

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB.

Circular No. 72.

February, 1963.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 21st. February, at the Tasmanian Museum. The election of Office bearers and Committee for the coming year will be held. The offices to be filled are: President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and six members of committee. You are urged to make use of the nomination forms printed below, and further copies may be obtained from the Secretary.

The March General Meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday, 21st. March, at the Tasmanian Museum at 8 p.m. The Speaker will be Dr. J.A. Townrow, and the subject : "A Trip to the Faeroe Islands."

Field Outings : On Saturday, 23rd. February Mr. L. Wall will lead an outing to Lauderdale. Bus leaves 44 Collins Street at 9 a.m. Walk home via Howrah, or by bus from Opossum Bay at 5.30 p.m.

March 9th: a car trip to Coningham. Meet at Prince of Wales Theatre at 9.30 a.m. Leader - Mr. R. Hewer.

Dredging Trip: Dr. Guiler is arranging a dredging trip to be held on Saturday, 27th April. Please contact the Secretary if interested, as only a limited number may attend.

The Adult Education Board, with the co-operation of the Indian Government, have arranged a mountaineering camp for Easter, 1963, the leader of which will be Tenzing Norgay, who reached the summit of Mt. Everest in 1953 with Sir Edmund Hillary. Application forms and further information may be received from the Secretary. All nominees must be physically fit and in condition to undertake four consecutive day walks of eight to nine hours. Membership is open to men and women between the ages of sixteen and thirty.

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Circular No 73

March, April 1963

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THE APRIL MEETING of the Club will be held on Thursday, April 18th 1963 at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society's Room at the Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street. Several nature films will be shown by Mr. A. Hewer.

THE MAY MEETING will be held on Thursday, 16th May at 8 p.m. After the general meeting of the Club, there will be a review of the Easter Camp, illustrated with slides.

CLUB OFFICERS were elected last meeting as follows:-
Mr. A. Hewer (President), Mr. M. Hurburgh and Mr. L. Wall (Vice-Presidents), Miss E. Aves (Secretary), Miss R. Forsyth (Assistant Secretary), Mr. J. Lewis (Treasurer) and Mrs. M. Forsyth, Messrs. R. Hewer, F. Angel, A. Yeoland, A. Brownell, J. Lucas (Committee).

FIELD OUTINGS:

On Saturday, 30th March, Mr. J. Lewis will lead an outing to Smith's Monument on Mt. Wellington. Bus will leave Franklin Square for Fern Tree at 10 a.m. Please note - this is a rough walk.

On Saturday, 11th May, Mr. M. Hurburgh will lead an outing to the Forrestry Road, Snowy Mountain. Private transport leaving outside Prince of Wales Theatre at 9 a.m. Please contact Mr. Hurburgh if you wish to attend.

THE DREDGING TRIP arranged by Dr. Guiler to D'Entrecasteaux Channel for members of 16 years of age and over, will be held on Saturday, 27th April. Please contact the Secretary if interested and can provide transport, as only a limited number may attend. Private transport to Tinderbox, leaving outside Prince of Wales Theatre at 9 a.m. sharp.

EASTER CAMP will be held this year at Pine Creek (Marion Bay) which is an ideal campsite with Marion Bay and Hellfire Bluff as nearby attractions. Bus leaves Franklin Square at 7 p.m., 11th April. Please have your heavy luggage at Mr. Sargison's home, 33 Mortimer Avenue, no later than Thursday 4th April. Please remember that helpers are needed to load the lorry and also for the Advance Party.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: There are still a few outstanding from last year. If there is a red cross on your circular please pay Mr. John Lewis either at the next meeting or at Woolworths, 46 Elizabeth Street.

THE ADULT EDUCATION BOARD is again holding courses, "Botany for Bushwalkers" (first term) and "Zoology - Life of the Bush, Water and Land" (second and third term). These courses aim to provide a greater knowledge of the life seen in walking areas of Tasmania.

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EASTER CAMP - 1963

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At Pine Creek, north of Marion Bay, April 12th to 16th.

The Camp Committee has selected Pine Creek for this year's camp, the campsite being near the ocean, opposite Maria Island and slightly south of Hellfire Bluff. This is an ideal situation with the particularly mild climate of the East Coast; it should make a very strong appeal to members and be of great interest to nature lovers and bush walkers, particularly as the T.F.N.C. has not previously had its Easter camp there. Interesting trips with outstanding coastal views, including a spectacular blowhole will be arranged.

Because in the past some members have failed to let the camp organisers know until the last minute whether they intend to come, it has been very difficult to place orders for stores and to engage camp staff. For this reason it has been decided to include a notification form with this circular. All members are requested to fill in this form and leave it at Mr. Sargison's shop, 21 Elizabeth Street, Hobart, not later than Thursday, 21st March, 1963, so that arrangements can be made in time. THIS IS URGENT. DON'T DELAY or you might find yourself left out.

Camp Fees (payable in advance) are:-

Camp fee £7. 0. 0.

School children, irrespective of age, if accompanied by one or both parents £5. 0. 0.

The Club usually relies on a small team of willing workers to get the camp ready but would appreciate more workers in the advance party, and therefore hopes other members may be able to accompany the party this year. Intending advance party members should advise Mr. Sargison as soon as possible.

WEEK END before Easter, Saturday 6th April to Sunday 7th April. Volunteers are needed. If you cannot be in the advance party full time, your attendance for the week end will be a great help in setting up the camp. Please advise Mr. Sargison if available.

Dates and times

Friday, April 5th (from 2 p.m. on). Hands wanted to commence loading equipment on the lorry.

Saturday, April 6th (8 a.m.). Hands wanted to complete loading of lorry, after which advance party leaves for Pine Creek.

Thursday, April 11th (7 p.m.). Main party leaves by bus for Pine Creek. (Assemble at Franklin Square 15 minutes beforehand.) Camp should be reached by approx. 9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16th. Camp ends; depart for Hobart approx. 2.30 p.m.

Heavy baggage (suitcases, rucksacks, blankets, camp beds) must be delivered to 33 Mortimer Avenue, New Town, NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, APRIL 4th. This must be labelled with owner's name and also "Field Naturalists' Camp". Tie labels on strongly. Light luggage (toilet gear etc.) may be brought by bus on the Thursday night.

To avoid disappointment, DON'T FORGET THE DATES AND THE NECESSITY FOR EARLY BOOKING AT MR. SARGISON'S SHOP.

HON. SECRETARY
(Miss) E. Aves,
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9th March, 1963

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Circular No. 74

May, 1963

THE JUNE MEETING of the Club will be held on Thursday, 20th June at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society Room at the Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street. The speaker will be Mr. J.L. Davies, who will give a talk on "Some Problems of Tasmanian Whales," illustrated with a few slides and a gramophone record of whale sounds.

FIELD OUTINGS:

On Saturday, 25th May, Mr. R. Hewer will lead an outing to Wilmot Harbour. Private transport will leave Prince of Wales Theatre at 9 a.m.

On Saturday, 8th June, Mrs. C. Boden will lead an outing to the Sphinx Rock on Mt. Wellington. Bus leaves Franklin Square at 10 a.m.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: This is the last warning to members who have not paid. Please pay your subscription to Mr. J. Lewis, Woolworths, 46 Elizabeth Street, or we will be unable to send you further circulars.

CLUB BADGES are available at Mr. Sargison's shop, 21 Elizabeth Street at 7/6 each.

SCIENCE CONGRESS: The 37th Advancement of Science Congress will be held in Canberra from 20th - 24th January, 1964. Would any members wishing to attend please contact the Secretary for further details. These congresses are held every year and are well worth attending.

SOUTH WEST COMMITTEE: The Secretary has received a copy of the draft constitution for this committee and any members wishing to read it may do so at the meetings.

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THE JULY MEETING of the Club will be held on Thursday, 18th July at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society Room at the Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street. Mr. H.K. Aves will give a talk entitled "The Whitsunday Passage," illustrated with slides.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING: Notice is hereby given for a Special General Meeting to be held on 18th July, to move the following amendment to the Rules.

Rules 3(b) & 3(c), after the words "from time to time," add - "two shillings to be allocated as payment for the monthly bulletin."

Rule 3, if thus amended, would then read: The Club will consist of (a) Honorary Life Members, (b) Ordinary Members, (c) Junior Members.

- (a) Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of Ordinary Members and shall be members who are distinguished for their attainments in Natural Sciences or have rendered outstanding services to the Club. The nomination of any member as an Honorary Life Member shall be approved by the Committee and the election shall be conducted in the same manner as that of an Ordinary Member.
- (b) An Ordinary Member shall on his election pay the annual subscription as determined by the Committee from time to time, two shillings to be allocated as payment for the monthly bulletin.
- (c) Junior Members shall be under the age of sixteen years. The annual subscription of Junior Members shall be as determined by the Club from time to time, two shillings to be allocated as payment for the monthly bulletin.

CIRCULARS: The Club circular which is published monthly will now be officially known as the "Tasmanian Field Naturalists' Club Monthly Bulletin."

FIELD OUTING:

On Saturday, 29th June, Mr. M. Hurburgh will lead an outing to the Snug Falls. Private transport will leave Prince of Wales Theatre at 9.30 a.m. Please contact Mr. Hurburgh if you wish to attend.

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Bulletin No. 76 July, 1963.

THE AUGUST GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held on Thursday, 15th August at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society Room at the Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street. The speaker will be Mr. D. Wilson, who will talk on "South West Tasmania."

FIELD OUTINGS:

On Saturday, 27th July, Mr. A. Yeoland will lead an outing to Richardsons' Beach, near Sandford. Private transport will be used, leaving Prince of Wales Theatre at 10 a.m. Names to Mr. Yeoland, please, for transport arrangements.

On Saturday, 10th August, Mr. L. Wall will lead an outing from Geilston Bay to Flagstaff Gully. Catch Geilston Bay bus, leaving Fitzgerald's, Collins Street at 10.15 a.m.

T. F. N. C. ADDRESS: To make the collection of mail easy the Club now has a Post Office Box, Number 68A and all mail should be addressed to this number.

FEDERATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUBS: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Federation, held in Launceston on Saturday, 16th March, 1963 will be on the table at the next two general meetings.

LAUNCESTON FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB: The Secretary has received the Syllabus for July - December, 1963. This will be on the table at the next two general meetings.

STATE FLORAL EMBLEM: This matter has been under discussion from time to time since 1934 and on 5th December, 1962 a proclamation was issued in the Tasmanian Government Gazette formerly accepting Tasmanian blue gum, *Eucalyptus globulus* as the floral emblem of the state of Tasmania. A brief report on the progress of this matter will be on the table for members to see.

THE ADULT EDUCATION BOARD: is holding classes in a wide variety of subjects including Starting Housekeeping, Gardening in the Winter, Flower Arrangement, Zoology - Life of the Bush, Water & Land and many other varied topics.

WHALES

Those who did not attend the last meeting missed a most interesting discussion on what we don't know about whales around our coast. Mr. Davies appealed for early advice about any strandings we might see, with particular reference to the following points which would help in positive identification of the species:-

- (a) Length
- (b) Number of individuals
- (c) Number of teeth (if any)
- (d) Colour pattern in detail.

This is a simple way of helping to add to scientific knowledge of our native life, and all members are asked to co-operate.

The recent discovery of a lyre bird's nest at Hastings

Mr. L. E. Wall writes:

Some members may have been disturbed by the news report that the egg was removed from the nest. Here is the story to reassure you that it wasn't sheer vandalism.

On Thursday, 27th June, Mr. Skinner, the ranger at Hastings, and his assistant were cutting man-ferns some distance from the Caves track to lay the trunks, corduroy fashion, as an improvement to the track. Having felled one about 8 feet high they discovered the nest in the crown of the fern and the egg inside it. The nest was damaged in the fall and it was obvious that the bird would abandon it, so the egg, which appeared quite fresh, was removed and the ranger reported the find to Mr. Bessell of the Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureau, who told me of it on Friday, 28th June.

I visited Hastings the following day, and brought back to Hobart both the nest and the egg. The nest has been deposited at the Tasmanian Museum where it may be used for a display. It was at the suggestion of Mr. Skinner that I discussed with the Fauna Board Chairman, Dr. Guiler, the possibility of attempting to incubate the egg to determine whether it is fertile and he agreed with the suggestion. If this is not successful the egg will also be handed to the museum.

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Bulletin No.77 August, 1963.

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THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held on Thursday, 19th September at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society Room at the Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street. The speaker will be Mr. Couchman, who will give an illustrated talk on his recent trip to Queensland, entitled "A Naturalist on Cape York Peninsula."

FIELD OUTINGS:

On Saturday, 24th August, Mr. David Milledge will lead an outing to Mt. Dromedary. Private transport will be used, leaving Prince of Wales Theatre at 10 a.m.

On Saturday, 7th September, Mr. John Lewis will lead an outing along Ridgeway Road, if the spring flowers are out. Otherwise the outing will be to O'Grady's Falls. Catch Fern Tree bus, leaving Franklin Square at 10 a.m.

CLUB RULES:

It has been decided by the Committee to publish a new copy of the Rules. These will be available for members as soon as possible.

SOCIAL:

A Club social will be held on Saturday, 26th October at the Country Women's Hall, Criterion Street. Watch the monthly bulletin for further details!

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THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held on Thursday, 17th October at 8 p.m. in the Royal Society Room at the Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street. Mr. B. Mulcahy, a patrol officer in Papua New Guinea, will give an illustrated talk on the natural history and the life of the people in Papua.

FIELD OUTINGS:

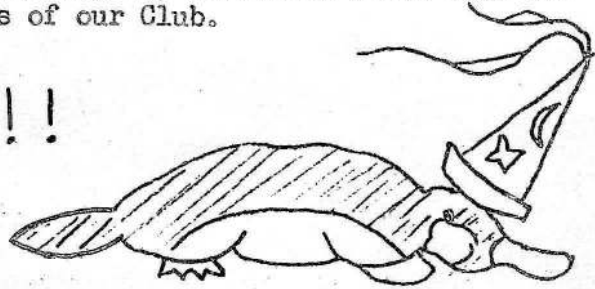
On Saturday, 28th September, Miss Elizabeth Aves will lead an outing to Hops Beach, South Arm. Private transport will leave Prince of Wales Theatre at 10 a.m.

On Saturday, 12th October, Mr. F. Angel will lead an outing to Primrose Sands, Carlton. Private transport will be used, leaving Prince of Wales Theatre at 9.30 a.m.

FAUNA SANCTUARY PARK: A letter has been received from J. Cruise and J. Camiller in relation to the making of a Fauna Sanctuary Park. Extract: "The Sanctuary could develop a greater public appreciation of the important principle of preserving fauna as well as provide a centre for the study and breeding of Australian fauna. Wild life, native to Tasmania could be farmed for release in the State's National Parks to help increase and protect the number of native species. The Park could also possess native botanical plots. Following Healesville's (Vic.) example an additional bushland could be attached to the Park and once the area had been fenced in, the farmed animals could be released into the bushland for complete free animal display - nature trails could also be established. Under these conditions the Sanctuary and Park would permit valuable research work to be carried out under excellent circumstances."

Before a reply is sent to this letter, the Committee would like to know the opinions of the members of our Club.

T.F.N.C. Social !!



C. W. A. ROOMS, CRITERION ST.

Saturday, 26th October

8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Members and friends. Come along and join the fun!

Ladies - a plate, please

Gentlemen - a silver coin

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Bulletin No. 79, October, 1963.

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held on Thursday, 21st November at the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street at 8 p.m. The speakers will be Mr. & Mrs. L. Luckman who will give an illustrated talk on their experiences in New Zealand.

FIELD OUTING:

On Saturday, 9th November, Mrs. Thorpe will lead an outing to Mountain River. Private transport will leave Prince of Wales Theatre at 9 a.m.

T. F. N. C. SOCIAL: remember Club social on 26th October at C.W.A. Rooms, Criterion Street at 8 p.m.

A letter has been received from the St. John Ambulance Association in regard to providing trained first-aid personnel at sporting fixtures. Would any member interested in learning first-aid please contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

It is interesting to note that seaweed carefully brought home for fertilizer on a Sandy Bay garden is now being used just as carefully for the lining of local birds' nests.

CLUB RULES: Rule 20 was omitted from the copy enclosed with the last monthly bulletin and members are asked to cut it off and attach to the rules.

20. In the event of any claim being made against the Club the liability of each member of the Club shall be limited to a levy equal to one year's subscription.

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Bulletin No.80, November, 1963,

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Club will be held on Thursday, 20th February, 1964 at the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, Argyle Street at 8 p.m. The next bulletin will be posted to members before this meeting.

OUTINGS: There will be no outings until February.

Copies of The Tasmanian Tramp (magazine of the Hobart Walking Club) is on sale in all Bookshops.

The Law Society of Tasmania has published a book called "The Stage Coach - A Journey through Tasmania" at a cost of 10/-. Proceeds will be divided between National Trusts and the Theatre Royal (N.A.T.F.A.S.). Interested members should order their copies through the Secretary as soon as possible.

A reminder that first-aid classes are being held by the St. John Ambulance. Would any interested members please contact the Secretary immediately!

A painting of Tasmanian Wild Flora by Lydia Furness is available for members at 10/- each. A copy will be available at the meeting for inspection and others will be available for members who order them from the Secretary.

CHRISTMAS CAMP:- As yet no definite arrangements have been made for the Federation camp, but would those members interested in attending, please contact Mr. L. Wall (8-4165 - home).

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MERRY XMAS MEMBERS!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!