



# Barking gEcho

Autumn/Djeran edition 2017



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## Term One Highlights

The Young Nats kicked off the year with a brilliant day 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.



Later in February the club got together to create a mini-wetland ecosystem in a jar. We collected shrimp and snails to place in the jar with a plant and gravel to try to get a balance of life that will live harmoniously together.



In March the Young Nats helped out on Clean up Australia Day. We combined a beautiful nature walk to Vancouver Lake near Goode beach with some geocaching and of course picked up any rubbish we saw on the way.

Also in March we ventured out on a pretty nasty day with rain and wind to explore the Kalgan River and take photos of water. Then we used an image editing app to alter the pictures with some fantastic results. More on page 3.



Our final event for the term was held at Emu Point where the wonderful ladies from Fisheries put on a great activity looking at the habitat and biology of our local fish.

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# Apr

## Saturday 29th Night Crawlers

Start: 5.30pm

Location: Mt Clarence

Hunt for night critters up Mt Clarence. Bring your torch along and we might spot possums, spiders and other surprises in the dark.



# May

## Sunday 14th Geocache Adventure

Start: 1.00pm

Location: Gull Rock

Take in the beauty of our coastline, enjoy a bit of beach combing, maybe spot some shipwrecks and search for some hidden geocaches.



# June

## Monday 5th WA Day

Start: 10am-4pm

Location: Museum of the Great Southern

Join in the fun of WA Day and also spread our passion for the environment. The Young Nats will be helping visitors create a bio gradable pot and then distributing native seedlings.



## Sunday 11th Fungi Foray

Start: 1.00pm

Location: Monkey Rock

It's time to have fun guys! Join us on our annual forage for fungi. Bring a small mirror to inspect the underneath and a camera to capture your finds. Remember it might be damp so wear some appropriate clothing.



## Sunday 25th Who Dunnart?

Start: 1pm

Location: Museum of the Great Southern

Solve our wildlife murder mystery. A small grey bellied dunnart has been killed by one of our six suspects. Use your detective skills to find the killer.



## 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.*





Photo by Amelia



Photo by Alec



Photo by Arthur



Photo by Cydney



Photo by Henry





The Museum of the Great Southern will be exploring the fascinating and sometimes bizarre world of insects and spiders. Discover how these tiny creatures are critical for life on Earth, are worshipped by many cultures, and could end world famine.

Build and decorate a beautiful beaded butterfly feeder; create a colourful dragonfly; mould a unique mini-beast for our diorama; make a freaky spider for our giant web or your own bug creation to take home.

Explore the microscopic world of insect anatomy under our Micro-Eye. Observe how our live stick insects use camouflage as a defence against predators and find out how some insects help each other in many amazing ways.

**Discovery Centre**

**Until June 24**  
11am - 4pm  
Wed 1 - 7pm

## AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC NATURE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR



This is an exhibition of spectacular photographs which capture the breathtaking flora, fauna and landscapes of Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica and New Guinea.

Comprised of entries from the annual ANZANG photography competition, this exhibition highlights the need for conservation and protection of these unique regions.

**WHEN** 7 April to 21 May  
11am-4pm Wed 1-7pm  
**WHERE** Upstairs Eclipse Building  
Museum of the Great Southern  
**COST** Free



Competition owned by



## Members Profile- Sean Smith



Hi my name is Sean Smith, I have been involved with the Young Nats since beginning of Term Two 2016. I love being outdoors and learning as much as I can about all things.

My favourite Young Nat's day was when we went to Stony Hill to learn about life in the Granite Rock pools, I found tadpoles and other interesting creatures.

I also had great fun doing the Geocaching day at Cosy Corner looking for the secret message to find the mystery one.

My family includes Dad, Mum and my two little sisters Macy and Keely. We have a farm that has Red Angus Cattle and Kojak sheep. I love helping dad on the farm, especially working with my heifers. I like getting them ready for shows.

I have two pets, Molly the Border Collie dog and Valiant the Budgie. We also had two pet calves this year, named Mark and Mary May.

I love playing soccer, Irish Dancing and when I'm not too busy I like playing with my Lego and farm toys.