

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR YEAR 2018

At the end of what has been another good year for the club I would like to thank the committee members, most of whom have been serving on the committee for many years and who keep the club running smoothly.

Another vote of thanks goes to Amanda Thomson who organised all the interesting speakers and the excursions we have enjoyed throughout the year. The average attendance at meetings was 30 and 15 at excursions.

In March, members explored Tooms Lake, a place first visited by field nats in 1949 and the site of an Easter camp in 1969.

In September Maria and John Grist revealed the sites of some of the old huts on Mt Wellington and told of their history.

Also much appreciated by members was a tour of the TMAG collections facility at Rosny in November. Most people drive by these buildings without knowing what wonders are held within and Cathy Byrne gave us a most interesting and informative tour.

In December we ended the year with an excursion to Echo Sugarloaf and a well attended BBQ at Randall's Bay.

Lastly a thank you to everyone who contributes photos to the field nats Facebook page. The site is followed by people not only from Tasmania but from all parts of the country. It is a good way of attracting new members and particularly young people who are the future of our club, so keep up the good work.

Speakers

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| Feb | Simon Grove - Sinking to New Depths in Pursuit of Rare
Tasmanian Mollusks (37 Members and Guests) |
| March | Kevin- Highlights from Field Nats Bulletins (22) |
| April | Els Wakefield - The Natural Wonders and People of Zambia,
Botswana and Namibia (23) |

May	Peter Fehre - Another Natural Asset – Tasmania's Native Orchids (37)
June	Richard Robinson - Fungi, Fire and Forestry (27)
July	Rod Griffin - Reproductive Biology of Australian Acacias (37)
Aug	Stephen Harris - Tasmanian Callitris (27)
Sep	Maria and John Grist - Mt Wellington Huts (35)
Oct	Helen Fitton - Seaweed Science (17)
Nov	Cathy Byrne - Lepidopterist's Taxonomic Toolkit & Thalaina (Satin Moths) (35)
Dec	Members Night (28)

Excursions

Feb	Gould's Lagoon (18)
March	Toom's Lake (13)
April	New Town Falls (17)
May	Handsome Caves (19)
June	Woodvine (16)
July	Mt Pleasant Observatory (14)
Aug	Eucalyptus Id with Mark Wapstra (14)
Sep	Mt Wellington Hut Ruins (14)
Oct	Rheban Beach (10)
Nov	Tour of TMAG Collections and Research Facility (13)
Dec	BBQ - Echo Sugarloaf, Randalls Bay (18)

Margaret Warren, Secretary