

# CASTLEMAINE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

## Calendar 2025

Month	Day	Monthly Meeting Speaker – topic	Day	Excursion Leader – topic	Day	Other Event
Feb	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	John Walter (Malmsbury Landcare), “Our native pollinators – honey bees and beyond”	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	3pm. Tribute to Richard Piesse, Tea Rooms, Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. All welcome.	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Roadside Clean-up
Mar	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	AGM; Christine Kilmartin, Castlemaine Landcare Group, “Learnings and leanings from two decades of Landcare”	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	“Forest Creek restoration” Postponed to April due to hot weather.		
Apr	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Williams, “Life cycles of moths”. With a moth sheet survey during the evening.	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Kilmartin. “Forest Creek restoration by Castlemaine Landcare Group.”	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday ANZAC Day
May	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Stockfeld, President Turtles Australia, “Talking turtles”.	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jill Williams. Red, white and blue mine. “Photographing flowers, grasses and insects for effective iNaturalist identification”.	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Roadside clean-up
Jun	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kelly Clitheroe, President DarkSkies International Association – Victoria, “How light pollution impacts wildlife”	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cathrine Harboe-Ree. “Street trees of Castlemaine, part 2 and Forest Creek revitalisation”.		
Jul	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dr Adrian Marshall, VNPA, “Our endangered grasslands: threats and ways forward”	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fungi search with Joy Clusker, Mt Alexander.		

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