

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION SA INC.

Founded 25th July 1998 Adelaide, South Australia.

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

AND REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



*Butterfly Conservation SA
Celebrating 25 years in 2023*

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Jan Forrest thanks guest speaker Stefan Caddy-Retalic for his inspiring talk 'It's time to protect our trees'.



Gerry Butler with Ann Winter, with thanks to Ann for providing our 25th Anniversary celebratory cake for us to enjoy.



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BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION SA Inc.

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Acting Chairman: Gerry Butler

Secretary: Alex Coombe - secretary@butterflyconservationsa.net.au

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Newsletter Proofreader and Editor: Judith Lydeamore

Public Officer: John Wilson.

DIARY DATES

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Meetings are normally held 7.00pm, bi-monthly at various venues.

All members are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please contact Secretary Alex Coombe secretary@butterflyconservationsa.net.au.

PUBLIC TALKS PROGRAM 2023: first Tuesday March – November, at the Plympton Community Centre, 34 Long Street, Plympton, 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start to 8.30pm with an option for some talks to be viewed via Zoom. Please watch your email for information regarding public talks, or visit <https://butterflyconservationsa.net.au/events/list/> at any time.

NEXT TALK: 3rd Oct. 2023 6.30pm *European Bees, friend or foe.*

WEB SITES

BCSA official website: Butterfly Conservation SA - <https://butterflyconservationsa.net.au/>

South Australian Butterflies and Moths: <https://sabutterflies.org.au/home/>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3LZ9HPh1-DIH-01YIObkiA?view_as=subscriber

Butterflies Australia <https://www.butterflies.org.au/external/home>

Moths and Butterflies Australasia Inc. (MABA): <https://maba.org.au/>

MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES:

membership@butterflyconservationsa.net.au or online:

www.butterflyconservationsa.net.au/product/become-a-member/

Membership payments:

\$20 per calendar year - plus an additional \$10 for a posted newsletter:

Cheques to be made out to:

Butterfly Conservation SA Inc.

Post to Treasurer: PO Box 4, DAW PARK 5041.

On-line through shop or direct debit membership payments:

EFT details: BSB 633-000

Account No: 152785838

Bank: Bendigo Bank.

Account Name: Butterfly Conservation SA Inc.

If paying by direct debit please email Treasurer at treasurer@butterflyconservationsa.net.au with name, amount and item.



<https://www.facebook.com/ButterflyConservationSA/>

REPORT on the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5th September, 2023 held at the Plympton Community Centre

Chairman Gerry Butler **welcomed** all present and provided Acknowledgement to Country.
34 members were present and there were 6 apologies.
Minutes of the previous AGM 6th September 2022 were confirmed
There was no business arising

Chairman Gerry Butler presented a very comprehensive report on activities conducted during the year including a review of the membership figures (see pages 4 - 7).

Acting Treasurer Karen Rodda presented the 2022 - 23 financial report. We are in a sound financial position (see pages 7 - 9)

New membership fees. The chairman Gerry Butler advised that increased insurance costs and other costs associated with membership have resulted in a recommendation from the committee to increase membership fees. He also advised that the current fee has remained at \$10 pa since 2009 for 25 years.
The motion that the Membership Fee for the 2024 calendar year shall be \$20 for all members who receive an email membership, with a supplementary \$10 for those members who wish to receive a posted newsletter was carried and that the Life Member fee for the 2024 calendar year shall be \$300 was also carried.

Nominations received for Honorary Life Membership.

The management committee recommend that the following long-standing members be recognised with Honorary Life Membership.

Mike Moore	Gil Hollamby	Bryan Haywood	Chris and Karen Lane
Jill Davy	Margaret Lee	Judith Lydeamore	

The motion *that these nominations be accepted* was carried.

Presentation of certificates will take place on 7th November at our Public Talk dinner meeting.

Election of Office Bearers: written nominations were accepted as follows.

Unfortunately there was no nomination for Chairman

Unfortunately there was no nomination for Treasurer

We welcomed Alex Coombe to the position of Secretary.

Committee Members were elected as follows – Mike Moore, Bryan Haywood, Gil Hollamby, Lionel Edwards, Ann Winter, Jan Forrest OAM, Bernadette Johnson, Sarah Macdonald, Gerry Butler, and welcomed long standing BCSA associate Peter McQuillan to the committee.

Other positions included auditor – Nominee Tim Major of Lee Green and Public Officer John Wilson
Butterfly Conservation Fund Members were John Wilson, Mike Moore and Jan Forrest OAM.

The evening concluded with an inspiring talk by Dr Stefan Caddy-Retalic 'It's time to protect our trees'.

COMMITTEE UPDATE from Jan Forrest OAM Acting Secretary (Mar - June 2023)

We are all very pleased to welcome Alex Coombe in the role of Secretary, although I have enjoyed doing this role for a short time I am relieved to be able to hand it over. A warm welcome to Peter McQuillan onto the committee. Peter has been a fabulous ambassador for BCSA over very many years and his contribution and knowledge is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of you the members and the committee I wish to thank Gerry Butler for his outstanding work as Chairman during these last four years and to Karen Rodda for taking on the role of interim Treasurer for these last 8 months. Also to Beth Keane who has been our Public Officer for 25 years - a very hearty thank you.

As we now do not have a Chairperson nor a Treasurer, this is of concern. Whilst the organisation is financially stable and there is widespread recognition of the work we are doing, we still require someone to 'steer the ship' and that must be resolved.

Now is the time for all members to commit to helping us to find someone to undertake the role of Chairman and Treasurer. Please contact secretary@butterflyconservationsa.net.au if you are willing to take on either of these roles or if you can suggest someone who may be interested. It is now URGENT that these vacancies are filled.

Prior to the AGM the committee discussed the possibility of paying someone to undertake the day to day work associated with financial administration. That is certainly now a possibility and it would remove the day to day work load of administering the finances.

2023 Annual General Meeting

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2023 Annual General Meeting, and a special thankyou to those members and guests who are here in the meeting room and on Zoom. We are still living in difficult times but it is very important that we have a positive outlook on life and our work to protect the environment.

I would like to acknowledge that we meet on Kurna land and pay respects to their elders past present and emerging and acknowledge that they did not cede this land.

In this our 25th anniversary of Incorporation, we celebrate our longevity and the need for much more work to protect the environment and ensure that the wider community understands the need to conserve and manage our Lepidoptera.

THANKYOUS

I would like to start this report with a big thankyou to our members and volunteers, especially those who provide service to the organisation on the Management Committee. In particular I would like to thank:

- our Secretary **Jan Forrest OAM** who took over from **Sukhpreet Singh Bala**, for their service in this administrative role; and
- our Treasurer **Karen Rodda** who took over from **Dan Daneshi**, for their diligent work in managing our finances.

The Management Committee is also made up of:

- our Membership and often Minutes Secretary **Gil Hollamby**; who continues to serve us with bountiful energy, including at numerous public events where he has spread the word about Lepidoptera and Insects in general, especially the many enquiries on our 'info@' line;
- our very hardworking Life Member and Newsletter Editor **Jan Forrest OAM**, who also does much of the graphic design for BCSA, is continuing to drive one of our major projects, the Caterpillar app, and who undertakes many speaking engagements on behalf of the association;
- our Social Media (Facebook) Administrator **Sarah Macdonald** for keeping us in the public eye with our Facebook posts, and as Publications Officer Sarah, with her enthusiasm has our publications into 26 retail outlets in SA and interstate (Qld, Tas, Vic and WA);
- our Online Store Manager, **Pushpa Osborne**, who has kept up with the website online sales of our books and other resources;
- our Hospitality Manager **Bernadette Johnson** has managed the catering at Plympton CC and been a critical member of our management team;
- our Website Manager, **Lionel Edwards**, who has kept on top of the maintenance required, to keep both our emails and websites running, with technical support from our service provider Klik Advertising. Our websites are the face of our organisation. We have received significant support above and beyond our contractual arrangements and we thank Gareth Diprose and James Taylor at Klik for their work.
- our other Management Committee members: **Mike Moore**, **Bryan Haywood**, **Ann Winter** and Public Officer **Beth Keane**, who have contributed to our governance and the many tasks that are needed to keep your association running efficiently.

I would also like to thank **Sophie Thomson** who continues to support our association as our Patron, our knowledge guru **Dr Peter McQuillan** and our other Life Member **Roger Grund OAM**.

We sincerely thank those members who are standing down this year and encourage other members to participate in the governance of our association.

GOVERNANCE

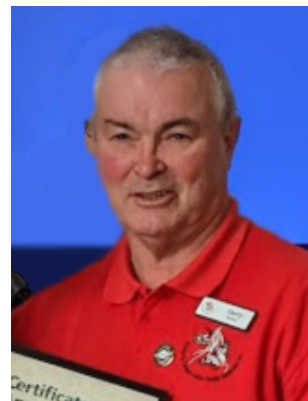
Over the last 12 months we have, with great purpose pursued the aims and objectives of BCSA with our talks to the public, our presence at public events and the provision of our resources online and in hardcopy.

Your Committee has been working on many issues, including the development of additional Policies related to good governance, a deficiency of which had been highlighted by our Liability Insurer and these are being pursued on behalf of the Committee, by our current Treasurer, Karen Rodda.

The Management Committee is reviewing the way we manage our membership and is very conscious of the importance of maintaining and developing our Membership base in these difficult times.

DEDUCTIBLE GIFT RECIPIENT (DGR) AND CHARITY STATUS

Our Butterfly Conservation Fund Committee, chaired by John Wilson, will produce the third statutory report about our Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) fund which is starting to see a steady stream of donations. The Fund now stands at



\$6,524.78. Our DGR and Charity status from the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission (ACNC) enables us to offer to potential donors a tax deductible opportunity for their sponsorship dollars. We encourage members and their friends to donate to the Butterfly Conservation Fund and if you know of a potential benefactor please advise our Committee. The Committee anticipates that, with the assistance of members, we will raise more funds for the Butterfly Conservation Fund, which will be used for conservation projects.

FINANCES AND OUR BOOKS

The 2022-2023 Financial Year has been another very rewarding one for the association. We continue to punch way above our weight, with the education and information resources that we provide to our members and the wider community. Sales of our 2 books, have continued to be strong with our butterfly book *'Attracting Butterflies to your Garden'*, by Hunt, Grund, Keane and Forrest (2016) selling **278** copies this financial year and over the 7 years since the 2nd Edition was published we have distributed **2457** copies (current stock is 1543), as gifts to speakers, community groups and schools; and through sales to members, general public and our retailers.

Our Moth book *'Caterpillars, Moths and their plants of southern Australia'* by McQuillan, Forrest, Keane and Grund (2019) is being well received across Australia and this financial year we sold **'174 tba'** copies and have distributed **1441** copies (stock is 1559) since December 2019, including many copies to local and interstate bookshops and organisations.

Our association has many ways of pursuing its aims and objectives and the continued successful distribution of these books, recommended by many experts such as Sophie Thomson, James Smith and sister groups such as 'Bringing Back the Butterflies', an initiative of members of the Australian Association of Environment Education (SA) (AAEE), is doing just that. They use and distribute our book, resources and expertise to encourage gardeners, schools and individuals to take responsibility for caring for our environment. The sale of our books in the retail outlets in Adelaide, interstate outlets and other organisations is essential for the successful distribution of our books.

ONLINE SALES

In addition to our retail outlets, we rely heavily on our online shop where we make significant sales of our membership, books and other resources with gross sales last financial year being \$4436 and 124 orders placed (including memberships). Our biggest month is October as we head into Spring. This steady flow of sales, enables us to make direct sales to many people who hear about us or find us on the internet globally. The 'Membership Book Combos' are very popular and enable these new members to get an understanding of what we can deliver in further learning resources and activities. Tba - **574** Butterfly Plant Tags were sold online during the year.

NEWSLETTER AND PUBLIC TALKS

Our very hardworking Newsletter Editor has continued to deliver a high quality quarterly newsletter for our membership and we thank Jan for this significant effort and Konica Minolta for their support in printing the hardcopies. Jan has also consistently delivered the very enlightening Public Talks program, especially this 13th program, which we are enjoying in 2023. The delivery over the last year continues to be a mix of face-to-face and Zoom, and our speakers have been very generous with their time and expertise. The BCSA is getting full value from its Zoom subscription with additional meetings and special events on Zoom, which we generally record and upload to our YouTube channel.

The final talk for 2023 will be a special ticketed event with catering, using our online store link, at the Plympton Community Centre and this talk will again be by Professor Bob Hill. We will be broadcast on Zoom and it will be recorded for future viewing.

MEMBERSHIP

Increasing and retaining the membership of the Butterfly Conservation SA is a significant goal of our Committee and we appreciate the work of Gil Hollamby, that goes into welcoming the new members and provides all members with the frequent email updates to keep information flowing. We are pleased to say that our organisation has grown significantly over the last 25 years, but COVID has affected us. Here are a few statistics that show how:

TRENDS IN BCSA MEMBERSHIP	JULY 21	JULY 22	JULY 23
Unfinancial	<u>66</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>209</u>
Financial 1 year	187	260	114
2 years	75	21	15
3 or more	14	8	19
Life- paid	38	33	33
Life-Honorary	3	2	2
Complimentary newsletter	22	22	22
TOTAL FINANCIAL	339	346	205
New members	113	122	69

As you can see we lose many members each year, who do not renew their membership and we do our best to contact them and encourage renewal. It is obvious that COVID has affected our new member uptake, for multiple years, as our Credit Provider for online services mandated that membership extent could not be greater than 1 year.

Our Treasurer and Membership Secretary are working on contacting all the unfinancial members offering ongoing membership for the price of 2024 membership. We hope this will address this problem.

THE FUTURE

Pursuing our aims is a collective effort and, as we are a volunteer run organisation, we are limited in some ways but we have a great team working together.

One such collaboration was the work with independent environmental groups in the Mirnu Wirra campaign to protest the proposed loss of 8 hectares of South Parklands and the consequential loss of *Lucia limbaria* and many other species from this area.

We would like to reinforce how important it is to have strong relationships with celebrities such as Sophie Thomson and interact with artists and technical experts in science communication as we have done with the Herding Caterpillars experience.

Many of you will know of my passion for bringing Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths (STEAM) together and that we were successful in getting a substantial grant from the City of Adelaide CreaTech City Challenge for our Herding Caterpillars VR experience. This is enabled us to be a key attraction at the 2022 Nature Festival from 6-16th October at the State Library and in the SA Museum forecourt, telling the story of the mutual symbiosis of the Chequered Copper (*Lucia limbaria*) butterfly. This work with Rosina Possingham and the extensive team, with an impressive in-kind contribution from many businesses and individuals, brought Lepidoptera to a new audience. We are pleased to say that with Green Adelaide Grassroots Grant support we will embark on a Herding Caterpillars Festival culminating in an event during National Science Week 2024.

Friends of Chequered Copper (*Lucia limbaria*) Butterfly monitoring program in Pakapakanthi/ Victoria Park/Park 16 continues in partnership with the City of Adelaide. We are thankful for the volunteers who assist with the monitoring, especially Greg Coote for his marvellous camera skills. We are collaborating with City of Adelaide to be part of the Nature Festival BioFair event adjacent to the wetlands and biodiversity site at Pakapakanthi/Victoria Park/Park 16 on 8th October 2023.

Other projects funded by the Management Committee include:

- Genetic typing of moths by Mike Moore;
- Short film shown at the 2022 Nature Festival inaugural Film Event on the Chequered Copper (*Lucia limbaria*) butterfly, by Gerry Butler;
- Development of a Caterpillar app by Jan Forrest OAM and Dr Peter McQuillan;
- Joint project proposed with *Ferox australis* and AAEE-BBB on Butterfly friendly gardens;
- Liaison with Burnside Council on the Chequered Copper (*Lucia limbaria*) butterfly in Beaumont Common;

COMMUNICATION

It is truly amazing to see the many and varied enquiries that we receive by email, Facebook or on the phone. The thirst for knowledge by the wider community, about butterflies and moths is awesome. We have many enquiries from gardening clubs and community organisations, schools, individuals, artists, industry and government agencies, which we respond to



in the best way we can. Many people are sharing photos of our diverse ecosystem and we use them when we can.

It is also very heartening to receive the thanks and accolades from organisations and individuals that we help or involve in collaborative projects. We do not have boundless energy, but we give our best and your membership of the Butterfly Conservation SA is most appreciated.

I advised you last year that this was my last term as Chairperson, but we are still looking for someone with fresh eyes and energy to take on the role. I have been ably mentored by Mike and Jan and we will all certainly be there for a new leader. It is a very interesting, challenging and stimulating role where you can make your own footprint and benefit our society.

There are many other opportunities for members and friends to get involved and connect with Nature. Please be involved.

Many thanks and keep safe.

Gerry Butler

Gerry Butler,
Chairperson.
5 September 2023



INTERIM TREASURER'S REPORT

I have prepared the attached financial reports for the financial year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 as the Interim Treasurer for Butterfly Conservation SA Inc. I have acted as the Interim Treasurer since March 2023 after the resignation of Dan Daneshi.

The Profit and Loss report shows:

- Surplus of \$8,735.11 this financial year, which is \$4,188.01 more than the previous year.
- Membership revenue of \$2,620 which is \$347 more than the previous year.
- Gross profit from sales of books etc of \$7,928.40 which is \$2,471.20 less than the previous year.
- Donations received this year totalled \$791.20. These funds have been deposited in the Conservation Fund bank account, along with \$3,901.51 received the previous year.
- Subsidies and Grants totalling \$6,325.91 received from Landcare Association of SA and City of Adelaide.

The Balance Sheet shows:

- Conservation Fund bank account balance of \$6,524.78
- BCSA Bank account and investments totalling \$61,241.48
- Unfinalised grants of: \$ 4,217.96 for Herding Caterpillars in 3D project
\$10,211.90 for What Caterpillar App
- Our equity position has increased from \$79,301.90 to \$88,037.01 as at 30 June 2023

An audit of the finances for 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 has not yet been completed.

Karen Rodda
Interim Treasurer

Profit and Loss

Butterfly Conservation SA

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
Trading Income		
Book Sales-Attracting Butterflies to your Garden	5,291.29	8,409.26
Book Sales-Caterpillars, Moths and their Plants	4,075.00	6,088.00
Book Sales-The Making of a Monarch	585.00	865.00
DVD Sales-Butterfly Gardening	15.00	15.00
Sales - Plant tags	200.00	1,138.00
Sales - Poster	20.00	180.00
Sales-Butterfly Site Sign	100.00	180.00
Sales-Merchandise/Other	151.62	-
Shipping, Postage & Packing Revenue	778.09	1,632.90
Total Trading Income	11,216.00	18,508.16
Cost of Sales		
Purchases - Merchandise	692.80	-
Purchases - Plant Tags	309.82	323.00
Purchases-Attracting Butterflies to your Garden Book	415.66	2,866.68
Purchases-Butterfly Site Sign	558.25	111.65
Purchases-Caterpillars, Moths and their Plants Book	301.34	2,742.15
Purchases-The Making of a Monarch Book	(140.00)	645.00
Shipping & Postage-Items Sold	1,149.73	1,420.08
Total Cost of Sales	3,287.60	8,108.56
Gross Profit	7,928.40	10,399.60
Other Income		
Bank Interest	531.82	5.94
Donation/Gift Income	791.20	2,255.12
Door Takings - Public Meeting/Talk	468.35	111.00
Other Income	25.00	-
Revenue - Membership	2,620.00	2,272.60
Revenue - Membership Newsletter Postage	310.00	260.00
Sales-Event Tickets	420.00	1,100.00
Subsidies & Grants received	6,325.91	-
Total Other Income	11,492.28	6,004.66
Operating Expenses		
Bank & EFTPOS Merchant Fees	3.60	1.20
Bank Transaction Fee-eWAY	70.34	112.19
Bank Transaction Fee-Square	38.80	57.95
Computer Expenses	192.00	-
Depreciation - Office Equipment	639.24	239.91
Expenses - Events	1,384.88	-
Expenses - Public Talks/Meetings	509.13	5,460.00

Balance Sheet

Butterfly Conservation SA As at 30 June 2023

	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
Assets		
Bank		
BCSA Statement Account-Bendigo Bank	37,369.96	17,244.04
Butterfly Conservation Fund-Bendigo Bank	6,524.78	1,831.76
INV-12 Month (Expires 20Dec2023) -Beyond Bank	23,863.63	23,363.44
INV-Community-3Mth-Beyond Bank	-	5,583.63
monEsaver Internet-Beyond Bank	7.80	7.68
S3 Access Savings-Beyond Bank	0.09	311.78
Total Bank	67,766.26	48,342.33
Current Assets		
Donations ** To be Transferred **	(15.00)	-
Inventory - On Consignment	-	(231.00)
Inventory-Book-Attracting Butterflies to your Garden	10,286.72	10,933.38
Inventory-Book-Caterpillars, Moths and their Plants	16,569.83	16,846.17
Inventory-Book-The making of a Monarch	1,920.00	780.00
Inventory-Butterfly Site Sign	-	558.25
Inventory-Plant tags	361.76	671.58
Petty Cash/Cash On Hand	240.00	240.00
Trade Debtors	4,000.00	499.50
Total Current Assets	33,363.31	30,297.88
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment	2,742.95	1,016.95
Office Equipment - Accum Depn	(994.50)	(355.26)
Total Fixed Assets	1,748.45	661.69
Total Assets	102,878.02	79,301.90
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	411.15	-
Total Current Liabilities	411.15	-
Non-current Liabilities		
Grant - Herding Caterpillars in 3D	4,217.96	-
Grant - What Caterpillar App	10,211.90	-
Total Non-current Liabilities	14,429.86	-
Total Liabilities	14,841.01	-
Net Assets	88,037.01	79,301.90
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	8,735.11	4,547.10

PUBLIC TALK 7TH NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

comencing at 7.00pm.

at the PLYMPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE Long Street PLYMPTON.

Cost: \$20 per person.

BOOKINGS: Please click on link below:

<https://butterflyconservationsa.net.au/event/public-talk-7th-november-dinner-meeting/>

Note: Soft drinks provided BYO alcohol.

Closing Date (for catering purposes) Friday 3th November, 2023.

PROGRAM

7.00pm WELCOME

7.15pm Buffet style meal

7.45pm Presentation of Honorary Life Member Certificates and Prizes to winners of the 25th Anniversary Photographic Competition.

8.00 Sweets and coffee

8.20 Guest Speaker Professor Robert Hill, Dept. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Adelaide.



Climate change and vegetation responses.

Our climate is now changing at an unprecedented pace and the impacts will be severe. What should we do? There are some clear answers that will help us to be prepared for what is coming.

Professor Robert Hill is a graduate of the University of Adelaide. He completed his Ph.D. on Tertiary plant macrofossils in 1981, and his D.Sc. on the interaction between climate change and the evolution of the living Australian vegetation in 1997.

In 2003 he became Head of the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences and was appointed to his current position of Executive Dean in September 2006.

Professor Hill has had a profound impact on the study of Botany in Australia. He has been instrumental in raising the profile of modern botanical studies through his own research which is of the highest international standard, through the training of numerous honours and postgraduate students, many of whom now hold botanical research positions in their own right, and through his distinguished service to botanical societies, organisations and government agencies.

His botanical research has made significant contributions to the areas of palaeobotany, plant systematics, plant ecophysiology and the application of research from these areas to interpreting changes that have occurred to the Australian flora through evolutionary time.

He has had a lifetime interest in the evolution of the vegetation of Australia and Antarctica. He has published more than 125 refereed journal papers, 35 book chapters, several symposium papers and has edited or co-edited four books, including The History of the Australian Vegetation (Cambridge University Press), Ecology of the Southern Conifers (Melbourne University Press), The Ecology and Biogeography of Nothofagus Forests (Yale University Press), and Vegetation of Tasmania (Australian Biological Resources Study).

He is best known for his research on the fossil history of the southern beech, Nothofagus, and the southern conifers. His research on the fossil history of Nothofagus has been critical in refining our understanding of its evolution and has led to a major revision of our understanding of the biogeography of this critical southern genus.

SPRING WALK AT WIRRAPARINGA - BROWNHILL CREEK AND THE BEE HUB

Sunday 29 October 2.00-4.00pm - See August Newsletter for details.

Cost: \$20 full adult; \$15 concession; children under 12 years \$5 for afternoon tea and Bee Hub tour.

BOOKINGS; <https://events.humanitix.com/spring-walk-at-wirraparinga-brownhill-creek>

EXCURSION YUNDI NATURE CONSERVANCY

25th November 10.00am - 4.00pm - see August Newsletter for details.

If you'd like to join us on this mini adventure, please contact Gil at info@butterflyconservationsa.net.au by 1st November with your contact details and names of others coming with you. Also please advise if you would like to stay on after 4.00 for a nocturnal adventure.