

SPEAKERS

DR BOYD WYKES | BIRD EXPERT & ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR, OWL FRIENDLY MARGARET RIVER

Boyd was enjoying retirement in Margaret River when he discovered an unexpected population of the south-west Masked Owl. This discovery led to an alarming realisation - that freely available and commonly used rodenticides were killing these owls and other wildlife through secondary poisoning. Boyd is coordinator of a small dedicated band of volunteers at Owl Friendly Margaret River, a campaign to make the region a safe haven for owls.

DR ROBERT DAVIS | WILDLIFE ECOLOGIST/TECHNICAL ADVISOR, OWL FRIENDLY MARGARET RIVER

Rob heads the Fauna Research Lab at Edith Cowan University which brought the impacts of rodenticides to national attention. The team found that rodenticides are threatening not only owls, but endangered quolls, Tasmanian Devils and raptors including the endangered Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle. The same findings throughout the world have led to restrictions on the most harmful types of rodenticides in many countries, with Australian regulators yet to take any action.

KAREN MAJER | COMMUNICATIONS, OWL FRIENDLY MARGARET RIVER

An expert in conservation communication, Karen undertakes public awareness and engagement at Owl Friendly Margaret River. Karen is the architect of a highly successful strategy to capture community attention by sharing 'as it happened' discoveries by the group's citizen scientists..

