

PRESS RELEASE: 'Tis the season to go batty. Australasian Bat Night 2025

Join the Australasian Bat Society's Australasian Bat Nights for 2025 – Register Your Own Event and Get Involved!

The Australasian Bat Night program for 2025 has begun. Several events have already been held in Victoria and South Australia. Bat Nights will be happening across Australia over the next few months until June.

Highlights of the 2025 Bat Night program include the famous Blue Mountains Bat Night on 15th March; citizen science bat survey training in Carramar Western Australia on 18th and 20th March, the exciting Angels of the Night series of bat talks and walks in Adelaide on April 12th, the Fox-Tail Trail and Cairns Bat Festival in June and the live streaming of Bat Appreciation Day on April 17th.

“These events and more can be found on the Australasian Bat Night web app at <https://www.events.ausbatsmembers.org.au/events.php?view=map> - there is something for everyone.” said Vice-president of the Australasian Bat Society, Kelly Sheldrick.

“Australasian Bat Nights are a wonderful opportunity for individuals and families to engage with other members of their community while learning about the secretive world of our small insectivorous bats and understand the challenges of our large flying-foxes, of which two species are threatened. These events help to raise appreciation of our bats, their ecosystem services and debunk myths by providing accurate facts about bats in many exciting formats.” says Kelly.

The Australasian Bat Society calls on the community, including local governments, community and environmental groups, and even individuals to participate in the exciting **Australasian Bat Night program for 2025** by hosting their own Batty events and registering them to be part of this wonderful celebration of bats. *“It’s not too late to create and register a batty event,”* said Maree Treadwell Kerr, coordinator of the program.

By registering a Bat Night, you'll be part of an incredible movement dedicated to educating the public about the importance of bats and supporting their conservation. Bat Nights provide a platform for people to come together and celebrate these fascinating creatures with a variety of fun and educational activities, such as flying fox counts, bat walks, and expert talks on bat conservation.

How to Get Involved:

- **Register your Bat Night:** Anyone can host their own Bat Night event by registering online with the Australian Bat Society. Once registered, your event will be part of the official Bat Night calendar, gaining visibility and support from the ABS.
- **Event Activities:** Bat walks, bat talks, educational games, and much more! You can tailor the activities to suit your group’s age and interests.
- **How to Register:** Visit <https://www.ausbats.org.au/bat-nights.html> to sign up for your event. Once registered, the ABS will provide you with guidance, helpful resources and promote the event to make your Bat Night a success.

Not sure how to get started? Our Bat Night Coordinator, Maree, can help put you in touch with local experts to help make your night a success.

Bat Nights are a fantastic way to engage with your local community and raise awareness about bat conservation. Whether you are a nature lover, an educator, or just someone passionate about protecting wildlife, your Bat Night can make a difference.

Key Information for Hosts:

- **Events can be registered right up to June. Registering early maximises promotion.** *“If you know the date, you can register now, and add flyers or posters later”*, said Ms Treadwell Kerr
- **Location:** Events can be held anywhere across Australia, New Zealand and other parts of Australasia
- **What You’ll Receive:** Resources and support to help you organise your Bat Night, plus promotion on our website and social media
- **What to Expect:** A nationwide celebration of bats, educational content, and community engagement

About the Australian Bat Society:

The Australasian Bat Society Inc (ABS) is the peak body promoting bat conservation in the Australasian region, that is Australia, New Zealand, the island of New Guinea and all of Melanesia in the south-west Pacific and Wallacea.

The primary aim of the ABS is to promote the conservation of bats and their habitats through the advancement of quality science and the extensive experience of our members. We recognise the intrinsic value of all bat species as well as their place in this region’s natural heritage and the key ecological roles they play in our natural environment. For more information, visit <https://www.ausbats.org.au/>

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