

## 2018 – University Student Grants Scheme – winners

The Australian Wildlife Society's University Research Grants are scholarships offered to honours or postgraduate students at Australian universities. Each year, ten grants of \$1,500 are awarded. Grants are available for research projects of direct relevance to the conservation of Australian wildlife; plant or animal. Grants may be used for the purchase of equipment and consumables, travel expenses related to field research, or attendance at conferences at which you are presenting your work.

The Australian Wildlife Society is delighted to announce the winners of the ten grants of \$1,500 each to honours or postgraduate students conducting research that will contribute to the conservation of Australian wildlife. The winners for 2018 are:

**Michael G Bertram**, School of Biological Sciences, Monash University

Project Title: Sex on steroids: Effects of a widespread agricultural pollutant on reproductive processes in fish

**Kimberly Chhen**, School of BioSciences, University of Melbourne

Project Title: Preying upon a pathogen: The effects of species interactions on chytrid fungus

**Anita Freudmann**, School of Earth, Environmental and Biological Sciences (Queensland University of Technology)

Project Title: Foraging ecology and behaviour of Eastern tube-nosed fruit bats (*Nyctimene robinsoni*)

**Angela Hansen**, University of Tasmania

Project Title: Plastic pollution in Australian waterfowl and wetlands

**Jacinta Humphrey**, La Trobe University

Project Title: Beyond the fringe: Temporal and spatial change in peri-urban land-use and avian communities

**Oliver Jewell**, Centre for Sustainable Aquatic Ecosystems, Harry Butler Institute, Murdoch University, Western Australia

Project Title: Functioning without food? Energy landscapes and foraging energetics of white sharks

**Peter Puskic**, University of Tasmania; Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS)

Project Title: More than skin deep: Examining the cellular-level effects of ingested plastic on the flesh-footed shearwaters of Lord Howe Island

**Alexandra Ross**, Centre for Ecosystem Science, University of New South Wales

Project Title: The Nailtail Nursery: Assessing a novel conservation strategy

**Anthony Waddle**, James Cook University

Project Title: Using emergent genetic tools to identify genes associated with resistance to chytridiomycosis

**Wytamma Wirth**, James Cook University, Epidemiology

Project Title: Epidemiology of *Ranavirus* in Australian freshwater turtles