

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**

10th 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

**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**

MAY 2018

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**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**