

## **FNSSA PROGRAM**

**February – December 2018**

**Contact: FNSSA 0428 188 318 or**

**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 30° 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, 'The Joinery' at 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide at 7.30 p.m. During 2018, meetings will be held on the third Monday from February to November. The December meeting will be a social gathering at a venue to be decided. Contact Peter Matejic 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 Matejic, 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: [gmedlin@bigpond.com](mailto:gmedlin@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).

## WORKING BEES:

Manning Reserve Working Bees corner of Kays and Whittings Road, McLaren Flat, will be scheduled as required. Meet at the eastern or northern gate (as advised) at 9.30 a.m. You will need to bring lunch, water, and wear sturdy clothing and protective gloves. If you have tools such as secateurs, pruning saws or bow saws, please bring them.

**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.

*When contemplating attending field trips and/or excursions in the program, it is advisable to check with a listed contact or trip leader as arrangements may change.*

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<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>	14th 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 2017. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Factors influencing the population persistence of Brush-tail Possums in semi-arid South Australia.</i>
	Monday	19th <b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
<b>MARCH 2018</b>	6th	<b>ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP:</b> Program planning meeting.
	Wednesday	14th <b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Nick Whiterod</b> , Aquasave - Nature Glenelg Trust, and LEF recipient for 2017. <b>Topic:</b> <i>It's not here, but it could be: a renewed justification for re-establishing a large freshwater crayfish in the Lower Murray.</i>
	Monday	19th <b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
	Friday–Monday	30th Mar./ 2nd Apr. <b>MAMMAL CLUB EASTER SURVEY. Warrenben Conservation Park</b> on Yorke Peninsula. Flyer will be sent out to interested participants. Combined Mammal Club and SA Herpetology Group survey. Some participants may wish to arrive on Thursday, March 29th.
<b>APRIL 2018</b>	11th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Emmi van Harten</b> , PhD candidate La Trobe University and LEF recipient for 2017. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Population dynamics of the critically endangered Southern Bent-winged bat <i>Miniopterus orianae bassanii</i>.</i>
	Monday	16th <b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
	Saturday	14th <b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Tookayerta Marsh, FNS swamp at Nangkita. Meet at Mount Compass in the reserve at the corner of Nangkita Road at 10 a.m. <b>Leader: Joan Beer.</b> Wear suitable footwear for a swamp.

<b>MAY 2018</b> Wednesday	9th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Olivia Davies</b> , PhD candidate, Flinders University and LEF recipient for 2017. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Diversity of native hylaeine bees on Kangaroo Island and the presence of the widespread insect bacteria parasite Wolbachia.</i>
Saturday	12th	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Anstey Hill Recreation Park. Meet in the park by entering at Gate 18 from Range Road South, at 10 a.m. <b>Leader: Thelma Hall.</b>
Monday	21st	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
<b>JUNE 2018</b> Wednesday	13th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Troy Rogers</b> , PhD candidate, University of Adelaide and LEF recipient for 2017. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Source to sink: connectivity of King George whiting from spawn to settlement in South Australian gulfs.</i>
Saturday or Sunday	17th/ 18th	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> To be arranged. <b>Leader:</b> To be arranged.
Monday	18th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
<b>JULY 2018</b> Wednesday	11th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Carmel Maher</b> , PhD candidate, Flinders University and LEF recipient for 2017. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Conservation genomics in the Australian Pygmy Bluetongue-lizard</i>
Saturday	14th	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> 'Jarnu', a private reserve near Currency Creek. Meet at the corner of Myrtle Grove Road and the Strathalbyn–Goolwa Road at 10 a.m. RAA Fleurieu map M11 or CFS 96A 97E 75S. <b>Leader: Jenny Fontanot.</b>
Monday	16th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
<b>AUGUST 2018</b> Wednesday	8th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Mark Stevens</b> , South Australian Museum, LEF recipient for 2017. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Understanding the South Australian native bee diversity.</i>
Saturday	11th	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Privately owned scrub in the Milang area, visited last year. Meet in Milang at 10 a.m. <b>Leader: Anne Hartnett</b>
Monday	20th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
<b>SEPTEMBER 2018</b> Saturday	1st	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Pengilly Scrub, a property managed by the Light Regional Council. Meet in Roseworthy near the hotel at 10 a.m. <b>Leader: Andrew Philpott.</b> (Contact Joan Beer.)
Wednesday	12th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker: Ben Parslow</b> , PhD candidate, Flinders University and LEF recipient for 2017. <b>Topic:</b> <i>Systematics and host associations of the Australian Gasteruption spp. (wasps).</i>
Monday	17th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday or Sunday	22nd/ 23rd	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> To be arranged. <b>Leader:</b> To be arranged.
Saturday– Monday	Sep. 29– Oct 1, 2018	<b>MAMMAL CLUB LABOR DAY SURVEY.</b> To be determined. 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 28th.
<b>OCTOBER 2018</b> Wed.	10th	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <i>AGM and presentation of the FNSSA Nature Conservation Award.</i>
Saturday	13th	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> Waitpinga area. Meet at the corner of George Main Road and Bay Road, Victor Harbor. <b>Leader: Andrew Jeffery.</b>
Monday	15th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.

<b>NOVEMBER 2018</b> Wednesday	14th	<b>GENERAL MEETING.</b> Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <b>Speaker:</b> To be arranged. <b>Topic:</b> To follow.
Saturday or Sunday	17th/ 18th	<b>BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION.</b> To be arranged. Decision later, depending on the season. <b>Leader:</b> To be arranged.
Monday	19th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB MEETING.</b> Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
<b>DECEMBER 2018</b> Wednesday	12th	<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.)
Monday	17th	<b>MAMMAL CLUB:</b> End of year social gathering. Hackney Hotel, Hackney Road. meet at 7.00 p.m.

Check the Society's website at [www.fnssa.org.au](http://www.fnssa.org.au) for updates just in case changes have been made to the program.

**Note 1:** For AFSG members.

The first meeting of the *Adelaide Fungal Studies Group* will be held on Tuesday, 6th March at 7.30 p.m. in the tea room of the State Herbarium. At the meeting there will be talks and the programme for the year will be finalised. *Please check the website shown above for the 2018 program after this meeting.*

**Note 2:** For Botany Club members.

As changes to this program may occur due to the weather and other factors, it is advisable to check with either Thelma Hall (8234 9002) or Joan Beer (8344 6287) or email Joan Beer at [johnbeer@ozemail.com.au](mailto:johnbeer@ozemail.com.au)). In event of changes, email messages will be sent to all on the list.