

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB  
BULLETIN

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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

FEBRUARY. Thursday Feb 2, 8pm. Members Night. Please bring any interesting and entertaining short items, exhibits etc. A chance to share your insight into our natural heritage.  
Saturday, Feb 4th. Walk along Milles Track from the Springs, then to Snake Plains. Leader; Mrs Mollison. Meet 10 am outside Prince Theatre.

MARCH.. Thursday, March 1st. AGM, including President's report and election of office bearers.  
Saturday, March 3. Walk to Fairy Glen in the Collinsvale area. Meet 10 am outside Prince Theatre. Leader; Mr Chynoweth.

APRIL. Thursday April 5th. We hope to have something on the new Knocklofty Reserve but will advise you as we arrange something firm.

Saturday April 7th. Meet 10am Prince Theatre. We hope to have something related to Thursday's talk.

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PO Box 314  
Sandy Bay. Ph 237779

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HON. SECK. Mrs M Mollison  
22 Toorak Ave  
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REMINDER.

Subs are due for 1984. Cost will be;

Adults \$10.00  
Family \$13.00  
Junior (u. 18) \$6.00  
Pensioner \$6.00

Death of Mr HF Sargison.

"Sargie" joined the club in 1914 and was made a Life Member in 1948. He will be remembered for his tireless interest and work in organising the Easter Camps for numbers of years.

His chief interest was 'people', and it gave him great joy to see so many camping together in near hotel style in different localities each year.

The care and storage of equipment was in his capable hands as well as the catering for each camp- a tremendous job for him and his small band of helpers.

Thank you 'Sargie' - you will be never forgotten by your camping friends.

.... by Mrs M Wall.

Outing to Mt Wellington.

Our last outing for 1983 was to Mt Wellington to find mosses and liverworts. 13 members set off in the alpine heath close to the summit, in very calm, warm conditions. Apart from lichens and mosses we also found many flowering plants including the Tasmanian Waratah, the mountain eyebright (Euphrasia), and many sundews on the cushion bushes. Members were disappointed to see the damage caused by rabbits to the cushion bushes due to leaving their droppings repeatedly in the same place. In the fauna line we found a flame robin, some crows, many skinks, caterpillars, insects etc., and one Tasmanian Froglet was caught.

After lunch at Luckmans hut we descended to the pipeline track between Chimney Pot Hill Rd and Ferntree, by the magnificent sandstone aqueducts. Birdlife abounded, and several of those noticed were silvereyes, golden whistlers, the flame robin, grey fantail, pink robin and Tasmanian thornbill.

By the side of the track were countless bird orchids (Chiloglottis gunii) in flower, and leaves of several greenhood orchid leaves. The fitter members of the party then went up into thick scrub just below Killinger St turnoff to investigate the remains of another, much older aqueduct. A great variety of mosses and liverworts were observed on this track.

Possible Change. There may be a change of venue after the March AGM. As a result of last year's questionnaire, the Committee is at present arranging for a move to more comfortable, warm and central premises.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

As you are no doubt aware, the club has been having difficulty in recent years in attracting nominations for office bearers, with the result that the Committee is sorely in need of "new blood". Our secretary is far too busy to be able to continue another year and our Treasurer would like to give someone else the opportunity to participate in the finance area. New Committee members are also needed, for fresh ideas. All positions fall vacant, being; President, Vice Presidents(2), Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Assistant Secretary(bulletin etc), and Committee. A form is printed below for nominations. Please hand to the Secretary as soon as possible before the March meeting.

I hereby nominate.....for the  
position of .....

Nominated by.....

Seconder.....

1984 TFNC AGM, March 1984.  
Send to GPO Box 68A, Hobart, 7001.

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Welcome to all members, new and old! We have several changes which have just been made effective - a new Committee and a new venue. We hope all members will spread the word about the Club because the more members we have, the more knowledge, expertise and enjoyment we all can have! Remember; subs are now due, Adults 10.00, family 13.00 Pensioner or Junior 6.00. This includes the cost of your yearly subscription to The Tasmanian Naturalist. If you know somebody who wants the magazine only, cost to non-members is 5.00p.a.

FORWARD PROGRAMME. The meeting in MAY 3 will be held in our new venue, the Southern Tasmanian Teachers Centre, Edwards St, Glebe at 8 pm. Outing Saturday 5th at 10 am at Prince Theatre. The June meeting will be on the <sup>7</sup>5th, outing on the <sup>9</sup>7th. July meeting on the 5th, outing on the 7th. The new Committee has as yet not finalised the subjects of these meetings.

EXCURSIONS. Do you prefer excursions to be on Saturdays or on Sundays? The Committee would like members to tell them if they are unable to come on one of these two days, to assist us in forward planning.

CONSTITUTION. We request written amendments to be submitted to the Committee for discussion. Copies of the present Constitution are available at meetings. When the Committee has decided on changes to the Constitution, we will send a copy of the proposed amendments to all members. You are free to make known any objections. If there are no objections the Committee will assume agreement and pass the new Constitution.

New COMMITTEE.

At our March AGM we elected the following Committee;

PRESIDENT. Mr RW Chynoweth, PO Box 314, Sandy Bay. Ph 237779

VICE PRESIDENTS. 1. Mr H Burton, 1 Mary St, Hobart. Ph 347591.

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

HON. SECRETARY. Mrs C McQuillan, 10 Ord Court Mt Nelson. Ph 233262.

HON. TREASURER. Mr P McQuillan (as above.)

HON. ASSIST. SEC. Mrs M Grist (as above).

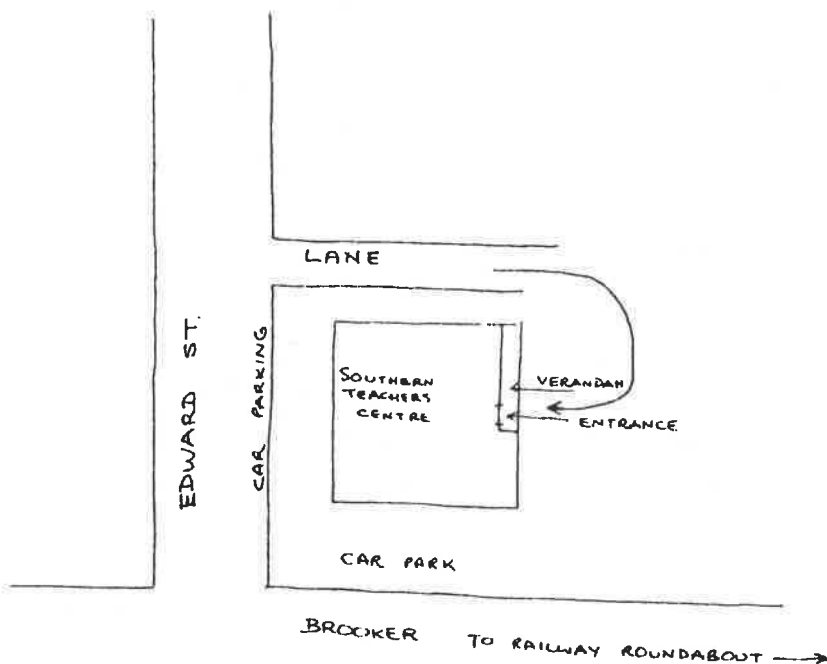
COMMITTEE. Ms H Davidson, Mrs M Mollison, Mr & Mrs A. Page, Miss N Smit, and Mrs M. Wall.

Mr LE Wall will be Honorary Auditor and Librarian will be Helen Davidson, 3/676 Sandy Bay Rd, Ph 252754.

Thanks to all new people elected for standing and volunteering their spare time for the Club.

FINANCIAL REPORT. We have enclosed a copy of our Financial Report for your information.

WE ARE MOVING! As you will have noticed, our time with St James Church has ended. Although we really appreciated using the Church Hall, our new venue has two main advantages; 1. It is free, and 2. It is warm and cosy, even in the middle of July! so we hope to see you all at the Southern Tasmanian Teachers Centre at 8pm on Thursday May 3rd. Anyone requiring assistance with transport should make this known to a member of the Committee.



Statement of Receipts and Expenses for Year Ending 31st December 1983.

## Receipts

Members Subscriptions	249.00
Subs to Publications	405.50
Donations	12.00
Interest 352.00	
30.21	382.21
Refund of GrO Rent for 2 yrs.	37.00
Total Receipts	<u>1085.71</u>
Less Total Expenses	<u>1082.93</u>
Difference profit	
Excess income over Expenses	2.78

## Payments and Expenses

Rent of hall	120.00
Donation (S. West)	20.00
Reg. of publication	20.00
Ins. of Library	39.37
Sub. to Tas Env. Centre	5.00
Rent P.O. Box	37.00
Editor's Expenses	2.24
Postages (P. Cash)	27.79
Stationary, photocopying (P. Cash) etc	52.55
Cheque Bk 7.50	
Debit Chg 3.35	10.85
PettyCash Exp B/S	<u>2.80</u>
	337.60

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1983.

Club Funds as at 31/12/83	₹3334.40
Add Excess for year	
Income over Expenses	2.78
Balance 31/12/83	<u>3337.18</u>

## Publications

Naturalist	635.00
Bulletin	45.22
Postages	<u>65.11</u>
	1085.71
RECEIPTS	<u>1082.93</u>
Excess Receipts ov. Paymts.	<u>2.78</u>

Investment of \$2800.00 matured Oct 1983  
 \$2600.00 Reinvested. Difference of  
 \$200.00 left in SBT Cheque A/C.

Club Assets.

Term Deposit	2600.00
SBT Cheque A/C	363.63
Library	106.55
Crockery, equipment	255.00
Car Sticker	1.00
projector, Screen.	10.00
Tent	1.00
Balance 31/12/83	<u>3337.18</u>

Audited and found correct  
 R Warren AASA non. Auditor  
 21st Feb 1984.

Value of Library, Equipment and Screen and Tent to be checked  
 by Field Naturalists Club. R.W.

NOTE: TAS NATURALISTS COSTS.

printing Costs Advance Publicity	635.00
postage of Tas Nat	<u>65.11</u>
	700.11
Less Subs to Tas Nat	<u>405.50</u>
LOSS.....	<u>294.61</u>

*J. Grist* J. GRIST. non Treasurer.

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HON TREASURER Mr P McQuillan (as above).

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

- AUGUST. Thursday, August 2. Mr H Burton of the Antarctic Division will be speaking about his knowledge and experience of Seals.  
Saturday, August 4. Helen Davidson will be taking us to the Red Ochre Beach area near Dodges Ferry to look at the ochre, and also some insects, birds etc of the area.
- SEPTEMBER. Thursday, Sep 6th. Dr Waterworth from the University will be showing us the Observatory in Grahams Rd, Mt Rumney. Meet at the Observatory at 8 pm. We must all pray for a clear night! otherwise we will be shown the Observatory, and some slides on astronomy.  
Saturday. No outing, as the Thursday meeting was combined with an outing.
- OCTOBER. Thursday, October 4. We will be looking over our weather forecasting systems. Please phone one of the above numbers or come to the September meeting for exact details.  
Saturday, Oct 6. Outing to be arranged.

SUBSCRIPTIONS. Those people with a green cross on their wrapper are not marked off in the books as having paid for 1984. It is possible that some receipts may not yet be marked off in the book, so if you have paid and still have a green cross, see the Treasurer and he will hunt up your receipt. However, I feel there are many who will be finding that they will receive no further bulletins unless they pay up soon!

#### SGAP FLOWER SHOW.

On October 12-14 SGAP will be holding its annual Flower Show. They have offered us some free space to set up a display to advertise the Club's activities on condition that it is continually manned (oops, personed!) Times which are available for your offer of help are;

Thursday, 9 am on (for setting up display only)

Friday, 9 am to 3 pm ...to show the schoolchildren only.

Saturday, 10 am to 9 pm.

Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm. Also, cleaning up display after 4.

If you can help, please let Mrs Marjorie Wall know on 284165, together with the exact times in which you will be available.

CHANGE OF VENUE. We are now settled in to our new venue. We hope that all members have ironed out any problems which were associated with the change of venue. Please let us know if you are still unsure where to go. Our Library is housed downstairs and we welcome members to borrow any books free of charge.

CONSTITUTION. We have unfortunately been able to produce our draft for a new Constitution as yet, and so you will be able to peruse that with your next newsletter, which you will receive in late October.

A LOVELY SHORT WALK on which you could take a visitor is the Aqueduct walk on the Waterworks pipeline between Chimney Pot Hill Rd (where it comes on to Huon Rd) and Fern Tree. The spectacular sandstone aqueducts are beautifully carved by the contractor, Joseph Hawkes, in 1881. It is an easy walk, and relatively unknown.

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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

NOVEMBER. Thursday, November 1st. A talk on Orchids will be given by Pat Palmer. The talk will be illustrated with slides.  
Saturday, November 3rd. Mr George Page will take us for a short walk in the Myrtle Forest gully. Bring a barbecue lunch. Those who wish to will then join in the Molesworth family day, which is arranged by Nel Smit and her colleagues. We look forward to seeing what Nel has to show us.

DECEMBER. Thursday, December 6th. Mr Don Hird, a zoologist, will share some of his knowledge of mammals of Tasmania.  
Saturday, December 8th. Outing to Bonorong Wildlife Centre, situated on Briggs Rd, Brighton. Costs; \$1.50 adults, \$1.00 children, \$4.50 family. Barbecue facilities, lovely bush walks, native mammals in natural enclosures. Feeding times; Devils, noon; Echidnas & native cats, 2 pm; Possums & tawny frogmouth, 2.30 and much more.

JANUARY. As is our custom, the Club will be in recess over January.



MEMBERSHIP LISTS. Many thanks to those members who helped our Treasurer by letting us know that they had paid when there was an ~~ang~~ cross on their wrapper. The hiccup has been sorted out and all receipts finally teed up. Thank you for your patience.

The Club has also received an application for membership from Kath Dickinson who recently spoke to the Club on Iceland. As she is not unfamiliar to Club members, I trust that she will feel welcome and that her association with the Club may be long and enjoyable.

FEDERATION OF FIELD NATURALISTS CLUBS of Tasmania. As there has been some discussion in the Committee as to the benefits of remaining affiliated to the FFNC., we would welcome your comments on this topic in writing please. If the response to this request for comments is like it usually is (about 5 answers) it could well be that YOUR comment will bear a lot of weight. (Cost of affiliation is \$4.00 p.a.)

SGAP FLOWER SHOW. Thank you to all who participated in the SGAP flower show stand. Firstly, thanks to SGAP for providing floor space. Also thanks to the TEC for the material they supplied for our stand, and to Nel Smit and Gilbert Van Munster for doing the lion's share of work in setting up the display. Many thanks too to Mrs Wall for her capable organization of the whole event. The stand looked very impressive and was a great success.

MARCH AGM will be a member's night and library night. So dust off some slides, find an exhibit, prepare a five minute talk on your favourite topic. Also, don't be shy, consider whether you might like to volunteer to serve for a year on our Committee.

TEC will be running a series of guided walks on Mt Wellington, Dec-March, some Sundays & Wednesdays, with emphasis on botany. Phone 345566 if you can lead one of these, or for further information.

FRAGRANT BOUQUET. At the recent Committee meeting one member brought a beautiful bouquet of lilac flowers. But who was the member who brought some seaweed, with a rather different fragrance? This second "bouquet" was speedily banished into the hallway!

