

**FNSSA PROGRAM**  
**February – December 2017**  
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**President: Mobile No. 0400 292 311**

General Meetings are held in the Royal Society Lecture Room, Plane Tree Courtyard, off Kintore Avenue at 7.45 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (except January). For queries on General Meetings please telephone or leave a message on 0428 188 318 or 0400 292 311 for someone to get back to you.

**CLUBS:**

The Botany Club meetings will be held when needed and details will be sent to Botany Club members by email. Dates and information about excursions are indicated in the program. Excursions are cancelled if there is a fire ban in the area. For any further queries about Botany Club meetings and/or excursions contact Thelma Hall at 8234 9002 or Joan Beer on 8344 6287 or email Joan on [johnbeer@ozemail.com.au](mailto:johnbeer@ozemail.com.au).

Excursions will be cancelled if the temperature forecast for the planned destination is 35° C or over. Note: some destinations have a lower maximum temperature, above which the excursion will be cancelled, and this will be shown in the program.

For excursions please bring a brush and methylated spirits to disinfect boots and car wheels against the fungal pathogen Phytophthora.

Adelaide Fungal Studies Group meets on varying Tuesdays of the month at the Staff Tea Room of the Plant Biodiversity Centre, off Hackney Road at 7.30 p.m. However, extra meetings and forays may be arranged and changes will be made to take advantage of fungal fruiting times and good fungal sites. There will be no excursions from November to March inclusive, and April and September forays may be cancelled if the weather is too dry.

At meetings held during the fungal season, collections made during the previous weekend's foray may be examined and identified, or there will be a talk.

**On forays**, please bring lunch, a notebook, pencil and hand lens (if possible). Methylated spirits and brushes will be provided to clean boots but please check that tyres and shoes are clean to avoid the spread of Phytophthora. It is best to check before the excursion as venues may change due to special fungal fruiting flushes.

Records of target species found on each excursion are sent to **Fungimap** for their coordinates to be entered and mapped on the database. Collections are deposited into the State Herbarium of South Australia.

Membership of the AFSG is \$5 per annum. Members of the AFSG should be members of the FNSSA. For further information contact Pam Catcheside, ph. 8222 9379 (w), email: [pam.catcheside@sa.gov.au](mailto:pam.catcheside@sa.gov.au).

Mammal Club meets in the Conservation Council of SA Inc. building in the Old Central Bus Station at 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide at 7.30 p.m. During 2017 meetings will be held on the third Monday in March and June, and the second Monday in February, April, May, July, August, September, October and November. The December meeting will be a social gathering at a venue to be decided. Contact

Peter Matejcić or Graham Medlin for further details. Please ring Peter’s mobile if the door is locked and you arrive after 7.30 p.m. Information about Mammal Club surveys can be emailed or posted to interested participants.

Chairperson Peter Matejcić, Ph. 8258 9875 (h) or 0400 292 311, email: [pmatejci@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pmatejci@bigpond.net.au). Alternatively contact the Treasurer/Records Officer Graham Medlin, Ph. 8276 4499 (h), email: [gcmmedlin@bigpond.com](mailto:gcmmedlin@bigpond.com).

**JUNIOR CLUBS:**

**Junior Field Naturalists S.A. Inc.:**

(Previously Bellevue Heights Junior Field Naturalists’ Club.) Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month in the Activities Room, Bellevue Heights Primary School, 7.30–8.45 p.m. Enquiries to Mrs Rona Sakko, Mobile: 0419 827 723. Also check the website at [www.jfnsa.com.au](http://www.jfnsa.com.au).

**IMPORTANT:** To prevent the spread of Phytophthora all footwear and car wheels must be scrubbed with a brush and disinfected with methylated spirits when leaving or entering reserves of native vegetation in Phytophthora-prone areas.

**NOTE:** For more information about any activities see the accompanying program.

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<b>FEBRUARY 2017</b>	8th Wed.	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Hannah Bannister</b> , PhD candidate, University of Adelaide and LEF recipient for 2016. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Factors influencing the reintroduction success and population persistence of Brushtail Possums in semi-arid Australia.</i>
Monday	13th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
<b>MARCH 2017</b>	7th Tuesday	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP.</b> State Herbarium of South Australia, 7.30 p.m. Program planning meeting and talk by Pam Catchside, ‘The interdependence of fungi and forests’.
Wednesday	8th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Annie Bond</b> , Master of Philosophy candidate, University of Adelaide and LEF recipient for 2016. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Managing remnant vegetation for biodiversity conservation: habitat condition after 10 years of management.</i>
Saturday– Monday	11th– 13th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB SURVEY.</b> Adelaide Cup Day long week-end. <b>Warrenben C.P.</b> , Yorke Peninsula. Flyer will be sent out to interested participants. Combined Mammal Club and SA Herpetology Group survey.
Monday	20th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m. <b>(Third Monday of the month in lieu of Adelaide Cup Day on the 13th.)</b>
<b>APRIL 2017</b>	10th Monday	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	12th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Monique Smith</b> , PhD candidate, University of Adelaide and LEF recipient for 2015. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Interactions between native and introduced grasses in relation to the restoration of grassy habitats.</i>
Friday–Monday	14th– 17th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB EASTER SURVEY.</b> Survey No. 1 to <b>Gluepot Reserve</b> , north of Waikerie in the Murray Mallee. Flyer will be sent out to interested participants. Combined Mammal Club and SA Herpetology Group survey. Some participants may wish to arrive on Thursday, April 13th.
Saturday	22nd	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Bullock Hill C.P. Meet at Green Man Inn, Ashbourne at 10.00 a.m. (CFS 121A 967 927.) <b>Leader: Jenny Fontanot</b>
<b>MAY 2017</b>	8th Monday	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday	10th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Dr Jasmin Packer</b> , Adjunct Research Associate, University of Adelaide and LEF recipient for 2016. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Too much of a good thing? Assessing the invasive risk of Phragmites australis for threatened species and communities across South Australia.</i>
Saturday	13th	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> FNS Forest Range Reserve and St John's Bushland Park, Lobethal. Meet opposite the Forest Range Institute at 10.00 a.m. (CFS 149A 995 327.) <b>Leader: Joan Beer</b>
Saturday	13th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY.</b> Mount Lofty Botanic Garden, plus lunch. Meet upper car park, 10.00 a.m. <b>Leader: Pam Catcheside</b>
Saturday	27th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY.</b> Springmount Conservation Park. Meet at car park entrance. <b>Leader: Pam Catcheside</b>
Tuesday	30th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP.</b> State Herbarium of South Australia, 7.30 p.m. <b>Topic:</b> Identification of specimens from the last foray.
<b>JUNE 2017</b> Saturday	10th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY.</b> Monarto Conservation Park. Meet at car park entrance. <b>Leader: Pam Catcheside</b>
Tuesday	13th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP.</b> State Herbarium of South Australia, 7.30 p.m. <b>Topic:</b> Identification of specimens from the last foray.
Wednesday	14th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Dr Mark Stevens</b> , Associate Professor, University of Adelaide and Senior Researcher in Terrestrial Invertebrates, South Australian Museum. LEF recipient for 2016. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Exploring the 'only' salt lake endemic scorpion in the world, Australobuthus xerolimniorum: potential individual-lake endemicity and multiple new species.</i>
Saturday	17th	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Kyeema C.P. Meet at Kuitpo Forest Headquarters, Brookman Road, Kuitpo at 10.00 a.m. <b>Leader: Diarshul Sandhu</b>
Sunday	18th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY.</b> Foray with the Junior Field Naturalists. Meet Visitor Centre, Belair National Park at 10 a.m.
Monday	19th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m. ( <i>Queen's Birthday Holiday on the 12th of June.</i> )
Sunday	25th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY.</b> With Upper Sturt Landcare Group at their site. Meet at 10.00 a.m., at the Upper Sturt Soldiers' Memorial Hall, 173 Upper Sturt Rd, Upper Sturt. <b>Leader: Jasmin Packer</b>
Thursday– Sunday	June 29th– Jul 2nd	<b>AFSG:</b> Four days of fungal events with <i>Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher</i> , Fungimap Co-ordinator, including Educators' Forum at Arbury Park Outdoor School on July 1st ( <b>Organiser: Rose Dow</b> ).
<b>JULY 2017</b>	8th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY.</b> Deep Creek C.P. Meet at the Delamere store at 10.30 a.m. <b>Leader: Pam Catcheside</b>
Monday	10th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m. <b>Topic:</b> Identification of specimens from the last foray.
Tuesday	11th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP.</b> State Herbarium of South Australia, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	12th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Dr Julie Schofield</b> , Conservation Council of S.A., LEF recipient for 2016. <b>Topics:</b> <i>Decline of the wren: investigating genetics and predators.</i> 'Can feathers be used for the conservation genetics of the Mt Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren?' and 'Black Rats say cheese!'
Saturday	15th	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Tennyson Dunes. Meet at the car park on Military Road at 10.00 a.m. Car park sign-posted 'Tennyson Dunes' is north of Tennyson Dunes Court. (UBD Map 103 H8.) <b>Leader: Thelma Hall</b>
Saturday	29th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY.</b> Kuitpo Forest. Meet at the Rangers HQ at 10.00 a.m. <b>Leader: Pam Catcheside</b>
<b>AUGUST 2017</b> Tuesday	1st	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP.</b> State Herbarium of South Australia, 7.30 p.m. <b>Topic:</b> Identification of specimens from the last foray.

Wednesday	9th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speakers: Dan Wilden</b> (Honours candidate, University of Adelaide) and <b>Rebecca Duffield</b> , Conservation Council of S.A. (LEF recipient for 2016.) <b>Topic: Investigating the relationship between Fleurieu Swamp vegetation changes and hydrological stress.</b>
Saturday	12th	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Privately owned scrub in the Milang area. Meet at the old Milang railway station at 10.00 a.m. <b>Leader: Anne Hartnett</b>
Monday	14th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday	19th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY.</b> Kaiserstuhl C.P. Meet at the park entrance at 10.00 a.m. <b>Leader: Pam Catcheside</b>
Tuesday	22nd	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP.</b> State Herbarium of South Australia, 7.30 p.m. <b>Topic: Identification of specimens from the last foray..</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2017</b>	2nd	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Hardy's Scrub. Meet at Blewitt Springs CFS, Blewitt Springs Road at 10.00 a.m. (CFS 120D 812 058). <b>Leader: Joan Beer.</b>
Saturday		
Monday	11th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	13th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Bonnie Derne</b> , PhD candidate, Flinders University and LEF recipient for 2016. <b>Topic: Investigating the parasite biota of the endangered <i>Pygmy Bluetongue lizard: a risk assessment for an experimental translocation.</i></b>
Saturday	23rd	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Callitris Reserve, Tea Tree Gully. Meet in Smart Road, near the corner of Hancock Road, in a car park adjacent to St. Agnes School at 10.00 a.m. <b>Leaders: Janet &amp; Barrie Bowden</b>
Saturday– Monday	Sep. 30–Oct 1, 2017	<b>MAMMAL CLUB LABOR DAY SURVEY.</b> Survey No. 2 to <b>Gluepot Reserve</b> , north of Waikerie in the Murray Mallee. Flyer will be sent out to interested participants. Combined Mammal Club and SA Herpetology Group survey. Some participants may wish to arrive on Friday, September 29th.
<b>OCTOBER 2017</b>	9th Mon.	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	11th	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>AGM and presentation of the FNSSA Nature Conservation Award.</b>
Saturday	14th	<b>GENERAL EXCURSION (ALSO INCORPORATING THE BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION),</b> Para Woodlands, starting at 2.00 p.m. A flyer with instructions is being prepared by Peter Matejcic.
<b>NOVEMBER 2017</b>	7th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP.</b> State Herbarium of South Australia, 7.30 p.m. Last meeting for the year. <b>Topic: Members' Fungi of 2017.</b>
Wednesday	8th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Alexandra Winston</b> (BSc Hons. graduate, Flinders University). LEF recipient for 2016. <b>Topic: Investigation of potential environmental sources of ascomycete inocula in post-fire environments.</b>
Saturday	11th	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Springs Road Native Reserve, Second Valley Forest. Meet in Yankalilla in the car park adjacent to the toilets at 10.00 a.m. <b>Leaders: Janet &amp; Barrie Bowden.</b>
Monday	13th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
<b>DECEMBER 2017</b>	11th Mon.	<b>MAMMAL CLUB:</b> End of year social gathering. Hackney Hotel, Hackney Road. meet at 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday	13th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Members Night</b> , end of year social gathering. Members' slides, pictures, PowerPoint presentations etc. and supper. (Please bring something for supper.)

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