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The Barking gEcho

Autumn Newsletter 2014

Welcome to Tully Knewbone-Franklin, Molly, Emma and Joanna Dennison, Isabel Van den Bogert, Izabellah Dixon, Mirella McLauchlan and Kaden and Tian Bray to the club!! Wow what a great lot of new people! We hope you enjoy your time with the club and get loads of new experiences in our beautiful world.

We have had a very busy start to the year. We started off at the gorgeous Butterfly Garden where Jonathon Manyweeks was a fabulous presenter who guided us through his garden. Everyone got to meet several species of butterfly and their caterpillars!

It was hard to follow up such a special afternoon but those who were able to attend the Kalgan River Cruise were treated to more winged creatures out on the estuary. We met some very friendly Pelicans, a greedy sting ray and several bold White Breasted Sea Eagles.

As a group of young people

who obviously love nature and strive to understand the delicate balance of the ecosystems this event brought to mind several questions for me. It might be a great opportunity to have a family discussion about how we feel about wildlife being dependent on humans for food. How much is too much?

The following event was definitely enjoyed by all who attended including our kind and knowledgeable presenter Amber Beavis. Amber and her partner Tom came down to Albany from Perth especially for our event and they were so happy they did! The spider hunt was attended by nearly everyone and you were all so awesome at finding the little creatures in the bush! Amber was blown away by your knowledge, enthusiasm and great behavior! Well done everyone.

It seems that Cameron and Connor were really inspired



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by the event and decided to turn their play room into a giant spiders web!

The new program is included in this newsletter so check it out and book in for the ones you wish to attend. You will see there are no event for the month of April as there are too many holidays for us to put anything in. See you all in May!



Funnies

Q. What's worse than a centipede with athletes foot?

A. An echidna with split ends.

Q. What does an octopus wear when it gets cold?

A. A coat of arms.

Q. why are frogs so happy?

A. they eat whatever bugs them.

Events Program!

Sunday 4th May 1-3pm

Who Dunnart—forensic science!

Come along to the museum and use forensic science to solve our wildlife murder mystery. Numbers are limited so please book early.

Venue: Co-Op building at the Museum.



Sunday 18th May 1-3pm

Crystal Growing Workshop

Come along to the museum and learn how to grow your own crystal! This will be the start of our crystal growing competition. Take home your starter crystal and photograph it over the next couple of weeks and we will see which ones are the most beautiful and which ones are the biggest.

Venue: Co-op building at the Museum

Sunday 25th May 1pm

Rock On!

We will be visiting John and Elva

Street to view their wonderful rock and crystal collection. Learn about where they found them, how they cut and polish them and what are all the things we do with crystals. Bring your crystals that you have grown over the week so show each other and compare.

Venue: 112 Hillman Street, Spencer Park. Please consider car pooling as there is limited space on the street to park.



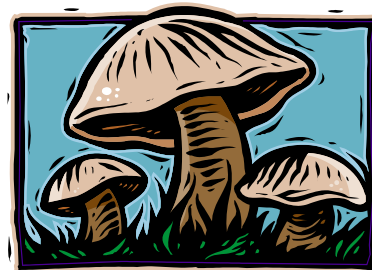
Sunday 15th June 1-3pm

Fungi foray!

We are very lucky to have a family in our club that has access to bushland that has great fungi for us to see. Meet at the Manypeaks Store (they are not open so we can park there) and we will head into the bush from there. Get to see some amazing freaky shaped

mushrooms and fungi and learn how important they are to our environment.

Venue: Meet at the Manypeaks Store.



Sunday 29th June 1-3pm

Family Farming

TBC

We will be visiting.....

To see all the things they do to help wildlife while still having a successful farm. Wear sensible shoes (gum boots if possible).



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Camping, Kayaks and 4x4 Community Fund.

Remember to remind family and friends to nominate YNC as their recipient for the Community Club loyalty fund when they purchase anything from this store. The reward dollars can be used by us to buy equipment that our club can use.

Photo Gallery—what we have been up to



Newly hatched butterfly



Darcy studying hard



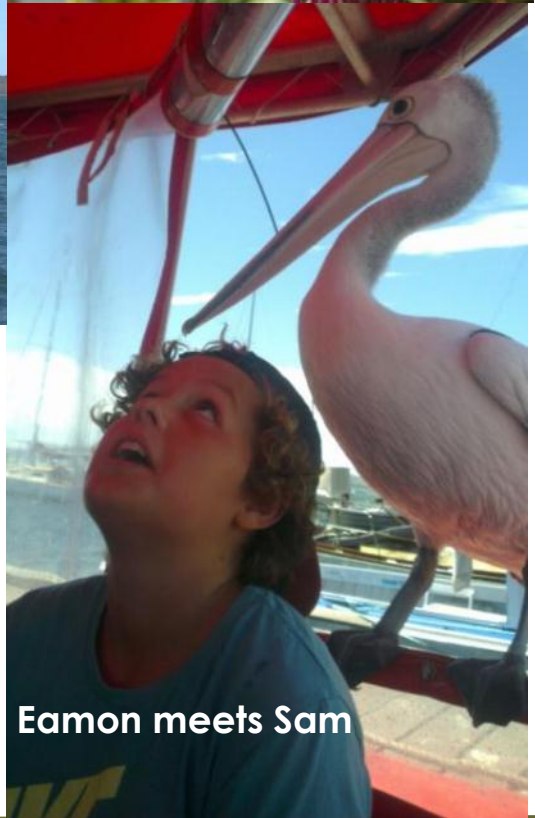
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Butterfly garden



Kalgan Queen Cruise



Eamon meets Sam



Museum Under the Microscope

Alice Beale

Curator, Archaeology and Anthropology

I am an archaeologist, and study human culture and society through the everyday objects that get discarded or left behind. I work as a curator in the Anthropology and Archaeology department of the Western Australian Museum. While some archaeologists spend their entire lives studying only one culture, place or time period, a museum archaeologist is responsible for the care of collections from all over the world and from many different time periods. Therefore the objects which end up under my microscope can range from African stone tools used more than a million years before to glass bottles excavated from the Perth suburbs deposited within the last one hundred years.

Looking after these collections is great fun but even better is when I'm able to get out of the office and travel to remote places and spend my days digging up more evidence of the past. Digging holes rain, hail or shine may not be everybody's cup of tea, I on the other hand consider it to be the best part of my job. Not only am I taking part in archaeological research but I get to do it in beautiful countryside while working with a great team of people.



Archaeology is all about understanding how people lived, what their jobs were, what challenges they faced and what they did for fun. It is the type of information that is commonly not recorded in history books and as a result every time an archaeologist goes in to the field or studies an artefact they learn a little bit more about a person who came before them. It is for these reasons that I love archaeology and I encourage anyone who has an interest in history to explore the world around them because the buildings, parks, pathways and objects often hold many secrets.

Breaking News

Cleanaway Albany have very kindly donated their 2013 Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Town prize money of \$200 to the Young Nats. Alice Rule from the **Keep Australia Beautiful Council** presented the cheque to Young Nat member Darcy recently.

Alice said the donation is in recognition of the valuable contribution the YNC has made to keeping our environment clean.

So, thanks to you guys for all those hard working efforts on **Clean up Australia Day, Beach Clean Ups** and our ongoing work with revegetation and weed eradication projects have been rewarded. The money will go into our kitty to bring you more exciting events! Well done!

