

## Prologue

### **Dick Murray - Urban Animal Management Convenor**

This eighth National Urban Animal Management Conference is a combination of plenary and streamed sessions, designed to maximise the range of subjects dealt with in the two and a half day program. The lecture streaming arrangement allows delegates the option of choosing between two main areas: 1) AMO training in the handling of animals, people and problems, and 2) theory and practice of policy in animal management.

It is a primary goal of the conference committee that all delegates, whether involved in policy, management or 'street work', should leave the conference with more than just new enthusiasm and motivation. Be assured that we do understand that councils (and other associated institutions) expect the staff they send away to conferences to come back with tangible product. The quality of the speakers and presentations to this conference, will insure all delegates do receive just that!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have played a part in the delivery of the Gold Coast conference. The support from the Local Government Association of Queensland and the unstinting contribution from Geoff Irwin of the Gold Coast City Council is recognised and appreciated.

These Proceedings in particular, are the result of a great deal of hard work by all our speakers who have provided their time and knowledge freely, so that others may benefit. We are most grateful to you all. Our editor Sandra Hassett has again done a wonderful job, under a very rigorous turn around time between submission and publication - thank you Sandra.

What you get out of any function is what you put into it and I look forward to everybody contributing to this conference with enthusiasm.

### **UAM - Advisory Group Membership**

Dick Murray (Convenor)  
Rick Walduck  
Tony Cooke  
Shane Scriggins  
Geoff Irwin  
Robert Stabler

## **UAM 99 Support Organisations**

**The Australian Veterinary Association**

**Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association**

**Petcare Information and Advisory Service**

**Australian Companion Animal Council**

**Local Government Association of Queensland**

**Gold Coast City Council**

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