

Monash University Biological Society

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Newsletter 11.0

NB: Hey guys, we know we had a newsletter only a few days ago but there have been some important and exciting developments in the past few days that we need to let you know about. If we waited the usual 2 weeks before the next newsletter they would have passed already, which is of no use to anyone. So, sorry for the spamming of the inboxes, but hopefully you agree the news is worth it!

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1.0 Post-graduate workshop (Wednesday 22 August)

Next Wednesday we are having another post-graduate workshop, which is a great chance for biology enthusiasts to learn a few skills that might come in handy down the track. This time it will be held from **1:30pm on the Boob Lawn** and should go for around 45 minutes. A post-graduate student will be showing students the ideal ways to sample blood from a shark (he has 3 specimens we can have a crack at). He will also talk to us about capture stress and its importance for

fisheries management. The presentation is looking to be both extremely interesting and useful so it would be great to have as many of you there as possible.

After this workshop, the next workshops will be in **week 7** and **week 9**, so even if you can't make it to this one, be sure to keep an eye out for what the next topics will be!

2.0 Trivia Night & BBQ!

It has finally been announced officially: the Biological Society will be co-hosting a Trivia Night with MUCFarm on **Wednesday 15 September** at **Sir John's Bar**. Details are still being confirmed, but what we do know so far is that it will start in the early evening, there will be food, there will be great prizes and, in short, it should be an amazing night.

To kick-off ticket sales and promote this event, we will be running a **BBQ next Thursday (23 August)**. Sausages, veggie burgers, soft drinks, beer, cider... You all know the deal by now. There will be ticket prices and more info to follow, and we will be able to sign up individuals or teams for the night. So come along, grab some **free food** and some **tickets**, and basically, get excited.

3.0 Tree planting at Koo Wee Rup (Saturday 1 September)

Can't make it to Benella for tree planting? Well, we have some good news for you: on the 1st of September, we'll be joining

Landcare for a tree planting day in Koo Wee Rup. As well as providing habitat for the Southern Brown Bandicoot, you will be

provided with a BBQ lunch and an opportunity to visit the beautiful Cranbourne Botanical Gardens (if you haven't heard of them,

do an image search on Google - they are absolutely incredible).

We'll be driving up from Monash at around **8:30am**, and you should make sure you bring **wet weather gear and gumboots**.

Also don't forget to **sign up** on our website: <http://www.biologicalsociety.com.au/events.html>.

4.0 Volunteering/Work opportunities

4.1 Parks Victoria Summer Ranger Program

You may have already seen this information in your emails from ECD, but if you happened to miss it, this is an opportunity definitely worth taking notice of:

Applications are now open for the Parks Victoria Summer Ranger program.

Parks Victoria are responsible for managing more than 4 million hectares, are committed to delivering works on the ground across Victoria's park network and ensuring that parks are healthy and resilient for current and future generations.

The Summer Ranger Program is required to assist in the overall management of a set Region during the peak vacation period. This year we are recruiting for 6 positions based in:

- *Rosebud (two positions available)*
- *Echuca*
- *Point Nepean*
- *Foster*
- *Anglesea*

We are also looking for a Marine Ranger Intern to assist local staff in the overall management of Victoria's marine protected areas. This year we are recruiting for 6 positions based in:

- *Wilson's Promontory*
- *Queenscliff*
- *San Remo*
- *Williamstown*
- *Apollo Bay*
- *Port Campbell*

Full details about these positions can be found on Career Gateway including application procedures: <https://careergateway.monash.edu.au/ViewOrganisation.chpx?id=8617>

Closing date: Friday 14 September.

Tips for applicants

- *Use the online resume, cover letter and selection criteria resources provided on the Monash University Employment and Career Development website: careers.monash.edu*
- *Prior to submitting, use the resume and cover letter 'Drop-In' service to help improve your application*
- *Read up on Parks Victoria parkweb.vic.gov.au*
- *Applications that do not address the key selection criteria will not be considered.*

5.0 Our Website and Facebook Page

Website - <http://www.biologicalsociety.com.au>

Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/5414408187/>

Enquiries - enquiries@biologicalsociety.com.au

Event Registration - <http://www.biologicalsociety.com.au/events.html>