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# BirdLife Australia's National Beach-nesting Birds Conference

**May 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, Moonta, South Australia**

BirdLife Australia's Beach-nesting Birds Conference is aimed at sharing the latest research findings and stakeholder knowledge around beach-nesting bird species, their habitats, threats and conservation management. There will be many opportunities to meet other participants in the program from across the Australian coast and to hear about challenges faced and solutions devised to overcome these. The conference attracts a diversity of representatives from local and state government, coastal committees of management, volunteers, community groups, researchers and students. We have a range of presentations, workshops and field trips on offer that are aimed at building and extending knowledge and skill sets around threatened species protection and coastal management.

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Arrival/registration	from 9:30 am
Conference	10:00am – 2:15pm, Moonta Town Hall, 71 George St, Moonta
Local walks	2:30pm – 4:00pm
Dinner (optional)	5:30pm, Port Hughes Tavern, Minnie Terrace, Moonta (near the Jetty)
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Arrival/registration	from 9:00am
Conference	9:30am – 1:30pm, Moonta Town Hall, 71 George St, Moonta
Workshops	1:30pm – 4:30pm, see program for options available
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Field trips	from 8:00 am, see program for options available

**REGISTER AND PURCHASE TICKETS BY MIDNIGHT Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY:**

STEP 1: REGISTER HERE <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022RegistrationBNBConference>

STEP 2: PURCHASE TICKETS HERE

<https://events.humanitix.com/national-beach-nesting-birds-conference-2022>

*This event is Covid Safe. **Vaccination certificates are required to be sighted prior to entry.** Masks are optional. If car pooling, masks are highly recommended. Mask requirements will be reviewed closer to the date to adhere to State Government Advice.*

## Conference Registration Process and Costs

Registering for this conference is a two-step process:

1. Fill out our online survey form to *register your attendance* and to select field trips and workshop preferences. This will ensure we can suitably cater for the event and can assign workshops to the appropriately sized rooms based on how popular these are:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022RegistrationBNBConference>
2. *Purchase tickets* for the event below. Please note that there will be a small administration fee added onto the payment by the online ticket provider, so costs may be more than advertised below. We have selected Humanitix as it is a non-for-profit, where 100% of your administration fee is put back into humanity projects to help children's charities.  
<https://events.humanitix.com/national-beach-nesting-birds-conference-2022>

Below is an outline of costs for the event. Please note that there is a discount if a two-day (Friday and Saturday) ticket is purchased, and Volunteers, Community and Students also receive a discounted attendance price. Sunday is free to attend but there is the option of purchasing a packed lunch for the trip.

Ticket types	Cost/unit
Land Manager/Professional – Two day ticket (Friday and Saturday)	\$135
Land Manager/Professional – One day ticket (Friday <b>OR</b> Saturday only)	\$80
Volunteer/Community/Student – Two day ticket (Friday and Saturday)	\$65
Volunteer/Community/Student – One day ticket (Friday <b>OR</b> Saturday only)	\$40

### Optional Extras:

Friday night Conference Dinner <a href="#">Port Hughes Tavern Menu</a>	Pay at venue, bookings essential.
Sunday field trip packed lunch	\$15

Please contact [bnb.events@birdlife.org.au](mailto:bnb.events@birdlife.org.au) if you require help with registering.



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## 8<sup>th</sup> National Beach-nesting Birds Conference Program



### DAY 1 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Day one consists of conference presentations followed by local walks or visiting the Tech Hub after lunch.

<b>Where?</b>	Moonta Town Hall, 71 George St, Moonta
<b>9:30</b>	<b>Arrival – Check in at the Registration table (grab a cup of tea or coffee)</b>
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome to Country
10:30 – 10:40	Housekeeping
10:40 – 11:00	BirdLife Australia’s Dr. Grainne Maguire will present the highlights of the Beach-nesting Birds project that have occurred in the past two years.
11:00 – 11:15	Hear from Northern and Yorke Landscape Board’s Max Barr about the conservation efforts for Yorke Peninsula for all species, including the new predator proof fence.
11:15 – 11:30	Yorke Peninsula Council’s Letitia Dahl-helm will concentrate on Council’s efforts to protect Hooded Plovers, their Coastal Action Plan, new dog bylaws and management efforts.
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
12:30 – 13:15	Five presentations including one from Victoria’s Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning about “Operation SoHo (Save Our Hooded Plovers),” one from Green Adelaide about their “Our Plover Coast” weed program, one from a Deakin Honours student about Hooded Plover winter habitat use, one on Western Australia Fairy Tern latest research findings and one on an intensive disturbance research project in Victoria’s western coastline.
<b>13:15 – 14:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
14:15 – 16:45	Two optional local walks, one focusing on birds, the other on local plants. There will also be a Tech Hub set up in the Hall, for anyone who wants to have a chat about the Portal, Hub, Birddata or any other tech queries (see program below for detail).
<b>17:30 - 22:00</b>	<b>Optional Dinner:</b> Port Hughes Tavern, Minnie Terrace, Moonta (near the Jetty). Dinner is selected from their menu, and you pay for yourself on the night. The Booking is under “BirdLife Australia.” Please note, we will be in the restaurant with the general public, and dinner needs to be ordered by 6pm.

## DAY 2 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Day two consists of conference presentations followed by workshops that will allow you to build on your skills and knowledge across a range of themes related to the Beach-nesting Birds conservation and monitoring.

<b>Where?</b>	Moonta Town Hall, 71 George St, Moonta
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Arrival – Check in at the Registration table (grab tea or coffee)</b>
9:30 – 9:45	Housekeeping
9:45 – 11:00	Five talk slots including Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board highlighting the local Hooded Plover conservation efforts, one about protecting inland habitat (salt lakes) for Western Australia Hooded Plovers, one highlighting examples of working with local councils on Fleurieu Peninsula and in Adelaide and a new social project into vehicle use on beaches.
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:30 – 12:30	Five talk slots including BirdLife Australia’s Bird Island Fairy Tern Project, BirdLife Australia’s insights and challenges for monitoring remote areas, one on Citizen Science and the use of technology, plus an international example of beach-nesting bird conservation.
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:30 – 16:30</b>	<b>Workshop Sessions</b>
13:30 – 14:30	Workshop one (choose from a range of workshop topics, see program below). At least four workshops will run simultaneously and you will be assigned to one of your top preferences.
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
15:30 - 16:30	Workshop two (choose from a range of workshop topics, see program below). At least four workshops will run simultaneously and you will be assigned to one of your top preferences
<b>16:30 – 16:45</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>



## Saturday Workshop Session Topics

Saturday afternoon will allow you a choice of workshops, either one long session or a choice of two shorter sessions. The shorter topics will run simultaneously for an hour each, followed by afternoon tea, then another series of workshop sessions. The long session will run for the entire timeframe, with afternoon tea still provided in the middle. We break out into smaller rooms, or short walks to different venues for each of these sessions. We need to seek your preferences for the different topics on offer to determine if all topics will run on the day, and also so as not to exceed seating capacity for each workshop. This may mean that you are given your second and third preferences, or on rare occasions third and fourth preferences, because of logistical constraints.

Long Workshop session:	Description:
Building connection with nature through Art	BirdLife Australia is working to create an interactive art piece that will be installed on the Yorke Peninsula, and we're giving you the opportunity to be a part of making it! This art piece will allow kids (and adults) to interact with a Hoodie mosaic game, where they learn about the Hooded Plover through the artwork. Karen Carr, from <a href="#">Squashed Cocky</a> is coming from Port Lincoln, to run this workshop, where you'll get your hands dirty with clay to help create pieces that will be incorporated into the final product. A great way to spend an afternoon, and to create a long-lasting Hoodie legacy for the Yorke Peninsula.

Short Workshop sessions:	Description:
Beach-nesting shorebird behaviours and monitoring tips	Detailed descriptions alongside stunning photography of the breeding behaviours of our beach-nesting shorebirds such as Hooded Plovers, Oystercatchers, Red-capped Plovers and the Beach Stone-curlew. Learn how to safely monitor these birds and get tips from the experts on unravelling the mysteries of these cryptic birds!
Small tern breeding behaviours and monitoring tips	An introduction to identifying terns you will commonly see in Southern Australia, followed by an insight into how to safely recognise and monitor breeding colonies. This includes tips on ageing Fairy terns and some of the most beautiful photos by researcher Claire Greenwell.
Sharpen your bird photography skills	Photography extraordinaire Craig Greer shares tips on achieving those photographs of birds and their behaviours that we all desire to take. He will also touch on important ethical and safety considerations for the birds. For a sneak peek of the incredible photos Craig has taken, including some of the best Hooded Plover photos out there, check him out on <a href="http://craiggreer.com/">http://craiggreer.com/</a> or follow @craiggreerphotos on Facebook
Antarctica and the Sub-Antarctic Islands	A lot of planning goes into making the trip of a lifetime to Antarctica and the Sub-Antarctic islands and Mark Lethlean, an incredibly talented photographer and birder, will share the details of such a trip with you. You will get to see some of the most stunning photos of Antarctic wildlife and hear tips about achieving these images, particularly the challenges of photographing pelagic birds in flight! Follow him on @markslethlean on Instagram
Migratory Shorebird Identification and counting tips	Ever been overwhelmed by a mixed flock of grey/brown shorebirds and wondered where to start in terms of identifying the different species and then counting such a huge flock! Well this is the workshop for you. You will receive lots of tips on key details to look out for that help you remember which species is which, and also advice on building up your knowledge so that you don't feel overwhelmed.

Wetland Bird Identification and monitoring tips	Wetland birds can be equally challenging to identify and there are many with cryptic behaviours and densely vegetated habitats, which can make monitoring difficult. Hear from one of BirdLife Australia’s wetland bird experts and get tips on how to identify and monitor wetland birds. It’s not all foul.
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## Sunday Field trips

On Sunday we are offering field trips for people interested in seeing more of the Yorke Peninsula, and the amazing birds and habitats it has to offer.

Some field trips will have capped numbers. It is likely you will be able to attend your first preference of trip, but we ask you rank order of preference in case one trip is oversubscribed. We will send an email a fortnight before the conference to confirm the trip you have been assigned and provide more details about meeting places and the agenda for the day.

There is no cost to attend Sunday, however if you would like to pre-order a packed lunch, this can be purchased for \$15 in advance. Lunches will be given to the field trip leader to hand out. Please bring your own lunch if you haven’t ordered one as there won’t be an opportunity to stop to purchase lunch on the day. You should pack plenty of water for the day, bring along binoculars and a camera if you wish, and wear appropriate clothing for the weather and walking shoes. It may be wise to have a light raincoat just in case, as well as sunscreen.

Field Trip	Description	Notes
Dhilba Guuranda-Innes National Park	Visit Dhilba Guuranda-Innes National Park where you’ll meet a local Ranger who will give a talk on the significance and history of the Park. You’ll visit some of the key lookouts with opportunities for photographing stunning views. You’ll also visit some of the Hooded Plover breeding territories and enjoy the day in this stunning location. Estimated field trip time: 8am – 4:30pm	2 hour drive from Moonta. A coach is provided for travel with a stop on the way there and back. Short walks on sand and uneven surfaces.
Indigenous Protected Area	Visit Point Pearce Peninsula that is part of the Wardang Island Indigenous Protected area. The Nurangga people will tell you about the local area, the importance of the area and dreamtime stories of the Yorke Peninsula. Visit some of the coastal areas and learn about how the indigenous community is working on country to protect native wildlife. Estimated field trip time: 8:30am – 3:00pm	45 minutes from Moonta. Short walks on sand and uneven surfaces. Own transport required.
Salt Lake Trail	The Salt Lake Trail is a self-drive tour that will take you past stunning pink, orange, blue and white salt lakes. This will be done as a car convoy type arrangement. Estimated field trip time: 9am – 3:00pm	1 hour 20mins from Moonta. Short walks on uneven surfaces. Own transport required.
Clinton Birdwatching	Visit three different locations that offer some of the best birding opportunities the Yorke Peninsula has to offer! Clinton and Macs Beach. Estimated field trip time: 9am – 2pm	50 minutes from Moonta. Short walks on uneven surfaces. Own transport required.

Thompson Beach	<p>For those heading back to Adelaide that morning, we have a field trip at Thompson Beach, which is the northern gateway of Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary. You may see some migratory shorebirds, and can be guaranteed red-capped plovers and other water birds.</p> <p><u>Field trip starts at 12pm, meet at Dublin Hotel Carpark</u></p>	<p>1 hour 30 mins from Moonta (towards Adelaide).</p> <p>Short/Moderate walks on uneven surfaces.</p> <p>Own transport required.</p>
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