

**RINGWOOD FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB**

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OFFICE BEARERS 2017/2018

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**Organisation** Subscriptions due and payable in September of each year.  
Membership- **\$30.00**: Students- **\$15.00**

**Accessories** Cloth Badges - **\$10.00** Lapel Badges - **\$5.00**  
Mugs - **\$10.00** Car Stickers (Badge Type) - **\$1.00**

**Monthly Meeting** **7.30 p.m.** on second Wednesday in each month in Room 4 at Maroondah Federation Estate, Greenwood Ave, Ringwood (Melways 49 H10)

**Excursions** Usually on weekends following general meetings

- (a) **No dogs on Field Excursions please.**
- (b) **Club Library. A free service to Members at Meeting.**
- (c) **Limit is six images/slides or three videos per member on Meeting Nights**  
**Please note: members are asked to limit discussion on images and videos to no more than 3 minutes**

**PROGRAMME For May 2018 - October 2018**

(Subject to alteration by notification at General Meetings)

**NOTE:**

Meetings will be cancelled on any nights when **POWER RESTRICTIONS** in the area are in force.  
Field excursions will be cancelled on days of **TOTAL FIRE BANS** in the proposed excursion areas.

9<sup>th</sup> May (Wednesday evening) **GENERAL MEETING NO. 681.**  
**Speaker: Dr Ken Walker**  
“Is citizen science the new force of biodiversity data?”

12<sup>th</sup> May (Saturday) **EXCURSION: Bunyip State Forest**  
Meet at 10am at Mortimer Picnic Ground, Gembrook - Tonimbuk Rd, Bunyip State Park.  
Bring M/T, Lunch, wet weather gear, insect repellent.  
**NOTE:** This will be a full day excursion.  
**(Melways page 14, R12)**  
**Leaders – Inta and Roger Needham**

20<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday) **FIELD CARE DAY: Tree Planting Day with the Osborne Peninsula Landcare Group** at the Koornong Cres car park **(Melways 23 J7) 10am until noon.**  
Please wear sturdy footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. All tools will be provided.

13<sup>th</sup> June (Wednesday evening) **GENERAL MEETING NO. 682.**  
**Speaker: Jack Airey**  
“Bottoms Up - Snorkelling around Melbourne”

17<sup>th</sup> June (Sunday) **EXCURSION: Murrindindi**  
Meet at 10:30am at The Suspension Bridge Day Area on the Murrindindi Road. (Turn off the Melba Highway at Murrindindi Road just before Devlin's Bridge)  
**NOTE:** This will be a full day excursion, so bring lunch.  
**(Melways X910-Q10)**  
**Leaders – Eeva and David Hewitt**

11<sup>th</sup> July  
(Wednesday evening)

**GENERAL MEETING NO. 683.**  
**Members Night - 2 mini talks by members**  
1. "A January trip to Tasmania includes King Island" by **Shirley Smith**  
2. "A bit about flies" by **Peter Rogers**  
**Neal Smith 10 minutes 'first aid review'.**

15<sup>th</sup> July  
(Sunday)

**EXCURSION: Yea Wetlands**  
Meet at 10.30am at John Cummins Reserve for walk along the boardwalk in the wetlands.  
Afternoon excursion to Tunnel Hill/Cheviot Railway Tunnel, Limestone.  
**NOTE:** This will be a full day excursion, bring lunch.  
**(Melways 610 Q8 or Vic Roads map 61 H5)**  
**Leaders – Alison and Peter Rogers**

8<sup>th</sup> August  
(Wednesday evening)

**GENERAL MEETING NO. 684.**  
**Speaker: Paul Birch**  
"The wildlife and history of Maranoa Gardens and the development of a Conservation Management Plan for a botanic garden"

11<sup>th</sup> August  
Saturday

**EXCURSION: Maranoa Gardens**  
Meet Paul at 1pm at the main gate at the top of Parring Road, Balwyn (Beckett Park).  
**(Melways 46 G7)**  
**Leaders – Paul Birch and Shirley Smith**

12<sup>th</sup> September  
(Wednesday evening)

**AGM & GENERAL MEETING NO. 685.**  
**President's Address: Hazel Veevers**  
"Wildlife of Louisiana"

15<sup>th</sup> September  
(Saturday)

**EXCURSION: Yan Yean Reservoir & Ironbark Rd**  
Meet at 10am at Yan Yean Reservoir Park. Enter from Recreation Rd, then turn left and park near the first toilets.  
**(Melways 391 D1)**  
After lunch we will go to Ironbark Rd Reserve, Diamond Creek.  
**NOTE:** This will be a full day excursion so bring lunch.  
**Leaders – Hazel and Alan Veevers**

30<sup>th</sup> September  
(Sunday)

**EXCURSION: Baluk Willam**  
Meet at 10am at The Baluk Willam Nature Conservation Reserve carpark, corner of Courtneys Rd and Orchid Rd, Belgrave South. There are no toilets at the meeting site.  
**NOTE:** This will be a full day excursion so bring lunch.  
**(Melways 84 D7)**  
**Leader – Jack Airey**

10<sup>th</sup> October  
(Wednesday evening)

**GENERAL MEETING NO. 686.**  
**Speaker: Dr Graeme Lorimer**  
"Orchids: A Naturalists Perspective"

12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>  
October  
(Friday to Sunday)

**RFNC SPRING CAMP-OUT:**  
**To be held near Bendigo.**  
Keep this weekend free. More details at meetings.  
**Leaders – Sandra & Don Redman**



**Ringwood Field Naturalists Club members at the Kilcunda weekend.**

Photo: Peter Rogers