



Wallaga Lake Heights community newsletter 32, 22 April 2024

Autumn 2024 seminar, the fauna of Wallaga Lake

Not to be missed!

The previous seminars – one on the health of Wallaga Lake, another its indigenous history and culture have been interesting and enlightening. Exciting even. This year's promises just that and more - local naturalist Deb Taylor has sent us this outline.

The seminar and discussion – Deb's proposal

Thank you for inviting me to come and share information about the animals that use the land you care for as habitat. Some of these animals – snakes, lizards and mammals such as kangaroos, bandicoots, possums and various rodents – are probably familiar to you but there are many others – the insects, spiders and other invertebrates – that are small or even tiny.

*You may be less familiar with these animals and even overlook them. By the end of the seminar I hope you will have a greater understanding and be more aware of the animals that live along the Wallaga Lake foreshore. I also hope that you will have gained a greater appreciation for **all** the flora and fauna that co-exists within the Heights Care group's special parcel of land.*

Please come along armed with questions about the animals that are of particular interest to you, or photos of anything that you have seen and would like identified. I will be bringing along a selection of books from my home reference library for you to browse through if interested.

Deb Taylor - Amateur entomologist and passionate citizen scientist

Born and bred in Cobargo where my paternal family had been dairy farming since the mid-1800s, I spent much of my life living in Sydney, I have always considered the Cobargo/Bermagui area as home so, with my children grown, I moved back to the area in 2011.

Living on a bush block in Wandella I discovered a passion for entomology. With no scientific background or training it's been a slow but fervent journey to build my knowledge of the local flora and fauna, and to understand the connectivity of our rich and varied biodiversity. Much of this knowledge has been attained by photographing, identifying and adding my observations to the online database iNaturalist.

These days, as well as enjoying my own exploratory rambles to discover more local species and constantly working to expand my knowledge, I lead educational invertebrate walks-and-talks at events held by the BVSC and other organisations. For the past 12 months I have been writing a monthly newsletter called "NATURA Far South Coast" so that I can share my observations,

knowledge and passion for our local flora and fauna with others. I also currently hold the position of secretary with the Atlas of Life in the Coastal Wilderness, a locally based Registered Environmental Organisation that, through a multitude of citizen science projects, encourages, fosters and supports the documentation, appreciation and understanding of the area's biodiversity.

When, where and what to bring

When:	10am to around noon, Thursday 2 May
Where:	Next to the picnic tables at the bottom of Wallaga St
What to bring:	Sensible clothing – May can be tricky, chair, drink, nourishment as needed
What to ask	Anything you like, share photos and stories about local critters

About Wallaga Lake Heights Care

We are always on the look-out for new members. If you or anyone you know would like to join, have any comments or queries please contact us at admin@heightscare.org.au.

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