BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. PUBLIC TALKS PROGRAM JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2024

Butterfly Conservation South Australia Inc.

presents the thirteenth



PUBLIC TALKS PROGRAM 2024

On the first Tuesday of the month March to November at 6.15pm for a prompt 6.30pm start.

At the Plympton Community Centre

34 Long Street, Plympton.

(200 metres E of Marion Rd, and 300 metres N of Anzac Highway).

NOTE: the March meeting will be held in the Plympton/ Kurralta Park Girl Guide Hall, corner of Daly Street & Cross Terrace, Kurralta Park. Parking in Cross Terrace.

Public transport options for Plympton include: Bus from the city via Anzac Highway.

Routes: 245, 248, 262, 263, 265, M44, N262. Closest stop is Stop 9, then approximately 350 metre walk along Long Street.

Bus from the city via Marion Road.

Routes 100, 101, H20. Closest stop is Stop 10 (east side) is approximately 100 metres south of Long street. Stop 10 (west side) is on the other side of Moringie Ave. approx. 100 metres north of Long Street). Then walk approx. 250 metre along Long Street.

Entry by donation (minimum of \$5).

Bookings not required

Please bring supper to share.

Bring your own cup, tea/coffee will be supplied.

Meetings should conclude by 8.30pm.

At the start of each meeting a ten minute presentation on the 'Butterfly of the Month' or other topic relevant to BCSA will be given by a committee member.

DON'T FORGET TO BYO CUP.

Photo Robert H. Fisher: Rayed Blue butterfly Candalides heathi.

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For further information contact: Jan Forrest 8297 8230 Annual membership: **\$10** per year. Plus \$10 if you choose to receive the newsletter via mail. Life Membership \$200.

Website: www.butterflyconservationsa.net.au

'Herding Caterpillars Festival'

This Festival builds on the amazing project delivered in 2022 at the Nature Festival. The mutual symbiosis of the Chequered Copper (*Lucia limbaria*) butterfly is our starting point and in the 'Herding Caterpillars Festival' we will perform the play, deliver the story, create butterfly artworks, focus on butterfly host plants and challenge the visual and auditory senses of our patrons.

4th June: *Identifying Orchids on iNaturalist* 2nd July: *Orchids and revegetation.*

In the first talk on 4th June titled *Identifying Orchids on iNaturalist* Rosalie and Robert will introduce citizen science and iNaturalist and show how orchids can be recorded and identified including challenges in the identification of orchids.

In the second talk on 2nd July titled *Orchids and revegetation.*

Robert and Rosalie will talk about the marginal habitat requirements of orchids and their range of survival strategies.

In particular the need for more information on their habitat requirements and why this makes citizen science very important.

When sites are modified or disturbed to make them more suitable for orchids, this can increase the threat from annual weeds and this is generally ignored in revegetation projects. It is therefore vital for orchids, that gains made in woody weed control are not irreversibly lost to annual weeds at the expense of terrestrial native orchids.

Rosalie and Robert Lawrence share an interest in native orchids and in iNaturalist. Robert was recently re-appointed as President of the Native Orchid Society of South Australia and Rosalie has been the webmaster for over a decade. In 2020 they were jointly recognised as the Unsung Hero of Science Communication for South Australia.

They run a business called Heritage Bushcare. This involves weed control and site maintenance for organisations such as local councils and Forestry SA reserves as well as private landholders, including those with Heritage Agreement grants. Robert has a passion for preparing sites so that they are ready for the reintroduction of native orchids that are likely to have been present before colonisation.

In 2011 Robert wrote a book called 'Start with the Leaves', a simple guide to the orchids and lilies of the Adelaide Hills, this began a direction of public education and active involvement in citizen science.

6th August 4 - 5.30 'Herding Caterpillars Festival'

There will be no August Public Talk in the Plympton Community Centre. Instead BCSA members are invited to the 'Herding Caterpillars Festival' on **6th August from 4.00-5.30pm** for a 'Family and Friends' viewing of all the activities.

Non-members can attend the Festival to be held in the Botanic Gardens Bicentennial Conservatory from 6th -11th of August 2024.

A final program incorporating the school and public performances and a Humanitix booking system, will be available in June and the paid ticketed events scheduled for the following weekend

10th - 11th August, 2024.



Presented by members Rosalie and Robert Lawrence.