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10th UAM Conference! — Melbourne 29-31 August

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Greetings again from the convenor of the UAM Advisory Group. Last year the UAM conference (Hobart) was held in November. This year's conference will be in August to get in ahead of the bush fire season preparations that occupy southern local authorities towards the end of each year. There is a lot happening in UAM at this time and keeping everyone abreast of progress is challenging.

The Melbourne conference will be our 10th consecutive National conference. It is a milestone event and the conference content this year will reflect the excitement that we all feel in having come so far and having achieved so much over the interval of the last decade.

A great many different people over the years have attended the UAM conferences. Delegates have come from all echelons of government, animal welfare and community sectors with special interests in UAM. Seldom does one enjoy such good friends, good company and everybody pulling together. It has been a mighty experience to work with all of you over these 10 years past. Try to make it to Melbourne and be a part of the magic again.

The Melbourne program is shaping up nicely. Principal conference themes to in-



The Yarra River, Melbourne

clude dangerous dogs, national microchipping policy, national AMO training package, stress management and much more. We are lucky enough to have secured the services of Dennis Fetko to head up our AMO training component for Melbourne and no one will be wanting to miss that.

Don't forget that copies of the Hobart UAM conference proceedings are still available (until stocks run out). Paper titles and abstracts for that conference are available on the UAM Internet at www.ava.com.au/uam.

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Next newsletter.....	Jun01
Deadline for contribution.....	May 01
National UAM Conference	
— Melbourne, 29—31 August	

About the conference

The Conference Venue

**Eden On The Park, 6 Queens Road,
Melbourne, ph 03 9250 2222**

The Hotel overlooks Albert Park Lake and is only minutes away from Melbourne's Southgate, the famous South Yarra shopping district, as well as Crown Casino, Arts Centre, Melbourne Aquarium and a plethora of international restaurants. What's more, with the newly-opened CityLink roadway, Eden On The Park is now only a 30-minute drive from Melbourne Tullamarine Airport.

The Conference will be enhanced by a number of trade exhibits throughout the venue. Delegates will have the opportunity of viewing the exhibits during morning and afternoon teas and lunches, which will be held within the exhibit area.

Melbourne

Melbourne is known as the style capital of the South. It has stunning turn of the century architecture, gracious wide streets lined with trees, and magnificent parks and gardens. In Melbourne you'll also find the best shops and shopping districts anywhere in Australia. Melbourne is Australia's arts, entertainment, shopping and nightlife capital — lots to offer the delegates and accompanying person attending the conference.

Welcome to the Conference

The registration desk will be open from 6.00-8.00pm for registrations on Tuesday 28 August in the foyer of Eden On The Park. This evening there will be a reception welcoming delegates to the conference.

The registration desk will also be open at 7.30am each morning to receive registrations and enquires.

Accommodation

The hotel is an award-winning Deluxe Boutique Hotel. Every room has individual air-conditioning and heating control systems, refrigerator, minibar, tea and coffee making, facilities, hairdryer, iron and ironing board. There is also a colour television with remote, AM FM radio, in-house movies and pay movies.



Other features include sauna, spa, gymnasium, rooftop sundeck and undercover parking.

Conference Social Events

By popular demand, the conference will host a Conference Happy Hour within the Industry Exhibit on Wednesday evening followed by an informal dinner.

The more formal Conference Dinner is scheduled for Thursday 30 August, at Eden on the Park. The 2001 UAM Awards will be presented on this evening.

Travel

Conference Travel agents, Traveland Groups, have negotiated a conference fare to Melbourne but will also be able to provide package deals at extremely competitive rates for delegates.

Call Ian Jeffress

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2001 UAM Conference Program

Tuesday 28 August

Evening

Reception

Day 1 - Wednesday 29 August

8.45am	Conference to be opened by a local dignitary
9.00am	Are aggressive dogs an issue? (Dennis Fetko, Behavioural Psychologist, USA)
9.45am	Value of pets in society (Kersti Seksel, Animal Behaviourist, NSW)
10.30-11.00am Morning tea in industry display area	
11.00am	Establishing the case: The facts of dog attack - Victorian hospital survey (Karen Ashby)
11.25am	Is it happening? Survey of 11 Councils reporting (Neva Van De Kuyt, Bureau of Animal Welfare)
11.50am	'Walk a mile in my shoes' Case study. How management can be shown what is happening at the AMO/ranger coal face (Greg Spicer Knox City Council)
12.10pm	Review of aggressive dog legislation across Australia (Deb Kelly Dept of Environment & Heritage)
12.30-1.30pm Lunch in industry display area	
1.30pm	Dog attack — how do we all respond? (Dennis Fetko, Behavioural Psychologist, USA) <i>Hypothetical Scenario.</i> Staffordshire Bull Terrier is presented to a Council pound. After the holding period, dog is unclaimed and goes to a welfare shelter for placement. Dog is purchased and new owner take their pet to a Council designated leash free area. Dog attacks a child. <i>Panel members.</i> Animal owner, animal welfare shelter representative, Council representatives, AMO/Ranger, Management and Councillor, ambulance officer, doctor, veterinarian, barrister and magistrate. Discussion will include 'deed or breed'.

3.30-3.30pm Afternoon tea in industry display area

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 3.30pm Delta presentation — Delta Dog Safe Educational program for children to prevent dog bites
- 4.00pm Animal welfare activity at the coal face (Peggy Brown, AWL Sydney)
- 4.30pm Duty of care - legal perspective (Council legal representative)

LEGISLATION

- 3.30pm Animal Management Legislation - SA model (Ian McBryde, Dog and Cat Management Board, SA)
- 3.55pm NSW Legislation - Funding. Is it adequate for animal management?
- 4.20pm Vic-Survey of compliance with the current Act Education Program and changes proposed
- 4.40pm ACT - New legislation. After 2 months, what are the issues? SCAMP update

5.00-6.00pm happy hour in industry display area

7.00pm Informal dinner

Day 2 - Thursday 30 August

8.45am	Pet populations in Australia - dogs increasing and cats decreasing, why is this so? (Tony Cook Petcare Information and Advisory Service)
9.10am	Responsible cat ownership
Brief synopsis papers from Victorian Councils who have enacted By-Laws covering these subjects	
9.30am	Cat confinement - Frankston City Council
9.40am	Cat curfew
9.50am	Cat banning (Robin Buttriss, Kingston City Council)
10.00am	Cat impoundment
10.10am	Is planning the answer? (Dennis Fetko, Behavioural Psychologist, USA)
10.30-11.00am Morning tea in industry display area	
11.00am	Introduction of winner of UAM 2001 awards
11.10am	Presentation by winner of AMO of the Year
11.25am	Presentation by winner of AMO Team of the Year
11.40am	Presentation by winner of Outstanding Activity in Host State
11.55am	Presentation by winner of Best Animal Management Plan
12.10pm	National animal industry training - where are we at? (Geoff Irwin, Gold Coast City Council)
12.30-1.30pm Lunch in industry display area	

2001 UAM Conference Program**Thursday continued**

1.30pm	Appliances and approach for capture (Dennis Fetko, Behavioural Psychologist, USA)
2.00pm	Livestock and wildlife (Dennis Fetko, Behavioural Psychologist, USA)
2.20pm	Reptiles, marsupials and other animals - what do we do?

AMO TRAINING (AFTERNOON STEAM 'A') CAPTURE METHODS	POLICY PLANNING (AFTERNOON STEAM 'B')
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2.40pm Are crossbows the answer to long distance animal capture?	2.40pm Funding - how can I increase funds available for animal
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3.00-3.30pm Afternoon tea in industry display area

AMO ISSUES	NEW INITIATIVES
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3.30pm National AMO Ranger training - how close are we?	3.30pm Why Councils should be responsible for animal management
4.30pm Creation of a statewide AMO Ranger Association - the Tasmanian experience	3.50pm Should we tender out animal management. Best value for the community
	4.10pm Hormonal management of stray populations - research update
	4.30pm Animal Management Advisory Committee (Russell McMurray, Bayside City Council)

7.30pm Conference Dinner and 2001 Awards Presentation at Eden on the Park

Day 3 — Friday 31 August**NATIONAL UAM POLICY PLANNING WORKSHOP**

8.45am	Are aggressive dogs a problem in rural and remote communities "Introducing UAM conference 2002 at Alice Springs"
9.15am	What UAM seeks to achieve on the aggressive dog issue (Ian McBryde, Dog and Cat Management Board, SA)
9.30am	Workgroups
10.10-11.00am Morning tea in industry display area	
11.00am	Workgroup results
12.00pm	UAM position on aggressive dogs

12.30pm Conference close

NB. Speakers for the above program will be finally confirmed in the next issue of People & Pets

Local Arrangements Committee

The Melbourne conference LAC (Local Arrangements Committee) includes:

Ian Mc Bryde	(Conference convenor)
Rick Walduck	(LAC chair)
Russell Mc Murray	(Bayside City Council)
Steve Moore	(Frankston City Council)
Errol Wilkins	(Manningham City Council)
Onn Ben David	(Caulfield South Vet Clinic)
Ted Donelan	(West Doncaster Vet Clinic)
Doreen Culliver	(Conference organiser)

About our keynote speaker**Dennis Fetko**

Dennis is a Behavioural Psychologist from the USA. He has worked in a broad range of animal management related professional roles. Dennis has significant experience in AMO training, dispute resolutions, animal behaviour, animal training and legal processes in animal management. But there is more to animal management than all that. At a time when animal management in Australia is moving further and further into assuming its new, corporate style of community service delivery, a whole range of new skills are on the agenda. These include business management, team leadership, stress management, communication skilling and so on. It is an environment that provides great scope for the training ability that Dennis has developed and shared over the past 30 years.