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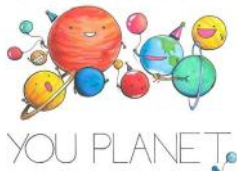
## Summer/Birak edition 2018



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HOW DO YOU ORGANIZE  
A SPACE PARTY?



### A NEW YEAR

Hello Young Nats old and new and welcome to another year of fun-filled events where I hope you will discover new and amazing things in our beautiful southern land.

Check the calendar of this term's events on page 2!



### LOOK BACK AT 2017

The Young Nats kicked off the year with a brilliant day in February at Whalers Cove with the South Coast Natural Resource Management team who collected a variety of marine life and created an awesome touch pool for our members to get up close to look and handle.



In late April the Young Nats ventured up Mt Clarence on a beautiful Saturday night to spotlight any nocturnal creatures.

We were treated to some exciting finds such as spiders, many ring-tail possums and some beautiful Tawny frogmouths sitting on branches right near the track. traps, searched for spiders and explore the beautiful bushland.

In September we were treated to a great day hosted by Friends of the Porongurup- Bo, Lucia, Loxley Lisa and others out at Twin Creeks Reserve, where we inspected some traps, searched for spiders and explore the beautiful bushland.

Late in the year we ventured out to Bilaboya Reserve followed the creek to discover interesting ruins of a stone house and also pulled out some unwanted Sydney Wattle plants. Thanks Henry and his family for suggesting a great spot to visit!

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# Feb

## Saturday 3rd **Spotlighting**

Start: **6.00pm**

Location: **Middleton Beach Boardwalk**

Bring your torch and eagle eyes to spot nocturnal creatures like bandicoots and if we are really lucky some gorgeous little honey possums.



## Saturday 17th **Telescope under the Stars**

Start: **7.00pm**

Location: **Great Southern Grammar**

Experience Western Australia's amazing night sky as the Perth Observatory and their telescopes come down to Albany. Observatory volunteers will take you on a grand tour of the Southern Hemisphere's sky. See nebulae, dying stars and enormous star clusters.



# Mar

## Sunday 4th **Clean Up Australia**

Start: **1.00pm**

Location: **Lake Seppings**

Come for a nature walk around the lake and collect any rubbish we find. Help keep our environment beautiful.



## Sunday 18th **Geocache Denmark**

Start: **1.00pm**

Location: **Riverfront, Denmark**

Bring a 9v battery to this electrifying geocache hunt. Also discover some interesting stories of Denmark early days.



# Apr

## Sunday 1st or 8th **TBA**

Watch out for updates about this upcoming event.

## ABOUT THE YOUNG NATURALISTS CLUB

The Young Naturalists Club is open to children in Albany and surrounding areas who are between 5 and 15 years of age.

Our club is about building awareness of our local environment through hands-on activities with the guidance of experts and passionate helpers. *We are about nature.*





Coastal Collectors  
VANCOUVER PENINSULA



Tawny Frogmouth



Twin Creeks PORONGURUP



Bilaboya

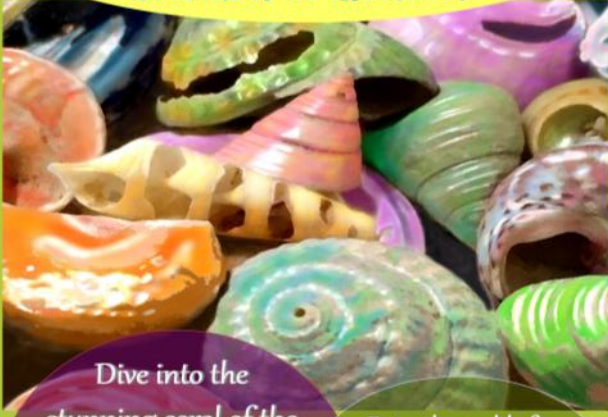


# Museum Matters

MUSEUM OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN  
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**WAM** MUSEUM OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN  
**DISCOVERY CENTRE**

Christmas School Holidays  
**Stunning Shells and  
Creatures of the Coral**




Dive into the stunning coral of the Great Barrier Reef and marvel at the myriad of shell life in the Pacific Ocean.

Enter the world of a South Pacific Islander culture and craft

Explore the mysteries of Rapanui and Pitcairn Island

Open 10am to 4pm Until April 2018



**kanalaritja**  
AN UNBROKEN STRING

**Museum of the Great Southern**  
19 October – 28 February | A free exhibition

This exhibition presents a diversity of exquisitely beautiful, delicate and rare works of shell stringing from Tasmanian Aboriginal Ancestors, acclaimed elders and emerging stringers.

**WAM** MUSEUM OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN  
A TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY (TMAG) TOURING EXHIBITION  
This project has been assisted by the Australian Government's Visions of Australia program. Image: Nore Sangri workshop, Lucia Rossi.

**TASMANIAN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY**  
Residency Road, Albany  
9841 4844  
[museum.wa.gov.au](http://museum.wa.gov.au)

## Meet the Locals- Honey Possum



### Sweet is the life of the Honey Possum.

This mouse-sized marsupial lives on a diet of nectar and pollen. It can drink 7 ml of nectar a day, which would be like a human drinking 50 litres of soft drink!

Also known by its Aboriginal name **Noolbenger** (ngool-boon-gor), this creature is tiny. It weighs just 7 to 10 grams and has a tail (88 to 100mm) that's longer than its head and body combined!

The upper surface of the possum's tongue is covered by brush-like bristles that collect pollen. At 1.8cm, a Honey Possum's tongue is almost one-quarter of its head and body length.

Like a hummingbird, the Honey Possum's tongue moves rapidly in and out of the mouth (at about three times a second).

Honey Possums are mainly nocturnal but on cloudy days they can be seen visiting flowers from dawn until dusk. They feed on banksias, bottlebrushes, heaths, grass trees and kangaroo paws.

Source: <https://www.bushheritage.org.au/species/honey-possum>