



Nicki Stuart

Improving the Welfare of Working Asian Elephants

Nicki Stuart is a foundation member of the Human Elephant Learning Programs (H-ELP) foundation, an Australian organisation working to improve the welfare of working elephants in Asia.

H-ELP does this via the systematic application of humane, evidence-based training initiatives, education, engagement with local communities and relevant stakeholders.

Nicki is a professional horse trainer and she is applying her expertise in improving handler safety and animal welfare for elephants across South East Asia.

The link between the equine industry and elephants is interesting – it's about the parallels and similarities in training both the animals and the handlers.



5.30 pm, 15 July, 2021

Charles Hawker Conference Centre

Waite Road, Urrbrae

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H-ELP has published a manual, *Elephant Friendly Training for Working Elephants*, working with the mahouts who ride the elephants.



Nicki will focus her talk on the evolution of an innovative, elephant-friendly training program in Asia and the Australian-based organisation which is working to advance elephant welfare.

This talk will explore the need for scientific training methods, where they have been delivered and the future for Asia's captive elephants in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and drought.