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The Barking gEcho

Autumn/Winter Newsletter 2013

Hi everyone. Firstly let me say that I am sorry a couple of our latest events got delayed—sometimes things are beyond our control. I know most of you are a really understanding lot so I am sure things didn't faze you. Anyway we have a new program for you to have a look at and I hope you are all fired up for a busy winter. We have the first of our film making events very soon so if you are 10 years old or over then please get on board with those! We really

want to show the world what we are about and this is a great opportunity.

I have popped in a few ideas we have for the last part of the year so read up on that and get excited. Don't forget you are welcome to email us with ideas you want us to do.

I am in touch with a couple of museum scientists and trying to organize another night walk of some sort so stay tuned for that one. Might be creepy and crawly



Roving reporter—looking for Profiles, weird frogs

this time! That's it from me for now. See you all soon!

Little Blue Frog Update

Well it seems our crazy frog scientist got a bit busy this month and haven't had time to pop out to Robinson and find our little blue friend. However, we have had a good chat with them and the consensus is that it is the motor bike frog that has a mutant colour gene when makes him blue. Still a great find and one we will all keep an eye out for.

If you are out and about and see something amazing please send us the pictures. Our scientists are always looking for things to tell people about and investigate.



Funnies

Past Pics

Q. Why is there a crab in prison?

A . Because he kept pinching things.

Q. What do you call a fish with no eyes?

A . A fsh

Q. What happened to the cat that swallowed a ball of wool?

A. She had mittens.

Q. Why do gorillas have big nostrils?

A. Because they have big fingers.



Events Program!

Healthy Food Miles!

Sunday May 26th 1pm to 3pm

How many miles has your food travelled before it reaches your plate? All these miles puts a strain on our environment with more fuel being used and more carbon released into the world. Learn to cook something local from all local ingredients. Learn to make your own mouth wash or moisturiser so you stay healthy and so does the world. Following our Taste Great Southern Event this one is for those who loved that or might have missed out on it.

\$10 per child for this one.

Film Makers Month!

Friday May 31st 3.30pm-5pm

Workshop in interviewing and film making here at the Museum. We will be working out who to interview, what sort of questions we need to ask them and practicing our techniques as well as looking at the camera and how to use it.

Saturday 1st June 9am-11am

Filming and interviewing at the Farmer's Market.

Sunday 9th June 1pm-3pm

Filming and interviewing at another location.

Sunday 16th June 1pm-3pm

Filming and interviewing at another location

This is an ideal opportunity for our members who are 10 years old and over. We would love you all to be involved. You will need to be available to come to the Friday 31st workshop and at least one of the filming days (you do not have to come to all the filming days). Let me know if you have a younger member who might wish to do this one.

Sunday 30th June

What a load of Rubbish!

Come with us for a visit to the AWARE Centre at the Albany Tip.

The Young Naturalists will Learn about Recycling in Albany, and the impact that Reducing, Reusing and Recycling has on our Environment. We will be participating in some "Upcycling" activities, making Mini Worm Farms, and Boot and Bottle Planting.

Fungi Foray TBC

Sunday 28th July 1-3pm

This is something we have done each year and is quite popular. I am trying to find a new venue for this years one so stay tuned. We have seen some amazing fungi in the past and have learnt about how important they are to our environment.

Sunday 11th August

Fish dissection-Tahryn Thompson
Dept Fisheries

This one is very smelly and icky! Not for the faint hearted! Learn the parts of a fish that you have probably never considered. How do we know who old a fish is—look at his ear of course! Want to know more? Then come along to this fabulous event.

Sunday 25th August

Insect Hotels!

Build an insect hotel to take home and encourage the biodiversity in your own back yard! These are fun and they look fabulous so will be a feature of your garden. We are going to be part of a big installation of a similar thing for the City of Albany so this will be an introduction to the concept.

***TBC : to be confirmed.** Dates and times are accurate but more details of these events will be released shortly but you are welcome to book in for them now.

Remember— Please book in for all the events you intend to come to. This really helps with organisation. Just drop us an email either to Peter at the museum or Rebecca at home repeter2@tpg.com.au

Still to come in 2013

While things are not completely locked in at this stage I thought I would wet your appetite about the ideas we have for the end of the year.

Once our films have been finished (we intend to make two this year) we will have a film launch evening! This will be an evening event where we can invite all our friends and family to come and watch our films and show them what is important for sustainability and our environment. This will be a gala event!!

We are planning to have another family camp this year which I know you will all want to be part of. Our last one was really fantastic and we intend to make this one event better. We wont have to travel as far for this one so we hope

that everyone can come. Start putting a few cents away for this now as there will be a fee for this one—although we will do our best to make it as inexpensive as possible.

And speaking of camping—we are going to be part of building an insect Hotel!! Yes that's right—an insect



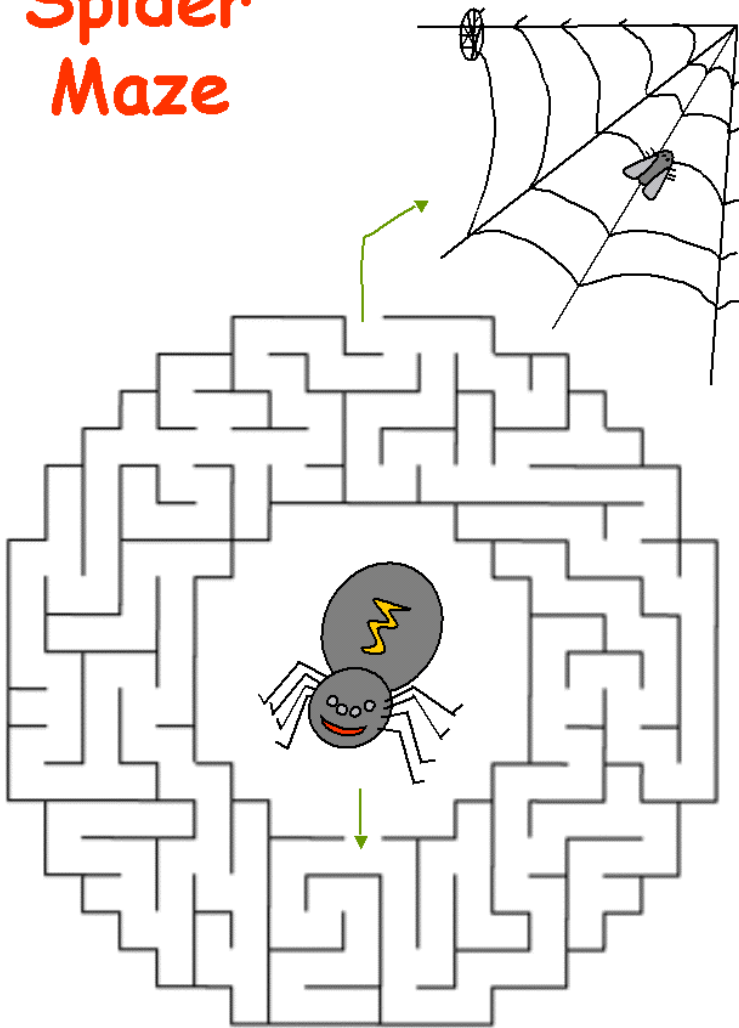
hotel. Have a look at these images to get the idea. These not only help our ecosystems that become significant art pieces in local parks. We intend to build one in a park for the City of Albany. We will do a little trial run/sampler for you to take home in August (see the program above.).



Puzzle Corner

Spider Maze

Help the spider get to her web its rock.



Quiz Questions

1. A kangaroo is a herbivore, omnivore or a carnivore?
2. Echidna's are found in Papua New Guinea and Australia. True or false?
3. The Great Southern area of WA is considered a global biodiversity hot spot. True or false?
4. What is a macroinvertebate?
5. What is the best way to reduce your food miles?
6. What is a bio indicator?
7. What is the name for a mammal that carries it's babies in a pouch?
8. What is a baby snake called?

ANSWERS 1. herbivore 2. true 3. true 4. a small animal that is visible without a microscope that does not have a backbone 5. grow your own 6. a plant or organism that gives scientist an indication about the health of an ecosystem 7. marsupial 8. snakelet or hatchling



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Museum Under the Microscope

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Hi, my name is Ana Hara and I am one of the two Technical Officers in the Crustacean Section of the Western Australian Museum. I have not been in the job for long, so I am learning new things every day. This has been very exciting. My 4 year-old daughter got a bit horrified learning that I was going to work at the Museum. She had watched a Tinkerbell movie in which a little girl's dad tried to put some of Tinkerbell's friends in a museum! Even though the animals we work with are dead, the job is not. It is very important work. There is so much going on here. Behind the scenes this place is not only full of cool fluffy crabs, giant slaters, hermit crabs, etc, but it is full of



knowledge and of many exciting things yet to be discovered. All that is needed are more people with curious minds to look for them.

I had to go a long way to get this job. First I got a Bachelor degree in Biology (back in Brazil) and worked at the Oceanographic Institute, studying fish. Then I moved to Australia, where I started

volunteering, and then worked for the Fisheries Department for a short while. Recently, I finished a masters degree at UWA studying New Zealand fur seals. I have a broad interest in marine biology and now I am really enjoying the opportunity to work here at the Museum.

The main part of my job is to look after the collection, making sure all the crabs, lobsters, prawns and their relatives are properly stored and preserved. I also send and receive specimens on loans to other institutions. While some people receive postcards through the post, I get big boxes full of crabs! I really enjoy this job because it is very hands-on (which includes diving!). I am constantly learning at the museum and am surrounded by people with a passion for what they do. They love sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm.

Member Profile—Oscar Ferreira

Hi my name is Oscar Ferreira, I am 8 years old and this will be my 3rd year with the YNC. I like this club because I get to explore things with a group of friends and its fun. The events I like were, the muddy fish traps, camp, the Treasure hunt (Geocaching), going Batty and Molluscs! Most of all I like the clean ups with the club. I also liked it when we did the rope course at Camp Quaranup

I have one sister called Jessinta who is 10 years old and a father that works away on the mines and my mum who home schools us. I love to play the Xbox, bushwalking, helping animals, camping and swimming. I have 2 dogs and 1 black sheep. Also liking spending my time at the skate park doing tricks.

I hope for another camp!

This is a picture of Oscar when we made Koornts on our survival day.

