*)

1:45 - 2:15 pm State Significant Projects, Part 3a (EP&A Act) Developments & Environmental Assessments - Brian Wilson, Ecotone Ecological Consultants,

2:15 - 2:45 pm Update on Biobanking and Accreditation for Ecological Consultants – Caroline Heathcote, NSW. Dept. Env. & Climate Change.

2:45 - 2:50 pm Questions, Answers & Discussion on Afternoon Topics

2:50 - 3:10 pm Afternoon Tea

Changes to Legislation and Policies & Guidelines

3:10 - 3:40 pm What happened to the Rivers & Foreshores Improvement Act? – Marwan El-Chamy, NSW Dept. Water & Energy

3:40 - 4:10 pm Changes to the Noxious Weeds Act (NSW) - Richard Carter, NSW Dept. Primary Industries,

4:10 - 4:15 pm Questions, Answers & Discussion on Afternoon Topics

4:15 - 4:20 pm Summary of Day 1, What to expect on Day 2 - Dr Stephen Ambrose

Annual General Meeting

4:30 - 5:30 pm Annual General Meeting of the ECA (members only) with drinks and canapés

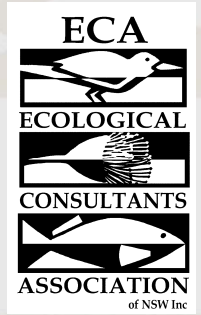
Conference Dinner

7:00 pm - until late Manly Pacific Hotel

The conference dinner is a great opportunity to exchange experiences, talk shop or just catch up with long lost colleagues over a glass of wine or beer and dinner. The conference dinners in the past have been well attended and are an entertaining night out.

The Conference Dinner will be held at the Manly Pacific Hotel and will consist of a 3 course meal including beverages, the company of your colleagues and hearing from our guest dinner speaker Stephen Abbott (aka The Sandman) for the price of \$ 90.00.

Day - 2



Programme for Friday 5th September 2008

8:00 - 9:00 am Reconvene check in
Morning Session Chair – Dr. Martin Denny
9:00 - 9:15 am Recap on Day 1 – Dr. Martin Denny
9:15 – 10:15 am Keynote Speaker Day 2, A DECC Perspective & Expectations of Ecological Consultants - Lou Ewins Manager, Planning and Aboriginal Heritage, Dept. Env. & Climate Change (DECC).

10:15 - 10:45 am Morning tea

Practicalities and Application of the Threatened Species Assessments

10:45 - 11:15 am Threatened Species Assessments – State Government developments – Kevin Roberts, NSW Roads & Traffic Authority
11:15 - 11:45 am Threatened Species Assessments, an Ecologists Perspective, case studies - Jason Berrigan, Darkheart Eco-Consultancy
11:45 - 12:15 pm Threatened Species Assessments - Consent Authority's Perspective – Jenny Powell, Warringah Council
12:15 – 12:30 pm Questions, Answers & Discussion on Morning Session Topics
12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch

Expectations on Ecological Consultants

Afternoon Session Chair – Michael Murray
1:30 - 2:15 pm What expectation does a Barrister/ Solicitor have of an ecological consultant in the L&E Court – Stan Kondilios, Maddocks Lawyers
2:15 - 3:00 pm What expectation does a Planner have of an ecological consultant – Ian Glendinning, Glendinning Minto & Associates
3:00 – 3:45 pm What expectations does the community have of an of an ecological consultant – Rachael Walmsley, Environmental Defenders Office
3:45 – 4:15pm Conference wrap up ECA President – Dr. Stephen Ambrose

Registration Form

Ecological Consultants Association of NSW, 2008 2-day Conference on

Name

Organisation

Postal Address

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Are you intending to join us at the Conference Dinner 04/08/08 yes no

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Please fill in your details and return this section to the Administrative Assistant ECA with your attached payment of:

\$ 140.00 for ECA members
\$ 240.00 for non ECA members
\$ 90.00 for Conference Dinner (optional)
(Note: 1 day rates do not apply)

Alternatively you can send your Registration Form by

Fax: 02 9456 3853
Email: admin@ecansw.org.au

Cheques should be made out in favour of the Ecological Consultants Association of NSW and to gain entry to the conference, payment must be received before the conference commences.

Refunds will not be provided for cancellations after 25/08/08.