



SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIAN NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

AUTUMN CAMP 2018 hosted by Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc

FRIDAY 27TH – SUNDAY 29TH APRIL 2018

FIRST CIRCULAR

14th November 2017



The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc.(FNCV) invites you to join them for the SEANA autumn get-together in the Healesville area of the Yarra Valley. Healesville is located 61 km east of Melbourne on the Maroondah Highway. The get-together will be based at the Badger Creek Hall located at 358 Badger Creek Road, Healesville (Melways 278 F8), close to Healesville Sanctuary. A two course dinner including tea/coffee, costing \$35 per person, followed by a speaker, has been arranged for Saturday evening, at Sanctuary House Resort Motel, on Badger Creek Road, 400m before the Sanctuary.

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation, breakfasts and lunches. Healesville is very popular, it advisable to book accommodation early. A few suggestions are given below.

ACCOMMODATION NEAR BADGER CREEK HALL

Less than 1 km:

Sanctuary House Resort Motel, Badger Creek Rd, Healesville Tel: 5962 5148 (*short walk to the hall and where dinner held*)
Sanctuary Park Cottages, 85 Badger Ave, Healesville Tel: 5962 6240

About 2 km:

BIG4 Yarra Valley Park Lane Holiday Park, 419 Don Rd, Healesville Tel: 5962 43 28 or 1800 440 000

About 4 km:

Yarra Gables Motel, 55 Maroondah Highway, Healesville Tel: 5962 1323
Healesville Motor Inn, 45 Maroondah Highway, Healesville Tel: 5962 5188
Terminus Hotel Motel 23 Harker St, Healesville Tel: 5962 4011
Grand Hotel, 270 Maroondah Highway, Healesville Tel: 5962 4003
Healesville Hotel, 256 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville Tel: 5962 4002

REGISTRATION

A registration fee of \$35 per adult for two days, \$25 per adult for one day or \$20 for a junior under 18 for one or two days applies. This amount covers administration expenses, hall hire, gifts to speakers and a contribution to SEANA. Any person who is not a member of a field naturalist club will be required to pay the individual SEANA joining fee of \$10 pp. Please complete the interactive registration form provided. **Due date: 1st March 2018.** Early registration appreciated. Your receipt will be emailed or collected at the get-together.

For an additional cost of \$30 per person, we are offering a special visit to Healesville Sanctuary with a behind the scenes tour on Saturday 28th April, (subject to minimum numbers).

PROGRAM

Friday 27th April – Registration from 3pm onwards at Badger Creek Hall. Sign up for full and half day excursions. Tea, coffee and nibbles will be available at the hall.

Evening meal – own arrangements.

7 pm - Return to Badger Creek Hall for welcome and guest speaker, followed by light supper provided by FNCV.

Saturday 28th April – Meet at Badger Creek Hall for excursions. Car pooling is encouraged.

Please bring your lunch, drink, binoculars, chair & name tag. Wear suitable shoes and prepare for changeable weather.

Excursions will leave at approximately 8.45 am – note departures will be staggered to avoid congestion.

Half day excursions will return for lunch at 12.30 pm.

Afternoon excursions will depart at around 1 pm, returning approximately 4.30 pm.

SEANA AGM & General Meeting at Badger Creek Hall starting at 4.45 pm. Each club to provide a delegate.

Evening meal at Sanctuary House Resort Motel dining room at 7 pm. \$35 needs to be booked, no BYO, drinks at bar prices.

Sunday 29th April – Meet at Badger Creek Hall for half day excursions leaving at about 8.45 am, followed by BYO lunch at the hall. Tea and coffee provided.

EXCURSIONS

This is a beautiful area containing peaks, Mountain Ash forests, fern gullies and rainforests. Possible excursions include a visit to Healesville Sanctuary with a behind the scenes tour on Saturday (at additional cost - bookings required), Murrundindi, Wirra Wirra, Donna Buang, Cement Creek, Mt. St. Leonards, Dom Dom Saddle, Fernshaw and Donnelleys Weir, with activities including fungi, birdwatching, mosses, ferns, photography, recovery from Black Saturday fires and more. A second circular with greater detail of excursions will be sent out in March 2018.

We look forward to seeing you in April 2018.

FNCV SEANA Committee

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