



## Delegate Update

### Book of Abstracts

The book of abstracts will NOT be provided at the conference. Instead it is available for download from the conference website. Only registered delegates are able to access and download the book of abstracts.

To download please visit [www.mindinganimals.com](http://www.mindinganimals.com) and enter your user name: **MADelegate09** and password: **Newcastle**. The "Book of Abstracts" tab will appear on the left hand side. Click on the tab to access the files.

There are no printing facilities available at the conference. If you require a hard copy of any abstracts please print them in advance and bring them with you.

### Venues

#### Conference Sessions, Welcome Reception, Conference Dinner & Wednesday Film Festival

City Hall  
290 King Street  
Newcastle

Web: [www.civicprecinctnewcastle.com.au/](http://www.civicprecinctnewcastle.com.au/)

#### Sunday Film Festival

The Playhouse  
Civic Precinct  
375 Hunter Street,  
Newcastle, 2300

Web: [www.civicprecinctnewcastle.com.au/](http://www.civicprecinctnewcastle.com.au/)

#### UNHHTH – Conference breakout session

University House  
Cnr King & Ackland Streets  
Newcastle 2300

#### Seminar Series Dinner

Customs House  
1 Bond Street  
Newcastle, 2300

Web: [www.customshouse.net.au](http://www.customshouse.net.au)

### Registration Desk

The registration desk will be open as follows:

Sunday 12 July	3:30pm to 6:00pm	Mulubinba Room, City Hall
Monday 13 July	8:00am to 9:30pm	Mulubinba Room, City Hall
	9:30am to 5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, City Hall
Tuesday 14 July	8:00am to 5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, City Hall
Wednesday 15 July	8:00am to 5:10pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, City Hall
Thursday 16 July	8:00am to 5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, City Hall
Friday 17 July	8:00am to 5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, City Hall
Saturday 18 July	8:00am to 5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, City Hall

### Concurrent Session Selections

You may attend the session of your choice, however please note that some sessions have limited seating capacity. All session seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Messages and Emergency Contact Details

Messages may be left for you during the conference by phoning City Hall on +61 2 4974 2996 and asking for the message to be delivered to the Minding Animals Conference Registration Desk. Faxes may be sent to +61 2 4974 2902. Emergency messages ONLY may be left by phoning 0408 498 860. A message board will be located near the registration desk throughout the conference. Please check the message board regularly if you are expecting a message. Messages cannot be delivered personally.

## Schedule at a Glance

### Sunday 12 July

8.45am Hunter Valley Wineries Tour  
9.00am Animal Documentaries Festival, The Playhouse, Civic Precinct  
9.10am Bushwalking & Birdwatching & Canoeing, Hunter Wetlands Centre  
10.00am Whale Watching Cruise, Lee Wharf, Honeysuckle  
1.30pm Whale Watching Cruise, Lee Wharf, Honeysuckle  
2.30pm Animals & Interfaith Service, Christchurch Cathedral  
2.30pm Animals & Art Exhibition, Cooks Hill Gallery  
3.30pm Registration Opens, Mulubinba Room, City Hall  
5.30pm Animals & Art Exhibition, Concert Hall, City Hall  
6.00pm Welcome Reception, Hunter Room, City Hall

### Monday 13 July

8.00am Registration, Mulubinba Room, City Hall  
9.00am Conference Commences  
6.00pm Animals & Art Exhibition, Newcastle Art Space

### Tuesday 14 July

8.00am Registration, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, City Hall  
8.30am Conference Sessions  
6.00pm Animals & Art Exhibition, Conservatorium of Music  
6.30pm Animals & Art Exhibition, Lovett Gallery  
7.00pm Animals & Art Exhibition, Foresight Gallery  
7.30pm Animals & Art Exhibition, Back2Back Gallery

### Wednesday 15 July

8.00am Registration, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, City Hall  
8.30am Conference Sessions  
2.00pm Koala Tour, Blackbutt Reserve & RSPCA Tour, Rutherford  
2.00pm Animal Documentaries Festival, Cummings Room, City Hall  
5.00pm Keynote Pre-dinner Discussion Panel  
6.00pm Animals & Art Exhibition, Shop Front & Front Room Galleries  
7.00pm Conference Dinner, Concert Hall, City Hall

### Thursday 16 July

8.00am Registration, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, City Hall  
8.30am Conference Sessions  
6.00pm Animals & Art Exhibition, Newcastle Art Gallery  
6.30pm Animals & Art Exhibition, Podspace  
7.00pm Animals & Art Exhibition, Wattspace

### Friday 17 July

8.00am Registration, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, City Hall  
8.30am Conference Sessions  
6.00pm Animals & Art Exhibition, John Paynter & Lock-up Galleries  
7.30pm Seminar Series Dinner, Harbourmasters Lounge, Customs House

### Saturday 18 July

8.00am Registration, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, City Hall  
8.30am Conference Sessions  
5.00pm Conference Closes

### Sunday 19 July

9.10am Bushwalking & Birdwatching & Canoeing, Hunter Wetlands Centre  
10.00am Whale Watching Cruise, Lee Wharf, Honeysuckle  
1.30pm Whale Watching Cruise, Lee Wharf, Honeysuckle

### Oral Presenters

PowerPoint presentations should be handed into the Registration Desk on arrival either on CD or USB Drive. They will be pre-loaded onto the notebook in advance of your session. Presenters should ensure that their PowerPoint presentation is loaded and operating NO LATER than 3 hours before their presentation.

### Poster Presenters

Posters should be placed on the marked poster board between 7.45am and 9.00am on Monday morning. Posters will need to be removed from the poster boards no later than 5.00pm on Saturday. Poster presenters must be present during the dedicated poster session on Wednesday 15 July from 1.15 – 2.00pm

### Prizes

During Minding Animals 2009 prizes will be awarded for the best activist, best student, best poster and best overall paper. Recipients will be determined on the basis of content and presentation. Presenters wishing to be considered for any of the above prizes need to advise the organisers by email [mindinganimals@pco.com.au](mailto:mindinganimals@pco.com.au) with their paper's reference number followed by the category in the subject line e.g. OP098 Activist Prize. Prizes will be presented during the closing session on Saturday.

### Conference Touring

We still have limited space on some of the pre and post conference tours. For further information please check the conference touring page on the website.

If you have booked a tour logistical details are below:

#### **Bushwalking & Birdwatching and Canoeing the Ironbark Trail, Lower Hunter River Wetlands, Sunday 12 & 19 July**

You will be picked up from your hotel as follows and taken out to the Wetlands Centre where you will be met by your guide:

Noahs on the Beach, 9.10am Newcastle Beach YHA & Backpackers by the Beach, 9.15am

Newcastle Backpackers, 9.25am, Travellers Motor Village (walk to Sovereign Inn) , Sovereign Inn, 9.40am

Both the Walking and Canoeing tour will last approximately 2 hours. You will then meet in Nourish Restaurant, at 12.30 where lunch will be provided before you depart at 1330 and are dropped off back at City Hall or your hotel.

#### **Hunter Valley Winery Tour, Sunday 12 July**

You will be picked up from your hotel as follows and taken out to the Hunter Valley to visit several vineyards.

8.45 to 9.00am Newcommen Bed & Breakfast, Noahs on the Beach, Travelodge & Ibis

9.10am Sovereign Inn

Lunch will be at Gardens Village, (purchased at own expense). You will be dropped off back at City Hall or your hotel at approximately 3.30pm

#### **Whale and Dolphin Watching, Sunday 12 & 19 July - 10.00AM & 1.30PM**

Boarding starts 10 minutes prior to departure time, so please arrive in plenty of time. The vessel departs from Lee Wharf Pontoon which is outside SUBWAY and Hog's Breath Cafe at Honeysuckle.

From City Hall turn left onto King Street and left again walking past the side of City Hall and the Civic Theatre.

Walk across Hunter Street to Civic Station and take the walking overpass over the tracks. From there head towards the harbour approx 150m and Lee Wharf Pontoon is outside SUBWAY at 5 Honeysuckle Drive.

Walking time approx 5-10 minutes.

#### **Koala Tour, Blackbutt Wildlife Reserve and RSPCA Shelter, Rutherford, Wednesday 15 July**

Please meet in the foyer of City Hall at 1400 promptly, where you will be shown to your buses.

Both visits will last approximately 1 ½ hours. You will return to City Hall at 1630.

### Animals Documentaries Festival

On Sunday 12 July in the Playhouse and the afternoon of Wednesday 15 July in City Hall a series of documentaries and short films will be shown. Films are free to attend and no registration is required; seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please refer to the conference programme for the schedule of screenings.

### Animals and Religion Interfaith Service

An Interfaith Service will be held in conjunction with the conference on Sunday, 12 July, 2009. The service will be held from 2.30pm at Christ Church Anglican Cathedral. The service will involve major Christian denominations, along with representatives from the Jewish, Islamic and Buddhist faiths. Other denominations may also participate. The service is free to attend and no registration is required; seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Animals & Art

The Animals and Art Festival will be held in conjunction with the conference. Several exhibitions will be held during (and following) the conference. The exhibitions are free to attend and no registration is required. Please refer to the conference programme for details.

### Internet Access

Whilst there will not be an Internet station at the conference, wireless internet access will be available for delegate with laptops in the Banquet room, where the exhibition and catering breaks will take place. As a courtesy to presenters we ask that you do not use your laptops during the conference sessions. If you bring a computer with you please ensure you keep it with you at all times as the organisers cannot accept liability for any loss or damage.

### General Dress

We recommend delegates dress in smart casual attire for the conference and social events. July in Newcastle can be cool and recently has been wet so please bring a jacket and an umbrella for walking between venues.

### Catering

**Full Conference Registration** - Includes attendance at Welcome Reception on Sunday evening, morning tea and lunch from Monday to Saturday and afternoon tea from Monday to Saturday (excluding Wednesday).

**Day Registrations** - Include morning tea and lunch and afternoon tea of they selected day(s) of attendance (excludes Wednesday afternoon tea).

Additional tickets to the Welcome Reception and tickets to the Conference and Seminar Series Dinners are available to purchase. If you are not attending the Welcome Reception please advise the registration desk at your earliest convenience. If you have purchased guest tickets for the Welcome Reception and / or Conference Dinners you will have a ticket in the back of your name badge. If you haven't booked for your guest to attend either of the Dinners and would like them to attend, please book at the registration desk before the end of lunch on Monday.

### Special Dietary Requirements

The Conference will be a completely vegetarian and vegan event, and the Dinner on Wednesday evening is entirely vegan.

If you have special dietary requirements that you have not listed on your registration form, please advise the team at the registration desk at your earliest convenience.

### Organic, Vegan & Vegetarian in Newcastle

The majority of restaurants in Newcastle cater for vegetarian & vegan diets. The following in particular may be of interest:

**Krishna's Cafe - Govinda's**, Vegetarian Buffet Restaurant, 110 King Street, Newcastle. 02-4929 6900. Open 6.30pm – 8.30pm except Sundays & Mondays

**Natural Tucker Organic Groceries & Vegetarian Salad Bar**, 108 Darby Street, Newcastle. 02 4926 1229  
Open 9.00am – 5.00pm (food) and until 6.00pm (groceries)

**Sunnys Cafe**- Vegetarian Restaurant, 86 Maitland Road, Islington NSW 2296. 02 4962 1304

**Growers Best** - Local Produce Grocery Store Marketown, 136 Parry Street, Newcastle. 02 4929 2211

**Newcastle City Farmers & Craft Market**, Griffith Road, Broadmeadow brings together local farmers and producers. The market is on Sunday 12 July, 8.00am to 1.00pm

### Accommodation Bookings

**All unsold rooms in the negotiated rate blocks have been released back to the hotels. If you have not booked your accommodation yet, please do so as soon as possible as space is becoming limited.**

### Accommodation Deposits

All pre-paid accommodation deposits have been credited to your hotel accounts. You are required to pay the balance of your account, plus any incidentals, upon departure. If a credit card number was supplied to guarantee the reservation, this is being used as a guarantee only (unless requested otherwise) and the full account will need to be settled upon departure.

#### The Clarendon Hotel

347 Hunter Street, Newcastle 2300  
Ph: 02 4927 0966 Fax: 02 4925 3900  
Web: [www.clarendonhotel.com.au](http://www.clarendonhotel.com.au)

#### The Crowne Plaza

Cnr Merewether St & Wharf Road, Newcastle 2300  
Ph: 02 4907 5000 Fax: 02 4907 5055  
Web: [www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/ntlwr](http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/ntlwr)

#### Quest Apartments

575 Hunter Street, Newcastle 2300  
Ph: 02 4927 8411 Fax: 02 4927 8841  
Web: [www.questnewcastle.com.au](http://www.questnewcastle.com.au)

#### Hotel Ibis

700 Hunter Street, Newcastle 2300  
Ph: 02 4925 2266 Fax: 02 4925 3377  
Web: [www.hotelibisnewcastle.com.au](http://www.hotelibisnewcastle.com.au)

#### Travelodge

Cnr King and Steel Streets, Newcastle West 2302  
Ph: 02 4926 3777 Fax: 02 4926 4379  
Web: [www.travelodge.com.au/locations/features.aspx?hid=771](http://www.travelodge.com.au/locations/features.aspx?hid=771)

#### Grand Mercure Pinnacle Apartments

741 Hunter Street, Newcastle West, NSW, 2302  
Ph: 02 4922 0700 Fax: 02 4922 0701  
Web: [www.grandmercurennewcastle.com.au/](http://www.grandmercurennewcastle.com.au/)

#### Bimet Executive Lodge

121 Union Street, The Junction 2291  
Ph: 02 49296677 OR 02 4920 5400 Fax: 024929 4502  
Website: [www.bimetexecutivelodge.com](http://www.bimetexecutivelodge.com)

#### Noahs on the Beach

Cnr Shortland & Zaara Streets, Newcastle 2300  
Ph: 02 4929 5181 Fax: 02 4926 5208  
We: [www.noahsonthebeach.com.au](http://www.noahsonthebeach.com.au)

#### The Gateway Inn (West)

26 William Street, Mayfield NSW 2304  
Ph: 02 4935 1100 Fax: 02 4935 1481  
Web: <http://gatewayinn.net.au/>

#### Sovereign Inn

309 Maitland Road, Mayfield NSW 2304  
Ph: 02 4968 4405 Fax: 02 4967 2975  
Web: <http://www.sovereigninnnewcastle.com/>

### Conference Shuttle Bus

There are still some places available on the conference shuttle bus, which is providing transfers at a rate of \$3.00 per person per day between the hotels/motels listed below and the conference. If you would like to book a place on the bus please email [mindinganimals@pco.com.au](mailto:mindinganimals@pco.com.au).

The bus will pick up as follows from Monday 13 – Saturday 18 July inclusive:

Travellers Motor Village (walk to Sovereign Inn)		Sovereign Inn	7.40am
Newcastle Backpackers	7.50am	Backpackers by the Beach	8.00am
Newcastle Beach YHA	8.00am	Noahs on the Beach	8.05am

Please ensure you are waiting outside your hotel at least 5 minutes before your pick-up.

A detailed timetable will be in your delegate pack, which you will receive at the conference.

### Getting to Newcastle

#### Transfer options from Newcastle airport into the CBD

**Taxi/Cab:** Taxis/cabs can be pre-booked on 131 500 (Australia only) or may be available at the airport for transfers to Newcastle CBD and the conference venue. The one-way fare from Newcastle Airport is approximately \$37.00 to the Newcastle CBD. Credit cards and domestic Cabcharge are accepted

**Bus:** Port Stephens Coaches service Newcastle Airport from Newcastle Station 11 times a day during the week, and 5 times a day on weekends. For further information on timetables and services, contact Port Stephens Coaches on 02 4982 2940 or [www.pascoaches.com.au](http://www.pascoaches.com.au)

Network All Travel - Ph 02 4956 9299 or 0425 242 336 (after hours) Email [info@alltravel.com.au](mailto:info@alltravel.com.au)

Newcastle Hire Cars - Ph 02 4960 1800

#### Transfer options from Sydney airport into the CBD

Happy Cabby shuttle service operates between Sydney Airport and Newcastle, dropping you off directly at your hotel. One way transfers cost \$69.00, and return transfers cost \$132.00. If travelling in a group, costs are cheaper. We recommend that if you intend to arrive in Sydney, you should visit [www.happycabby.com](http://www.happycabby.com) or call +61(0)2 4971 3991 for bookings.

#### Travelling to Newcastle by Car

National Highway 1 (F3 Freeway) is the main access route from Sydney to Newcastle and the Hunter Valley, while the Pacific and New England Highways are the main routes from Brisbane and Queensland. If driving north from Sydney, travel on the F3 and follow the signs right into Newcastle CBD.

#### Travelling to Newcastle by Bus

Several bus companies operate between Sydney and Newcastle, dropping travellers at several locations in Newcastle just under 3 hours after leaving from in front of the Sydney (Central) Train Station. Greyhound Australia offers passengers tickets for approximately \$44.00 one way, see [www.greyhound.com.au](http://www.greyhound.com.au).

#### Travelling to Newcastle by Rail

Newcastle is part of the New South Wales CityLink Rail network. There are frequent hourly return services daily between Newcastle and Sydney (Central) Train Station. For timetables and fares visit [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) or call 131 500 (Australia only). Delegates should alight at Civic Station (one stop before Newcastle terminal) for the conference venue.

The CountryLink train and coach network connects Newcastle (Broadmeadow) station to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra and other NSW country centres. Connections need to be made between Broadmeadow Station and Civic Station (the conference venue station). For timetables, fares and online bookings visit [www.countrylink.info](http://www.countrylink.info) or call 13 22 32 (Australia only).

Delegates can reach Sydney (Central) Train Station from Sydney Kingsford-Smith International Airport by taxi/cab, airport train or airport bus.

## Transport around Newcastle

**Fare free bus zone:** State transit buses (blue and white) are free in Newcastle City Centre between 7.30am and 6.00pm 7 days a week. Buses run along Hunter Street from the Catholic Cathedral to Newcastle Railway Station, and as far south as Bull Street on Darby Street. This fare free zone operates between 7:30am and 6:00pm seven days a week. Normal fares apply for travel outside of this zone. Please ask the bus driver if you are unsure of the route or destination.

**Buses:** Newcastle Buses and Ferries: 131 500 Port Stephens Coaches: 02 4982 2940

**Car Rental:** Avis, Budget, Europcar, Thrifty and Herts are all located at Newcastle Williamtown Airport. Europcar also has a car rental service in Wickham.

Avis 13 63 33 Budget 1300 362 848 Europcar 13 13 90 Hertz 13 30 39 Thrifty 1300 367 227

**Taxis:** 131 008

**Train:** Train timetables are available from [www.cityrail.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cityrail.nsw.gov.au).

## Parking

The following [parking stations](#) are open to the general public. Please note that most on-street parking is metered and has a maximum of 2 hours. Parking limits are strictly enforced.

### Gibson Street Car Park (Civic West Car Park)

Cnr Gibson & King Streets, Newcastle, (behind Newcastle Permanent Head Office)

Ph: 02 4974 5050

2 minute walk to City Hall. Open Mon - Fri 7.00am - 7.00pm, closed weekends. Earlybird rate \$5.50 per day if entering before 9.30am and staying for more than 7 hours, otherwise charges are approximately \$1.80 per hour, up to a maximum of \$14.70. Payment is by cash only. The car park can fill up quickly so we recommend arriving early in order to secure a space.

### Newcastle Region Art Gallery Car Park (Civic Carpark)

Queen Street, Newcastle, (behind Newcastle Region Art Gallery)

2 minute walk to City Hall. All-day voucher parking is available from on-site machines.

### Honeysuckle Drive Car Park

Off Workshop Way

5 minute walk to City Hall. 1 hour, 2 hour and 4 hour parking at \$1.30 per hour Monday to Friday, free on weekends. 10 hour parking at \$0.60 per hour Monday to Friday, free on weekends. Parking also available on Honeysuckle Drive and Wright Lane at \$1.30 per hour (up to 4 hours) Monday to Friday. Free on weekends.

### Dorans Harbourpark Car Park

Argyle St (cnr Wharf Rd) Newcastle

5 minute walk to City Hall. Minimum charge \$4.00 for 1 hour, followed by \$1.00 for each additional hour.

### Newcastle Mall Car Park

Cnr King and Thorn Streets, Newcastle

Ph: 02 4974 5070

15 minute walk to City Hall. Open Mon-Wed & Fri 7.00am-7.00pm, Thur 7.00am-9.30pm and Sat 7.00am-4.30pm. Earlybird rate \$6.50 per day if entering before 9.30am and staying for more than 7 hours, otherwise charges are approximately \$1.80 per hour, up to a maximum of \$14.70. Payment is by cash only. The car park can fill up quickly so we recommend arriving early in order to secure a space.

### Courthouse Car Park

Bolton St, Newcastle

Ph: 02 4974 5060

20 minute walk to City Hall. Open Mon-Fri 7.00am-7.00pm, closed weekends. Earlybird rate \$6.50 per day if entering before 9.30am and staying for more than 7 hours, otherwise charges are approximately \$1.80 per hour, up to a maximum of \$14.70. Payment is by cash only. The car park can fill up quickly, so we recommend arriving early in order to secure a space.

### Banks & ATMS

The following banking facilities are located near Civic Precinct:

**Newcastle Permanent Building Society** (0.4 km / 5 min walk) 307 King St Newcastle NSW 2300      **St George** (0.8 km / 8-10 min walk) 199 Hunter St, Newcastle, 2300

**National Australia Bank** (1.1 km / 12 min walk) 1 Newcomen Street, Newcastle 2300      **Commonwealth Bank** (1.1 km / 12 min walk) 136 Hunter Street, Newcastle, 2300

**ANZ** (1.1 km / 12 min walk) 490 King Street, Newcastle 2300      **Westpac** (1.3 km / 15 min walk) 49-51 Hunter St, Newcastle 2300

The following ATMs are located near Civic Precinct:

**Newcastle Permanent Building Society** (0.1 km / 1-2 min walk) Ticketek, 375 Hunter Street, Newcastle 2300      **Westpac** (0.1 km / 1-2 min walk) 365 Hunter St, Newcastle 2300

**Commonwealth Bank** (0.7km / 8-10 min walk) Hotel Delaney, 134 Darby St, Cooks Hill, 2300      **St George** (0.8 km / 8-10 min walk) 199 Hunter St, Newcastle, 2300

**National Australia Bank** (1.1 km / 12 min walk) 1 Newcomen Street, Newcastle 2300      **ANZ** (1.1 km / 12 min walk) 490 King Street, Newcastle 2300

### Conference Secretariat

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**OFFICIAL CONFERENCE VENUES AND HOTELS**

- ① Civic Precinct
- ① Clarendon Hotel
- ② Crowne Plaza
- ③ Quests Apartments
- ④ Ibis Hotel
- ⑤ Travelodge
- ⑥ Mercure Pinnacle Apartments
- ⑦ Bimet Lodge
- ⑧ Noahs on the Beach
- ⑨ The Gateway Inn
- ⑩ Sovereign Inn
- Ⓞ Customs House
- ✚ Christchurch Cathedral
- Ⓛ Nova Cruises, Whale Watching Tours

**“BOOK YOURSELF” ACCOMMODATION**

- ① Westend Accommodation
- ② Newcastle Beach YHA
- ③ Backpackers by the Beach
- ④ Newcastle Backpackers
- ⑤ Mayfield Motel
- ⑥ Hospitality Inn
- ⑦ Travellers Motor Village
- ⑧ Formule1
- ⑨ Stockton Beach Tourist Park