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1.0 Phillip Island and Nest Boxing – thankyou!

Thankyou to everyone who took part in our two most recent camps – Phillip Island and Nest Boxing. You put in some hard work and we hope you had a fantastic time!

For those who weren't able to make it this time (including your publications officer, who is rather despondent about it), no matter. There will be plenty of other opportunities this year, which we will be sure to let you know about. Also remember to keep an eye out under the 'volunteering opportunities' section in this newsletter; there are always other things that can be done!

2.0 First postgraduate workshop! (1st May, 12-1pm)

Exciting news, everyone – in a world first, the Monash Biological Society and the Postgraduate Committee will be co-hosting a postgraduate workshop. This will be held, appropriately, on the **1st of May (Tuesday)** in the **Sanson Room, 12-1pm**.

Three PhD students will be talking to us at this workshop: one student who works with platypuses, another with freshwater macro-invertebrates and a third studying genetics. These three students will talk to us about their projects before running a workshop to teach us relevant fieldwork skills.

This is a fantastic opportunity to find out about the current research being undertaken at Monash, as well as learn skills that are highly relevant to the field of biology. It won't take up much of your time, either, so we encourage **EVERYONE** who is able to attend to do so! Since this is a first, it would be great to have a big turnout. We still need to have an idea of how many people will be attending, though, so **please register for the event** at <http://www.biologicalsociety.com.au/events.html>.

See you all there!

3.0 Postgraduate seminar series

This was mentioned in the previous newsletter but we would just like to remind you again:

Every **Tuesday at 4pm** there are biology postgraduate seminars held in the **Sanson Room** (Building 22, G01-G02). These are seminars where postgraduates talk about their research, which is a great opportunity for you to find out what's new in the field of biology, what kind of work is involved in postgraduate research, and get to know the faces around university a bit better. After all, teaching is only a small part of what happens at Monash – these seminars will help to give you a better idea of what goes on behind the scenes.

4.0 Volunteering/Work opportunities

4.1 Marine Pest Removal - *Undaria pinnatifida* (Wakame, Japanese Kelp)

Marine Care Ricketts Point and Parks Victoria are going to remove an invasive kelp at Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary and need volunteers. This involves snorkelling (some may be able to scuba dive) and physically removing the kelp in teams. It's a fun activity out in the water and can have a potentially large affect on reducing the success of this invasive species, which smothers native biodiversity. Plus, a BBQ will be provided for all volunteers.

Where: Quiet Corner, Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary. Park at Central Avenue, Black Rock and cross the road and meet at the bottom of the stairs at the beach (watch out for cyclists on Beach Rd).

When: 28th of April at 10am sharp for a short briefing (come suited up). Please arrive on time so that everyone is not held up for the brief. It will take as long as you feel you can stay out in the water. When you feel like you've done enough, come in and have something to eat and drink.

What to Bring:

Full wetsuit gear (thick suit, gloves, hood, booties). Water is getting cold, so these are a must (if you'd like to hire gear MONUC has cheap rates for wetsuit and gear hire. Email Skanda on a.coffield.feith@gmail.com)

Snorkel and mask

Fins

Weight belt (useful if you have one)

Water

Thermos

Sign up online at <http://www.biologicalsociety.com.au/> and follow the links to the events page.

Any Queries:

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5.0 Our Website and Facebook Page

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

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