

The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club is devoted to studying all forms of natural history, and embraces both experts and beginners to this end. A wide variety of topics are discussed at our meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of each month (except January) at the Southern Tasmanian Teachers Centre lounge, Edwards Street, Glebe, at 7.45 pm. (see over) Outings are held the following Saturday at a variety of venues. Meet at 10 am (unless otherwise notified outside the Prince Theatre.

The Club's address is; GPO box 68A, Hobart, Tas 7001.

Office bearers include;

President. Mr RW Chynoweth, PO Box 314, Sandy Bay.

Vice Pres. Mr H Burton, 1 Mary St, N. Hobart.

Hon Sec. Mrs C McQuillan, 10 Ord Court, Mt Nelson. Ph 233263.

Hon Treas. Mr P McQuillan. (as above)

FORWARD PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY.

Thursday 7th. Mr George Page will be presenting a series of slides on Western Australia, with emphasis on wildflowers. Saturday 9th. Outing to Pirates Bay, a good spot for shells. Meet 9.30 (note time) for an early start. Leaders; J&M Grist.

MARCH.

Thursday 7th. Members Night, AGM, Election of Office Bearers. Sat. 9th, Mt Wellington, Lenah Valley track to Junction Cabin. Leader; Mrs Mollison.

APRIL.

Thursday 4th. Dr Peter Tyler will be speaking on the Lagoon of Islands. Sat 6th; No outing due to Easter holidays.

Please take care to all fill out a form on the reverse and send to Cath at above address. Beginners at Committee work are welcome to try for a year. You give us fresh ideas, we will show you anything you need to know. See you at the AGM.



YOU BET
WE ARE!



COMING?
TO AGM?

NEW MEMBER. We extend a warm welcome to Mr Don Hird, 17 Union St, North Hobart. He is not unknown to members, having recently given a very informative talk to the Club on mammals, with emphasis on ring-tailed possums. Welcome, Don.

STARTING TIME FOR MEETINGS will be brought forward as from the February meeting. Due to the fact that the STTC closes at 10 pm, we have been finding it difficult to complete our meetings. The new time will be 7.45 and members are asked to make an effort to be punctual.

RISE IN SUBSCRIPTION FEES. Due to increased printing and postage costs, we have been forced to increase our fees.

The new fees are as follows;

- Adult.....\$13.00
- Family.....\$16.00
- Pensioner.....\$8.00
- Youth.....\$8.00
- Tasmanian Naturalist sub. only;
- Individuals.....\$8.00
- Institutions.....\$12.00



Members are reminded that ALL SUBS FALL DUE JAN 1st.

There will be no further rise in the near future, as your Committee is simply trying to keep us out of debt.

A TRUE STORY. John and I were walking on Mt Wellington one day when we met a young man who spoke to us, his voice betraying an Irish accent. He declared, "I'm looking for me mate Paddy. I'm following his footprints, there in the mud. It won't take me long to catch him up, because the silly blighter's walking backwards!"

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS, MARCH 7th 1985. At the March AGM, a full Committee will be elected. Offices are; President, 2 Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Assistant Secretary (Bulletin), and Committee Members. You are all asked to find one person to nominate. The Committee will act as Secunder to nominations.

I NOMINATE..... FOR THE POSITION OF

I ACCEPT NOMINATION.

SIGNED _____

DATE .../.../1985

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At the March AGM the following office-bearers were elected;

PRESIDENT. Mr Harry Burton, 1 Mary St., N. Hobart. Ph 347591

VICE PRESIDENTS (2); Mr Don Hird, 17 Union St., W. Hobart.

Mrs M Mollison, 22 Toorak Ave, Lenah Valley.

HONORARY SECRETARY. Mrs C McQuillan, 10 Ord Ct, Mt Nelson. Ph 233262.

HON. TREASURER. Mr P. Mc Quillan (as above)

HON. ASSIST. SECRETARY. (Bulletin) Mrs Maria Grist.

COMMITTEE. Miss H Davidson (Librarian), Mr John Grist, Mr G Page, Mrs N Page, Dr David Ratkowsky (Editor, Tasmanian Naturalist), and Mrs M Wall.

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

MAY. Thursday, May 2nd. Bob Ellis will talk on Forst Succession in the North East Highlands.

Saturday, May 4th. 9.30 (note time). Bob will show us forests in the Picton Valley. Lunch; Tahune Picnic area.

JUNE. Thursday, June 6th. Jocelyne Hughes will speak on aquatic plants.

Saturday, June 8th. 10 am. Jocelyne will take us to the Coal River - Jordan River area.

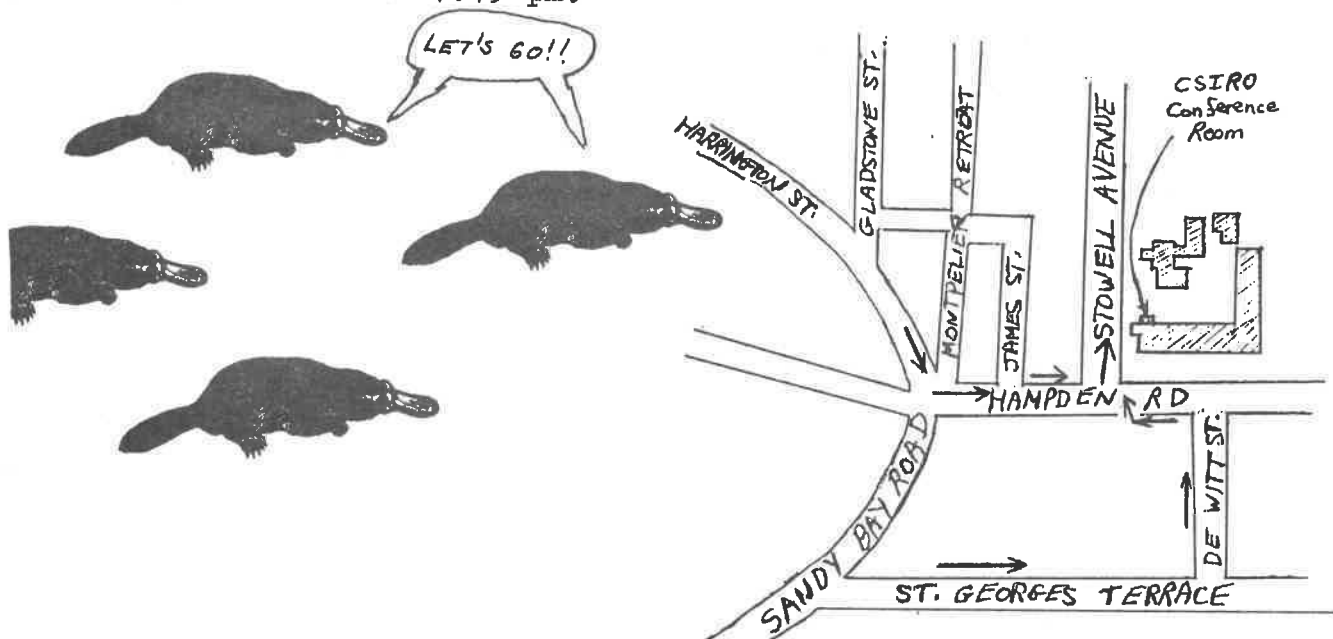
JULY. Thursday, July 4th. Colin Stahel and Rosemary Gales from Tas Uni will give a Summary and Current Research on the Fairy (Little) Penguin. Saturday, July 6th. Penguin Habitat; Marion Bay. The time of departure will be settled at meeting. Ring Maria (282109) or other Committee members if you missed the arrangements.

SUBSCRIPTION FEES . Those who have not yet paid for 1985 are reminded of our current rates. \$8.00 is taken from each member's payment and put towards the Tasmanian Naturalist.

Adult; \$13.00. Family; \$16.00. Pensioner(i.e. holder of Commonwealth pension card or Health card); \$8.00.

Junior(under 16); \$8.00. Sub. to Tasmanian Naturalist(non members; \$8.00. Institutions & Libraries; \$16.00.

CHANGE OF VENUE. The sharper-eyed among you will already have noticed that we will be changing our venue again as from the May meeting. This change (to the CSIRO Conference Room, Stowell Ave, Battery Pt) is due to a number of factors, not the least of which is the introduction of a \$20.00 fee for meetings at the STTC, our present venue. The library has already been moved and members may have access at any time during office hours by enquiring at the reception desk of the CSIRO. The conference room is quite comfortable and has many facilities which could be useful to the Club. Thanks to David Ratkowsky for making it available to us. The starting time for meetings will remain at 7.45 pm.



Recently holidaying at St Helens, John and I were pleased early one morning (15.2.1985) to see, on Steiglitz Beach, our first Royal Spoonbill. The bird was pure white with an unmistakable black bill and black legs; it was standing right at the water's edge. When we approached to about 50 metres it flew off. On the same day at Blue Tier our son Joseph found two shells from the Launceston Land snail. It is about the size of a garden snail but flattish, with a beautiful yellow stripe underneath. What have you found recently?

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Hon. Treasurer. Mr P. McQuillan (as above).

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

AUGUST. Thursday, August 1st. Ken Green from the Antarctic division will be speaking on his current research into the diet of the Weddell seals, which he has been studying by analysis of their droppings.
Saturday, August 3rd. Meet at 10 a.m. for an "indoor excursion" to the Antarctic Division to see some films on seals. (Arrive at division approx. 10.30 a.m.)

SEPTEMBER. Thursday, September 5th and Saturday, September 7th. This month our meeting will be on whales (interesting, after the recent strandings!) Speaker details to be announced.

OCTOBER. Thursday, October 3rd. Members Night. Also a short talk by Don Hird introducing our weekend outing. Bring your short talk, small group of slides, etc.

Saturday, October 5-Sun 6th. Ida Bay weekend, for doing overnight trapping of pouched animals. Cost; about \$10.00 or less if camping. Bring own food, sleeping bag. Cooking facilities available. Please let Don or Cath know by the September meeting if you are going.

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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

NOVEMBER.

Thursday, Nov 7th. Dr J. Townrow will speak about identification of grasses. Please bring hand lenses as she will bring specimens to help us identify some different grasses.

Saturday, Nov 9th. Meet at Prince Theatre at 10 am. Outing to the Domain to put into practice what we have learned at the meeting.

DECEMBER.

Thursday, Dec 5th. Mr R. Hand, from the CSIRO Division of Forest Research will speak on the Reproductive Biology of Eucalypts.

Saturday, Dec 7th. Outing to Hobart area. Mr Hand will show us hybrid eucalypts and point out other aspects of their biology in the field. Meet at 10 am outside the Prince Theatre.

JANUARY.

As is our custom, the Club will go into recess over January.

CONSTITUTION. Several changes were passed at a Special Meeting of the Club on Sep 5th, 1985. A copy of the new constitution is enclosed for the benefit of Members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS. As these fall due on January 1st, we would like to remind members of the Club's address; GPO Box 68A, Hobart, 7001. A further reminder will be included in our January Bulletin.

MT WELLINGTON WALKING TRACKS. Mr L.E. Wall has informed us that following a period of work the Old Hobartians Track is again open. Frequent use will ensure that the track does not become re-grown. The track forks from the right of the Lenah Valley Track, and continues up to join the Mountain Road some distance below the Big Bend.

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Did you know that sometimes you can tell the underlying rock type of an area by the type of peppermint gum which grows in that area? *Eucalyptus pulchella* tends to grow on dolerite (hence its prevalence in the Hobart area), *Eucalyptus amygdalina* on sandstone, and *Eucalyptus tenuramis* (tasmanica) on mudstone.

Did you know that there is quite a nice bed of marine fossils quite close to Hobart? The group includes fenestella, brachiopods etc and is relatively easy to break up. They are found near the big bend in Strickland Avenue and also up the stream. They are ⁱⁿ part of the Faulkner Group, and are ⁱⁿ coarse quartz siltstone.

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The Committee would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas, and best wishes for the New Year.



Eucalyptus tenuramis
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