



# DUBBO FIELD NATURALIST & CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC.

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Version 2 (February 2018)

## 2018 CALENDAR January-June

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### JANUARY

25/26/27/28 Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun: Mt Kaputar- Dawson Springs Campground – camper-trailers and tents: caravans not permitted.  
*Trip Leader: Janis Hosking 6887 2692*

### FEBRUARY

20 Tues Social Meeting.

Speakers: Don Graham – brief report on deposit/return aspect of new recycling regime

Janis Hosking: Review of Glossy Black Cockatoo (GBC) surveys

David Walker: to provide update on Save Our Species application for funding of ongoing work with GBCs.

25 Sun Field Trip. Annual Glossy Black Cockatoo Survey, Goonoo Forest. People interested in helping in this 24<sup>th</sup> year of the survey, please contact Janis (*ph.*: 6887 2692) for dam allocation and further details.

### MARCH

9 Fri Birds & Botany Trip. Minore Road. Meet at Gipps Street at 8.00am: bring morning tea, water, chair, binoculars, hat etc. *RSVP : Janis Hosking 6887 2692*

20 Tues Social Meeting. Annual General Meeting – all positions will be vacant: please consider putting your hand up, especially as key positions have been vacant for all of 2017. More general members also are needed on the Committee. Following the AGM, there will be a report on Plains Wanderer trip - June Wilson and Anne McAlpine.

25 Sun Field Trip. Dubbo Sewage Treatment Plant Bird Hide + Burroway Road property, Trip Leader: TBC

### APRIL

13 Fri Birds & Botany Trip. Cumboogle Reserve, Obley Road c.5km from Dubbo, opposite Morris Park Racetrack. Meet at 8.30am at Gipps Street: bring morning tea, water, chair, binoculars, hat etc. *RSVP : Janis Hosking 6887 2692*

17 Tues Social Meeting. Murray Wood, Dubbo Regional Council, speaking about DRC projects

22 Sun Field Trip: Geurie Cemetery. Meet at Gipps Street at 8.30am: bring morning tea, water, lunch, chair, binoculars, hat etc. Trip Leader: Tim Hosking – 0438 600 837Dubbo

### MAY

11 Fri Birds & Botany Trip. Elizabeth Park Bird Survey followed by walk to Macquarie River via Shibble Bridge. Meet at Gipps Street at 9.00am: bring morning tea, water, chair, binoculars, hat etc. *RSVP : Janis Hosking 6887 2692*

15 Tues Social Meeting. Speaker: TBC

Sat 19 – Sun 20 May (our normal Field Trip Weekend) Birdlife Australia event, Taronga Western Plains Zoo

27 May Sun Field Trip. Bird walk with the Zoo Volunteers – Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Leader: TBC

### JUNE

5 Tues World Environment Day

8 Fri Birds & Botany Trip. Beni Forest – Golden Whistler Survey. Meet at Gipps Street at 9.00am. *RSVP : Janis Hosking 6887 2692*

19 Tues Social Meeting. Speaker: TBC

24 Sun Field Trip. Possible combined activity with 1st Dubbo Scouts group.

**NEW MEMBERS & VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME** Membership forms & further info [www.dubbofieldnats.org.au](http://www.dubbofieldnats.org.au)  
**GENERAL CONTACT:** Tim Hosking, 0438 600 837 Email: [contact@dubbofieldnats.org.au](mailto:contact@dubbofieldnats.org.au)  
**BIRDS & BOTANY CONTACT:** Janis Hosking, 6887 2692. Essential to contact Trip Leader prior to trip.  
**SOCIAL MEETINGS:** Third Tuesday each month. Supper 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm (February – November)  
Venue: Bindyite Room, Ground Floor Community Arts Building Western Plains Cultural Centre, cnr Gipps & Wingewarra St  
**FIELD TRIPS:** Unless otherwise advised, meeting time is 9am in Gipps St alongside the Western Plains Cultural Centre (WPCC)  
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### JULY

13 Fri Birds & Botany Trip. Police Paddocks, Devils Elbow, Mogriguy Road and further. *RSVP : Janis Hosking 6887 2692*

17 Tues Social Meeting. Members' Night – Invitation extended to all members to share with us any recent trips or activities.  
Technology will be available for photo sharing etc. Contact Committee.

22 Sun Field Trip. Dundullimal Homestead

### AUGUST

10 Fri Birds & Botany Trip. Goobang National Park - meet at Gipps Street ready to leave promptly at 8.00am – lunch required.  
*RSVP : Janis Hosking 6887 2692*

21 Tues Social Meeting. Native fish of the Macquarie – recent science – NSW Dept Primary Industries Fisheries representative

23 Thurs – 26 Sun Campout – Weddin Mountains National Park. Trip Leader: Anne McApine – 0448387441

25 Sat : Dubbo Sustainability Expo

### SEPTEMBER

Sat 1 National Wattle Day. DFN&CS Clean up at [Wattle Grove](#).

6 Thurs Threatened Species Day

14 Fri Birds & Botany Trip. Dubbo STP Wader survey. Wader arrivals from the Northern Hemisphere - monitoring at STP (Sewerage Treatment Plant), followed by morning tea at Devil's Elbow. Meet at STP at 8.30am. *RSVP : Janis Hosking 6887 2692*

18 Tues Social Meeting. Guest Speaker: The Macquarie Marshes, speaker TBC

22+23 September: Campout at Macquarie Marshes: accommodation and camping. Trip Leader: Tim Hosking – 0438 600 837

Date: TBC. - Burrendong Arboretum trip and Open Day stall . *Trip Leader: Marie Ryan 0408388518*

### OCTOBER

12 Fri Birds & Botany Trip. Narromine Wetlands, Boggy Cowal, Tullamore Road. – could see the Painted Honeyeater. Meet at Gipps Street at 8.00am, and bring lunch. *RSVP : Janis Hosking 6887 2692*

Mid-October TBC: Wambuul Macquarie River Festival

16 Tues Social Meeting. Plant talk - How to identify plants

21 Sun: Field Trip, Wildflowers of Goonoo Forest, Leader TBC

Weekend of 27-28 – Birdlife Australia Twitchathon

### NOVEMBER

9 Fri Birds & Botany Trip. River Walk – meet at Sir Roden Cutler Park. *Trip Leader: Janis Hosking 6887 2692*

20 Tues Social Meeting. TBC

25 Sun Field Trip. Beni Forest trip, Leader, Melanie Bannerman NSW OEH National Parks.

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