

23-25 Sept DIG 2025

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Murdoch University | Boorloo, Perth



DWG Green Card™ Training

Venue: Murdoch University, Boola Katitjin Building, Lvl 4, 90 South Street, Murdoch, WA 6150

Time: 8.30 am – 2.30 pm

DWG Green Card™ Training (Dieback Biosecurity Awareness Training) is recognised by WA government authorities to gain the skills and knowledge you need to manage your risk of spreading Phytophthora Dieback on-ground. As part of DIG 2025, DWG Green Card™ Training will include:

- DWG Green Card™ Presentation
- Assessment
- Lunch & Morning tea
- My Pest Guide demonstration
- Field trip in bushland to discuss Dieback Management

Tues

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Conference Day

Venue: Murdoch University, Boola Katitjin Building, Lvl 4, 90 South Street, Murdoch, WA 6150

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (registrations from 8am)

Join us in person or online for workshops and activities in addition to speaker presentations throughout the day.

Keynote speakers include:

Frederik Hjelm - Biosense & Mita Whare Harris: Protecting Giants – A Collaborative Approach to Kauri Forest Health and Biosecurity, Kylie Ireland: Dieback Detector Dogs, Bruno Rikli, Bark Environmental – A Pathway to Market for Dieback-Free Basic Raw Materials.

SUNDOWNER

Venue: SIR Walter's Restaurant, 90 South Street, Murdoch, WA 6150

Time: 4.45 pm - 7 pm

"Strength in Our Roots"

Dieback Management Field Trip

Location: Murdoch University, 90 South Street, Murdoch. Meet outside the Boola Katitjin Building for the Bus.

Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Join us for a day out in the bush with Dieback Interpreters! Includes two site visits to locations with very different vegetation profiles to observe Dieback Management - Roe 8 Vegetation corridor and Bungendore Park. A Dieback interpreter will present on the history of the area, Dieback survey method, results and managing biosecurity in areas with multiple stakeholder interests.



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Day 2 | Wednesday 24th September

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TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
8:00am	REGISTRATIONS TEA & COFFEE	
8.30am	SESSION 1	
	Uncle Neville Collard	Welcome to Country
	Mita Whare Harris (MC) Ngapuhi Rangatira	Opening, housekeeping
	Mia Hunt CEO - Dieback Working Group	Dieback Working Group (DWG) address
	Bruno Rikli (<i>keynote</i>) Bark Environmental, Superintendent - BRM Project	Keynote - A National Pathway to Market for Basic Raw Materials
	Ben Alter Senior Policy Officer - DCCEEW (online)	The review and update of the <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> threat abatement plan: Lessons learned and next steps.
10.00am	MORNING TEA	
10:30am	SESSION 2	
	Fredrik Hjelm & Mita Whare Harris (<i>keynote</i>) Biosense / Ngapuhi Rangatira, Tiakina Kauri Protection Agency	Protecting Giants – A Collaborative Approach to Kauri Forest Health and Biosecurity
	Karen Shaw Brush Turkey Enterprises (online)	Connecting Community Beyond Bunya Dieback
	Anna Hopkins Senior Lecturer - Edith Cowan University	A return to tertiary plant pathology teaching
	Mady Colquhoun & Janene Sproul Roley Bushcare, STAWA and DWG Volunteer / Lecturer - Murdoch University	Discovering Dieback 2.0!
	Regan Keens & Janene Sproul HDR student / Lecturer - Murdoch University	Taxonomy, Community and Ancient language
12:10pm	LUNCH	
1:10pm	SESSION 3 - KEYNOTE AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	Kylie Ireland (<i>keynote</i>) Plant Diseases Program Leader - DBCA	Dieback Detector Dogs
1.40pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Explore Murdoch's Banksia Woodlands and join a practical workshop on phosphite injection to protect native trees from dieback.Promoting Biodiversity Through Trails: Digital Tools for Awareness and Action.Visit the Murdoch University trial site for 'Evaluating the Use of Metham Sodium for <i>Phytophthora</i>-Free Substrate in Restoration and Landscaping.'Yarning Circle.	
2:45pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3:15pm	SESSION 4	
	Sarah Sapsford Research Fellow - HBI Murdoch University	Landscape-scale assessment of the combined affects of fire, drought and <i>Phytophthora</i> Dieback on the Northern Jarrah Forest'
	Mnoqbi Zuma PhD candidate - Murdoch University	Fire and drought facilitate <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> invasion, intensifying host mortality and restructuring soil microbial communities.
	Mita Whare Harris (MC) & DWG	Conference wrap up and final remarks
4.30pm	Conference Closed	



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