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### History of Mud Islands

Our guest speaker at this year's AGM is **Nancy Tsernjavski, who will speak on the history of Mud Islands.** Nancy was a founding member of FOMI, and has a long association with the islands. Her presentation will include some television footage of Mud Islands as well as tales of life on the islands.

The AGM will be held **Monday 25 August at 7:30pm** at the Ocean Grove Nature Reserve. Please invite your friends along.

### Dates for 2008

10 August	Weeding
24 August	Weeding
25 August	AGM
28 September	Weeding
26 October	Alternate trip
23 November	Weeding & seagrass monitoring
11 December	(Thurs) Christmas breakup

For bookings please call Felicity on 5258 2559 or email [fomislands@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fomislands@yahoo.com.au). Keep up to date at: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~fomi/>.

### Excite Young People about Conservation with the Movie *Nim's Island*

The NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) have partnered with Walden Media, producers of such films as *Bridge to Terabithia*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *The Chronicles of Narnia*®, to promote ocean conservation messages to the public, especially to young people, through the development of education materials for their newest film, *Nim's Island*.

*Nim's Island* is a heartfelt and hilarious adventure that chronicles the exploits of Nim, a young girl living a high-tech Robinson

Crusoe existence on an unspoiled tropical island with her marine scientist father and her best friends—a motherly sea lion, a rambunctious iguana, a sea bird and sea turtle. The movie stars Jodie Foster, Gerard Butler and Abigail Breslin as Nim.

Through this partnership, national marine sanctuaries and NWF are featured in the educational materials for *Nim's Island*. Download the educator's guide, fun wallpaper for your computer, watch the movie trailer, hear from Sanctuary Sam, and join Nim's Ocean Guardian Kid's Club, and more.

<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>

### Wings Over Wetlands

The CCMA has produced a field guide highlighting the region's water birds. It has been designed to assist the community in identifying local water birds and learn more about their lifecycle. The booklet has forty three birds to look out for from the common to more threatened species. The booklets have been produced for distribution to local landcare networks, local government, Parks Victoria offices, coastal foreshore committees, and other interested groups and individuals. The booklet aims to highlight the critical habitat the region's wetlands provide and the importance of managing them for conservation. Trevor Prescott a well known local naturalist provided the photographs for the booklet. The booklets are available from Donna Smithyman, Wetlands Coordinator, Corangamite CMA, 52329120.

Donna will bring some of the booklets to the AGM – come along and get your copy.