



Barking gEcho

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Young Naturalists Club

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First term was a Mt Melville-Kardarup Special

Fauna Survey

The lucky ones who braved an early start to take part in the Mt Melville-Kardarup fauna Survey were rewarded with a view up close of a diverse group of animals. Bush rats, bandicoots, frogs, skinks and plenty of creepy crawlies were found in the traps set by City of Albany officers. Special thanks to Sandra and Sandra who guided the Young Nats through the event. I hope you enjoyed the muffins, guys!



Photo: Ed



Photo: Noah Gibson

Clean Up Australia Day

Thanks to those who volunteered on Clean Up Australia day in March to help rid Mt Clarence of rubbish. We collected 6 to 7 bags and filled with many broken bottles, plastic, cans, a large piece of air venting pipe and even a child's bike!

Spotlighting

Also in March many took part in the Spotlighting event on Mt Melville. It was a magic night where we saw several ring-tail possums, geckoes and many spiders of different kinds- wolf, orb and huntsman to name a few.

Thanks again to Sandra and Sandra.

On a funny note, Erica reported that a bat flew into her face! That'll teach her for turning up late.

Farewell to Shorebirds,

Our final outing was the Farewell to Shorebirds, which proved to be a little disappointing, as the birds had all flown North. However we did get a peek of an Owllet Nightjar. Thanks heaps to Anne Bondin.



Photo: Glenn McDonald

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May

Sunday 3rd Creature Close-Up

Start: 1.00 pm
Location: TBC

Local Minang man Larry Blight has a cool collection of native animals: baby roos, snakes, lizards, and parrots. He would love to show them to us, and let us get up close and personal with a few.



Saturday 9th Specky Spiders

Start: 1.00 pm
Location: WA Museum-Albany

Our favourite Spider expert Amber Beavis will be visiting us again and she will take us on a spider hunt to catch some specimens. Then we will take a close look at them with our microscopes to see them as you have never seen them before!



Sunday 24th Microscope Magic

Start: 1.00pm
Location: WA Museum-Albany

It is International Year of Light and so we are looking how the lens opened up a whole new world to scientists. Bring in some items you would like to see under our video microscope that magnifies it by 40 times and displays it on a large HD TV screen. You will be surprised at how different they will appear.



June

Sunday 7th Fungi Foray

Start: 1:00 pm
Location: Mt Melville

Join us on our annual hunt for all things fungi. Don't forget your camera.



Sunday 21st Build a Biome

Start: 1.00pm
Location: WA Museum-Albany

Life is a tricky balancing act. Find out how tricky by creating your own ecosystem in a jar. Discover who econauts, scavengers, recyclers and the cleaning crew are and how they all work together to sustain life.





Fauna Survey



Spotlighting

The Dreaming Hill

WA Youth Theatre Co & Southern Edge Arts

The Dreaming Hill incites contemplation, empowering Australians to deeply comprehend the perilous situation our young ANZAC soldiers and nurses found themselves. Geographically isolated from their beloved home and families, awaiting deployment to horrific battlefields, from the Greek island of Lemnos.

23rd April 12.30 & 7pm

24th–25th April 7pm

26th April 2pm & 7pm

WA Museum-Albany Car Park

\$25 Adults/ \$10 Kids/ \$15 Concession/ Family of 4 \$65
Tickets available from
www.southernedge.org.au

Magic Carpet

Western Australian Museum-Albany

Come on a journey with us and explore the colourful, intricate and rhythmic art forms of the Middle East. You will discover how unique mathematical sequences are turned into stunning patterns in architecture and mosaics, and how colour and art are fused into a visual feast through decorations, fashion and fabrics. Visit the *Faith, fashion, fusion: Muslim women's style in Australia* and uncover the link between who you are and what you wear.

Cost: free – making and decorating paper lanterns, arabesque plaster painting, cardboard tile decorating, dress-ups. \$2 Persian plaster tile carving, \$2.50 stained glass lead light, \$3 designing tesserae, \$5 Moroccan tea lights glass painting

Saturday 4th April to 26th June

10am–4:30pm

Discovery Centre WA Museum-Albany

Young Nats under the Microscope



L-R Renoir, Escher, Mabel

Mabel, Escher and Renoir have been members for a couple of years now and here are their thoughts on what they have loved about being Young Nats.

Mabel

Definitely my favourite event would be the Kalgan Queen where I got to see lots of pelicans right up close and got amazing pictures of them, and got told lots of facts about sea eagles and other sea birds that I really enjoyed. I knew straight away that my family was having a great time with the smile on

their faces. I also liked looking through the glass at the bottom of the boat where I could see some awesome fish swimming under the Kalgan Queen.

Oh and I forgot to say that I loved the damper that we had it was just delicious. I'm very glad that my nana paid for me and my brothers to come on this amazing journey and see lots of amazing animals. I learnt so much last year about nature and animals! Thank you for a wonderful time and I cannot wait until this starts again! 😊



Escher

My favourite one was rotary camp site even though I busted my lip on the rails. My favourite thing was going on the canoe. We had a fire and we cooked marshmallows it was fun.

Renoir

Thanks for all these adventures. I loved them all. And I learnt a lot about nature it was very fun especially the clean-up Australia day. I can't wait for another fun adventure. At the camp Mabel Escher and I did a lot of canoeing it was fun. 😊