

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.

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.

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 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. Alternatively contact the Treasurer/Records Officer Graham Medlin, Ph. 8276 4499 (h), email: 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.

WORKING BEES:

Manning Reserve Working Bees corner of Kays and Whitings 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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FEBRUARY 2017	8th Wed.	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Hannah Bannister , PhD candidate, University of Adelaide and LEF recipient for 2016. Topic: Factors influencing the reintroduction success and population persistence of Brush-tail Possums in semi-arid Australia.
Monday	13th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
MARCH 2017	7th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP: Program planning meeting.
Wednesday	8th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Annie Bond , Master of Philosophy candidate, University of Adelaide and LEF recipient for 2016. Topic: Managing remnant vegetation for biodiversity conservation: habitat condition after 10 years of management.
Saturday– Monday	11th– 13th	MAMMAL CLUB SURVEY. Adelaide Cup Day long week-end. Warrenben C.P. , Yorke Peninsula. Flyer will be sent out to interested participants. Combined Mammal Club and SA Herpetology Group survey.
Monday	20th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m. (Third Monday of the month in lieu of Adelaide Cup Day on the 13th.)
APRIL 2017	10th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Monday		
Wednesday	12th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Monique Smith , PhD candidate, University of Adelaide and LEF recipient for 2015. Topic: Interactions between native and introduced grasses in relation to the restoration of grassy habitats.

Friday–Monday	14th– 17th	MAMMAL CLUB EASTER SURVEY. Survey No. 1 to Gluepot Reserve , 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	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Bullock Hill C.P. Meet at Green Man Inn, Ashbourne at 10 a.m. (CFS 121A 967 927.) Leader: Jenny Fontanot
MAY 2017 Monday	8th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	10th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Dr Jasmin Packer , Adjunct Research Associate, University of Adelaide and LEF recipient for 2016. Topic: <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	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. FNS Forest Range Reserve and St John’s Bushland Park, Lobethal. Meet opposite the Forest Range Institute at 10 a.m. (CFS 149A 995 327.) Leader: Joan Beer
JUNE 2017 Wednesday	14th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Dr Mark Stevens , Associate Professor, University of Adelaide and Senior Researcher in Terrestrial Invertebrates, South Australian Museum. LEF recipient for 2016. Topic: <i>Exploring the ‘only’ salt lake endemic scorpion in the world, Australobuthus xerolimniorum: potential individual-lake endemicity and multiple new species.</i>
Saturday	17th	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Kyeema C.P. Meet at Kuitpo Forest Headquarters, Brookman Road, Kuitpo at 10 a.m. Leader: Diarshul Sandhu
Monday	19th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m. (Queen’s Birthday Holiday on the 12th of June.)
JULY 2017 Monday	10th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	12th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Dr Julie Schofield , Conservation Council of S.A., LEF recipient for 2016. Topic: <i>Can feathers be used for the conservation genetics of the Mt Lofty Ranges, Southern Emu-wren (and other threatened emu-wren species.)? Julie will also talk about the research carried out last year on the FNSSA property, Tookayerta Marsh.</i>
Saturday	15th	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Tennyson Dunes. Meet at the car park on Military Road at 10 a.m. Car park sign-posted ‘Tennyson Dunes’ is north of Tennyson Dunes Court. (UBD Map 103 H8.) Leader: Thelma Hall
AUGUST 2017 Wednesday	9th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speakers: Dan Wilden (Honours candidate, University of Adelaide) and Rebecca Duffield , Conservation Council of S.A. (LEF recipient for 2016.) Topic: <i>Investigating the relationship between Fleurieu Swamp vegetation changes and hydrological stress.</i>
Saturday	12th	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Privately owned scrub in the Milang area. Meet at the old Milang railway station. Leader: Anne Hartnett
Monday	14th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 2017 Monday	11th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	13th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Bonnie Derne , PhD candidate, Flinders University and LEF recipient for 2016. Topic: <i>Investigating the parasite biota of the endangered Pygmy Bluetongue lizard: a risk assessment for an experimental translocation.</i>
Saturday– Monday	Sep. 30– Oct 1, 2017	MAMMAL CLUB LABOR DAY SURVEY. Survey No. 2 to Gluepot Reserve , 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.
OCTOBER 2017	9th Mon.	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
	Wednesday 11th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <i>AGM and presentation of the FNSSA Nature Conservation Award.</i>
NOVEMBER 2017	8th Wednesday	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: To be arranged. Topic:
	Monday 13th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
DECEMBER 2017	11th Mon.	MAMMAL CLUB: End of year social gathering. Hackney Hotel, Hackney Road. meet at 7.00 p.m.
	Wednesday 13th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Members Night, end of year social gathering. Members' slides, pictures, PowerPoint presentations etc. and supper. (Please bring something for supper.)

Check the Society's website at www.fnssa.org.au for updates just in case changes have been made to the program.

Note: The first meeting of the *Adelaide Fungal Studies Group* will be held on Tuesday, 7th 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 2017 program after this meeting.*