

Frogs, drones & app: Science Week 2016

Frogs, films, drones, and a new app to feature in Science Week 2016

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NatureMapr: Software developer Aaron Clausen with his new data collecting app, to be used by Atlas of Life in the Coastal Wilderness and launched on Saturday August 13 at the Tura Marrang Library for Science Week 2016.

The Sapphire Coast Regional Hub is presenting Science Week 2016 from Saturday August 13 to Sunday August 21, with a number of fascinating activities for the Merimbula area.

Science Week 2016 is hosted by Atlas of Life in the Coastal Wilderness – an online database for local species' documentation - and will officially kick off at the Tura Marrang Library at 11am on Saturday August 13.

The event will include a tropical fish presentation by Luke Brown, and introduce the community to the life's work of Emmy award winning marine cinematographer David Hannan, who is donating his library to the South Coast community for philanthropic use.

Atlas of Life director Libby Hepburn said the library's event will also launch a new app for recording wildlife sightings into the Atlas.

"We will help people download the new app, and take it on a tour of the Tura Beach Flora Reserve as a training session," Ms Hepburn said.

The new NatureMapr app was designed by award winning software entrepreneur Aaron Clausen, who said it provided a “citizen science platform” for everyone to collect important environmental information.

Once the app is downloaded, it can be used throughout Science Week, such as the frog watch at Panboola Wetlands on Tuesday August 16.

Also on offer is a drone and quadcopter demonstration on Saturday August 20, a Best of Scinema film event at Pambula Merimbula Golf Club on Monday August 15, and an RSPCA trivia night at Club Sapphire on Friday August 19.

For info: www.atlasoflife.org.au/sapphire-coast-science-festival-2016/