



Top climate change scientist to headline the **SOLD OUT 2018 Women in Conservation Breakfast** Melbourne, Thursday 1 March

Bush Heritage Australia, in partnership with Trust for Nature, is pleased to announce that due to high demand, the 2018 Women in Conservation Breakfast in Melbourne on Thursday 1 March is now **SOLD OUT**.

This is the seventh annual event, bringing together over 450 of the nation's top conservation and science minds. The breakfast kicks off at **7am on Thursday 1 March at ZINC at Federation Square** and is sponsored by NAB.

The event is an opportunity to celebrate the considerable achievements of women working across conservation, meet other like-minded professionals and incubate ideas and collaborations.

The keynote speaker for the morning is **Lesley Hughes**, a Distinguished Professor of Biology and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Integrity & Development) at Macquarie University.

Her research has mainly focused on the impacts of climate change on species and ecosystems. She is a former Lead Author in the IPCC's 4th and 5th Assessment Report, a former federal Climate Commissioner and now a Councillor with the Climate Council of Australia.

Hughes said her talk will centre on the role of women over the past 150 years in contributing to our understanding of how climate change is and will affect the Earth's systems, and life on the planet.

"Many women have made extraordinary contributions to our understanding about human activities are changing the Earth's climate, and the impacts on our natural and human systems."

"The talk will trace the contribution of women through the history of climate science and advocacy, right from the discovery of the role of CO₂, to international leadership in climate negotiations".

Also speaking will be Victoria Marles, Trust for Nature's Chief Executive Officer and Gerard O'Neill, Bush Heritage's Chief Executive Officer, with other speakers to be confirmed.

EVENT DETAILS

Thursday 1 March 2018
7am – 9:30am

ZINC Federation Square
Swanston St and Flinders St
Melbourne

