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**Autumn Camp 2026**  
**Friday 27 to Sunday 29 March 2026**  
**Hosted by Geelong Field Naturalists Club**

**Welcome from Geelong Field Naturalists Club**

The GFNC is delighted to welcome you to the Autumn 2026 SEANA Camp. Over the years, many of our members have developed lasting friendships and acquaintances with fellow naturalists during various SEANA camps. We are eager to rekindle these relationships and enjoy another rewarding gathering together.

**Program**

We will visit a wide range of places, both marine and land based, to allow you to gain an appreciation of the wonderful habitat, creatures and plants of the Geelong region, Wadawurrung Country. There will be field trips to local sites and different habitats, including the Bellarine Peninsula, Brisbane Ranges National Park, Serendip Sanctuary, You Yangs Regional Park, Western District, Western Treatment Plant and a boat trip to visit Chinaman's Hat and Pope's Eye in Port Phillip Bay. Activities will focus on botany, birds, mammals, geology and the marine environment.

Both full and half day field trips will be available.

Experts will give deeper insights during presentations on Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Welcome, registration and central facilities**

Welcome and registration to the Autumn Camp 2026, along with refreshments and evening meals, will be provided at a central location in Geelong: Eden Oak Geelong Retreat. This venue has been chosen to ensure convenient access for all camp attendees and to serve as a hub for gathering, dining, and socialising during the event.

The venue is booked from **4.00 to 10.00 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings.**

Accommodation is also available for booking at Eden Oak.

**Eden Oak Geelong Retreat**

20 Adams Ct, East Geelong Vic 3219

Ph: 03 5225 5888

Website: [edenoak.com.au/](http://edenoak.com.au/)

Email: [info@edenoak.com.au](mailto:info@edenoak.com.au)

## **Accommodation options**

Attendees are responsible for booking their own accommodation. A wide range of options are available in and around Geelong, including Eden Oak. If interested in staying at Eden Oak, **please book as soon as possible to secure a room.**

Some of the closer caravan parks and motels are listed on page 3.

## **Catered evening meals**

Attendees are to provide their own breakfasts and lunches, but a catered dinner will be provided on both Friday 27 and Saturday 28 evenings at Eden Oak.

- Friday evening: 2-course dinner \$30 pp.
- Saturday evening: buffet-style dinner \$40 pp.

Please note any dietary requirements on the Registration Form.

## **Registration and payment information**

Registration and payment should be completed and returned to the GFNC by **Friday 6 February 2026**. Please note that numbers will be limited to 100 for Friday and Saturday night dinners and to 20 people per excursion, so get in early to secure your place.

## **Evening program outline**

### **Friday 27 March**

#### **Location: Eden Oak Geelong Retreat**

4.00 p.m.: Welcome and registration

6.30 p.m.: Dinner

7.30 p.m.: Introduction to the Geelong region by local guest speakers

### **Saturday 28 March**

#### **Location: Eden Oak Geelong Retreat**

4.00 p.m.: venue open and available for attendees use

5.00 p.m.: SEANA Annual General Meeting

6.30 p.m.: Dinner

7.30 p.m.: Special guest speaker, Sean Dooley, Birdlife Australia

### **Sunday 29 March**

#### **Location: Geelong Botanic Gardens, Eastern Park**

4.30 p.m.: Afternoon tea and farewell

## Geelong visitor information

<https://www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au/visitor-information>

## List of possible accommodation options

### Caravan Parks

Discovery Park Geelong, 59 Barrabool Rd Belmont, Ph: 5243 6225

Tasman Holiday Park, 75 Barrabool Rd Belmont, Ph: 5243 5505

Barwon Valley Holiday Park, 153 Barrabool Rd Belmont, Ph: 1800 657 955

Geelong Surf Coast Highway Holiday Park, 621 Surf Coast Highway, Mt Duneed,  
Ph: 5264 1243

### Motels

Eden Oak Geelong, 20 Adams Crt, East Geelong, Ph: 5225 5888

Rippleside Park Motor Inn, 67 Melbourne Rd, Cnr Bell Pde & Princes St Drumcondra,  
Ph: 1800 026 370

Shannon Motor Inn, 283–285 Shannon Ave, Newton, Ph: 5222 4355

Parkside Motel, 68 High St Belmont, Ph: 5243 6766

Best Western Geelong Motor Inn, 30 Keera St, Geelong, Ph: 5222 4777

Quality Hotel Bayside Geelong, 13–15 The Esplanade Geelong City, Ph: 5244 7700

## What to Bring

Everyone should bring:

- Name tag
- Lunches, snacks and a water bottle
- Completed Personal Medical Record Form to carry with you at all times (blank form for you to complete will be sent with the Second Circular)
- Binoculars and magnifying glass; field guides/apps
- Folding chair for field trips
- Clothing, including wet weather gear, hats and sturdy enclosed footwear, as appropriate.

**A Second Circular with updates and further details on field trips will be sent out in February 2026 to those who register.**

<b>Further information</b> Geelong Field Naturalists Club P.O. Box 1047 Geelong, Vic. 3220 <a href="mailto:seana@gfnc.org.au">seana@gfnc.org.au</a> <a href="http://www.gfnc.org.au">www.gfnc.org.au</a>	<b>GFNC Contacts</b> <u>For general enquiries:</u> Bernie Lingham <b>0447 612 152</b> <u>For registration and payment inquiries:</u> Deborah Evans <b>0424 292 447</b>
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