

**OBJECTIVES: To stimulate interest in our natural environment and to preserve and protect Australian flora and fauna.**

The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria (FNCV) is Victoria's oldest natural history group, established in 1880.

Today we have many special interest groups which focus on: **Bats, Botany, Fauna Survey, Fungi, Geology, Marine Research, Microscopy and Terrestrial Invertebrates.** We even have a group especially for the **Juniors!**











Members are welcome to attend activities of all of the various special interest groups. Visitors are welcome, but please note a \$5 fee will apply to non-members on excursions and \$2 for meetings (this is to cover costs and includes insurance).

*Membership is open to any person interested in natural history and includes beginners as well as experienced naturalists.*

#### Membership Benefits:

- ◆ significant discounts off a wide selection of natural history books through our bookshop.
- ◆ an opportunity to meet and exchange information and ideas with others who have a passion for our natural environment.
- ◆ monthly meetings with leading speakers in all areas of natural history
- ◆ regular excursions and field surveys
- ◆ training and workshops
- ◆ six issues of *The Victorian Naturalist*, our prestigious natural history journal (published since 1884)
- ◆ our monthly newsletter *Field Nats News*
- ◆ access to our extensive natural history library (*individual membership only*)
- ◆ discounts on our FNCV publications

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Please be considerate when contacting members by not calling too early or too late in the day.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY TO MAY 2010



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Field  
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Understanding Our Natural World

#### FNCV OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS

**Office:** Mon and Tues 9am - 4pm  
Please call for appointment

**Library:** Tuesday 11am - 2pm  
(Open to Members Only)

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**Visitors welcome to  
all activities!**

## February



**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Fungi Group. No monthly meeting.**



**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fauna Survey Group. Evolutionary Relationships of Bandicoots.** Speaker: Dr Mike Westerman. Contact: Ray White.



**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> – Marine Group. Field Trip – Fingal Beach.** Meet at 9.50 am. Contact: Leon Altoff.



**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Marine Group. Marine plants and algae.** Speaker: Val Stajsic. Contact: Leon Altoff.



**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> — Fauna Survey Group. Stagwatch.** Visit the Central Highlands to search for the elusive Leadbeater's Possum and spotlight for other nocturnal wildlife. (Evening excursion). Contact: Ray Gibson.



**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Terrestrial Invertebrates Group. Meeting .** Speaker TBC. See *FNN* for details. Contact: Alan Yen



**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – Botany Group. Local algae ecology.** Speaker: Mary Gibson. Contact: Sue Bendel.



**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> – Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – Fauna Survey Group. Pyrite Range & Long Forest areas, near Melton.** Assist with erecting and checking of nest boxes, also surveying for bats and other fauna. Contact: John Harris.\*\*



**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – Juniors Marine Excursion. Port Phillip Bay.** Marine sledding, Chinaman's Hat seal colony, Gannet colony. See Nov '09 *JFNCV* Mag for details. Bookings essential. Contact: Wendy Clark\*\*.



**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – Botany Group. Excursion - Flinders to look at algae.** Details TBA, see *FNN*. Contact: Sue Bendel

All meetings are 8pm, (Juniors 7.30 pm) at FNCV Hall, 1 Gardenia St Blackburn (unless stated otherwise).

FNCV policy: non-members families pay \$5 per excursion and \$2 per meeting to cover our insurance costs. Junior non-members families, \$2 per excursion only.

**\*\* Prior Registration Essential**

(March Cont)



**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – Botany Group. The beauty of the family Sterculiaceae.** Speaker: Trevor Blake. Contact: Sue Bendel.



**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> – Botany Group. Excursion - Maranoa Gardens, Parring Rd, Balwyn.** Meet at 12 noon to look at native plants in the family Sterculiaceae. Contact: Sue Bendel



**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> – Fauna Survey Group. Stagwatch.** Enjoy an evening in the bush, as we look for, listen to and spot some native fauna, especially Leadbeater's Possum. (Evening excursion). Contact: Ray Gibson.



**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Day Group. Visit to Melbourne Museum.** Gary Presland (former Head Curator) will conduct a walk through museum. Entry free to Seniors. Meet at 10.30 at museum entrance. Melway 2B J10). Contact: Gary Presland.



**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> - Geology Group. Waste Management and Sustainability - Welcome to the Anthropocene.** Speaker: Dr Trevor Thornton, School of life and Environmental Science, Deakin University. Contact: Ruth Robertson.



**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> – Bat Group. Grey-headed flying-fox count.** Meet at Yarra Bend Golf Course carpark Mel 2D G7 at 7.00 pm. RSVP by email or telephone Megan Davidson.\*\*



**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Juniors Group. Meeting.** See *FNN* for details. Contact: Rob Knottenbelt.

(April Cont)

(first section may be called Lions Head Rd). Picnic Ground is about 1.5 km along Barringo Rd. Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.



**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> – Botany Group. Excursion - Harbury Reserve in Pakenham North.** Leader David Meagher. Contact: Karen Muscat



**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> – Terrestrial Invertebrates Group. Meeting .** Speaker TBC. See *FNN* for details. Contact: Alan Yen.



**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> – Fungi Group. Fungal Foray -** 10.30am Greens Bush, Baldry Crossing (MEL 254 G6) Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.



**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> – Day Group. Meeting –** Speaker: Leon Costermans. (Topic to be advised) 10.30 am. Contact: Gary Presland.



**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>- Geology Group. Something Old, Something New - The earliest and most recent invertebrate fossil discoveries in Victoria.** Speaker: Clem Earp, member FNCV. Contact: Ruth Robertson.



**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – Bat Group. Grey-headed flying-fox count.** Meet at Yarra Bend Golf Course carpark Mel 2D G7 at 5.30 pm. RSVP to Megan Davidson.\*\*



**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Juniors Group. Meeting.** See *FNN* for details. Contact: Rob Knottenbelt.



**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> May. – Fungi Group. Fungal Foray weekend at Apollo Bay.** For further details Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.

## May



**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fungi Group. Meeting -** See *FNN* for details. Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.



**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> - Fauna Survey Group. Meeting.** Speaker TBC. See *FNN* for details. Contact: Ray White.

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**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Day Group. *The Yarra River*,** Speaker: Rod Ingham, Yarra Riverkeeper Assoc. 10.30 am. Contact: Gary Presland.



**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>- Geology Group. *Kanawinka Geopark- The Geology that forms the landscape, culture and communities of SW Victoria and SE South Australia.*** Speaker: Dr Juliet Bird, Honorary fellow, Melbourne University. Contact: Ruth Robertson.



**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>– Bat Group. *Grey-headed flying-fox count.*** Meet at Yarra Bend Golf Course carpark Mel 2D G7 at 7.45 pm. RSVP by email or telephone Megan Davidson.\*\*



**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Juniors Group. *Meeting*** . See *FNN* for details. Contact: Rob Knottenbelt.

## March



**Mon1<sup>st</sup> – Fungi Group. *Meeting*** - See *FNN* for details. Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.



**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fauna Survey Group. *Wildlife of the Wetlands and Grasslands of inner Mongolia.*** Speakers: Damien Cook and Elaine Bayes. Contact: Ray White..



**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Marine Group. *Field Trip - Port Welshpool area.*** Exact locations to be determined on site. This trip is over the Labour Day long weekend, so please book your accommodation early. Contact: Leon Altoff.



**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> – Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Fauna Survey Group. *Bush Heritage property near Wedderburn.*** Come and join in a Fauna Survey. Contact: Sally Bewsher.



**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Marine Group. *No Meeting.***



**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Microscopy Group. *The identification of foreign objects in food.*** Speaker: Mr Lee Kenedy. Lab Director “Silliker Australia” Contact: Phillippa Sterpin.

## April



**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> – Mon 5<sup>th</sup> (Easter Camp) – Fauna Survey Group. *FSG Camp.*** Fauna survey of private property near Balmoral. Contact: Russell Thompson.



**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tues 7<sup>th</sup> – Marine Group. *Field Trip – Apollo Bay area.*** Exact locations to be determined on site. This trip is over the Easter, so please book your accommodation early. Contact: Leon Altoff.



**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Fungi Group. *Meeting*** - See *FNN* for details. Contact Virgil Hubregtse.



**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Fauna Survey Group. *Meeting.*** Speaker TBC. See *FNN* for details. Contact: Ray White.



**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Marine Group. *Meeting.*** Speaker TBA. See *FNN* for details. Contact: Leon Altoff.



**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> – Botany Group. *Mossing around at Lord Howe Island*** Speaker: Bryologist David Meagher. Contact: Karen Muscat



**Sat 17<sup>th</sup>- Geology Group Excursion. *Mt Piper- A significant flora and fauna habitat; thanks to its geology.*** Leader: Ian Julian, SW Goulburn landcare facilitator. Contact Ruth Robertson.



**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> – Fauna Survey Group. *Stagwatch.*** Join us for a few hours, as we look for Leadbeater’s Possum and other nocturnal wildlife close to Melbourne. (Evening excursion). Contact: Ray Gibson.



**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> – Fungi Group. *Fungal Foray*** - 10.30 am Macedon. Meet at Sanatorium Lake Picnic Ground. (Melways 527 E3) Drive north uphill on Mt Macedon Road C322 through the town; near top of hill do not turn left on C328 to Camels Hump and Memorial Cross; about 100 m further on C322 turn right onto Barringo Road

## (May Cont)



**Tues 4<sup>th</sup>- Geology Group Excursion (half day). *The Synchrotron - Faster than a speeding bullet.*** The Australian Synchrotron, 800 Blackburn Rd Clayton. Max no participants 20. Contact: Ruth Robertson.\*\*



**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> – Fungi Group. *Fungal Foray*** - 10.30am Bunyip State Park (Gembrook), Mortimer Reserve Picnic Ground, off the Gembrook-Tonimbuk Road (MEL key map 14). Contact: Virgil Hubregtse.



**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Marine Group. *Meeting – Field Trip Roundup.*** Discussion and images of the animals found during this year’s field work. Contact: Leon Altoff.



**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> –Sun 16<sup>th</sup> – Fauna Survey Group. *Rushworth.*** Help check, maintain & put up nest boxes. Contact: Ray Gibson.



**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> - Microscopy Group. *Meeting.*** See *FNN* for details. Contact: Phillippa Sterpin.



**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Botany Group. *Meeting.*** Speaker TBA see *FNN* for details. Contact: Karen Muscat.



**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> – Botany Group. *Excursion*** – TBA see *FNN* for details. Contact: Karen Muscat.



**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – Day Group. *Meeting*** – See *FNN* for details. Contact: Gary Presland.



**Wed 26<sup>th</sup>- Geology Group. *Evolution and Anatomy of Early Devonian lungfish-Osteichthyes Dipnoi.*** Speaker: Alice Clement, Museum Victoria and Research school of Earth Sciences, ANU. Contact: Ruth Robertson.



**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> – Bat Group. *Grey-headed flying-fox count.*** Meet at Yarra Bend Golf Course carpark Mel 2D G7 at 5.00 pm. RSVP by email or phone Megan Davidson.\*\*



**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Juniors Group. *Meeting.*** See *FNN* for details. Contact: Rob Knottenbelt.

