

Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tuesday 9 February 2021

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“Restoring Australia’s Biodiversity”

“More and more species are edging closer to extinction despite Australia’s capacity to prevent such a tragedy from occurring.” Dr Euan Ritchie, Deakin University

Bushfires last summer saw more than 1 billion native animals wiped out across south-eastern Australia. The scale of destruction on Australia’s biodiversity was unprecedented. Species which were relatively common now find themselves on the national threatened species list. Australia already has the worst rate of mammal extinctions in the world. Wildfires, predation by feral cats and foxes, feral herbivores and habitat loss are key factors driving this decline. Radical action is urgently needed if Australia is to prevent a new wave of extinctions from engulfing the continent.

About [Australian Wildlife Conservancy \(AWC\)](#) AWC is one of the largest private (non-profit) owners and managers of land for conservation in the world, protecting endangered wildlife across more than 6.5 million hectares, in iconic places such as the Kimberley, Cape York, Lake Eyre and the Top End. AWC represents an exciting, new model for conservation – one that is successfully halting biodiversity loss and restoring our natural capital.

About our Guest Speaker... Shauna Chadlowe is the Chief Development Officer at Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC). Prior to joining AWC in 2006, Shauna was the Executive Director of IQPC, Sydney, a global conference organisation, where she gained 10 years’ commercial experience. Originally however, Shauna was a lawyer and practised for a number of years, primarily in the area of insurance litigation, with a well-established Sydney law firm.

Her Presentation will cover

- The plight of Australia’s wildlife and AWC’s response in the wake of the bushfires.
- How AWC’s radical new approach for conservation is bucking the trend and delivering exciting outcomes for Australia’s biodiversity.
- Undertaking Australia’s most ambitious rewilding program.
- Future-proofing Australia’s natural capital.

.....Come along and be inspired about what can and is being done to save Australia’s amazing biodiversity.