

## BUSSELTON NATURALISTS CLUB - 2026 PROGRAM (updated Feb. 18)

- February**      **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> AGM** and Wendy Kelton: **A Naturalist in the Americas: includes close encounters with jaguars!**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Snorkelling** Meet at Dunsborough Tavern carpark at 9:00am.
- March**            **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Meelup Moonrise Walk.** Meet at Meelup at 6:00 pm & onwards for a BBQ, then enjoy the sunset and the moonrise over the bay. Check the local osprey nest at Meelup  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Patrick Prevett: Taxonomic Delights: In Appreciation of the Flora of the SW**  
*[NB March excursion is being held before the meeting]*
- April**             **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Paul Brown: Author Dryandra Woodland National Park: Unique Mammals and SW Endemic**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April Camping at Dryandra National Park.**
- May**              **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dr Neville Marchant: The Swan River Poison Plant Saga**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Night Walk at Malbup Swamp** with dinner at The Deck prior to walk. Meet at The Deck at 5:30pm for dinner or at Malbup Swamp at 7:00pm.
- June**             **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Belinda Davis: Threatened Orchid Conservation in Changing World**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Beachcomb at Moses Rock –** Meet at Moses Rock 10am
- July**              **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> No meeting due to Mid-Year Lunch**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Morning Bush Walk at Ironstone Gully followed by Mid-Year lunch at Capel Golf Club.** Meet at ECU car park at 9:30am for carpooling. Lunch 12:30.
- August**         **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> TBA**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Seals & Whales, Cape Naturaliste Circuit.** Meet at ECU carpark at 9:30am for carpooling. Bring morning tea and lunch.
- September**    **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Dr Gary Kendrick: The Great Southern Reef**  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Wildflower Walk Kondil Park Nannup, and Blackwood River Walk.** Meet at ECU at 9:30 am for carpooling. Bring morning tea and lunch.
- October**        **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> No Meeting because of Long Range Excursion**  
**Oct 5-26 Long Range Excursion from Windy Harbour to the Stirling Ranges and Porongurups** (Planning in progress, full details TBA)
- November**     **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Paul Gibbard Author: The French Connection: The Story of the Botanist Leschenault on the Baudin Expedition.**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Birding on the Blackwood River.** River cruise on the Blackwood River for bird watching. Meet at ECU carpark at 8:30am for carpooling or Augusta at 10:00am. Picnic lunch followed by an afternoon walk. Leader Ian Clarke. Optional is camping/chalets at Turner Caravan Park from Friday to Monday inclusive.
- December**     **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party** at Esplanade Hotel commencing 6pm.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month (excluding January), commencing at 7.30 pm, at the Busselton Senior Citizens Centre, 22 Peel Terrace. Excursions are generally on the second Sunday of the month (excluding January & December).

People attending Club activities do so at their own risk. The Club and its members take all reasonable care, and attendees are ultimately responsible for their own safety.

*Meetings are open to the public; excursions are for members only. Nonmembers thinking of joining may attend free trial excursions.*

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