

# Otway Ecological Research Forum 2024

TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST, COPACC, COLAC



## A G E N D A

**9:00am** – Meet and settle over tea & coffee

**9:30am** – **WELCOME and introductions**, **Lizzie Corke OAM**, CEO and Founder, Conservation Ecology Centre & **Dr. Jack Pascoe**, Conservation Ecology Centre and University of Melbourne.

### SESSION 1.

**9:40 – 9:55am.** *Pathways to Resilience: Climate Adaptations in the Foothill Forests of the Otways.* **Dr Claire Feniuk**, Conservation Ecology Centre.

**9:55 – 10:10am.** *Fire and Ecosystem Resilience in the Tall Mixed Forests of the Otways.* **Dr Matt Swann**, University of Melbourne.

**10:10 – 10:25am.** *From Little Things Big Things Grow: Ecological Baselines Shaping a Shared Vision for Cape Otway's Vegetation and Wildlife.* **Dr Kay Weltz**, Conservation Ecology Centre.

**10:25 – 10:30am.** *Monitoring Leafy Greenhoods on Cape Otway.* **Dr Jack Pascoe**, Conservation Ecology Centre and University of Melbourne.

**10:30 – 10:45am.** *Boaring into the Data.* **James Templeton**, Conservation Ecology Centre.

**10:45 – 11:00am.** *Artificial Refuges for Native Mammals.* **Darcy Watchorn**, Deakin University.

**11:00 – 11:30am.** **MORNING TEA**, *generously sponsored by Beacon Ecological.*

### SESSION 2.

**11:30 – 12:00pm.** *Predators, Prey and Fire in the Carlisle: a PhD Odyssey.* **Dr Mark le Pla**, University of Melbourne.

**12:00 – 12:15am.** *Fire, Fauna and Fighting Extinction: Impact of Prescribed Fire on Losed-nosed Potoroos in the Carlisle Heath.* **Stephanie Sytlli**, University of Melbourne.

**12:15 – 12:30pm.** *Gone to Ground: the Eastern Ground Parrot in the Otways Region.* **Jesse Ellis**, Conservation Ecology Centre.

**12:30 – 12:45pm.** *Can Winter Burning Help Prevent Shrub Encroachment?* **Tamika Farley Lehmer**, University of Melbourne.

**12:45 – 1:00pm.** *Vegetation Change in the Carlisle Heath.* **Prof. Michael-Shawn Fletcher**, University of Melbourne.

**1:00 – 2:00pm.** **LUNCH**, served in the COPACC foyer.



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### SESSION 3.

**2:00 – 2:15pm.** *Determining the Optimal Scat Collection Method in the Otways.* **Dr Jack Pascoe**, University of Melbourne and Conservation Ecology Centre.

**2:15 – 2:30pm.** *Murnong on Maar Country.* **James Templeton**, Conservation Ecology Centre.

**2:30 – 3:30pm.** **SPECIAL DISCUSSION PANEL:**

*Biocultural Landscapes.* **John Clarke**, Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation together with **Prof. Michael-Shawn Fletcher**, University of Melbourne and others.

**3:30 – 4:30pm.** **AFTERNOON TEA and further discussions**, COPACC foyer, supported by **Cassinia Environmental** and **FaunaTech**.

**4:30pm.** **CLOSE**, safe travels home.

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