

CASTLEMAINE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

Calendar 2025

Month	Day	Monthly Meeting Speaker – topic	Day	Excursion Leader – topic	Day	Other Event
Feb	Fri 14 th	John Walter (Malmsbury Landcare), “Our native pollinators – honey bees and beyond”	Sat 15 th	3pm. Tribute to Richard Piesse, Tea Rooms, Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. All welcome.	Mon 17 th	Roadside Clean-up
Mar	Fri 14 th	AGM; Christine Kilmartin, Castlemaine Landcare Group, “Learnings and leanings from two decades of Landcare”	Sat 15 th	“Forest Creek restoration” Postponed to April due to hot weather.		
Apr	Fri 11 th	Steve Williams, “Life cycles of moths”. With a moth sheet survey during the evening.	Sat 12 th	Christine Kilmartin. “Forest Creek restoration by Castlemaine Landcare Group.”	Fri18 th Fri25 th	Good Friday ANZAC Day
May	Fri 9 th	Graham Stockfeld, President Turtles Australia, “Talking turtles”.	Sat 10 th	Jill Williams. Red, white and blue mine. “Photographing flowers, grasses and insects for effective iNaturalist identification”.	Mon 12 th	Roadside clean-up
Jun	Fri 13 th	Kelly Clitheroe, President DarkSkies International Association – Victoria, “How light pollution impacts wildlife”	Sat 14 th	Cathrine Harboe-Ree. “Street trees of Castlemaine, part 2 and Forest Creek revitalisation”.		
Jul	Fri 11 th	Dr Adrian Marshall, VNPA, “Our endangered grasslands: threats and ways forward”	Sat 12 th	Fungi search with Joy Clusker, Mt Alexander.		

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Aug	Fri 8 th	Dr Linden Ashcroft, University of Melbourne, “What will climate change bring to Castlemaine weather? “	Sat 9 th	Kerrie Jennings. “Grassland treasures”, Baringhup	Mon 11 th	Roadside clean-up
Sept	Fri 12 th	CFNC weekend, Wedderburn. Speakers: Prof Michael Kearney, Melb Uni Biosciences & Russell Stanley, local orchid expert	Sat 13 th – Sun 14 ^h	CFNC weekend, Wedderburn. Field trips to Mt Korong, Kooyoora SP and other nearby reserves	Weds 10, 24	Wednesday Wildflower Wanders
Oct	Fri 10 th	Cathrine Harboe-Ree. “A field naturalist in Siberia”	Sat 11 th	Cathrine Harboe-Ree. “Creating a wetland environment”. A visit to Mikael and Helle Hirsch’s property in Chewton.	Weds 8, 22 17-19 24-27	Wednesday Wildflower Wanders Ballarat, Springtime SEANA Great Southern Bioblitz
Nov	Fri 14 th	Richard Alcorn (Geelong FNC), “eBird Data Exploration”. Combined Birdlife Castlemaine & District meeting.	Sat 15 th	Euan Moore with Richard and Margaret Alcorn, “Bird and wildflower walk, Maldon Historic Reserve”	Mon 17 th	Roadside clean-up
Dec	Fri 12 th	Members’ night	Sat 13 th	Euan Moore, “Bird and wildflower walk, Rock of Ages, Maldon”	Dec 6, 7	Challenge Bird