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# ANIMAL LAW EDUCATION WORKSHOP 2018

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

HOSTED BY VOICELESS, THE ANIMAL PROTECTION INSTITUTE



Voiceless is pleased to partner  
with Maurice Blackburn to  
host this workshop.



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In coming together, we acknowledge that this workshop is being held on the lands of the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging. We extend this respect to all Indigenous Australians here today.

**WELCOME**

**FROM VOICELESS**



## Welcome to the Animal Law Education Workshop 2018.

The ALE Workshop is an annual event which brings together animal law lecturers and researchers from across Australia and New Zealand.

The Workshop facilitates discussion on the latest developments and topical issues in animal law and policy, and encourages animal law educators to share experiences, ideas and resources for tertiary animal law teaching and learning.

Voiceless has sponsored the Workshop since its inception in 2014, as part of our support for the development of animal law in Australia.

In order to facilitate the teaching of animal law, this year we launched our new Animal Law Education (ALE) program. We create high-quality animal law educational resources for use in law schools around the world.

Our ALE materials have been designed by tertiary educators for tertiary educators, and created in collaboration with the Bond University Centre for Professional Legal Education.

ALE resources enable animal law teachers to easily run engaging classes on key animal law topics by using our free and professionally developed resources and tutorial activities.

Our first ALE Module 'Moral and Legal Status of Animals' includes:

- A podcast featuring Professor Steven Wise (Nonhuman Rights Project), Joyce Tischler (Animal Legal Defense Fund), Professor Richard Epstein (New York University) and Dr Erin O'Donnell (University of Melbourne);
- A presentation on the topic developed by Professor Nick James of Bond University, accessible in a range of formats for flexible delivery (PowerPoint slides/ recorded audio/transcript).
- A selection of web resources;
- An online vocabulary quiz;
- A variety of tutorial activities.

**Access our materials here:** [www.voiceless.org.au/animal-law](http://www.voiceless.org.au/animal-law)

# SCHEDULE

9 – 10 am

## Tea and Coffee

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10 – 10.15 am

## Welcome and Introductions

*Sarah Margo and Dr Meg Good (Voiceless)*

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10.15-10.45 am  
(plus 15 mins Q/A)

## Animal Law and Policy Update Australia

*Dr Jed Goodfellow (RSPCA Australia)*

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11 – 11.30 am  
(plus 15 mins Q/A)

## Animal Law and Policy Update New Zealand

*Marcelo Rodriguez Ferrere  
(University of Otago)*

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11.45 am –  
12.30 pm

## Postgraduate Research Summaries

*Karina Heikkila (Victoria University)  
Aaron Timoshanko (University of  
Southern Queensland)  
Laura McGillivray (Queensland  
University of Technology)*

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12.30-1.30 pm

## Lunch

1.30-2.15 pm

## **Voiceless Animal Law Education Program**

*Professor Nick James (Bond University),  
Dr Meg Good and Sarah Margo (Voiceless)*

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2.15-2.30 pm

## **Discussion of Distributed Papers**

*Q and A opportunity with paper authors*

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2.30-3 pm  
(plus 15 mins Q/A)

## **An Animal Law Teachers' Association for Australia?**

*Dr Sophie Riley (University of Technology Sydney)  
and Dr Steven White (Griffith University)*

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3.15-3.45 pm

## **Afternoon Tea**

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3.45-4.45 pm

## **Postgraduate Research Summaries**

*Nick Ampt (University of Melbourne)  
Julia Cook (Southern Cross University)  
Lev Bromberg (University of Melbourne)  
Rochelle Morton (University of Adelaide)*

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4.45-5 pm

## **Group Reflection**

For those interested, we will be meeting at a nearby venue for an informal drinks followed by dinner.



## DETAILS

### Meals

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea during the workshop are provided (vegan). Drinks and dinner after the conclusion of the workshop are not provided.

Please email: [education@voiceless.org.au](mailto:education@voiceless.org.au) if you have specific dietary requirements.

### Location

Maurice Blackburn  
Level 32  
201 Elizabeth Street  
Sydney, NSW 2000

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*On the day:*  
0439 448 845 (Meg) or  
0412 140 655 (Sarah).



**PARTICIPANTS**



## Nick Ampt

### *University of Melbourne*

Nick studied Arts/Law at Monash University, where he took Monash's first Animal Law class. He later wrote a research paper on the topic of legal personhood for nonhuman animals, and completed a Master of Arts at the University of Melbourne addressing how the law should treat companion animals. He is currently completing a PhD in Law at the University of Melbourne. His thesis explores the question: 'How should the law treat animals?'

## Keely Boom

### *University of Wollongong*

Dr Keely Boom teaches Animal Law at the University of Wollongong. Dr Boom has researched and published on topics including the law and policy related to kangaroos, whales and seals; Australia's historical approaches to wild animals; and enforcement of animal law. Dr Boom has a particular interest in the relationship between animal law and environmental law. She previously worked at THINKK: the think tank for kangaroos and was once a law intern at Voiceless. Dr Boom is a member of the Centre for Compassionate Conservation.

## Lev Bromberg

### *University of Melbourne*

Lev Bromberg is a PhD candidate at the Melbourne Law School. His research, which is currently at an early stage, focuses on the influence of special interests on the development of laws and standards that apply to farm animals in Australia. This will lead to a critical evaluation of the need for, and possible design of, law reform. The approach undertaken will combine several methodologies, including an empirical component, which may include interviews with regulatory agency staff and stakeholders (such as public interest group and industry representatives).

## Julia Cook

### *Southern Cross University*

Julia Cook is a Casual Academic and PhD student at Southern Cross University. The working title of her thesis is 'A Critical Jurisprudence of Animal Law'. Prior to these roles, Julia worked in legal policy for the Department of Justice in Victoria. Julia is a graduate of the University of Melbourne and Murdoch University. She is about to commence her first session of teaching Animal Law at SCU, and is very much looking forward to engaging with, and learning from, her creaturely colleagues at the 2018 Animal Law Workshop in Sydney.

## Elizabeth Ellis

### *University of Wollongong*

Elizabeth Ellis is an Honorary Senior Fellow at University of Wollongong where she introduced and taught Animal Law between 2008 and 2016. Her publications in the field of animal law include articles in the Australian Animal Protection Law Journal, a chapter in each of the two editions of Animal Law in Australasia, a first-year general text that incorporates animal protection issues and an Animal Law edition of Hot Topics for LIAC. She has also written for The Conversation and Policy Forum and made numerous submissions to public consultations on animal welfare matters. She has been an invited speaker at a number of animal law forums and is a member of the editorial advisory boards of the Animal Studies Journal and the Australian Animal Protection Law Journal.

## Meg Good

### *Voiceless*

Dr Meg Good is an Adjunct Lecturer at the University of Tasmania and Animal Law and Education Manager at Voiceless, the animal protection institute. Meg runs the 'Animal Law' unit at UTAS and has held positions with various animal law organisations, including the Barristers Animal Welfare Panel, the Animal Law Institute, and the Australian Animal Protection Law Journal. She created and co-ordinated Tasmania's first animal law conference, and was awarded the inaugural RSPCA Australia Sybil Emslie Animal Law Scholarship.

## Jed Goodfellow

*RSPCA Australia and  
Macquarie University  
Law School*

Dr Jed Goodfellow is a Senior Policy Officer at RSPCA Australia with a focus on legislative and regulatory issues affecting animal welfare. Jed has taught Animal Law at Macquarie University on an annual basis since 2012 and recently completed a PhD examining the animal welfare regulatory framework within the Australian agricultural sector. Prior to undertaking his postgraduate research, Jed practised as a prosecutor for RSPCA South Australia, a solicitor for commercial law firm Clayton Utz, and worked as an inspector for RSPCA Queensland.

## Karina Heikkila

*Victoria University*

Karina Heikkila LLB (Hons) GDLP is a PhD Candidate at Victoria University. Her PhD topic considers whether s 17 of the Animal Care and Protection Act 2001 (Qld) represents a Derridean justice-based approach to animal protection. Karina is currently teaching as a Sessional Academic at Victoria University in addition to assisting a barrister. In 2018 Semester 2, she co-ordinated the 'Animal Law' unit at Monash University.

## Nick James

*Bond University*

Professor Nick James is the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Law at Bond University. He is a former commercial lawyer and has been practicing as an academic since 1996. He is passionate about legal education and the role of law schools in modern society. He has written numerous journal articles, book chapters and conference papers in the areas of legal education, critical legal theory, and disruption of the legal services sector. Professor James is Executive Director of the Bond University Centre for Professional Legal Education, Executive Editor of the Legal Education Review, Chair of the Australasian Law Teachers Association (ALTA), and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.

Jane  
Kotzmann

*Deakin University*

Dr Jane Kotzmann is a lecturer in the Faculty of Business and Law at Deakin University, with a research background in human rights. She is interested in how human rights law could be drawn on to inform the development of animal rights law, and in this respect published recently in relation to animals and dignity. She is currently in the process of proposing the introduction of an Animal Law unit as an elective offering within the LLB at Deakin University.

Sarah  
Margo

*Voiceless*

Sarah Margo is Legal Counsel at Voiceless, the animal protection institute, and in 2017, took on an additional role as Animal Law and Education Manager. Sarah co-authored the *Voiceless Animal Law Toolkit* (2015), frequently guest-lectures at universities and is actively involved with several animal law groups.

Jordan  
Mathas-  
Carleton

*Maurice Blackburn Lawyers*

Jordan is one of the two coordinators of Maurice Blackburn's 'Animal Law Pilot' program. The program is a pilot entry into animal law as a practice area by the firm, as part of its social justice remit, which involves Maurice Blackburn lawyers conducting strategic litigation, providing advice, and contributing to advocacy on behalf of and for the betterment of animals. Currently, the program is assisting the Animal Law Institute to bring claims against a dishonest breeder in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

## Alexandra McEwan

### *Central Queensland University*

Alexandra's PhD thesis (2017) provided a critique of Australia's' animal protection framework. During her PhD candidature at ANU, Alexandra assisted Associate Professor Alex Bruce in the undergraduate LLB subject 'Animals and the Law'. She is now a Lecturer (Law) at Central Queensland University where she established and convened an 'Animals, Law and Society' reading group, and plans to submit a proposal to develop an 'Animals, Law and Society' elective unit early next year.

## Laura McGillivray

### *Queensland University of Technology*

Laura is a current PhD candidate in the School of Justice (Faculty of Law) at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Her research critically examines the regulation of animal welfare in the Australian live export trade, with special reference to the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System. She has experience as a sessional educator at Bond University and QUT, including co-facilitating the "Eco Crime" unit which includes animal crime/law in its syllabus. In future Laura hopes to see and contribute to growth in the offering and uptake of such important fields of study.

## Rochelle Morton

### *University of Adelaide*

Rochelle is a science honours student at the University of Adelaide. Her research uses science to assess if the legislative intent behind amendments to the Animal Welfare Act 1985 (SA) is being achieved in the criminal justice system in South Australia.

## Christine Parker

*University of Melbourne*

Christine Parker is a Professor of Law at University of Melbourne, Australia where she teaches corporate social responsibility and business regulation, legal ethics, food law and policy and a research seminar on animals and the law. She also supervises PhD students in the animals and the law area. Professor Parker's current research focuses on the politics, ethics and regulation of food and sustainable food systems, and especially the use of animals in the food system. Her research on whether higher welfare labelling of animal food products makes any difference has been published in a range of law reviews.

## Sophie Riley

*University of  
Technology Sydney*

Dr Sophie Riley teaches animal law, environmental law and environmental ethics at the University of Technology Sydney. She specializes in researching wildlife welfare and the regulation of "invasive" species.

## Louise Ritchie

*Maurice Blackburn  
Lawyers*

Louise Ritchie works as a legal assistant at Maurice Blackburn Lawyers in Sydney.

Marcelo  
Rodriguez-  
Ferrere

*University of Otago*

Marcelo is a senior lecturer at the Faculty of Law at the University of Otago, where he specialises in administrative law and animal law. He has taught Animal Law at Otago since 2013, and is the co-author of the forthcoming edition of Wells on Animal Law in New Zealand.

Mike  
Rosalky

*Animal Defenders Office*

Mike volunteers as a lawyer and director for the Animal Defenders Office, an animal law community legal centre based in Canberra. Mike provides legal advice and assistance to clients who want to protect animals from suffering, speaks to groups about the animal law framework in Australia, and advocates for better animal protection laws through public forums, government submissions and meetings with politicians. Outside of this role, Mike works as the Legal Counsel for an IT Firm.

Aaron  
Timoshanko

*University of  
Southern Queensland*

Aaron is a law lecturer at the University of Southern Queensland and PhD Candidate at Monash University. Aaron has a keen interest in animal law, having taught the subject in 2015 for Flinders University. Aaron's PhD thesis (currently under examination) intersects animal law and regulatory theory in the sport of jumps horse racing. Aaron is a member of the Voiceless Legal Advisory Council and was an inaugural member of the South Australian Law Society's Animal Law Committee (2010-14).

Jackson  
Walkden-  
Brown

Tara  
Ward

Steven  
White

*Bond University*

Jackson is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law at Bond University. He joined the Faculty in 2004. Jackson's principal areas of teaching and research include animal law, legal education, and entertainment law. He has coordinated Animal Law annually since 2008. For most of his academic career, Jackson has also maintained a part-time practice as a solicitor, specialising in entertainment law. He also has extensive practical experience in the pro bono sector and an ongoing relationship with a number of community legal centres and volunteer organisations. Jackson provides pro bono legal advice through the Animal Law Institute.

*Animal Defenders Office*

Tara has convened the Animal Law course at UNSW since 2008. She is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Animal Defenders Office, a generalist community legal centre dealing with legal matters affecting animals and their defenders. Tara also sits on the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee advising the ACT Minister responsible for animal welfare, and an animal welfare category member on the Australian National University's Animal Ethics Committee.

*Griffith University*

Dr Steven White is a lecturer at Griffith Law School where he co-ordinates an annual elective animal law course. He has published widely in the field of animal law, including edited collections and in leading Australian law reviews. His most recent book is a collection co-edited with Professor Deborah Cao, *Animal Law and Welfare: International Perspectives* (Springer International, 2016). Steven is currently writing a book focusing on national, regional and international approaches to farm animal protection standards.





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