



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8-9 Sept

Murdoch University | Boorloo, Perth

Celebrating 30 Years of Dieback Awareness



DWG Green Card™ Training

Venue: Margaret Forrest Centre, John Forrest National Park

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 2026, DWG Green Card™ Training will include:

- DWG Green Card™ Presentation
- Lunch & morning tea
- MyPestGuide® demonstration
- Field trip in bushland to discuss Dieback Management
- Vehicle clean down

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 a panel discussion and speaker presentations throughout the day.

Speakers include:

- Treena Burgess - Executive Director, Harry Butler Institute, Murdoch University - 30 years of Phytophthora Dieback research and management - the present state of play and the future direction.
- Sarah Sapsford - Research Fellow, Murdoch University - Phytophthora cinnamomi interacts with fire and drought to shape soil carbon and fungal functional guilds across a Mediterranean forest.
- Nicholas Pain - Laboratory Scientist - Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) - Combining the old and the new: Incorporating LAMP into Phytophthora soil testing.

SUNDOWNER

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

Time: 5 pm - 7 pm



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Day 2 | Wednesday 9th September

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
8:00 am REGISTRATIONS TEA & COFFEE		
8.30 am SESSION 1 - Speaker Presentations		
	Robyn Collard and Tryse	Welcome to Country
	Chris Dunne (MC) Policy Manager, Office of Bushfire Risk Management (DFES)	Opening, housekeeping
	Dr Treena Burgess Executive Director - HBI, Murdoch University	Keynote 1: Phytophthora Past present and Future
	Award Presentation	Presentation of industry awards
	Mia Hunt CEO - Dieback Working Group	The review and update of the Phytophthora cinnamomi threat abatement plan: Lessons learned and next steps.
10.00 - 10.30am MORNING TEA		
10:30 am SESSION 2 - Speaker Presentations		
	Dr Sarah Sapsford Research Fellow - Murdoch University	Keynote 2: Interactions between climate change and pathogens
	Dr Dominic Wright Principal Laboratory Scientist - DPIRD	PSHB - A complex diagnostic and biosecurity concern for all
	Dr Azin Moslemi and Mia Hunt Standards Officer / CEO - Dieback Working Group	Dieback-Free Basic Raw Materials project results and update
	Dr Bob Du Senior Lecturer, Murdoch University	From Monitoring to Implementation: New insights for Metham Sodium treatment of Basic Raw Materials to mitigate Phytophthora Dieback risk
	Sarah Dunstan Director - PhytoGuard®	PhytoGuard® Detection - A scalable and cost-effective solution for the detection of <i>Phytophthora</i>
12:30 - 1.30pm LUNCH		
1:30 pm SESSION 3 - Speaker Presentations and Panel Discussion		
	Nick Pain Laboratory Scientist - DPRID	Combining the old and the new: Incorporating LAMP into <i>Phytophthora</i> soil testing.
	Annalise Re	National Threat Mapping Tool
	Tess Bryant Training & Education Manager - DWG	Dieback Unearthed Project Update
	Panel Discussion - Round table discussion for participants, followed by a panel discussion Host: Dr Tom Mansfield - Flora Research Scientist, Alcoa.	
2.25 pm	Join fellow attendees in table discussions to explore the most pressing issues in dieback management, what the risk areas are, and what action is required. You'll have the opportunity to contribute your ideas, with the panel drawing on expert insights to explore practical solutions, future priorities and collaborative actions.	
3:30 - 3:50 pm AFTERNOON TEA		
3:50 pm SESSION 4		
	Joel Dalberger CEO - Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute (online)	The Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area: Biosecurity Threats and Landscape-Scale Resilience
	TBC	Fitzgerald Biosphere
	Chris Dunne (MC) & Dr Giles Hardy Policy Manager, Office of Bushfire Risk Management (DFES) / Honorary Emeritus, Murdoch University,	Conference wrap-up & final remarks
4:45 pm CONFERENCE CLOSED - POST CONFERENCE SUNDOWNER		



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