



# DUBBO FIELD NATURALIST & CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC.

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## 2012 CALENDAR Jan-June

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### JANUARY:

Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun 26/27/28/29 Field Trip: Coolah Tops Camp-out, Coolah. Various walks through the National Park.  
*Trip Leader: Janis Hosking 6887 2692 [Coolah Tops website](#) (postponed due to weather!)*

### FEBRUARY:

Thurs 2 World Wetlands Day.

*\*Postponed due to wet weather\** Annual Glossy Black-cockatoo count in Goonoo forest. Enjoy and evening surveying the Glossies of Goonoo. *Trip Leader: Janis Hosking 6887 2692*

Tues 21 Social Meeting. Speaker: Jason Wilson, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, *Traditional Aboriginal Use of Plants.* Jason will discuss the diverse use of plants by Aboriginal people: art, medicine, food, decoration and containers.

Sun 26 Field Trip: Dubbo Biodiversity Garden and Sensory Garden. A local trip to check out the work Council have been up to in Elizabeth Park and to hear of the next stages of the next project stages; Oasis Valley. *Trip Leader: Ian McAlister Manager Horticulture DCC, Ph: 0427 480 440*

### MARCH:

Sun 4 Clean Up Australia Day [website link](#). Time to spruce up the Wattle Grove ready for next spring!

Fri 9 Birds & Botany Trip: Drillwarrina State Conservation Area

Tues 20 Social Meeting. Speaker: Bronwyn Powell, *Naturalists in Colonial Australia.* Who are our 'field naturalist ancestors?' Who were the early naturalists, why were they interested in nature, what were their environmental values, and how well did they fit into colonial society? This talk answers these questions focusing on Louisa Atkinson, a botanist, naturalist, artist and novelist in nineteenth century NSW, and includes other explorers, naturalists and nature lovers.

Sun 25 Field Trip: Toongi — to visit the site of the proposed Alkane rare earth mine. We will participate in some Environmental survey work with visiting experts in the field. Opportunity to camp on Saturday night 24th. Members must express interest to arrange. More details in newsletter. *Trip Leader: Mike Sutherland, Ph: 0427 480 440*

### APRIL:

Fri 13 Birds & Botany Trip: Yarrobil/Goodman State Conservation Area - whole day

Tues 17 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Member's night after formalities. Consider nominating for the committee.

Sun 22 Field Trip: 'South Wilbertree' property. A visit to this property 15km along the Obley Road. Woodlands and a creek should make for an interesting morning. *Trip Leader: Sharon Portelli*

### MAY:

Fri 11 Birds & Botany Trip: Trip from Dunedoo Road – Spring Ridge Road

Tues 15 Social Meeting. Speaker: Rob Taylor, *Madagascar—Lemur Central.* Madagascar is the home to a unique fauna of lemurs. You have seen them at the zoo. Come along to hear about how they are getting on in their native homeland. Will include slides from Rob's recent visit to the country.

Wed 16 Charles Sturt University/Dubbo Field Nats/Australian College of Educators event: *Second Conference for Education for Cultural and Environmental Sustainability*, CSU Dubbo. Contact: Kay Owens.

Sun 20 Field Trip: Gilgandra Flora Reserve and surrounds *Trip Leader: Shona Whitfield*

### JUNE:

Tues 5 World Environment Day "The Green Economy: Does it include you?" [website link](#)

Fri 8 Birds & Botany Trip: Jones Creek Reserve

Tues 19 Social Meeting. Speaker: Matt Parmeter, *A Solar Energy Future for Western NSW*

Sun 24 Field Trip: Mount Arthur Reserve, Wellington. *Trip Leader: TBA*

**NEW MEMBERS & VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME** Membership forms & further info [www.dubbofieldnats.org.au](http://www.dubbofieldnats.org.au)

**GENERAL CONTACT:** Kerry Palmer, President, 0427 480 440 Email: [contact@dubbofieldnats.org.au](mailto:contact@dubbofieldnats.org.au)

**BIRDS & BOTANY CONTACT:** Janis Hosking, 6887 2692

**SOCIAL MEETINGS:** Third Tuesday each month. Supper 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm (February – November)

Venue: Kurrajong Room, 1st Floor Community Arts Building Western Plains Cultural Centre, cnr Gipps & Wingewarra Str, Dubbo

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### JULY:

Fri 13 Birds & Botany Trip: Narromine Travelling Stock Route

Tues 17 Social Meeting. Speaker: Michael Longhurst, *The value and potential for locally producing Biofuels*

Sun 22 Field trip: Jones' Creek Reserve, Old Mendoran Road. Lovely woodlands along Jones' Creek, following an excursion discussed in the new book. Trip leader: Lynton Auld

### AUGUST:

Fri 10 Birds & Botany Trip: Goonoo State Conservation Area

Tues 21 Social Meeting. Speaker: Taronga Western Plains Zoo Keeper, *Tasmanian Devil Breeding Program at the Dubbo Zoo.* Note: We hope to start early and have this meeting at the zoo for the talk. Details TBA in newsletter.

Fri/Sat/Sun 24/25/26 campout Field trip: Gundabooka National Park, Bourke. Trip Leader: Tim Hosking 0438 600 837

### SEPTEMBER:

Saturday 1 National Wattle Day <http://www.wattleday.asn.au>

Sun 2 Working bee at our Wattle Grove, Bligh Street, adjacent to the Old Railway Bridge on the river.

Fri 7 National Threatened Species Day [Link](#)

Fri 14 Birds & Botany Trip: Trip possibly combining with U3A Plant class

Fri 21 Dubbo Field Nats 35th Anniversary Dinner and Trivia Night. Keynote speaker: Dr David Butcher. Venue: Taronga Western Plains Zoo Savannah Function Centre. Details TBA.

Sat 22: Taronga Western Plains Zoo—behind the scenes tour for Members & Guests only. Trip Leader: TBA

Sun 23 Field trip: TBC, possibly Geurie Bald Hill Reserve and Cemetery.

### OCTOBER:

Fri 12 Birds & Botany Trip: Goonoo Forest Wildflowers

Tues 16 Social Meeting. Speaker: Phil Cameron OzArk, *Worm-skinks and rare earths: finding a solution to mining impacts at Toongi.*

Sun 21 Field trip: Goonoo State Conservation Area wildflowers—come out to see the stunning wildflowers of the Goonoo including some species of plants only found in the Dubbo area. Trip Leader: Janis Hosking 6887 2692

Fri 26 Family Night Walk, Dundullimal Reserve. 6pm start. Hunting for the night life of the riverbank near Dubbo. Torches, spotlights and sturdy footwear required. Trip Leader: Karen Hagan

Sat 27 Family Zoo Birdwatching Event. Family event focusing on introducing children to birdwatching. Trip Leader: Karen Hagan

Sat/Sun 27, 28: Birds Australia 'Twitchathon'. Birdwatching race for charity. Not a spectator sport, but a spectating sport(?!).

### NOVEMBER:

Fri 9 Birds & Botany Trip: Obley Road

Tues 20 Social Meeting. Speaker: Marc Irvine, NSW Office of Env and Heritage, *Malleefowl Monitoring in central NSW.* A talk outlining recent activities and results from Malleefowl monitoring in several parts of NSW, including Goonoo.

Sun 25 Field trip: Breealong Forest. Trip through Breealong Forest and the Castlereagh River. Trip Leader: Craig Arms

TBA: Field Nats Christmas Party Details in Field Notes.

### DECEMBER 2012 and JANUARY 2013: Group in recess

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