

ANIMAL RIGHTS FORUM 2026 SYDNEY MASONIC CENTRE

Saturday 21st February				
Time	ROOM 1 (GRAND LODGE)	ROOM 2 (TUSCAN ROOM)	ROOM 3 (CORINTHIAN ROOM)	EXPO ROOM (BANQUET HALL)
8:30 - 9:00	Registration			
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome			
9:30 - 10:30	Kim Oxley & Kelly Dinham; Animals Australia - Tiny Team, Big Impact: Practical TikTok & Visual Storytelling for Animal Advocates	Aleesha Simoncini A Roadmap Towards a Kinder Future for Cows, Other Animals, People, and the Planet	James Lane - Animals and Ethical Theory	Discussion Circle: April Broadbent - "Abolition, welfare and everything in between"
10:30 - 10:45	Break			
10:45 - 11:45	Greyhounds Unleashed: Voices Against Racing (Panel) Dr Victoria Sublette, Elliot Fox, Carey Theil, Fran Chambers, Melissa Harrison, Lisa White, Amy McMahon	Sam Tucker-Davis; Open Paws - Liberation at Scale: How AI Agents Can 10x Our Impact	Gary Hall; Sheep Advocate Australia - Single Species Advocacy - Strategic Focus	
11:45 - 12:30	Break, lunch tickets sold seperately			
12:30 - 13:45	Hon Emma Hurst & Hon Amanda Dorn; Animal Justice Party - Animal Justice Party wins in NSW & WA	Professor Andrew Knight - Vegan Pet Food: A New Diet Change Frontier	Elio Celotto; Coalition For the Protection of Racehorses - Horseracing - how long can it survive?	
13:45 - 14:30	Daniel Beecher; Phoenix Legal Solutions - Interacting with Law Enforcement	Jed Goodfellow; Australian Alliance for Animals - Institutionalising animal representation. National progress towards independent offices of animal protection	Mackenzie Cross; Total Ethics Media and Marketing - Social Media for Animal Advocacy	
14:30 - 14:45	Break			
14:45 - 15:45	Group Reviews Review: Australian Earth Laws Alliance (recorded) Beagle Freedom Australia Voiceless	Group Reviews World League For The Protection of Animals Four Paws GREY2K USA Worldwide	Group Reviews Australian Alliance For Animals Sea Shepherd Lucy's Project	Discussion Circle: Clare Mann - "Activist Disagreements"
15:45 - 16:00	Break			
16:00 - 17:00		Professor Andrew Knight - Animal Welfare Careers	Saul Deane; Total Environment Centre/Save Sydney Koalas - You - Koala	Discussion Circle: Angie Stephenson & Sarah Qian - Opposition to JBS
17:00 - 18:00	Animal Justice Awards 2026			
18:00 - 21:00	Canapé Social Evening (Tickets sold seperately)			

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Sunday 22nd February				
Time	ROOM 1 (GRAND LODGE)	ROOM 2 (TUSCAN ROOM)	ROOM 3 (CORINTHIAN ROOM)	EXPO ROOM (BANQUET HALL)
8:30 - 9:00	Registration			
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome			
9:15 - 10:00	Ayanthi DeSilva & Ric Allport - Guarding the Flame: Resilience and Renewal for Animal Advocates	Louise Ward; Four Paws - Shutting down the global fur trade and ending the import and sale of fur in AU	Glynn Jarrett - Unravelling The Hidden Struggles Of The Animal Welfare Volunteer Organisations	Discussion Circle: Dave Kendall - "Climate Change and Motivating for Change"
10:00 - 11:00	United for Change: A Collective Vision for Health, the Planet, and Animals (Panel) - Clare Mann, Amy Leahy, Kate Grigg, and Dave Kendall.	Lynda Stoner; Animal Liberation - 50 years of Animal Liberation	Bailey Mason - Stop Dolphin Captivity	
11:00 - 11:15	Break			
11:15 - 12:30	Anti Vivisection Discussion (Panel) Doug Leith, Flavia Coleman, Professor Andrew Knight, Rachel Smith, Dr Kevin Coleman	Dr Rachel Lamarche-Beauchesne - Fashion, Animals and the Ethics of What We Wear	Kyle Behrend; AI Impact Hub - AI for Animal Advocates: Practical Tools, More Impact	Discussion Circle: Matthew Lynch - "Cancel Culture"
12:30 - 13:15	Robyn Kirby; Animal-Free Science Advocacy - Trapped by Outdated Guidelines: Ending Primate Suffering in Australia's Laboratories	Kristie Newton; Sea Shepherd - One Ocean, One goal. How organisations can work together to create change	Glenys Oogjes; Animals Australia - 45 Years, one goal: ending the battery cage for good.	
13:15 - 14:00	Break, lunch tickets sold seperately			
14:00 - 15:00	Street Activism Discussion (Panel) Mark Berriman, Susan Sorensen, Molly Freemore, Sooraj Prakash, Pawel Zawislak	Paul Bevan; Magic Valley - Myths vs Reality: Cultivated Meats	Dr Kevin Coleman; Sydney Save Animals in Laboratories - No End to Monkey Business: Xenotransplantation on Our Doorstep	Discussion Circle: Clare Mann - "Activist Thriving"
15:00 - 15:45	Mick McIntyre & Craig Thomson; Kangaroos Alive. How to run a Kangaroo Walk and Talk, and Kangaroos Alive campaign updates	Amy Amelia; Vegan of Aus - Activism and Algorithms: Using social media as a tool for change	Suzanne Pope; South Aussies for Animals - Bow hunting: the hidden cruelty	Discussion Circle: Matthew Lynch - "Vegan Responses to Cultivated Meats"
15:45 - 16:45	Group Reviews: Animal Justice Foundation/Vegan Compass Podcast Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds Animal Justice Party NSW	Group Reviews: Elliott Fox Art Advocacy Vegan Action Global Humane World For Animals	Group Reviews: Free The Hounds NSW Cat Protection Society Envoy Foundation	Discussion Circle: Doug Leith - "Difficulties with Discussing Vivisection"
16:45 - 18:00	EVERYONE to Expo Room for 2026 Relax, Raffle & Wrap Up Celebration.			