



# Western Cape Field Guides Association of South Africa, Bi-Annual Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019

8:00 AM – 14:00 PM

Groot Drakenstein Games Club  
R45, Simondium, Western Cape, 7680

## DRIVERS OF FYNBOS PROGRAMME

*Families welcome!*

8:30 Tea and Coffee

Come early for some tea, coffee, and enjoy the beautiful morning sun on the cricket grounds!

9:00 Welcome and introductions

Mark Heistein *Welcome and introductions*

Michelle Du Plessis *Latest FGASA News*

9:30 Patrick Shone

Conservation Manager at Cape Nature

Topic: *Fires and its effects on fynbos and tourism within Cape Nature*

10:15 Tea & P

10:30 Jenny Cullinan

A bee conservationist and artist, she has joined us all the way from the karoo!

Topic: *Bee Conservation: The untold story*

11:15 John Rogers

Lecturer, researcher, and Geology enthusiast!

Topic: *Geology in the Fairest Cape*

**His book GEOLOGICAL ADVENTURES IN THE FAIREST CAPE: UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF ITS SCENERY will be available to buy for R 350.00. Cash only.**

12:00 Certificates

Graduates of the FGASA & Life Skills Course

Michelle Du Plessis

Summary of the Course Wendy Mhlauli

12:45 Lunch and mingle

On the menu: Delicious Soup, traditional Poojike (vegetable and chicken), and a surprise pudding!



**Whose footprints do you see?**

Photo taken at the back of the Berg River Dam,  
Franschhoek

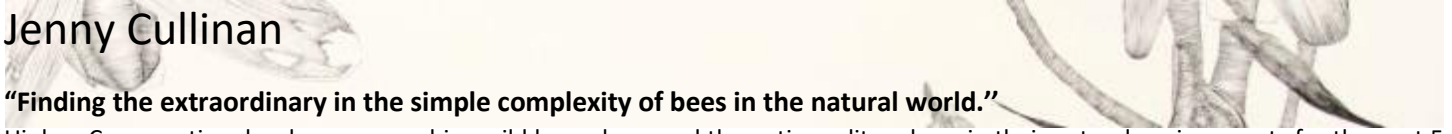
## SPEAKERS

### Patrick Shone



Worked for Capenature for 23 years and been a Conservation Manager at Cape Nature since 2003 and ongoing. He specializes in Fire management and alien vegetation management in addition to his normal duties as a conservation/reserve manager. He enjoys the outdoors and has an interest in technology and the implementation there of in the environmental sector.

### Jenny Cullinan



**“Finding the extraordinary in the simple complexity of bees in the natural world.”**

Ujubee Conservation, has been researching wild honeybees and the native solitary bees in their natural environments for the past 5 years. Based mostly in Cape Point Nature Reserve, Ujubee and its extension, COMB (Caretakers of Mellifera Bees) endeavour to learn from all species of bees in the wild and what they need to be healthy. Often when one thinks of bees, it is about hives and honey. But this is an agricultural perspective. The true wonderment of bees is their wildness and their interconnectedness to their ecology; their choice of natural nesting sites; their use of plant resins for propolis walls and for their nest hygiene; their interaction with all other creatures and with the richness and variety of the fynbos flora.

### John Rogers



John grew up on Jurassic limestones in England and later cycled to school in Northern Ireland over ice-streamlined hills (Pleistocene drumlins), emigrating, as a teenager, to matriculate in the Free State, where the Highveld is underlain by Triassic sandstones and mudstones.

After a year in the South African Navy, he won a scholarship to study geology at the University of Cape Town and to board UCT's research vessel to carry out MSc and PhD research on marine sediments on the Agulhas bank and off Namaqualand and Namibia.

He has worked for the Council of Geoscience within an ambitious programme, through boreholes, to determine the sedimentary history from Cape Town northward to Lambert's Bay, after which he returned to University of Cape Town to undertake deep-sea research on manganese nodules off South Africa. In 2009 he retired, but is still keeping very busy with his wife, two children (both rural doctors in South Africa), and 4 grandchildren.

He also writes, gives talks, and serves on the GeoHeritage subcommittee, Western Cape Branch of the Geological Society of South Africa. He was a founding member of the branch. The 800 copies of his book, released a year ago are fast selling out and a third print-run is now being discussed.

## INTERESTING BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE

**How to get there... (From CT)** Follow the N1 to R44, take exit 47 from N1, Follow Klapmuts - Simondium Rd to R45, drive about 15 km. On your right you will see a sign for Groot Drakenstein Games Club, turn in and follow the road to the club house.

