

2018 LINNEAN SOCIETY OF NSW NATURAL HISTORY FIELD SYMPOSIUM



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VOLCANOES OF NORTHWEST NEW SOUTH WALES: EXPLORING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG GEOLOGY, FLORA, FAUNA AND FIRES

FIRST CIRCULAR

Scope

Scientific talks (as Powerpoint presentations) are invited on any aspect of the natural history of the Warrumbungles National Park, Mount Kaputar National Park, and related areas of Miocene-age volcanic activity in NW NSW, focussing on (1) regional geology and geophysics, (2) palaeontology, (3) geomorphology and soils, (4) floral and faunal species (particularly native plants and animals), their distribution and ecology, and (5) the effects on the biota of the recent fires in 2013 and the subsequent recovery of plant and animal communities. Talks on the geoheritage and biodiversity significance of the volcanic features, and the geotourism potential of the region, are also welcome.

Icebreaker function: Monday September 24 6-7.30 pm, at Coonabarabran Visitors Centre, John Street (Newell Highway) just south of Edwards St. Collect your registration materials, enjoy light refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks, and admire the complete *Diprotodon* skeleton discovered locally (part of the Australian Megafauna display) while meeting other symposium attendees.

Scientific Presentations: all day (9-5) Tuesday September 25 – Wednesday September 26, at Coonabarabran Bowling Club Auditorium, Edwards Street, Coonabarabran

Field Trip to Warrumbungles National Park: all day (7.30am-6pm) Thursday September 27, to explore key geology localities, view native wildflower displays, and examine areas recovering from the 2013 fires. See the new Visitor Centre display and admire spectacular volcanic vistas.

Costs and logistics

The Bowling Club Auditorium holds 100 people. This limits the maximum number of registrants.

The registration fee (details shown on the attached Registration Form) will cover the Icebreaker function at the Coonabarabran Visitors Centre, venue hire, morning and afternoon refreshments during the Symposium at the Bowling Club, and the Program & Abstracts volume.

The field trip is an optional extra, with the fee covering the bus hire, National Park entry and a packed lunch and juice/water. Numbers on the coach will be limited to 53.

Note that the cost of accommodation and all meals (apart from lunch during the field trip) is entirely separate from the registration and field trip fees and is for your own account. The Coonabarabran Bowling Club has a bistro with a variety of very reasonably priced meals (including vegetarian and gluten-free options), with lunch and dinner specials.

Members of the Linnean Society of NSW will enjoy a modest discount on registration and field trip fees. Non-members are welcome to apply for membership of the Society to access these discounts. For details of membership categories and our low subscription rates, please refer to the website.

Early bird rates apply to July 31.

Cancellation policy: Full refunds will be given for cancellations received up to July 31. 50% refund will apply to cancellations notified during August. No refunds will be given in September.

Accommodation in and around Coonabarabran: The Warrumbungles Shire Council website www.warrumbungleregion.com.au lists 24 different accommodation options in town and the surrounding district, ranging from camping to cabins, caravan parks, hotels, motels and B&Bs. The usual online booking agencies also can be utilised, and airbnb is another option with ~20 listings.

The symposium is scheduled for the week prior to NSW school holidays. This is timed to coincide with the expected peak display of wildflowers in the National Park. It will also be convenient for those wishing to extend their stay in Coonabarabran by a few days to take part in the annual Star Fest held at Siding Springs Observatory on the first weekend of October. Accommodation fills quickly for this event, so you are advised to book early.

Publications

Abstracts (single page) are required for all presentations. **Deadline for Abstracts is July 31, 2018.** Please strictly adhere to the format of the abstract template (at end of this Circular). Abstracts will be printed in the Program and Abstracts volume provided to Symposium registrants.

Papers presented at the symposium are invited to be submitted (though this is not mandatory) for publication in the *Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales*, subject to editorial standards and peer review. This journal, first published in 1874, is available online and is open access, and has no page charges (even for colour figures). A detailed set of Author Guidelines is available on the Linnean Society of NSW website. **Deadline for submission of manuscripts will be December 31, 2018** with publication likely in mid-2019.

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[Note that Ian Percival's new e-mail address will only be operative after March 19, 2018]



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Dates: Icebreaker - Monday evening 24 September (Coonabarabran Visitors Centre)
 Symposium sessions - Tuesday & Wednesday 25-26 September 2018
 Optional Field trip to Warrumbungle National Park Thursday 27 September 2018

Venue (Symposium sessions): Coonabarabran Bowling Club Auditorium,
 Edwards Street, Coonabarabran NSW

REGISTRATION FORM

Name (please print):

E-Mail:

Affiliation:

Fee category (please circle): Full member / Student member / Retired member /
 Non-member

I wish to present a talk yes / no If yes, please complete Abstract template

Abstract title & authors (Abstract submission deadline 31st July):

Attending fieldtrip? yes / no

Please send completed registration form to

- i) linnsoc@inet.net.au as attachment (indicate date & method of payment), or
- ii) Linnean Society of New South Wales, PO Box 82, KINGSFORD NSW 2032.

Payment options	up to July 31		August 1 – September 24	
	Symposium	Field Trip	Symposium	Field Trip
Student member	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$45
Retired member	\$45	\$45	\$55	\$50
Full Member	\$55	\$55	\$65	\$60
Non-member	\$90	\$70	\$100	\$75

- 1) Bank transfer: St George Bank. Account name “Linnean Society of NSW”
 BSB 112-879, Account # 466447867. **Please label payment ‘Warr_ yoursurname’**
- 2) Cheque made out to The Linnean Society of NSW, posted to the above address

***Registrants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.
 Lunches during the Symposium Sessions are not included in the Registration
 Fee, but are available for purchase at the Bowling Club bistro.***



Abstract template

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Submit to linnsoc@inet.au no later than July 31, 2018. The decision to accept any Abstract
is entirely at the discretion of the Editorial Committee of the Linnean Society of NSW.

