

Finding frogs, orchids and rock wallabies in the Clare Valley

To celebrate International Year of the Frog and to mark National Threatened Species Day on Sunday 7th September, the community are invited to attend a free presentation in the Clare Valley.

Audiences will have the chance to discover some of the more elusive and threatened plant and animal species of the Clare Valley and Mid North area.

The Biodiversity and Endangered Species Team (BEST) have invited Dr Mike Tyler, a leading expert on frogs, to speak about his work with Australia's fascinating frog species. He will be talking about all things frogs – where they live, the important roles they play in the environment and what the local community can do to help conserve them.

Dr Tyler, from the University of Adelaide, will be joined by Dr Topa Petit from the University of South Australia and Dr Mark Lethbridge from Flinders University.

Dr Petit will introduce us to a few of the threatened native orchid species to be discovered in the Northern Lofty region and delve into the mysteries of these intricate and delicate plants.

Dr Lethbridge will share his detailed insights and knowledge of the mysterious and often unseen but slowly growing populations of the threatened yellow footed rock wallaby and share tales of hidden places in South Australia where rock wallabies still roam.

BEST will be hosting this annual free public event in the Barbara J Long function hall (adjacent to the Clare Town Hall) at 2.30pm.

BEST is a Friends of Parks community group whose members volunteer to help protect threatened species in the Northern and Yorke region.

This free event is supported by Envirofund, the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Board and the South Australian Department for Environment and Heritage.

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