



# Barking gEcho

## Autumn/Djeran edition 2016

### Young Naturalists Club

### Bugs, Bark and Bats

#### Term 1 Highlights

2016 kicked off with a visit to Discovery Bay where we got the chance to feed some of the animals at the Wildlife Park.

Also in February, we collected some cool macro invertebrates from the estuary and the freshwater pond at Yoorl Park. Under the microscope we discovered a baby pipefish, several types of larvae and other critters.



Watery Worlds

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Forest Fotos

In March we helped clean up Australia by collecting rubbish from the Oyster Harbour shoreline-a special thanks to those members who came along.

The next event saw us snapping some awesome images of trees as we celebrated International Day of Forests. I am yet to send out the finished photos to those who took part- Sorry they are coming!

### CHALLENGE

How many these little white bats can you find hidden in this issue?



Answer on back page

For our last event for Term 1, we visited Woodbury-Boston School in the search for bats. With the help of Joe Tong's fantastic gadgets and know-how we saw and heard several species of bat. We also discovered that Chocolate wattle bats were living in the walls of the school!

Using the heat imaging viewer we also spotted possums and birds in the dark.

Everyone had a great time at this very special event.



Going batty



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## May

### Saturday 7th Night Walk Discovery

Start: TBA

Location: Discovery Bay Wildlife Park

Cost: \$5 per person

Many of our native animals are nocturnal and hard to find, so what better way to see them than at Discovery Bay Wildlife Park at night when they come out to play. Bring a torch and warm clothes.



### Sunday 22nd Emu Point Netting

Start: 1.00pm

Location: Emu Point

Meet us at Emu Point and discover what creatures live in the shallows. Tahryn and Kylie from the Dept. of Fisheries will drag some nets and we will try to identify what they find.

Don't forget to bring some old shoes or reef walkers to wade in the water.



## June

### Sunday 5th Life in the Undergrowth

Start: 1.00pm

Location: Mt Clarence

Let's get down and dirty and see what lives in the soil, under rocks or amongst the leaves and twigs on Mt Clarence.

Collect insects to look at under our microscopes.



### Monday 6th Celebrate WA Day

From 10.00am

Location: WA Museum-Albany

Come and celebrate living in this wonderful state. This **free** family fun day will have lots of fun activities from pony rides, a bouncy castle, the fabulous reptile haven, a free sausage sizzle for lunch, Southern Edge Arts circus and Jamie the Clown, kite making, puppetry and art and craft. Bring the whole family for a fun day out.



The Young Nats will be running a fund-raising stall, so I hope you can help out as a volunteer.

### Sunday 19th Fungi Foray

Start: 1.00pm

Location: A magical forest somewhere...

It's time to get fungified again!

Join us on our annual search for mushies, toadies and slime.

Bring your camera and mirrors for up close snaps of the fabulous fungi (and maybe a fairy!)





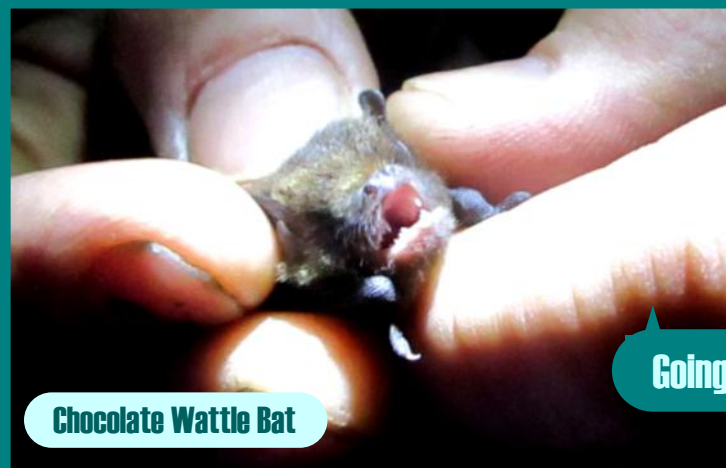
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Clean Up Oz



Forest Foto Fun



Chocolate Wattle Bat



Going Batty

## WA Museum ALBANY April School Holidays & Term 2

To celebrate the International Year of Pulses, we will discover what a pulse is, how they grow, and why they are so important in feeding the world. See how world cultures rejoice in the humble bean – there’s even a bean throwing festival in Japan! Tantalise your taste buds with exotic flavours made from pulses. Enter the world of the magic beans and giants through a much-loved fairytale.

Until 26th June 2016  
 10am–4:30pm  
 Discovery Centre WA Museum-Albany

## Scintillating Seeds & Pulsating Pulses



A SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE TOURING EXHIBITION

## INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS AT WAR

FROM THE BOER WAR TO THE PRESENT

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 A Free Exhibition | WA Museum – Albany

## Young Nats Members Profile– Robinson Family



My name is **Amaya Robinson**. I am 12 ½ yrs old and I have younger twin sisters Denikah and McKenziee. We have 2 boxer dogs called Lily and Mia and 2 budgies Blueberry and Coconut. We have 6 chooks- 3 Isa Browns and 3 Bantam Frizzles.

My hobbies are Geocaching, finding Munzee’s, bike riding, fishing, kayaking, spending time with my pets and my friends and family. We have been doing The Young Nats since October 2015. The most I love about Young Nats is doing new activities and learning about the environment. My favourite Young Nats activity was doing Geocaching at Denmark.

My name is **Denikah Robinson**. I am 10 ½ yrs old and I have an older sister and a twin sister. I was born in Albany and have lived here all my life.

My favourite hobbies are playing with my shopkins, lego friends with my twin sister and playing Minecraft. I have been doing Jazz for 3 yrs and

this year I am doing Hip Hop. We do a performance at the Albany Entertainment Centre at the end of each year. I love playing with our dogs Lily and Mia and jumping on the trampoline with them.

My favourite Young Nats activity was at Woodbury Boston School and seeing the bats.

My name is **McKenziee Robinson**. I am 10 ½ yrs old. I was born in Albany and have lived here all mine life. We have 2 dogs called Lily and Mia. Lily is Mia’s Mum.

I love eating apples and everything Strawberry. My favourite animals are dogs. I love playing Netball with my team mates. My favourite toys are Lego, Shopkins and LSP (Littliest Pet Shops).

My favourite Young Nats activity was going to Woodbury Boston School.

ANSWER: 10 bats