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MEDIA RELEASE

## Australian Wildlife Week: Connecting with Nature

15 September 2021

Australian Wildlife Week is celebrated across the country during the first week of October to encourage a positive relationship between humanity and nature.

Unfortunately, Australia's wildlife has suffered significant declines since European colonisation, mainly through direct anthropogenic impacts. Land clearing, invasive species, and climate change are substantial threats to wildlife ecosystems and are key contributing factors to the loss of Australia's threatened species.

The Society has established many projects over time help to safeguard Australia's wildlife, including #SnipRingsforWildlife – a campaign that aims to raise awareness and encourage individuals to protect Australia's wildlife by cutting through plastic rings, rubber bands, hair ties, the loops of face masks, and dome-shaped plastic lids before disposing of them.

This year, to celebrate Australian Wildlife Week, the Society hosting an online webinar on **Tuesday 5 October 2021, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**. The webinar will showcase wildlife research and conservation projects across Australia. We will be joined by five keynote speakers from across Australia, who will provide an overview of their projects. We will also be joined by six of the Society's 2021 University Research Grant winners, who will summarise their research and the importance of protecting Australian wildlife and their ecosystems.

The **President of the Australian Wildlife Society, Doctor Julie Old**, said "the Society founded Australian Wildlife Week in 2019. The Society hopes to raise awareness of wildlife conservation issues across Australia and inspire all Australians to explore and develop a deeper understanding of these issues, gain the necessary skills to make informed decisions, and implement wildlife conservation action where possible."

We hope you will join us, learn something new, and be inspired to take action to protect Australia's wildlife before it is too late. You can register for the webinar [HERE](#).

The Australian Wildlife Society, formed in 1909, is a national not-for-profit wildlife conservation organisation. Our mission is to conserve Australia's Wildlife (flora and fauna) through national environmental education, public awareness, advocacy, and community involvement.

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Time	Speaker	Topic	Duration
10:30-10:35 am	AWS President	Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome and Purpose, Format of Webinar, and Housekeeping	5min
10:35-10:40 am	Student Talk	Kyle Brewer	5min
10:40-10:55 am	Keynote Speaker - NSW	James Trezise, Reclaim Kosci, Feral Horses	10min 5min Q's
10:55-11:00 am	Student Talk	Bethany Nordstrom	5min
11:00-11:15 am	Keynote Speaker - WA	Paul Wettin, Friends of the Western Ground Parrot	10min 5min Q's
11:15-11:20 am	Student Talk	Shae Jones	5min
11:20-11:35 am	Keynote Speaker - QLD	Tamielle Brunt, UQ, Platypus Conservation	10min 5min Q's
11:35-11:40 am	Student Talk	Jenna Draper	5min
11:40-11:55 am	Keynote Speaker - VIC	Kerrie Allen, RVOTDS, Duck Shooting	10min 5min Q's
11:55-12:00 pm	Student Talk	Gracie Liu	5min
12:00-12:15 pm	Keynote Speaker - TAS	Morrigan Guinane, Trowunna Wildlife Sanctuary/TLC, Eastern quolls	10min 5min Q's
12:15-12:20 pm	Student Talk	Karli Mylius	5min
12:20-12:25 pm	AWS President	Conclude/Thank you	5min

