



South East Australian
Naturalists Association

Second Circular



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The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria invites you to register for the SEANA autumn get-together based on Phillip Island from Friday 19th to Monday 22nd April 2024. You should have already received (27th November 2023 or through your club) a link to the First Circular, **here**:

<http://www.fncv.org.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/seana-1.pdf> and a copy is enclosed also.

A few reminders:

- Participants are asked to arrange their own accommodation for the three nights. As the base for the get-together will be The Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club, 6 Lions Court, Cowes, it makes sense to arrange accommodation in the Cowes area.
- Help with bookings can be obtained from the Phillip Island Visitors Information Centre 1300 366 422; <https://www.visitbasscoast.com.au/> open 7 days a week, 10 - 4 pm, 895 Philip Island Road, Newhaven. Some accommodation options were included in the first circular. Early booking is strongly recommended as Phillip Island is very popular especially at weekends.
- A welcome BBQ is being offered on Friday 19th April at the Senior Citizens Club, and a Gala Dinner on Saturday 20th April at the Phillip Island RSL, ANZAC room, 225 Thompson Avenue, Cowes. Booking and payment for these is required on the registration form, **see link below**.

Program

Phillip Island is located on Western Port Bay and remains a unique place for wildlife including penguins, seals, Cape Barron Geese, Short-tailed Shearwaters and migratory waders. Its geology, dominated by numerous basalt flows and coastal cliffs, is spectacular. We look forward to giving you a deeper appreciation of the many natural history experiences Phillip Island has to offer.

All activities will be for a half day and guided. Many will be repeated over the weekend. Participants will sign up for activities on arrival at the Senior Citizens Centre from 4 pm onwards on Friday 19th April and will receive directions on times and where to meet. Convoying will be encouraged.

A detailed program will be available in the Third Circular. It will include:

Walks: Conservation Hill Reserve; Rhyll Wetland and Bird Sanctuary; Rhyll Inlet; Cape Woolamai Peninsula to the Old Granite Quarry; Cape Woolamai Peninsula to the Pinnacles - both through shearwater breeding sites; Kitty Miller Bay; Pyramid Rock; The Nobbies; Swan Lake; Koala Conservation Reserve (seniors \$10.50, pay at the entrance); Oswin Roberts Reserve and bird walks led by members of Birdlife Bass Coast.

Pre-booked two hour Boat Cruise Saturday 20th April, Cowes Pier to Seal Rocks. Assemble 1.30 pm. Payment \$80, required with registration.

Penguin Parade: arranged independently by participants. Senior card holders \$21

Evening program:

Friday: Speakers Gerald Drew and Ed Thexton - The work of the conservation group *Save Western Port Woodlands*;

Saturday: Speaker: Leon Altoff (FNCV Marine Research Group) - *Marine Invertebrates of Philip Island's intertidal zone*;

Sunday: Speaker Graham Patterson, author - *Coastal guide to nature and history 2 Mornington Peninsula's ocean shore, Western Port, Phillip Island and French Island*.

Interactive Registration Form, here: <http://www.fncv.org.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/seana-2.pdf> and a copy enclosed.

Note: final date to register is 1st March 2024

Fill in and save the interactive form, (or print, then scan or photograph) and email to admin@fncv.org.au

OR Print, fill in then post to FNCV Inc., 1 Gardenia St, Blackburn Vic 3130.

FNCV Bookshop

The FNCV offers a range of natural history books to its members at a 20% discounted price and we have generously extended this discount to all that have registered with the 2024 SEANA get-together.

There are hundreds of titles to choose from and the full range can be viewed in the FNCV Bookshop 2024 Catalogue, **here**:

<https://www.fncv.org.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/fncv-bookshop-catalogue.pdf>

A small selection of books will be available at Phillip Island, but if you are interested in a particular book it is best if you fill in an order form and email it back to the bookshop no later than the 15th March (earlier if you can) to ensure the book is available to pick up from the get-together.

Whilst all orders from the Catalogue are welcome, the bookshop does not stock copies of all available titles, keeping only small numbers of books on-hand. It is strongly advised to please fill in the **interactive order form, here**:

<https://www.fncv.org.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/forms/fncv-bookshop-order-form.pdf>

Email it to the bookshop via bookshop@fncv.org.au as soon as possible. Hopefully books can be ordered in time for the SEANA gathering. Your order will be processed and an email will be sent to you with an update on the availability of your books and payment details.

Books will be available to pick up and, if a bank transfer has not already been completed, payment will be accepted via cash or cheque only, at the get-together. Please note, payment using a credit card is **NOT** an option. Please note also that if books are not available in time to pick up from Phillip Island an additional postage and handling cost may need to be added, so please get your book order in early!

Key bookshop dates:

Friday 15th March 2024 - book orders close.

Friday 19th April 2024 - Pick up and pay for books at SEANA get-together Phillip Island

Further Information:

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Regards

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