

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

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

Today we have many special interest groups which focus on: **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 \$3 for meetings to cover costs.










*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.
- ◆ weekly meetings with leading speakers in all areas of natural history
- ◆ regular excursions and field surveys
- ◆ training and workshops
- ◆ six issues each year of our prestigious natural history journal **The Victorian Naturalist** which has been published since 1884
- ◆ our monthly newsletter the **Field Nats News**
- ◆ access to our extensive natural history library (*individual membership only*)
- ◆ discounts on our FNCV publications

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM AVAILABLE AT [www.fncv.org.au](http://www.fncv.org.au)**

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2017**



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The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc.



*Understanding our natural world*  
Patron: *The Honourable Linda Dessau, AM*  
*Governor of Victoria*

**FNCV OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS**

**Office:** Monday and Tuesday  
9.30am - 4pm

**Library:** Tuesday 11am - 2pm

**FNCV Office, Library & Meeting Rooms**

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**Visitors welcome at all activities!**



## June



**Sunday 4th – Fungi Group**  
**Foray: Mount Worth State Park, Seaview**  
Meet at 10.30 am at Moonlight Creek picnic area (Mel Ed 37 Page X912 U8; Vic Roads Ed 8 Page 97 B6) Contact: Carol Page



**Monday 5th - Fungi Group**  
**Meeting: Refer Field Nats News for details**  
Speaker: To be advised  
Contact: Carol Page



**Tuesday 6th - Fauna Survey Group**  
**Meeting: Spatial ecology of the Powerful Owl** Speaker: Nick Bradsworth  
Contact: Robin Drury



**Fri 9th to Mon 12th - Fauna Survey Group**  
**Survey: Killawarra in the Warby Ranges**  
Contact: Robin Drury



**Monday 12th - Marine Research Group**  
**No Meeting: Queen's Birthday Holiday**



**Thursday 15th – Botany Group**  
**Meeting: Flora of the Kwongan, Western Australia** Speaker: John Harris  
Contact: Sue Bendel



**Saturday 17th – Juniors' Group**  
**Excursion: Mt Burnett Observatory visit**  
Details to be advised  
Contact: Claire Ferguson



**Sunday 18th – Fungi Group**  
**Foray: Blackwood, Jack Cann Reserve**  
Meet at 10.30 am in Garden of St Erth Carpark, Simmons Reef Road (Mel Ed 37 Page X909 E11) Contact: Carol Page



**Wednesday 21st - Microscopy Group**  
**Meeting: Refer Field Nats News for details**  
Speaker: To be advised  
Contact: Philippa Burgess



**Tuesday 27th – Day Group (10.30am)**  
**Meeting: Introduction to fresh water protozoans**  
Speaker: Maxwell Campbell, FNCV President  
Contact: Joan Broadberry

## June (Continued)



**Wednesday 28th – Geology Group**  
**Meeting: Minerals of the Granites with an emphasis on Victorian Deposits**  
Speaker: John Bosworth, Life Member of Mineralogy Society of Victoria, volunteer at Museum Victoria Geosciences Department (Mineralogy). Contact: Ruth Hoskin



**Friday 30th – Juniors' Group**  
**Meeting: The Seashore – what lives where?**  
Speaker: John Eichler  
Contact: Claire Ferguson

## July



**Sunday 2nd – Fungi Group**  
**Foray: Wanderslore Sanctuary**  
2180 Warburton Highway, Launching Place (Mel Ed 37 Page 287 J6) Park down below near the Rail Trail and meet there at 10.15 am (Note: earlier than usual). We will go as a group up to the Sanctuary  
Contact: Carol Page



**Sunday 2nd – Juniors' Group**  
**Excursion: St Kilda penguin research team**  
Meet at 7pm at the start of the St Kilda wharf. Numbers are limited so bookings essential. We will be led by a team member while the researchers go about their business. Please bring: warm clothes, including beanies and gloves; headlamp or torch with red cellophane over the top; gold coin donation for penguin research (there is a donation pole on the breakwater)  
Contact: Claire Ferguson



**Monday 3rd – Fungi Group**  
**Meeting: Refer Field Nats News for details**  
Speaker: To be advised  
Contact: Carol Page



**Tuesday 4th - Fauna Survey Group**  
**Meeting: Discussion of the natural history of the west Texas (USA) ecotone, with emphasis on lizard behavioural ecology**  
Speaker: Dr Matt Anderson, Oklahoma State University Contact: Robin Drury

## July (Continued)



**Saturday 8th - Fauna Survey Group**  
**Survey: Setting up sites for Swamp Skink Survey in the Mornington Peninsula**  
Contact: David De Angelis



**Monday 11th - Marine Research Group**  
**No Meeting: Winter Break**



**Saturday 15th- Fauna Survey Group**  
**Meeting: Equipment maintenance day**  
Contact: Ray Gibson



**Sunday 16th – Fungi Group**  
**Foray: Noojee – Toorongo Falls circuit**  
Meet at 10.30am at Toorongo Falls car park Toorongo Falls Road From Melbourne, head east along the Princes Freeway turning left at the Drouin exit towards Noojee, or take the Warburton Hwy to Yarra Junction, turning onto the Yarra Junction-Noojee Road for a more scenic trip through the ranges. From the Noojee township, head east for around 3km then left onto the Toorongo Falls Road which terminates at the Reserve. (Mel Ed 37 Page X928 B5 or VicRoads Ed 8 Page 81 B7) Contact: Carol Page



**Wed 19th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group**  
**Meeting: Refer Field Nats News for details**  
Speaker: To be advised  
Contact: Max Campbell



**Thursday 20th – Botany Group**  
**Meeting: Botanical history and geography across Bass Strait - Part 2**  
Speaker: Dr Matt Dell Contact: Sue Bendel



**Tuesday 25th – Day Group (10.30am)**  
**Meeting: The natural history of Western Australia's Abrolhos Islands (where the Batavia was wrecked in 1647)**  
Speaker: Joan Broadberry  
Contact: Joan Broadberry



**Wednesday 26th – Geology Group**  
**Meeting: Life in the Pre-Cambrian – A microscopic journey of early invertebrate life**  
Speaker: Maxwell Campbell, President of FNCV and photographer of all things small.  
Contact: Ruth Hoskin

## July (Continued)



### **Friday 28th – Juniors' Group Meeting: *Blackburn Sanctuary***

Speaker: Lisa Moloney  
Contact: Claire Ferguson



### **Saturday 29th – Geology Group Excursion: *Monash Earth Sciences Garden***

Leader: Dr Julie Boyce, School of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment, Monash University. Further details from Field Nats News  
Contact: Ruth Hoskin



### **Sunday 30th – Fungi Group Foray: *Badger Weir, Healesville***

Meet at 10.30 am (Mel Key Map 10 R5; Vic Roads Ed 8 Page 80 B4)  
Contact: Carol Page

## August



### **Tuesday 1st - Fauna Survey Group Meeting: *When predators go missing: native mammal herbivore imbalance and the predator-prey ecology of southeast Australia***

Speaker: Dr Jeff Yugovic (Consultant Ecologist)  
Contact: Robin Drury



### **Monday 7th – Fungi Group Meeting: *Refer Field Nats News for topic***

Speaker: Teresa Lebel, Senior Mycologist at RBG Victoria  
Contact: Carol Page



### **Sunday 13th – Fungi Group Foray: *Cathedral Range State Park***

Meet at 10.30 am at Ned's Gully car park (Mel Ed 37 Map X910 T9)  
Contact: Carol Page



### **Monday 14th – Marine Research Group Meeting: *To be advised***

Speaker: Refer Field Nats News  
Contact: Leon Altoff

## August (Continued)



### **Wednesday 16th - Microscopy Group Meeting: *Refer Field Nats News for details***

Speaker: To be advised  
Contact: Philippa Burgess



### **Thursday 17th – Botany Group Meeting: *Aspects of the ecology of the Tall Astelia, a threatened rainforest herb***

Speaker: Linda Parker, PhD candidate, University of Melbourne  
Contact: Sue Bendel



### **Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th – Biodiversity Symposium**

***Marine Biodiversity in the 21st century***  
Up to 16 speakers on all aspects of Marine Biodiversity. 9.30am to 5.00pm each day. For more details see Field Nats News or our website. **Prior registration & payment required**  
Contact: FNCV office



### **Tuesday 22nd – Day Group (10.30am) Meeting: *Members' morning***

Speaker: Program to be advised  
Contact: Joan Broadberry



### **Wednesday 23rd – Geology Group Meeting: *Resources for Tasmanian Geology from a mountain walker***

Speaker: Ken Griffiths, Geology SIG member and long-time mountain walker with interests in geology & the history of science  
Contact: Ruth Hoskin



### **Friday 25th – Juniors' Group Meeting: *Party Night***

Bring a plate of party food, there will be games and prizes! Contact: Claire Ferguson

## September



### **Monday 4th – Fungi Group Meeting: *Southern Agaricus Species diversity & tantalising hints about toxicity variation***

Speaker: Grace Boxhall, PhD student working with Teresa Lebel  
Contact: Carol Page

## September (Continued)



### **Tuesday 5th - Fauna Survey Group Meeting: *Fauna of Currawong Bush Park & 100 Acres Reserve***

Speaker: John Harris, Fauna Survey Group  
Contact: John Harris



### **Fri 8th to Sun 10th - Fauna Survey Group Survey - *Swamp Skink Survey, Mornington Peninsula***

Contact: David De Angelis



### **Monday 11th – Marine Research Group Meeting: *To be advised***

Speaker: Refer Field Nats News  
Contact: Leon Altoff



### **Wed 20th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group Meeting: *Refer Field Nats News for details***

Speaker: To be advised  
Contact: Max Campbell



### **Thursday 21st – Botany Group Meeting: *Fighting back - restoring Australia's biodiversity***

Speaker: Zac Lewis, Australian Wildlife Conservancy  
Contact: Sue Bendel



### **Tuesday 26th – Day Group (10.30am) Meeting: *Topic to be advised***

Speaker: Dr Gary Presland  
Contact: Joan Broadberry



### **Wednesday 27th – Geology Group Meeting: *Integration of Melbourne Water's Cultural Heritage***

Speaker: Paul Balassone MSc. Heritage Co-ordinator, Melbourne Water  
Contact: Ruth Hoskin



### **Friday 29th – Juniors' Group No Meeting: *Grand Final holiday***

## Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

SIGs cater for everyone, from beginners to experienced naturalists. It is a great opportunity for beginners to learn more about specific areas of our natural world.



**Botany Group:** All groups of the plant world are examined: vascular plants, algae, mosses, lichens and fungi; there are also excursions.



**Fauna Survey Group:** Carries out a program of wildlife surveys, live trapping under permit, checking nest boxes, stag watching and spotlighting.



**Fungi Group:** Aims to widen knowledge of fungi in the field. The group runs forays, meetings and workshops.



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



**Juniors' Group:** Encourages an interest in our natural world in young people & their parents. Monthly meetings involve short talks and discussion of exhibits brought in by the members. Excursions are held most months, as well as summer and Easter camps.



**Marine Research Group:** Formed in 1957, this group amalgamated with the FNCV in 1997, broadening the scope of our special interest groups. The group has an active program of field research into marine life and a full program of speakers.



**Microscopy Group:** Microscopes are available and practical nights are held to demonstrate their use and improve your technique. Photography also included.

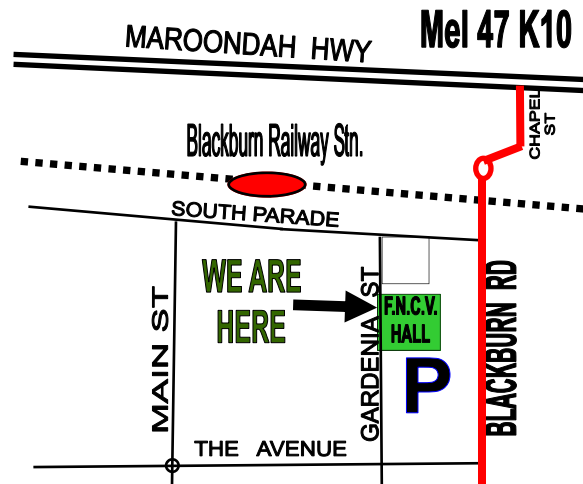


**Terrestrial Invertebrate Group:** Studies all terrestrial invertebrates (including freshwater) with an emphasis on insects. A meeting is held every two months with regular field trips.



**Day Group:** For those who prefer day time activities; it offers a range of speakers and excursions on all aspects of natural history. Meetings start at 10.30am.

**FNCV Office & Meeting Rooms**  
1 Gardenia Street, Blackburn



**Meetings are at 8pm**  
(Day Group 10.30am & Juniors 7.30 pm)  
at FNCV Hall, 1 Gardenia Street, Blackburn  
(unless stated otherwise).

**FNCV policy: non-members pay \$5 per excursion and \$3 per meeting to cover our costs.**  
Junior non-members, \$2 per meeting.

**\*\*Registration 7 days prior to camps is essential\*\***



The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc.

**1/7/16-30/6/17 Yearly Subscription Rates**

(All prices inclusive of GST)

NOTE: Rates change on 1st July

Single	\$82
Single Country or Concession: ID #	\$62
*Joint/Family (2 adults/4 children at same address)	\$107
*Joint/Family Country or Concession: ID #	\$82
*Junior Family (One child & one accompanying adult)	\$49
<i>Note: Junior members receive the Junior Naturalist only</i>	
*Additional Junior (siblings, other parent or guardian)	\$16
Student: ID #	\$37
Schools/Clubs ( <i>Entitles only one representative to attend meetings</i> )	\$94

I apply for membership of the Club and agree to be bound by its rules

**Signed** .....

Name: Mr/Ms/Miss/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (M) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Field Nats News & The Victorian Naturalist journal will be sent to this email address. If you do not have access to email, they will be sent via Australia Post.*

\*Additional Members (please specify adult/child):

### Special Interest Groups — I am interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Botany     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fauna Survey              | <input type="checkbox"/> Fungi           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology    | <input type="checkbox"/> Juniors'                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microscopy | <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial Invertebrates | (please tick)                            |

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**Membership Fee \$**

**Donation** - Aust. Natural History Medallion \$

- FNCV Environment Fund (tax deductible) \$

- General running of club \$

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$**

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