

Annual Report 1981 continued.

nomination as our delegates in 1981 so we were not represented at the half-yearly meetings. If we are to continue membership volunteers for this duty will be required.

Presentations. A presentation was made to Michael Sharland in April when he completed sixty years' production of "Peregrine's" Nature Notes for the Illustrated Tasmanian Mail and The Mercury. At the last committee meeting for the year a small gift was handed to Mrs Macdonald before she departed for NSW.

Open the Doors Exhibition in August, organised by the National Council of Women to support the International Year of the Disabled, included an exhibit mounted and staffed by members of our Club. Our thanks go to those who helped in this.

Scout Corroborree - Dec '81/Jan '82. At the request of the organising committee Club members labelled some trees and flowering plants adjacent to the campsite.

I must conclude with thanks to all office-bearers and committee members for their work during the year, and ask that all Club members give the incoming committee their full support.

L.E. Wall

President.

We would like you all to think about the March AGM, and fill in the nomination form. I hope some middle-aged or younger members will consider relieving the burden from those retired members who have spent years of dedicated service for the Club and surely now have earned a rest. Three retiring office-bearers are; Mr Wall, Mrs Thorpe and Miss Westbrook.

Think about it..... See you soon!

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB BULLETIN

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Welcome to a New Year of rambling in the Tasmanian Bush! Here is the first quarter's programme.

FEBRUARY. Thursday 4th, 8pm. Members' night. If you have a short talk about something of interest, or something to show, bring it on the 4th.

Saturday 6th, 10 am. Wandering day at the beach and foreshore at Coningham.

MARCH. Thursday, 4th, 8pm. Annual General Meeting with President's Address.

Saturday, 6th, 9 am. Prof Jackson is leading an outing to National Park. Those who would like to stay overnight in the Pandani hut and go back on Sunday should notify the Secretary by Feb 12th. Should be a really great outing!

APRIL. Thursday 1st. 8 pm. (To be confirmed at the March meeting) The club hopes to have a counter tea at the Woodbridge Hotel and have our meeting at the Woodbridge Marine Centre, where Alistair Martin will give us a look around.

Saturday 3rd. Outing to be arranged.

Quite an interesting line-up, so we hope to see you there. The more people who come, the more we all enjoy ourselves!

ABOUT OUR CLUB.

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Executive members are;

PRESIDENT.

Mr L E Wall, 63 Elphinstone Rd, Mount Stuart. Ph 284165.

HONORARY SECRETARY.

Mrs M Mollison, 22 Toorak Ave, Lenah Valley. Ph 285668.

HONORARY TREASURER.

Mr J Grist, 329 Park St., New Town. Ph 282109

The Club's address is GPO Box 68A, Hobart, Tasmania 7001.

I/We nominate.....
for the position of.....
Nominated by.....
Seconder.....

(Forward to Secretary as soon as possible)

ANNUAL REPORT, TFNC 1981.

Membership at 31 December 1981 totalled 47 Ordinary Members and 6 Honorary Life Members, the latter including Miss Marjorie Westbrook who was nominated by the Committee on 2 April 1981 in recognition of her services to the Club over many years. During the year we lost one of our Life Members, Mr A.B. Brownell, who had been in ill-health for a number of years.

General Meetings were held regularly on 1st Thursday of each month except January. Average attendance was 18. Speakers and their subjects were;+
Dr. M. Waterworth - Stars;
L.E. Wall- The search for Orange-bellied Parrots;
P. Allbrook - Dragonflies;
A. Mills - Fungi;
Film show- Harry Butler in Tasmania;
Capt. J. Hodgson - Tides;
A Gray - Eucalypts;
D. Ransom - Archaeological finds in SW Tasmania;
R. Hewer - Gemstones;
P. McQuillan - Insects;
J. Bayly-Stark - Treatment of Oiled Seabirds.
Our thanks go to all our guest speakers for their help.

Outings each month have, whenever possible, pursued the subject of the previous meeting, but attendances have often been very disappointing. The Committee appeals to members to offer to lead excursions.

Library. At the close of the year we were sorry to lose our librarian, Mrs M. Macdonald, who has moved to N.S.W. Her devoted care of the library for some years has been much appreciated.

Tas. Naturalist. Publication has continued throughout the year but the Editor has difficulty in obtaining sufficient material. Help in this direction would be welcomed.

Federation of F.N. Clubs of Tas. No members accepted

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BULLETIN

Supplement to The Tasmanian Naturalist.

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Hello, fellow-naturalists. Here is our forward programme for May, June and July.

MAY..... Thursday May 6. Alan Mills will be taking the meeting on Fungi,
Saturday May 8. Outing to Mt Wellington tracks to study and collect fungi.

JUNE..... Thursday June 3. Dr K Nicholls will be speaking on Soils.
Saturday June 5. Outing to various locations around Hobart to study different soils.

JULY..... Thursday July 1. To be arranged. Come to the June meeting or phone one of the people listed below.
Saturday July 3. Excursion to Pawleena led by Mr L E Wall.

Club meetings are held at 8 pm at St James Church Hall, Rupert St, New Town. Outings on the following Saturday; meet outside the Prince Theatre on the specified day at 10 am.

COMMITTEE 1982-3

We have a committee with one or two new faces. Office-bearers for 1982-3 are;

PRESIDENT. Mr RH Donaghey, 10 Bitton St, Claremont.
Ph 491981.

HONORARY SECRETARY. Mrs M Mollison, 22 Toorak Ave, Lenah Valley. Ph 285668.

VICE-PRESIDENTS. Mr J Grist, 329 Park St, New Town.
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Mr LE Wall, 63 Elphinstone Rd, Mount Stuart.
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HONORARY TREASURER. Mr J Grist.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY. Mrs M Grist.

Committee; Mrs Thorpe, Miss Tagg, Mrs Wall, Miss Barnett and possibly Mr Chynoweth.

Don't hesitate to ring any of the committee if you have any questions or problems, such as transport etc.

We all give tribute to Mr LE Wall, who has retired as President. He has put in many hours of hard work and dedicated service to the Club and I am sure that it is very much appreciated by all members. We also welcome our new President and his family. May your time with us be mutually profitable and enjoyable.

Members are reminded that subscriptions fell due on 1.1.1982 and must be paid without delay if still outstanding. (otherwise this might be the last Bulletin you will receive!) Please contact our Treasurer to ensure that you are financial.

Subscription rates are;

- ADULTS \$10.00
- FAMILY \$13.00
- PENSIONER \$6.00
- STUDENT \$6.00
- TAS NAT ONLY \$6.00

UNUSUAL FERN FOUND.

On our recent outing to Alum Cliffs, Mrs Mollison found an unusual fern in a moist gully. It proved on examination to be an *Asplenium trichomanes*.

We also found some fungi including puff-balls. The area was predominantly covered by *Beyeria viscosa*, with many *Bursaria spinosas* and *Dodonea viscosas* also present. Of particular note were the beautiful old lichen-covered banksias at the Kingston end of the track.

QUIZ.

The first and last letters of these words spell two plants which grow in the Tasmanian rainforest. Answers to the quiz will be given at the May 6 meeting.

1. What Field Naturalists love to do in the Tasmanian Bush.
2. This can be a threat to the environment.
3. Mined on our west coast.
4. A picturesque Australian town.
5. Found in Tasmanian rivers, e.g. River Tamar.
6. Initials of Antarctic group at Kingston.

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First letters; _ _ _ _ _

Last letters; _ _ _ _ _

Good luck! And we hope to see you all on May 6.

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TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS
CLUB
B U L L E T I N

JUNE 1982
NO. 228

Supplement to The Tasmanian Naturalist.

Here is our new forward programme. We have made it as interesting and varied as we can. However, we always welcome suggestions from members if they have something which they would really like.

JULY. Thursday July 1. A series of excellent slides will be presented on Tasmanian Plants. Presented by somebody who has a deep interest in them... SGAP member, Duncan Wade.
Saturday, July 3. Excursion to Pawleena led by Mr L E Wall.

AUGUST. Thursday, August 5. G. Kantvilas, of the Botany Department of the University will be speaking on Lichens.
Saturday, August 7. We will be holding a wandering day, studying the ecology of the area between Neika and Cathedral Rock, following the pipeline track.

SEPTEMBER. September 2, Thursday. Members Night. We will be specifically centering on "The Year of the Tree" at this meeting. Please come prepared with ideas for our outing (tree-planting?) or anything else of relevance.
Saturday, September 4. Outing as planned at the meeting on Thursday.

OCTOBER. Thursday, October 7. We will be considering Birds of Macquarie and Heard Islands. Presented by Dr G. Johnstone.
Saturday, October 9. Take advantage of the warm spring weather and come beachcombing. Led by John & Maria Grist.

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Members have the privilege of using our library free of charge. It is housed at St James Church. The books we offer are either scholarly or beautifully presented, or both. One such book deals with the Alpine Plants of the Kosciusko area. We hope that members will avail themselves of the variety of books we have available.

Here are the addresses of some of our executive, should you wish to contact us on any matter. Whilst on the subject of addresses, we would like to let you know that we hope to include in our next issue, an address list of all current members.

PRESIDENT. Dr RH Donaghey, 10 Bilton St, Claremont. Ph 491981

HON. SECRETARY. Mrs M Mollison, 22 Toorak Ave, Lenah Valley. Ph 285668

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NEW MEMBERS.

And, while we are still on the subject of addresses, here are some new members whom we welcome into our club. We hope our time together may be mutually profitable and enjoyable.

- Mrs M Russell-Harriss. 16/320 Davey St, Hobart.
- Mr R Von Witt. 8 Hooper Crescent, Mt Stuart.
- Dr JA Bond, 152 Waterworks Rd, Dynnyrne.
- Miss JC Tagg, Hall St, Ridgeway. (Welcome, the 2nd Miss Tagg!)
- Mr H Burton and family, 1 Mary St, Hobart.
- Mrs J Horsfield, 46 Siandra Crescent, Geilston Bay.

Wouldn't it be good if this section were as large in the next Bulletin!

JUNE OUTING...SCILS.

Members were very pleased with the scholarly presentation of the Soils of the Hobart Area presented by Dr K. Nicholls, who considered mainly dolerite soils. Our first stop was on Churchill Ave, near Lipscombe Ave, where we observed a black clay soil on dolerite, termed a chernozem. This type of soil is characterized by grasslands. The second soil, observed in Froughton Ave, is a brown soil on dolerite, which is podzolic. At Picket Hill, where we enjoyed lunch in a mud brick house under construction, we observed a red soil on basalt, or a crasnozem. The colouring is caused by the high iron content of the soil. At each location, Dr Nicholls showed us the A horizon (area from which leaching occurs) and the B horizon (area in which deposition occurs). He showed us some iron pellets the size of marbles caused entirely by the precipitation of iron, and another interesting point was the high calcium content of the chernozem; Dr Nicholls tested this poorly drained soil with an acid. We thank Dr Nicholls for a most informative day.

I have been told by other members that the May outing was also successful, and enjoyed by all. Many fungi were found on Mt Wellington, and members were pleased with the easy identification key provided by Alan Mills.

YEAR OF THE TREE.

Members are encouraged to support the Year of the Tree in every way possible. For more information, see our President, who is on the YCTT Committee. Please think especially hard about our September Meeting, and see what we can do in some small way to reverse the current trend of "management" of our natural resources. Remember; "It is better to light just one candle....." I hope that every member of our club will become part of the answer, instead of part of the problem. All right, then, folks, see you on the 1st of July.....

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Forward Programme.

NOVEMBER. Thursday, Nov 4. Peter Mcquillan will speak on insects.

Friday, Nov 5 to Sunday, Nov 7. Weekend camp at Ida Bay. Please let Secretary know by MONDAY NOV 1 if you will be able to come for all or part of the weekend. Cost will be \$4.00 per night. Accomodation in 5 bed units. Bring sleeping bags and food. Communal cooking facilities provided. Alan Hewer and Peter Mcquillan will be sharing their expertise on frogs & insects respectively. We also hope to visit the glowworm caves.

DECEMBER. Thursday, Dec 2. Harry Burton, one of our newer members, will speak on Antarctic Lakes. We will also have a cup of tea (ladies bring a small plate please) and Miss Westbrook will be announcing the results of her competition. (See overleaf)

Saturday, December 4. Meet at 10 am outside the Prince Theatre for a wandering day centered at Roaches Beach.

JANUARY. No meeting or outing in January.

THE TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB is a club of naturalists with a large range of interests spanning most areas of natural history. We have both experts and beginners among our ranks. Our meetings are held every first Thursday of the month at 8 pm in St James Church Hall, Rupert St, New Town. Our executive include;

President. Dr RH Donaghey (who has recently moved to Burnie, where he has obtained a job)

Vice President & Treasurer. Mr J Grist, 329 Park St, New Town. Phone 282109.

Vice President. Mr LE Wall, 63 Elphinstone Rd, Mount Stuart. Phone 284165.

Honorary Secretary. Mrs M Mollison, 22 Toorak Ave, Lenah Valley. Phone 285668.

Feel free to contact the executive on any matter concerning the Club.

LIBRARY. We have a good selection of high quality books available to members to borrow free of charge. It is housed on the stage area of St James Church Hall, and is open every meeting day. Please investigate our Library and avail yourselves of its resources. It includes many magazines, bulletins etc. of other groups, which are highly informative. We also stock for sale back issues of The Tasmanian Naturalist.

OUR PRESIDENT, Dr Richard Donaghey, has obtained a teaching job in Burnie Tech in the field of Agriculture. We are sorry to see him leave, but congratulate him in his success. He will remain as President until the March AGM, and meetings will be chaired in his absence by Mr Grist.

MISS WESTBROOK'S COMPETITION. Do you have any unretouched pieces of driftwood, sandstone, etc. which you found in the bush recently? You might win a prize at our December meeting! Miss Westbrook will judge and donate a prize to the most interesting and unusual piece presented. There will also be a special prize for the children's best entry.

THE TASMANIAN WILDERNESS SOCIETY, as you are no doubt aware, is currently maintaining a constant effort to save the Franklin River. As a club we commend them on the peaceful, non-violent nature of their efforts. They are currently offering to all conservationists a free kit which will inform you on the nature of current efforts by the Society in this area, and will suggest ways in which you may be able to help. All interested members should apply to the Society.

OUTINGS. Marion Bay, 9 Oct. Twenty one people took part in near perfect weather conditions. On the way to the end of the Spit, we counted Hooded Dotterels for the National Count. By and large, the shells we found were similar to those found on our previous walk to this area, with two notable exceptions. A keen eyed young naturalist, Matthew Grist, found one *Sigaretorema umbilicatum* and one *Philippia reevei*. Members were also surprised at the very large drifts of *Bankivia fasciata*, or Kelp shell.

At lunchtime Miss Westbrook found an interesting posy of wildflowers, including a fringe lily.. After lunch we proceeded to the aboriginal midden on the other side of the spit, on the quickly eroding face of which we found several implements.

When we returned to the car we were met by Mr Wall, who had completed the plover count on the other end of the beach, and had come to within three metres of four curlew sandpipers feeding on the tideline. At the car park, we also observed a soaring sea eagle.

Members all enjoyed the day and expressed thanks to the leader for a rich and rewarding day. SEE WHAT THE REST OF YOU MISSED OUT ON! An apology only was accepted.....our Secretary, whose daughter was being married.

Thanks to all who participated in the treeplanting day in September.

Pawleena, 3 July. On this excursion we succeeded in positively identifying specimens of *Eucalyptus chordata*. We also observed many birds, including;

Eastern rosellas and green rosellas, sometimes in mixed flocks.	
Clinking Currawong,	New Holland Honeyeater,
Magpie,	Eastern Spinebill,
Noisy miner,	Striated Pardalote,
Kookaburra,	Golden Whistler
a flock of Goldfinches,	
Scarlet Robin,	
Grey Fantail,	
Spotted quail thrush.	

All that now remains is for me to wish all my fellow naturalists a happy Christmas and a great new year in our Tasmanian bush. In the new year, how about bringing a friend to our meetings?

Greetings and love to you all from Maria.

P.S. ALL SUBS FALL DUE ON 1.1.83!