



# Zoos Victoria's Ethical Wildlife Response Workshop

## Workshop Overview

Join Dr Sally Sherwen (Director of Wildlife Conservation & Science) and Fiona Ryan (Senior Manager – Wildlife Welfare Programs), as they share Zoos Victoria's experience in the practical application of animal welfare paradigms in wildlife response and management.

This three-hour workshop will guide participants through relevant tools and approaches that have been trialled at Zoos Victoria to address various ethical challenges regarding wildlife response and management. We will draw on various case studies relating to marine response, threatened species, and wildlife response during disasters, such as bushfire.

Throughout the session, participants will workshop real-world scenarios, drawing on frameworks to guide decision making in each case. We hope that workshop participants will leave with a greater understanding of decision making in these scenarios and enhanced ability to draw on relevant frameworks to guide conversations.

### Program

- 9.15am** Registration
- 9.30am** Welcome
- 9.40am** Animal welfare theory & social science
- 11.00am** Morning tea
- 11.10am** Zoos Victoria welfare specialists & workshop activities
- 12.20pm** Workshop recap & closing comments
- 12.30pm** Light lunch is served
- 1.00pm** Participants depart venue and are welcome to explore the zoo at leisure.

*All timings and content are approximate/draft only and may change on the day.*



### Workshop

**Monday 4th December**

9.30am to 12.30pm

### Location

**Rainforest Room, Melbourne Zoo**

Elliot Avenue, Parkville VIC 3052

### Facilitators

Dr Sally Sherwen & Fiona Ryan

### Inclusions

Admission to the zoo, morning tea and light lunch, welfare specialists insights with guest speakers, such as: [Marine Response Unit](#), Threatened species & social science.



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## Workshop Facilitators



### Dr Sally Sherwen, Director of Wildlife Conservation & Science

Dr Sally Sherwen is the Director of Wildlife Conservation and Science at Zoos Victoria (the Conservation Organisation charged with the operation of Melbourne Zoo, Kyabram Fauna Park, Werribee Open Range Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary in Australia). Sally leads a dynamic team of scientists and specialists that develop and deliver strategic programs in conservation, animal welfare, education and environmental sustainability. Sally has a PhD in Animal Welfare Science and in previous roles has established an evidence-based research program in animal behaviour and welfare science, developed and implemented an institutional welfare assessment tool to advance welfare standards and designed and ran collaborative training courses with several NGOs for industry professionals and community groups.



### Fiona Ryan, Senior Manager – Wildlife Welfare Programs

Fiona Ryan is a career zoo and wildlife veterinary nurse, with more than 20 years' experience in the field. Over the last 15 years, Fiona has worked within each of Zoos Victoria's dedicated wildlife hospitals, starting at Healesville Sanctuary in 2004, where she was part of the team who built the Australian Wildlife Health Centre. Fiona spent 7 years as the hospital supervisor at Melbourne Zoo and was part of the team to supporting the development of the Marine Response Unit. Fiona has well developed expertise in the veterinary assessment, care and rehabilitation of wildlife and broad experience in response to a range of scenarios impacting wildlife, including day to day wildlife emergencies, and response during disasters, such as bushfire.

### For more information

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