

Treasurer's Report for Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc.

for the year ending 31 December 2015

At 31 December 2015 the Club had a membership of 125 comprising:
37 family memberships, 3 life memberships and 85 ordinary, institutional and concession members.

During 2015 we welcomed 23 new members (as ordinary and family memberships) possibly due to the effect of the new Facebook page.

The Club continues to provide complimentary or exchange copies of *The Tasmanian Naturalist* to 21 libraries or Field Naturalist Clubs within Australia and overseas. Sixteen organisations, museums, libraries and individuals subscribe to *The Tasmanian Naturalist* including 5 from overseas.

In 2015 the Club and authors had sold the last of the Fungi books by May 2015 resulting in a greatly reduced return from book sales for 2015. While the Club continues to sell *Seashells of Tasmania* Blackgum Distribution Services handles the sales to booksellers of our other four titles and sales have again been slow but steady in 2015. We finalised our 50% income sharing arrangement with the authors of the Fungi book and continue with the same arrangement for Simon Grove's Seashell book with no payment during 2015 as Simon took on a new box of books to sell privately resulting in an adjustment of return. Following advice from Simon about recent sales a payment can now be made for sales to the 31 December 2015.

The Club has continued the practice of presenting guest speakers from outside the Club with a copy of *A Century Afield* as a gesture of appreciation.

At 31 December 2015 our records show the Club held in stock: *Seashells of Tasmania* (335 copies), *Between Tasmanian Tidelines* (480 copies), *Jewel Beetles of Tasmania* (1 copy), *Butterflies of Tasmania* (160 copies) and *A Century Afield* (375 copies). Book stocks are held by Janet Fenton, Michael Driessen, Simon Grove and Anna McEldowney and by Blackgum Distribution Services. A complete audit of Club book stocks held by various members is under way.

The apparent increase in printing of *The Tasmanian Naturalist* occurred as the cost of the 2014 edition went in to the 2015 accounting year. Postage continues to be the Club's greatest ongoing expense and it is expected that venue hire will return to normal levels for 2016 as the University accounting system catches up with our bookings. We have also been able to support organisations such as the Tasmanian Land Conservancy with donations towards acquisition of land of significant conservation value. The colour format for the *Naturalist* for 2015 was again offset by a generous contribution of \$500 from FPA and our thanks go to Mark Wapstra for obtaining this financial support for another outstanding publication. We have also received a couple of donations from our members – Priscilla Park continues to be a great supporter of the Club, and Roberta Poynter and family have made a generous donation in memory of their friend and Club member Marjorie Wall. The committee will be making a decision on how best to utilise these donations. The committee was also able to finally organise the Club t-shirt late in 2015 and our thanks to Janet Fenton for the design work.

As can be seen from the financial statement the Club had a net surplus of \$2391.51 for 2015 to give an end of year balance of \$52,341.96

Anna McEldowney
Treasurer
Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc
3 March 2015