

THE FIELD NATURALIST

NEWSLETTER NO. 115:



ALBURY-WODONGA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB INC.
Reg. No. A0023416K

PROGRAMME: 13th OCTOBER 2012 – 9th MARCH 2013

October

Nail Can Hill

Sat 13th : Meet 1pm Pemberton St, Albury
BYO refreshments for the day
Leader - Neil Blair, ph: 6021 2097

Tower Hill Rd, Chiltern

Sun 28th : Meet 10 am Acacia Car Park Wodonga
BYO refreshments for the day
Leader – TBA, ph: Veronica 6021 2120

November

Kremur St & surrounds, Albury

Sat 10th : Meet 9 am Kremur St
BYO morning tea & lunch.
Leader – David Coleman, ph: 6021 2022

Fri 23rd – Sun 25th: Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park

Colac-Colac Caravan Park,

To be confirmed; register attendance by 28th October;
(see details later in newsletter)
Leader - Neil Blair, ph: 6021 2097

Note: No meetings in December 2012 or January 2013.

February, 2013

Fri 21st: AGM
Aged Concern Building, Townsend St.
7pm, Bring supper plate to share

March

Wonga Wetlands

Sat 9th: Meet 4 pm, bring refreshments & evening meal to share.

Please confirm outing details in Saturday's Border Morning Mail and contact the outing leader in the week prior if you need a lift.

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That finalises the program until 2013, just leaving a possible end of year outing.

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**Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park Outing. Fri Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sun Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.**



**Accommodation at Colac-Colac Caravan Park (0260761520)**

- all cabins have kitchen facilities,
- 3 cabins with ensuite \$110/night. (Cabin nos 1, 2 and 7)
- 1 cabin with toilet and washbasin \$95/night. (Cabin no 3)
- 3 cabins with no bathroom facilities \$95/night. (Cabin nos 4, 5 and 6)
- 1 Honeymoon cabin with full facilities \$160/night
- Bungalow with no bathroom facilities \$50/night

All cabins have been reserved for AWFNC members until the end of the month. To book a cabin ring Raylea at above number and say you are an AWFNC member (First in, first served)

Thank you Neil, for pulling all this information together.

***\*\*Please confirm your attendance with Veronica before October 28 to allow confirmation of this trip***

Again, Peter has provided excellent photos from some of our outings.

On a cool July day, we made our way to Sandy Creek & arrived at the Upper Kiewa River Nature Reserve with the day still very overcast. This didn't seem to bother the group of 5 or 6 platypus who appeared at the dam surface & edge, returning regularly over a ten minute period for anyone who was a little slower at spotting them. Off the water, birdlife was fairly quiet, but numerous fungi, various plants in flower and some orchids were found.



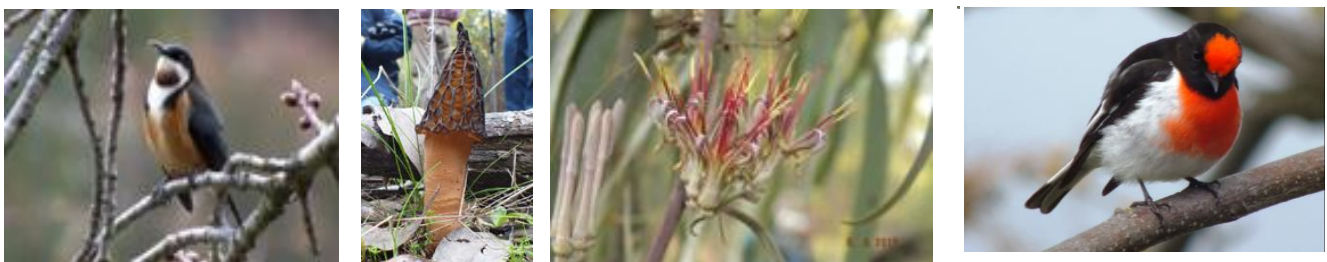
I have no photos or details of the August outings – Stanley State Forest & Lake Mokoan - but from all accounts these were enjoyable and informative.

The recent outing to Wooragee proved to be a memorable one. Threatening rain held off while our hosts Tony and Mary took us around the property where their replanting, regeneration & reclamation work has transformed it over a 14 year period. At the property edge, the effectiveness of their efforts on the creek was clearly evident by comparison with the erosion and bare landscape on the other side of the fence.

The 'star' of the day for me was probably the attention-seeking, red-capped robin which seemed to come on cue and determinedly presented his best view for all to admire. The resident bower bird was another personal highlight but there were so many - wedge-tailed eagle, little eagle, jackie winter, eastern spinebill, king parrot, white-browed babbler and more.

There seemed to be something for everyone (mistletoe to examine closely & even lambs to bottle feed!) and after lunch with the birds of the garden, we also took a stroll along the edge of the Chiltern forest. The forest birds were a little harder to find, but spring was clearly on its way and this would be a track worth revisiting.

Tony & Mary's passion for their property was visible everywhere & it was a delightful day.



“Look at moie...!!”

The final outing in September is to the Warby Ranges NP with Phillip, timed perfectly for some wildflowers.

There are also numerous other activities in the wider region throughout Spring. The events calendar at [www.gbcma.vic.gov.au](http://www.gbcma.vic.gov.au) has collated activities from a wide range of groups and includes Trust for Nature, Land for Wildlife, floodplain ecology, reptiles, native fish, wildflowers, butterflies, birdwatching, carbon farming etc, etc. Have a look or contact Veronica for a copy.

In closing, a note in memory of Ruth Wynter.

Bernie Datsun along with Anne & Dick Andrews attended the memorial service for Ruth. She was a long-time member of AWFN and even encouraged husband Henry along – although he really enjoyed chatting to people; a lovely couple who will be missed by the group.

