

TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB

2017 PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY CWA Hall

Viv Read – Nepal. Viv has trekked in Nepal twice in the past couple of years, his most recent trek taking him into *Langtang* and the *Ruby Valley* - ascending to over 4,600m. He saw mountain villages in which 95% of homes have been destroyed and he gained incredible personal insights into the impact of the two massive earthquakes of 2015

SATURDAY 18th MARCH - Tidy Towns litter collection at the Dawn Atwell Reserve commencing 8am. Speaker and General Meeting in the evening commencing 7pm CWA Hall.

EASTER WEEKEND FRIDAY 14th to SUNDAY 16th APRIL EASTER WEEKEND

Weekend in the Yilgarn – excursion to the Helena & Aurora Ranges

SATURDAY 20th May

2pm visit to Dawn Atwell Reserve with invertebrate guru, Paul van Heurck, to search for invertebrates followed by a 'bring and share' tea. The evening presentation by Paul at the CWA Hall commences 7pm; it is entitled: 'Wildfires or Mosaic Fires: impacts on South West forest beetles'.

LONG WEEKEND 4th - 6th June

MONTH OF JUNE

Avon River Waterbird Survey - 25th or 28th June

SATURDAY 17th JUNE

Colin Fleay - Toodyay's Honey Industry

MONTH OF JULY

Avon River Waterbird Survey - 2nd July or 5th July; 16th or 19th; 30th July or 2nd August

SATURDAY 15th JULY - CWA Hall

Dr Liz Kingston, State Coordinator of the National Malleefowl Recovery Team as guest speaker with her presentation entitled: The Adaptive Management Monitoring Project.

MONTH OF AUGUST

Avon River Waterbird Survey - 6th or 9th; 13th or 16th; 27th or 30th August SATURDAY 19th AUGUST

Annual General Meeting – Dr. Neville Marchant – botany excursion.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Final Avon River Waterbird Survey - 10th September.

SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER CWA Hall Adopt-a-Spot in the morning and a member's evening which will include a presentation by Sharon Richards on her diving experiences on the *Ningaloo Reef*.

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

Toodyay Agricultural Show - *Environment Matters marquee* in association with the Toodyay Friends of the River, Wildcare, Seed Orchard and others.

SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER

Excursion to Vernon Hills with member and Shire Reserves Management Officer, Greg Warburton.

SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER

End-of-year get-together - President has promised a special venue

FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER - Planning Meeting for 2018 in Drummond House.