



# HISTORY WEST

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## Community Talk



Naturalist Club excursion, by Joy Lyon, c1950. ACC 6052aA/4.1 SLWA



## *Instilling a love of nature* The Western Australian Naturalists' Club Sue Graham-Taylor



Emily Pelloe, early member of WANC – image of Christmas Tree (Nuytsia Floribunda in Wildflowers of WA, 1921)

Before the Club's establishment in 1924 a founder, Domenic Serventy, wrote:

*the only sure and completely satisfactory method of ensuring the preservation of our wildlife is to instil into the people themselves a sense of responsibility for their protection ...The most sound way is to inculcate into the children a love and knowledge of wild nature in their impressionable age.*

The Naturalists' Club evolved from earlier nature-based organisations but one distinguishing feature was its commitment to educating children. The methods used varied over time and depended to some extent on those Senior Club members who took on leadership roles. Ludwig Glauert, Vincent Serventy and Harry Butler were three well known personalities in the early days of the Club.

The 1962 purchase of a Congregational Hall in Merriwa Street, Nedlands, saw huge growth in numbers of Junior Naturalists. It held demonstrations and other social activities, including preparations for the annual Town Hall Wild Life Shows.

Sue will talk about her work in progress on her centennial history – maybe you have memories or photographs that can be shared? We would love to hear from you.

**Dr Sue Graham-Taylor AM** is a professional historian, previously Curator History at the WA Museum. Sue has an ongoing interest in the environment, being involved with the Conservation Council and regularly volunteering with the Swan Estuary Reserve Action Group.

**Thursday 28 August, 10 for 10.30 - 11.30am**  
**109 Stirling Hwy, Nedlands**

Cost \$15 Bookings essential  
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