



## What's On at the Museum

### Trees

We have a beautiful exhibition of photographs by the late Kurt Veld on display up stairs in the Eclipse Building. These are amazing photographs of trees that really give you a new perspective on their natural beauty. This exhibition runs until 29th August.

### Mini Muses

A fun series of junior sessions (for children 5 years and under) which will introduce children to the wonderful native creatures of WA. Programs use elements of song, dance, games, puppetry and a variety of hands on activities, allowing children to learn interesting aspects of wildlife habits and biology. Held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10am. Cost is \$5 per child. The next one is all about the seagull and we will be having fish and chips (cost for this one is \$8.00 per child which includes fish and chips) Bookings essential.

### Young Naturalists Club September Events

11th September—Revegetation project on Mt Clarence. This is likely to include a sausage sizzle after so please come along and be part of this event. Guaranteed to have the best views and great company!

25th September— Two Peoples Bay excursion. We will look at what is happening in the reserve and there may be a chance to go snorkelling if the weather is kind.

Wild Flower Show Display. We have been invited to be the community group to have a display in St. Johns hall in York Street when the Wild Flower society has their show. This will be a great opportunity to show the public who we are and what we do. The display will be up from 28th September to 1st October so pop in and have a look.

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Q. How do you make a tissue dance?

A. You put a little boogie in it!

## Member Profile — Jazman Allen

My name is Jazman Allen and I go to St Josephs college. I have done Young Naturalists Club in 2010 and 2011.

The things I enjoy doing at home is – reading, colouring, playing with my little brother and sister, listening to music, making things, playing the piano and walking the dog.

I have been to many Young Naturalists club events and I have enjoyed every event I've been in at Young Naturalists club. My favourite events were going to Wilson Inlet, beach combing, discussing about marsupials and talking about snakes and lizards at Two Peoples Bay. I'm really looking forward to the events that I haven't been to yet.



Jazman, Melina and Quentin

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# The Barking gEcho

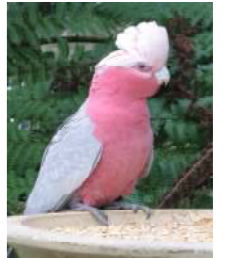
## From the Editor

So much to talk about—not much space! So read on!

Inside this issue I have great snaps of our birthday activity day. Thank you to everyone who came along and participated in this activity day! Although the weather was not so kind and we could not do a couple of the outdoor activities I think everyone still had a great afternoon. I would also like to thank all the parents who helped with the activities—this made my life much easier!

Another new addition to this issue is a segment on Museum People. I am calling it "Museum Under the Microscope". This section will introduce you to some of the fabulous Museum Curators, Technical Officers and Scientists. They will tell you a little about what they do and what they love about their job and anything they think you will find interesting. This is a terrific way to find out about some pretty amazing jobs that you might want to do when

you get older. Spring is not far away and the weather should be fining up so I hope to see lots more of you at our up coming events. There is loads to do so come along and have some fun!



Your editor and roving reporter!

## Outdoor Challenge—July

In addition to the monthly events, this year I will be setting members a "one hour outdoor challenge" each month.

As this is the International Year of Forests all the challenges will relate to a tree of your choice. Record all the information for each challenge in your club note book or another journal. At the end of the year I will invite you

to bring your journal to the museum to exhibit it and there will be great prizes for various achievements with the challenges.

If you are missing previous monthly challenges please email me and I will email them back.

### August:

Barking up your tree!

Tell us about the bark on your tree. What

does it look like? Find out if the aborigines used the bark or any other part of the tree for food, medicine or tools. What could we use it for?



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What is more amazing than a talking dog?

A Spelling bee!

What do you get when you cross an elephant with a kangaroo?

Great big holes all over Australia!



## Museum under the Microscope

Clay Bryce— Department of Aquatic Zoology, WA Museum.

I think I'm getting old! But, I have had the best fun in my life working for the WA Museum- and I am still having fun! Imagine a life wandering around the oceans of the world diving in remote and beautiful places, collecting fantastic marine life and then being able to film what you saw to show the people of the world? But it gets better. I actually get to go caving and play with fossils too – a life discovering new things,

be it underwater or in caves. Well, that's my job! Well sort of - I still have to do paperwork...oh, well, at least there's always the next trip! So, study hard, keep fit and be adventurous as I'll need a replacement one day!

**Want to know more?** Email your questions for Clay to me and I will get them answered.



## Camp Information

Included in this newsletter is the Family Camp enrollment Form. I hope you are all keen to be part of our very first camp and I can assure you I have done all I can to make it a fabulous event.

The fees include powered sites to camp on (families will need to bring their own tents and camping gear), all meals, a fabulous boat cruise and a

night walk on the Tree Top Walk, games, hikes and our presentation night. I have negotiated with all involved to get the fee as low as possible and I hope that the amount can fit into most family budgets. Please let me know if you wish to make some sort of payment arrangement—I would hate anyone to miss out due to finances.

All fees need to be paid by 1st November and you will need to come to the museum to do this. The staff at the front counter will accept cash, credit card or cheque.

I for one can't wait!



## Some of my favourite quotes

"In other studies you go as far as others have gone before you, and there is nothing more to know; but in a scientific pursuit there is continual food for discovery and wonder." Mary Shelley, Frankenstein, 1818.

"The important thing in science is not so much to obtain new facts as to discover new ways of thinking about them." William Bragg, Sr



"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed." Albert Einstein.

"I am among those who think that science has great beauty. A scientist in his laboratory is not only a technician: he is a child placed before natural phenomena which impress him like a fairy tale." Marie Curie.

## Birthday Activity Day



Q. Why are frogs so happy?

A. They eat whatever bugs them!

