



# WARNING SESSIONS

**SAT** 13 JAN 2024 FRESHWATER ROOM,  
FRESHWATER SLSC

**10:00AM**

**Sydney Sharks and Rays**  
*Speaker: Dr Patrick Burke*

**11:00AM**

**He mele he inoa no Kahanamoku**  
*Hawaiian Name Chant*  
*Speaker: Moses Goods*

**12:30PM**

**Gamay Rangers**  
*Speaker: Rob Cooley*

**1:30PM**

**Isabel Letham - the Freshwater Mermaid**  
*Speaker: Jemma Pigott*





## Dr Patrick Burke



*Patrick Burke is a marine biologist with a research focus in marine ecology and shark biology.*

*Patrick completed a Masters degree on Biodiversity and Conservation at the University of Gent in Belgium and recently completed his PhD at Macquarie University.*

*He has worked for ten years in the shark science world with collaborations on reproductive biology, sensory biology, behaviour and learning, movement, trophic ecology and physiology.*

*Now at Macquarie University, Patrick's research is focused on the ecology of two species of sawshark found around south eastern Australia and trying to better understand their role in Australian ecosystems.*

*When not researching sharks, Patrick is best found in or around the ocean trying to find them. An avid snorkeler, underwater photographer and free diver he loves trying to experience sharks in their natural environment.*



## Moses Goods



*'He mele he inoa no Kahanamoku' is a short mele inoa or name chant written for Duke Kahanamoku shortly after he broke the olympic world record in 1912. In Hawaiian culture name chants are composed to honor people of prominence using poetry that often has layered meaning. In this session Moses Goods will share this mele inoa as well as some of the meaning behind its words.*

*Moses is a native Hawaiian actor and storyteller. A descendant of the Pi'ilani lineage of Maui, he travels nationally and abroad performing his original work and sharing stories of Hawai'i with a wide range of audiences.*

*His vast body of work includes his one-man show DUKE, based on the life of Duke Paoa Kahanamoku which he has performed in New York, Minneapolis, Connecticut and throughout the Hawaiian islands.*

*Moses is also a television actor and can currently be seen guest starring in the role of Wally Holman on the hit CBS series "NCIS Hawai'i". Later this year Moses will also appear in "Chief of War" a new series for Apple TV created by and starring Jason Momoa.*





## Robert Cooley



*Robert is a Saltwater man from coastal Sydney with a connection to the traditional lands of the Dharawal people of Greater Sydney and the Yuin people of the NSW south coast.*

*Robert has an extensive history working in the environment space, firstly with the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service from 1986 - 2018, and then from 2019 to present as the Senior Ranger, leading the Gamay Rangers, and Indigenous 'Caring for Country' Ranger team based in Botany Bay.*

*Roberts current role gives him the opportunity to put something back into the ocean environment which has cared for, and sustained his family and community forever.*

*Robert is passionate about working on reversing some of the negative impacts of what urbanisation has done to the oceans around Sydney and restoring lost and under pressure habits, which in many instances re-establishes his communities cultural connections to those habitats as well as enhancing Biodiversity in those under pressure areas.*



## Jemma Pigott



*Jemma Pigott is a lifelong Freshwater resident and passionate storyteller. She has Law and Communications degrees and is an alumna of 7 Times World Surfing Champion Layne Beachley's former foundation. She has worked at the NSW Ombudsman, Legacy and is currently the NSW / ACT State Manager for Wounded Heroes Australia; a national charity supporting the Defence community in crisis.*

*Jemma also enjoys disability support work, freelance writing and produces self-funded films. Her documentary Connected by Sea celebrates Freshwater and Waikiki's bond. It contains 1910s footage she accessed as the first successful applicant in a National Film and Sound Archives initiative. It also features Isabel Letham in her 80s reminiscing about her surf with Duke Kahanamoku. Jemma is now pursuing a film about Isabel.*

*Jemma is also making films about Indigenous Diggers who fought on the Kokoda Track, and the adaptive dive journey of her friend with Cerebral Palsy. Jemma and her friend are supported by the Women Diver's Hall of Fame and love the sea, just like Isabel Letham from Freshie!*