



# 20<sup>th</sup> Australasian Bat Society Conference & AGM

Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane  
11 - 13 April 2022

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Dear ABS Conference participants,

We are now less than 2 weeks away from the beginning of the [2022 ABS Conference](#) being held in Brisbane. The process of organising the conference has been a challenge, given the impacts of SARS-CoV-2 and the recent floods in Queensland (and not forgetting our neighbours in NSW). However, we are on track for a fantastic conference which we are sure you will enjoy. For those interested, we currently have 94 in-person registrants with a further 70 people joining us online.

### Conference Timetable

We have nearly finished the conference timetable and will be sending it out to all registrants in the next few days.

### Online Participation

All 3 days of the conference will be live-streamed for online registrants, and we will send out the link to use in the week preceding the conference. We also have a number of online talks (speed and full) and these have been consolidated into a single session. All those presenting online have been asked to pre-prepare their talk in the form of a video. We will send out the format requirements and where to send the video shortly.

### Pre-Conference Field Trip

The pre-conference field trip will be held on Saturday 9 April. For those who have requested transport, the **bus will depart at 14:00** from [Bus Stop #95, Alice Street](#). Participants will be returned to same bus stop at the end of the trip. Departure from the field trip site (Mt Nebo) will be at midnight. There is a single 50-seat bus booked and this is sufficient to accommodate all those who have requested transport. Dinner will be provided to all those who have requested it.

### Welcome Function

The welcome function is being held on the Lady Brisbane as we cruise down the Brisbane River and watch the flying foxes depart from the Normal Creek Camp. The cruise departs from [Mowbray Park, 100 metres downstream from Mowbray Park City Cat terminal](#). Free all-day street parking is available off Thorn Street, Park Avenue and Eskgrove Street, East Brisbane, 4169. Some parking may also be available at City Cat Park & Ride. **Departure time is 16:45 and the cruise lasts 2 hours.** Nibbles will be provided, and the boat has a cash bar available for purchasing drinks.

### Conference Location(s)

We have moved the conference from Gardens Theatre to [Room360](#) (on the top floor of Y-Block) as this is better suited to the number of people we have attending and has excellent facilities for catering and live-streaming. The conference dinner will be held in the Foyer of [Gardens Theatre](#), next door to Room360. It will include a trivia quiz and auction to raise money to support attendance at future conferences.



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## **Covid-19 Requirements**

We are following the [Queensland Government](#) and [QUT](#) COVID-safe requirements for all venues used for the conference (including the cruise and bus trip to Mt Nebo). If you have any questions or anticipate having problems meeting the requirements, then please let me know asap.

All attendees are required to be [fully vaccinated](#) to attend the conference events or be able to show proof of a vaccination exemption. We will have Check in Queensland Government signage for people to [scan](#) on arrival.

There are currently no requirements for attendees to wear masks indoors. However, if you wish to do so you are most welcome. The venue is large and easily able to accommodate the conference, allowing generous spacing. There are also balconies allowing access to fresh air and delegates are welcome to explore the grounds of QUT during breaks.

We ask that anyone presenting with cold or flu like symptoms stay at home. If you develop cold or flu-like symptoms during the conference, you must leave immediately and seek a test. We will have rapid antigen tests (RAT) tests available at the conference site. If the test is negative, you may return to the conference.

If you test positive for COVID during the conference, you must leave the venue immediately and follow [Queensland Health Guidelines](#).