



**Normanville  
Natural Resource Centre**  
3/50 Main Street Normanville SA 5204



# **NEWSLETTER**

**Issue 29 Summer 2017**

## **EVENT CALENDAR SUMMER 2017**

**Saturday 2nd December - Veggie Swap**

**Wednesday 6th December - YACCA LILLA**

**Thursday 4th January - Dog's Breakfast at Carrickalinga**

**Saturday 6th January - Veggie Swap**

**Thursday 11th January - Garden Group Carrick Hill**

**Monday 15th January – Propagation Working Bee**

**Wednesday 17th January – Reef Ramble**

**Tuesday 30th January - Local Walk**

**Saturday 3rd February - Veggie Swap**

**Thursday 15th February - Garden Group**

**Thursday 22nd February - Backyard Wildlife ID**

**Tuesday 27th February - Local Walk**

**Saturday 3rd March - Veggie Swap**

**Tuesday 6th March - Drawing Native Grasses with Gilbert**

# GIFTS



SILICONE LID WITH HANDLE  
\$16.50

COFFEE KEEP CUPS

LEADLIGHT HOODED PLOVERS

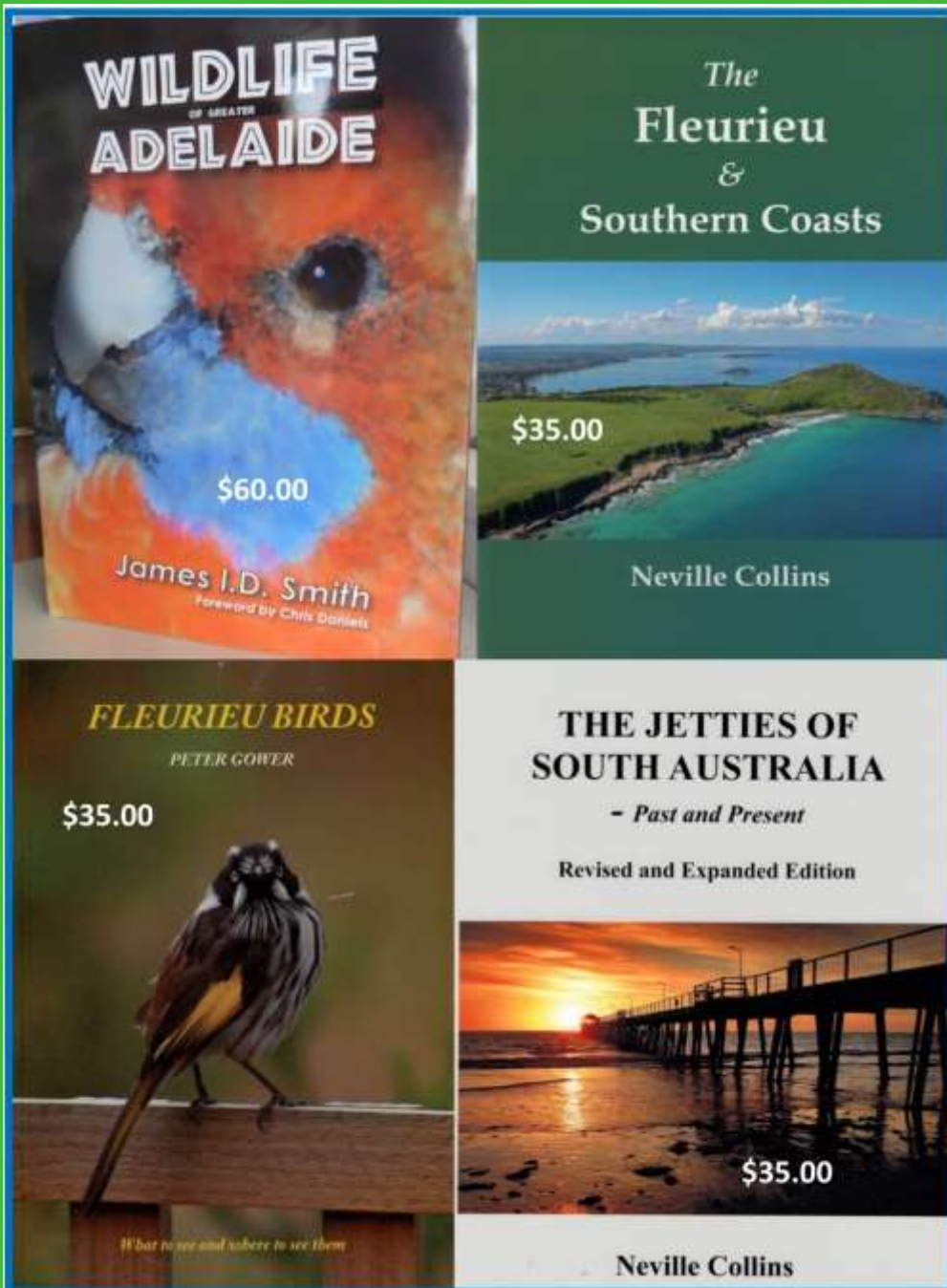
BAMBOO TOOTHBRUSES  
CHILDS/SOFT/MEDIUM  
\$3.80

SILICONE OVEN MITTS  
\$5.95

TOILET ROLLS, TISSUES  
& KITCHEN TOWEL

HONEY -VARIOUS FLAVOURS

# BOOKS



# Uncovering the secret lives of small mammals in our region



- ✓ Curious about any small native mammals still on the Fleurieu?
- ✓ Wondering what furry little critters live around your property?
- ✓ Want to know how to identify native mammals from introduced ones?
- ✓ Interested in how to conserve and protect these species?

## Come to this FREE workshop!

Join Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM **District Ecologist Dr Elisa Sparrow** for information on small mammal species in the region; their conservation status, ecology, behaviour, habitat requirements and distribution.

The session will also include:

- steps on how to set up remote sensor cameras to detect small mammals
- tips on how to ID different species
- practical advice on what we can do to help these critters
- an overview on how information builds knowledge and helps manage natural resources.

**When:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

**Where:** Normanville Hotel

**Time:** 5.00 pm

**RSVP or more info:** Normanville Natural Resource Centre on 8558 3644 or [admin@nnrc.com.au](mailto:admin@nnrc.com.au)



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## LOCAL WALKS

Join us each month until the end of daylight savings for a walk around our local area.

Our next walk will be on Tuesday 30th January starting at 4.00 pm to Talisker Mines which are situated in the Talisker Conservation Park adjacent to Deep Creek Conservation Park.

Last month we did a lovely walk from Cape Jervis to Morgans Beach and then followed the coast line around to the ferry terminal. Perfect weather and beautiful scenery, we even looked for Hooded Plovers on the beach, but unfortunately did not find any!



# NURSERY

Every year the NNRC propagates seedlings to be planted around our local area in conjunction with the Yankalilla Council on National Tree Planting Day. In the past we have used the school nursery for this project, but in more recent times a dedicated volunteer has been propagating hundreds of seedlings at home.

The Council has now started a nursery at the Council Depot to propagate local species so we can revegetate a far bigger area. On Monday January 15th there will be a working bee at this nursery, so if you have a couple of hours to spare please pop along and help out. Also if you would like to do some re potting of some of the seedlings at home, please contact the centre on 8558 3644. If needed we will organise a short workshop on propagating.

## Nursery at Depot



# HOW TO RECORD GRASSES/SEDGES BY ILLUSTRATION



JOIN GILBERT DASHORST FOR A  
1 DAY WORKSHOP ON

TUESDAY 6TH MARCH 2018

FROM 9.30 AM—4.00 PM

ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED. FOR MORE  
INFORMATION OR TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT  
THE CENTRE ON 8558 3644. COST \$60



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# **Reef Ramble - 17th January - Lady Bay by Reef Watch SA (a program of Conservation Council SA)**

**Explore, discover and photograph.....**

**Neville Hudson will be leading a guided Reef Ramble at Lady Bay. This is a great way to learn about our fascinating and unique rock pool flora and fauna. Participants will have an opportunity to participate in finding and identifying marine life on the intertidal zone. This event is open to children over 5 years but parents need to be responsible for their children.**

**Meet at carpark at 11.45am for briefing before walking down to reef as a group at 12noon.**

**Bring along covered shoes, (walking shoes, reef shoes or wetsuit boots), camera, hat, sunscreen and a bottle of water.**

**Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/reef-ramble-17th-january-lady-bay-3km-south-of-normanville-tickets-41102602992>**





## Australian bird of the year 2017

1. Australian magpie  
Votes: 19,926



2. Australian white ibis  
Votes: 19,083



3. Laughing kookaburra  
Votes: 10,953



4. Tawny frogmouth  
Votes: 6,869



5. Superb fairywren  
Votes: 6,366



6. Rainbow lorikeet  
Votes: 6,041



7. Willy wagtail  
Votes: 4,789



8. Wedge-tailed eagle  
Votes: 4,517



9. Southern cassowary  
Votes: 4,168



10. Splendid fairywren  
Votes: 4,129



# AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT - 2017 RESULTS

Rainbow Lorikeet tops the count ... again

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is fast becoming one of Australia's largest citizen science events—with more than 72,000 participants 60,000 checklists submitted, together we counted almost two million birds! The Rainbow Lorikeet topped the Aussie Backyard Bird Count for the fourth consecutive year, reported in approximately 40% and of all surveys submitted. The Top 10 most counted bird species remained unchanged, but there were variations within the order of the group.

You can download the infographic or species list from the Aussie Backyard Bird Count website.

## Why we need you

Collecting a huge dataset like the one we get from the Aussie Backyard Bird Count is only possible thanks to you. The vast amount of data collected from citizen science programs like the Aussie Backyard Bird Count fills a knowledge gap, particularly on urban bird species, and gives us access to areas we usually wouldn't be able to survey, like your backyard!

One of the most surprising trends from the data is a decline in the frequency of occurrence of the Laughing Kookaburra across southeast Australia.

If counting birds for one week each October isn't enough, and you're keen to submit bird surveys year-round, you should check out our bird monitoring programs—Birds in Backyards and Birdata.

# SNIPPETS

- **Soft Plastics can now be recycled at the South Coast Recycling, 3 Bartlett Place, Yankalilla - 0407 777 878**
- **The draft policies for feral pigs and feral deer are open for public consultation on the YourSay website. This is a great opportunity for all affected communities and individuals to contribute to the development of these policies.**  
<http://yoursay.sa.gov.au/browse/categories/environment>
- **If you have old laptop batteries or lithium power tool batteries you can recycle them at the NNRC**
- **A recent local visitor sited in downtown Normanville.**



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