



Normanville
Natural Resource Centre
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NEWSLETTER

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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OUR NEXT WALK IS ON **THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 4.30 PM** - MARGARET MORGAN WILL BE SHOWING US THE HISTORICAL SIGHTS OF YANKALILLA TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRE ON 8558 3644

HOODED PLOVER SUCCESS



It has been a great start to the Hooded Plover breeding season in our local area. Five nests have been found since the beginning of the breeding season in August, each with 3 eggs. Unfortunately 2 nests at Carrickalinga failed before the eggs hatched, we are not sure why, but could have been due to strong winds and or predators. It was very hard to establish a reason as there were no prints around the nests due to the wind.

On the long weekend in October the nest at Normanville, just south of the Bungala Estuary hatched 3 chicks. Within a week two of these little chicks had disappeared but the last one survived the 35 days of not being able to fly. We were all very relieved when the chick flew a little way down the beach with its parents.

A nest was also found at Myponga late September and again 3 chicks hatched, but only one survived. This little chick has been closely protected by its parents and will be flying any day.

Another chick has just fledged on the beach at Lands End near Cape Jervis. Dr. Grainne Maquire from BirdLife Australia came over to put a band on the adult pair and the chick. They were only able to put a band on one adult as well as the chick. The banding will give BirdLife Australia a record of the movement of Hooded Plovers on the Fleurieu. A couple of our volunteer monitors were lucky enough to be involved and got to release the birds back on to the beach.



KIDS ACTIVITIES

Christmas Decorations - On

Thursday 17th December at 1.30 pm we will be making 'sustainable' Christmas Decorations at the Yankalilla Library. All ages welcome, please book at the library on 8558 2043.



Bird Watching for the Young -

Meeting at Ingalalla Falls on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 9 am. This is a great opportunity for kids to see a variety of birds in the local area. Please book on 8558 3644.



Little Libraries

Look out for our newest Free Little Library outside the Inman Valley general store. Thanks to George Reeves for creating a beautiful library reminiscent of an old country cottage including a stone chimney. Just take a book and leave a book, but if you can't leave a book just take one!!



NATURAL HAIR & BODY PRODUCTS WORKSHOP

Make products from easy to find household ingredients. The advantages are many:

- safer - less chemicals,
- cheaper than commercial products
- less impact on our planet.

Learn how to make your own deodorants, hair care products, foot care products, mouth-washes and tooth-powder.

This will be held on **Thursday 18th February at 7.00 pm** please contact the centre on 8558 3644 to book. Numbers are limited and you will need to bring 4 small jars for your take home products



AGM WITH CHRIS DANIELS

On Thursday 12th November the NNR centre held its annual AGM. Matt Robertson, chair of the centre, gave a brief outline of the centre's achievements and thanked the committee for their hard work, especially Desmond Ford who retired from the committee. Matt also thanked all the centre's volunteers who put in over 3,000 work hours over the past year. The centre could not offer such a range of services without these dedicated volunteers. Wendy White then gave a presentation featuring all the events and projects that took place during 2014-15.

After pizza and a drink, Matt introduced Prof. Chris Daniels who again entertained the audience with his unique presentation skills on South Australian Marine Mammals. We are very lucky to have such an enthusiastic and well known speaker who just loves visiting Normanville - we will definitely invite him to speak again next year!



The centre has a variety of magazines for loan, so drop in and pick up a current edition or one of the many back issues!



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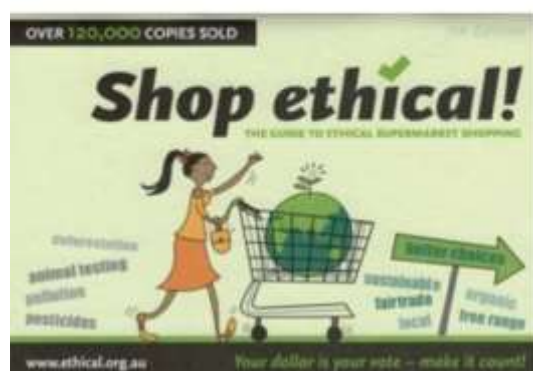
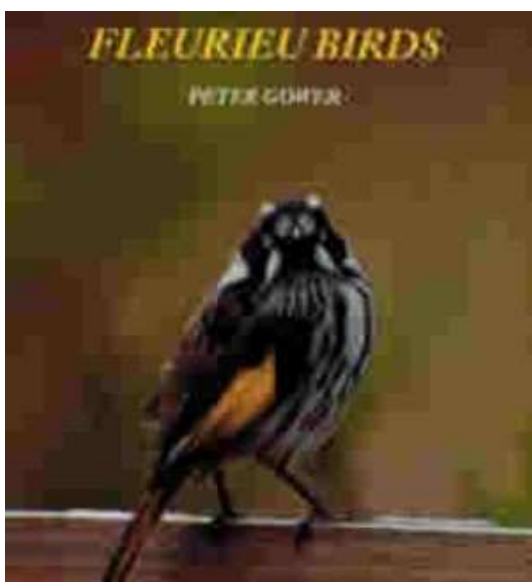
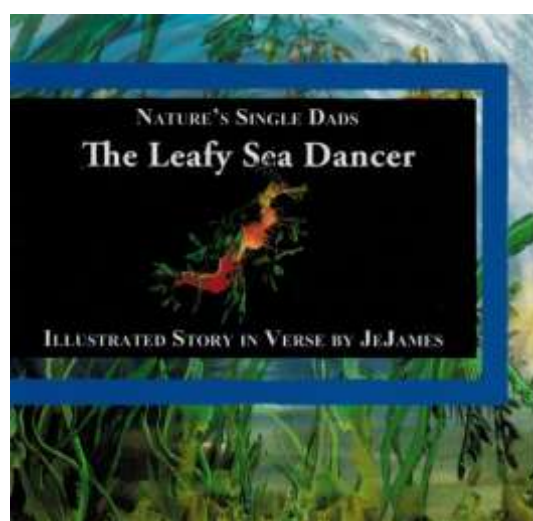
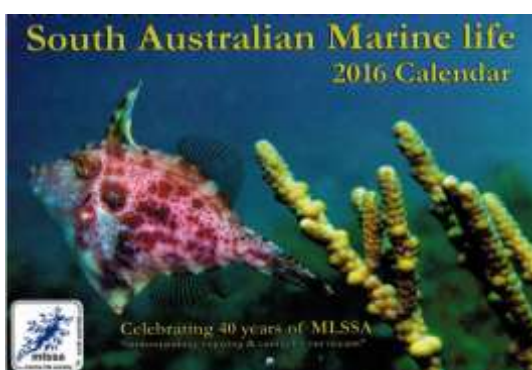
and Veggie Swap facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/NormanvilleVeggieSwap>



The centre has some merchandise which would make great Christmas presents:-

- South Australian Marine Life 2016 Calendar - \$10.00
- Fleurieu Bird Book - \$35.00
- Pack of 2 recycled pens - \$5.00
- The Leafy Sea Dancer Book - \$5.00
- Shop Ethical Booklet - \$7.95



EVENT CALENDAR

Thursday 3rd December - Yankalilla Historical Walk

Saturday 5th December - Veggie Swap

Thursday 17th December - Making Sustainable Christmas Decorations at the Library

Monday 21st December to Friday 8th January - Centre Closed

Saturday 2nd January - Veggie Swap

Thursday 14th January - Bird Watching for Kids

Thursday 28th January - Local Walk

Saturday 6th February - Veggie Swap

Thursday 18th February - Natural Hair & Body Products Workshop

Thursday 25th February - Local Walk

Saturday 6th March - Veggie Swap

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