

# BUSSELTON NATURALISTS CLUB

## 2010 PROGRAM

- January** Excursion Sunday January 31 – **Meelup Moonrise Walk**. Easy 5km walk along the coastal track. BUS from Pries Avenue at 5.00pm, walk from boat ramp, Bay View Crescent, Dunsborough, at 5.30pm. \$5 for seat on bus from Busselton; \$2 for trip from Meelup to Dunsborough. Bring picnic meal.
- February** Meeting Wednesday 10 – AGM + David Harris, Senior Technical Officer, Dept of Fisheries: **Biology and Management of the Blue Swimmer Crab**.
- Excursion Sunday 21 – **Snorkeling excursion on the Minnipup Reef System** north of the Capel River mouth. Meet 9.00am at Barndi Walk boat ramp, Peppermint Grove Beach. Bring snorkeling gear, lunch; 4WD if possible.
- March** **Long Weekend Camping Excursion** Friday February 26 to Monday March 1 to Cardiff, 8km south east of Collie. Visits to Worrall Private Museum, Glen Mervyn Dam + forest walks. Access off Collie-Preston Road via Hoddell Road or off Collie-MacAlinden Road. Leader: Alan Standring 9755 5254
- Meeting Wednesday 10 – Prof Jonathon Majer, Dept of Environment, Curtin University: **Sustaining Gondwana – sustaining biodiversity from Walpole to Esperance**.
- Excursion Sunday 21 – **Capel, Busselton and Dunsborough Wastewater Treatment Plants**. Inspection of existing facilities and upgrade proposals. BUS at 9.00am from Pries Avenue. Bring \$10, morning/afternoon teas, lunch, binoculars for waterbirds. Leader: Mick Irving, Water Corporation.
- April** Meeting Wednesday 14 – Joe Froudist, president, WA Naturalists Club: **A Naturalist in Kakadu National Park and North Queensland**.
- Excursion Sunday 18 (one week early to avoid ANZAC Day) – **Bunbury Wildlife: birds at Big Swamp (3 km walk), Leschenault Peninsula (several walks to 5km) and the Eaton Foreshore (5km)**. BUS at 9.00am from Pries Ave. Bring \$10, morning/afternoon teas, picnic lunch.
- May** Meeting Wednesday 12 – Mike Griffiths, WWF project officer, Avon Catchment Council: **Big Cats in Australia - Science, Urban Myths and Local Legends**
- Excursion Friday 21 to Sunday 23 – **Karri and Jarrah forest walks along the Bibbulmen Track**. Shared accommodation in former timber mill cottages at Donnelly River. Cost \$20-30 per person per night. 17km walk on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8km walk on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Leader: Sue Palmer. Phone 9727 2474 to book accommodation.
- June** Meeting Wednesday 9 – Dr Mike Lindsay, Environmental Health division, Department of Health: **Mosquitoes and Ross River Virus**.
- Excursion Sunday 20 – **Tree planting with GeoCatch on shire reserve as part of Peppies for Possums project**. Details to be advised.
- July** Excursion Sunday 25 - **Mid-Year Lunch at the Bull and Bush Tavern, Boyanup**. Afternoon visit to Crooked Brook Forest. \$35 for bus seat and meal. BUS at 11.00am from Pries Avenue.

- July/August** **Long Range Camping Excursion** Tuesday July 27 to Saturday August 7 – Mt Elvire station north of Bullfinch, Balardji Rock, Diemals, Youanme, Payne’s Find. Suitable for 2WD vehicles and caravans. Leader: Alan Standing 9755 5254
- August** Meeting Wednesday 11 – Dr Andrew Storey, Senior Lecturer, University of WA: **Stream Ecology and the Value of Riparian Vegetation.**
- Excursion Sunday 22 – Part of **Augusta to Busselton Heritage Trail Walk.** 12-13km walk from The Rapids to the Mowen Fire Tower: rated Easy. BUS at 9.00am from Pries Avenue. Bring \$10, morning/afternoon teas, picnic lunch.
- September** Meeting Wednesday 8 – Kathryn MacMahon, Edith Cowan University: **Seagrass Wrack Investigations in Geographe Bay.**
- Excursion Sunday 19 – **Wildflower Walk # 1: Wildflowers of the Whicher Escarpment** - 9km walk along Williamson Road. Easy to moderate walk, may be wet in places. Lunch at Fire Tower. BUS at 9.00am from Pries Avenue. Bring \$10.00, morning/afternoon teas, picnic lunch.
- Sept/October** Long-range Camping Excursion Monday September 27 to Friday October 8 – **Wheatbelt tour including the Mangowine Concert at Nungarin, then joint excursion with River Conservation Society, York.** Leaders: Alan Standing 9755 5254 and Bernie Masters 9727 2474
- October** Meeting Wednesday 13 – **Night Possum and Owl Spotighting Excursion along the Possum Trail, Ludlow Tuart Forest National Park.** Meet 7.30pm at car park at start of possum walk on Layman Road half way between Tuart Drive and Wonnerup House. Bring torches, mosquito repellent, etc.
- Excursion Sunday 17 – **Maintenance Day on the Cape Naturaliste to Sugarloaf Rock section of the Cape to Cape track.** Meet at 9.00am, Sugarloaf Rock car park. Bring gloves, secateurs, picnic lunch, etc.
- Excursion Sunday 24 – **Wildflower Walk # 2: visits to Ludlow tuart forest minesite revegetation and wildflower reserves around Capel.** BUS 9.00am from Pries Avenue. Bring \$10.00, morning/afternoon teas, lunch.
- November** Committee Meeting Monday 8 – Planning Meeting for 2011
- Meeting Wednesday 10 – speaker yet to confirm: either Dr Michael Parsons, Curtin University: **Using Dingo Scents to Control Foxes and Cats** or a speaker from Murdoch University on **Tree Decline in the South West.**
- Excursion Sunday 21 – **Historic Houses in the Margaret River area – Wallcliffe House and Basildene, lunch at Chapel of the Flowers.** BUS at 9.00am from Pries Avenue. \$20.00 includes afternoon tea & guided tour of Basildene. Bring morning tea, lunch.
- December** Meeting Wednesday 8 - **Christmas Party** at the RSL Hall, Causeway Road from 6.00pm. Bring food & drinks. Entertainment, raffle, slides, Squashed Possum award, etc.

Most meetings start at 7.30pm, RSL Hall, Causeway Drive on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Check **Busselton Dunsborough Mail** to confirm details or listen to ABC Regional Radio. Email [bmasters@iinet.net.au](mailto:bmasters@iinet.net.au) or phone 9727 2474 to book a BUS seat or for general enquiries. People attending Club activities do so entirely at their own risk. While the Club and its members take all reasonable care, attendees are ultimately responsible for their own safety.