

INVITATION TO ATTEND A TALK BY JOHN FEEHAN ON 'DUNG BEETLES: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE'

The Toowoomba Field Naturalist Club invites your members to attend a talk by John Feehan on 'Dung Beetles: Past, Present and Future' to be held at St Anthony's Hall, 3 Memory Street, Harristown Toowoomba, at 7.00 pm on Friday 3rd July, 2026. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by email to the secretary, toowoombafieldnaturalists@gmail.com.

Speaker: John Feehan

Title: Dung Beetles: Past, Present and Future

Biography

John Feehan is an entomologist who worked on the CSIRO dung beetle program for 28 years from 1965. He then set up a company, SOILCAM Pty Ltd in 1993, to enable the harvesting and re-distribution of different dung beetle species according to their climatic and geographic limits in Australia, using CLIMEX, the climate-matching program.

In the past 25 years, John has travelled the continent attending farm field days, museums, land care events, water catchment conferences and schools promoting the environmental and soil fertility benefits dung beetles produce in Australia. During the course of his career, he has given presentations about dung beetles at international conferences and meetings in many other countries.

In 1997, John was awarded an Order of Australia medal (OAM) by Governor-General Sir William Dean for his contribution to Australian agriculture.

Through his harvesting and redistribution of dung beetles, as well as his public relations activities, John has almost single-handedly maintained the high profile of the benefits of dung beetles in the Australian landscape."

He maintains an informative website about dung beetles which attracts worldwide interest: www.dungbeetleexpert.com.au.

