

Forward programme.

FEBRUARY. Thursday, Feb 3. Dr J Townrow will be discussing "Grasses". Please bring along any hand lenses, magnifying glasses etc.

Saturday, Feb 5. Mr LE Wall will be leading an outing to the proposed Koomeela Nature Reserve at Pittwater. Meet at 9.30 to catch the low tide.

MARCH. Thursday, March 3. AGM. Our President will give his report and speak on Bower Birds.

Sunday, March 6. Outing to Mr W Knight's property, Green Valley Rd, Bagdad.

APRIL. Thursday, April 7. This month we hope to have a speaker on fisheries but at the moment this is unconfirmed. Find out at an earlier meeting or phone a committee member.

Saturday, April 9. Outing to Oyster Bay, to look at the foreshore area, ruins, middens and aboriginal quarry sites. Leader; Mr Grist.

THE TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB holds its meetings on the first Thursday of every month except January at 8pm in St James Church Hall, Rupert St., New Town. Outings are held the following weekend. Please meet at 10 am unless otherwise specified outside the Prince Theatre. Our executive include;

President. Dr RH Donaghey.

Vice President & Treasurer. In Dr Donaghey's absence, meetings will be chaired by Mr J Grist, 329 Park St, New Town. Ph 282109

Vice President. Mr LE Wall, 63 Elphinstone Rd, Mt Stuart. Ph 284165.

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

POINTS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS.

1. John and Maria Grist will be our delegates to the Federation of Field Naturalists Clubs meeting in March. Please think about any points you would like them to bring up at the meeting.

2. Yes, it's that time of year again! Our treasurer is eagerly awaiting your sub for 1983. Don't forget, our rates are still quite reasonable;

Adults \$10.00

Family \$13.00

Junior (u.18) \$6.00

Pensioner \$6.00

Sub to Tas. Naturalist only \$5.00

(Our address;

GPO Box 68A, Hobart 7001)

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3. As you are probably aware, our club has been having difficulty in obtaining office bearers, and this year is no exception. There is a very real possibility that your club may be unable to continue unless greater involvement is forthcoming. We feel that our club fills an important niche as the only all-round nature study club suitable for both experts and beginners, young and old. We are neither too technical for the layman nor too militant for the timorous, yet we offer quality information and a supportive voice on conservation issues.

Our President will not be standing for re-election, and both our Secretary and our Treasurer feel their jobs could be more capably performed by someone else. The Librarian would be pleased to hand over too, and on top of this Mr Wall, a life member, past president and now editor of our magazine, has intimated that he will not continue in his editorship. Our thanks go to him for his years of dedicated service to the club. Please use the form on the reverse side of this sheet, and hand it in to our Secretary a week before the March AGM if possible. The form may be copied for additional nominations.

4. Miss Westbrook's competition last December was won by Mrs M. Wall and the junior section by Joseph Grist. Each received a beautiful large colour photo book on various landforms.

5. Our outing to Ida Bay was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children were very helpful in collecting specimens of insects for Peter Mcquillan. We also enjoyed Mr Hower's talk on frogs. It wasn't his fault if it started to rain just as we went out to look for them, and in the pitch black of the countryside, despite our torches, we decided that discretion is the better part of valour. The next day those that went on to the Hastings area were amazed by the large numbers of beautiful swallowtail butterflies in the rainforest. We have quite a long list of the insects and plants which we found.

Maybe it was due to the proximity of Christmas that the Roches Beach outing was so poorly attended. However, we enjoyed a lovely brisk walk and again collected some shell specimens. Suggestions from any members on places to which they would like to go for outings this year would be welcomed by the Committee.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a great year learning about the Tasmanian bush. Bring along your observations, any interesting exhibits and questions you may have. We will see if any of our members can answer you. And please don't forget to really think how you can use the form on the reverse side!

.....See you on the 3rd.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB BULLETIN

Supplement to The Tasmanian Naturalist, April 1983.

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Greetings to all members from the new Committee and from myself, Maria. At the recent AGM we elected a full committee whose names appear below. Feel free to contact us on any matter relevant to the Club, or any ideas you may have in which we can better serve the Club's interests. We would like to express our thanks to the previous Committee for their work during the year, and to Mr Wall who was the editor of The Tasmanian Naturalist.

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COMMITTEE. Miss R Barnett, Mrs J Horsefield, Mr P Mc Quillan,
Miss N Smit, Mrs M Wall, Mrs C McQuillan.

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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

MAY. Thursday, May 5. We will be visiting the Antarctic Base at Kingston. Meet at 7.30 (not 8) at the Antarctic Base itself.

Saturday, May 7. Trip to the Molesworth Environment Centre with Nel Smit. Meet at Prince Theatre at 10 am.

JUNE. Thursday, June 2. Speaker to be advised.

Saturday, June 4. Outing to the intertidal zone in the Blackmans Bay, Tinderbox area, led by Mrs E. Turner of the Tas Museum. Meet at 9 am outside the Prince Theatre to catch the tide. Bring suitable footwear and collecting containers.

JULY. Thursday, July 7. Dr David Thomas will speak on plankton, diatoms etc.

Saturday, July 9. Outing to the Bowen Park Pyramids. This will cost \$1.00 adults and 50c children or pensioners. Afterwards we will be going to Droughty Point.

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RECEIPTS. Any member who wishes a receipt for their subscription may obtain it from the Treasurer.

LIFE MEMBER. We are very happy to include in our Life Members Register a very long standing and capable member, Mr Alan Hewer. Congratulations to Alan. He now joins our other Life Members, Mr LE Wall, Mr MSR Sharland, Miss ML Westbrook, Mr HK Aves, Mrs J Luckman and Mr HF Sargison.

FINANCIAL REPORT. The current financial report is included as a Supplement to this quarter's Tasmanian Naturalist. Copies of last year's financial report are available at the May and June meetings for comparison with the current report.

ARE YOU FINANCIAL? If you are not, a green cross will appear on the back of your wrapper, and this will be the last Bulletin you will receive unless you forward your money to the Treasurer.

WOOD WASTE. The monthly meeting of the Royal Society of Tasmania at 8pm on Tuesday, 3rd May, will be debating the question of Wood Waste, led by a Forestry Commission officer and the President of the Tasmanian Conservation Trust. TFNC members are invited to attend this meeting, to be held in the Society's room at the Tasmanian Museum, 5 Argyle St.

THE TASMANIAN NATURALIST...EDITOR. This position is still vacant. Mr Wall has very kindly edited this edition, but it is most urgent that an editor be found before the next issue is due to be printed. Please consider whether you could help to keep this important magazine running for the Club, and for Tasmania.

OUTINGS. The February and March outings are both covered in the Tasmanian Naturalist. In April, 10 members went to Oyster Cove to look at Aboriginal Middens and a quarry site of silcrete from which tools were made. The site was scattered with fragments of implements. In the car park area we also observed the remnants of ruins of the Penal Station which was so notorious in the history of the demise of the Tasmanian Aborigines.

Among specimens of natural history observed were the eelgrass, Salicornia, on the foreshore together with live specimens of the air breathing shell, Salinator fragilis; numerous crabs including soldier crabs, a mantis cocoon, five quail, and the President's wombat, who followed us like a little dog. Members also heard the calls of a fairy penguin and observed some very unusual introduced weeds in the ruins section which we were unable to identify.

NEW MEMBERS. Recently we acquired two new members. They are Mr Martin Stolp, 11/64 Derwentwater Ave, and Miss H Davidson, 3/676 Sandy Bay Rd. Welcome to these two people and we hope you will have a long and enjoyable membership with the Club.

TRANSPORT. Transport will be provided to Club functions to those who need it. Please contact a Committee member. This applies especially to the May meeting (note again the different time & place for the May meeting).
The Committee hope to see you there on the 5th!

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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

AUGUST. Thursday, August 4th. Mr LE Wall, one of our life members, will be speaking on Birds of Tasmanian Pine Forests. Mr Wall is extremely well known in ornithological circles.

Saturday, August 6th. Mr Wall will lead an outing to the pine forests of Seven Mile Beach. Meet at Prince Theatre at 10 am.

SEPTEMBER. Thursday, September 1st. Dr Colquhoun of the Geography Dept will speak about Looking at Landforms and Fossil Plants for studying Past Climate. Sunday, Sep 4th. Meet at 10 am outside Prince Theatre for outing. Location to be advised.

OCTOBER. Thursday, October 6 and Saturday, October 8th. Our hardworking Secretary has been unable as yet to find a speaker for October. We will advise you at the earlier Meetings.

Here are the names of some of our executive, should you need to contact them on any matter.

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MR ALAN HEWER ; as mentioned in our last Newsletter, has become our most recent life member. Here is a note about him prepared by Mrs M. Wall.

At the May Meeting Alan Hower was made an Honorary Life Member of the Field Naturalists' Club, on the recommendation of the Committee.

Alan joined the Club when there was a Junior Branch at the Hutchins School and as an adult on 1947. He was elected Honorary Secretary in 1949 and later served the Club in the other positions on the Executive.

He has given many interesting talks on his varied interests of Natural History - especially frogs, lizards and butterflies - which he has illustrated so well with slides from his large collection. He is a most popular leader on Club outings as he has such a wealth of knowledge to pass on to members. Congratulations Alan - keep up the good work.

BACK ISSUES OF THE TASMANIAN NATURALIST. In reply to a query from members, back issues will be sold to members desiring them for a cost of 50c each plus postage. Where only ten or less copies of an issue remain, members may pay duplicating costs.

NEW EDITOR. As you can see, this is the first Tasmanian Naturalist edited by Dr DA Ratkowsky. Members are solicited to send him articles at his work address, c/- CSIRO, Stowell Ave., Battery Point.

FEDERATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS AGM. Our Club is hosting the AGM this October. It will be held at the University's camp at Koonya, on the Tasman Peninsula. Excess overnight accommodation will be offered to members, otherwise members are invited to come down for the day... Sat 1st or Sun 2nd.

OUTING in June was to Blackmans Bay, led by Mrs Turner of the Tasmanian Museum. Members were pleased to see many of the Sea Hares (Aplysia Hyalina) up on the rocks to breed. We also found several sea-stars including the eleven armed sea star and the two biscuit stars. Members were surprised at the wide variety of life in the foreshore area.

QUESTIONNAIRE . After the poor response to our last questionnaire, members are urged to please assist the Committee by completing this questionnaire and handing it in to the Secretary (may also be answered on a blank sheet of paper).

PLACE OF MEETINGS.

Do you favour having meetings held at

- 1. St James Church
 - 2. Southern Tasmanian Teachers Centre
 - 3. Any Other.....
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TIME OF MEETINGS.

Do you prefer meetings on

- 1. Thursday nights (1st Thurs)
- 2. Tuesday nights (3rd Tues)
- 3. Any Other.....

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BULLETIN

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WHAT IS THE TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB?

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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

NOVEMBER. 3rd November (Thursday). Mr David Hocking of the National Parks & Wildlife Services will be speaking on Native Rodents.

5th November (Saturday). We will be investigating some traps which will have been set the previous evening with the hope of catching (painlessly!-) some of the subjects of Thursday's talk.

DECEMBER. 1st December (Thursday). This is, of course, the beginning of the Alpine Flora season. Our own mountain has numerous exquisite examples, and the man who is maybe best acquainted with them is Dr D. Ratkowsky, the editor of our own enclosed magazine. His subject for tonight is Mosses and Liverworts of Mt Wellington.

4th December (n.b.Sunday). Outing to Mt Wellington with Dr Ratkowsky.

JANUARY. Members are reminded that we will be in recess, as usual, in January.

CLUB EXECUTIVE.

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The Society for Growing Australian plants are having a two day outing to National park in December, to which they have very kindly invited our members. Anyone interested should contact the SGAr secretary.

DID YOU KNOW? In our rambles in the bush we frequently find skulls of Tasmanian mammals, and the possibility is always that the one we find could be a relatively uncommon species. There is one very simple way to identify the animal, and that is by the arrangement of the teeth. For instance, rats, mice, hares and rabbits all lack canines and premolars. The length of the skull is also helpful in closer identification. The details are all clearly and carefully set out in table form in a book by Mr Rn Green of the Launceston Museum. The book is called The Mammals of Tasmania.

Tasmanian shells vary considerably in size. Our largest shell is a false baler shell, *Mammillana mammilla*. I found two on the Neck beach at Bruny; they can grow to almost a foot long. Our smallest shells are microscopic. John Grist has some of these set in slides. A person with good eyesight can, upon careful scrutiny, just make out that it is a shell. There are many species this size found on beaches like Kelso Beach, and also there are microscopic shells to be found in the sandstone at Fossil Bluff. Very little work has been done recently on Tasmanian Shells and it is quite probable that a series of dredging expeditions would yield a wealth of as yet undiscovered species.

FFNC MEETING was held recently in Koonya, with our club acting as host. Few of our members came, disappointingly, as the daytime outings and the talk by Prof Jackson were extremely good, as our President reported at the last meeting.

MEMBERS are reminded that subs fall due on January 1st 1984. You may pay our treasurer (see the reverse of this sheet.)

Now that the weather is warming up, why not invite a friend to our next meeting or outing. We feel that our speakers are of very high calibre and it is a shame that more people do not avail themselves of this fact. Our outings are always informative and recreational, and rarely strenuous. You could also avail yourselves of our recently re-catalogued library; see Helen Davidson if you have any interest you would like to follow up.

Best wishes to all from the Committee . See you on the 3rd.