

FNSSA PROGRAM
February – December 2018
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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 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.

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

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 2018	14th Wed.	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Hannah Bannister , PhD candidate, University of Adelaide and LEF recipient for 2017. Topic: <i>Factors influencing the population persistence of Brushtail Possums in semi-arid South Australia.</i>
	Monday	19th MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
MARCH 2018	6th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP: State Herbarium of SA, off Hackney Road, at 7.30 p.m. Program planning meeting and talks by members.
	Wednesday	14th GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Nick Whiterod , Aquasave - Nature Glenelg Trust, and LEF recipient for 2017. Topic: <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 MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
	Friday–Monday	30th Mar./ 2nd Apr. MAMMAL CLUB EASTER SURVEY. Warrenben Conservation Park on Yorke Peninsula. A 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.
APRIL 2018	11th Wednesday	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Emmi van Harten , PhD candidate La Trobe University and LEF recipient for 2017. Topic: <i>Population dynamics of the critically endangered Southern Bent-winged bat <i>Miniopterus orianae bassanii</i>.</i>
	Saturday	14th BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Tookayerta Marsh, FNSSA swamp at Nangkita. Meet at Mount Compass in the reserve at the corner of Nangkita Road at 10 a.m. Leader: Joan Beer. Wear suitable footwear for a swamp.
	Monday	16th MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.

MAY 2018 Wednesday	9th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Olivia Davies , PhD candidate, Flinders University and LEF recipient for 2017. Topic: <i>Diversity of native hylaeine bees on Kangaroo Island and the presence of the widespread insect bacteria parasite Wolbachia.</i>
Saturday	12th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY: Mount Lofty Botanic Garden. Meet in the upper car park at 10 a.m. The foray will be followed by lunch at the Crafrers Hotel , 8 Main Street Crafrers. Leader: Pam Catchside.
Saturday	12th	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Anstey Hill Recreation Park. Meet in the park by entering at Gate 18 from Range Road South, at 10 a.m. Leader: Thelma Hall.
Tuesday	15th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP MEETING: State Herbarium of SA, off Hackney Road, at 7.30 p.m. Describing new species of fungi. New species in SA. Speaker: Pam Catchside.
Monday	21st	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday	26th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY: Springmount C.P. with Friends of Aldinga Scrub. Meet at the park entrance at 10 a.m. Leader: Thelma Bridle. Email: t.p.bridle@bigpond.com
JUNE 2018 Saturday	2nd	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY: Deep Creek C.P. Meet at the Delamere store at 10.30 a.m. Leader: Pam Catchside.
Tuesday	5th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP MEETING: State Herbarium of SA, off Hackney Road, at 7.30 p.m. Identification of specimens from previous forays.
Sunday	10th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY: With the Upper Sturt Landcare Group at their site. Meet Learmonth Court, Ironbank (USLG gate) at 10 a.m. Leader: Jasmin Packer. Email: j.packer@adelaide.edu.au
Wednesday	13th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Troy Rogers , PhD candidate, University of Adelaide and LEF recipient for 2017. Topic: <i>Source to sink: connectivity of King George whiting from spawn to settlement in South Australian gulfs.</i>
Saturday CANCELLED	16th	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Bushcare sites at Cherry Gardens. Meet at the cemetery at 10 a.m. Cancelled due to wet weather.
Sunday	17th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY: Combined foray with the Junior Field Naturalists. Meet at the Visitor Centre, Belair N.P at 10 a.m.
Monday	18th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday	24th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY: Kuitpo Forest with Friends of Aldinga Scrub. Meet at the Rangers HQ at 10 a.m. Leader: Thelma Bridle
JULY 2018 Wednesday	11th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Carmel Maher , PhD candidate, Flinders University and LEF recipient for 2017. Topic: <i>Conservation genomics in the Australian Pygmy Bluetongue-lizard.</i>
Saturday	14th	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Nurragi Conservation Reserve. 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. Leader: Jenny Fontanot.
Sunday	15th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY: Cleland C.P. Meet at the northern end of the car park at 10 a.m. Leader: Julia Haska. Email: jhaska62@gmail.com
Monday	16th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday	28th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY: Onkaparinga C.P. Meet at 10 a.m. at Gate 11. Leader: Pam Catchside.

Tuesday	31st	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP MEETING: State Herbarium of SA, off Hackney Road, at 7.30 p.m. Identification of specimens from the previous forays.
AUGUST 2018 Wednesday	8th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Mark Stevens, South Australian Museum, LEF recipient for 2017. Topic: <i>Understanding the South Australian native bee diversity.</i>
Saturday	11th	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Privately owned scrub in the Milang area, visited last year. Meet in Milang at 10 a.m. Leader: Anne Hartnett
Sunday	12th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP FORAY: Para Wirra C.P. Meet at the park entrance at 10 a.m. Leader: Pam Catcheside.
Monday	20th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 2018 Saturday	1st	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Pengilly Scrub, a property managed by the Light Regional Council. Meet in Roseworthy near the hotel at 10 a.m. Leader: Andrew Philpott. (Contact Joan Beer.)
Wednesday	12th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Ben Parslow, PhD candidate, Flinders University and LEF recipient for 2017. Topic: <i>Systematics and host associations of the Australian Gasteruption spp. (wasps).</i>
Monday	17th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday	23rd	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Manning Reserve, McLaren Flat. Field Day Walk and Weed. <i>See separate notice on p.48.</i>
Saturday– Monday	Sep. 29– Oct 1, 2018	MAMMAL CLUB LABOR DAY SURVEY. Gluepot Reserve north of Waikerie in the Riverland. A separate 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.
OCTOBER 2018 Wed.	10th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. <i>AGM and presentation of the FNSSA Nature Conservation Award.</i>
Saturday	13th	GENERAL EXCURSION: Lower Light Beach. Information to follow via flyer and Facebook. Leader: Peter Matejic.
Saturday	13th	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Waitpinga area. Meet at the corner of George Main Road and Bay Road, Victor Harbor. RAA map reference M11. Leader: Jenny Fontanot.
Monday	15th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
NOVEMBER 2018 Tuesday	6th	ADELAIDE FUNGAL STUDIES GROUP MEETING: State Herbarium of SA, off Hackney Road, at 7.30 p.m. Final meeting for the year. Members' Fungi of 2018.
Wednesday	14th	GENERAL MEETING. Royal Society Room, SA Museum, 7.45 p.m. Speaker: Jessie-Briar Treloar, PhD candidate from the Sprigg Geobiology Centre, University of Adelaide. Topic: <i>Using small mammal fossils from the Naracoorte Caves to investigate past environments.</i>
Saturday	17th	BOTANY CLUB EXCURSION. Stipiturus Conservation Park. Meet at Mount Compass at the rear of the IGA store at 10 a.m. Leader: Julie Schofield.
Monday	19th	MAMMAL CLUB MEETING. Conservation Centre 111 Franklin Street, Adelaide, 7.30 p.m.
DECEMBER 2018 Wednesday	12th	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. <u>(Please bring something for supper.)</u>
Monday	17th	MAMMAL CLUB: 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 for updates just in case changes have been made to the program.

THE FIELD NATURALISTS SOCIETY OF
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Walk and Weed at Manning Reserve

Sunday 23rd September 2018

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Manning Reserve, McLaren Flat is one of the last native woodlands dominated by Pink Gum (*Eucalyptus fasciculosa*) with an intact heath understorey on the Adelaide Plains. We invite you to join us exploring and preserving this site.

Guided walks at 10:15 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Show your appreciation by joining The Field Naturalists in removing boneseed in-between the walks.

What to bring:

Weather appropriate clothing, gloves, water and lunch. Tea and coffee provided.



Where to meet :

Whitings Road
entrance gate
McLaren Flat

