

### Dr Megan Halcroft

**9.30 to 10.00**

#### *Native Bees – diversity in the backyard*

Megan is a PhD specialist on Australian native bees and has extensive field experience with native bees. She is passionate about sharing her knowledge and awareness of these animals.

Join Megan to find out about solitary bees in your garden and how you can protect them by creating pollinator habitat gardens, which provide nesting space and food for these important insects.



Megan will be at the **Bug House** stall. She will have even more information about helping native Australian bees and identifying and creating habitat for our diverse solitary native bee species. 'The Australian Native Bees AgGuide' will be also be available to purchase at the stall.

### Event Opening

**10.00 to 10.20**

#### *Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney with Special Guest*

### Cathy Beer

**10.30 to 11.00**

#### *Before you get a dog – tips to get it right!*

Pets give us great joy, not to mention many health benefits! But many new pet owners often realise, once the excitement of bringing home a puppy has passed, that they weren't prepared to be a pet parent. Cathy Beer, founder of Pets4Life.com.au will cover important tips including the time and real cost of looking after a dog, choosing a dog breed, risks of online pet shopping, dog behaviour & training.



- Cathy is also a voluntary member of Willoughby Council's **Companion Animals** Advisory Committee . Visit our stall for local info; and enter our popular Kids' Pet Drawing Competition.

### Dr Beth Mott and volunteers

**11.00 to 11.30**

#### *The Power within the Powerful Owl project*

The Sydney Powerful Owl Project, is a citizen science project where volunteers from all across Sydney are trained to monitor individual, breeding pairs and nest sites of this listed threatened species. At this talk, project coordinator Dr Beth Mott and some local volunteers will give an update on the conservation status of the powerful owl in Sydney and share some of their stories about participating in this citizen science project.



- Beth will be also at the **Bird House** stall. Talk to her and Birdlife volunteers about birds in your area or how to be involved Birdlife activities and Citizen Science.

## Ravi Wasin

11.30 to 12.00

### *Conserving birds and rescuing raptors*

Feathered Friends is an amazing organisation that all started with the desire to improve the care of birds in captivity. It is now one of Australia's largest and most empowering avian facilities; providing captive and wild birds with hope and the chance to experience wild flight again. The facility, known as the Sanctuary, is designed especially for our birds as a place for them to call home. In his talk, Ravi will tell the story of some of the Australian birds in care and why these bird species need help with conservation.

- Ravi and his team will be flying their birds in their spectacular free flight show and will hang with Birdlife out at the **Bird House** stall.



## Dr Adrian Davis

12.00 to 12.30

### *Introducing the hollows as homes project*

Adrian is passionate about wildlife conservation and urban ecology with a particular interest in parrots and tree hollows. Recently he has been coordinating the Hollows as Homes program, which focuses on identify and documenting tree hollows, which are essential habitat for many native Australian animals. He has also been involved in the Cockatoo Wingtag project. Adrian will be talking about the Hollows as Homes program which aims to increase public awareness of this habitat and its importance to wildlife conservation and biodiversity.

- Adrian will also be available to talk more about his project, parrots and urban wildlife at the **Tree House** stall.



## Alex Dudley

12.30 to 1.00

### *Close encounters with frogs and reptiles*

Alexander Dudley has been interested in wildlife for his whole life, growing up chasing reptiles in the bush around Sydney. His knowledge and experience have led him across Australia working as an environmental educator and fauna surveyor. Alex and his partner Jane produced *Faunaverse Australian wildlife* in poetry as a vehicle for inspiring and educating people about Australian wildlife. In his talk Alex will be sharing his knowledge of the frogs and reptiles that he has come across locally and across Australia.



- At the Fauna Fair he will be leading kids on a special reptile discovery trail at the event. You will be surprised at what you will find and he can tell you. Alex will be. Near the **FATS** tent and is happy to chat about wildlife, talk about his book which will be available at the event.

## Martyn Robinson

1.00 to 1.30

Hunters and collectors –backyard spiders

Martyn worked at the Australian Museum for almost 40 years & knows a lot of fascinating stuff about the inhabitants of the bush and backyard, in particular the little things. Martyn will introduce you to some amazing facts invertebrate predators which you might find in your garden and how they catch their prey.

- Martyn will also be at the **Bug House** stall. He would love to help identify and talk to you about any small creatures you may be able to bring along.



## Sandra Guy

1.30 to 2.00

### *Being a good neighbour to wildlife.*

Sandra rescues and rehabilitates native wildlife with Sydney Wildlife, specialising in flying foxes; and has 20 years involvement in environmental education; and experience in native vegetation rehabilitation projects. In her talk Sandra will share her insights into how and why we should be better neighbours to our wildlife. Find out about simple changes to our backyards or balconies that can provide a source of food and safe and welcoming shelter for our wild neighbours.

- Sandra will be joining the **Sydney Wildlife** stall for a time where you can discuss wildlife and wildlife care with the volunteers. There is also the opportunity to find out how you can become a wildlife carer.



## Margot Blues

2.00 to 2.30

### *Living with big trees*

Margot has been operating as a consulting arborist to the Sydney region for over 20 years. She specialises in tree assessments and termites. With a passion for the preservation of trees within the environment and careful long term planning for those being planted. Her talk will look at the importance of protecting the great living natural asset of trees.

- Margot will also be in the **Tree House** stall to talk to you tree care, termites and living with big trees.



## Dr John Martin

2.30 to 3.00

### *Trying to understand feral foxes*

Dr John Martin is an ecologist at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney. Working on a very wide range of projects on urban wildlife, recently John has been taking a closer look at urban foxes, what they eat, where they travel and what role they play in the urban environment. This talk will discuss the findings to date, and how you can get involved.

- John will also be available to talk at both the **Tree House** stall and the Bushcare Stall where he will be available to discuss feral animals, tree hollows and urban wildlife.

