



The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc.

Understanding Our Natural world

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GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am to 5pm

Tuesday 9am to 5pm

Wednesday 9am to 5pm.

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The **Field Naturalists Club of Victoria** is a large organisation offering a wide choice of activities. It is split into many small friendly groups of enthusiastic natural historians. To help you find your way, this is a summary:

LIBRARY

Tuesday 11 am to 2 pm, and 30 minutes before all meetings.

Contact - Librarian, Sheila Houghton 5428 4097.



Books and periodicals covering all fields of natural history are available to members for loan or reference. The Club was founded in 1880, and the library, having been built up over a long period, has many books of historical interest as well as recent publications.

BOTANY GROUP

3rd Thursday at 8 pm

Contact - Karen Muscat ph: 0411 219 940 e: KarenMuscat2@hotmail.com



All groups of the plant world are examined including mosses, lichens and fungi. Beginners are welcome and talks for them as well as guest speakers for the more experienced are a feature of meetings. The group is undertaking vegetation surveys across the state and is always looking for interested members to get involved

FAUNA SURVEY GROUP

1st Tuesday at 8 pm

Contact - Sally Bewsher ph: 9752 1418(AH) or John Harris ph:0409 090 955 harrjoh@mail.donvale.vic.edu.au



The Fauna Survey Group studies fauna and their habitats. Monthly meetings have guest speakers. The group carries out a program of field surveys, live trapping under permit, nestboxes, stagwatching for Leadbeaters Possum in the Central Highlands and spotlighting. Camps are held on weekends and public holidays. No previous experience is needed. Training is provided in the field. Data collected is sent to the *Atlas of Victorian Wildlife*.

FUNGI GROUP

1st Monday at 8pm

Contact - Geoff Lay ph: 9898 4816 (AH) or Paul George ph: 9830 1351 (AH) e: paul.george@hp.com



The Fungi group is a new SIG in 2004. Monthly meetings are a mix of guest speakers and identification workshops. The group carries out an active program of fungal surveys during the cooler months and document their finds through *FungiMap*.

GEOLOGY GROUP

4th Wednesday at 8 pm

Contact - Rob Hamson ph: 9557 5215 (AH) e: rob.hamson@rmit.edu.au



The forces shaping our planet, the geological history of the Earth, rocks, fossils, minerals, the landforms we see around us - all aspects of geology presented by expert speakers - plus excursions.

JUNIORS GROUP

Last Friday at 7.30 pm (not Dec)

Contact - Wendy Clark 9877 9266



The Junior Group is specifically designed for children. The aims are to encourage an interest in natural history and its study among young people. Each month, there is a short talk by an interesting speaker, show and tell, games and competitions. There are also excursions around Melbourne every month, and Summer and Easter camps. The Melbourne Juniors publish their own newsletter *The Junior Naturalist*.

MARINE RESEARCH GROUP

2nd Monday at 8 pm (not Nov)

Contact - Leon Altoff 9530 4180 (AH)



The group was originally formed as an autonomous body in 1957 and merged with the FNCV during 1997. The group has an active program of field research into marine life and a full program of speakers.

MICROSCOPY GROUP

3rd Wednesday at 8 pm

Contact - Ray Power 9717 3511



Microscopes are available and practical nights are held to demonstrate their use and improve your technique. Beginners are welcome.

TERRESTRIAL INVERTEBRATE GROUP

2nd Tuesday at 8pm - even months only

Contact - Alan Yen ph: 9722 1665 e: ayen@iinet.net.au



A newly formed group to study all terrestrial invertebrates (including freshwater) with an emphasis on insects. The group has a meeting every two months and regular field trips.

GENERAL MEETING

Occasional meeting, dates published in Field Nat News

Contact - Mimi Pohl, FNCV Office 9877 9860



On special occasions we hold a General Meeting. Here we cover all aspects of natural history at all levels by having guest speakers as well as being able to bring along exhibits for discussion and knowledge sharing. We also discuss club business, controversial issues and much more.

FIELD NAT NEWS

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Mail outs 3rd Tuesday of each month (not Dec.)

Editor - Dr Noel Schleiger 9435-8408 or Joan Broadberry 9846 1218

The newsletter provides a calendar of future events; reports on meetings, excursions and camps; and other useful information. Joan would always like to hear from anyone who would like to assist in preparation of the newsletter or help with the mail-out each month.

THE VICTORIAN NATURALIST

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A scientific journal on natural history published six times a year. Contains reports of research, book reviews, conference papers, discussion of conservation issues, field notes, letters and other contributions. *The Victorian Naturalist* has been published since 1884.

FIELD NATS BOOKSHOP



The FNCV provides a service where club members can buy natural history books at significantly less than recommended retail price. These can be ordered through the office. Some books are in stock and are sold at meetings and during Office hours. A full booklist can be downloaded from our website at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fncv/publications.htm> or on request from the office.