

2018 Committee

Tas Field Naturalists Committee elected at 1 March 2018 at the AGM

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Margaret Williams

Secretary's Report presented at the 2018 AGM

2017 has been another successful year for the club.

As always we had a varied selection of excellent speakers throughout the year, the average attendance at meetings was 30 members and guests.

February 2 nd	Luna van der Loos – Seaweeds, Life in a Changing Ocean (38)
March 2 nd	AGM – President's Address – Kevin Bonham <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why Does a Garden Snail Have Four Names (33)
April 6 th	Els Wakefield – History and People of Madagascar (34)
May 4 th	Mick Brown – Conservation Issues for Birds (39)
June 1 st	Peter Last – Global Compendium of the World's Rays (24)
July 6 th	Natalie Tapson – NZ Bird, The Kakapo (30)
August 3 rd	Max Moller – Documentary Film Making (35)
September 7 th	Peter Jarman – Peter Murrell Reserve, 20 Years of Learning (27)
October 5 th	Magali Wright – Biosecurity Issues (15)*
November 2 nd	James Wood – Experiences with Tasmanian Flora (32)

December 7th Members' Night (31)

* Attendance (Note, October 5th was a very cold, wet night hence the low attendance)

The weather was mostly favourable for our monthly excursions and we had good attendances all round. In April we combined our Easter Camp with the Federation Weekend. Some members from the northern clubs joined us and in all 34 adults and 6 children braved the cold at Ben Lomond for a highly successful and enjoyable weekend.

In September some of the Friends of Peter Murrell Reserve took us on a tour of the reserve and were delighted when our eagle eyed members spotted two plants which were not on their extensive species list for the area – *Carpobrotus rossii* (Native Pigface) and *Lissanthe stringosa* (Peachberry Heath)

In October Magali Wright spoke to members about biosecurity and gave the club a disinfecting kit. We put this to good use cleaning our boots before exploring David Graham's property at Mount Rumney.

In November 16 members enjoyed a weekend at The Steppes and were able to help James Wood in his search for the rare plant *Cordamine tryssa* and proved that it was not extinct, while Annabel showed that not all dandelions are weeds.

I wish to pay particular thanks to Annabel Carle for all the work she has done throughout the year. Not only sorting out and cataloguing the library but also arranging for all the issues of The Naturalist to be placed on the website of the Biodiversity Heritage Library where they will be available to the general public. Not content with that, she sorted and collated all the issues of The Bulletin dating back to 1905 and these are now available on our website. Also thanks to Don Hird for scanning all the Bulletins.

Margaret Warren, Secretary 2017