

# WReNNZ 2024 Educational Workshop

## 25 May at Auckland Zoo

**08:30**      **Registration and Welcome**

**09:20**      **Morning Sessions**

Biosecurity with Pauline Nijman - Best practices and protocols for maintaining biosecurity in wildlife habitats and facilities.

Poopology with Lynn Miller - Exploring the significance of faecal analysis in wildlife research and conservation efforts.

Initial health assessment with Mikaylie Wilson - looking at the full picture from the start and clinical signs of HPAI.

**12:20**      **Afternoon Sessions**

Baukje Lenting MPI Veterinarian  
HPAI (High Pathogenic Avian Influenza) - Understanding current challenges

Rachel Stanyer DOC Veterinarian  
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Pauline Nijman  
HPAI strategies for prevention and management

**17:00**      **End of Workshop**



## Introducing our Speakers for the WReNNZ 2024 Workshop

### **Mikaylie Wilson**

Auckland Zoo

Originally from Australia, Mikaylie Wilson began her zoo veterinary nursing career 19 years ago at Taronga Zoo. With a wealth of experience, Mikaylie has worked at multiple zoos, aquariums and marine mammal rescue centres with seal pups and seal rehabilitation before becoming Auckland Zoo's Clinical Coordinator six years ago. Mikaylie loves the variety in her role and being directly involved in the conservation of endangered species.

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### **Rachel Stanyer**

Department of Conservation

Rachel is a veterinarian working in general practice in Nelson. She works primarily with exotic pets, native wildlife and zoo species. Originally from the UK, Rachel completed a master's in wild animal health at ZSL / London Zoo in 2014 and then the certificate in Avian Wildlife Health through Dunedin Wildlife Hospital and Otago Polytech in 2022. Rachel joined the DOC Incident Management Team for Avian Influenza in November 2023 and has worked part-time for them on HPAI preparedness. Rachel's role mostly involves helping DOC wildlife workers and rangers prepare for the arrival of HPAI. She has also been helping with the vaccination trial DOC is conducting for endangered native species.

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### **Lynn Miller**

WildWays Ltd

Lynn has over 40 years of experience in wildlife rehab, along with academic studies. Wildlife rehabilitation has been central to her life, with founding Le Nichoir in Canada in 1994, becoming an International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC) instructor over 15 years ago, joining the IWRC Board of Directors, and in 2011, becoming president of IWRC. The work front also saw positions that included the Director of Rehabilitation for the Cape Wildlife Centre, Barnstable, MA. Director of Education, South Florida Wildlife Centre, Fort Lauderdale, FL, before returning to New Zealand as the General Manager of BirdCare Aotearoa in Green Bay, Auckland, in 2019. In 2023, new opportunities arose, and Lynn established WildWays Ltd to help train and consult with individuals and organisations in the ways of wildlife.

### **Baukje Lenting**

Ministry of Primary Industries

Baukje has worked in small animal/exotics practice as a resident in avian, wildlife and zoo animal health at Massey University and from 2012 to 2022 as a vet at Wellington Zoo. She now works at MPI as a veterinarian in their surveillance team. She has a special interest in One Health and avian, marine mammal and wildlife health.

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### **Pauline Nijman**

Massey University

Pauline had a background in marine and seabird zookeeping before taking on the role of wildlife technician at Wildbase, Massey University, in 2009. Over the twelve years at Wildbase, she has worked with a vast range of New Zealand native fauna in both the clinical and rehabilitation setting while also training students and residents in wildlife husbandry. Pauline also developed a school program, was involved in New Zealand's largest oil spill response, co-developed plans for both Wildbase Hospital and a Rehabilitation Centre and co-developed games and educational material for the Recovery Education Centre. In November of 2021, Pauline took on the role of Practice Manager for Massey University's Veterinary Teaching Schools Companion Animal Hospital. In her spare time, Pauline supports the work of both WReNNZ and Wildbase Community Trust, as well as consulting on captive and wild birds/reptile husbandry and housing.