



# FIRST CIRCULAR



PERTH,  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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## **General conference information**

The Organising Committee has the pleasure of inviting you to Perth, Western Australia, for *Palaeo Down Under 3 (PDU3)* in July 2022.

*Palaeo Down Under* is the Australasian Palaeontologists' main conference, and aims to highlight palaeontological research, education and outreach throughout Australasia. This is the third conference held, following the inaugural conference in Orange, New South Wales in 2000, and PDU2 held in Adelaide in 2016. Each conference spotlights the palaeontology of the host state, with PDU1's central theme of Paleozoic correlations of the New England region, and PDU2 focused on Ediacaran/Cambrian palaeontology. Early life and microbialites will likely be a key theme for the Perth conference, although the full program will cover palaeontological research across Australia, New Zealand and neighbouring countries.

## **Organising Committee**

Dr Kenny Travouillon (Western Australian Museum); Chair, AAP

Dr John Gorter; vice chair, AAP

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Mrs Heidi Allen (Geological Survey of Western Australia); Secretary, AAP

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Dr Elizabeth Dowding (University of Oslo); Webmaster, AAP

## **Preliminary schedule**

### **Sunday 10 July 2022**

Arrival in Perth / Registration

Evening: Ice breaker

### **Monday 11 July: Precambrian**

Opening ceremony

**Keynote:** Dr David Flannery, Queensland University of Technology

Precambrian general sessions

### **Tuesday 12 July: Paleozoic**

**Keynote:** Prof. Kate Trinajstic, Curtin University

Paleozoic general sessions

### **Wednesday 13 July: Modern microbialites**

**Keynote:** Prof. Kathleen Campbell, The University of Auckland

Mid-conference field trip

### **Thursday 14 July: Mesozoic**

**Keynote:** Dr Steven Salisbury, The University of Queensland

Mesozoic general sessions

Evening: Conference dinner



## Friday 15 July: Cenozoic

**Keynote:** Prof. Gavin Prideaux, Flinders University  
Cenozoic general sessions

## Venue

The conference will utilize multiple venues within the Perth Cultural Centre.

Located within the heart of Perth city, the Cultural Centre is a vibrant, inclusive and attractive drawcard for Perth residents and visitors alike. The precinct is made up of the Art Gallery of WA, WA Museum Boola Bardip, State Library of WA, The Blue Room, PICA (Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts), the State Theatre Centre of WA and North Metropolitan TAFE. Situated between the Perth city train station and Northbridge's retail, food and beverage and entertainment precinct, the Cultural Centre is a dynamic and lively public space with free WiFi.

## Travel and accommodation

Perth is well connected by air with other Australian capital cities and locations around the world.

Delegates will need to make their own accommodation arrangements for the conference period. Accommodation to suit all budgets is readily available in the Perth central business district.

## Registration

Confirmed per-person conference fees will be set out in the Second circular, but discounted fees will be offered to students, retirees, and AAP (GSA) and Geological Society of New Zealand (GSNZ) members. *Palaeo Down Under 3* meets the criteria for the Memorandum of Understanding between the Geological Society of Australia (of which AAP is a specialist group) and the Geological Society of New Zealand (GSNZ), which came into effect on 1 December 2013. By this arrangement, GSNZ members will be able to attend the conference at AAP member rates. A single-day attendance option will be available for those who cannot attend the entire conference.

An Early Bird reduced fee will also be available to all delegates before 1 March 2022.

For the general public, attendance at keynote lectures is offered for a nominal fee. The five keynote lectures will be held in the morning of each conference day; i.e. Monday 11 July to Friday 15 July inclusive. See future circulars and the conference website (<https://www.australasianpalaeontologists.org/pdu3>) for information on the keynote speakers and their talks.

## Session proposals

To submit a session proposal, please nominate a convenor/session chair, a session title and brief description (no more than 1–2 sentences). Send this proposal to [palaeodownunder3@gmail.com](mailto:palaeodownunder3@gmail.com) with the subject line 'PDU3 session proposal'. Session proposals need to be received by **31 December 2021** for consideration.

## Icebreaker reception

An icebreaker reception will be held at the Western Australian Museum Boola Bardip in Hackett Hall. This is an ideal opportunity to meet fellow participants, while enjoying canapes and wines within this stunning historic building all under the blue whale skeleton.

*About the venue:* Built in 1913 as an extension to the original State Library, Hackett Hall is steeped in history. Restoration works highlight the ornate pressed tin ceilings, original frescoes and Western



Australian crafted stonemasonry and carpentry. The mezzanine level showcases the original library bookcases and spiral staircases. Suspended from the central hall is the Museum's blue whale. Found washed ashore in Busselton in 1897, this 24-metre skeleton is positioned in a dynamic lunge-feeding position. On the ground level, view the Stan Perron WA Treasures gallery. This unique display features treasured objects from the Museum and WA's other cultural organisations.

## Conference dinner

The conference dinner will be held at Fraser's Restaurant (60 Fraser Ave, West Perth WA 6005). Located within iconic Kings Park and overlooking the Perth CBD and Swan River, we encourage all delegates to join us for an evening to remember.

## Field excursions

Currently proposed fieldtrips include:

### Pre-conference

**Precambrian Paleontology highlights package:** 29 June – 8 July 2022 (approx. dates). This trip will incorporate Pilbara early life sites, chain of beads (*Horodyskia williamsi*) localities, microbialite reefs of the Duck Creek Dolomite and the World Heritage Listed modern microbialites of Hamelin Pool (subject to change). Fieldtrip leaders: David Flannery, Heidi Allen and David Martin.

**Canning Basin** (dates TBD). Fieldtrip leaders: Annette George and Kate Trinajstic.

### Mid-conference

**Modern microbialite sites of Yalgorup National Park:** Wednesday 13 July 2022. This trip will visit thrombolites at Lake Clifton, and surrounding areas.

### Post-conference

**Kalbarri and surrounds:** 18–22 July 2022 (approx. dates).

Places will be strictly limited and on a first come, first served basis. Booking information will be circulated at a later date.

To propose additional pre- or post-conferences excursions, or to join the fieldtrips subcommittee, please email [heidi.allen@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:heidi.allen@dmirs.wa.gov.au). Field guides will be published as part of the GSWA Record series and will therefore be freely available after the conference.

## Call for abstracts, oral presentations and posters

Abstracts (for talks and posters) are due April 31, 2022. A formal request for abstracts will be announced in the Second circular, and will include instructions for electronic submission. Detailed submission guidelines with an Abstract Template will be posted in the Second circular, but will include the following formatting requirements for all abstracts: emailed as a Microsoft Word (doc or docx) attachment, 12-point Times New Roman text, with a 400-word limit.

## Contact

Updates will be posted to the conference website (<https://www.australasianpalaeontologists.org/pdu3>) as available. Further queries may be directed to AAP Secretary, Heidi Allen by e-mail at [palaeodownunder3@gmail.com](mailto:palaeodownunder3@gmail.com).

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## Important dates

- Deadline for Early Bird registration and payment of fees: 29 February 2022
- Deadline for abstract submission: 31 April 2022
- Deadline for full refund: 31 April 2022
- Third circular with programme: May 2022
- Final deadline for conference and excursion registration: 31 May 2022
- Final deadline for half (50%) refund: 31 May 2022

## Expression of interest for *Palaeo Down Under 3*, Perth, 11–15 July 2022

Title	Surname:	First name:		
Position		Organisation:		
Address:				
City:	State:	P/c:	Country:	
Email:				
I plan to register as:	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
	<input type="checkbox"/> Single day			
I am a member of:	<input type="checkbox"/> AAP	<input type="checkbox"/> GSA	<input type="checkbox"/> GSNZ	
My attendance is:	<input type="checkbox"/> definite	<input type="checkbox"/> probable	<input type="checkbox"/> uncertain	
I am interested in field trips:	<input type="checkbox"/> pre-conference Early life			
	<input type="checkbox"/> pre-conference Canning Basin			
	<input type="checkbox"/> post-conference Kalbarri area			
I am interested in presenting:	<input type="checkbox"/> talk		<input type="checkbox"/> poster	
With the following title:				
I am interested in contributing a paper to the conference volume <input type="checkbox"/>				
I propose the following session / workshop:				

Please complete and email to [palaeodownunder3@gmail.com](mailto:palaeodownunder3@gmail.com) by 31 December 2021