

SYDNEY SHELLER

Newsletter of the Shell Club of Sydney
NSW Branch, The Malacological Society of Australasia Limited ACN 067 894 848

No 4th Saturday meeting this month:

Instead, all members should attend our final two preparation meetings for the National.

18th February 2006

4th March 2006

In the main Bistro 2pm

Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club
117 Ryedale Rd, West Ryde, Sydney



Maureen getting to potential shell sites the easy way. Roebuck Bay, Broome, WA

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A display of *Cypraea eronnes azure* that Maureen saw while in WA

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Our members are too busy with show preparations to write many articles at the moment. Therefore this is only a small pre-national shell show issue of the Sheller.

Shell Club of Sydney Mission Statement:

To appreciate, understand and preserve shells and their environment and to share this with others.

Some of the topics inside:

➤ Long Bay Part 4 (Cover photo)

➤ Maureen's WA trip

➤ National Shell Show Update





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Long Bay Species, continued – Part 4

As typical pictures of each observed species are obtained, more of the list is then published. However most pictures are not of the actual specimens from Long Bay. (If actual specimens are use the name underneath will be in blue)

Families that are well known, such as Cypraeidae will simply be listed without pictures.

The article detailing the 12-month study, and the commencement of this list are in the April-May Issue 2005

Nassariidae



Nassarius glans particeps
Hedley, 1915



Nassarius gaudiosius
(Hinds, 1844)



Nassarius nigellus
(Reeve, 1854)



Nassarius pauperus
(Gould, 1850)



Nassarius jonasii
(Dunker, 1846)



Nassarius burchardi
(Dunker in Philippi, 1849)

Olivellidae



Belloliva exquisite
(Angas, 1871)



Cupidoliva nympa
(A. Adams & Angas, 1864)



Belloliva leucozona
(A. Adams & Angas, 1864)

Conidae



Fig. 1

Conus anemone
Lamarck, 1810



Fig. 2

Conus papilliferus
Sowerby, 1834



Fig. 2

Conus aplustre
Reeve, 1843



Fig. 2

Conus rutilis
Menke, 1843



Conus ebraeus
Linnaeus, 1758



Fig. 1

Conus coronatus
Gmelin, 1791



Fig. 1

Conus musicus
Hwass in Bruguiere, 1792



Conus sponsalis
Hwass in Bruguiere, 1792

Turridae



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Austrodrillia angasi
(Crosse, 1863)



Austrodrillia beraudiana
(Crosse, 1863)



Marita compta
(A. Adams & Angas, 1864)



Mitraguraleus mitralis
(A. Adams & Angas, 1864)



Eugurales jacksonensis
(Angas, 1877)



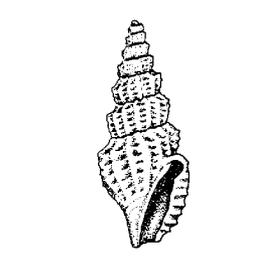
Asperdaphne verstvestita
(Hedley, 1912)



Etrema bicolor
(Angas, 1871)



Heterocithara bilineata
(Angas, 1871)



Turella letourneauxiana
(Crosse & Fischer, 1865)



Guraleus pictus
(A. Adams & Angas, 1864)

Marginellidae



Austroginella johnstoni
Author, 9999



Austroginella muscaria
(Angas, 1871)



Mesoginella translucida
(Sowerby, 1846)



Mesoginella turbinata
(Sowerby, 1846)



Serrata musteline
(Angas, 1871)

Buccinidae



Alaginella ochracea
(Angas, 1871)



Engina australis
Reeve, 1872



Cominella eburne filacea
(Crosse & Fischer, 1864)

Mitridae

Acteonidae

Hydatinidae



Mitra glabra
Swainson, 1832



Mitra badia
Reeve, 1845



Pupa nivea
(Angas, 1871)



Hydatina physis
(Linnaeus, 1788)



Aplustrum aplustre
Linnaeus, 1758

Maureen's WA shelling and sight seeing trip.

Maureen Anderson

(Broome, Eighty Mile Beach, Spit Point, Margaret River, Indian Pacific)

Noel & I flew to Broome where we stayed at Cable Beach Resort for 5 days. Broome is a thriving, fascinating outback town. There were four-wheel vehicles driving up and down the beach, so not much shelling was done; the beach was very barren.

The first night there, we were with a friend of Noel's and all three of us sipped Champagne while watching a special sunset called "staircase to the moon" – A fascinating site.

The second night back on the beach for the sunset we had a barbecue with Thread Fin Salmon. The best salmon we had ever tasted.

While we were having lunch at our Resort we saw a camel with a young rider walking down the side of the road.

Another day we decided to go on a hovercraft adventure. We whizzed around the sand flats across Roebuck Bay.



On the other side we were shown dinosaur footprint fossils, which once would have been the forest floor.



On board again we were taken to a muddy sandbar in the middle of the bay. To our surprise we were told to disembark for a sunset supper. Shoes off, then out came two tables, white table cloths, platters of nibbles, savouries and small sandwiches, which were served with juice, wine and of course champagne. I couldn't believe I was standing on the ocean floor having a beautiful supper. This was the first of three special experiences of our trip.

We rented a four-wheel drive to take us South for the next two legs of our trip. We stayed at the Eighty Mile beach caravan park for 2 days in an air-



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conditioned beachfront 2-bedroom unit. There were so many shells and the beach stretched as far as the eye could see. Rows and rows of shells along different tide lines. Noel even found a live murex. The tide went so far out that you could not see any water at all. We drove along the beach and every so often we got out and collected, and then went further along. We did this for most of the day, but it was extremely hot. I couldn't get over the numbers of sponge baskets that was washed up on the beach. They were all intact, but they had to be cleaned and transported home.

We left Eighty Mile beach and headed down the highway to meet up with Merv Cooper and others to go on a Shell Safari at an isolated beach 70km off the highway. Getting to the beach we got a flat tyre and Merv got his trailer bogged. One of our group, Nick, changed our tyre. Even at the beach it was extremely hot. On this first afternoon our tents were put up and Paula handed out the sheets, pillows, sleeping bags and air mattresses. Our four-wheel drive was parked next to our tent.

The main tent was a gazebo, where meals were prepared. There were folding chars and tables where we ate and sat out of the sun. There were eight of us and everyone was very friendly. There was plenty of food and drinks. Always a cuppa on hand or a nice cool drink.



Once we were settled the first thing I thought of was shell grit for Sandra. I gathered a small bag that looked very interesting material. I even noticed some small Dentaliums in the grit.

We all had a lovely dinner and sat around talking. Merv told us we would be up at 4am. (All to do with the tides). At 4am I rolled out of bed with hat on head, wind cheater, shorts and reef shoes. I thought if everyone else can do it so can I.

Merv had his quad bike ready with a trailer hitched on the back. He told us to sit evenly around the edge of the trailer to balance the load of six people. I hung on very tight as it was a bit bumpy on the beach. Unfortunately there were no mud flaps on the quad bike, so everyone got sprayed with wet sand and mud. With one hand I pulled my hat down over my face to reduce the mud spray. When we stopped I looked at myself and I was completely covered in sandy mud. I decided not to bother wiping everything off. The worst that could happen would be that I would ditch my hat and jacket.

It was just a bout sunrise and Merv pointed to walk straight out in front. Not many live shells were collected. Breakfast back at the tent was cereal, bacon and eggs with tea or coffee.

By this time the sand and mud had dried and could be easily brushed off. My hat and jacket came up clean, amazing!

During the day on the beach we collected dead *Voluta ellioti*, *Voluta damonii*, *Voluta grayi* and *Voluta jamrachi*. Merv got us to collect crazy crabs for him to sell at his shop. In the evening Merv was doing sponge runs with his trailer, collecting the sponges that wash up.

Early the next morning Merv took us to the other end of the beach to try there. Merv found live *Voluta ellioti* but only kept four as the rest were juvenile.

Nick caught a 4ft Bronze Whaler Shark while fishing on the beach. I saw 2 sea snakes on the high tide line. There was never a dull moment. Three of Merv's friends called in and gave us three fresh large mud crabs, which were cooked up and eaten. Delicious! After we ate that there was pan cooked chops and salad.



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The following morning it was time to pack up and leave. The Shell Safari was the second special experience of our trip and I am glad to have had the opportunity. Having said goodbye to everyone, we drove back to Broome and then flew to Perth.

We stayed 5 days in Perth at Fremantle overlooking the Swan. Friends drove us around to see all the sights, and what a lovely city. We cruised the Swan to a winery.

Our friends lent us their car and we went down to Margaret River for a few days. Once there we visited Peter & Kath Ignoti's Shell collection. They made us feel so welcome. Their collection is a beautiful and unique display. Noel and I were amazed by the size of the collection and the quality of the shells. Their cabinets were beautifully carved with shell motifs of Nautilus and Haliotis.



In their family room they had a salt-water tank with live coral growing and live molluscs.





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The animals themselves were striking in colour and form. There was also one grey fish that peeped out of a hole in a rock. I sat there for two afternoons drinking tea with biscuits just watching them. We had a great time. Thanks Peter and Kath for having us in your lovely home. Before we left I brought some Zoilas from Peter, which will go into my cabinet.

After returning to Perth we caught the Indian Pacific home. Well what a train there were 25 carriages plus another two to carry passengers' cars. Our sleeping compartment became a lounge by day and had an ensuite. The train had a main lounge so you could talk to other passengers. The main lounge had a bar for a drink or for tea and coffee. The food was fresh, well prepared and delicious.



The train stopped at major towns for sightseeing. It stopped at Kalgoorlie at 10.30pm where coaches were waiting to take us up to the gold mines, which were flood lit.

We crossed the Nullarbor, which we had never done before. At Adelaide there was another optional tour of the city, and also at Broken Hill.

Passengers asking us about our holiday were of course shown shells. One such passenger was very interested, and arranged to come to our house for lunch and see my collection when in Sydney a few days later.

He was most impressed. He was a very polite, easy to talk to, young man, excellent company and good fun. It was a pleasure to have him in our home. It turned out he was David Templeman, a Member of Parliament in WA. His visit was our number three special experience. We enjoyed our holiday very much.

Sixth National Shell Show Update.

Steve Dean

Over the last two weeks we have had a flood of last minute registrations. Many collectors hold off until they make final decisions about which categories they are competing in.

We had been concerned about dealer numbers with the Paris Shell Show only five days after ours. We are please to advise the dealers have come through for Australia. We have all the old regulars, except for a South African dealer and a Singapore dealer who have ceased trading. However we have gained a couple of other dealers who have never been to Australian shows before.

All the hard preparation is complete, so we are set for a great show.

Some shell collectors have phoned asking if they can still register after the close off date. We have booked an additional auditorium adjacent to the main rooms. This has given us a lot more space so no matter how many categories you decide to go in, or how late you register, we should be able to accommodate you. If possible send registrations and money, including the full amount for the dinner before hand, to speed up the check in process for all. (Many Internationals are having to pay on the day to avoid stiff funds transfer fees and exchange rates, but for Australians cheque or money order payment pre-show would be appreciated).

We are very lite on for entries in the junior categories, so if you have juniors in your club who cannot come, bring their exhibits for them. Hopefully you will then be taking trophies back for them.

Collectors have been asking for copies of the flyer we have sent out to the public, so they can convince their friends to come along for a look. Enclosed are a few of these flyers.