

# Tasmanian Field Naturalists' Club (TFNC)

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The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club is devoted to the study of all forms of Natural History, and is comprised of both experts and beginners. We cover a wide variety of topics, and we support conservation. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, except January, in the CSIRO Conference Room, Stowell Ave, Battery Point, at 7.45 p.m. Outings are usually held the following weekend, meeting outside the new entrance to the Museum, Macquarie Street.

The Club's address is G.P.O. Box 68A, Hobart, 7001 and the Secretary is Ms Helen Davidson, phone 25 2754.

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## P R O G R A M M E

- Thurs. 2nd Feb. 7.45 p.m. Alex. Dudley will give an illustrated talk on his specialty - Reptiles.
- Sat. 4th Feb. 10 a.m. Alex. will lead an outing to Mt. Wellington to look for snakes, skinks and other reptiles - there should be quite a few active at this time of year.
- Thurs. 2nd Mar. Annual General Meeting and Members' Night - 7.45 p.m.  
Talks arranged so far:-  
P.McQuillan (Insect Defences), J.Slater (S-W Heritage Area).
- Sat. 4th Mar. 10 a.m. Beach Biology outing, led by Janet Slater, to Goat Beach to study seaweeds, marine invertebrates, etc.
- Thurs. 6th Apr. Tasmanian Freshwater Fishes will be discussed by Wayne Fulton of Inland Fisheries. (postponed from last November).
- Sat. 8th Apr. 9 a.m. Drive to the Ski-ing Area of the Mt. Field National Park and walk to Tarn Shelf to see the deciduous beech on the change.

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NEW MEMBERS: The club welcomes Marcus and Isa Hurburgh, Geoffrey Hore and family, and Judith Doherty. We hope you will all enjoy your time with us!  
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### 1989 MEMBERSHIP FEE REMINDER

As you were informed last newsletter, these fees fell due on 1st January, and prompt payment would be appreciated. The committee members have managed to keep the costs of producing The Tasmanian Naturalist and Bulletin as low as possible, however these still amount to \$8 - \$10 per member per year. On top of these expenses there is the cost of running the club, so even if you don't attend all the meetings and outings, your membership is still value for money.

The 1989 membership rates are:-

ADULTS.....\$15.00

FAMILIES .....\$18.00

STUDENTS, PENSIONERS AND HEALTH CARD HOLDERS.....\$10.00

(Journal Subscribers: Individual ...\$10.00 Institutions .....\$16.00)

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NOMINATION OF NEW COMMITTEE: Prior to the AGM in March, the Secretary would like to receive nominations for the 1989-90 Committee. We look forward to welcoming some new faces on the team this year, so if you have any ideas about the running of the club etc., or would like to learn more or assist in any way, please let it be known that you are eligible for election. Committee meetings are only held every two months and the work outside that time is not excessive if all positions are filled.

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WHERE IS THE TASMANIAN NATURALIST?

Due to the closure of the printer for all of January, the Journal will be mailed out in late February or early March.

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SGAP BICENTENNIAL WILDFLOWER SHOW:

This native flower show held in the City Hall last November, was a great success. The plant displays were really spectacular and the information stands set up by other 'green' organisations were very colourful and informative. The TFNC display was well received, especially by the children, who loved the wombat and possum, and asked many questions about the snake and the spiders and other 'creepy crawlies'.  
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MT. WELLINGTON SUNRISE TRIP - SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

At 4.30a.m. on a mild, calm morning, 11 Field Nats. met with Elizabeth de Quincey (author of "The History of Mt. Wellington") and her husband Roger at the Fern Tree Tavern car park, before proceeding in convoy to the Pinnacle. It was still dark when we started out but dawn light rapidly flooded the eastern sky. We assembled in front of Rock Cabin to admire the view, but most of us actually watched the brilliant sunrise from the relative shelter of the controversial observation deck.

A sumptuous breakfast of hot porridge, followed by "Lady Jane's choice" of roast fowl, cold tongue, a bottle of claret and a loaf of bread, accompanied by a cup of tea, was enjoyed by all. There were even cherries, cake and biscuits too!

Elizabeth then showed us the site of Wragge's weather station, the unsuccessful ice-rink and the 1960 landslip. We next visited the remains of the Exhibition Gardens and the 1930's lookout at the Springs, before searching through the pile of debris bulldozed aside from the hotel after the 1967 bushfires.

Our exciting mountain outing concluded at about 11,30 a.m.(actually, it seemed like mid-afternoon!)

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THE GREAT TASMANIAN FORESTS WALK.

As most of you are probably aware, several hundred people are currently taking part in this walk from Penguin to Lune River. The route passes through the Lemonthyme, Douglas-Apsley and Southern Forests and many interesting activities are included along the way. It is not too late to join in the last stage of the Walk (Tahune Reserve to South Cape, 29/1/'89 to 5/2/'89) or attend the Grand Finale at Lune River on Feb.4. For further information phone (002) 34 9366.

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TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

NOMINATION FORM

I hereby propose \_\_\_\_\_ for the position  
of \_\_\_\_\_ President, Vice-President (2 needed),  
Treasurer, Secretary, Assist. Secretary, Committee Member (4 needed).

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to stand for the above position (Nominee's Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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