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Current office bearers include;

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

HON. TREASURER Mr P. McQuillan, 10 Ord Court, Mt Nelson. Ph 233262.

PROGRAMME.

FEBRUARY. Thursday, Feb 6th. Hans Naarding of the NPWS will speak on the migration of Lathans Snipe from Japan to Australia. He has also done some work on Shearwaters in the West Pacific.

SAT, Feb 8th. Meet outside theatre at 10 am. Outing to Middleton to look at the foreshore area; a general ramble, looking at rocks, plants, birds etc. Leaders; J & M Grist.

MARCH. Thursday, March 6th. AGM, election of office bearers (see overleaf), Presidents Report etc. (from the Icebird?), and Members' night as time permits.

Sat, March 8th; Outing details yet to be finalised.

APRIL. Thursday April 3rd. Subject to final confirmation. Meet at the Mt Rumney site of the Mt Canopus Observatory for viewing of Halley's Comet (weather permitting).

Sat, April 5. Trip to Mt Field led by Phil Collier to view Alpine Berries. Meet at 9 am outside the theatre (note early starting time).

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The outgoing Committee would like to thank you for your support during the past year, and we wish the incoming Committee all the best.

INDEX TO LIBRARY. An index to our TFNC library is in the final stages of preparation. Thanks to Helen Davidson for her many hours of work in this task. Members are reminded that books are on loan free of charge and may be borrowed free of charge from the CSIRO building, Stowell Ave, Battery Pt, anytime during office hours.

NOMINATIONS are now being accepted by our Secretary for the March Agm, at which all positions fall vacant. Please fill in or copy the form below. The Committee will act as Secunder to all nominations. Positions to be filled are; President, Vice Presidents(2), Hon. Secretary, Hon. Assistant Secretary(Bulletin), Hon. Treasurer, and General Committee Members (which will include the Editor of the Tasmanian Naturalist and the Librarian.) Send nomination forms to the Hon Secretary, TFNC., GPO Box 68A, Hobart, Tas 7001.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for 1986 for all members fell due on 1st January, and may be sent to the Treasurer, TFNC, GPO Box 68A, Hobart, Tas 7001. Rates are as follows;

ADULTS.....	\$13.00
FAMILIES.....	\$16.00
JUNIORS.....	\$8.00
PENSIONERS.....	\$8.00
HEALTH CARD HOLDERS.....	\$8.00

Subscriptions to the Tasmanian Naturalist for non-members are \$8.00. Libraries and institutions; \$16.00. Members automatically receive a copy of the Tas Naturalist.

OUTING to the Domain, 9.11.85, led by Dr Jocelyne Townrow. List of grasses; INTRODUCED: *Vulpia bromoides*, *Dactylis glomerata*, *Bromus uniloides*, *B. mollis*, *B. cebadilla*, *B. diandrus*, *Lolium temulentum*, *Poa pratensis*, *P. infirma*, *Avena fatua*, *Catapodium rigidum*, *Oryzopsis miliacea*, *Aira corophyllea*, *A. elegans*, *Hordeum leporinum*, *Agropyron repens*; NATIVE: *Stipa stuposa*, *S. pubinoides*, *S. variabilis*, *Poa australis* agg, *P. labillardieri*, *Agropyron scabrum*, *Themeda australis*, *Dichelachne sciurea*, *D. crinita*, *Danthiera* sp.

I,.....hereby nominate.....
..... for the position of.....
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I accept the nomination. Signed.....
Date.....1986.

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB BULLETIN.

Supplement to The Tasmanian Naturalist, April 1986. No. 243.

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PROGRAMME.

MAY. Thursday, May 1st. Noel Kemp, of the Tasmanian Museum, will speak on the geology of the Hobart area with emphasis on palaeontology.

Saturday, May 3rd. 10 am. Mr Kemp will lead an outing in the Hobart area, including a volcanic site in Sandy Bay.

JUNE. Thursday, June 5. Eric Guiler will speak on the Thylacine.

Saturday, June 7. Dr David Ratkowsky will lead an outing to the Truganini Track on Mount Nelson. Meet at 10 am.

JULY. Thursday, July 3. Two items tonight; the film on the Emperor Gum Moth by Colin Billing, and George Bornemissza's beetle collection.

Saturday, July 5. 10 am. (Indoors for the cold weather!) A behind-the-scenes look at the Tasmanian Museum.

OFFICE BEARERS. At the AGM in march the following office-bearers were elected;

PRESIDENT. Mr H Burton, 1 Mary St, North Hobart, 347591.

VICE PRESIDENTS. Dr D Ratkowsky, Miss H Davidson.

HON TREASURER. Mr D Hird, 17 Union St, West Hobart, 344293.

HON SECRETARY. Mr P Collier, 2 Garnett St, Blackmans Bay, 296597.

HON ASSISTANT SECRETARY. Mrs M Grist, 329 Park St, New Town, 282109.

COMMITTEE. Mr J Grist, Mr P McQuillan, Mrs M Mollison, Mrs M Wall.

Auditor will be Mr L Wall; editor of the Tasmanian Naturalist will be

Dr D Ratkowsky; librarian will be Ms H Davidson.



AGM. As well as the election of office bearers, our March meeting included the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report. The President's address was on Heard Island. Included was information on the Elephant Seal, and on clay pipes left behind by the sealers.

NEW MEMBERS. The Club extends a warm welcome to recently-joined new members Mr C Dwyer, Ms J Patterson, and Ms E Watson. We hope that you will become active members and really enjoy your time with the Club.

LIBRARY DONATION. Miss Marjorie Westbrook has very kindly donated to the TFNC library books on Fungi, Victorian Ferns and Taronga Park Zoo, and pocket guides on Australian Butterflies, Tasmanian and Victorian wildflowers, Australian native gardens and birds, Tasmanian birds, and wildflowers of the warm East coast of Australia. Many thanks for her generosity. Members are reminded that the Library is open during office hours; see the CSIRO receptionist for directions.

OUTING TO SHAG BAY. March 8, 1986.

Eleven members, including the leader, Mr J Grist, with two further members arriving after lunch.

We parked near the end of Geilston Bay Rd and proceeded along the track to the foreshore. Members were shown the old exploded fertilizer factory. Old bones, including a dog skull, were found, and members noted the lush weed growth in the area. The party next examined the ^epiece of English oak, last remnant of the SS Nelson, which fought in the battle of Trafalgar and was hulked at Shag Bay after spending time as a coal carrier.

Along the foreshore we found several spotted frogs, extensive mussel beds and some orange sea stars. There were iron rings set into the stones at intervals as a mooring point for firewood gathering barges. Next we proceeded back along the coast until we found two Aboriginal caves set high up in the cliff, into one of which some of the more intrepid members climbed. It was a comfortable cave with a steep sandy bottom and a beautifully framed view of the Mountain.

After lunch we proceeded back up the hill and examined the hilltop midden, which was so extensive that it had been used as a source of lime in the past.



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PROGRAMME.

AUGUST 7. The subject tonight will be ferns, and the speaker will be Mr Garrett of Westlands Nurseries.

AUGUST 9. The outing today will be led by Mr Garrett and will be to the Hastings area. Please meet at 9.00 am (note early start) this morning.

SEPTEMBER 4. Mr Paddy Dalton, of the University Botany Dept., will speak on Mosses and Liverworts.

SEPTEMBER 6. Outing led by Mr Dalton, probably to Mount Wellington. Meet at 10 am outside the Prince Theatre.

OCTOBER 2. Dr Robert Taylor, of the University Zoology Dept, will speak on Bettongs.

OCTOBER 3-5. Weekend extended outing at Waddamana Field Studies Centre, with emphasis on mammal studies. Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Please let Don Hird know if you are going so that we can make arrangements. (Ph 344293).

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MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: Meetings will start at 7.45 promptly.
Please make an effort to arrive on time.

NEW MEMBERS. Quite a lot this quarter; keep it up folks!
We warmly welcome Ms Ann Mc Cuaig, Miss K Williams, Ms M Marsh,
Mrs E Roberts, Mrs R Bonny, Miss J Weeks, Mrs S Martin, R&E Gall,
Mr K Schurr, Ne M Nedland, Ms J Well, Mr N Gibson, Mr K Beaumont;
we hope your time with us will be mutually profitable and enjoyable.

LIBRARY. New members are invited to peruse our Library and borrow books
free. Library is housed at Stowell Ave and is open during office hours.
Our Librarian, Ms Helen Davidson, advises me that Miss M Westbrook, one
of our life members, has made a further donation of books. These include
books on fungi, birds and the seashore. Thank you, Miss Westbrook.

ADULT EDUCATION COURSE. This is taking shape under Mr Don Hird's
capable organisation. It will be on the natural history of Mt
Wellington, including lectures and 3 field excursions. It will
probably start in September. If you would like to help by giving a
short talk or something similar, contact Don on 344293.

SGAP FLOWER SHOW. Our Club will be putting on a continuous slide
show (mainly for publicity for the Club) and we will be needing
good quality natural history slides on a variety of subjects, as
well as volunteers to 'man' our stand (mainly for the purpose of
answering enquiries). Our organiser for this event is Mrs Marjorie
Wall, and she may be contacted on 284165. Dates for the show are
18th to 19th October (Sat & Sun).

OUTINGS. 7 June, Truganini Reserve; 13 members plus 4 later;
Leader, D Ratkowsky.

Plants in flower; Goodenia ovata (parrot food), Banksia Marginata,
Epacris impressa, Correa reflexa. Non flowering plants included
abundant Bedfordia salicina, and the ferns Polystyichum proliferum,
(mother shield fern), Microsorium diversifolium (Kangaroo fern),
and Asplenium flabellifolium (necklace fern). There were abundant fungi
near Cartwright Creek, and many Crescent honeyeaters and New
Holland honeyeaters. Members were disappointed to find some plant
life struggling because of woodchips washed from the track.
Members enjoyed lunch at the picturesque Signal Station.

5 July, Tasmanian Museum; 31 members; leaders, Alison Green and
Kathryn Medlock. Members viewed numerous specimens in 70% alcohol,
incl. golden orb spider, N.T. funnel web and many marine creatures.
Also moths and butterflies (a beautiful collection), large to
microscopic shells; fish, reptiles and amphibians. Miss Medlock
demonstrated the preparation of a bird skin. The mammal skins
also were fascinating to members.



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CURRENT PROGRAMME.

NOVEMBER. Thursday, 6 Nov. Ms Julia Clark, from the Tasmanian Museum, will speak on "Aboriginal Land Management; gatherers and gardeners." Saturday, Nov 8. Mrs Jessie Luckman (well known for her interest in aboriginal artefacts) will lead an outing to Midway Pt, Red Ochre Beach and Carlton areas. Meet at 10 am.

DECEMBER. Thursday, 4 Dec. Members' Night; please bring some slides, a short talk, or an exhibit so we can share on an informal basis. Also please bring a plate for supper. Library will be open tonight. Sunday, 7 Dec. Mr Len Wall will lead an outing up the newly reopened Old Hobartians Track and back down the Hunters Track, in order to observe some of the bird life. December is a good month to see the Mountain.

JANUARY. As is our custom, there will be no meeting in January. We would like to wish all of our members a happy new year.

SOME OF OUR OFFICE BEARERS ARE:

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Secretary. Mr Phil Collier, Ph 296597.

Treasurer. Mr Don Hird, Ph 344293.

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NEW MEMBERS. Everybody please extend a warm welcome to our two newest members, Moya Tomlinson and Alma McKay. We look forward to a good time sharing our knowledge and experience together.

AUSTRALIA DAY BIRD COUNT. We encourage you all to be in your (suburban) gardens between 7 and 8 am only and write down 1. The variety of bird and 2. The number of each variety. Make a description if you are unsure of the name of a variety. Mail your results, together with your address & postcode, to; The Wild Life Preservation Society, GPO Box 3428, Sydney, NSW 2001.

OUTINGS. 9 August; outing to the Hastings area. Mr Michael Garrett led nine members to observe the ferns in the area. A large number of well known and lesser known ferns were seen. Roadsides, forest areas and sink holes (areas where a cave roof has subsided) provide a wide variety of conditions suitable to ferns. Lyre birds were heard calling, and some rainforest trees were seen in flower. Some ferns observed were; *Cyathea cunninghami* (slender tree fern), also coral ferns, water ferns, fork ferns, spleenworts, filmy ferns, shield ferns and kangaroo ferns. Bracken also grows lush in this area. Members were very appreciative of the interest and variety of ferns in this locality.

6 September; outing to Mt Wellington. Mr Paddy Dalton led 15 members to look at bryophytes (liverworts and mosses). Many specimens were observed along the Shoobridge Track and also in the Springs area. Typical of the interesting plants were specimens of the family Bartramiaceae, whose matted absorbent rhizoids (which act as roots) formed a dense soft cushion under the plant. Despite a bad turn in the weather, members enjoyed the outing and appreciated Mr Dalton's expert leadership.

A TFNC MEMBER IN
A TYPICAL
POSITION.



October outing was a weekend at Waddamana led by Don Hird. Subject; Mammals, of which there are plenty at Waddamana. Greatly enjoyed by the few who attended.

WHY DON'T YOU GET A FRIEND TO COME ALONG TO THE MEETINGS IN 1987?

