



The 2009 International Academic and Community Conference on Animals and Society:



Invitation for Sponsorship

**Monday 13 to Saturday 18 July 2009
Newcastle Civic Precinct, Newcastle, NSW, Australia**



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The 2009 International Academic and Community Conference on Animals and Society: *Minding Animals*

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Conference Overview

The 2009 International Academic and Community Conference on Animals and Society: *Minding Animals* will be held in Newcastle, Australia from 13 to 19 July 2009. It represents a major worldwide event that brings together an international network of academics, researchers and practitioners from around the globe. The conference will be a benchmark event in the study and interpretation of human nonhuman animal interrelationships

The conference has six major themes and objectives:

- To reassess the relationship between the animal and environmental movements in light of climate change and other jointly-held threats and concerns
- To examine how humans identify and represent nonhuman animals in art, literature, music, science, and in the media and on film
- How, throughout history, the objectification of nonhuman animals and nature in science and society, religion and philosophy, has led to the abuse of nonhuman animals and how this has since been interpreted and evaluated
- To examine how the lives of humans and companion and domesticated nonhuman animals are intertwined, and how science, human and veterinary medicine utilise these important connections
- How the study of animals and society can better inform both the scientific study of animals and community activism and advocacy
- And how science and community activism and advocacy can inform the study of nonhuman animals and society

Following the success of the inaugural Animals and Society Conference held at the University of Western Australia in 2005, and Animals and Society II (Considering Animals) in Tasmania in 2007, the Animals and Society Study Group (Australia) and the University of Newcastle are delighted to be hosting an expanded international conference, the Minding Animals Conference, incorporating Animals and Society III, in 2009.

The Conference will give participants the opportunity to hear the latest results of leading researchers worldwide representing a wide range of different disciplines and study designs. We welcome your participation in this unique opportunity. If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Mason, Minding Animals Conference Manager on +61 2 4984 2554 or email: mindinganimals@pco.com.au.

Who will participate?

The 2009 Minding Animals Conference will bring together a broad range of academic disciplines and representatives from universities, non-government organisations and the community, industry and government from across the planet.

Further, the conference will bring together an unheralded number of leading scientists, philosophers and social theorists, academics and community leaders, many committed to environmentalism or animal protection or both, but never having all met at the one event.

It is estimated that approximately 300-400 delegates will attend the Conference. It will provide an opportunity to showcase innovative work, the latest research findings and developments, review current trends, report the latest product offerings, and identify and discuss emerging challenges for the future.

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Conference Dates

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| Sunday 12 July 2009 | Registration commences |
| | Pre-conference Social Programme |
| | Animals in Film Event commences |
| | Animals and Religion Interfaith Service |
| | Welcome Reception |
| Monday 13 July 2009 | Conference formally commences |
| | Opening plenaries and keynote lectures |
| | International Animals and Society Groups Forum |
| Tuesday 14 July 2009 | Animals in Art Cocktail Reception I |
| | Conference Sessions, Workshops & Poster Sessions |
| | Protecting the Animal Seminal Series |
| Wednesday 15 July 2009 | Animals in Art Cocktail Reception II |
| | Conference Sessions, Workshops & Poster Sessions |
| | Protecting the Animal Seminal Series |
| Thursday 16 July 2009 | Conference Dinner |
| | Conference Sessions, Workshops & Poster Sessions |
| | Protecting the Animal Seminal Series |
| Friday 17 July 2009 | Animals in Art Cocktail Receptions III and IV |
| | Conference Sessions, Workshops & Poster Sessions |
| | Protecting the Animal Seminal Series |
| Saturday 18 July 2009 | Public Lecture |
| | Conference Sessions, Workshops & Closing plenaries |
| | Protecting the Animal Seminal Series |
| Sunday 19 July 2009 | Seminar Series Conference Dinner |
| | Post-Conference Social Programme |

Destination

Newcastle boasts a huge array of excellent accommodation and world class conference facilities. Capital of the Hunter, Newcastle is easily accessible by a variety of transport links including road, rail, sea and air. Activities and attractions are also plentiful, with beautiful clean beaches, natural bushland in and around the city, the world famous Hunter Valley Vineyards and the magnificent Blue Water Wonderland of Port Stephens within one hour of the CBD with fabulous whale and dolphin watching tours. There is so much for delegates and their partners to see and do.

Conference Venue

Civic Precinct Newcastle is located in the heart of Newcastle's city centre; it encompasses some of Newcastle's most popular and prestigious venues. Less than 2 hours north of Sydney, Civic Precinct Newcastle is easily accessible by road, rail, air or water. It is a mere 5 minutes walk from over 700 accommodation rooms and a short walk from Newcastle's major attractions, beaches, harbour foreshore, cafes and restaurants making it a fantastic location for Minding Animals 2009.

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Benefits from sponsoring Minding Animals 2009

This Conference offers an opportunity for your organisation to gain maximum exposure to the International and Australian environmental and animal protection networks and some of the best known and influential academics and thinkers. The conference is a great opportunity for all companies in the industry to know WHO is WHO across the multi-disciplinary fields encompassed by the conference, including: Conservation biology and biodiversity conservation, environmental history, animal and philosophy, environmentalism, veterinary science, sociology, the law, anthropology, literature, music, and the arts, media and communications, animal-assisted therapies, animal behaviour and psychology. It is also a great opportunity to establish partnerships for new business and to gain knowledge from your competitors. The marketing potential of involvement in this Conference **starts from the time you sign up** and can continue well beyond the Conference.

Sponsorship of the *Minding Animals 2009 Conference* will provide the following benefits:

- Exposure of your sponsorship resulting from extensive promotion of the Conference in Australia and around the globe, including through the web site and through conference communications
- Exposure to an audience of interested and influential group of people, before, during and after the conference
- Excellent networking opportunities during the Conference to promote your product or service
- An innovative way to showcase your organisation
- Distinguish your service or product from that of your competitors
- Maintain relationships with existing customers
- Alert and inform prospective customers
- Launch new initiatives and products
- Complement existing sales and marketing strategies
- Promote and maintain brand awareness
- Demonstrate your support for animals

Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities and Entitlements

A variety of levels of sponsorship, as described below, have been designed to offer a range of benefits allowing you to select the level of involvement that best suits the marketing objectives, budget and goals of your organisation. However, we are more than happy to discuss your specific needs and where possible, develop a tailored sponsorship package to suit your promotional or marketing targets.

Please contact Sarah Mason at the Minding Animals Conference Secretariat, on +61 2 4984 2554 (or email mindinganimals@pco.com.au) to discuss a tailored sponsorship package.



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Opportunities exist for promotion in printed conference related material and in catering events, including the Welcome Reception, Main Conference Dinner, Seminar Series Dinner and poster sessions. The following categories of sponsorship offered are:

- Diamond
- Platinum
- Ruby (Animals in Art and Animals in Film sponsorship)
- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze
- Main Conference Dinner
- Seminar Series Dinner
- Welcome Reception
- Lunches
- Morning Teas
- Afternoon Teas
- Corporate Display Tables
- Approved Animal and Environmental Advocacy NGOs
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Additional information including payment information can be found at the end of the document.

Diamond Sponsor - AUD\$60,000

Endorsement

Your organisation will receive endorsement as an “Official Diamond Sponsor of the Minding Animals Conference” from the time that you sign up until the end of conference.

Diamond Sponsor acknowledgement

Your organisation will be acknowledged as a Diamond Sponsor on various conference publications and promotional items (subject to confirmation being received prior to production of the item). Acknowledgement includes prominent placement of your logo (where appropriate) on the Conference registration brochure, Conference Power Point presentation template and the Conference handbook (also including contact details).

Work of Art

As a Diamond Sponsor, you will also be entitled to a work of art produced by an up-and-coming student artist of the University of Newcastle.

Exhibition booths

A premium located exhibition booth. Furniture hire, spot lights and internet wireless access are included. All other costs will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Workshop and Animals in Art Exhibition

As a Diamond sponsor, you have the opportunity to be acknowledged as the Sponsor of a workshop of your choice (subject to Conference Committee approval), as well as the Sponsor of one Animals in

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Art Exhibition (as mutually agreed between the sponsor, specific Gallery and Conference Organising Committee).

Website link

A link to your organisation's website and inclusion of your logo on the conference website.

Logo on main Conference signage

Prominent placement of logo on main signage produced for use within the venue.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to up to ten complimentary registrations (value over \$7,500) as part of your sponsorship package. Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all conference lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and the Seminar Series. You will also be entitled to three tickets to the main Conference dinner, and three tickets to the Seminar Series dinner.

Two complimentary satchel inserts (supplied by you)

Each delegate will receive quality printed reference material in the conference satchel. Your organisation will be entitled to provide two inserts for inclusion in the satchel, placing your message directly in the hands of each conference delegate. The insert is subject to Conference Committee approval.

Platinum Conference Sponsor - AUD\$50,000

Endorsement

Your organisation will receive endorsement as an "Official Platinum Sponsor of the Minding Animals Conference" from the time that you sign up until the end of conference.

Platinum Sponsor acknowledgement

Your organisation will be acknowledged as a Platinum Sponsor on various conference publications and promotional items (subject to confirmation being received prior to production of the item). Acknowledgement includes prominent placement of your logo (where appropriate) on the Conference registration brochure, Conference Power Point presentation template and the Conference handbook (also including contact details).

Exhibition booths

A premium located exhibition booth. Furniture hire, spot lights and internet wireless access are included. All other costs will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Workshop

As a Platinum sponsor, you have the opportunity to be acknowledged as the Sponsor of a workshop of your choice (subject to Conference Committee approval).

Website link

A link to your organisation's website and inclusion of your logo on the conference website.

Logo on main Conference signage

Prominent placement of logo on main signage produced for use within the venue.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to up to five complimentary registrations (value over \$3,750) as part of your sponsorship package. Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all

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Two complimentary satchel inserts (supplied by you)

Each delegate will receive quality printed reference material in the conference satchel. Your organisation will be entitled to provide two inserts for inclusion in the satchel, placing your message directly in the hands of each conference delegate. The insert is subject to Conference Committee approval.

Ruby Animals in Art and Animals in Film Sponsor - AUD\$40,000

Endorsement

Your organisation will receive endorsement as an "Official Ruby Sponsor of the Minding Animals Animals in Art Exhibition (or Film event)" from the time that you sign up until the end of the exhibition (or film event).

Ruby Sponsor acknowledgement

Your organisation will be acknowledged as a Ruby Sponsor on various conference publications and promotional items (subject to confirmation being received prior to production of the item). Acknowledgement includes prominent placement of your logo (where appropriate) on the Conference registration brochure, Conference Power Point presentation template and the Conference handbook (also including contact details).

Work of Art

As a Ruby Sponsor, you will also be entitled to a work of art produced by an up-and-coming student artist of the University of Newcastle for display in your corporate boardroom.

Animals in Art (or Film) Exhibition

As a Ruby sponsor, you have the opportunity to be acknowledged as the Sponsor of one Animals in Art Exhibition or the Film Event (as mutually agreed between the sponsor, specific Gallery and Conference Organising Committee).

Website link

A link to your organisation's website and inclusion of your logo on the conference website.

Logo on main Conference signage

Prominent placement of logo on main signage produced for use within the venue and exhibition/event space.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to up to three complimentary registrations (value over \$2,000) as part of your sponsorship package. Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all conference lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and the Seminar Series.

Two complimentary satchel inserts (supplied by you)

Each delegate will receive quality printed reference material in the conference satchel. Your organisation will be entitled to provide two inserts for inclusion in the satchel, placing your message directly in the hands of each conference delegate. The insert is subject to Conference Committee approval.



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Gold Sponsor - AUD\$20,000

Endorsement

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Gold Sponsor acknowledgement

Your organisation will be acknowledged as a Gold Sponsor on various conference publications and promotional items (subject to confirmation being received prior to production of the item). Acknowledgement includes prominent placement of logo (where appropriate) on the Conference registration brochure, Power Point presentation template and the Conference handbook (also including contact details).

Exhibition booth

One well located exhibition booth. Furniture hire, spot lights and internet wireless access are included. All other costs will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Website link

A link to your organisation’s website and inclusion of your logo on the conference website.

Logo on main Conference signage

Prominent placement of logo on all main signage produced for use within the venue.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to up to three complimentary registrations (value over \$2,000) as part of your sponsorship package. Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all conference lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and the Seminar Series. You will also be entitled to three tickets to the main Conference dinner.

One complimentary satchel insert (supplied by you)

Each delegate will receive quality printed reference material in the Conference satchel. Your organisation will be entitled to provide one insert for inclusion in the satchel, placing your message directly in the hands of each conference delegates. The insert is subject to approval.

Silver Sponsor - AUD\$10,000

Endorsement

Your organisation will receive endorsement as an “Official Silver Sponsor of the Minding Animals Conference” from the time that you sign up until the end of the conference.

Silver Sponsor acknowledgement

Your organisation will be acknowledged as a Silver Sponsor on various conference publications and promotional items (subject to confirmation being received prior to production of the item). Acknowledgement includes prominent placement of logo (where appropriate) on the Conference registration brochure, Power Point presentation template and the Conference handbook (also including contact details).

Display Table

A trestle table, two chairs and internet wireless access are included. All other costs will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

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Website link

A link to your organisation's website and inclusion of your logo on the conference site.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to up to two complimentary registrations (value over \$1,500) as part of your sponsorship package. Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all conference lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and the Seminar Series. You will also be entitled to two tickets to the main Conference dinner.

One complimentary satchel insert (supplied by you)

Each delegate will receive quality printed reference material in the Conference satchel. Your organisation will be entitled to provide one insert for inclusion in the satchel, placing your message directly in the hands of each conference delegates. The insert is subject to approval.

Bronze Sponsor - AUD\$5,000

Endorsement

Your organisation will receive endorsement as an "Official Bronze Sponsor of the Minding Animals Conference" from the time that you sign up until the end of the conference.

Bronze Sponsor acknowledgement

Your organisation will be acknowledged as a Bronze Sponsor on various conference publications and promotional items (subject to confirmation being received prior to production of the item). Acknowledgement includes placement of logo (where appropriate) on the Conference registration brochure, Power Point presentation template and the Conference handbook (also including contact details).

Website link

A link to your organisation's website and inclusion of your logo on the conference site.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to a complimentary registration (value over \$750) as part of your sponsorship package. Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all conference lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and the Seminar Series.

Main Conference Dinner Sponsor - AUD\$7,500

Endorsement

Your organisation will receive endorsement as an "Official Conference Dinner Sponsor of the Minding Animals Conference" from the time that you sign up until the end of the conference.

Conference Dinner Sponsor acknowledgement

Acknowledgement includes prominent placement of logo (where appropriate) on the Conference registration brochure and the Conference handbook (also including contact details). Your sponsorship will also be acknowledged by the MC with your logo on the screen at the Conference either before or after the dinner. Your logo will also be on the Dinner Menu. You also have the opportunity to display banners and place promotional flyers on selected tables throughout the duration of the Conference Dinner.

Website link

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Seminar Series Dinner Sponsor - AUD\$5,000

Endorsement

Your organisation will receive endorsement as an "Official Seminar Series Dinner Sponsor of the Minding Animals Conference" from the time that you sign up until the end of the conference.

Seminar Series Dinner Sponsor acknowledgement

Acknowledgement includes prominent placement of logo (where appropriate) on the Conference registration brochure, Power Point presentation template and the Conference handbook (also including contact details). Your sponsorship will also be acknowledged by the MC with your logo on the screen at the Conference either before or after the dinner. Your logo will also be on the Dinner Menu. You also have the opportunity to display banners and place promotional flyers on selected tables throughout the duration of the Conference Dinner.

Website link

A link to your organisation's website and inclusion of your logo on the conference site.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to a complimentary registration (value over \$750) as part of your sponsorship package. Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all conference lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and the Seminar Series. You will also be entitled to four tickets to the Seminar Series Dinner.

Welcome Reception Sponsor - AUD\$5,000

Endorsement

Your organisation will receive endorsement as an "Official Welcome Reception Sponsor of the Minding Animals Conference" from the time that you sign up until the end of the conference.

Welcome Reception Sponsor acknowledgement

Acknowledgement includes prominent placement of logo (where appropriate) on the Conference registration brochure and the Conference handbook (also including contact details). Your logo will be included in the programme beside the Welcome Reception. The MC for the Reception will acknowledge your sponsorship. You also have the opportunity to display banners and place promotional flyers on selected tables throughout the duration of the Welcome Reception.

Website link

A link to your organisation's website and inclusion of your logo on the conference site.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to a complimentary registration (value over \$750) as part of your sponsorship package. Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all conference lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and the Seminar Series. You will also be entitled to an additional ticket to the Welcome Reception.

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Lunch Sponsor - AUD\$5,000

Endorsement

Your organisation will receive endorsement as an "Official Lunch Sponsor of the Minding Animals Conference" from the time that you sign up until the end of the conference.

Lunch Sponsor acknowledgement

Acknowledgement includes prominent placement of logo in the Conference handbook (also including contact details). You also have the opportunity to display banners and place promotional flyers on selected tables throughout the duration of the lunches.

Website link

A link to your organisation's website and inclusion of your logo on the conference site.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to a complimentary registration (value over \$750) as part of your sponsorship package. Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all conference lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and the Seminar Series.

Morning Teas Sponsor - AUD\$5,000

Endorsement

Your organisation will receive endorsement as an "Official Morning Teas Sponsor of the Minding Animals Conference" from the time that you sign up until the end of the conference.

Morning Tea Sponsor acknowledgement

Acknowledgement includes prominent placement of logo in the Conference handbook (also including contact details). You also have the opportunity to display banners and place promotional flyers on selected tables throughout the duration of the Morning Teas.

Website link

A link to your organisation's website and inclusion of your logo on the conference site.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to one complimentary registration as part of your sponsorship package (value over \$750). Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all conference lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and the Seminar Series.

Afternoon Teas Sponsor - AUD\$5,000

Endorsement

Your organisation will receive endorsement as an "Official Afternoon Teas Sponsor of the Minding Animals Conference" from the time that you sign up until the end of the conference.

Afternoon Tea Sponsor acknowledgement

Acknowledgement includes prominent placement of logo in the Conference handbook (also including contact details). You also have the opportunity to display banners and place promotional flyers on selected tables throughout the duration of the Afternoon Teas.

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Corporate Display Tables AUD\$2,000

Promotional Opportunities

Table displays are available for corporate entities for \$2,000. A trestle table and two chairs are supplied for you to place your promotional materials. If you have a pop-up style banner you may also place this to one side of the table. All other costs, including internet wireless connection, will be the responsibility of the Exhibitor, but can be supplied at cost.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to one complimentary registration as part of your sponsorship package (value \$750). Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all conference lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and the Seminar Series.

Approved Animal and Environmental Advocacy NGOs AUD\$1,000

Table Displays

Table displays will also be made available for approved animal and environmental advocacy non-government organisations for \$1,000. A trestle table and 2 chairs will be supplied for you to place your promotional materials. If you have a pop-up style banner you may also place this next to the table. All other costs, including internet wireless connection, will be the responsibility of the NGO, but can be supplied at cost.

Complimentary registrations

You will be entitled to one complimentary registration as part of your sponsorship package (value \$750). Registration includes attendance at all sessions, Welcome Reception and all conference lunches and morning and afternoon teas, and the Seminar Series.

One complimentary satchel insert (supplied by you)

Each delegate will receive quality printed reference material in the Conference satchel. As an approved animal or environmental advocacy, your organisation will be entitled to provide one insert for inclusion in the satchel, placing your message directly in the hands of each conference delegate. The insert is subject to approval. All costs associated with the production and supply of the printed material to the conference for insertion in the satchel is to be borne by the approved NGO.

Protecting the Animals Seminar Series

Those organisations that participate in the Minding Animals Conference Protecting the Animals Seminar Series will be entitled to a complimentary table display and satchel insert.

For details of the approval process for animal and environmental advocacy non-government organisations please see the information provided below.



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Conference Supporter – any amount >AUD\$500

Endorsement

If your organisation contributes AUD\$500 or more, you will receive endorsement as an “Official Conference Supporter of the Minding Animals Conference” from the time that you sign up until the end of the conference.

One complimentary satchel insert (supplied by you)

Each delegate will receive quality printed reference material in the Conference satchel. Your organisation will be entitled to provide one insert for inclusion in the satchel, placing your message directly in the hands of each conference delegates. The insert is subject to approval. All costs associated with the production and supply of the printed material to the conference for insertion in the satchel is to be borne by your organisation.

Brochure, Petitions & Posters Bay Participant – any amount >AUD\$250

A Brochure, Petitions and Posters Bay will be placed in the catering area of the conference. An organisation will have the opportunity to place the following items in the Bay for a fee of AUD\$250:

- no more than five of its brochures on the brochure table
- no more than five of its petitions on the petitions table
- no more than five of its posters on the display boards

The Minding Animals Conference Organising Committee reserves the right to remove any material that breaches its policy related to the display of any material not related to the conference (as part of its agreement with the venue managers), and any material that it determines is against the interests of the conference.

Additional Information and Payments

Sponsorship Payment Schedule

All prices listed are quoted in Australian Dollars and include GST. The sponsorship payment may be made in full on confirmation of sponsorship. Alternatively, payment may be made in instalments as follows:

- **First Instalment 50% Due on confirmation of sponsorship**
- **Second Instalment 50% Due by 31 December, 2008**

Direct transfers can be made into the conference bank account: Westpac Banking Corporation, Account Name: Tulips/Minding Animals, BSB number 032533, account number 185 403 International Swift Code WPACAU2S. The completed application form and transfer remittance advice should be faxed to the secretariat on +61 2 4984 2755 or emailed to mindinganimals@pco.com.au. MasterCard or Visa payments can also be accepted. The credit card details should be completed on the application form and faxed to the secretariat on +61 2 4984 2755. Cheques should be made payable to Tulips/Minding Animals Conference and be forwarded with the completed application form to the Minding Animals Conference Secretariat, PO Box 116, Salamander Bay, NSW, 2317, Australia. Requests for an alternative payment schedule will be decided at the discretion of the Minding Animals Conference Organising Committee.



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Approval Process for Animal and Environmental Advocacy NGOs

All animal and environmental advocacy non-government organisations that wish to apply for a reduced sponsorship rate can do so by writing a brief email request to the Conference Organising Committee at mindinganimals@pco.com.au. The Committee will assess the application within one week and advise the NGO of its decision. All payment procedures and policies will then apply. Note that all NGOs that participate in the Seminar Series will be able to access those privileges otherwise offered to approved NGOs which opt for corporate privileges alone (as detailed above).

Official Currency

All financials are quoted in Australian dollars and are inclusive of the Australian Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Cancellation Policy

In the event of withdrawal of sponsorship or display table booking, please be advised that the Conference Organising Committee will, after 31 December, 2008, reserve the right to retain the deposit/s received. Before that time, an amount representing 25% of the amount deposited will be refunded.

Further information

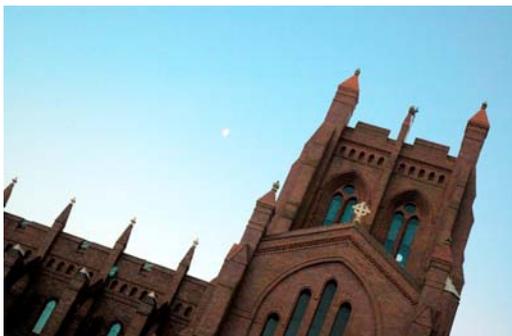
For further information please contact Sarah Mason, Minding Animals Conference Secretariat, on telephone +61 2 4984 2554 or email mindinganimals@pco.com.au.

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