

BUSSELTON NATURALISTS CLUB

2011 PROGRAM

- February** Meeting Wednesday 9 – AGM + Michael Klunzinger, Murdoch University – **Freshwater Mussels in the south west: are they at risk?**
- Excursion Sunday 20 – **Meelup Moon Rise 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 return trip from Busselton; \$2 for return trip from Meelup to Dunsborough. Bring picnic meal.
- March Long Weekend Camping Excursion** Friday March 4 to Monday March 7 - private property at **Mordelup**, approx 50km east of Manjimup along Perup Road. Camping next to Tone River near swimming hole. Visit to Unicup Nature Reserve, walk in Tone/Perup Nature Res. Convoy from Old Railway Station, Busselton, at 9.00am on March 4. Leader: Alan Standring 9755 5254.
- March** Meeting Wednesday 9 – Joe Froudust, past president, WA Naturalists Club: **Kakadu and North Queensland**.
- Excursion Sunday 20 – **Snorkeling and Swimming at The Aquarium**. Meet 9.30am at Canal Rocks upper car park. Self drive. Wear solid footwear for 2.5km return walk along Cape to Cape track and over rocks.
- April** Meeting Wednesday 13 – Jenny Bevan, Senior Curator, University of WA Earth Sciences Museum – **Across the Himalayas from Kathmandu to Lhasa: geology, scenery and people – an illustrated talk**.
- Excursion Sunday 17 – **A Day around Busselton**: meet 9.00am at Bsn Community Garden off Strelly Street for guided tour; inspect West Street fire damage and revegetation; walk 3.9km Bush Loop along the New River Nature Reserve; inspect the controversial Ford Road site; tour Historical Society's Butter Factory Museum (entry \$5). Self-drive. Bring morning/afternoon teas, lunch.
- May** Meeting Wednesday 11 – Prof Jorg Imberger, Environmental Engineering, Centre for Water Research, University of WA: **Pumping the Yarragadee Aquifer**.
- Excursion Friday 20 to Sunday 22 – **Nyamup Cottages** - Karri and Jarrah forest walks. Shared accommodation in former timber mill cottages. Cost about \$25/ person. Phone 9727 2474 to book. Self catering – BYO food, drink, sleeping bag, pillow, personals, etc.
- June** Meeting **Saturday** 11 – **Insects at Ambergate Reserve: light trapping evening**. David and Fleur Knowles, Spineless Wonders. Meet 7.30pm at car park on corner of Queen Elizabeth Avenue and Doyle Road. Bring torches. If wet, meeting at RSL hall or other venue.
- Excursion Sunday 19 – **Tree planting with GeoCatch part of Sabina River Restoration project** - subject to rain falling beforehand. Meet 9.00am at Pries Avenue. Bring gloves, digging gear, morning tea. Self drive.
- July** Excursion Sunday 24 - **Mid-Year Lunch at Bull and Bush Tavern, Boyanup**. Afternoon visit to visit to **Gelorup Gemstone Museum**. \$35 for bus seat, meal and entry to museum. **BUS** at 11.30am from Pries Avenue.

- August** Meeting Wednesday 10 – Eddy Wajon, author and photographer: **Pilbara, Exmouth and Mt Augustus - travelogue, scenery and wildflowers.**
- Excursion Sunday 21 – **Augusta to Busselton Heritage Trail** 16 km walk, Denny Road to corner of Ashton Road and Bussell Highway. **BUS.** \$10. Bring morning and afternoon teas and picnic lunch.
- September** **Camping Excursion:** Monday September 5 to Tuesday September 13 – **Newdegate Field Day and Holland Track.** Convoy from Railway Station in Busselton at 9.00am on September 5. Leader: Alan Standring 9755 5254.
- Meeting Wednesday 14 – Dr Phillip Playford, Honorary Research Fellow, Geological Survey of WA – **New Perspectives on Aboriginal rock art in the Kimberley.**
- Excursion Sunday 25 – **Wildflower Walk # 1: Cape Naturaliste to Dunsborough walk.** 13.5 km – easy to moderate. **BUS.** 9.00am from Pries Avenue. \$10. Bring morning and afternoon teas and picnic lunch.
- September/October** Monday September 26 to Friday October 7. **Long-range Camping Excursion to Eastern Wheatbelt and Mangowine Concert,** Nungarin. Convoy from Railway Station at 9.00am on Sept 26. Leader: Alan Standring 9755 5254.
- October** Meeting Wednesday 12 – Brendon Oversby, TME Group: **Water Innovation – Witchcliffe and Gracetown village scale water recycling and Water Sensitive Urban Design**
- Excursion Sunday 16 – **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 23 – **Wildflower Walk # 2: Treeton Forest.** Easy to moderate 9.2km walk. Afternoon visit to Peter Togno’s Organic Dairy Farm. **BUS.** \$10. Bring morning and afternoon teas and picnic lunch.
- November** Committee Meeting Monday 7 – Planning Meeting for 2011
- Meeting Wednesday 9 – Sheryl McCorry, author and pastoralist: **Diamonds and Dust: managing a million acres in the Kimberley.**
- Excursion Sunday 20 – **3.6km Walk from Mt Duckworth to Yallingup, visit to tree farm** (to be confirmed), **5.6km walk from Quindalup to Toby’s Inlet.** **BUS.** \$10.00. Bring morning and afternoon teas and picnic lunch.
- December** Meeting Wednesday 7 - **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 2nd Wednesday of each month. Most excursions start at 9.00am sharp from Pries Avenue. Check **Busselton Dunsborough Mail** to confirm details or listen to ABC Regional Radio. Email 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.