Event Agenda

ANZAAP Aquatic Symposium 2026

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	**Registration and ZOOM Webinar link**
9:00 AM - 9:10 AM	**Welcome and housekeeping** Speakers: Stephen Pyecroft, Bruce Newell
9:10 AM - 10:00 PM	**From Australia's Gulf to the World : The story of how Sawfish from the Gulf of Carpentaria made it to Public Aquaria around the world.** Speaker: Lyle Squire Jr.
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	**Raising a Grey Nurse pup** Speaker: Kellie Carmody
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	**South Australian Algal Bloom: The facts as they are known, and the research undertaken** Speaker: Gretchen Grammer
10:40 AM - 11:00 AM	**Morning Tea**
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	**Sentinel programs and Biosecurity in Zebrafish and other Aquatic Research Systems** Speakers: Mike Pallillo, Ralph Malbrue
11:45 AM - 12:05 PM	**Leopard Shark Breeding Program at Sydney Sea Life Aquarium 2022-2026** Speaker: Patrick Noble
12:05 PM - 12:25 PM	**Project Piaba; an update on progress of conservation and sustainability programmes in the Amazon & Rio Negro basin fisheries.** Speaker: Tim Miller Morgan
12:25 PM - 12:45 PM	**Tritone XS: Big gains in a small solution. Tecniplast Platinum Sponsor presentation** Speaker: Tommaso Sala
12:45 PM - 1:45 PM	**Lunch**
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	**Engineering Resilience in Aquatic Systems: Mistake-Proofing Design and Maintenance.** Speaker: Ana Alonso
2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	**Colossal Bioscience: Rescuing the Panda of the Seas, the Vaquita porpoise.** Speaker: Lauren Pandolfo
2:50 PM - 3:00 PM	**Pure Aquatics Gold sponsor presentation** Speaker: Bradley Dohnt
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	**Afternoon break**
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	**Sea snake rehabilitation and release** Speaker: Lauren Hughes
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	**Aquatic research roundup** Speaker: Diana Baumann
4:15 PM - 4:25 PM	**Day Summary and closing remarks** Speaker: Bruce Newell

4:25 PM - 4:50 PM	**Annual General Meeting** Speakers: Bruce Newell, Stephen Pyecroft

Thursday, February 19, 2026

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	**Registration / Check in** **Zoom webinar link** 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
9:00 AM - 9:10 AM	**Welcome / housekeeping** Speakers: Stephen Pyecroft, Bruce Newell
9:10 AM - 10:00 AM	**Sustainable and ethical collection of marine specimens.** Speaker: Lyle Squire Jr.
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	**As a customer, How to win in the tendering process** Speaker: Bradley Dohnt
10:15 AM - 10:35 AM	**Fishing for genes – understanding lymphatic vessel development using zebrafish** Speaker: Jonathan Astin
10:35 AM - 11:05 AM	**Morning Tea**
11:05 AM - 11:55 AM	**Emerging Aquatic Models in Biomedical Research: Red Swamp Crayfish (Procambarus clarkii)**
11:55 AM - 12:10 PM	**The Animals of Monash University "AquaCore"** Speakers: Emily Oliver, Emily Oliver
12:10 PM - 12:30 PM	**IWAKI PUMPS, CONTROLLERS & AQUATIC SYSTEMS Platinum Sponsor presentation** Speakers: Ana Alonso, Gordon Stephan
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	**Lunch & Mingle time**
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	**Caring for the endangered Maugean Skate: The journey so far** Speaker: Charlotte Levi
1:45 PM - 2:05 PM	**LOCKED In vivo preclinical magnetic resonance imaging for adult zebrafish cardiovascular structure and function assessment** Speaker: Nana Sunn
2:05 PM - 2:15 PM	**Deakin University - Supporting Aquatic Animal Research Across Multiple Facilities** Speaker: Sunny Syme
2:15 PM - 2:35 PM	**Hearing in fish & crustaceans** Speaker: Craig Radford
2:35 PM - 2:55 PM	**Histopathology outcomes on specimens affected by the South Australian Algal bloom** Speaker: Stephen Pyecroft
2:55 PM - 3:15 PM	**Husbandry refinement: new approaches to Zebrafish breeding and tank enrichment** Speaker: Tommaso Sala
3:15 PM - 3:45 PM	**Afternoon tea**
3:45 PM - 4:05 PM	**Saltwater Management in Aquatic Animal Facilities: Maximising Animal Welfare, Cost, and Sustainability** Speaker: Bruce Eernisse

4:05 PM - 4:20 PM	**Spontaneous neoplasia in laboratory zebrafish (Danio rerio) seen in Australia** Speaker: Chalette Brown
4:20 PM - 4:35 PM	**Killifish / muscle ageing TBA Avnika** Speaker: Avnika Ruparelia
4:35 PM - 4:50 PM	**Animal Ethics – A seafarers guide** Speaker: Chris Brown
4:50 PM - 5:00 PM	**Day Close** Speakers: Bruce Newell, Stephen Pyecroft
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	**Cerberus Sciences Symposium Dinner Glenelg Golf Club**

Friday, February 20, 2026

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	**Registration / Check in**
9:00 AM - 9:10 AM	**Welcome and housekeeping** Speakers: Stephen Pyecroft, Bruce Newell
9:10 AM - 9:30 AM	**Epaulette shark evolution of appendage pattern development** Speaker: Rebecca Dale
9:30 AM - 10:20 AM	**Workshop: Stress & resilience in aquatic husbandry staff** Speaker: Diana Baumann
10:20 AM - 10:45 AM	**Break**
10:45 AM - 11:35 AM	**Workshop: Stress and resilience in aquatic organisms**
11:35 AM - 12:00 PM	**Outgoing President's address / Round Table**