



Barking gEcho

Summer edition 2016

Young Naturalists Club

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Warm Welcomes...

Hi everyone! I hope you all have had a wonderful Christmas and New year, are enjoying the school holiday break.

Firstly I would like to welcome our newest members- Elvie and Griffin Brown, Saskia and Tye van den Berk and Henri Bellanger.

Also welcome to new members who joined late last year- Amaya, Denikah and McKenzie Robinson.



The Maciejewski boys in 2013



Denmark Cruise 2015

...and Sad Farewells

I am sad to say that the Maciejewski family have decided to leave the Young Nats .

I will miss the boys energy and enthusiasm for life. Riley, Finn and Bryce good luck in the future, and a special thanks to Sandra for her valuable contribution to the club as a parent.

2015 Wrap Up

We wrapped up 2015 with a wet cruise along the Denmark River. The weather didn't come to the party and we had to cancel our BBQ picnic lunch. Nevertheless everyone enjoyed the cruise.

2016

This year we kick off with a special event at Discovery Bay. Check out the calendar of events for this term!



Denmark Cruise

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February

Sunday 14th Feeding Time

Start: 2:30 pm

Location: Discovery Bay Wildlife Park

This is your chance to be a zookeeper for an afternoon when you get to feed the native animals at the Discovery Bay wildlife park. Koalas, kangaroos, all kinds of critters, even flying foxes need to be fed. Tracy the keeper will help us through the meal time tasks. Limited spots so get in early!



Sunday 21st Watery Worlds

Start: 1.30 pm

Location: Yorri Park –Lower King

Geraldine, an expert in aquatic macro-invertebrates will be guiding us through two watery environments– the wetlands of Yorri Park and the estuary of Oyster Harbour. See how two places so close together can be worlds apart by what lives there.



March

Sunday 6th Clean Up Australia Day

Start: 1.00pm

Location: Luke Pen Walk

Join us in helping clean up one of our favourite natural environments along the Kalgan River, Luke Pen Walk. On the trail we will also check out if any geocaches can be discovered.



Sunday 20th Forest Foto Fun

Start: 1.00pm

Location: A forest somewhere...& WA Museum –Albany

What better way to celebrate International Day of Forests, by immortalising them with a photographic print. Use our tablets to take an image, get artistic with our editing app and then print it out.



April

Saturday 2nd Going Batty

Start: 6.30pm

Location: Scout Hall

Joe Tonga is batman (well, he's a man who loves bats), and he will bring along some fancy gadgets so we can spy on bats and other creatures in the dark! Get in early as spots are limited.





Rock pools Rock



Lake Pleasant Ramble



Denmark Cruise



Museum Matters

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WA Museum ALBANY January School Holidays & Term 1

Explore the science of sand and find out what it is made of. Discover strange and secret sand dwellers from cartwheeling spiders to the stately camel. Try your hand at the ancient Buddhist art of sand mandalas or meditate on the wonder of the Japanese Zen garden. Layer vibrantly coloured grains in a glass bottle to create stunning sand art or help us construct a giant city of sand with sand coated building blocks. Get artistic with light and sand in our lightbox studio, or let your imagination go with kinetic sand play.

Until 4th April 2016
10am–4:30pm
Discovery Centre WA Museum-Albany

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Wildlife Watch

Gilbert's Potoroo



Gilbert's Potoroo is a small marsupial teetering on the brink of extinction.

It is estimated there are only 40 to 60 left in the world.

This limited population means that critically endangered Gilbert's Potoroo is the world's rarest marsupial and Australia's rarest mammal.

First discovered in 1840 by naturalist John Gilbert and recorded again only a few times over the next 40 years, this small rat-kangaroo was thought to be extinct since the late 1870s until rediscovered in 1994 at Two Peoples Bay near Albany, on the South Coast of Western Australia.

Found naturally only in dense scrub on a rugged, windswept headland thrusting out into the Southern Ocean, its numbers are so low that a chance event like a bushfire or a drought could push the species into extinction.

Which exactly what happened recently when fire devastated parts of Two Peoples Bay. Six or seven potoroos were rescued and are now being cared for in captivity.

They might not be able to return to their home for another 10 years.

Find out more from **Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group** at <http://www.potoroo.org/>

Source: Gilbert's Potoroo Action Group