



# The Federation of Field Naturalists Clubs of Tasmania

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(executive club, 1998 - 2000)  
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## Federation Weekend, March 1999

**When:** Saturday, 27th March and Sunday, 28th March (accommodation available at venue for those arriving Friday night).

**Where:** Paton Park Scout Outdoor Facility, 15 minutes drive from Ulverstone (see enclosed map).

**Program:** (Spotlighting at Paton Park on Friday night for earlybirds!)

**Saturday** Morning walks around Paton Park; dry and wet sclerophyll forest, dense riparian vegetation and a *Dicksonia* glade.

Lunch.

Afternoon trip either to Purtons Flats on the River Leven or Isandula area.

**Federation meeting at 4 pm**, in outdoor 'amphitheatre' if weather fine.

Catered tea at Paton Park; choice of soups, roast, sweets.

Evening talk by Ian Sansom, CoastCare officer responsible for West - North West coastal management plan.

**Sunday** Leave Paton Park after breakfast.

Morning walk up Mt Duncan in the Dial Range; peculiar cloud forest at summit and spectacular views. Steep track but not a long walk.

Lunch in bush or on coast, depending on weather.

Early afternoon site walk and discussion with Stephen Turner, P&WS project officer and Shaw Contracting consultant; effect of Bass Highway reconstruction on Little Penguin breeding.

**Cost:** \$3.50 per person per night at Paton Park, \$18 per person for catered meal.

**To bring:** Sleeping bag, food for breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Paton Park has bunk beds for 62 people; male and female toilets and showers; a large kitchen with two stoves, fridge, freezer, microwave and all cooking and preparation utensils including plates and cutlery sufficient for 65 people.

**Booking:** We're unlikely to fill the hall(!) but give me a ring or email **by mid-March** with names of people from your Club who expect to be coming so our caterer can plan accordingly.

**Agenda:** No matters are current at Federation level. Please let me know soon if there are any Statewide issues that warrant discussion. Burnie and Deloraine will be reporting on the 'reform movements' in the two clubs.

## TMNA CALENDER OF EVENTS

**MEETINGS:** Speaker 6:00 pm followed by the meeting; Life Sciences Seminar Rm 1, UTas. Tasmania.

**FIELD TRIPS:** Contact the person listed to arrange precise time and place of meeting, by the Friday before the trip. For beach / reef walks, be prepared to get wet up to your knees so roll up your trousers, wear old shoes and also bring bucket, hand lens, small net or sieve and any books you have to help ID what we find. The dates and times for the shore walks are determined by the tide times. Unfortunately this year most of the low tides are either early in the morning or late afternoon. Please direct all complaints to the lunar department.

### MARCH

**8th, Monday 5.30 pm Executive meeting.**

**10th, Wednesday 6 pm. General meeting.** Richard Mount will talk about the Australian Coastal Atlas: collecting mapping information for a nationwide database of marine resources.

**13th, Saturday 11 am.** Beach / shore walk at Verona sands, followed by a visit to the Woodbridge Marine Studies Centre to look at some live animals and plants in more detail (\$5 per person entry to the Centre).

### APRIL

**12th, Monday 5.30 pm Executive meeting.**

**14th, Wednesday 6 pm. General meeting.** Members night. A crabby session with Rhoda and Liz; and Jane to reveal the secret lives of Cnidarians.

**24th, Saturday:** Fossil Island, Tasman Peninsular. Full day reef walk; meet at 8am - 1pm (low tide 10am, 0.72 m) Contact Rhoda Leslie, 6247 6004.

### MAY Science week May 1 - 9th

**2nd, Sunday,** Display at TMAG with touch tank, video etc. and Field Guide launch for Science Week. Members needed to collect live specimens on the Saturday and to supervise the tank on Sunday.

**10th, Monday 5.30 pm Executive meeting.**

**12th, Wednesday 6 pm. General meeting:** Learn all about rock lobsters from Caleb Gardner and Sam Ibbott, Fisheries Research Scientists.

**22nd, Saturday:** Bambra reef, Lauderdale: Half-day reef walk at 8am - 11 am. (low tide 9am, 0.73 m) Contact Rhoda Leslie, 6247 6004.

### JUNE

**7th, Monday 5.30 pm Executive meeting.**

**9th, Wednesday 6 pm. General meeting:** Robyn Clare will talk about Aboriginal use of the marine coastal environment, and their middens.

**13th, Sunday:** Excursion with Robyn Clare. Contact Rhoda Leslie, 6247 6004.

### JULY

**12th, Monday 5.30 pm Executive meeting.**

**14th, Wednesday 6 pm. General meeting:** Karen Gowlett-Holmes to talk about the marine life on the deep sea mounts and Macquarie Island Marine Park (to be confirmed).

**18th, Sunday, 10 am:** Dive in Fortesque Bay; non divers can join in after the dive to examine a selection of specimens collected on the dive. Contact Jane 6229 8264.

### AUGUST

**7th, Saturday:** Roche's Beach, half day beach walk, 8am - 1pm. (low tide 9:30am, 1.13 m ). Contact Rhoda Leslie, 6247 6004.