

GEELONG FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB INC.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES 2009–2010

JUNE 2009

- 2 General Meeting: Mammalian fossils from Werribee River—Maarten Holzenbusch
- 9 Plant Group: Wider Geelong Flora Lecture: Orchids—Gary Backhouse
- TBA Mammal Group: Survey
- 21 Excursion: Werribee River Outlet
Leader: TBA
- 18 Bird Group: Meeting
- 25 Mid-week Bird Group Excursion
- 30 Eco Book Group

JULY 2009

- 7 General Meeting: Sharks—Terry Walker
- 14 Plant Group: Workshop Meeting
- 15 Excursion (Mid week): Melbourne Aquarium
Leader: Deborah Evans
- 16 Bird Group: Meeting
- 25-26 Orange-bellied Parrot Survey—Craig Morley
- 23 Mid-week Bird Group Excursion

AUGUST 2009

- 4 General Meeting: Members Night and casserole tea
- 11 Plant Group: Workshop Meeting
- TBA Mammal Group: Survey
- 16 Excursion: Ocean Grove Nature Reserve
Leader: TBA
- 20 Bird Group: Meeting
- 22 Boneseed pull—You Yangs
Leaders: Rob Beardsley, Claire & Dennis Greenwell
- 27 Mid-week Bird Excursion

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 1 General Meeting: Moths—Peter Marriott
- 12-13 Orange-bellied Parrot Survey—Craig Morley
- 8 Plant Group: Workshop Meeting
- 17 Bird Group: Meeting
- 20 Excursion / Biodiversity Survey—Bellarine Peninsula, Hutchinson's Block
Leaders: Diana Primrose
- 24 Mid-week Bird Group Excursion
- 29 Eco Book Group

OCTOBER 2009

- 6 General Meeting: Victorian Marine Habitat Mapping Project—Daniel Ierodiaconou
- 13 Plant Group: Wider Geelong Flora Lecture: Soils—Mark Imhoff
- 2-4 SEANA Campout: Hamilton FNC host club
- 15 Bird Group: Meeting
- TBA Mammal Group: Survey
- 18 Excursion / Biodiversity Survey—Point Addis, Bill & Jenny McKellar's property
Leader: Barry Lingham
- 22 Mid-week Bird Group Excursion

NOVEMBER 2009

- 1 Special Event: Search for *Thismia rodwayi* Fairy Lanterns in the Wet Otways
Leaders: Trevor Pescott & Rosalind Smallwood
- 3 General Meeting: Bird Flu—Ton Schat
- 10 Plant Group: Workshop

NOVEMBER 2009 (cont.)

- 15 Excursion/Biodiversity Survey—Upper Wormbete Creek/Paddy Swamp, Daryl Hoffman's property
Leader: Neil McInnes
- 19 Bird Group: Meeting
- 26 Mid-week Bird Group Excursion

DECEMBER 2009

- TBA Challenge Bird Count
- 1 General Meeting: Members Night
- 8 Plant Group Excursion—picnic tea

JANUARY 2010

- TBA Summer Wader Count
- 15-18 Club Campout: Mt Buffalo
Leaders: Kathie & Peter Strickland
- 16 Saturday ½ Day Excursion: Eastern Park to Rippleside
Leader: TBA
- 21 Bird Group: Meeting
- 28 Mid-week Bird Group Excursion

FEBRUARY 2010

- 2 General Meeting: Water Rats—Michelle Smith
- 9 Plant Group: Workshop Meeting
- 18 Bird Group: Meeting
- 21 Excursion: Urquhart's Bluff to Aireys Inlet walk
Leaders: Phil and Alison Watson
- 25 Mid-week Bird Group Excursion

MARCH 2010

- 2 General Meeting: Finding elusive wildlife, the case of the Spot-tailed Quoll—Dr Jenny Nelson
- 7 'Clean up Australia Day' at Jerringot. Leaders: TBA
- 9 Plant Group: Wider Geelong Flora Lecture: The Secret Life of Plants
- TBA Mammal Group: Survey
- 18 Bird Group: Meeting
- 19-22 SEANA campout: Ballarat FNC host club
- 21 Excursion: Day trip to join the SEANA campout
- 25 Mid-week Bird Group Excursion
- 30 Eco Book Group

APRIL 2010

- 6 AGM—Members Night
- 13 Plant Group: Workshop Meeting
- 15 Bird Group: Meeting
- 18 Excursion: Roadside Geology
Leader: Noel Schleiger
- 22 Mid-week Bird Group Excursion

MAY 2010

- 4 General Meeting: Mosses and Lichens—Helen Jolley
- 11 Plant Group: Workshop Meeting
- TBA Mammal Group: Survey
- 16 Excursion: Lederberg Gorge
Leaders: Dean and Marilyn Hewish
- TBA Orange-bellied Parrot Survey—Craig Morley
- 20 Bird Group: Meeting
- 22 Boneseed pull—You Yangs. Leaders: Rob Beardsley, Claire & Dennis Greenwell
- 27 Mid-week Bird Group Excursion

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please detach and forward to: THE HONORARY TREASURER, GFNC Inc, P.O. Box 1047, GEELONG 3220
See over for subscription rates.

NAME Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms _____

ADDRESS _____

Contact Phone _____ (B) _____ (A/H.)

Email address _____

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Type of Membership

Supporting Member Ordinary Member

Joint/Family Junior (under 19)

Corporate Member Publications Only

Geelong Bird Report Bird Report Posted

Full-time tertiary student (under 26) Donation \$ _____

GEELONG FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB Inc. A0013708R

WELCOMES VISITORS and NEW MEMBERS

PO Box 1047 Geelong 3220
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We are fortunate to live in an area containing some of Australia's richest and diverse ecosystems. We appreciate our natural environment and look forward to sharing this enjoyable interest with **visitors and new members** at Club activities. There are over 70 organised events with which you can become involved.



Geelong Field Naturalists participate in

- conducted field trips to local areas of natural significance
- illustrated presentations by leaders in natural environment subjects.
- bushland, coastal and alpine campouts
- flora and fauna surveys
- conservation projects
- exhibitions displaying aspects of our local environment

Many of us are learners and observers, some are experts in their fields.

Since 1961 our Club has been influential in protecting the diminishing natural environment. We are actively involved in the development and management of many local Reserves and Parks; tree planting and environmental weed control are ongoing projects. We carry out flora and fauna surveys for various authorities and environment groups. Our fine record on conservation issues has earned the respect of government and community organisations.

Details of dates and Club activities are listed on the reverse of this page. Complete information details are published in the *Geelong Naturalist* (GFNC monthly publication) in the month prior to the activity.

We meet at 8 p.m. at the Geelong Botanic Gardens Friends Room where we have monthly group activities. Entrance is at the intersection of Holt Rd and Eastern Park Circuit in Eastern Park. Melways reference 452 G4

General Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the month. Usually an illustrated talk by specialists on a wide range of natural environment subjects, e.g. land forms, plants, birds, animals, insects, marine/aquatic/shore life, stars/planets, rocks, weather, earthquakes, etc., followed by discussion. Members are encouraged to share their nature study observations and bring items to put on our specimen table for exhibition and/or identification.

Contact: Deborah Evans Ph. 5243 8687

General Excursion: Generally 3rd Sunday of the month (check program/*Geelong Naturalist* for any changes). Excursions to areas of local environmental interest, sharing knowledge, recording natural history observations, enjoying good company.

Contact: Neil McInnes Ph. 0408 102 802

Plant Group: 2nd Tuesday of the month. Members share and develop their knowledge of plants in a relaxed and friendly manner at discussion sessions and field trips.

Contact: Dick Southcombe Ph. 5243 3916

Bird Group: 3rd Thursday of the month. Specialist speakers, bird counts, identification of species, sharing and discussing observations of birds and bird behaviour.

Contact: Barry Lingham Ph. 5255 4291

Mid-week Bird Excursion: 4th Thursday of the month. Half day walk to nearby birding locations

Contact: Polly Cutcliffe Ph. 5244 0182

Mammal Survey Group: Surveys are conducted every two months in local areas to determine the mammal species present. The GFNC has a survey permit from the Department of NRE to trap and release small mammals.

Contact: Trevor Pescott Ph. 5243 4368

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

- (1) To stimulate the study and appreciation of natural history by:
 - (a) Lectures, discussions and excursions to areas displaying features of ecological interest
 - (b) Taking part in ecological surveys and field studies from time to time.
- (2) To preserve and protect Australian Flora and Fauna
- (3) To issue statements and comments on proposals regarding the management of areas of ecological significance, in order to aid the conservation of natural resources and the protection of endangered species and habitats.
- (4) To faithfully record information, to disseminate knowledge and to act as a source of information and opinion on matters relevant to the Association's purposes.

MEMBERSHIP RATES 2009/2010

All members receive copies of the monthly magazine *Geelong Naturalist* at meetings or by post.

Supporting member	\$45.00	Ordinary member	\$ 35.00
Joint/Family member	\$45.00	Junior member (under 19)	\$ 10.00
Corporate member	\$40.00	Full-time tertiary student (under 26)	\$ 25.00
Annual Geelong Bird Report	\$10.00 (\$15.00 if posted)	Subscriber to monthly publications only	\$ 30.00
	International AUD\$25.00	International	AUD\$ 45.00

Extra donations gratefully accepted

A receipt will be posted if requested. **Make cheques payable to the Geelong Field Naturalists Club Inc.**
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