



54th Australian Entomological Society conference was a great success!

The recent 54th Australian Entomological Society conference held in Albany, WA was a great success. Western Australia would like to thank the incredible local WA organising committee of **Melinda Moir** (DPIRD), **Laura Fagan** (DPIRD) and **Nik Tatarnc** (WA Museum), with local PCO **Ruth Speldewinde** (Albany) and technical wizard **Tristan Claridge** (Indooroopilly, QLD), for their tireless commitment in pulling the event together. An enormous thank you is also extended to the permanent AES organising committee **Philip Weinstein** (Adelaide Uni), **Murray Fletcher** (Retired NSW, DPI) and **Patricia Slattery** (Flinders Uni). Combined, their efforts created a fun and vibrant event full of diverse information from around the country.

Some of the highlights included; a welcome address given by **Steve Hopper** (UWA) on his research and commitment to Albany, particularly in working with local aboriginal people to gain a deeper understanding of the ecological aspects of the region, a key note talk on the role of biosecurity in protecting Australia's borders by **Sonya Broughton** (DPIRD), a plenary talk by **Bill Humphreys** (WA Museum) on his life's work with stygofauna, a plenary focused primarily on Australian moths by **Cathy Byrne** (Tas Mus.), and the amazing hospitality of the *Friends of the Porongurups*, particularly organiser **Loxley Fedec**, who put on an afternoon tea and information presentation at the Twin Creeks Nature Reserve as a part of the conference field trip.



Field trip afternoon tea with **Loxley Fedec** presenting on invertebrate discoveries at the Twin Creeks Nature Reserve. Photo: **Pia Scanlon**.