

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

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 OCTOBER 2018 TO JANUARY 2019**



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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!**



October



Monday 1st - Fungi Group

Meeting: *Planning for 2019 forays*

Committee meeting 7.30pm; General meeting 8pm
Please bring a selection of photos of interest from the 2018 surveys to share
Contact: Carol Page



Tuesday 2nd - Fauna Survey Group

Meeting: *The key findings on research into the endangered Guthega Skink (Liopholis guthega)*

Speaker: Zak Atkins, PhD candidate, Latrobe University
Contact: Robin Drury



Saturday 6th – Working bee

Meet at 10.00 am for tidying and cleaning up inside and outside the hall. All help is appreciated.
Please BYO tools & cleaning equipment.
Contact: FNCV Office



Monday 8th - Marine Research Group

Meeting: *Larsen C Antarctica*

Speaker: Melanie Mackenzie, Museums Victoria
Contact: Leon Altoff



Thursday 11th – Botany Group *Extra meeting!*

Meeting: *The Emerald Link: East Gippsland*

Speaker: Ed Hill from GECCO
Contact: Ken Griffiths



Wednesday 17th - Microscopy Group

Meeting: *Refer Field Nats News for details*

Speaker: To be advised
Contact: Philippa Burgess



Thursday 18th – Botany Group

Meeting: *The effect of disturbance on plant rarity and ecosystem function*

Speaker: John Patykowski, who has now completed his PhD, will present his findings
Contact: Ken Griffiths

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October (Continued)



Saturday 20th – Juniors' Group

Excursion: *Mt Burnett Observatory*

Meet in the evening, details will be advised
Bookings in advance essential! \$6 per person
Contact: Patricia Amaya



Tuesday 23rd – Day Group (10.30 am)

Meeting: *The management of Caladenia amoena and other rare native orchids in NE Melbourne*

Speaker: Gary French who has worked for over twenty years conserving rare orchid populations on Melbourne's urban fringe
Contact: Joan Broadberry



Wednesday 24th – Geology Group

Meeting: *Ballarat's Golden Mining History and Present Explorations*

Speaker: Bill Reid, Geologist and Exploration Manager, Castlemaine Goldfields Ltd. at Ballarat
Contact: Ruth Hoskin



Friday 26th – Juniors' Group

Meeting: *About Parks & Reserves in the City of Whitehorse*

Speaker: Lisa Maloney of Whitehorse City Council
Contact: Patricia Amaya

November



Sat 3rd to Tues 6th - Fauna Survey Group

Survey: *Fauna & nestbox survey at Rushworth*

Contact: Ray Gibson



Sunday 4th – Juniors' Group

Excursion: *Sherbrooke Forest – Recognizing its Fauna and Flora*

Meet 2 pm. Meeting place will be advised to those who have registered. **Registration essential!**
Leader: Diana Gentu
Contact: Patricia Amaya

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November (Continued)



Monday 5th – Fungi Group

No Meeting



Sunday 11th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group

Excursion: *Langwarrin Flora & Fauna Reserve*

Meet 10am in the car park at the western end of Centre Break (off McLelland Drive)
Contact: Reiner Richter



Monday 12th – Australian Natural History Medallion Reception & Buffet 6.30 pm & Presentation 8 pm

The 2018 Medallionist is Sarah Lloyd for her contribution to conservation, natural history and education. Presentation of the Medallion will be followed by a talk from the recipient.
For buffet bookings (\$22) contact the FNCV Office



Monday 12th - Marine Research Group

No Meeting: *ANHM*



Tuesday 13th - Fauna Survey Group

Meeting: *Building an understanding of habitat use, movement and migration of Latham's Snipe*

Speaker: Birgita Hansen, Research Fellow, Centre for eResearch & Digital Innovation, Federation University
Contact: Robin Drury



Thursday 15th – Botany Group

Meeting: *The Gibson Desert: a botanist's perspective*

Speaker: Dr Mary Gibson
Contact: Ken Griffiths



Wednesday 21st - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group

Meeting: *Refer Field Nats News for details*

Speaker: To be advised
Contact: Max Campbell



Sunday 25th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group

Excursion: *Buttongrass Nature Trail, Bunyip State Park*

Meet 10 am in the car park at the start of Guide Track (on Camp Rd).
Contact: Reiner Richter

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November (Continued)



Tuesday 27th – Day Group (10.30 am)

Meeting: Looking at nature in Central Europe (part 2) Speaker: Andrew McCutcheon has very kindly agreed to continue his fascinating presentation exploring the wild areas of Slovenia and neighbouring countries
Contact: Joan Broadberry



Wednesday 28th – Geology Group

Meeting: Geological travels in some National Parks of North-West USA
Speakers: Members of FNCV and U3A Geology
Contact: Ruth Hoskin



Friday 30th – Juniors' Group

Meeting: Seabirds and their similarities with the Cookie Monster
Speaker: Marlene Rodriguez
Contact: Patricia Amaya

December



Monday 3rd – Fungi Group
No Meeting



Tuesday 4th - Fauna Survey Group

Meeting: Christmas BBQ and annual round up at FNCV Hall
Contact: Ray Gibson



Fri 7th-Tues11th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Gp

Excursion: South Western Victoria Camp
Saturday and/or Sunday will be spent searching for and/or counting the rare ladybeetle *Micraspis flavovittata*. We will also spend an additional day or two exploring nearby forests. We will camp in Cobboboonee National Park but other accommodation is available in Nelson and Portland. Allow at least 5 hours of driving from Melbourne.
Registrations essential by 30th November
Contact: Reiner Richter

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December (Continued)



Saturday 8th – Christmas Party BBQ

6.30 pm in the hall. Join us to celebrate another wonderful year with your fellow naturalists. As usual there will be a stupendous raffle! For details see Field Nats News



Monday 10th – Marine Research Group

Meeting: Annual member's night
Everyone is welcome to bring along exhibits, items of interest or questions on marine invertebrates
Contact: Leon Altoff



Wednesday 19th - Microscopy Group
No Meeting



Thursday 20th – Botany Group
No Meeting



Tuesday 25th – Day Group
No Meeting: **Christmas Day**



Wednesday 26th – Geology Group
No Meeting

January



Tuesday 1st – Fauna Survey Group
No Meeting: **New Year's Day**



Sunday 6th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group
Excursion: Cardinia Reservoir Park
Meet at 10 am in Crystal Brook picnic area car park.
Contact: Reiner Richter

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January (Continued)



Monday 7th – Fungi Group
No Meeting



Monday 14th – Marine Research Group
No Meeting



Wed 16th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group
No Meeting



Thursday 17th – Botany Group
No Meeting



Sunday 20th - Terrestrial Invertebrates Group
Excursion: Upper Yarra
Meet at 10:30 am in Warburton in the car park along Thomas Ave (behind the shops)
Contact: Reiner Richter



Tuesday 22nd – Day Group
No Meeting



Wednesday 23rd – Geology Group
No Meeting



Fri 25th to Mon 28th - Fauna Survey Group
Survey: Fauna survey at Lonsdale NCR (near Stawell)
Details to be advised
Contact: Robin Drury



Friday 26th – Juniors' Group
No Meeting: **Australia Day**



Monday 28th – Marine Research Group
Fieldwork: Intertidal survey at Honeysuckle Point, Shoreham
Meet at 10 am. Phone or email for exact location.
Contact: Leon Altoff



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.



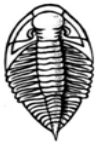
Botany Group: All groups of the plant world are examined: vascular plants, algae and mosses; there are also excursions.



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.

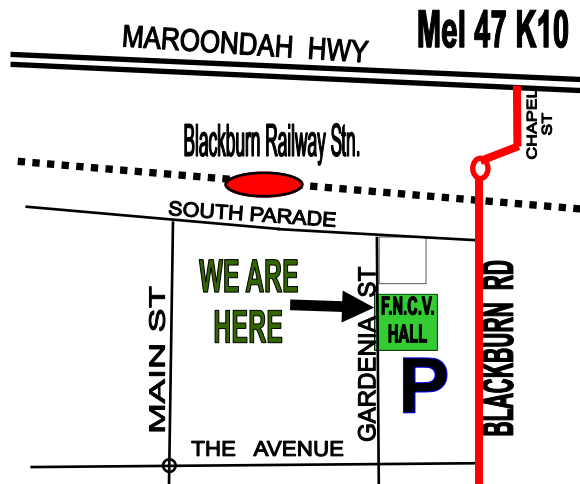


Terrestrial Invertebrate Group: Studies all terrestrial invertebrates (including freshwater) with an emphasis on insects. A meeting is held every two months with regular field trips.



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

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.

1/7/18-30/6/19 Yearly Subscription Rates

(All prices inclusive of GST)

Single	\$85
Single Country or Concession: ID #	\$64
*Joint/Family (2 adults/4 children at same address)	\$110
*Joint/Family Country or Concession: ID #	\$85
*Junior Family (One child & one accompanying adult)	\$51
<i>Note: Junior members receive the Junior Naturalist only</i>	
*Additional Junior (siblings, other parent or guardian)	\$17
Student: ID #	\$38
Schools/Clubs (<i>Entitles only one representative to attend meetings</i>)	\$98

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) |

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

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Cardholder's name: _____ Exp date

Signature: _____

Membership Fee \$

Donation - Aust. Natural History Medallion \$

- FNCV Environment Fund (tax deductible) \$

- General running of club \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$

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