

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**

Calendar Contacts

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



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY TO MAY 2024



Est. 1880

The
Field
Naturalists
Club of
Victoria Inc.



Understanding our natural world

**Visitors welcome
at all activities!**

FNCV OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS

Office: Monday and Tuesday
10am - 4pm

Library: Tuesday 11am - 2pm

Please note: all calendar entries subject
to change—check latest Field Nats News
for up-to-date information

FNCV Office, Library & Meeting Rooms

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February



Monday 5th - Fungi Group

Meeting: To be advised

Speaker: Refer Field Nats News

Contact: Melvin Xu



Tuesday 6th - Fauna Survey Group

Meeting: Rediscovery & recovery of Southern Purple Spotted Gudgeon in Victoria

Speaker: Peter Rose

Contact: David De Angelis



Thurs 8th to Sun 11th - Fauna Survey Group

Survey: Powlett River

Surveying for small mammals, reptiles, bats, and shore birds

Prior bookings essential

Contact: Andrew Constantinou



Sun 11th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group

Excursion: Private property in Eden Park near Whittlesea

Registration essential for more details

Contact: Wendy Clark



Wed 14th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group

Zoom Meeting: Informal discussion of invertebrates seen or in photos presented by members

Contact: Wendy Clark



Thursday 15th - Botany Group

Meeting: The Kimberley

Speaker: Geoff Lay, FNCV

Contact: Ken Griffiths



Thu 15th - Sun 18th - Marine Research Group

Field Work: Rye, Cape Shank, Flinders area
There is improved access to locations that have been hard to reach in the past.

Meet at 6.40am. Locations to be decided while on site, due to some sites being affected by wind direction.

Register for more details.

Contact: Leon Altoff

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February (Continued)



Wednesday 21st - Microscopy Group

Practical Meeting: Compound, dissecting & digital microscopes set up for members' use

Full instruction provided, workshops on slide preparation and toolmaking, freshwater pond samples containing abundant organisms, videos of live microorganisms. Hundreds of prepared slides and specimens for viewing.

BYO specimens with ID assistance

Contact: Philippa Burgess



Friday 23rd - Juniors Group

Meeting: To be advised

Speaker: Refer Field Nats News

Contact: Adam Hosken



Tuesday 27th - Day Group 10.30am

Meeting: Exploring remote areas around Mali Dunes with a focus on the many species of Australian native orchids found in the Mallee

Speaker: Bill Kosky, Australian Native Orchid Society (ANOS) member & FNCV member

Contact: Joan Broadberry



Wednesday 28th - Geology Group

Meeting: New data and a new model for the Stavelly Arc and Grampians

Speaker: Ross Cayley of Geological Survey of Victoria, by video presentation in the hall

Contact: Ken Griffiths

March



Monday 4th - Fungi Group

Meeting: To be advised

Speaker: Refer Field Nats News

Contact: Melvin Xu



Tuesday 5th - Fauna Survey Group

Meeting: To be advised

Speaker: Refer Field Nats News

Contact: David De Angelis



Fri 8th to Tues 12th - Fauna Survey Group

Survey: Weekend camp - Bael Bael

Prior bookings essential

Contact: Andrej Hohmann

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March (Continued)



Monday 11th - Marine Research Group

No Meeting: Labour Day

Fri 15th - Mon 18th - Marine Research Group

Field Work: Waratah Bay, Walkerville area

Meet at 8.20 am. Locations to be decided while on site. Register for more details.

Contact: Leon Altoff



Sunday 17th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group

Excursion: Camberville

Registration essential for more details

Contact: Wendy Clark



Wed 20th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group

Meeting: Fresh water invertebrates

Speaker: To be confirmed

Contact: Wendy Clark



Thursday 21st - Botany Group

Meeting: Wetlands Plant Identification

Speaker: Dr Graeme Lorimer, scientist & author

Contact: Ken Griffiths



Tuesday 26th - Day Group 10.30am

Meeting: Members' morning

Bring up to six of your images that have interested you. Contact: Joan Broadberry



Wednesday 27th - Geology Group

Meeting: Early Earth: to 2.5 GYA

Speaker: Prof Ray Cas, Monash University

Contact: Ken Griffiths



Friday 29th - Juniors Group

No Meeting: Good Friday



Fri 29th to Mon 1st April - Juniors Group

Excursion: Easter Camp

Early bookings in advance essential. Details advised to Juniors by email

Contact: Adam Hosken



Fri 29th to Mon 1st April - Fauna Survey Group

Survey: Easter camp - Mali Dunes

Prior bookings essential

Contact: Andrej Hohmann

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April



Monday 1st - Marine Research Group
Field Work: Ricketts Point, incl. Watkins Bay
Meet at 12.10 pm.
Register for more details
Contact: Leon Altoff



Monday 1st - Fungi Group
No Meeting: Easter Monday



Tuesday 9th - Fauna Survey Group
Meeting: Monitoring & recovery actions for endangered Murray Hardyhead in Victoria
Speaker: Gabriel Cornell
Contact: David De Angelis



Wed 10th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group
Zoom Meeting: Informal discussion of invertebrates
seen or in photos presented by members
Contact: Wendy Clark



Saturday 13th - Marine Research Group
Field Work: Williamstown - The Jawbone
Meet at 10.15 am. Register for more details
Contact: Leon Altoff



Sunday 14th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group
Excursion: Toorongo Falls
Registration essential for more details
Contact: Wendy Clark



Wednesday 17th - Microscopy Group
Practical Meeting: Compound, dissecting & digital microscopes set up for members' use
Full instruction provided, workshops on slide preparation and toolmaking, freshwater pond samples containing abundant organisms, videos of live microorganisms. Hundreds of prepared slides and specimens for viewing. BYO specimens with ID assistance
Contact: Philippa Burgess



Thursday 18th - Botany Group
Meeting: To be advised
Speaker: Refer Field Nats News
Contact: Ken Griffiths

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April (Continued)



Wednesday 24th - Geology Group
Meeting: Reefs, redox & Earth's evolution
Speaker: Dr Ashleigh Hood, University of Melbourne
Contact: Ken Griffiths



Wed 24th to Sun 28th - Fauna Survey Group
Survey: Red Bluff, Big Desert
Prior bookings essential
Contact: David De Angelis



Friday 26th - Juniors Group
Meeting: To be advised
Speaker: Refer Field Nats News
Contact: Adam Hosken



Tuesday 30th - Day Group 10.30am
Meeting: The habitats of Victoria's Faunal emblems: the Helmeted Honeyeater & Leadbeater's Possum
Speaker: Sue Bendel, FNCV member
Contact: Joan Broadberry

May



Sunday 5th - Annual General Meeting
Join in this important event in the life of our club and congratulate our new Long Term (40 year) members. Meet at 2pm.
Speaker to be advised.
Contact: FNCV Office



Monday 6th - Fungi Group
Meeting: To be advised
Speaker: Refer Field Nats News
Contact: Melvin Xu



Tuesday 7th - Fauna Survey Group
Meeting: To be advised
Speaker: Refer Field Nats News
Contact: David De Angelis



Saturday 11th - Fungi Group
Foray: Sanatorium Lake, Mount Macedon
Meet at 10.30am
[Sanatorium Lake Picnic Ground.](#)
Contact: Hamish Beshara

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May (Continued)



Monday 13th - Marine Research Group
Meeting: Field trip roundup
Join us as we review where we have been and what we have seen over our field work season.
Contact: Leon Altoff



Wed 15th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group
Meeting: Members' night
Discussion of results of the last few Field Trips
Contact: Wendy Clark



Thursday 16th - Botany Group
Meeting: To be advised
Speaker: Refer Field Nats News
Contact: Ken Griffiths



Fri 17th to Sun 19th - Fauna Survey Group
Survey: Grampians/Heatherlie fauna survey
Prior bookings essential
Contact: Ray Gibson



Wednesday 22nd - Geology Group
Meeting: To be advised
Speaker: Refer Field Nats News
Contact: Ken Griffiths



Sunday 26th - Fungi Group
Foray: Silvan Reservoir Park
Meet at 10:30am at the [Silvan Reservoir Park](#) carpark.
Contact: Hamish Beshara



Tuesday 28th - Day Group 10.30am
Meeting: Crossing Australia along the Tropic of Capricorn
Speaker: Anne and John Morton, FNCV members
Contact: Joan Broadberry



Friday 31st - Juniors Group at 6.45pm
Meeting: To be advised
Speaker: Refer Field Nats News
Contact: Adam Hosken

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

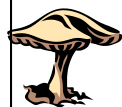
SIGs cater for everyone, from beginners to experienced naturalists. It's a great opportunity for beginners to learn more about specific areas of our natural world.



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



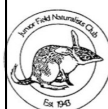
Fauna Survey Group: Carries out a program of wildlife surveys, live trapping under permit, checking nest boxes, stag watching and spotlighting.



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 and their parents. Monthly meetings (6.45pm) 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.



Microscopy Group: Microscopes are available with practical nights to demonstrate their use & improve technique. **Macrophotography** 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.

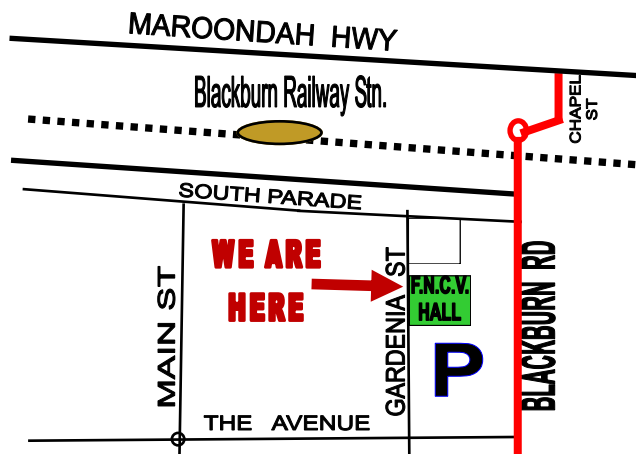


Day Group: For those who prefer day time activities; it offers a range of speakers & excursions on all aspects of natural history. Meetings start at 10.30am for coffee and a chat, speaker 11 am

FNCV Office & Meeting Rooms

1 Gardenia Street, Blackburn

<https://goo.gl/maps/FQen2rjUuc6LUng4A>



Meetings are at 8pm

(except Day Group 10.30am & Juniors 6.45pm)
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 for excursions & camps essential****



The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc.

Interactive membership form download here:

<http://www.fncv.org.au/join-the-club/>

Yearly Subscription Rates (2024)

(All prices inclusive of GST)

Single	\$90
Single Country or Concession: ID #.....	\$67
*Joint/Family (2 adults/4 children at same address)	\$116
*Joint/Family Country or Concession: ID #	\$90
*Junior Family (One child & one accompanying adult)	\$54
<i>Note: Junior members receive the Junior Naturalist only</i>	
*Additional Junior (siblings, other parent or guardian)	\$18
Student: ID #.....	\$41
Schools/Clubs	\$103
(Entitles only one representative to attend meetings)	

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

Signed

Name: Mr/Mx/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

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

Please send cheque payable to *The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc.* or provide credit card details:

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Signature:

Membership Fee \$

Donation - Aust. Natural History Medallion \$

- FNCV Environment Fund (tax deductible) \$

- General running of club \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$

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