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MEETING AGENDA

Date: Friday 4th December 2026

Time: 7.00 pm: arrive from 6.30.

Location: Education Centre, Bicentennial pathway, Bicentennial Park, Homebush Bay, NSW.

7.00 pm: The main speaker is Jodi Rowley: "FrogID - patterns of frog activity across Australia".

8.45 pm: Frog-O-Graphic Competition Prizes Awarded.

9.30 pm: Raffle, Christmas supper and a chance to relax and chat with frog friends and experts.

Email **monicawangmann@gmail.com** to send an article for FrogCall.

FATS MEMBERSHIP

Student: $20 **Single**: $30 **Family**: $40. As a member you receive FrogCall newsletters, access to free field trips and surveys, and be part of supporting frog and habitat conservation including advocacy and entry to the Frog-O-Graphic photo competition. If you aren't a member but would like to join, it's easy to sign up!

Account Name: Frog & Tadpole Study Group **BSB:** 082 001 **Account No:** 313 033 719

Membership renewal was due on 30 June 2026. Payment via bank transfer, PayPal or Credit Card.

At the meeting you can pay by cheque or cash. **Thank you for your ongoing support!**

Please complete the membership form on the website **https://www.fats.org.au/membership-form**

If you are an existing member, and you haven't already done so, please renew your membership as soon as possible either via the website, bank transfer, or at the next meeting.

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President's Report, 2025-2026

Michelle Toms

What a fantastic and busy year we have had at the Frog and Tadpole Study Group of NSW!

We held a number of field trips to various National Parks across NSW, observing diverse wildlife including many different frog species.

Our exhibitions team were flat out running a myriad of events including Science Week at Australia Museum, Centennial Park, and Western Sydney Parklands.

We have had great guest speakers volunteer their time to share their research and knowledge with us at public meetings, where we've gotten together to enjoy snacks, raffles, and each other's company.

Our volunteers have worked diligently this year to maintain the Greenacre Green and Golden Bell Frog conservation site and hold various open days to welcome and inform the community.

This year we also had the privilege of being able to award the Arthur and Karen White student grant to a well deserving recipient who is studying frogs in the Watagans National Park.

Our dedicated editor, Monica Wangmann, produced 5 fabulous FrogCall newsletters, Marion Anstis produced our milestone 200th edition.

I'd like to express my personal gratitude to every single person who volunteers as part of FATS. Volunteering is a tough and time-consuming gig. Everyone has full and busy lives outside of FATS, whether that be with family, friends, work, hobbies, or other volunteering commitments. FATS couldn't run and wouldn't exist without the dedication of committee members and other volunteers, so I extend a heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

Michelle Toms, President, FATS

President's Pad

Hi frog friends and welcome to the December 2026 edition of FrogCall!

FATS has had another great year connecting with members at meetings, learning from talented speakers, attending events, engaging in community education, and - my favourite part is when we have seen some wonderful and unique wildlife.

Our volunteers have also been working hard to maintain the Green and Golden Bell Frog conservation site at Greenacre, while our committee continues to plug away behind the scenes.

Please enjoy reading this issue of FrogCall, which has been thoughtfully prepared by our editors, and includes interesting articles and upcoming events, as well as some of the fantastic Frog-O-Graphic competition entries - congratulations to the winners!

Thank you to all our members and volunteers. Your ongoing support allows us to continue our important work in frog conservation and community education.

Hoppy reading! Michelle Toms.

Welcome to our Incoming Committee for 2026-27

At the recent Annual General Meeting in August, 2026, the following new committee members were elected. We would like to now give a **BIG WELCOME** to our new incoming committee, who make it possible for FATS to continue as the wonderful and viable society that it has been for over 30 years!

President: Michelle Toms

Vice President and Frog Helpline Co-ordinator: Luc Streit

Treasurer and Webmaster: Peter Vickery

Assistant Treasurer: Kerry Vickery

Chairperson: Fabian Byers

Minutes Secretary: Arthur White

Exhibitions Coordinator: Kathy Potter

Field Trip Coordinator: Robert Wall

Membership Officer: Vacant

Editor: Monica Wangmann

General Committee Members:

Peter Spradbrow

Karen White

Punia Jeffery

Grant Webster

“Rainette”
The French word for Tree Frog!

Garth Coupland



A calling male Common Tree Frog, *Hyla arborea*, keen to find a mate in the breeding season.

Rainette! Such a delightful name for an equally delightful animal.

I was twelve when I found a European, Common Tree Frog – *Hyla arborea*, in a hedge at an Austrian castle. The species has obsessed me ever since. I no longer handle frogs but the memory of the delicate, sticking feeling produced by that frog’s gripping toes has stayed with me; having been the most pleasurable of sensations; particularly because of the beauty and interest of the subject involved.

Living in England, with its dreadful habitat destruction and paucity of Herpetological species, means that France, only across the narrow English Channel, is an exciting destination for me. Continental Europe has so many more species and areas of ‘wilderness’ than England. As I speak French, I took to natural history road-trips in France in later life. I would often enquire of local folk where I might find rainettes; the French word for Tree Frogs. However, as I have discovered in most countries, most folk have no interest in, or knowledge of, herpetofauna. My enquiries were almost exclusively met with the shrug of ‘je ne sais pas!’ The task, therefore, was mine!

Over the years and over several trips I have located two places where I am able to find



A Common Tree Frog, *H. arborea* seen through a leaf while basking in sunshine.



Common Tree Frogs, *Hyla arborea* resting on leaf.



Mediterranean Tree Frog, *Hyla meridionalis*, calling with fully inflated vocal sac.

rainettes without fail, although I have never been lucky enough to witness and photograph amplexus or egg-laying. This remains a challenge for the future.

There are two species of Tree Frog in France. The Common Tree Frog or Rainette Verte - *Hyla arborea* and the Mediterranean or Stripeless Tree Frog or Rainette Meridionale - *Hyla meridionalis*. One of my locations, the area around the village of Vauville on the coast of Normandy in Northern France, has *H. arborea*. The other location is near a village named Gimeaux in the marshes of the Camargue; the great wetlands of the Rhone delta in the South of France. That is where I find *H. meridionalis.*

In Vauville there is a chateau that one can visit. It has gardens and ponds and is situated near wetlands and a dune system that contains a remarkable number of herpetological species. My wife and I visited the chateau and literally as I was telling her how the backlit shadow of a Tree Frog on a leaf can give away its presence, there it was, our first of many rainettes that we found; greenly sunbathing on the vegetation.

In the Camargue there is a very special place that my children know as 'Tree Frog Corner'. It is unremarkable to the eye. There are reed-edged drainage ditches, fields alongside a bush and bramble-lined back-road through the marshes.

On a solo road trip in 2016 I was revisiting old haunts on an emotional journey back to Europe after four years of living in Australia; where I had emigrated to Queensland. Night fell and it rained. Normally, Tree Frog corner



My children and I at 'tree frog corner' in Gimaux, Camargue



The picturesque village of Biville, Normandy





Mediterranean Tree Frog, *Hyla meridionalis*, gravid female at left, male at right showing orange vocal sac.

would be a diurnal adventure, producing a few specimens gained by the eye-tiring task of searching reeds and bramble patches for the highly camouflaged frogs. On this night, however, providence smiled upon me. The rain, the temperature and season were perfect. Tree Frog corner was alive with males calling and females making their way to meet the boys. I did enjoy myself. They pose like fashion models for the camera! And they are so green!





Common Tree Frogs, *Hyla arborea*, perched in their natural habitat.

All photographs taken by

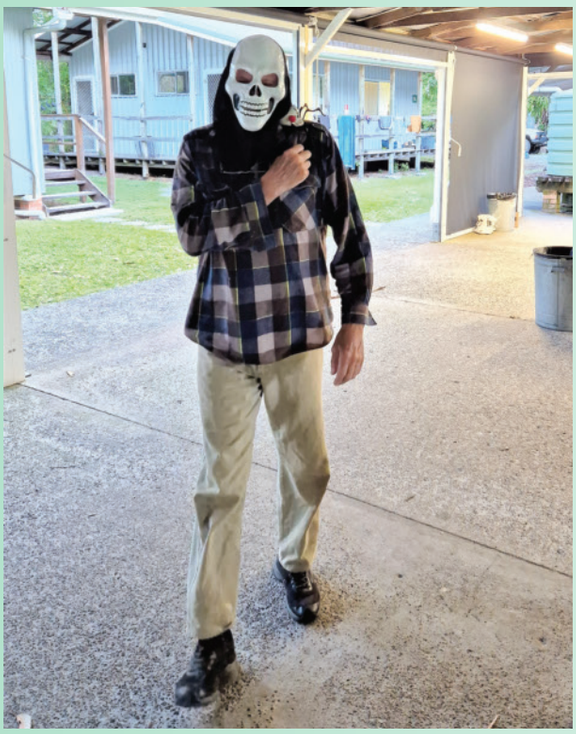
Garth Coupland

A tale of two field trips: FATS at Smiths Lake November 2025 & February 2026

Fabian Byers

Field trips to the University of New South Wales Field Station at Smiths Lake have been a highlight of the FATS experience for some decades. Two trips per spring-summer season are the norm, providing a couple of snapshots over the course of the breeding cycle. Known frog-hosting localities include the Sandbar-Cellito Road, two Wallingat National Park sites and the area around the field station itself. Other sites may also be visited depending on conditions. In addition to frogs, birds, mammals and reptiles are surveyed and duly recorded. The data then suggests comparisons between seasons, as well as within a season. The 2025–2026 season is a case in point.

The first visit was a couple of weeks earlier than average, enabling a Halloween celebration for the entertainment of the junior attendees. Weather conditions were ideal and the region verdant after record winter rains (541 mL at BOM Whoota in August), the field station itself remains unchanged, with the same minimalist but functional amenities that have set the stage for happy encounters with nature for generations. Twenty-three lucky attendees came and went between Thursday October 30 and Sunday morning, greeted by the piping calls of the endangered Wallum Froglets (*Crinia tinnula*) in the adjacent swampland.



Halloween fun begins. Fabian Byers



Crinia tinnula Aaron Payne

After the usual convivial dinner refreshing old acquaintances and making new ones, our first



Red-backed Toadlet, *Pseudophryne coriacea*, showing the dorsal surface colour and belly pattern, which varies between individuals. Fabian Byers



Crimson Foot Semislug, *Staniscarion freycineti*, a strange snail evolving towards a slug, with a reduced shell. Fabian Byers

foray was back along Horse Point Road. The Red-backed Toadlet (*Pseudophryne coriacea*) was common, providing an opportunity to marvel at the ventral tummy patterns unique to each individual. Other frogs seen or heard included the Striped Marsh Frog (*Limnodynastes peronii*) and the Common Eastern Froglet (*Crinia signifera*). As on all such occasions, we kept a lookout for any other species of interest, and were rewarded with a sighting of the Crimson Foot Semislug *Staniscarion freycineti*. Semislugs display the 'sluggification' trend in some snail families toward loss of shell, having only a small ear-shaped one that is too small to retract into.

The days provided ample time to observe diurnal activity, with Scarlet Honeyeaters (*Myzomela sanguinolenta*) being active at Cellito. Other birds spotted at various locations included the Azure Kingfisher *Ceyx azureus*,



Stephen's Banded Snake, *Hoplocephalus stephensii*
Marion Anstis



Green Catbird Marion Anstis



Variegated Fairy-Wren, *Malurus lamberti* Marion Anstis

Catbird *Ailuroedus crassirostris*, Olive-backed Oriole *Oriolus sagittatus* and White-winged Triller *Lalage tricolor*. Not that a long drive was needed for memorable bird sightings, with Marion capturing a superb image of a Variegated Fairy-wren (*Malurus lamberti*) on the track behind the field station. Nigh on thirty-four bird species were observed.

Reptiles included the Lace Monitor (*Varanus varius*) trying to raid the bins, and the Land Mullet *Bellatorias major*, one of the largest skinks. A Stevens Banded Snake (*Hoplocephalus stephensii*) was sighted ascending a gum at Twin Dams. A snouting Brush-tailed Possum *Trichosurus vulpecula* kept an eye on the dining area, while other mammals sighted included the Dusky Antechinus *Antechinus swainsonii* and a Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus* at Seal Rocks.

Flora also aroused wonder, with a late-flowering Small Grass Tree *Xanthorrhoea minor* on Horse Point Road and the giant moss *Dawsonia* in profusion at the Sugar Creek



Peron's Tree Frog pair in amplexus prior to egg-laying. Fabian Byers

Quarry. However, frogs were our main concern and the Sugar Creek Twin Dams site justified our hopes with no less than eight species in action – the loudest being the Whirring Tree Frog *Rawlinsonia revelata*, the Jervis Bay Tree Frog *Rawlinsonia jervisiensis* and loudest of all Tyler's Tree Frog *Pengilleyia tyleri*. Hundreds of frogs all in full cry made effective conversation difficult, but presented ample photo opportunities, with Marion once again capturing a superb image of *P. tyleri*. A Great Barred Frog *Mixophyes fasciolatus*, silent but conspicuous by sheer size, was an added bonus to a satisfying evening.

Overall, the November visit provided ample evidence of a breeding season in full swing, with large numbers of healthy frogs doing their best to thrive in ideal conditions.

How different then to find on our return in February almost total silence at most locations. It was a struggle to locate even the most common species, with the majority being found in sparse numbers along Horse Point Road and the adjacent swamp. These included a Striped Marsh Frog, the Wallum Rocket Frog *Litoria freycinetti* and Wallum Froglets. The Cellito Road quarry yielded scattered Red-



Tyler's Tree Frog, *Rawlinsonia tyleri* calling. Marion Anstis



Jervis Bay Tree Frog, *Rawlinsonia jervisiensis*. Fabian Byers



Great Barred Frog, *Mixophyes fasciolatus*, found on the track Fabian Byers



Carpet Python, *Morelia spilota* Fabian Byers

backed Toadlets and Tusk Frogs (*Adelotus brevis*). But that was it. The Wallingat sites were completely silent. Over the whole three nights only six species in total were found, compared with twelve species at the start of the season.

The paucity of amphibian life was somewhat compensated by the diversity usual to the region, although this had a character more predatory and carnivore than herbivore: insectivorous Yellow Robins (*Eopsaltria australis*), huge black hairy spiders … even the flies were after blood. Herbivores needed to be well-armoured against this onslaught and so the beetles dominated.

Naturally the silence on the froggy front was noted and became the topic of conversation at breakfast, lunch and dinner. Amongst the hypotheses proposed:

- Fewer people to spot frogs (there were only eight attendees). However, the number of frogs per person (0.75) turns out to be higher than in November (0.55).
- Fewer expert eyes to spot frogs. Unlikely, as Arthur was present, along with other FATS members with a lot of experience.
- Just bad timing – some nights frogs go quiet, followed by a cacophony the next night. Hard to say – multiple nights at the same site would be needed, which requires longer-term studies than ours. However, all sites visited were quiet.
- Reproductive exhaustion after a frantic start. Hard to say – but Arthur reported a double spawning of Green and Golden Bell Frogs (*Ranoidea aurea*) at the Greenacre Conservation Site (pers. com.), so double-spawning seasons seem possible.
- A dry summer. This seems possible. Only 264.6 mm fell in the area between October 2025 and February 2026, compared with 1082.6 mm the previous 2024–25 season, when 9 species were recorded in both November AND February. A similar reduced species count (Nov = 15 / Feb = 5) occurred in the 2022–23 season, with a similar rainfall pattern: record rain followed by a dry summer. [Source: BoM Whoota data].
- Natural variability due to the complex interaction of multiple variables. Sounds like a safe fall-back position, which could have some merit. Arthur made a presentation at a FATS public meeting a couple of years back on his researches at the nearby hind-dune lakes in which he reported occurrences of a number of species that could best be described as sporadic – mysteriously disappearing and reappearing for reasons that were not obvious.

So was the 2025–26 season the best of times, and the worst of times? Hard to say, though I recall Arthur's response at the end of the three nights: "*The frogs are out there*".

This record El Nino year has been relatively dry so far (849 mm of rain at Whoota up to October, the time of writing) so should we expect reduced frog activity at the start of the season? Finding out certainly makes the 2026–27 season field trips interesting. I look forward to being there again!





Sunset Frog
Spicospina flammocaerulea
© Marion Anstis

FATS Frog-O-Graphic



Above: Equal BEST WILD FROG IMAGE and PEOPLE'S CHOICE: Scarlet-sided Banjo Frog, *Limnodynastes grayi* David Flack, and Equal BEST WILD FROG IMAGE shown in centrefold, Marion Anstis

Below: Equal BEST PET FROG IMAGE **Karen Russell**



Competition WINNERS



Above: Equal BEST PET IMAGE: Green and Golden Bell Frog **Rob Burns**

Below: MOST INTERESTING IMAGE: Ruddy Tree Frog (*Colleeneremia pyrina*) in spider's web **David Flack**



The Beautiful Northern Rivers Region of NSW

Michelle Toms





Nightcap National Park entrance sign and the dense rainforest trees, vines, ferns and mossy undergrowth.

The Northern Rivers region of NSW is a beautiful part of the state. Home to fresh produce, iconic beaches, relaxed towns, and a wide variety of wildlife. The area also boasts the 'Gondwana Rainforests of Australia' UNESCO World Heritage Site, a complex subtropical rainforest system spanning 370,000 hectares across north-eastern New South Wales and south-eastern Queensland.

When visiting fellow frogger and ecology queen, Josie, who relocated to the region a few years ago, a trip to these pristine rainforests was high on my list. This truly special part of the world is one of the last remaining safe havens for some of our most unique and endangered mountain frogs.

Josie and I started our trip by packing the frogging essentials: snacks, water, head torches, and a vast array of camera lenses, flashes, and batteries. The drive from the coast, through The Channon, up to Nightcap National Park took about one and a half hours, and beware - in some sections the road is sketchy at best.

On dusk we arrived at the Terania Creek picnic area, the starting point for the Protestors Falls walking track. This is Bundjalung Country, the land of the Widjabul people who have inhabited the area for thousands of years. The

park contains many ancient and sacred sites which hold great cultural significance. Terania Creek itself is named after an indigenous word, terania meaning 'place of frogs' in the local Aboriginal language.

While this is a spot of natural beauty, it is equally a location of profound historic significance. In 1979, Terania Creek was host to a fierce anti-logging campaign to protect the precious rainforest ecosystem. After weeks of protest, and against all odds, the community was victorious. Not only was the area saved from bulldozers, but Nightcap National Park was created to protect it permanently. This landmark protest ultimately led to the cessation of all rainforest logging operations across New South Wales - a fantastic and important outcome for nature, and a saving grace for all the unique wildlife that call these rainforests home.

The target species for our trip was Fleay's Barred Frog (*Mixophyes fleayi*), a large ground frog often found amongst leaf litter on the rainforest floor, near a network of pristine streams. Other amphibians that call this place home are the Great Barred Frog (*Mixophyes fasciolatus*), Giant Barred Frog (*Mixophyes iteratus*) and the Pouched Frog (*Assa darlingtoni*) - a unique species of small ground frog, where the male carries its young in pockets on its sides, leading to its other widely used name 'Hip-pocket' Frog.

We started our walk through the subtropical rainforest of Bangalow Palms on a low boardwalk. The path provides some beautiful views of the streams as well as some informative signage along the way. As you cross the creek the terrain becomes more challenging, with a short steep section leading to Protestors Falls itself. This waterfall is impressive in scale, standing nearly 30 metres high with a substantial volume of water cascading down after any given rainfall event.

It was on the way back, once darkness fell, that the rainforest came to life. One of the first things we noticed were colonies of



Sign explaining Aboriginal heritage of this site.



The river transects the palm-filled forest.



Watch out, here we come! Michelle Toms (left) and her great buddy Josie Styles enjoying this special environment along the Protestor's Falls walking track.





The track with walkway constructed over more difficult terrain. The river continues its flow towards Protestor's Falls, in its magnificence, shown at right.



bioluminescent fungi clustered along dead logs. After a quick photo stop, we progressed along the track, coming across a large Coastal Carpet Python (*Morelia spilota mcdowelli*), whose head was just inches from my hand. It was happy to pose for a photo, but another 30 minutes on and we still hadn't seen any frogs. It wasn't until we were almost back at the car park when Josie spotted eye shine. A few metres off the track was a gorgeous male Fleay's Barred Frog, complete with brilliant yellow side and silver-crescent eye.

We returned to the car park satisfied, but soon realised the car park was the main event. There were about a dozen giant barred frogs out in the open, and directly overhead we heard the falling-bomb whistle of a Greater Sooty Owl (*Tyto tenebricosa*) - an experience you don't soon forget. This spectacular bird is a rainforest specialist, thriving in dense subtropical environments, however its appearance was still a pleasant surprise.

In the corner of the carpark next to a puddle was our last subject of the night: a juvenile Fleay's Barred Frog - living proof that successful breeding is continuing at this ancient sanctuary, thanks to the foresight and tenacity of the protestors, without whom we likely wouldn't have these species today!



Above: At last, an adult Fleay's Barred Frog, *Mixophyes fleayi* just off the track.



At right: A recently metamorphosed juvenile of Fleay's Barred Frog.



Coastal Carpet Python, *Morelia spilota mcdowelli*, found beside the walking track out at night.

All photos taken by Michelle Toms

A cluster of beautiful bright green iridescent fungi,
only visible at night (without torchlight).



Future FATS Field Trips

We usually offer field trips in warmer months where members can visit different locations to see frogs in the wild. While we mostly see frogs on field trips, they are wild animals and can be difficult to see depending on weather. When we advise field trips are running, please book your place to field trips in advance, by contacting FATS Field Trip coordinator Robert Wall on 02 9681 5308. Please see our FrogCall notices in Summer and Autumn 2027 for further details.

GREEN AND GOLDEN BELL FROG SURVEYS - Volunteers Needed!

FATS will be undertaking auditory surveys for the Green and Golden Bell Frog at Sydney Olympic Park over the summer, and have been doing so for nearly 30 years. If you are interested to volunteer and listen to nightly frog choruses starting at 8 pm for the surveys, please contact **Arthur White** at **arfawhite@gmail.com** for more details. You are very likely to see and hear a Bell Frog or two!

AUSTRALIAN REPTILE PARK ANNUAL HERP GROUPS BBQ SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER - 10am to 3pm. Annual BBQ for Australian Herpetological Societies, Somersby (near Gosford).

All Herp Society members are invited to the free entry, Australian Reptile Park annual BBQ on Saturday 10am to 3 pm, 5/12/2026. The park is delighted to welcome everyone again. RSVP sales@reptilepark.com.au by 16/11/2026 with the following details: Name and Phone number, which herp. society you are a member of, number of adults and children attending, and any dietary requirements. This BBQ is for financial members of any herp. society and does not include additional friends or family. https://www.reptilepark.com.au/plan-your-visit/whats-on https://www.reptilepark.com.au/

WATAGANS NATIONAL PARK

Saturday 30 January 2027 Time: 7.45pm The Watagans Leader Michelle Toms

This area is known for its large population of Mixophyes including the Great Barred Frog and Giant Barred Frog. These will be our target species for the night, and we are likely to see several of these super-sized beauties and their tadpoles. Tonight, we will learn about the differences between tree frogs and ground frogs, looking at adaptations that make each unique to their habitat. This is Michelle's favourite site where, in addition to frogs, we often see snakes, legless lizards, gliders, kingfishers, and an array of interesting invertebrates.

FATS SMITHS LAKE FIELD TRIPS 2027 Leaders: Karen and Arthur White.

Smiths Lake Camp Out needs no introduction to FATS members. It is our most popular fieldtrip, and there is always a rush to secure places. FATS usually holds two trips a year over a weekend, arriving Friday and leaving Sunday.

Karen and Arthur have together studied the Smiths Lake area for many years and have acquired an unsurpassed knowledge of the local area. Weekend field trips to Smiths Lake give our members the opportunity to see and hear about local animals. Arthur has previously described species and is perfectly placed to discuss the often tortuous path of introducing a new species to science.

FATS is very fortunate to have field trip leaders and others attending field trips, who can provide information about the frogs and other flora and fauna we encounter. Comfortable cabins and camping sites are available, with hot showers and flush toilets. You just need to bring your food and drinks.There is a commercial kitchen with ample refrigerator facilities. All crockery, cutlery

and kitchen utensils are supplied. A limit of 30 people applies. It is likely to cost around $25.00 per person, per night. This payment is non-refundable and covers the field station booking, charged by the University of NSW.

Note: Rain is generally ideal for frogging during our field trips. However, in the event of uncertain conditions ie. storms, hazardous rain, strong wind, bushfires, etc. please phone Robert on 02 9681 5308 (or email Michelle) to confirm the field trip is going ahead. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear enclosed shoes that can get wet (gumboots are preferable), and bring a torch, warm clothing and raincoat. Please be judicious with the use of insect repellent as frogs are sensitive to chemicals. All fieldtrips are strictly for members only.

All participants accept that there is some inherent risk associated with outdoor field trips and by attending agree to: a release of all claims, a waiver of liability, and an assumption of risk.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETINGS

FATS meets at 7pm, on the first Friday of every EVEN month at the **Education Centre, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park.**

How to get to the Education Centre, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park:

By Public Transport: It's an easy 10 minute walk from Concord West railway station and straight down Victoria Ave, then Bicentennial Park Pathway.

By car: Turn left from Bennelong Parkway onto Bicentennial Drive, then turn left into Step Up Place and park in the P10f / Badu Mangroves carpark. It's a short walk from the car park to the Education Centre, which is a single storey building with an adjacent tall tower. Both can be seen from the car park. The paths from the car park and along Bicentennial Park pathway are not well lit at night, so please bring a torch.

FATS WEBSITE NEEDS HELP!

Do you have any skills in web site design or upgrading? The FATS website is in need of a re-fresh. If you have the time and the skills we would appreciate hearing from you. Contact our President Michelle and let her know that you might be able to help. The current web site is old and does not present a very good image of FATS. Perhaps it can be improved with a few simple design changes, perhaps it needs major surgery. If you can assist, please help us out.
Thank You. Arthur White

THANK YOU to the FATS committee, general members, FrogCall supporters, talented meeting speakers, Frog-O-Graphic competition entrants, event participants and organisers. New content for our newsletter is always welcome. Special thanks to Marion Anstis who has produced our bumper, glossy, colour collector's edition of FrogCall each December, since issue 100 in 2009.

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT WE DO

The **Frog and Tadpole Study Group of New South Wales inc. is a not for profit society run by unpaid volunteers, dedicated to community awareness, advocacy and the conservation of frogs.** We are actively involved in monitoring frog populations, conducting field trips, exhibiting at community events, fairs and shows and providing talks to local community groups. We have regular public meetings, offer student research grants, and produce FrogCall newsletters and Frog Facts information sheets.

EVENTS: If you'd like to have a speaker attend an event, exhibition, or community group (eg. garden club, Probus group) please contact Kathy Potter our Exhibitions Coordinator. If you are a member and would like to assist with talks and events please also reach out to Kathy (0403 919 668).

MEETINGS: Our public meetings are informative, informal, topical, practical and free. They are held on the first Friday of every even month (February, April, June, August, October and December). If the meeting falls on a public holiday (eg. Good Friday), the meeting date will move. Please check our website and your emails for notices. Visitors always welcome.

FACEBOOK: Our Facebook group has over 8,000 members and visitors, with both local and international enquiries and posts. Posts vary from frog species identification, husbandry, frog health, pets, gardens, wild frogs, ponds, research, new discoveries, jokes, cartoons, events, and habitats from all over the world. The Facebook group includes dozens of useful information files. Keep scrolling to see them all. You are welcome to join us at: **https://www.facebook.com/groups/FATSNSW/**

FROGWATCH, VOLUNTEER RUN, HELPLINE: We operate a volunteer run FrogWatch helpline on 0419 249 728. It may take us some time to respond so please be patient. For frog rescues, contact WIRES 1300 094 737, your state's frog rescue groups or wildlife rehabilitation licence holders.

MEMBERSHIPS: Please encourage your friends to become a member or donate. Memberships are $20 for students, $30 single and $40 family, annually. Please be patient, it may take some time for us to confirm memberships. Visit our website if you'd like to get involved. **https://www.fats.org.au/membership-form**

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