

2015 Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Annual Report

During 2015 the club held 11 meetings with an average attendance of 30. The committee has met six times since the last AGM with an average attendance of 7.5.

Feb. Chris Spencer and Karen Richards: Mienna jewel beetle

March AGM. Kevin Bonham: Bristletails

April Peter McQuillan: Moths

May Clare Hawkins: The Fossa (Madagascar)

June Scott Carver: Wombats and sarcoptic mange

July Gustaf Hallegraaf : Harmful ocean blooms

Aug. Gretta Pecl — The citizen scientist program Redmap and climate change

Sept. Elise Dewar: Species identification of mammal scats

Oct. Karen Richards — The Life History of *Catadromus lacordairei* (the green-lined ground beetle) in Tasmania

Nov. Natalie Tapson - Macquarie Island cushion plant

Dec. Members night

Thanks again to Amanda Thomson for her excellent work in lining up our program. Monthly outings were held to Lake Ada, Calverts Beach, Clifton Beach, Mt Misery (twice), Wingara Gully, Cape Contrariety, Boronia Hill, Coningham, Peter Murrell Reserve and The Thumbs near Orford.

Notable club events during the year included the release of the club t-shirts in two colours. Thanks to Janet Fenton, Anna McEldowney, Amanda Thomson and Abbey Throssell for their work on this project. Genevieve Gates has launched a club Facebook site which proved an instant success and now has around 450 members. Both club members and members of the general public post images of wildlife including requests for identification, and the site is a great venue for raising the profile of what the club does and attracting more younger members. At the time of writing the club is preparing for its Easter camp, which is held every second year.

During the year the club lost a precious link to its past and a much-loved friend with the passing of Marjorie Wall, a Life Member and a member for 69 years.

There has been a large turnover in the expected committee membership and in some other roles for 2016. I wish to especially thank Mark Wapstra who has retired as editor of the *Tasmanian Naturalist* after a decade in this challenging and time-consuming role. Mark has consistently produced a fantastic publication of which the club can be very proud, and has continued to push it to greater heights. I also thank outgoing committee members Anke Frank, Elizabeth Bicevskis and Greg Heap, as well as Beth Heap who served on the committee for part of the year. I thank Greg for his work as website manager, and for his efforts in training committee members to perform basic updates on the site. I also thank Genevieve for her work in the demanding position of Secretary.

- Kevin Bonham (President) based on notes by Genevieve Gates (Secretary)