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## SATURDAY TIMETABLE

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9.45am	Group Review: Animal Justice Foundation	Group Review: Animal Liberation QLD	Group Review: Kangaroos Alive
10.00am	<p><b>Chris Delforce</b>  <b>FARM ANIMAL TRANSPARENCY</b>                      Behind closed doors:                      forcing transparency</p>	<p><b>YOUNG CHANGE-MAKERS DISCUSSION PANEL</b>                      Mackenzie Severns (Host)                      ANIMAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION                      Emma Hakansson                      FASHION JUSTICE COLLECTIVE                      Sarah Qian                      COMPASSION CREAMERY                      Bailey Mason                      WARRIOR FOR ANIMALS                      Spencer Hitchen                      SAVE SUNRISE GLOSSIES</p>	<p><b>Dr Elaine Ong AM BVSc</b>  <b>VETS FOR COMPASSION</b>                      Kangaroos on our doorsteps</p>
11.00am	BREAK		
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2.15pm	<p><b>Jenna Riedi</b>  <b>FAUNALYTICS</b>                      Using Research and Data in Animal Advocacy                      (Remote Presentation)</p>	<p><b>Alex Vince</b>  <b>ANIMAL LIBERATION NSW</b>                      Poisons and Pesticides:                      An Animal Welfare Crisis</p>	<p><b>Jessica Cotton</b>  <b>PLANT POWERED PR</b>                      How To Generate Powerful Publicity For                      Animal Rights Issues</p>
3.00pm	<p><b>Jed Goodfellow</b>  <b>AUSTRALIAN ALLIANCE FOR ANIMALS</b>                      Why it's time for a #FairGoForAnimals</p>	<p><b>Sandra Kyle</b>  <b>NEW ZEALAND ANIMAL ACTIVIST</b>                      An Extraordinary Time To Be Living Through                      – My Story Arc</p>	<p><b>Emma Madle</b>  <b>LIBERATION COOPERATIVE</b>                      In Pursuit of Sustainable Activism</p>
3.45pm	BREAK		
4.15pm		<p><b>GROUP REVIEWS</b>                      Vegan Australia                      Paul Watson Foundation                      Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds</p>	<p><b>GROUP REVIEWS</b>                      Free the Hounds                      Victoria Kangaroo Alliance                      Farm Transparency Project</p>
5.15pm	<b>ANIMAL JUSTICE AWARDS 2024</b>		
6.15 pm	<b>CANAPÉ SOCIAL EVENING</b> (Tickets sold separately)		

## SUNDAY TIMETABLE

TIME	MAIN ROOM 1 (Super Room)	ROOM 2 (Swanston Hall)	ROOM 3 (Yarra Room)
8.30am	REGISTRATION		
9.00am	INTRODUCTION		
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10.00am	Craig Thomson and Mick McIntyre KANGAROOS ALIVE WITH INDIGENOUS PARTNER "BACK TO COUNTRY" How to run a Kangaroo Walk and Talk Workshop (In person & Remote)	The Hon. Emma Hurst MLC The Hon. Georgie Purcell MLC ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY Animal Justice Party Wins in NSW and Victoria	Peggy Hailstone GRANTSCHOOL Grant Writing – 'All about the process / No trouble'
11.00am	BREAK		
11.15am	Tara Ward ANIMAL DEFENDERS OFFICE Defending animal advocates – cautionary tales from the frontline	Matthew Lynch Cancel Culture - An Open Forum	Kyle Behrend NFPs.AI The Power of AI & Automations
12.15pm	Film Screening: The Little Grey with Director Q&A	BREAK	
1.00pm	GREYHOUND PROTECTION DISCUSSION PANEL Dr Victoria Sublette (Host) Carey Theil GREY2K USA WORLDWIDE Melissa Harrison FREE THE HOUNDS Andrea Pollard COALITION FOR THE PROTECTION OF GREYHOUNDS Martina Best AMAZING GREYS Kristy Alger ANIMAL LIBERATION TASMANIA Lisa White FRIENDS OF THE HOUND	The Hon. Abigail Boyd MLC THE AUSTRALIAN GREENS Animal Cruelty Under Capitalism	Paul Bevan MAGIC VALLEY PTY LTD Cultivated Meat - The Future of Food
2.15pm	Athena ANIMAL-FREE SCIENCE ADVOCACY The Power of Story: Reframing False Narratives in Animal Exploitation Industries	Aline Duerr VEGAN INTERIOR DESIGN How vegan is your home?	Douglas Leith Animal Experimentation - How to win that debate
3.00pm	Kimberley Oxely ANIMALS AUSTRALIA The C words: Using social media to drive change for animals through compassion, connection and content	Garry Hall SHEEP ADVOCATE AUSTRALIA Sheep Crisis	
3.45pm	BREAK		
4.15pm	GROUP REVIEWS Animals Australia Australian Alliance for Animals Animal Justice Party	GROUP REVIEWS World Animal Protection GREY2K USA Worldwide Action for Dolphins	GROUP REVIEWS Sea Shepherd Australia Animal Save Movement Melbourne Hunt Saboteurs
5.15pm	WRAP UP MEETING (Event closes at 5.30pm)		

10.00AM, ROOM 1



**CHRIS DELFORCE**  
FARM TRANSPARENCY PROJECT

**Behind closed doors: forcing transparency**

**Biography:** Chris is the founding Director of animal rights organisation Farm Transparency Project, and for the last 12 years has been investigating and documenting farms, slaughterhouses and other animal exploitation industries across Australia. Chris has created two award-winning documentaries – 2014’s *Lucent* and 2018’s *Dominion* – which examine the ways animals are commercially used and abused in Australia. In 2019, Chris launched an interactive online map of thousands of factory farms and slaughterhouses across Australia, and recently spent over 9 hours hidden inside a slaughterhouse gas chamber to capture the agonising final moments of pigs.

**Presentation Summary:** Chris will talk about his organisations efforts to force transparency on an industry dependent on secrecy, through years of covert investigations and ground-breaking exposés – from the maceration of male chicks in the egg industry, to the gassing of pigs in slaughterhouses, the shooting of ex-racehorses in knackeries, and much more. He’ll share his experiences of the pushback from government and industry, and give updates on FTP’s latest campaigns, including their pledge to expose 30 slaughterhouses by the end of 2024.

10.00AM, ROOM 2



**YOUNG CHANGE-MAKERS DISCUSSION PANEL**

Join us for an insightful panel discussion on the topic of young changemakers in animal advocacy. Our session will commence with an introduction to the challenges faced by today’s youth in this arena, including climate change, eco-anxiety, compassion fatigue, and burnout. We’ll explore the pivotal role young individuals play as future leaders and highlight the inspiring efforts of those already making significant strides.

Throughout the session, our esteemed panelists will delve into a variety of pertinent topics, including their personal journeys into animal rights advocacy, overcoming obstacles as young changemakers, and their visions for the movement’s evolution over the next decade. They will also share their hopes for tangible improvements in animal welfare and offer invaluable advice for newcomers to veganism and animal rights.

Additionally, panelists will provide insights and strategies for aspiring entrepreneurs venturing into the plant-based business sphere. Finally, we’ll explore ways to encourage greater youth participation and enthusiasm in animal rights activism. Join us for a dynamic exchange of ideas and perspectives aimed at empowering the next generation of advocates.

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10.00AM, ROOM 3



**DR ELAINE ONG AM BVS<sub>c</sub>**  
VETS FOR COMPASSION

**Kangaroos on our doorsteps**

**Biography:** Elaine graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1987 with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science. Until 2021 she was the Principal Surgeon and owner of the Balwyn Central Veterinary Hospital. She is the founder and Probono CEO of Vets for Compassion, and has been a volunteer veterinarian and darter in Victoria during emergencies such as fires and floods since 2009. She volunteers daily as a macropod Darter and rescuer in Victoria, one of only 8 in Victoria who will volunteer their time to capture injured and displaced macropods. Elaine was awarded the Belle Reid Medal by the University of Melbourne in 2009 for her significant contribution towards animal welfare in her pioneering projects/volunteer work. In 2023 she was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia Medal by the Governor General of Australia (the AM) This is in recognition of her services to her pioneering animal rescue work in Victoria and New South Wales.

**Presentation Summary:** 150,000 people per annum migrate to our state each year, all as part of the Governments plan to decrease alarming labour shortages. Hence demands for housing and infrastructure has increased 10 fold. There has been large numbers of construction sites all over Melbourne in every corner. Here urbanization has clashed with kangaroo habitat. These roos pushed out onto roads, or road-locked completely, with no shelter food or water. The regular calls from Police, Council, Parks Vic, Willdife Orgs and members of the public amount to over 40 calls per week for our volunteers. The Developers and construction companies are sometimes powerless to help these roos as ecologists hired on site can only deal with small animals and flora. What is the solution?

11.15AM, ROOM 1



**WAYNE HSIUNG**  
SIMPLE HEARTS

### Making Repression Backfire

**Biography:** Wayne Hsiung is an attorney, and co-founder and Executive Director of The Simple Heart Initiative. He led teams that investigated and rescued animals from animal-abusing enterprises across the US, and organised successful campaigns to ban fur in San Francisco and California. He served as lead counsel in two "right to rescue" trials where activists were acquitted, garnering media attention from The New York Times. He is co-founder and former lead organiser of the grassroots animal rights network Direct Action Everywhere.

**Presentation Summary:** Join attorney, former law professor, and co-founder of The Simple Heart, Wayne Hsiung in discussing the strategy behind building a mass movement for open rescue, and how the criminal charges against activists have been fuel for change.

11.15AM, ROOM 2



**M.C RONEN**  
AUTHOR

### Animal Rights Activism: How I use my passion for writing to create a better future for the animals (and humans!) And what you can learn from it

**Biography:** Maya Cohen-Ronen (pen name M.C Ronen) is a New Zealand multi-award-winning vegan activist and author. She writes hard-hitting dystopian thrillers with a strong vegan message. Her books are an extension of her activism and aim to open the reader's eyes to some inconvenient truths and encourage them to make more compassionate choices in their lives. She gives a voice to those most silenced. The most recent award for her *'Liberation Trilogy'* has compared the effect of these books to that of Orwell's 1984.

**Presentation Summary:** Acknowledging that some people do not feel comfortable with various types of grassroots activism, Maya's aim is to inspire activists and activists-to-be, encouraging them to harness their skills, talents, gifts, and strengths for the animals. Maya will discuss her own journey to veganism and activism, both as a grassroots activist and as a multi-award-winning fiction author and will provide plenty of tips and advice to the aspiring creative.

11.15AM, ROOM 3



**LYNDAL CARMICHAEL**  
ANIMAL LIBERATION QLD

### Drones - how to harness the power of drones to help animals

**Biography:** Lyndal Carmichael is a Meeanjin (Brisbane) based photographer who has been a passionate animal rights activist for over a decade. Working with numerous animal rescue groups looking after and rehabilitating animals, including hundreds of greyhounds through Friends of The Hound. She provides professional photography and videography to multiple groups throughout the country. She joined the Animal Liberation Queensland (ALQ) Board of Directors in 2020 and stepped into the role of Chair in 2021.

**Presentation Summary:** Drones are emerging as invaluable allies in animal rights. They provide a unique vantage point and also provide a safer way for activists to capture footage.

In the last few years, drone footage has captured undeniable visual evidence of animal cruelty, serious environmental breaches and systematic issues within multiple types of properties. This evidence serves as a powerful tool to hold wrongdoers accountable and bring about legal action as well as public awareness.

This presentation will go over the laws, limitations and most of all, advantages. We will look at practical tips and filming techniques to get you comfortable capturing your own footage.

1.00PM, ROOM 1



## MARINE PROTECTION DISCUSSION PANEL

In a thought-provoking discussion panel focused on marine protection, our panelists will explore effective strategies for achieving goals and missions through legal avenues. The panel will delve into the significant threats facing dolphins globally, with a particular emphasis on Australia. Moreover, participants will highlight the transformative power of collaboration between groups, emphasizing the importance of unified efforts in safeguarding marine ecosystems. The discussion aims to inspire actionable solutions and foster partnerships to address pressing challenges in marine conservation.

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1.00PM, ROOM 2



**DANIEL BEECHER**  
PHOENIX LEGAL SOLUTIONS

**DAVID RISSTROM**  
BARRISTER

### Interacting with law enforcement

**Biography:** Since 2010, Daniel Beecher has been principal lawyer at Phoenix Legal Solutions, a privately funded, boutique generalist ‘animal law’ practice, based in Melbourne, Australia. In that context, since 2010 Daniel has provided legal services to many of Australia’s most prominent animal protection organisations, and to hundreds of animal activists, and has played a role in much of Victoria’s strategic litigation in ‘animal law’ matters.

Since 1997 David Risstrom has practiced as a member of the Victorian bar. His practice is focused on criminal law, public law and administrative law. In that context, David has provided counsel and representation to many activists, and has assisted many not-for-profit organisations.

**Presentation Summary:** Legal practitioners Daniel Beecher and David Risstrom will lead an informative and thought-provoking discussion on how activists can prepare for encounters with the legal system, and why it’s important to do so.

1.00PM, ROOM 3



**DEAN REES-EVANS MSc**  
THREE PRINCIPLES TRAINING & CONSULTANCY

### Accessing a peaceful mind in the face of animal suffering

**Biography:** Dean Rees-Evans MSc is a Psychological Well-Being Mentor, counselor, teacher, researcher and International Public Speaker. He has been vegan since 1990. After completing training in 2004 with the eminent Californian psychologist, the late Dr. Roger Mills, Dean has been mentoring and counseling individuals, couples, families and conducts training in schools, hospitals and business. He published his first book in 2021: *The Great Remembering: Turning the World Inside out*, and has just published his second book *Annibalism: Vegan Solutionaries Rising*.

**Presentation Summary:** One of the biggest challenges for vegans and animal activists is maintaining a peaceful mind within the context of the extensive animal suffering in the world today. If you are looking to gain more peace of mind in your life without the need for learning practices, techniques or applications, then this talk and workshop is for you. Psychological well-being and health is our birthright, and it is accessible just below the surface of our current personal thinking. Each and everyone of us has a core of mental health within us, and we are all only ever one thought away from mental health.

2.15PM, ROOM 1



**JENNA RIEDI**  
FAUNALYTICS

#### Using Research and Data in Animal Advocacy

**Biography:** Jenna Riedi is a devoted life-long animal advocate and is passionate about protecting and advancing the lives of animals around the world. She has worked and volunteered for nonprofit organizations for over 20 years, with a focus on marketing and fundraising. Jenna graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a BA in History and an MA in Library Information Sciences, from UW-Milwaukee with an MS in Nonprofit Management and Leadership, and has a masters certificate in Shelter Medicine from the University of Florida.

**Presentation Summary:** Learn the latest insights about animal protection and how to apply them to your work! At Faunalytics, we empower animal advocates with access to research, analysis, strategies, and messages that maximize their effectiveness to reduce animal suffering. Our organization conducts essential research, maintains an online research library, and directly supports advocates and organizations in their work to save lives. The range of data we offer helps our movement understand how people think about and respond to advocacy, providing advocates with the best strategies to inspire change for animals. This presentation will go over the importance of using research in your work, what kinds of research is available, and how to use research and data to create an inclusive animal rights movement.

2.15PM, ROOM 2



**ALEX VINCE**  
ANIMAL LIBERATION NSW

#### Poisons and Pesticides: An Animal Welfare Crisis

**Biography:** Alex is a dedicated abolitionist who has worked on issues ranging from the state slaughter of wildlife to the horrors inherent in intensive agribusiness. Alex has experience in the crafting and creation of laws and how they continue to fail the animals they are supposed to protect. Alex currently works with Animal Liberation and co-founded the Coalition Against 1080 Poison in 2017, a national network of organisations and individuals determined to ban 1080 across the country. He is based in Sydney where he lives with his partner, a dog named Obi, and a cat named Luci.

**Presentation Summary:** The term 'pesticide' is unique in that it is used to describe not only the substances used to kill 'pest' species, but also the theory and practice of doing so. This presentation will explore the various connotations of the terms widely used by governments and their departments during lethal wildlife management programs, exploring how these are employed not only to describe species but also as a tool through which governments vilify and demonise, thereby shaping public perception and policy decisions. This analysis will lay the foundation for a deeper discussion about the use of 1080 poison in Australia, including case studies and a critical examination of its ongoing use in its context as an animal welfare crisis. By highlighting the ecological, ethical, and animal welfare concerns associated with the use of poisons and pesticides, it will shed light on the broader implications of lethal control for conservation and environmental stewardship. Through this presentation, Alex aims to provoke thoughtful consideration of alternative management strategies that are both humane and sustainable while preserving the integrity of Australia's diverse ecosystems.

2.15PM, ROOM 3



**JESSICA COTTON**  
PLANT POWERED PR

#### How To Generate Powerful Publicity For Animal Rights Issues

**Biography:** Jessica Cotton is the Founder and Director of Powered PR. As a professionally trained journalist, Jess has over a decade's experience in both traditional and digital media. She has worked for Australia's top television broadcaster and has maintained leadership roles in both corporate communications and PR agency settings.

Jess founded Powered PR, formerly Plant Powered Press, in 2018 as a passion project. Her goal was to promote veganism to mainstream audiences, and to draw greater attention to animal rights issues. Since then, Jess has worked with world-class vegan brands and organisations, and has contributed to numerous high-profile animal rights campaigns.

**Presentation Summary:** Do you want to gain high-value publicity for a specific animal rights issue? In this session, you'll learn how to secure free mainstream media coverage, that has the power to spark debate and shape public opinion. Learn simple tips and tricks that are guaranteed to ensure your animal rights cause is covered by Australian journalists. Hear from former TV producer and trained journo, Jessica Cotton from Powered PR (formerly Plant Powered Press.) Powered PR is an ethical public relations agency that specialises in helping vegan brands and organisation to effectively share their messages with highly attentive audiences.

3.00PM, ROOM 1



**JED GOODFELLOW**  
AUSTRALIAN ALLIANCE FOR ANIMALS

**Why it's time for a #FairGoForAnimals**

**Biography:** Dr Jed Goodfellow BA/LLB (Hons), GDLP, PhD leads the Alliance's law and policy reform agenda and government relations work. He has over 20 years experience in animal welfare law, policy, and advocacy, having previously worked in senior policy, prosecutorial, and enforcement roles with the RSPCA across Australia. Jed has represented animals in courtrooms, parliamentary inquiries, standard setting forums, and regularly in the media. He played an integral role in the campaigns to end live exports and the use of battery cages. Jed developed Macquarie University's Animal Law unit in 2012 and has taught the course annually for the past 10 years. In 2015, Jed was awarded a PhD in animal welfare regulation. His research examined the role of agriculture departments in regulating animal welfare and provided an empirical and analytical basis for law reform proposals to establish new animal welfare governance models in Australia.

**Presentation Summary:** Australia's animal welfare policy system is broken. Decision-makers are plagued by conflicts of interest, and animal use industries have an unacceptable degree of influence over government. The outcome is a system that works against the interests of animals and fails to protect them from harm. The Australian Alliance for Animals has developed a reform agenda to address this problem – the #FairGoForAnimals campaign. The campaign proposes a new framework for creating a more balanced and independent animal welfare governance system in Australia. In this presentation, Dr Good will outline why the campaign was created and how it will help build a fairer Australia for all animals. Come along to learn all about the six-point #FairGoForAnimals reform framework, including why we need ministerial recognition of animal welfare, a national animal welfare commission, state/territory animal welfare authorities, sentience recognition under law and improved animal welfare standards and decision-making processes.

3.00PM, ROOM 2



**SANDRA KYLE**  
NEW ZEALAND ANIMAL ACTIVIST

**An Extraordinary Time To Be Living Through – My Story Arc**

**Biography:** Sandra has been involved in animal rights since the mid 1990s when she worked as a voluntary coordinator for Save Animals from Exploitation (SAFE). She has conducted regular weekly slaughterhouse vigils for many years, often standing alone, and for two years she was the New Zealand Country Liaison for the worldwide Save Movement. Sandra hosted an award winning animal rights radio show for four years, and in 2019 travelled to India to accept the Philip Wollen Animal Welfare Award which was presented to her by Government Minister Mrs Maneka Gandhi. Sandra has been interviewed on NZ national media a number of times about her activism, and has written many opinion editorials on animal issues. In 2018 she self-published a book calling for the closure of all slaughterhouses in New Zealand by 2025, and in 2020 was one of the international contributors to 'Vegan Voices' ed. Dr Joanne Kong). She is a founding member of the Animal Justice Party of Aotearoa New Zealand and serves on the Executive and Policy committees.

**Presentation Summary:** A week out from my 75th birthday I will talk about my long involvement in animal rights, from when I first turned vegetarian in the early 1970s, to the present day as a political candidate for the Animal Justice Party of Aotearoa New Zealand. I will talk about solitary slaughterhouse vigils (as part of the Save Movement), singing to the animals waiting to die; organising and attending AR events, demonstrations and marches; and advocating for animals by writing and blogging. I will talk about my most recent extended trip to India to work with street animals, and cover my association with the Animal Justice Party of Aotearoa New Zealand from a chat group that started a little more than a year ago, to registration in August 2023, and my standing as a candidate in the October New Zealand general election. Finally I will bring my 'story arc' to a close by predicting that, within my lifetime, we will see a vegan world.

3.00PM, ROOM 3



**EMMA MADLE**  
LIBERATION COOPERATIVE

**In Pursuit of Sustainable Activism**

**Biography:** Emma is a Perth-based animal rights activist and founder of West Australian non-profit organization Liberation Cooperative. Over the past 13 years Emma has been involved with coordinating disruptive direct action, awareness campaigns, outreach, investigations and numerous protests, rallies and marches. As an events organizer, Emma founded Perth Vegan Expo, World Vegan Day Perth and has run National Animal Rights Day (NARD) Perth for the last six years.

**Presentation Summary:** Is just doing something enough? In a climate of ex-vegans, anti-vegans and apologists how can we best advocate for animals? In this talk Emma reflects on her experience within different animal rights communities and considers how community culture can help shape success and ensure longevity.



## YOUNG CHANGE-MAKERS DISCUSSION PANEL



**MACKENZIE SEVERNS**  
ANIMAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION

**Biography:** Mackenzie has been a passionate animal advocate and environmentalist from a young age. She is on the board of the Animal Justice Foundation, and has previously run as a candidate for the Animal Justice Party. Mackenzie studied a Bachelor of Advanced Science and worked with sugarcane farmers in North Queensland for several years to reduce pollutants entering the Great Barrier Reef. After moving to Sydney, she changed focus and studied Social Media Marketing to help ethically-minded organisations have greater impact online.



**EMMA HAKANSSON**  
COLLECTIVE FASHION JUSTICE

**Biography:** Emma Hakansson is the founding director of Collective Fashion Justice (CFJ), a charity working to create a total ethics fashion system putting people, our fellow animals and the planet before profit. She is the author of books *How Veganism Can Save Us* and *Total Ethics Fashion*, and an award winning film maker, creating *Willow & Claude* and contributing to the *SLAY* documentary. With CFJ, Emma has helped to pass global legislative change, implement brand policies moving away from animal-derived materials, and more.



**SARAH QIAN**  
COMPASSION CREAMERY

**Biography:** Sarah is a chemical engineer turned management consultant and animal rights activist, dedicating the past 3 years to creating the formulation for a vegan Oat Creme Cheese without the use of typical vegan cheese ingredients such as coconut oils, starches, gums, nuts or soy.



**BAILEY MASON**  
WARRIOR FOR ANIMALS

**Biography:** Bailey Mason is a young animal rights activist who ran for the seat of Manly in Sydney for the Animal Justice Party. He is known for his involvement in thought provoking protests which have gathered mass media attention including human meat tray, forced swim tests and tanked up at Sea World. Bailey is particularly focussed on releasing NSW's last 3 captive dolphins to an Australian first sea side sanctuary. This heightened campaign to free dolphins from chlorinated tanks comes after a successful ban on importing or breeding captive dolphins in NSW.



**SPENCER HITCHEN**  
SAVE SUNRISE GLOSSIES

**Biography:** Spencer is a 12 year activist who started Save Sunrise Glossies to protect his local Wallum Ecosystem and the Vulnerable to Extinction Glossy Black-Cockatoos. Spencer utilises photography and nature observations to advocate for habitat and ecosystem protection. Through talks, creation of calendars, and initiation of World Stand UP 4 Nature Day on September 9th, 2023, Spencer aims to inspire global action for conservation and highlight individuals standing up for nature, believing collective efforts can drive meaningful change.

9.15AM, ROOM 1



**LISA RYAN**  
ANIMAL LIBERATION NSW

**Pound and Shelter Reform**

**Biography:** Involved with animal 'rights', for several decades, Lisa's experience across animal species is impressive, often including the inter-connecting issues of environment and people. Lisa's role with Animal Liberation combines her extensive project management, dispute resolution, policy and communications background to manage successful grass roots campaigns through targeted strategy, planning and collaboration.

Using her knowledge of government and political systems and the animal rights movement, Lisa navigates these arenas to power campaigns whilst holding decision-makers to account through government submissions, parliamentary questions, budget estimates hearings, media and direct-action campaigning.

**Presentation Summary:** Being killed in a pound or shelter is still the leading cause of death for companion animals in Australia. What's more, if they're old, young, unweaned, unwell, suffer a disability, or even timid, their chances of being killed increase substantially, with most not making it out alive. Pounds and shelters are either fully funded by the public or rely on public donations. In spite of this, most are not held to account for their lack of compliance and there is low transparency. They kill thousands of adoptable animals and contribute to extensive animal suffering and misery. Our totally inadequate animal welfare laws fail to protect vulnerable impounded animals and the public. Despite the availability of many evidence-based and life-saving programs designed to stop the killing and suffering, our pound and shelter system continues to actively support and enable the killing of impounded animals under a waste disposal model. There are workable solutions and it's time to hold the animal welfare authorities and government regulators to account.

9.15AM, ROOM 2



**NIKKI STEENDAM**  
BEAGLE FREEDOM AUSTRALIA

**Rehoming Animals from Research**

**Biography:** Beagle Freedom Australia officially launched in 2013, but we've been rehoming beagles and hounds since the early 2000's. We are based in Victoria, but we work Australia wide. We specialise in beagles and scent hounds retired from medical research, but help any animal that we can. Over the years we've helped several thousand animals and we advocate for better conditions and legislative changes to better their lives as often as we can. We want to see an end of the use of animals in all forms of research.

**Presentation Summary:** We'll be speaking as the co-founders of Beagle Freedom Australia, on how we started and what keeps us going. So many people think that Australia doesn't use animals for medical research and when they find out that we do, they are shocked. We were the same.

After rescuing and rehoming beagles for nearly 8 years, we got a call from someone who sat on an Animal Ethics Committee, saying they had some beagles they wanted to rehome who had come from the research facility that they worked alongside. We immediately agreed to take them in. This sparked a passion in us, and we've made it our mission to get as many of these animals out of research at the end of their time instead of letting them die there.

It goes without saying that we would love if they could stop using animals completely, but what could we possibly do to make this happen? We have the skills to find amazing homes for animals, so we thought we'd start there. It was an immediate action we could take to prevent animals from being killed needlessly.

9.15AM, ROOM 3



**AMANDA HOLLY**  
ANIMAL LIBERATION QLD

**How to run an impactful Animal Advocacy Campaign**

**Biography:** Amanda is the Campaign Manager at Animal Liberation Queensland. She is also a Content Creator for The Save Movement, and Founder/Organiser of Brisbane Animal Save. Amanda has been involved in the animal rights space for around 7 years, through which she has been involved in planning and implementing campaigns, investigative work, community organising, creating content and media engagement. Amanda is passionate about bearing witness, and centering animals in the animal protection space. Amanda was recently awarded the 2021 Animal Justice Foundation Award for Outstanding Activism in Animal Justice.

**Presentation Summary:** Through this presentation, Amanda will discuss how to plan, organise and execute an impactful and effective animal advocacy campaign, from the ground up. Through her experience in campaigns at Animal Liberation Queensland, Amanda will cover campaigning strategy, from identifying a problem, determining a solution, all the way up to launching a campaign. This presentation will cover campaign basics for small, basic campaigns, right up to major, long-running campaigns. This presentation is suitable for anyone who wants to make their activism more impactful, whether you are involved in an organisation, or as a grassroots activist.

10.00AM, ROOM 1



## CRAIG THOMSON & MICK MCINTYRE

KANGAROOS ALIVE WITH INDIGENOUS PARTNER  
"BACK TO COUNTRY"

### How to run a Kangaroo Walk and Talk Workshop

**Biography:** Mick McIntyre – Co-founder Kangaroos Alive: A global movement for the ethical treatment of kangaroos. Mick is also an award-winning filmmaker with Kangaroo: A Love-Hate story being nominated for an Oscar.

Craig Thomson – Ecologist and Pilot Program Manager Kangaroo Walks and Talks.

**Presentation Summary:** Connect your community to their local mob by running a Kangaroo Walk and Talk. People relate to the visible family structures and behaviours of kangaroos often comparing it to their own. This similarity draws connection, and therefore the want to protect and care for local kangaroo mobs. We hope to emulate the success of Whale Watching where people now see the value in appreciating whales in their environment. We have created a 'Kangaroo Walk and Talk Kit' to get interested parties started. It can be adapted to suite local environments.

The kit includes:

- Organiser tips
- Suggested Script
- Fact Sheet
- Behaviour Cards
- Yin Kangaroo Declaration
- Direction Signs
- Social Media Posts
- Brochure
- Poster

We also have a Waiver and Public Liability Insurance for those that may need permits or licences, and/or would like to charge a fee. This workshop will help get you started. We are here to support you set up your own Kangaroo Walk and Talk based on the experiences we have had with our pilot program. The pilot program has been adopted by Outdoors Victoria as part of their Nature Stewart course, school groups, and the local community.

10.00AM, ROOM 2



## THE HON. EMMA HURST MLC THE HON. GEORGIE PURCELL MLC

ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY

### Rehoming Animals from Research

**Biography:** Emma Hurst is the first female Animal Justice Party MP elected to NSW Parliament. A former psychologist, Emma has worked tirelessly for the rights of animals for many years with a background in campaigning, political lobbying, and media work. Since she was elected in March 2019, Emma has secured over \$60 million in Government funding for animal protection, mandated the 'right to release' for animals used in experimentation, outlawed convenience killing in pounds, banned the use of dolphins and whales for entertainment, increased penalties for animal cruelty, and ran Parliamentary inquiries into battery cages and the dairy industry.

Georgie Purcell is an Animal Justice Party MP, elected at the Victorian election in November 2022. A vegan and activist of over 12 years, Georgie has led key campaigns to create a kinder world for animals. Prior to her election, Georgie was the President of Oscar's Law, and successfully lobbied for legislation to stamp out puppy farming in Victoria. It was this experience that made her realise the powerful role politics and legislative reform has in achieving animal liberation. As the youngest woman in the Victorian Parliament, Georgie is passionate about making politics accessible and a place for everyone.

**Presentation Summary:** Emma Hurst and Georgie Purcell are elected MPs for the Animal Justice Party in NSW and Victoria. Their presence in state parliaments has resulted in significant wins for animals, which highlights the power and importance of having politicians representing animal interests in parliament. Emma and Georgie will each discuss some of their recent wins for animals and some of the challenges they faced, as well as answers questions about their work to achieve political change for animals.

10.00AM, ROOM 3



## PEGGY HAILSTONE

GRANTSCHOOL

### Grant Writing - "All about the process / No trouble"

**Biography:** Peggy Hailstone is a multi-skilled writer and third-sector business development specialist. Over 15 years she's supported charities with revenue ranging from \$70K to \$700M; securing hundreds of thousands of dollars for individual organisations and millions in total. Peggy is author and creator of GrantSchool, an online e-learning coaching program that teaches NFPs how to source and secure grant funding in a systematic and non-stressful way. While popstar Meghan Trainor may be 'all about the bass / no treble', Peggy is all about the process / no trouble

**Presentation Summary:** Regardless of organization size grant funding presents non-profits with an opportunity for innovation, expansion, modernization, advancement, development, capacity building, and mission fulfillment. Yet sourcing and securing grant funding causes an untold amount of trouble, angst, and disappointment. Where do you start? Which funder do you approach? Which grant round should you apply in? What type of funding should you go for? Where do you get the needed information? How much should you ask for? Why have your last five applications failed? Avoiding grant trouble is ultimately about implementing a replicable process. In 'All about the process / No trouble' Peggy will walk you through the 7-step GrantSchool process – upskilling you and your charity to pursue grants in a planned, strategized, and coherent manner. If you're interested in securing grant funding for your organization in a streamlined, skillful and stress-free way do not miss this practical presentation.

11.15AM, ROOM 1



**TARA WARD**  
ANIMAL DEFENDERS OFFICE

**Defending animal advocates – cautionary tales from the frontline**

**Biography:** Tara Ward is the co-founder of the Animal Defenders Office (ADO), an accredited volunteer-run community legal centre that operates nationally from a small office in the Australian Capital Territory. Tara has been the Principal Lawyer for the ADO since 2019. She also teaches Animal Law at the University of New South Wales and is an animal welfare category member on a university's animal ethics committee. Tara co-founded and was a volunteer event manager for the Living Green Festival, Canberra's first 100% vegan festival that ran from 2011 to 2019.

**Presentation Summary:** The Animal Defenders Office (ADO) is a volunteer-run community legal centre that uses the law to protect animals and their defenders. The ADO's co-founder and volunteer Principal Lawyer, Tara Ward, will give an update on recent ADO cases involving animal advocates and activists. From ag-gag and animal rescue to cubes of truth and defamation, these cases provide useful insights and lessons for those speaking out about or taking action in defence of animals.

11.15AM, ROOM 2



**MATTHEW LYNCH**

**Cancel Culture - An Open Forum**

**Biography:** For over a decade, Matthew has been deeply engaged as a prominent animal activist, dedicating 12 years to championing their rights. Serving as an Assistant Producer and Primary Investigator for Dominion, Matthew has delved into the heart of animal welfare issues with unwavering commitment. His extensive experience spans across various organisations, including pivotal roles as the Strategic Director at Aussie Farms, and contributions to Animals Australia, ALV, PETA, and as a Deck Crew member for Sea Shepherd. Additionally, Matthew has presented at two Animal Activist Forums, participated in two marches advocating for the closure of all slaughterhouses, spoken at Vegan Campout, and led the charge at the Dominion March, alongside hosting numerous Dominion Screenings, all in pursuit of a world where animals are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

**Presentation Summary:** I'm scared that the voice that we need is being extinguished quicker than we can create more because we are silencing activists internally at a faster rate than we are creating new ones. We all want change. We all want a safer and more inclusive world. I really struggle with the idea that cancelling people with a different opinion to ours is the best we can do. Surely there is a better solution than brushing people we disagree with under the carpet. I know we have a problem and my main goal is to try and help foster a safe environment for people discuss this and other topics without having the fear of being rejected from their friends and community.

11.15AM, ROOM 3



**KYLE BEHREND**  
NFPs.AI

**The power of AI and Automations**

**Biography:** Kyle Behrend integrates AI, automations and systems to reduce cost and amplify impact. Born in South Africa his journey led to Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary in Australia, serving roles from animal care to Operations Manager for 13 years. Kyle honed skills in communication, finance, and IT. Founder of NFPs.AI, he's passionate about equipping non-profits with AI tools and automations for efficiency and innovation.

**Presentation Summary:** In this presentation, we'll dive into the transformative power of technology for nonprofits. By integrating systems, automation, and AI, organisations can significantly streamline resources, minimise operational expenses, and magnify their impact. The potential is vast; never before has a technology offered such rich opportunities, especially for nonprofits often restricted by expertise or financial barriers.

We will showcase real-world solutions that can be seamlessly implemented in your nonprofit. Moreover, we'll highlight the importance of nurturing and empowering your staff and volunteers, empowering them with the knowledge to harness these tools effectively, and further amplifying your organisations impact.

1.00PM, ROOM 1



## GREYHOUND PROTECTION DISCUSSION PANEL

In this dynamic panel on greyhound welfare, experts and advocates will delve into pressing concerns. Topics include the rehoming crisis and the ethics of greyhound exports. Looking forward, discussions will focus on leveraging upcoming elections to advocate for policies safeguarding greyhound welfare. Emphasizing national-level advocacy, participants will stress collaboration and strategic initiatives. The panel aims to emphasize urgency and the importance of collective action in ensuring a brighter future for greyhounds worldwide.

See page 17 for full speaker information

1.00PM, ROOM 2



## THE HON. ABIGAIL BOYD MLC

THE AUSTRALIAN GREENS

### Animal Cruelty under Capitalism

**Biography:** Abigail is a Greens MP in the NSW Legislative Council. Abigail's areas of policy interest include economic inequality, animal welfare, workers' rights, the prevention of gendered violence and disability. She has long advocated for an end to greyhound racing, a ban on puppy farms, the outlawing of animal medical testing and the introduction of an independent animal welfare regulator in NSW. She currently lives in Terrigal on the Central Coast with her partner, her two children and her two demanding but admittedly pretty cute dogs.

**Presentation Summary:** Exploitation is the foundation of capitalism. It is an inherently cruel system that inflicts suffering on humans and animals alike. Capitalism not only overlooks animal cruelty but actively encourages it – the more cruel you are, the further up the food chain you rise. We will be powerless to combat animal cruelty in all its forms until we understand and confront the role that capitalism plays in how and why that cruelty occurs. Our fight for animal justice begins with the fight to remove the profit motive from animal agriculture, medical research, entertainment, and the companion animal industries. This session will unpick the capitalist impact on our animal welfare laws and hear about the campaign to establish an independent office of animal welfare in NSW.

1.00PM, ROOM 3



## PAUL BEVAN

MAGIC VALLEY PTY LTD

### Cultivated Meat - The Future of Food

**Biography:** Magic Valley CEO, Paul Bevan is a visionary leader championing the cultivation of ethical and sustainable meat products. With an extensive background in business and finance, Paul is dedicated to ending animal suffering in food production. Under his guidance, Magic Valley has pioneered advances in producing meat directly from cells, offering a cruelty-free alternative to traditional meat. Paul's commitment to animal rights and environmental sustainability has positioned him as a key influencer in shaping the future of ethical food consumption.

**Presentation Summary:** Paul will offer an insightful perspective on the future of food production. He will discuss how cultivated meat, created through advanced biotechnology from animal cells, presents a sustainable and ethical alternative to traditional meat. The presentation will emphasize the pivotal role this innovation plays in ending animal suffering, drastically reducing the environmental impact, and paving the way for a more ethical food system. Paul will also present Magic Valley's latest insights and provide an update on the state of the cultivated meat industry globally.

2.15PM, ROOM 1



**ATHENA**

ANIMAL-FREE SCIENCE ADVOCACY

**The Power of Story: Reframing False Narratives in Animal Exploitation Industries**

**Presentation Summary:** In this presentation, HRA’s Campaigns and Marketing Manager Athena will explain how to overcome common barriers, stereotypes and myths held by the general public in relation to animal experimentation. Learn how you can use the power of narrative to tap into shared universal values and change people’s perspective on animal experimentation. These concepts are not only applicable for animal experimentation but can be applied to any other area of animal advocacy. They originate from award-winning comms expert Anat Shenker Osorio. Learn concepts about narrative reframing that you can apply directly to your own campaigns, comms and marketing, along with links to learn more, which you can download at the end of the session.

2.15PM, ROOM 2



**ALINE DUERR**

VEGAN INTERIOR DESIGN

**How vegan is your home?**

**Biography:** In 2018, Aline’s love for animals and the birth of her daughter led her to adopt a vegan lifestyle. Feeling disconnected with her career, Aline decided to stop promoting the use of any product or material derived from animals or based on animal cruelty. She organised public events to raise funds for local animal rescues and to promote cruelty-free and vegan events to non-vegans. Aline rebranded her interior design studio to Vegan Interior Design and created an educational platform teaching international interior design students and established interior design businesses about how to include a fast growing conscious and vegan market into their customer base. To complement her online courses, Aline published a book called ‘Vegan Interior Design’ which has been an international success since its launch in 2020. The pivot from a small face-to-face service-based company to an educational platform enabled her to reach a much larger audience and create an incredible network and community within a very short time.

**Presentation Summary:** Do you know if the production of your wall paint caused pain to animals? Do you know why towels are not vegan? Do you think that ‘interior design’ is only something for people with lots of money? I will explain what vegan interior design is exactly, why it matters much more than most vegans realise, where animal products most likely still hide in people’s places without them knowing and how vegan design can easily be implemented for a healthy, cruelty-free and sustainable lifestyle anywhere – at no extra cost and with no compromises in quality and luxury. I will also point out where action is required in order to catch up with the vegan food and fashion movements and what we can all do on an individual basis to create change in the furniture and home products industry.

2.15PM, ROOM 3



**DOUGLAS LEITH**

**Animal Experimentation - How to win that debate**

**Biography:** Doug has been involved with animal rights for over 30 years now, a journey which started with seeing film of vivisection. While this led to actions against all forms of animal abuse, vivisection has remained his primary focus and he has organised demonstrations, spoken at this and other forums and universities. He cycled to Adelaide to raise funds for animals in laboratories and contributes to several groups. He is a member of Mensa with a B.A. in philosophy but prefers to use the scientific/human health argument on this subject as it directly challenges the basis of animal experiments.

**Presentation Summary:** This should be around 150 words (Please provide one or two text paragraphs, NOT bullet points. This text will be pasted directly to our website and into marketing media): Animal experimentation/vivisection has for many years been an issue many activists and vegans shy away from, unsure of what to say when confronted with questions such as “If killing a rat would save you/family member would you save the rat and let your kid die?” or similar. Even an answer of “Yes I would” is counterproductive, cementing the claim in the public mind that animal experiments save humans.

Pleasingly, the evidence shows the opposite; animal experiments are failing across the board from product testing to cancer research and everything between. Via evidence we can concisely destroy pro vivisection claims. Combined with images of vivisection this provides a complete argument (images will not be shown here). If you would like to see that evidence and how to present it this presentation should edify and encourage you.

3.00PM, ROOM 1



**KIMBERLEY OXLEY**  
ANIMALS AUSTRALIA

**The C words:** Using social media to drive change for animals through compassion, connection and content

**Biography:** Kimberley has been advocating for animals for more than twenty-five years and is passionate about harnessing the power of social media to energise, empower and inform – and ultimately change the world for animals. She has been working with Animals Australia for eight years, using strategic content and communications to build the largest charity social media following in Australia.

**Presentation Summary:** In today's digital age, social media can sometimes be a challenging platform to navigate. However, it's imperative to acknowledge the undeniable influence and potential it holds, whether for the better or worse. In this enlightening session, we will delve into the transformative power of social media, with a clear emphasis on the former. We'll explore the art of leveraging social media to shape perspectives and drive change for animals, drawing from a wealth of tried-and-tested strategies and tactics I've cultivated during my years as a dedicated animal advocate. By the end of this session, attendees will gain practical insights and actionable steps that they can readily integrate into their own animal advocacy efforts, paving the way for a brighter future for animals.

3.00PM, ROOM 2



**GARRY HALL**  
SHEEP ADVOCATE AUSTRALIA

**Sheep Crisis**

**Biography:** Solely advocating for sheep is a culmination of many years in the political space. Living in regional Victoria and regularly passing through sheep breeding heartland has given me intensive documented knowledge. I've passionately lived animal rights for over 8 years and in that time rescued many animals. My keen eye in observing farming practices and the knowledge animal welfare fails Sheep has brought me to this point. Following a dream to make their lives better whilst underpinning truth telling and the need to educate a nation on barbaric practices. In truth, Sheep are stoic loveable beings, touching my heart deeply, establishing a clear and precise path.

**Presentation Summary:** Sheep Advocate Australia will draw focus on three key campaigns (launching in Jan 24), whilst our main role is to shine a light on the misleading welfare systems, raise issues with the evolution of exploitation - document its failings, and expose to all elected parliamentarians.

Campaign topics;

- "Fit for Transport" and the rampant disregard for pregnant animals transported and going to slaughter.
- The devilish practice of multiple birthing and the acceptable loss figures associated with reckless breeding.
- Pain relief and the industry lies surrounding the drug Tri-Solfen.

Finalising; no talk on Sheep would be complete with an uplifting story about their resilient nature and extreme love for life.

## MARINE PROTECTION DISCUSSION PANEL



**ANGELA BANOVIC**  
CAPTAIN PAUL WATSON FOUNDATION

**Biography:** Angela has been a vegan animal rights activist for over 10 years. She is the Founder of Dolphin Freedom Fighters which sees her protesting and campaigning against Sea World monthly. Angela is the QLD / Northern NSW Coordinator for the Captain Paul Watson Foundation.



**ANDRE BORELL**  
NETS OUT NOW

**Biography:** Andre became actively involved in Animal Rights through his first documentaries film Envoy: Shark Cull, a Discovery+ Original and showing on Stan. The created waves in Australia and overseas regarding the horrific culling of sharks and other marine animals off the East Coast of Australia, all for a false sense of safety. Since then Andre's advocacy work has expanded beyond just the ocean, in line with his passion for animals and our natural environment.



**HAANS SIVER**  
CAPTAIN PAUL WATSON FOUNDATION

**Biography:** Witnessing dolphin slaughter on YouTube transformed her, igniting a lifelong passion for animal welfare and ocean conservation. Over 12 years, Haans dedicated herself to marine activism, from volunteering to becoming Chief Officer of vessels like the M/V Ocean Warrior. She navigated challenges like managing the M/Y Steve Irwin, participated in historic sea chases, and fought against threats like the Mexican Cartel's impact on Vaquita porpoises. Her journey, marked by sacrifices and triumphs, culminated in leading the Captain Paul Watson Foundation Australia, inspiring others to protect Earth's oceans.



**HANNAH TAIT**  
ACTION FOR DOLPHINS

**Biography:** Hannah has worked with Action for Dolphins since 2017 championing animal rights reform in the international and national press and to the legislative chambers of the NSW Parliament. Hannah holds a Master of Global Media Communications from the University of Melbourne and a Bachelor of International and Global Studies from the University of Sydney.



**MARINA DEBRIS**  
ARTIVIST

**Biography:** Australian based artist Marina DeBris has been picking up trash along beaches for over twenty years. She began when she moved from Bondi Beach to Venice Beach, CA. Trained as a graphic designer at Rhode Island School of Design, Marina's interest in the intersection of art and the environment has been a constant to provoke viewers into thinking about the consequences of our habits and how to change them, and to get rid of the garbage in her garage!



**STEVE MORALEE**  
NSW FISH SAVE

**Biography:** Steve Moralee has been an animal rights activist for close to 20 years, volunteering with a number of organisations along the way, and is currently the Oceania Regional Liaison for the Save Movement. As an avid surfer, diver and ocean swimmer, Steve is a lead organiser with NSW Fish Save, turning his passions into activism to promote the desperate need to protect the world's wonderful marine life.



## GREYHOUND PROTECTION DISCUSSION PANEL



**DR VICTORIA SUBLETTE**  
COALITION FOR THE PROTECTION OF GREYHOUNDS

**Biography:** Victoria adopted two rescued greyhounds 13 years ago to give them a better life. Since then, she has embarked on a journey of animal activism, with a vision to shut down greyhound racing by raising public awareness through volunteer work, speaking, protesting, and leading the Bribie Island Rescued Greyhound walks. Victoria is a learning and development professional who promotes a healthy vegan lifestyle and lives on Bribie Island with her very spoiled and well-loved rescued greyhounds: Suki, Sophia and Newton.



**CAREY THEIL**  
GREY2K USA WORLDWIDE

**Biography:** Since co-founding GREY2K USA Worldwide in 2001, Carey has been sourced in hundreds of news articles about greyhound racing, and has authored guest columns about the industry published by dozens of media outlets. He has extensive legislative experience, and has testified in favor of stronger greyhound protection laws before legislative committees in Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Oregon. In his free time, Carey volunteers for various non-profit organizations and is a National Master in chess.



**MELISSA HARRISON**  
FREE THE HOUNDS

**Biography:** When I rescued my first greyhound about five years ago I began looking into racing. Since then I have been volunteering as Treasurer for a rescue and President of Free the Hounds. We raise awareness of the cruelty of this sport in VA and work with politicians, rescues and other stakeholders involved with these dogs. Our main focus is to end greyhound racing and educate the public about the significant negative impacts around animal welfare and problem gambling.



**ANDREA POLLARD**  
COALITION FOR THE PROTECTION OF GREYHOUNDS

**Biography:** Andrea Pollard lives in Perth and has been involved in greyhound advocacy since 2016. She is the President of Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds and former Treasurer of Free the Hounds. A lifelong animal lover, Andrea enjoys the companionship of three cats and two greyhounds, including Canidrome survivor Hope. She has recently led a joint campaign with Free the Hounds to end greyhound exports and as a politically minded activist works closely with supportive lawmakers to improve welfare outcomes for greyhounds.



**MARTINA BEST**  
AMAZING GREYS

**Biography:** Amazing Greys rescues, rehabilitates and re-homes greyhounds and greyhound x breeds. The organisation was founded by Martina Best in 2011 and has helped more than a thousand greyhounds live their best lives. We are an independent, volunteer run organisation which opposes greyhound racing. In addition to our rescue work, we advocate for kind and responsible dog guardianship and promote positive reinforcement training for all animals. We also offer dog training and behaviour support to help all dogs who need help to live in our human centric world successfully.



**KRISTY ALGER**  
ANIMAL LIBERATION TASMANIA

**Biography:** Kristy Alger is spokesperson for Animal Liberation Tasmania, leading the Defund Tasracing campaign. She has spoken at events including both Dominion Marches and Vegan Festival Adelaide, and most recently at the Farm Transparency Project Big Pig Vigil at Diamond Valley Pork. Kristy has been arrested five times in defence of forests and animals, viewing acts of civil disobedience as pivotal to achieving animal liberation. Greyhound advocacy has always been a part of Animal Liberation Tasmania's scope, intensifying this year with the footage releases that so far have seen one trainer disqualified for life, two exposed, as well as exposing the truth of private rehoming if greyhounds in Tasmania.



**LISA WHITE**  
FRIENDS OF THE HOUND INC

**Biography:** Lisa White is the Founder and President of Friends of the Hound, a rescue charity dedicated to Greyhound welfare and adoption. Since 2003 Friends of the Hound has been saving Greyhounds and finding suitable homes for them as family companions throughout NSW and QLD, and raising public awareness and empathy for the breed as beautiful, desirable dogs. From the outset, Lisa and FOTH have advocated for an end to dog racing and its harrowing cycle of cruelty and wastage.



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