

# ARBOREAL HABITAT

Conservation. Creation. Management



**DATE:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
**TIME:** 8:30 for 9AM start finish: 3PM  
**VENUE:** Gecko House, 139 Duringan Street, Currumbin

**Veteran Tree Group Australia** presents a holistic workshop and discussion around the state of play for our most valuable habitat resource. Arboreal habitat is utilised by >65% of our native fauna species but is being lost at an alarming rate because of land clearing, development and risk averse management. What are the options for retention of existing habitat in urban areas, the management of habitat bearing trees, and the creation of new habitat?

The workshop is intended to stimulate conversation, discussion and appreciation for the variety of habitat that older, veteran trees provide, and to map out methodologies for implementation of the various practical ways in which arboreal habitat can be conserved, created and managed on a professional basis.

Our presenters include professionals from tree and fauna management disciplines, working in commercial, local government and community sectors. Using local examples and case studies, they will provide insight into how we can work together to minimise habitat tree loss, and to promote the creation of new, sympathetically designed habitat.

The workshop is likely to be of interest to: Environmental Planners, Ecologists, Fauna Managers, Arborists, Town Planners, Landscape Architects, Landcare professionals and practitioners, anyone managing large tree populations or specifying tree works. We believe that this is a first step towards an integrated methodology for habitat tree management.

## Workshop Running Order

**Introduction to Veteran Trees** - Definitions, prior land use & social significance, current guidelines, development conflicts, perceived risk vs actual benefits

**Veteran Trees as Habitat** - Fauna values, species specificity, urban species feed/shelter utilisation, ecological significance

**The State of Play** - Current practice: Habitat creation pruning including hollow creation, natural fracture pruning, “coronet” cuts and accelerated veteranisation. Retention of existing hollow bearing trees. Local case studies and success stories

**Habitat Tree Evaluation** - Site, species, structural stability, fauna utilisation, hollow entrance/cavity morphology.

### Lunch

**Tree walk** - A short walk to observe, assess and discuss local habitat (and potential habitat) trees

**The Future** - Refining/extending current guidelines, application and implementation, acceptance and management

**Q&A and Discussion**

### Presenters:

Frank Court - Wildlife Consultant

Jan Allen – Veteran Tree Group Australia

Jamie Montgomery - Practicing Arborist

Marty Harris - City of Gold Coast Council. Project Management Officer, Trees

Steve Collom - Practicing Arborist

**COST: \$80:00 per person**

Register your interest by emailing:

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