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

**Calendar Contacts**

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

- **Botany Group**
  - Ken Griffiths.............. botany@fncv.org.au
- **Day Group**
  - Joan Broadberry......... 9846 1218
- **Fauna Survey Group**
  - Robin Drury............... 0417 195 148
  - John Harris............... 0409 090 955
  - Andrej Hohmann......... 0410 934 779
  - Raymond Gibson........... 0417 861 651
- **Fungi Group**
  - Carol Page............... 9857 6388
    (On day of foray ONLY).... 0438 446 973
- **Geology Group**
  - Ruth Hoskin............. 9878 5911
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  - Ruth Hoskin............... rrhoskin@gmail.com
- **Juniors’ Group**
  - Patricia Amaya......... juniors@fncv.org.au
- **Marine Research Group**
  - Leon Altoff............. AH 9530 4180
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- **Microscopy Group**
  - Philippa Burgess........ 0409 866 389
- **Terrestrial Invertebrates Group**
  - Max Campbell........... 0409 143 538
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- **Bookshop**
  - Kathy Himbeck......... bookshop@fncv.org.au

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**FNCV OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS**

**Office:** Monday and Tuesday 9.30am - 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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Visitors welcome at all activities!
**February**

**Sunday 2nd - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group**  
Excursion: *Birdsland, Belgrave Heights*  
Meet at 10 am in the car park about 700m off the bottom of McNicol Rd. We will walk around the wetland and lakes.  
Contact: Reiner Richter

**Monday 3rd - Fungi Group**  
No Meeting

**Tuesday 4th - Fauna Survey Group**  
Meeting: *Biogeography of murine rodents (Rodentia: Muridae)*, from adaptive radiations to threatened species  
Speaker: Dr Kevin Rowe, Senior Curator of Mammals, Museums Victoria  
Contact: Robin Drury

**Monday 10th - Marine Research Group**  
Meeting: 2019 World Whale Conference  
Speaker: Kristina Cook  
Contact: Leon Altoff

**Saturday 15th – First Aid Training**  
12 noon. CPR & Defibrillation.  
Prior registration essential. Cost $40  
Contact: FNCV office

**Sunday 16th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group**  
Excursion: *Wirrawilla Rainforest, Toolangi*  
Meet at 10 am in the car park at the end of Quarry Rd, off Sylvia Creek Rd, Toolangi.  
Contact: Reiner Richter

**Sun 16th to Wed 19th - Marine Research Group**  
Field Work: *Port Welshpool area*  
Exact locations will be decided while on site. For further details contact Leon Altoff

**Wednesday 19th - Microscopy Group**  
Meeting: *Refer Field Nats News for details*  
Contact: Philippa Burgess

**Thursday 20th – Botany Group**  
Meeting: *Fifty years of wandering around Australia*  
Speaker: Geoff Lay, Bushwalker, botany enthusiast & photographer  
Contact: Ken Griffiths

**Thurs 20th to Mon 24th - Fauna Survey Group**  
Survey: *Reptiles in Hattah-Kulkyne National Park*  
Prior bookings essential.  
Contact: John Harris

**Sunday 23rd – Juniors’ Group**  
Excursion: *Point Cook Marine Sanctuary*  
Leader: Andrew Christie, Lecturer at Melbourne Polytechnic. Meet 9.45 am.  
[Bookings in advance essential](#)  
Contact: Patricia Amaya

**Tuesday 25th – Day Group 10.30am**  
Meeting: *Studying Komodo Dragons in Indonesia*  
Speaker: Alyson Fysh  
Contact: Joan Broadberry

**Wednesday 26th – Geology Group**  
Meeting: *Victorian Polar Ornithopod Dinosaurs*  
Speaker: Ruairidh Duncan, Honours Student, Swinburne University  
Contact: Ruth Hoskin

**Friday 28th – Juniors’ Group**  
Meeting: *Windfarms & the environment*  
Speaker: Paul Villiers, windfarm engineer.  
Contact: Patricia Amaya

**March**

**Monday 9th - Marine Research Group**  
No Meeting: *Labour Day*

**Sunday 15th – Juniors’ Group**  
Excursion: *Black Hill Reserve*  
Leader: William Terry, Environmental Programs & Engagement Officer, Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
Meet 11 am.  
[Bookings in advance essential](#)  
Contact: Patricia Amaya

**Sunday 15th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group**  
Excursion: *Lerderderg State Park*  
Meet at 10 am at O’Briens Crossing, O’Briens Road. We can walk along the mostly dry Lerderderg River and surrounding tracks.  
[https://www.google.com/maps?q=-37.4959,144.3610](https://www.google.com/maps?q=-37.4959,144.3610)  
Contact: Reiner Richter

**Mon 16th to Thurs 19th - Marine Research Group**  
Field Work: *Port Campbell area*  
Exact locations will be decided while on site. For further details contact Leon Altoff

**Wednesday 18th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group**  
Meeting: *Refer Field Nats News for details*  
Speaker: To be advised  
Contact: Max Campbell

**Thursday 19th – Botany Group**  
Meeting: *Botanising in WA – a brief look at some of Western Australia’s unique species*  
Speaker: John Harris, Director Wildlife Experiences  
Contact: Ken Griffiths

**Tuesday 24th – Day Group 10.30am**  
Meeting: *A field naturalist in Iceland*  
Speaker: Sally Bewsher  
Contact: Joan Broadberry

**Wednesday 25th – Geology Group**  
Meeting: *The many factors causing climate change; climate change throughout Earth’s history; & the question of whether anthropogenic greenhouse gases are the cause of recent global warming*  
Speaker: Retired Professor Ray Cas, School of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment, Monash University  
Contact: Ruth Hoskin

**Friday 27th – Juniors’ Group**  
Note venue & time  
Meeting: *Aquaculture: An industry for the new millennium - At Melbourne Polytechnic Epping Campus, cnr Cooper St/Dalton Rd: 5pm-7pm*  
Speaker: Andrew Christie, Lecturer  
Contact: Patricia Amaya  
Note: Not held in our hall

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### April

**Wednesday 22nd – Geology Group**
Meeting: *Using Citizen Science to track the field trips and document the collections of some of Victoria’s pioneering geologists in the 19th & early 20th Centuries*
Speaker: Dr Oskar Lindenmayer, Melbourne Museum
Contact: Ruth Hoskin

**Friday 24th – Juniors’ Group**
Meeting: *Australian Mega Fauna*
Speaker: Euan Ritchie, Associate Professor in Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, Deakin University
Contact: Patricia Amaya

**Sunday 26th – Fungi Group & Juniors Group**
**Joint Foray: The Ada Tree, Yarra State Forest**
Contact: Carol Page & Patricia Amaya

**Tuesday 28th – Day Group**
Meeting: *Biosecurity – it protects our natural environment too*
Speaker: Dr Martin Barlass
Contact: Joan Broadberry

**May**

**Saturday 2nd – Juniors’ Group**
**Excursion: Twilight tour of Latrobe Wildlife Sanctuary**
Meet at 6 pm, $8 per person
Bookings in advance essential
Contact: Patricia Amaya

**Sunday 3rd – 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 4th – Fungi Group**
Meeting: *Refer Field Nats News for details*
Speaker: To be advised
Contact: Carol Page

**Tuesday 5th – Fauna Survey Group**
Meeting: *Workshop on using remote cameras to detect terrestrial and arboreal fauna*
Speakers: Robin Drury and Peter Homan, Fauna Survey Group, FNCV
Contact: Raymond Gibson

### May

**Sunday 10th – Fungi Group**
**Foray: Masons Falls, Kinglake West**
(Mel Ed 45, Map 9, 1M) Contact: Carol Page

**Monday 11th – Marine Research Group**
Meeting: *Field trip round-up*
Join us as we review where we have been and what we have seen over our field work season. Contact: Leon Altoff

**Fri 15th to Sun 17th - Fauna Survey Group**
Survey: *Nest-box checking at Rushworth Forest*
Prior bookings essential Contact: Ray Gibson

**Saturday 16th – FNCV Trivia Night**
Come and have fun with our nature-centric trivia questions. Organise a table and bring your friends to this fundraiser! Contact: FNCV Office

**Wed 20th – Terrrestrial Invertebrates Group**
Meeting: *F.G.A. Barnard – (A foundation member of the FNCV who edited The Victorian Naturalist for 32 years)*
Speaker: Dr Melanie Birtchnell. Contact: Ken Griffiths

**Tuesday 21st – Botany Group**
Meeting: *Community Organising Revegetation*
Speaker: Dr Melanie Birtchnell.
Contact: Ken Griffiths

**Fri 22nd to Mon 25th – Fungi Group**
**Weekend Foray: Tarra-Bulga National Park**
Refer FNN for more details and register to receive further information Contact: Carol Page

**Tuesday 26th – Day Group 10.30am**
Meeting: *F.G.A. Barnard – (A foundation member of the FNCV who edited The Victorian Naturalist for 32 years)*
Speaker: Dr Gary Presland, FNCV historian and archivist. Contact: Joan Broadberry

**Wednesday 27th – Geology Group**
Meeting: *Northern Australian Geological Travels*
Speaker: Eve Kolar, extensive traveller & excellent photographer Contact: Ruth Hoskin

**Friday 29th – Juniors’ Group**
Meeting: *Camping: essential tools*
Speaker: Max Campbell, FNCV President
Contact: Patricia Amaya
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 (7.30pm) 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 with practical nights to demonstrate their use & improve technique. Macrophotography also included.

**Terrestrial Invertebrates 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.

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**

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):*