

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2017 AGM

2016 has been another good year for the Tasmanian Field Naturalists. Our membership totals and we were pleased to announce the appointment of three new life members, Priscilla Park, Don Hird and David Ratkowsky.

Sadly we lost three dedicated long serving members, Julia Scott, Marjorie Wall and Gilbert van Munster.

The first edition of Genevieve Gates and David Ratkowsky's very successful fungi book 'A Field Guide to Tasmanian Fungi' sold out quickly and therefore the club funded a new revised edition which was launched in October.

As always we had a varied selection of excellent speakers throughout the year, and these were:

February: James Wood – Tough Nuts to Crack about seed germination and difficult families.

March: President's Address - Kevin Bonham 'Extinction rediscoveries'

April: Kristi Ellingsen - Evolution of 'Insects of Tasmania website'

May: Chris Burridge - Isolation and Contact in Australian Little Penguins

June: David Bowman - Fire

July: Gintaras Kantvilas – The wonderful world of Lichens

August: Matt Taylor - Community Based Wildlife Monitoring

September: Jodi Fox - Herd & McDonald Island Volcanism

October: Sue Robinson - Big Green Island Rat Eradication

November: Alastair Richardson - The Forgotten Strandline

December: Members Night

The weather was mostly favourable for our monthly excursions with between 7 and 14 members attending however we had a huge turnout of 21 people for the orchid excursion in October

February: Marion Bay

March 11-14: FFNCT Camp Gowrie Park, Mt Roland

Easter: Camp postponed to 2017.

March: Waterfall Bay, Clemes Peak (7)

April: Lake Skinner, Huon Valley

May: Dave Burrows Walk (13)

June: Black Hills, Platform Peak (12)

July: Lichen Hill, not far from Eaglehawk neck, Tasman Peninsula (10)

August: Calvert's Lagoon (9)

September: Lime Bay State Reserve (7)

October: Noah's Saddle, Pottery Road (21)

November: Fortescue Bay

December: Christmas BBQ National Park, Mt Field

During the year our Librarian Annabel Carle has reorganised and catalogued our library. The catalogue is now available to members on our website. A large number of club documents and photographs were deposited with the Archives of Tasmania (AOT) for safekeeping. These add to the already considerable TFNC records held by AOT.