

OBJECT: To foster an interest in nature

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## MEETING—THURSDAY 1st September 7:30pm Australian National University

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# SURVEYING IN ANTARCTICA

Speaker: John Hyslop

Below is some information from John on his interesting career. Whilst searching the internet for a photo, I also came across the Hyslop Islands, a group of islands in the Antarctic named after him! Editor

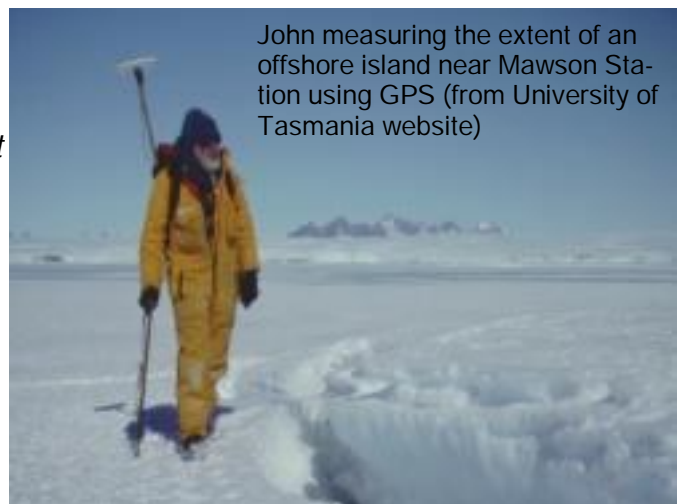
*I started working as a surveyor in 1961 with the Commonwealth Government in the survey office which over the years was known as Commonwealth Survey Office, Dept. of Interior, then Australian Survey Office then AUSLIG (Australian Surveying and Land Information Group). I've been based mainly in Canberra but worked all over Australia, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Fiji, where we lived for over a year.*

*I finished off with AUSLIG in 1997 after spending the last 4 years in the Antarctic Mapping Section, making maps for the Antarctic Division. With the government I was fortunate to get three trips to Antarctica. The work involved general survey work; detail surveys, lake levels, tide gauge installation and measurement; geodetic surveys and aerial photography and surveying.*

*After retirement, I was even more fortunate to get 4 more trips, much the same work but also included a job for the ANU Research School of Earth Sciences, installing earth movement monitoring GPS equipment. I've worked at all Australian bases on Antarctica, Casey, Davis and Mawson and also in the Prince Charles Mountains.*

*My last trip south was in 2003, a quick trip to do some aerial photography at Casey Station.*

*I'm still working part-time as a surveyor in Canberra and volunteer for an organisation called MAPS, which supplies mapping support for Emergency services.*



John measuring the extent of an offshore island near Mawson Station using GPS (from University of Tasmania website)

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# FIELD NATTER

## OUTING– Saturday 17th September 9:30am Pinnacle Nature Reserve

Rosemary Blemings will lead a walk around the Pinnacle Nature Reserve to observe it's flora, fauna and the signs of spring. Wear stout footwear, clothes to suit the weather, water, hat, binoculars and camera. Meet at the end of Dungowan Street, Hawker.

*For further information on this walk, please call Rosemary on 6258 4724*

For more information on the Pinnacle Nature Reserve visit the Friends of the Pinnacle website <http://fotpin.hussat.com.au/index.html>. This website was the source of the following article and photograph which will hopefully inspire some of you to join Rosemary on Saturday 17th!

### *Why is The Pinnacle Nature Reserve Special?*

*Amble a few hundred meters or less from the suburbs or Hawker or Weetangera and you're greeted with spectacular views across the Molonglo River to the Brindabella Mountains in the west, the Tidbinbilla Range to the south-west, and across the southern suburbs to Mt Tennent in the south. To the east is the city of Canberra, the view dominated by Parliament House, Lake Burley Griffin and Black Mountain. Whether it's the blue haze of summer on the mountains, the remnants of the morning fog delineating the path of the Molonglo River, or just the feeling of space so close to the bustle of the suburbs, it is always uplifting.*

*Lower your view to the Reserve around you and enjoy some of the more than 150 native species of grasses, shrubs and trees, from precious orchids, to kangaroo and wallaby grasses, and magnificent eucalypts such as red stringybark, scribbly gum and yellow box; there is nearly always something in flower to admire. In and around this vegetation flit more than 100 species of birds, 40% of the species known to be found in the ACT; some make their homes here permanently, while others visit seasonally or less regularly. You'll also never tire of seeing the iconic Eastern Grey Kangaroos, several hundred of which inhabit the Reserve. If you're lucky, you'll get a glimpse of an echidna scurrying for cover, or a bearded dragon holding perfectly still hoping that it won't be seen.*



## ANBG Lunchtime Talks

These excellent talks are held in the Theatrette at the Botanic Gardens from 12:30 to 1:30pm every Thursday from February to November. Forthcoming talks are:

- Thurs 1 Sept : Terry Fewtrell "Wattle Day: The Wattle Day Potential"
- Thurs 8 Sept : Bryan Furnass "The Anthropocene and its Discontents"
- Thurs 15 Sept : Toby Golson "The Rainforest Gully"
- Thurs 22 Sept : Matthew Higgins "Clement Wragge's Kosciuszko Weather Observatory"
- Thurs 29 Sept : Attila Kapitany "Bottle Trees and other Brachychitons for your Garden"

For more information about these talks go to [www.friendsanbg.org.au/calendar.html](http://www.friendsanbg.org.au/calendar.html)

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS THAT THE GENERAL MEETING of the Field Naturalists Association of Canberra will be held on Thursday 6th October, 2011 at 8:00 pm** at the Division of Zoology and Botany, Building 116, in the Australian National University. After the general meeting members will give short presentations on a variety of natural history topics.

Business:

- a) To confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting.
- b) To receive from the committee, auditor and servants of the Association, reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year.
- c) To elect the officers of the Association (President; Vice President; Treasurer; Secretary) and the ordinary committee members.
- d) To appoint the auditor and determine his/her remuneration.
- e) To conduct other business of which notice has been given.

Nominations for election of members of the committee shall be made in writing and shall be delivered to an officer of the association by Monday 26th September. If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.

I hereby nominate .....

BLOCK LETTERS

A member of the Field Naturalists Association of Canberra Inc.

For the position of .....

Name of proposer .....

Signature .....Date .....

Name of Seconder .....

Signature of Seconder .....Date .....

*Acceptance of Nomination*

I ..... accept nomination for .....

Signature of Nominee .....Date .....

**FIELD NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANBERRA INC.****Income and Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 30 June 2011**

	2010	2011
	\$	\$
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Membership Subscriptions	1,500.00	1,450.00
Raffles	392.30	348.00
Tea Money	32.00	95.15
Donations	215.00	93.00
Kioloa Field Trip – Management Payment	138.00	0.00
Interest Received (Term Deposits)	621.91	676.25
Interest Received (Cheque Account)	3.31	7.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,902.52</b>	<b>2,670.34</b>

<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Affiliation Fees	200.00	254.00
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00
Depreciation	0.00	0.00
Govt. FID and Debit Tax	0.00	0.00
Newsletter Printing	717.90	511.50
Committee Meeting Printing	60.00	0.00
Postage	468.25	180.00
Post Office Box Rental	137.00	145.00
Presentations (Speakers and ANU)	90.00	91.95
Raffle Prize	0.00	50.00
Student Prize Vouchers	400.00	250.00
Registrar General's Fees	63.00	0.00
Insurance	350.00	350.00
Website Hosting	71.76	125.73
Secretary's Stationery	0.00	0.00
Sundry Expenses (Assistant Secretary)	19.10	0.00
Treasurer's Stationery	0.00	95.00
Auditor Payment	0.00	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,577.01</b>	<b>2,153.18</b>

**Income exceeds Expenditure by ..... 325.51 517.16**

## **Friends of ANBG Orchid Walks on Black Mountain**

### **Sunday October 9th 10.00 am and 1.00 pm**

Join Tony Wood to discover some of the spring flowering native terrestrial orchids, and to learn something of this fascinating group of plants. Some off-track walking involved so wear sturdy shoes. Bring a hand lens if you have one.

Numbers are limited to 15 for each walk so early booking is essential. Telephone 6250 9540 to book and indicate which of the walks you would prefer (the afternoon walk is a repeat of the morning walk).

The above is well worth doing, especially if it is a good orchid season - depends on rainfall - was good in 2010 after good winter & spring rains. But you need to book early as limited numbers.

Tony Lawson

FIELD NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANBERRA INC.

*Australian Naturalists' Network Get-Together  
October, 2012*

**Income and Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 30 June 2011**

	2011
<b><u>Income</u></b>	\$
Monies from Chinchilla Field Naturalists' Club	2,000.00
Participant Deposits	3,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>5,400.00</u>

<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
Stationery	44.48
Printing : Participant Information	60.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>104.48</u>

**Funds Available at Bank**

<b>Income</b>	-	<b>Expenditure</b>	
\$5,400.00	-	\$ 104.48	<u>5,295.52</u>

The FNAC and ANN Financial Statements have been prepared by our Treasurer, Bob Lehman. Thanks Bob!



*Have you ever wondered how we can live an enjoyable, healthy and fulfilling lifestyle in cities and suburbs?*

*Want to explore how we can live wisely within our natural environment?*

**COMMUNITY HUB / CITY FARM WORKSHOP**



*Intention: To agree and action the community hub/city farm we want to see in Canberra*

**DATE: Sunday 18 September**    **RSVP: by Wed 14 Sept.**

**Time: 1.00pm – 5.00pm**

**Location: Provided upon RSVP**

**Email: burmo70@gmail.com**

**Lunch: will be provided**

*Bring your skill, and join us to get your hands dirty to create a hub that demonstrates what Canberra can be, by the community... for the community...*



**Who are the Field Naturalists?**

The Field Naturalists' Association of Canberra (FNAC) was formed in 1981. Our aim is to foster interest in natural history by means of meetings and regular field outings. Meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of each month. Outings range from weekend rambles to long weekends away. Activities are advertised in our monthly newsletter. We emphasise informality and the enjoyment of nature. New members are always welcome. If you wish to join FNAC, please fill in the member application below and send it in with your subscription to the FNAC Treasurer at the address below:

**President:** Chris Bunn tel: 02 6241 2968 mobile 0417407351

**Secretary:** Tony Lawson, tel 02 6161 9430 fieldnaturalist@yahoo.com.au

**Website:** www.fieldnatscanberra.com

**Newsletter Editor:** Position vacant

All contributions welcome

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**Monthly meeting venue:** Division of Botany and Zoology, Building 116, Daley Rd, Australian National University. Park (occasionally the adjacent building 44). Meetings start at 7:30 pm and are followed by refreshments.

**GET INVOLVED!**

With the AGM almost upon us, now is the perfect time to put your hand up for a role in running the Field Nats! Talk to someone on the Committee about what you could do. None of the tasks take a great deal of time but there are several members on the Committee who have been doing several roles for a number of years and it is time for some other members to step up!

Don't forget that the October Field Nats meeting is also Members Night. This year, in addition to short talks, we will be asking members to contribute photos. Photos should have been taken by members and can be of either Field Nats activities or interesting natural history phenomena - local, national or international. Video clips could also be included. Photos need to be provided in advance as they will be put into a PowerPoint presentation that will be shown on Members' Night.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL**

Family name: ..... First name: .....

If a family membership, please include the first names of other members of the family:

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Postal address: .....

Suburb: ..... State: ..... Postcode: ..... Home phone: .....

Work phone: ..... Email address: .....

Subscription enclosed: \$.....(Single/Family \$25) Donation: \$.....

How did you hear about FNAC? Please circle: FRIEND? OTHER? Please specify: