DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026

0900 - 1000	**Welcome + setting the scene, Chaired by Adrian Caneris**			
0905 - 0920	Welcome, housekeeping and Conservancy update	Adrian Caneris, Glossy Black Conservancy	Adrian Caneris is President and a founding member of the Glossy Black Conservancy, which he helped establish in 2005 to bring together organisations and individuals working to protect Glossy Black-Cockatoos. He is also on the board of the Wildlife Land Fund and a past president of Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland. He's Managing Director and Senior Principal Wildlife Specialist at BAAM Ecological Consultants, with more than 40 years' experience in wildlife research, ecological assessment and biodiversity management. Adrian is a passionate conservationist, supporting grassroots community groups and striving to improve policy and management approaches to protect threatened species.	The Glossy Black Conservancy was formed in 2005 by a group of Council staff, ecologists and researchers focussed on reducing threats to the species and working together to improve policy and planning. In recent years the Conservancy has taken on a national role in supporting grassroots conservation groups and citizen scientists to participate in conservation activities. The Conservancy drove and led the development of a draft Recovery Plan, runs the national Great Glossy Count and collaborates with researchers, agencies and community groups to amplify recovery actions on the ground. Adrian will provide a brief overview of the Conservancy's impact, explain its funding model and encourage people to participate in actions at a local, regional and national scale.
0920 - 0950	Recovery Plan update	Daniella Teixeira (Conservancy) + Australian Government Recovery Planning team	Dr Daniella Teixeira is a conservation biologist and Research Fellow at Queensland University of Technology (QUT), specialising in threatened species conservation and acoustic monitoring. Her research includes developing monitoring techniques for Glossy Black-Cockatoos and other threatened birds. A member of the Glossy Black Conservancy since 2016, Daniella chairs the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo Recovery Team and has contributed to national recovery planning, conservation guidelines and monitoring programs across several states.	The Recovery Team for the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo was formed in 2024 immediately after the first National Forum on Glossy Conservation. Dani will provide insights into the processes that the Recovery Team used to develop the draft Recovery Plan for its submission to government. The Australian Government's Recovery Planning unit will then help people understand the process the Recovery Plan must go through prior to being approved by the relevant Minister and adopted as well as opportunities for people to provide comment and have input prior to its finalisation.
1000 - 1145	**State of the Glossies: what do we know now? Chaired by Adrian Caneris**			
1005 - 1030	Carrying capacity	Matt Cameron, NSW Department Climate Change, Environment, Water	Dr Matt Cameron is a threatened species ecologist with the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and a member of the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo Recovery Team. He completed his PhD in 2004, researching the foraging ecology and breeding biology of Glossy Black-Cockatoos in central NSW. His research has examined the relationships between food availability, breeding success and nesting habitat, contributing to our understanding of the species' ecological requirements and conservation needs.	How many Glossy Black-Cockatoos can a landscape support, and what factors limit their populations? Research into Glossy feeding ecology and habitat carrying capacity examines the relationship between she-oak food resources and the number of birds a landscape can sustain. Recent NSW assessments have highlighted substantial differences between estimated carrying capacity and likely population numbers, raising important questions about food availability, habitat quality and other factors influencing Glossy populations.
1030 - 1100	Occupancy modelling	Daniella Teixeira (Conservancy, QUT) and Guy Castley, Conservancy, Griffith University	Dr Daniella Teixeira is a conservation biologist and Research Fellow at Queensland University of Technology (QUT), specialising in threatened species conservation and acoustic monitoring. Her research includes developing monitoring techniques for Glossy Black-Cockatoos and other threatened birds. A member of the Glossy Black Conservancy since 2016, Daniella chairs the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo Recovery Team and has contributed to national recovery planning, conservation guidelines and monitoring programs across several states. Associate Professor Guy Castley is a terrestrial ecologist at Griffith University with more than 30 years' experience in wildlife research and conservation. His work spans threatened species management, landscape and urban ecology, citizen science and community-based conservation. Guy has a long association with the Glossy Black Conservancy and community groups working to monitor and protect Glossy Black-Cockatoos across south-east Queensland.	Understanding where Glossy Black-Cockatoos occur and how they use the landscape is critical to their conservation, particularly following the extensive habitat impacts of the 2019–20 bushfires. This research uses acoustic monitoring and habitat data collected across more than 100 sites in south-east Queensland to investigate Glossy occupancy and the factors influencing habitat use. The project also explores how automated call recognition can improve detection of this elusive species and support more effective monitoring and conservation planning.
1100 - 1125	Genetic diversity, population genetic structure and historical distribution	Anna Kearns, CSIRO	Anna Kearns is a Team Leader with the Australian National Wildlife Collection and Research Scientist with CSIRO's National Biodiversity DNA Library.	Anna will present findings from the paper Genetic diversity, population genetic structure and comments on the historical distribution of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo Calyptorhynchus lathami.
1125 - 1145	Q&A			
1230 - 1430	**Habitat: understanding, protecting and restoring. Chaired by Jedd Appleton**			
1230 - 1255	Statewide NSW habitat mapping	Liz Gould (Conservancy, Connect 4 Conservation)	Liz Gould is a conservation biologist with 35 years' experience working with threatened species in eastern Australia. She specialises in translating science and policy into practical conservation outcomes, including habitat mapping, recovery planning and landscape connectivity. Liz is a founding member of the Glossy Black Conservancy and President of Kholo Creek Catchment Group.	This project produced the first statewide habitat map for the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo in NSW. Drawing on citizen science, research data and expert knowledge, the team assessed she-oak species, vegetation communities and Glossy foraging, nesting and drinking records. The resulting maps provide a strategic tool to guide habitat protection, restoration and recovery, highlighting the value of coordinated landscape-scale conservation.
1255 - 1320	Modelling SE GBC feeding habitat in East Gippsland	Gay Crowley (Adelaide University) and Belinda Rossack (Victorian Department of DEECA)	Gay Crowley is a conservation biologist specialising in threatened bird habitat. She began working with Glossies on Kangaroo Island in 1996 and is particularly interested in how they select feeding trees and how geology and soils influence food quality. Belinda Rossack has worked in government environmental management for more than 25 years, including habitat mapping, fire ecology and threatened species monitoring.	This presentation will examine modelling of South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo feeding habitat in East Gippsland, Victoria.

1320 - 1330	Priority areas for Glossy conservation and tree planting	Pamela Fallow (Birdlife Australia)	Dr Pamela Fallow is an ecologist who leads BirdLife Australia's Priority Threatened Birds Team, working to recover some of Australia's most threatened terrestrial birds. She previously coordinated BirdLife's bushfire recovery work for South-eastern Glossies, including the Great Glossy Count pilot, the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo Working Group and the Glossy Project – Coffs Coast.	BirdLife Australia has developed a short guide, Priority areas for Glossy Black-Cockatoo Conservation and Tree Planting, to support efforts to protect and create habitat for Glossies on the Coffs Coast of NSW. Further detail about the guide and its recommendations is required.
1330 - 1400	Habitat creation and regeneration for Glossies	Fiona McCuaig (Walawaani Way Conservation Burial)	Fiona McCuaig is the founder of Walawaani Way Conservation Burial on the NSW South Coast. With a background in property and environmental conservation, she established Australia's first fully natural conservation burial ground. The 18-hectare property aims to provide habitat for Glossy Black-Cockatoos, koalas and lyrebirds while promoting conservation burial as an alternative to conventional burial practices.	Walawaani Way Conservation Burial is an 18-hectare conservation burial ground at Bodalla on the NSW South Coast. Glossy Black-Cockatoos are a key focus of the property's habitat creation and regeneration work, including the planting of 280 Allocasuarina littoralis trees. Fiona will share the property's approach to creating habitat for Glossies through conservation burial and regeneration.
1400 - 1430	Q&A			
1500 - 1700	**Fire: managing habitat, risk and recovery. Chaired by Daniella Teixeira**			
1500 - 1515	Setting the scene: Fire management and Glossy Black-Cockatoo habitat: Recovery Team perspectives	Gay Crowley	Gay Crowley is a conservation biologist specialising in threatened bird habitat. She began working with Glossies on Kangaroo Island in 1996 and is particularly interested in feeding-tree selection and the influence of geology and soils on food quality.	This presentation summarises the Recovery Team's discussions on fire management, including the role of fire in maintaining Glossy habitat, the need to protect remaining habitat from further fire following extensive burning, and circumstances where fire may be needed to rejuvenate Allocasuarina torulosa in south-east Queensland.
1515 - 1535	Effects of low-intensity planned burning on Glossy food resources	Belinda Rossack (DEECA, Victoria)	Belinda Rossack is a Landscape Evaluator with Victoria's Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action. She has more than 25 years' experience in government environmental management, spanning fieldwork, mapping, monitoring and evaluation. Her recent work includes mapping she-oak habitat, investigating fire effects on Glossy food resources and using acoustic monitoring to study Glossy populations.	How does low-intensity planned burning affect Glossy Black-Cockatoo food resources? In East Gippsland, DEECA monitored 73 Black Sheoak trees before and after low-severity planned burns, recording cone abundance, age and status alongside scorch and char heights. Initial results showed differences in the proportion of closed cones remaining at different canopy heights. Further monitoring is planned to improve understanding of fire effects on this critical food resource.
1535 - 1555	Fire regimes and Glossy food-tree ecology	Felicity Charles (University Queensland)	Dr Felicity Charles completed her PhD at the University of Queensland in 2025, investigating how changing fire regimes influence fire-dependent plant–animal interactions. Her research focused on Glossy Black-Cockatoos and their reliance on she-oak food resources. She now works on a UQ fire management experiment examining wildfire risk reduction and biodiversity outcomes through botanical surveys and prescribed and ecological burns.	Fire plays an important role in shaping plant–animal interactions, but changing fire regimes can threaten biodiversity. This research examined how fire history influences germination, seed traits, reproductive output and population structure in Allocasuarina littoralis and A. torulosa. Fire cues did not increase germination rates in either species, although seed weight influenced germination. The findings contribute to understanding how fire management may affect the food trees on which Glossies depend.
1555 - 1615	Controlled burns during peak Glossy breeding season	Kim Morris (Bushland Conservation Management)	Kim Morris is an active member of the Glossy Black Conservancy and a director of ecological consulting company Bushland Conservation Management. She's been a driver of the Conservancy's Listening for Glossies project in the Gympie region.	Kim will speak about her observations from the field: what the Listening for Glossies project in the Gympie region has shown about controlled burns during peak Glossy Black-Cockatoo breeding season.
1615 - 1635	Fire impacts and recovery on Kangaroo Island	Karleah Berris (SA Kangaroo Island Landscapes Board) and Trish Mooney	Dr Karleah Berris is Team Leader of the Biodiversity Unit at the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board and a member of the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo Recovery Team. A conservation biologist with a PhD in Biological Sciences, she has worked on the Kangaroo Island Glossy Black-Cockatoo Recovery Program for more than a decade. Her work includes population monitoring, nest protection, habitat restoration and research to improve conservation outcomes, including recovery efforts following the devastating 2019–20 bushfires. Trish Mooney is Chair of the South Australian Glossy Black-Cockatoo Recovery Team and a member of the national Recovery Team for the South-eastern sub-species. She has been closely involved in the conservation and recovery of the endangered Kangaroo Island subspecies for many years, contributing to population monitoring, recovery planning and research. She co-authored the South Australian subspecies Recovery Plan and has helped document the recovery program's achievements and ongoing conservation challenges.	The 2019–20 bushfires had a significant impact on the endangered Kangaroo Island Glossy Black-Cockatoo and its habitat. Drawing on their involvement in the Kangaroo Island recovery program, Karleah Berris and Trish Mooney will discuss the impacts of the fires, conservation and recovery efforts, and the ongoing challenges of protecting the subspecies and its habitat.
1635 - 1700	Q&A			

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0930 - 1030	**From knowledge to recovery. Chaired by Samantha Morris**			
0930 - 1000	Landscape-scale recovery through science, technology and planning	Lauren Hook (NSW DCCEEW)	Lauren Hook is a Senior Threatened Species Officer with NSW's Saving our Species program and the statewide South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo coordinator. She has worked in conservation and land management across NSW and the Northern Territory, including as a ranger at Uluru–Kata Tjuta National Park. Since 2018, she has worked on Glossy conservation, focusing on monitoring, habitat protection, research and recovery coordination.	Recovering the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo requires coordinated conservation across landscapes. Lauren will outline NSW initiatives including statewide habitat mapping, acoustic monitoring of natural hollows and nest boxes, and improvements to the Biodiversity Assessment Method to better recognise and protect Glossy habitat. She will also discuss emerging technologies, including drones and thermal imaging, being evaluated to support monitoring and hollow inspections.
1000 - 1020	Glossy conservation and protection across Bandjalang and Bundjalung Country	Maitland Wilson / Minyumai Gehrr Squad (Minyumai Indigenous Protected Area)	Maitland Wilson is a proud Bandjalang woman and Senior Women's Ranger at the Minyumai Indigenous Protected Area in northern NSW. She has worked at Minyumai for more than eight years, continuing her family's long connection to caring for Country. Maitland is actively involved in conserving Gehrr (Glossy Black-Cockatoos), including identifying feed trees, surveying nesting habitat and installing artificial hollows. She is passionate about protecting threatened wildlife, sharing cultural knowledge and involving younger generations in caring for Country.	Maitland will speak about Gehrr (Glossy Black-Cockatoo) conservation and protection across Bandjalang Country and Bundjalung Country.

1020 - 1030	Q&A			
1100 - 1245	**Protecting Glossies into the future: threats, mitigation and advocacy. Chaired by Jedd Appleton**			
1100 - 1120	Renewable energy development, habitat and impact assessment – RERI research	Fiona Scarff (Murdoch University	Dr Fiona Scarff is a biologist with Murdoch University's Harry Butler Institute, specialising in bird, mammal and plant ecology, movement ecology and fire science. Her recent research has focused on black-cockatoo flight dynamics, habitat use and species distribution modelling, including work to assess potential collision risks associated with wind turbines. Fiona is a co-author of the 2026 Renewables Environmental Research Initiative report examining the potential impacts of onshore renewable energy infrastructure on the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo.	Research undertaken through the Australian Government's Renewables Environmental Research Initiative investigated knowledge gaps relevant to assessing the impacts of onshore renewable energy infrastructure on the vulnerable South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo. The project used species distribution modelling to identify important habitat under current and future climates, examined overlaps with existing and proposed renewable energy infrastructure, and identified potential impacts and knowledge gaps relevant to environmental regulation.
1120 - 1140	Waste-to-energy incineration, Glossy habitat and regulatory gaps	Lizz Hills (Boonah Organisation for a Sustainable Society)	Lizz Hills is an environmental educator, psychotherapist and science communicator based in Queensland's Scenic Rim. She founded Trek2Reconnect, a nature-based counselling practice, following a 6,371-kilometre solo walk across Australia in 2023. Lizz has worked in environmental advocacy, citizen science and wildlife care, and is involved in community campaigns opposing proposed waste-to-energy incinerators.	This presentation examines a proposed waste-to-energy incinerator at Stapylton, Queensland, and concerns about its potential impacts on Glossy Black-Cockatoo habitat and ecological corridors. Using this case study, Lizz will explore questions about emissions, clearing, cumulative impacts and environmental assessment. She will also discuss what she identifies as gaps in national policy governing the siting and assessment of waste-to-energy facilities near threatened species habitat.
1140 - 1200	Nest-box non-use and implications for threat mitigation	Gay Crowley (Adelaide University)	Gay Crowley is a conservation biologist specialising in threatened bird habitat and an active member of the Recovery Team for the South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo. She began working with Glossies on Kangaroo Island in 1996 and is particularly interested in feeding-tree selection and the influence of geology and soils on food quality.	Gay will present a recent analysis of nest-box non-use by South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoos on mainland Australia.
1200 - 1220	Youth, intergenerational conservation and habitat advocacy	Spencer Hitchen (Save Sunrise Glossies)	Spencer Hitchen is a young conservationist, environmental educator and award-winning wildlife photographer who founded Save Sunrise Glossies. He began learning about Glossy Black-Cockatoos at the age of six, guided by experienced local conservationists. His work has focused on protecting Glossy habitat, raising public awareness and encouraging young people to become involved in conservation.	Spencer will share his journey protecting Glossy Black-Cockatoos and their habitat, from his early experiences learning alongside local conservation mentors to his work documenting and advocating for Glossies on the Sunshine Coast. Drawing on his observations and conservation activities, he will explore the importance of intergenerational knowledge, youth perspectives and protecting habitat for future generations.
1220 - 1245	Q&A			
1315 - 1515	**Community conservation: monitoring, engagement and taking action at the landscape-scale. Chaired by Adrian Caneris**			
1315 - 1335	Nest finding and monitoring – Glossy Squad Biliirrgan	Brian Hawkins (NSW DCCEEW	Brian Hawkins is a Senior Threatened Species Officer with NSW DCCEEW. An ecologist with more than 20 years' experience, he specialises in birds and other vocal animals. He has been studying Glossy Black-Cockatoos more intensively since 2023, bringing together ecological research, field observation and monitoring to improve understanding of their breeding behaviour.	Over four years, Glossy Squad Biliirrgan and project partners have located ten Glossy Black-Cockatoo nests on the NSW Mid North Coast, combining community observations with targeted fieldwork. Acoustic recorders and cameras have helped monitor breeding attempts, with most recorded attempts successful. Monitoring has also documented nest predation by a Lace Monitor and extensive use of Glossy nest hollows by other species outside the breeding season.
1335 - 1405	Saving 'Syd' Glossy – awareness, citizen science observational surveys, and habitat mapping	Barbara Hamilton, Sarah Glendenning and Brad Crossman (NPWS Chase Alive / Gibberagong EEC)	Barbara Hamilton is an ornithologist and long-term NPWS Chase Alive volunteer with 19 years' experience in volunteer training and environmental education. Sarah Glendenning is an NPWS Ranger. Brad Crossman is an environmental educator with Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre, developing field-based programs that connect students with nature and threatened species conservation.	Saving 'Syd' Glossy is helping address gaps in knowledge about Glossy Black-Cockatoos in the Sydney Basin. Through community exhibitions, volunteer training and field surveys across two national parks and a nature reserve, the project has raised awareness and collected valuable habitat records. More than 10,000 exhibition visitors were recorded, 92 volunteers trained, and 295 Glossy and 412 feed-tree locations identified. The data is helping NPWS protect habitat during trail maintenance and hazard reduction burning.
1405 - 1425	Re-Connecting the Western Woodland Way	Amanda Foxon-Hill (Mid Lachlan Landcare)	Amanda Foxon-Hill joined Mid Lachlan Landcare in 2023 after an 18-year career as a consultant chemist. A lifelong bird enthusiast, she now applies her scientific background to soil health, habitat restoration and community conservation. She also manages a 50-acre Box Gum Woodland conservation property near Woodstock, NSW.	Re-Connecting the Western Woodland Way is a community-led tree planting initiative informed by citizen science. Mid Lachlan Landcare works with the Cowra Woodland Birds Program to identify habitat needs and guide conservation activities. Since 2020, the group has grown, planted and protected habitat in response to bushfire and drought impacts, while building community awareness and partnerships to support Glossies around the Conimbla and Nangar national parks.
1425 - 1445	Making Inland Glossies Great Again	Bec Mooy (Central West Local Land Service)	Bec Mooy is a Senior Land Services Officer with Central West Local Land Services, coordinating the Making Inland Glossies Great Again project and its partnership steering committee. Over the past three years, she has worked with landholders, community groups and volunteers to build awareness of Glossies and encourage practical action to protect and improve habitat across central-western NSW.	Making Inland Glossies Great Again combines community engagement, citizen science and practical habitat improvement across central-western NSW. Its annual Glossy count attracts volunteers to the Pilliga, Goonoo and Goobang landscapes, while an on-ground incentive program encourages landholders to protect and enhance habitat. Bec will share how the project has engaged communities and landholders in conservation at a landscape scale.
1445 - 1510	Q&A			
1515 - 1615	**Where to next? Chaired by Adrian Caneris**			

1515 - 1615	Glossy leaders sharing insights, reflections and strategies for maximising outcomes for Glossies		A range of speakers who are available to attend multiple sessions to share reflections and thoughts on the future. Potentially - Spencer, Brian Hawkins, Liz Gould, Felicity Charles, Daniella Teixeira (or Lauren Hook). Not yet approached to participate in this session yet.	Not sure if we even progress with this session but feel like we need something to close off the event.