

Hobart, Tasmania, AUSTRALIA  
4 - 6 September 2009

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Hello everyone

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> and final newsletter for the 7<sup>th</sup> Australasian Shorebird Conference, which provides final information and announcements for the Conference. This newsletter has important details on the venues, a copy of the program and important last-minute updates to all attendees.

We are still awaiting some speakers to register! Others have verbally indicated that they will attend but have yet to register. Please register as soon as possible to make the organisers' lives less challenging! We have now finalised the arrangements for the venues and with the caterers.

Please note that there is a new registration procedure, so please read that carefully if you haven't registered yet. We ask that everyone who plans on attending the Conference register as soon as possible.

The registration form is on the last page of this newsletter - please fill in the details and post the form with your cheque to AWSG Conference, c/-Birds Tasmania, GPO Box 68 Hobart TAS 7001. If you want to pay your registration and other Conference costs (but not accommodation) by credit card, we now have online facilities to use. To use your credit card, please pay at:

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### 1. Conference theme

The theme of the 7<sup>th</sup> Australasian Shorebird Conference is "*Resident and Migratory Shorebirds - Managing Their Future*". This will encompass several inter-related themes including:

- Future prospects for shorebirds in the East-Asian Australasian Flyway,
- Knowledge gaps in regard to resident shorebirds,
- Beach nesting birds and sea level rise, and
- Conservation status and threats to shorebirds.

### 2. Registration

The registration cost for delegates is AUD\$240 per person, while registration for students is AUD\$200. The registration fees include all conference costs, comprising a copy of the abstracts volume, morning, afternoon teas and lunches on both days, and tickets to the Conference dinner and Icebreaker on the Friday evening. Additional tickets for the dinner are available for AUD\$60. To date, we have received registrations from the following:

Aplin, Arthur, Binns, Burgess, Clemens, Colson, Crawford, Dann, Dening, Dickson, Dunn, Ehmke, Finn, Fuller, George, Gosbell, Graham, Harding (2), Herbert, Herrod, Huner, Jessop, Johns, Jones, Keates (2), Lindsey, Madden, Maguire, MacDonald, McCarrick, McDougall, Milton, Minton (2), Mooney, Morris, Newman, O'Riley, Odland, Park, Purnell, Richardson, Rogers, Schuckard, Sparrow, Stojanovic, Straw, Takeuchi, Vaughan, Watson (2), Weston, Wilson, Wind, Woodley, Wright. Awaiting: Andrew, Cooper.

If you believe that you have registered but your name is not listed, please contact the organisers immediately.

### 3. Social functions, dietary requirements and partners

We will be having an Icebreaker on the evening of Friday 4 September associated with early Registration, and there will be a Conference dinner on the Saturday evening. If you have specific dietary requirements, please advise the organisers, as we will cater for your dietary needs at the Saturday and Sunday lunches, Icebreaker

and the Conference dinner. At the moment, only three attendees have indicated dietary requirements.

If you wish to bring a partner to the Icebreaker or Conference Dinner, please advise the organisers to assist with catering. The Icebreaker will be free and open to partners, but extra tickets for the Conference dinner are available online or on the Registration Form for \$60.

We have received requests for additional dinner tickets from the following: **Gosbell, Johns, Mooney, Morris, Rogers, Straw.**

If you have requested additional tickets for the dinner and your name is not listed here, please contact the organisers immediately.

#### 4. Venues for Conference events

The venue for the Conference will be the University of Tasmania campus in Sandy Bay, approximately 3km from the city centre. The University campus is approximately 10 minutes walk from Wrest Point Casino and 30 minutes walk from the city centre. There are regular bus services past the university.

The Early Registration Desk and Icebreaker on the Friday evening, and the Conference Dinner on the Saturday evening will be the University Club - see the attached map and aerial photograph below. The University Club is highlighted with a red square on the aerial photograph and a red arrow on the campus map.

The Registration Desk on the Saturday and Sunday mornings and the Conference talks will be in the main lecture theatre in the University Centre - see the attached map and aerial photograph below. The University Centre is highlighted with a blue square on the aerial photograph and a blue arrow on the campus map.

For those attending the AWSG Committee meeting on Friday 4 September, the venue will be the University Club. Please note that this meeting is for AWSG Committee members and invitees only - for further details, please contact Ken Gosbell.

#### 5. Program, speakers and sessions

The program for speakers is attached below. We ask that all speakers bring their talks as Powerpoint files on CD or on USB drives. We will load the files onto the lecture theatre computer before each session to ensure there are no delays during sessions.

All times will be **strictly enforced** - please note when your talk is on, and how long you have. With the exception of the two keynotes, all speakers have 15 minutes for their talk and 5 minutes for questions. Talks will be limited to ensure sessions do not run past these times to ensure sufficient times for breaks. There are additional events scheduled for the breaks, so the sessions will finish as shown.

#### 6. Anything else?

If you have any other queries, please contact the organisers by email on [awsg2009@gmail.com](mailto:awsg2009@gmail.com)

Warmest regards to all and see you all soon!

Dr Eric J Woehler  
Convenor, 7<sup>th</sup> Australasian Shorebird Conference



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Registration, 7<sup>th</sup> Australasian Shorebird Conference,  
Hobart, Tasmania, AUSTRALIA 4 - 6 September 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone/mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fees:**

Full delegates: AUD\$240, Student delegates: AUD\$200

Note: the registration fee includes all conference costs: a copy of the abstracts volume, morning, afternoon teas and lunches on both days, and tickets to the Conference dinner and Icebreaker on the Friday evening. \$AUD \_\_\_\_\_

**Single-day Registration:** AUD\$85, limited to one registration per delegate. Includes lunch with morning and afternoon teas, abstracts volume. Does not include dinner. \$AUD \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional conference dinner tickets** (included in full and student registration), tickets AUD\$60 each \$AUD \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation** to assist overseas participants: \$AUD \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed (cheque): \$AUD \_\_\_\_\_

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For all further information, please email [awsg2009@gmail.com](mailto:awsg2009@gmail.com)



Child Care

Gym

Info Systems

Law

Staff Club

Surveying & Engineering

Computing & CRC, IASOS

Chemistry & Pharmacy

Science Library

Earth Sciences  
Geology, Geography, CODE

Refectory

Student Union Building

Maths & Physics

Morris Miller Library

Psychology

Administration

Stanley Burbury Theatre

University Centre

Asian Studies  
Sociology  
Government

Arts Lecture Theatre

Education  
Business  
English Language Centre  
Commerce

Herbarium

Life Sciences Building

History & Classics  
Philosophy  
English & Journalism

Plant Science

Zoology

Life Sciences Learning Hub

Medical Sciences  
CSIRO Forestry

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# Campus Map

## Sandy Bay



University Building	Grid Ref.	Bldg. No.
Cafeteria	A3	21
Lazenby's	C2	25
Morris Miller Library	C3	23
Staff Club	D2	18
Student Administration	B2	22
TUU-Student Union	A3	21
University Centre	B2	25

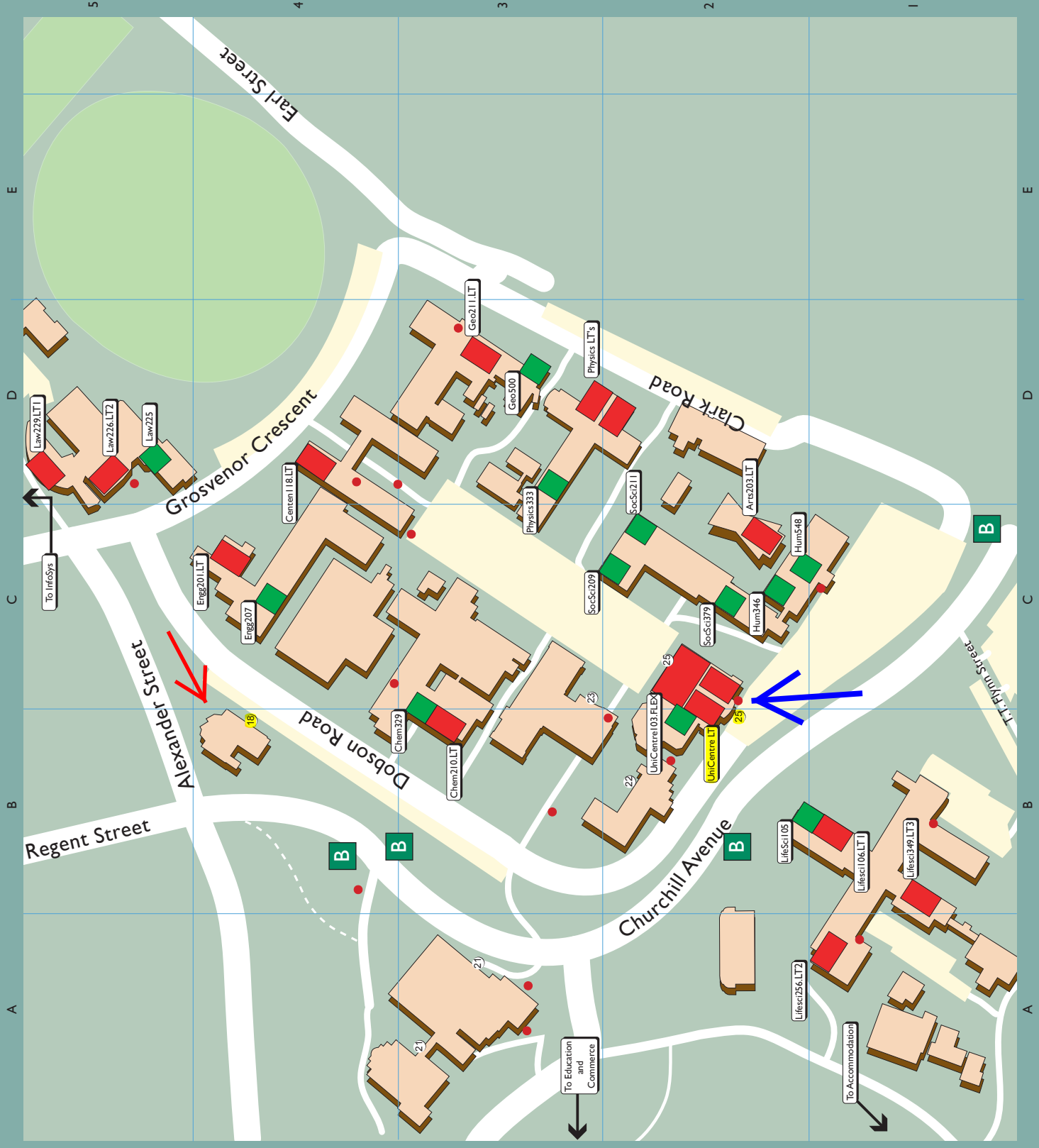
Lecture Theatres	Grid Ref.	No.
Arts	C2	Arts203.LT
Centenary 1	D4	Centen118.LT
Chemistry 1	B3	Chem210.LT
Engineering	C4	Engg201.LT
Geology 1	D3	Geo211.LT
Law 1	D5	Law229.LT1
Law 2	D5	Law226.LT2
Life Sciences 1	B1	LifeSci106.LT1
Life Sciences 2	A1	LifeSci256.LT2
Life Sciences 3	B1	LifeSci349.LT3
Physics 1	D2	Physics12.LT1
Physics 2	D2	Physics314.LT2
Physics 3	D2	Physics315.LT3
University Centre 1	C2	UniCentre208.LT1
University Centre 2	C2	UniCentre209.LT2
University Centre 3	C2	UniCentre405.LT3
University Centre 4	C2	UniCentre404.LT4
(University Centre LT1 is also known as the Stanley Burbury Lecture Theatre.)		

Teaching Spaces	Grid Ref.	No.
Chem329	B3	Chem329
Engg207	C4	Engg207
Geo500	D3	Geo500
Hum346	C2	Hum346
Hum548	C2	Hum548
Law225	D5	Law225
LifeSci105	D3	LifeSci105
Physics333	D3	Physics333
SocSci209	C2	SocSci209
SocSci211	C2	SocSci211
SocSci379	C2	SocSci379
UniCentre103.Flex	B2	UniCentre103.Flex

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■ Teaching Spaces  
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## Conference program

### Friday 4 September

- 09:00 - 17:00 AWSG Committee meeting [members and invited attendees only]  
13:00 - 17:00 Tasmanian Coastal Workshop
- 18:00 - 20:00 Early registration and Shorebird Conference Icebreaker [University Club]

### Saturday 5 September

- 08:00 - 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 - 09:10 Opening, welcome, announcements  
09:10 - 09:40 Keynote - Ken Gosbell: The Coorong - A Decade of Decay.  
09:40 - 10:00 Clive Minton: Thirty years of counts in Corner Inlet-what is causing decreases in wader populations?  
10:00 - 10:20 Jo Oldland: Shorebirds 2020 National Shorebird Monitoring Project - update and future directions.
- 10:20 - 11:00 Morning Tea
- 11:00 - 11:20 Rob Clemens et al.: The search for Australian shorebird population trends: data requirements, summary of recent work, and early indications of what can be learned from the growing Australian shorebird dataset.  
11:20 - 11:40 Richard Fuller et al.: When volunteers count: Shorebird monitoring in Moreton Bay.  
11:40 - 12:00 Jason Searle et al.: Monitoring of human disturbance at bird roosts, Horseshoe Bay area, South Stradbroke Island 2008/2009.
- 12:00 - 13:20 Lunch
- 13:20 - 13:40 Ashley Herrod et al.: Shorebird monitoring and mapping in the Port Phillip Bay (western shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar site.  
13:40 - 14:00 Maureen Christie et al.: Site faithfulness of Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* in the southeast of South Australia.  
14:00 - 14:20 Danny Rogers et al.: Are tidal flat reclamations reducing shorebird numbers in the East Asian - Australasian flyway?  
14:20 - 14:40 Adrian Riegan: Report of the first shorebird survey of the Mundok area in the DPR Korea by Miranda Naturalists' Trust, April 2009.  
14:40 - 15:00 Keith Woodley: Observations of a pair of breeding bar-tailed godwits *Limosa lapponica baueri* on the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta, Alaska.
- 15:00 - 15:40 Afternoon Tea
- 15:40 - 16:00 Paul Finn and Carla Catterall: Choice of feeding sites by eastern curlews (*Numenius madagascariensis*) on their non-breeding grounds.  
16:00 - 16:20 Phil Straw: Migratory shorebirds - managing for their future.  
16:20 - 16:40
- 18:30 - 19:00 Pre-dinner drinks [University Club, at individual's own expense]  
19:00 - 22:00 Conference Dinner [University Club]

## Sunday 6 September

- 08:30 - 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 - 09:30 Keynote - Mike Weston: The importance of the human element in shorebird conservation research.
- 09:30 - 09:50 Peter Dann et al.: Research and management of hooded plovers on Phillip Island (1992-2009).
- 09:50 - 10:10 Grainne Maguire: Lessons learned from managing hooded plovers in Victoria.
- 10:10 - 11:00 Morning Tea
- 11:00 - 11:20 Roz Jessop et al.: Natal dispersal of hooded plovers at Phillip Island, Victoria, Australia.
- 11:20 - 11:40 Ben Arthur et al.: An assessment of the potential for competition between co-existing hooded and red-capped plovers in a changing habitat.
- 11:40 - 12:00 Alan Fletcher and Mike Newman: Long-term observations of the Australian pied oystercatcher in southeast Tasmania 1964-2009.
- 12:00 - 13:20 Lunch
- 13:20 - 13:40 Mike Newman: Australian pied oystercatcher - Battling against the odds in South-east Tasmania.
- 13:40 - 14:00 Eric Woehler and Priscilla Park: Status and trends of beach-nesting birds in Tasmania.
- 14:00 - 14:20 Jodie Dunn: The South Coast Shorebird Recovery Program.
- 14:20 - 14:40 Lucy Aplin: Ecological hypotheses for the evolution of sexual bill dimorphism in shorebirds: Diet divergence, sooty oystercatchers and a comparative analysis of the Charadriiformes.
- 14:40 - 15:00 Kim O'Riley and Simone Warner: Targeted surveillance of avian influenza virus within wild bird populations in Victoria.
- 15:00 - 15:40 Siriya Sripanomyom [TBC]: Necessary non-breeding habitats for shorebirds in the inner Gulf of Thailand: the first landscape level study of the country.
- 15:40 - 16:00 Alice Ewing [TBC]: Survival of several species of migratory shorebirds that visit north-western Australia.
- 16:00 - 16:20
- 16:20 - 16:30 Close



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