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Club's Address = G.P.O.Box 69A, Hobart, 7001

NEXT MEETING will be held in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian
Museum on Thursday 19th February, 1976 at 7.45 p.m.

Speaker = Mr. Michael Sharland.

NEXT OUTING Lone Vale Nr. Judbury = led by Mr. Peter Fielding.
10.00 a.m. outside Prince Theatre.

Partridge Island is out for the present. The work boat 'Palama' is
in dock.

However, if you are willing to arrange for a boat (I can give you an
address) you are welcome at Partridge Island. No cost for
camping. One cabin with eight bunks available.

Easter camp at Rocky Cape is on. Further information will be given
at next meeting. Cost private transport = food and small fee.

Easter is late this year. 16th to 20th April. The Committee is
working already on outings from Rocky Cape. We hope to have help
from some Burnie Field Naturalists to make a successful weekend.

Enlist now to make sure you will have indoor sleeping accommodation.

Remember: Boneseed recordings (locations) to be passed on to
Miss Marjorie Westbrook.

Native Orchids recordings to be passed on to Mr. Ken Harris
or secretary.

'Tasmanian Birds' 3000 copies have been sold by the printers. It
will not be reprinted by the Jacaranda Press. Mr. Wall is in
contact now with another printer.

The Annual Meeting of the club will be held on Thursday 18th March, 1976

Nominations are required for the following: =

- President.
- Vice Presidents (two)
- Honorary Secretary.
- Honorary Assistant Secretary.
- Honorary Treasurer (Mr. Hewer is not available for re-election)
- Committee members (six)
- Auditor.

Written nominations duly proposed and seconded by members and signed by the nominee shall be in the hands of the Secretary not later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting. i.e. by the 4th March. (club rules)

A committee meeting is to be called before the Annual Meeting.

The present committee is to determine the membership fee = due since 1st January, 1976. Subscription 'The Tasmanian Naturalist'

Club members can notify the Secretary if they wish to have certain club matters discussed at the committee meeting. Suggestions for speakers, outing and how to improve our meetings are very welcome.

MEMBERS! IT IS YOUR CLUB THE COMMITTEE IS DEALING WITH.

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NOTICE

EASTER CAMP..... 1976

Place - Rocky Cape (N.W.Coast).
 Accommodation - in Burnie Field Mats Camping Hut.
 - about 11 bunks plus floor space.
 Some rather rocky ground available for tents.
 Kitchen - with one stove.
 COST - 50c per night per person.
 Catering - Do your own thing - good idea for some
 co-operation because of one stove.
 Electric light and power available. Tank water.
 Surroundings - FULL OF INTEREST.
 OUTINGS - several good places to drive to.
 Duration of camp - midday Friday April 16th to midday
 Monday, 19th - but campers who wished could stay on
 for a few days.
 ENQUIRIES - to Miss M.L.Westbrook, Phone 23 8308.

APPLICATION FORM

To be given or sent to Miss M.L.Westbrook,
 6 Richardson Ave, Dynnyrne, 7005
 ON OR BEFORE March 31st.

I wish to attend the Tasmanian Field Naturalists' Camp
 1976.

Day of arrival _____ Departure _____
 Sleeping arrangements - Please tick your choice.
 I would like a bunk
 I will bring Li-Lo or bed for floorspace
 I will bring tent

Transport arrangements - Tick your choice.
 I would need transport
 I am O.K. for transport
 I could offer transport for
 _____ (number) persons.

I enclose \$1.00 deposit.

Signed _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Phone _____

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NEXT MEETING - Annual General Meeting = Thursday 18th March

Speakers Mr. Marcus Hurburgh - Presidential

Mr. Kelsey Aves (five minutes) -
 Subject 'Gilbert White'

Note: It concerns all members to vote for your selected
 friends on the committee for the next twelve months
 Nominations have been received. If you vote the best
 the outcome. We must have the best committee to run
 this club.

OUTING: 20th March to Collinsvale area. Meet at Prince T

Future Bulletins will be sent only once per quarter coinciding
 with the mailing of 'The Tasmanian Naturalist'

AGENDA:

16 - 19th April - Easter Camp, Rocky Cape. See back page

22nd April - After Easter (fourth Thursday)
 Speaker: Mr. Henk Wapstra 'Forestry K

No day outing this month

20th May - Speaker: Mr. J. Copson 'Macquarie Island'

Mr. Copson, - a club member, spent the last twelve months on this Island.

22nd May - Outing to Pelverata Falls - a new discovery for our club.

Prince Theatre 10 a.m.

17th June - Speaker Mr. R. Tyson 'Fire in the Bush'

19th June - Outing to Gunners Quoin.

This is a well-known landmark over the river.
Prince Theatre 10 a.m.

W A C O' No increase in membership fee and subscription on the Tasmanian Naturalist this year.

Subscriptions are due now - PAY THE NEW TREASURER AT THE MEETING
OR POST TO G.P.O. BOX 68A HOBART. 7001

27th March - Meeting of Federation of Field Naturalists Clubs of Tasmania.

Guest Speaker - Dr. Jamie Kirkpatrick.

Illustrated discussion on Coastal Heathlands.

If you have any business to be dealt with at this meeting inform Club Secretary please.

Are you really interested in our club? Do you want to improve the meetings and see more people at meetings and outings?

-- ADVERTISE --- ADVERTISE --- ADVERTISE --- ADVERTISE ---

What our Club is about - the objects - To learn more of Tasmanian nature - to share the enjoyment of this beautiful Pearl with your friends.

Our club is growing in age - so are the members - bring your young friends along!

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ADULT EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION TO ZOOLOGY

Lectures given by Dr. Roger Gaymer, O Buchman, Dr. Alastair Richardson and Dr. David Ritz.

30 Sessions including two Sunday Field Trips a term.

Provides a general insight into the science of Zoology.

Emphasis on the evolutionary adaptation of various facets

of animal life.

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A G E N D A:

Keep this record.

No further notices until August

20th May: Mr. J. Copson speaks on Macquarie Island - as he has
seen it for twelve months, last year. Slides
Five minute talk by Miss Effie Warren.

22nd May: Outing to Plover Falls - 1½ hours reasonable walk
from road sign.
Prince Theatre 10.00 a.m. leader - Gilbert Van Munster.
Telephone 296602

17th June: Speaker Mr. R. Tyson, Officer 'Parks and Wildlife Service'
'The use of Fire in the bush.'
Five minute talk by Mrs. E. Thorpe

19th June: Outing to Gunner's Quoin.
leave Prince Theatre 10.00 a.m. leader Peter Fielding.

15th July: Slides on North Western Tasmania.
Mr. Ken Dallas will show and explain Aboriginal carvings
in this area.

Sunday!

18th July: Outing to Goats' Bluff - leader Len Wall. Prince Theatre 9.30 a.m.

19th August: Members night! Find those few odd slides,
Think about a little to say,
Remember 'Present Members Present.'

21st August: Outing to Magra Caves. As in August 1972 Miss Barbara
Greenstreet will be the leader.
Telephone 236206

FEDERATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUBS OF TASMANIA

by Marjorie Westbrook - What do you do with it? Shall we forget it?

The Federation of Field Naturalists' Clubs of Tasmania meets twice a year, and between meetings there is quite a bit of correspondence on subjects brought up and some of this is writing to various government bodies and politicians on conservation matters. At the next meeting at the end of September, at Burnie's Camp House near Mole Creek, they are to discuss the FUNCTION of the Federation.

It began, in the first place, as a conservation body and several outdoor-loving groups joined - about four Field Nats' Clubs, the Wynyard and Launceston Camera Clubs, the North West and Launceston Walking Clubs, and the Hobart Photographic Society, but not the Hobart Walking Club. These groups felt the need for a State-wide body to use their combined voice in bringing conservation matters before the Government. In time, others began to see the need for conservation, and at last the Conservation Trust was formed - an entirely independent organisation with many members with expertise - such as University professors, in their ranks. It appears now to be THE publicly recognised authority and watchdog on conservation matters.

So where, now, does the Federation of Field Naturalists' Clubs of Tasmania stand? The Camera Clubs have withdrawn.

Is it, as it was in the first place, mainly a conservation watchdog and activator? Could this be adequately covered by the Conservation Trust?

Or could it be a vehicle for co-operation between clubs on various projects in the way of gathering information of use to the Conservation Trust; or the National Parks and Wildlife Service (such as Boneseed, or an Orchid map?) or information on the flora and fauna of pine forests. Is its present organisation satisfactory? Or should there be a change in the way it is run? What interest have the rank and file members of clubs in it?

If it is mainly conservation, it is backed still by the Walking Clubs. If it ceased to concern itself mainly with conservation, the walking clubs would probably withdraw, as their interest is in conserving areas for outdoor recreation overall - not in the detailed study of flora and fauna. Conservation matters could be brought up by individual clubs to the Conservation Trust of their region.

The affiliation fee remains the same as last year, \$4.00 for postage and stationery. Delegates go to the meetings at their own expense - and it is mostly the same faces you see there each time. Last time, only Burnie club sent in any agenda items before the meeting. Some more items were brought up at the meeting, which means delegates had to vote as individuals because they had no directions from their clubs.

Most clubs are interested primarily in their own area. Conservation matters could be brought up by individual clubs to the Conservation Trust of their region. Very little co-operation has been noticeable to date in natural history projects. Is it worth preserving the Federation? If so, what should be its functions and how can they be made to work?

We need your written opinions in the next few weeks so that they can be collated by the Secretary of the Federation of Field Naturalists' Clubs of Tasmania and sent out to clubs, together with a copy of the original constitution, in order that delegates to the September meeting are able to discuss this matter with the opinions of their club members in mind.

Please send your ideas to the Secretary, H.P.O. Box 68 A, by 31st May.

Financial statements for 1974 and 1975 are available at the meeting or at request from the Treasurer.

E C O TIMES a new 22 page newsletter produced by the Tasmanian Environment Centre Inc. T.E.C. is promoting environmental awareness in the community. It is to provide current environmental information and to provide a forum in which points of view on environmental matters can be explored. Five issues for \$1.00.

T.E.C. membership 50 cents. Office - 102 Bathurst Street, Hobart.

HABITAT - A.C.F. magazine. Special issue - A view of China and Walking tracks in Tasmania.

IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION DUE?

If not paid yet, please pay at the meeting or send a cheque, postal order c/o G.P.O. Box 68A.

- Pensioners/Students ... \$2.50
- Adult \$4.50
- Family \$6.00

S.G.A.P. news.

Rodway's Tasmanian Flora may be reprinted if sufficient copies can be sold. Cost depends on how many will be printed, between \$12.00 and \$18.00.

Inform Secretary of T.F.N.C. 'phone 296602

Should we continue to have a Federation of Field Naturalists' Clubs of Tasmania?

YES/NO - If NO - Why? _____

If YES - What should be its main aims? (please number in order of your choice)

- Work for conservation matters at the State level.
- Co-operation between Clubs on various projects.
- Encourage the love for and increase knowledge of flora, fauna, geology etc. of Tasmania (How? _____)
- Provide opportunity for members of the various clubs to get to know each other so that their enthusiasms will be increased. What are you prepared to do about it?

NAME.....ADDRESS.....

18th June, 1976

The Hon. Secretary,
Tasmanian Field Naturalists' Club,
G.P.O. Box 68A,
HOBART. 7001

Dear Sir,

RARE AND ENDANGERED PLANT SPECIES

The National Parks and Wildlife Service plans to undertake a broad ecological survey of plant communities within Tasmania. One facet of the investigation will involve an examination of the present conservation status of native Tasmanian species, to determine which species are in fact adequately preserved. To this end, the compilation of rare and endangered species in the recently published Specht report is of great assistance. However, it is essential to obtain detailed information on the local distribution and abundance of native species, both within the outside presently proclaimed reserve areas.

For this reason, any records of occurrence of rare and endangered species your members could supply would be greatly appreciated. The success of the venture will depend largely on the response from keen naturalists, whose local knowledge can complement the broader outlines of the Specht report.

Yours faithfully,

P. MURRELL
DIRECTOR

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TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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BULLETIN

Address: G.P.O. Box 68A,
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AGENDA

- 19th August Members Night. A variety night 7.45 p.m. sharp
Small talk - Blown up slides - SUPPER
- 21st August Outing to "Glen Elg" - near Gretna, a private
property. Looking for birds and orchids.
9.30 a.m. Prince Theatre - Leader Esther Holt.
- 16th September Dr. M.D. Waterworth speaks on Astronomy.
Five minutes by Miss Esther Holt.
- 18th September Outing to Mt. Canopus (Mt. Rumney) Observatory
with Dr. Waterworth as a guide. After lunch
roaming the area of Mt. Rumney.
- 21st October Speaker Mr. Len Coachman - What do butterflies
do?
- 23rd October Orchid trip to New Norfolk - Peppermint Hill
via Collinsvale. Leader - Gilbert Van Munster
Prince Theatre 10 a.m. 'phone 29 6602
- November Outing - Bus trip to the East Coast.

MEMBERS NIGHT

The best surprise for the evening is that we close our
last meeting in the Royal Society Room with a supper.

Mrs. Dora Stephens will improve your health with tips on
medicinal 'weeds'.

Mr. John Berry has birds on slides.

Miss Esther Holt shows us how to get to Mt. Stryzlecki.

Mr. Kelsey Aves will tell us in ten minutes the "Aspect of
Field Naturalists Clubs History".

Miss Barbara Greenstreet knows about the 'Wet and Dry seasons'
(snow on slides?)

Mr. Len Wall - Have you heard about the 'Sanderling' and
others - to be seen on slides.

Mr. Marcus Hurburgh (President) does not know his subject
yet but it is more than a vote of thanks.

MEETINGS from 16th September onwards are to be held in the Tasmanian Environmental Centre, 102 Bathurst Street, (Opposite the Post Office)

As announced at our last meeting, cost, facilities and the large room for a small number of people made it clear to the committee that it was necessary to find another meeting place. The Chairman and Secretary did look into different rooms and the final decision was made when several of the committee made an inspection of the recommended room above the Wallpaper Shop in Bathurst Street.

The room is small - there are good chairs - its cost is nothing, but we donate something, in curtains, in cash. Has anyone a nice print for the bare wall.

We shall be able to have our library in the room in our own case (yet to be made).

We must have our own projector - good second hand offers will be gladly received.

There will be time for the chat and cuppa with biscuits. This will ^{mean} a tea chest which can house fifty cups.

Parking space is plentiful across the road in the Hobart City Council car park.

If there are any buts regarding the distance from ferry or bus stops, please complain to the Secretary. There are ways to resolve miscellaneous items.

THE LIBRARY Have you heard of the New Zealander, John Berry, a student at the T.C.A.E., who believes that libraries should be arranged and catalogued in an orderly way. Believe it or not, he spent his holiday in practice on this principle and indexed the 'Tasmanian Naturalist' two volumes, 1905-1955 and 1965 to 1976.

What an excellent contribution! Thank you very much, John.

A new rule - Money received by the librarian must be spent on new material for the library.

A new addition - South West Advisory Committee Preliminary Report, May, 1976.

On page 4 will be found a copy of a letter received from National Parks and Wildlife Service.

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From the Treasurer:

The Financial Statements were not complete as tabled at our meeting in March. This has now been corrected. Anyone who wishes to obtain a correct copy please contact Miss Marjorie Westbrook.

The auditor has completed the financial unaudited books for the last three years. All books have been found correct.

New Members:

Welcome to Miss Alice Tagg,
Hall Street, Ridgeway.

Master William Chilvers
'Starston' Cleveland.

Mr. Allan and son Gregory
Hepworth,
19 Eighth Avenue, Springfield.

AGENDA

18th November: Speaker Mr. Len Coachman - Tasmanian endemic butterflies and their behaviour

20th November: ANNUAL BUS OUTING TO ORFORD
LEAVING PRINCE THEATRE 9 a.m. RETURN APPROXIMATELY 5 p.m.

We have nearly a full bus!

Adults \$4.50 only. Students or children accompanied by club members free.

phone Gilbert Van Munster for seats - 29 6602

The main interest for this outing will be wild flowers and birds. Lunch at Spring Beach new picnic ground - A walk along the old convict road.

With some fine weather it should be an interesting outing.

Advertisement:- For some time now our letter box has been cluttered with mail. The "Tasmanian Farmer" a weekly paper has been sent to us over the last three months. For what purpose is it received? It is a two-way advertising campaign - Show it at our meetings and have free advertising of our club meetings and outings under their heading "Country Diary". And it works. October meeting and outing was mentioned. Co-operation between Farmers and Field Nats can be very fruitful.

Our Library is in the process of being reorganised in the new book cases.

A better filing system and cataloguing will make it easier to find material in future. Every member is allowed to borrow books. If there are certain historical, texts or research books you think our library should have please tell the librarian.

Mrs. Boss-Walker has donated several books - some very old good books on history and nature. Thank you Mrs. Boss-Walker!

The October outing was very successful. We were lucky with the weather but most of us enjoyed the abundance of orchids. Parson in the pulpit and pink fingers by the thousand. (see page 3)

FROM THE COMMITTEE.

You may not know it, but your committee is very much concerned with the future of the club. Will it have reason to carry on for a few active members? Our membership is over the hundred. But meetings attendance down by last year - approximate average of twenty-seven members now. We did have some very excellent speakers during the year. On the good side is the fact that Outing attendance has increased considerably this year. The main concern for the committee is that our club is lacking in the younger generation.

Earlier in the year our committee appointed a Public Relations officer, Mr. Ken Harris. Beside his orchid map he has now taken on himself the promotion of field study. A sub-committee has been formed assisting Ken - Miss Denise Wise and Gilbert Van Munster. Booklets on subjects of birds or trees, or insects, or whatever might be suitable will be produced. These booklets will have a description of a bird on a page with line drawings. The owner of the booklet has to see the bird and name it, and put date and place of finding on its relative page. When the book is completed the list of findings will be forwarded to the committee, which will reward the owner of the book according to its rate of success of correct answers.

This programme will be operated with advice and other help where possible from the Education Department. So far their response has been very favourable.

This sub-committee is now looking forward to volunteers to contribute line drawings of species of birds, trees, shells or other foreshore material as required for each booklet.

It is the intention to produce two booklets to begin with, with number 3 following soon after.

The initial burden of printing most likely is to be carried out by the club.

The booklets will be sold at cost price, which money is required for future printing.

Volunteers to contribute financially towards this publication are much appreciated.

This is: Field Naturalists' education in Nature.

October Outing - We recorded many orchids at Peppermint Hill, New Norfolk.

Diurus maculata (donkey orchid)
 Glossodia major (parson in the pulpit)
 Caladenia carnea (pink fingers)
 Caladenia Pterostylis Longifolia (tri er leaf)
 Pterostylis nutans (nodding greenhood)
 Philoglottus gunni (common bird orchid)
 Acianthus quadatus (may fly orchid)