

EXPEDITIONS AND EVENTS – ON THE HORIZON – JANUARY 2023 ISSUE

A RECENT ADVENTURE NARACORTE CAVES OCTOBER 2022

Cave fossil



In the Bat Cave



Fossil sorting



EVENING EVENT SERIES

Your Club is planning a series of evening events, held approximately every three months, usually on Tuesday night at the Museum. These events will continue to feature welcoming wine and pre-dinner canapes - a great opportunity to socialise with Club members and colleagues. Watch out for the invitations in your inbox.

EXPEDITIONS

Several of these adventures have been organised for next year, providing something for everyone.

COMING UP – SAVE THESE DATES

Event. Wednesday 15 February 2023

Celebrating access into Tutankhamun's Tomb in February 1923

A Gala Evening Event 6.00 to 8.30pm

Although the Museum has an Egyptian room which houses one of the oldest collections on display, remarkably the mysteries of Ancient Egypt have not featured on a Waterhouse program for quite some time. The centenary of the access into Tutankhamun's tomb provides an opportunity to redress this situation. On-topic presentations and guided tours of the Ancient Egypt Room, with themed cuisine and entertainment awaits you, hosted by Steve Zagala, the Museum's World Cultures Research Fellow, and Club President Phil Weinstein.

Event Organisers: Margie Heylen and Natalie Rollinson.

Expedition. Late April 2023

Wangayarta Burial Ground – Laying the 'old people' to rest

In Kurna language 'wanga' means 'grave' and 'yarta' means 'land, earth, ground, soil, country'. Located within the Smithfield Memorial Park, Wangayarta is two hectares of purpose-built memorial park dedicated to Kurna ancestral remains reburials. The park was designed by the Kurna community and opened in December 2021. Wangayarta is one of the sites dedicated to the permanent reburial of the remains of hundreds of Kurna people held by the Museum. Professor John Carty will take expeditioners through the fascinating, moving history of this culturally safe burial ground.

Expedition Leader: Tim Tolley

Expedition. Friday 5 – Monday 8 May 2023

Bilbies, Bettongs, BHP and Bling - An arid lands weekend adventure around Roxby Downs and Andamooka

This is repeat of a very successful two day, three-night expedition looking into the progress of native animal breeding as well as some insect collecting in the Arid Recovery Reserve at Roxby Downs, a possible mine site tour and a visit to Andamooka. Motel accommodation will be arranged as well as night walks.

Expedition Leader: Tony Williams

Event. Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Sharks: Magnificent, Misunderstood, Endangered

Join Zoos SA Curator biologist Mark Smith on a voyage of discovery as he describes the challenges facing one of the planet's most infamous creatures. Mark has spent his whole career working with sharks: diving with them, catching and transporting them and conducting shark research, and he has produced the definitive book on how to care for them.

Mark is Manager of Conservation, Research and Animal Welfare at the Zoos South Australia.

Event Organisers: Mark Mussared and Natalie Rollinson

Expedition. Spring 2023 – dates to be advised

Commissioning the Berri First Nations Burial Site

Expedition Leader: Tim Tolley

Expedition. Spring 2023 – dates to be advised

In the footsteps of George French Angas: Painting True Vistas - Expedition #2

An expedition to Mt Gambier led by Dr Philip Jones following in the footsteps of one of Angas's painting expeditions, homing in on some of his paintings and locating the likely vantage points from which he made the original drawings. Angas also made observations on natural history, geology, and Aboriginal culture, which will be brought into the theme of the expedition.

Expedition Leader: Tim Tolley

Expedition. Thursday 7 to Tuesday 12 September 2023 – Wait list only.

Coral Atoll #2 Expedition on 'True North'

The Club has welcomed the opportunity for Australian coastal cruising on one of True North's signature offerings, designed specifically for the Waterhouse Club. The itinerary for the Coral Atoll cruise can be found on the True North website: www.truenorth.com.au. We will have the Museum's Head of Science, Professor Steve Donnellan on board with us, presenting scientific interpretation relating to the seamounts that rise from the edge of the continental shelf.

Expedition Leader: Ant Simpson

Event. Tuesday 17 October 2023

Waterhouse Club Annual General Meeting – At the Museum, venue to be advised.

Save the date for this annual event, more information towards the end of September.

Event Organisers: Natalie Rollinson and Sue McCoy

Expedition. Tuesday 17 – Wednesday 25 October 2023

The South Australia Museum Biennial Biological Survey - Kangaroo Island

This expedition will be in the tradition of the popular and highly successful biological survey collaborations between the Club and the Museum which help fill the gaps in the Museum's knowledge of South Australian vertebrates and invertebrates. Museum entomologist Dr Matt Shaw will be leading a team of scientists on a biological survey in the West of Kangaroo Island. This will be a working camp under canvas but unlike previous surveys we will be based near a permanent kitchen, and we are delighted to announce that legendary bush caterers Mal and Val Hansen will be available to cater.

Please express interest by Friday 24th February

Expedition Leaders: Alastair and Rose Dow

IN GESTATION 2024 AND BEYOND

Expedition. Date to be decided

Murray, Middens, and Mulyawonks: Cross-cultural perspectives on biodiversity conservation along the Lower Murray

This two-day expedition will visit good news stories, where environmental protection and restoration has led, or is leading, to the conservation and return of biodiversity as well as the ecosystem services that it provides. The expedition will feature Mark Koolmatrie, Ngarrindjeri Elder and Director of the Tribal Expertise Facility, the Museum's Dr Philip Jones and Hon Researcher Professor Phillip Weinstein.

Expedition Leader: Phillip Weinstein

Expedition. March/April 2024, subject to COVID travel restrictions and other world events **Morocco and Canary Islands Preference will be given to those who've previously expressed interest**

Experience the history, architecture, culture, landscape and natural history of Morocco and the western Canary Islands with the Museum's Spanish palaeontologist, Associate Professor Diego Garcia-Bellido. The expedition will include visits to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the Atlas and Anti-Atlas Mountains, the Sahara and famous trilobite sites in this area of northern Africa. We will also visit the 3,718 m-high Teide Volcano in Tenerife and the European Northern Observatory in La Palma.

Expedition Leaders: Trevor and Carol Ireland

Expedition. July 2024

Vanuatu

With Steve Zagala and/or Mark Pharoah

Expedition. Oct or Nov

Nullabor Caves with Liz Reed

All of the above dates and arrangements may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Expressions of interest for any of the above events and expeditions are invited by email to waterhouseclub@samuseum.sa.gov.au or by telephoning the Club office. Early expressions of interest assist the Club to plan with confidence. However, this does not offer priority bookings.

Where there is a high level of interest expressed when invitations are distributed we will hold bookings open for at least one week and if more requests for bookings are received than the number of places available a ballot will be held to determine allocation of bookings and a waiting list will be maintained.

Please note the Club's COVID Vaccination Policy

In the interest of protecting the health and wellbeing of members and Museum staff, the Club has adopted a policy which requires all participants to be fully vaccinated (that is at least 3 vaccinations), and to provide evidence of full vaccination status before attending Club events, expeditions or other functions. A covid booster (4th shot) and flu shot are also highly recommended.