



Dear Members,

Over the next few months I will be trialling a regular update to provide more up-to-date information on what we are up to, as well as events you might like to attend. As this is a trial I encourage feedback on whether you think this is useful, too much or too little and would appreciate you letting me know what else you would like in these updates (mindful of our very limited resources.)

Thankyou for your donations

On behalf of the Foundation I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has made donations to keep this office running (and me in a job!) as we set up our new projects. Your generosity has been incredible and your support encouraging. We are also looking for a very generous member who might have a printer they no longer use and would be willing to donate to the office. We are currently trying to work with a very old one-sided printer that will only work when it wants to and never when we need it to. If you have a double sided printer or a scanner that you don't need anymore the Executive Officer and I would be thrilled to take it off your hands. While it can be entertaining to see the old printer suddenly spring to life and print out all the documents we had been trying to print days before hand, it's a waste of paper and time.

Upcoming Events

Environment Exchange – Biodiversity offsets

The Conservation Council we be hosting this month's Environment Exchange on the 28ths of April from 12-2pm at the Alan Barton Forum, ANU College of Business & Economics, Kingsley St, Acton ([see map here](#)).

Biodiversity offsets remain a contentious practice in the ACT, with the 2015 State of the Environment Report confirming offsets are not yet demonstrating any gain for biodiversity, or ensuring no net loss. The ACT Government's offset policy framework released in 2015 seeks to address some issues. Join us to discuss the state of offset policy and what can be done about it. Are Governance arrangements up to date? When will we be able to see net biodiversity gains?

[Book now so we can cater for you](#) - lunch is free, but donations are welcome!

Canberra Transition Town

The next Canberra Transition Town event will be on the 18th of April at 5.30pm in the Allan Barton Forum. Please bring along food to share, along with your projects, activities and ideas.

May Speaker Event

Unfortunately our speaker for the FFF May Speaker event has had to postpone her talk. We are looking into finding another guest speaker and when this is finalised I will announce the details of the event. If there is a topic or a person you would like me to organise a talk around in the future please contact me and I will try to facilitate it.

World Environment Day Dinner

The Conservation Council of ACT and Region is hosting their World Environment Day Dinner again this year, and FFF members are invited to attend.

When: 7pm Saturday 4 June

Where: National Arboretum

What: A three course meal plus champagne and canepes to start.

[Book now](#). Early bird tickets till Friday 29 April are \$95 (includes table wine). Then \$125 after the 29th.

When you book, use Frank Fenner Foundation as table name, and also let me know on office@fennerfoundation.org.au so I can book more tables if need be.

Nature and Society - the Journal of Frank Fenner Foundation

We are expecting to publish the next edition of the journal in early May. As a member you have an open invitation to contribute and we encourage you to do so!

Board Meeting Minutes

Following a request by some members to access the decisions of the Board, a summary of relevant notes for members will be made available shortly after each meeting on the website. Please follow [this link to access them](#).

Biosensitive Futures Survey

Stephen Boyden, our patron, has asked us to set up a survey into peoples understanding of biosensitivity. If you could take the time to complete it, the materials can be [found here](#).

All the best,
Samara Constable