

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 – 3.00 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 - Ngapuhi Rangatira: 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 |
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| 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 Phytophthora cinnamomi 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 Phytophthora-Free Substrate in Restoration and Landscaping.Yarning Circle. | |
| 2:45pm | AFTERNOON TEA | |
| 3:15pm | SESSION 4 | |
| | Amy Lendrum Biosecurity Projects & Pathogens - Waikato Regional Council | Virtual Reality as an engagement tool in Environmental Education. A case study. |
| | Sarah Sapsford Research Fellow - HBI Murdoch University | Landscape-scale assessment of the combined affects of fire, drought and Phytophthora 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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