

Monash University Biological Society

2012

Newsletter 2.0

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1.0 OGM and BBQ (Wednesday 21 March, 12-2pm)

We will be holding our first OGM of the year (*not* AGM - apologies for the mistake in the previous email) on the **Boob Lawn** at the date and time given above. The agenda of the OGM will be as follows:

1. President's report
2. Election of Assistant Secretary
3. Election of Assistant Treasurer
4. Election of First-Year Representative
5. Changes to the constitution (see attached)

Anyone interested in being elected for any of the above positions **must nominate themselves by emailing our president** (president@biologicalsociety.com.au), prior to the OGM. Remember, too, that to be a First-Year Representative you must be enrolled in at least one first-year biology unit. As we have said before, being on a club committee is a great way to get involved with university life and learn essential management skills, so we strongly encourage anyone who is interested to put themselves forward.

We will be running a BBQ at the same time and same place, so be sure to come along, grab some food and take part in the future of our club!

2.0 Nest boxing (March 23-25, April 20-22)

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, this Autumn we'll be running two camps up to Benalla for nest-boxing, as part of the Regent Honeyeater project. Each year, the Regent Honeyeater Project monitors nest boxes in the Lurg Hills, checking for use by Squirrel Gliders, Sugar Gliders and Brush-tailed Phascogales. The Monash Biological Society has been taking part in this project for years and it is an incredible volunteering opportunity.

It is still not too late to sign up for either of these two camps! To attend, you need to register at www.biologicalsociety.com.au/events.html (under Nest Boxing).

If you're interested in finding out more about the project (and the trip), we have also attached some more information and photos to this email, so be sure to take a look :)

3.0 Facebook - important!

Many of you will have already seen our apology on Facebook, regarding the mix-up with groups. However, if you have not, here it is again. Basically, it seems that we were misinformed about the maximum number of members allowed in our original Monash Biological Society group. Believing we were about to reach the limit, we decided to create a 2012 group, which many of you joined. However, now that we know that this was never actually the case, **we are shutting down the newly formed 2012 group, as well as the new fan page.** The page we will now be using is the original group, found at the url <http://www.facebook.com/groups/5414408187/>.

We apologise sincerely for the confusion.

4.0 Environmental Industry Night (Wednesday 4 April)

Owing to the success of our very first Environmental Industry Mixer Night last year, we have decided to once again hold this event - this time (more concisely) called the Environmental Industry Night.

This event, organised together with the Monash Environmental Engineering Society (MEES), will be held on the **4th of April, 5.30-8.30pm** in the **Monash Banquet Rooms**. The event aims to bring students (you) together with employers who are interested in recruiting graduates from a range of

disciplines, giving you networking opportunities and insight into graduate opportunities in the environmental sector. Drinks and finger food will be provided. Once again, pen this date down in your diary - it's not one to be missed.

5.0 Volunteering/Work opportunities

5.1 Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)

Michelle S Zajac, Manager

UROP is a program for Undergraduate students interested in biomedical science to gain paid casual employment in biomedical research laboratories. Our Winter round opens for applications on March 26th and I would like to advertise to students at Monash who are interested in Biomedical Research. We have lots of projects available in the Monash precinct.

If anyone is interested in this opportunity please email us back or email Michelle directly (michelle.zajac@unimelb.edu.au).

5.2 Lagon Bleu - Marine volunteering in Mauritius

Jenna Guffog (jenna.guffogg@gmail.com)

I am a monash student who recently returned from a volunteer program in Mauritius. I found the program to be well run, and I want to help promote the program.

The name of the conservation group is Eco-Sud, and the name of the marine program is Lagon Bleu (<http://www.ecosud.mu/lagonbleu/index-eng.htm>). The program involves turtle monitoring, assessing coral damage and determining fish populations. The dates for the next program are 4/7/12 till 31/7/12, though the dates are flexible to fit in with each students availability. The group size can be 5-10 people, and accommodation is organised by Lagon Bleu. The plan is to run this program every six months in order to collect data to be used in conserving the marine wildlife around Mauritius and the nearby islands.

If any of your members are interested in this program, I am happy to answer questions about it. If you need any more information about the program, please don't hesitate to contact me.

6.0 Our Website and Facebook Page

Note: As stated under section 3.0 of this newsletter, the new 2012 page and fan page are soon to be shut down. We are reverting to the original group (the link given below) and are sorry about the confusion.

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

Facebook (*original group!*) - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/5414408187/>

Enquiries - enquiries@biologicalsociety.com.au

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