



# ANIMALS AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE

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### Postponement of the Animals and Climate Emergency Conference (ACEC/MAC5) due to COVID-19

The Board of Minding Animals International Inc. has had to make the unfortunate decision to postpone the Animals and Climate Emergency Conference (Minding Animals 5) due to the impacts of the pandemic. And holding a virtual conference on the scale that we are used to is extremely difficult.

We understand it may be seen as hypocritical to hold large international conferences, especially on the climate emergency, but we believe the benefits for animals and the environment of not doing so far outweigh the negative consequences of travel. In anticipation that we may be able to travel again soon, we are planning to hold a conference of similar scale and size to previous Minding Animals conferences, but with the benefit of very substantial carbon offsetting and wildlife protection initiatives. More on this soon!

At this stage, we are continuing with our preparations for a conference, fully attended, or partially virtual for those outside of the Australian-Aotearoa (New Zealand) bubble. The news on the virus and the international responses change daily, but we will keep you abreast of the issues and keep you updated if any changes with conference preparations eventuate.

In the interim, the Board would like to hold a series of virtual seminars during the original scheduled 22-29 July 2021 period. More details on these seminars will be posted in the next Bulletin and the website as they are developed.

Again, we wish all our members and supporters the very best of health. Stay safe, healthy and isolated!

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# Minding Animals Website and Contact Emails

Please check out the Minding Animals website at [www.mindinganimals.com](http://www.mindinganimals.com), [www.mindinganimals.net](http://www.mindinganimals.net), or [www.mindinganimals.org](http://www.mindinganimals.org). If you have problems accessing any of the sites, you may need to clear your cache. Minding Animals and ACEC email addresses have been established. They are:

Enquiry	Relevant Email Address
Old Minding Animals email (still available)	<a href="mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com">mindinganimals@gmail.com</a>
Animals and Climate Emergency Conference	<a href="mailto:acec@mindinganimals.com">acec@mindinganimals.com</a>
All membership and donations enquiries	<a href="mailto:memberships@mindinganimals.com">memberships@mindinganimals.com</a>
All Board matters	<a href="mailto:board@mindinganimals.com">board@mindinganimals.com</a>
All other matters	<a href="mailto:admin@mindinganimals.com">admin@mindinganimals.com</a>

## Membership of Minding Animals International

Due to the impacts of Covid-19, the Board of Minding Animals International has extended all memberships that would have lapsed on 31 December this year to 31 December, 2021.

The membership fee is available for a flat rate of \$50.00 USD (\$25 for a full time student with proof of student identity). Benefit of memberships:

- An extended membership to 31 December, 2021 (when renewals will fall due).
- A \$50 discount when registering for the Animals and Climate Emergency Conference in 2022.
- The Board is currently discussing other benefits.

Ongoing annual memberships will fall due on 31 December of each year. A reminder will be sent to all members before that time. Please note that if you join at any time in 2020 or during 2021, your membership will expire on 31 December, 2021.

If you wish to join, or if you are a lapsed member and wish to re-join, please follow the prompts at: <https://www.mindinganimals.com/become-a-member/>

If you have any problems logging on to our website or membership pages or if you have any other questions, please contact us at: [memberships@mindinganimals.com](mailto:memberships@mindinganimals.com)

## Donations to Minding Animals International

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