

**RINGWOOD FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB**

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OFFICE BEARERS 2023/2024

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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 - **\$15.00**  
 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 2024 - October 2024**

(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.

5th May  
 (Sunday)

NOTE: 1 week early

**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)**  
**Leader - Jack Airey**

8th May  
 (Wednesday evening)

**GENERAL MEETING NO. 739.**

**Speaker: Shannon Hurley**  
 "Getting to know the Great Southern Reef in Victoria".

19th May  
 (Sunday)

**FIELD CARE DAY: Planting Day**

Planting in the Nth Ringwood area. Details to be advised.  
 Maroondah Council will dig the holes for us and provide plants. BYO gloves, kneeler and trowels.  
**Leaders - Hazel and Alan Veevers**

12th June  
 (Wednesday evening)

**GENERAL MEETING NO. 740.**

**Speaker: Adele Harvey**  
 "What in the world are Rhodolith Beds?"

15th June  
 (Saturday)

**EXCURSION: Grants Picnic Area - Sherbrooke**

Meet at 9-30am in the far carpark. Walk will be on made tracks, to hopefully see Lyrebirds.  
 NOTE This is a morning only excursion.  
**(Melways (75 K4)**  
**Leaders - Hazel and Alan Veevers**

10<sup>th</sup> July  
(Wednesday evening)  
**GENERAL MEETING NO. 741.**  
**Members Night. Show and tell.**  
Members are requested to bring along some aspect of natural history to exhibit at the meeting.

13<sup>th</sup> July  
(Saturday)  
**EXCURSION: Sugarloaf Reservoir**  
Meet at 10am in the Saddle Dam Picnic area.  
Bring Morning tea and Lunch. Toilets available  
(Melways 273 E8)  
**Leaders - Helen and Graeme Fernandes**

14<sup>th</sup> August  
(Wednesday evening)  
**GENERAL MEETING NO. 742.**  
**Speaker: Alex Stadler**  
"Plants of the Victorian high country"

18<sup>th</sup> August  
(Sunday)  
**EXCURSION: Yarran Dheran Nature Reserve:**  
Meet at 10-30am. 1 Ashburton Dr, Mitcham.  
Half Day excursion - optional picnic lunch  
(Melways 49 B6)  
**Leaders - Eeva and David Hewitt**

7<sup>th</sup> September  
(Saturday)  
**EXCURSION: Euroa**  
Meet at 10-30am at the Euroa Arboretum, 76 Euroa Main Road Euroa.  
If you are travelling from Melbourne on the Hume Highway, take the Euroa exit, and the Arboretum is on your right.  
An alternative route is to come on the Melba Highway via Yea or via Merton.  
Full day excursion. Bring M/T, Lunch and A/Tea  
(Melways C312)  
**Leaders - Shirley Smith and Liz Trigg**

11<sup>th</sup> September  
(Wednesday evening)  
**AGM & GENERAL MEETING NO. 743.**  
**Speaker: Shirley Smith**  
**President's Address** "Ten reasons why I love Ringwood Field Naturalist Club"

22nd September  
(Sunday)  
**EXCURSION: Boomers Reserve**  
Meet at 10.00am at Boomers Reserve, Blue House Road, Panton Hills  
Afternoon excursion follows lunch.  
(Melways 264 D4)  
**Leaders - Alison and Peter Rogers**

9<sup>th</sup> October  
(Wednesday evening)  
**GENERAL MEETING NO. 744.**  
**Speaker: Gemma Snowball**  
"Platypus - unique egg-laying mammals and urban environments"

13th Oct  
(Sunday)  
**EXCURSION: Crib Point**  
Meet at 10am at Lorimer St, Crib Point (cnr of Bay St).  
Lunch will be at a nearby reserve. Picnic tables and toilets available. The afternoon will be walks to other local spots.  
NOTE: This will be a full day excursion.  
(Melways (165 C12)  
**Leader - Jack Airey**

Oct 25th Friday,  
Oct 26th  
Saturday and  
27th Oct Sunday.  
**SEANA WEEKEND AWAY**  
**Marysville Spring Camp hosted by Ringwood FNC**  
Details from Eleanor Dilley or Peter Rogers



Lunch stop at Tara Bulga - Photo Alison Rogers