

## BULLETIN

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**NOTICE OF MEETING** - The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, on Thursday March 20th, at 7.45.p.m. and followed by the usual monthly meeting for March.

**OUTING** - Saturday March 22nd. Meet at Prince at 9.30.a.m. Private Transport. It is hoped to go to Adamson's Falls but final arrangements will be made at the meeting.

**LIBRARY** - Books are lent for one month. Please return any you have-at the Annual Meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Welcome to new members - Mrs. D. Crooks, Miss E. Jebb, and Mr. Ivan Weedon. Membership stands at 102. Of these, 11 are 'out-of-town', 6 are elderly or ill, 10 we never see, and 8 have transport or other difficulties. This gives us about 66 'effective' members. Attendances run between 25 and 35 - not always the same people, although there are some who never miss. Club 'offices' number 14.

**PROGRAMME** - The incoming committee will be drawing up the 1975 programme - if any member has ideas for subjects they would like included, prospective speakers, objects for outings, or outing leaders, or would be willing to lead outings DO LET COMMITTEE MEMBERS KNOW.

If you would like to help with folding the 'Bulletin' that, too, would be appreciated - let us know.

'The Tasmanian Naturalist' needs more backing-up from Club members. Several members have the knowledge and expertise to write 'technical' articles (and not all are on birds), and other members are quite capable of writing 'not so technical' but nevertheless highly interesting and informative articles on some aspect of natural history in Tasmania. What about it?????

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** - are now due. Adult, \$4.50; Family or Group, \$6.00; Junior, Student or Pensioner, \$2.50. Non-member sub to 'The Tasmanian Naturalist', \$2.00.

**NAME BADGES** - please wear your badge at meetings.....

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1974Programme:- 1974 meetings:

April - South America - M.L. Westbrook

May - Camp Review

June - Films

July - Port Davey - Mr. Hurburgh

August - Photography and Taperecording in the Bush  
Mr. Hewer and Mr. Aves

September - African Wild Life - Dr. Eric Guiler

October - Making Friends with Birds - Mr Boss-Walker

November - Birds and Plants likely to be seen at  
Tahune Forest Reserve - Mr. Wall

February, 1975 - Films.

Outings:-

These have taken us to Mt. Wellington, Summerleas Rd, Longley, Russell River, Mt. Field National Park, Pelverata Falls, Adamson's Falls Area, and Tahune Forest Reserve.

Our thanks are due to all the speakers and to those who have led outings.

The Easter Camp:- was held at Maria Island where we had the use of an empty house. The weather improved as the holiday progressed and groups of campers hiked in various directions - there was a 'bird-count' of 52 and our rations were pleasantly augmented by mushrooms! We appreciated the wildlife around the camp and the many historical associations.

The Committee met six times to deal with programmes, membership, conservation, finance, correspondence, Easter Camp, and other matters which arose from time to time.

The November Bus Outing (organised, as it has been for some years, by Miss F.E. Warren) was to Tahune Forest Reserve and was led by members of the Bird Observers Association of Tasmania.

Club delegates have attended the two meetings of the Federation of Field Naturalists' Clubs of Tasmania ) which this year have been organised by Ulverstone.

Rising Costs - The committee reluctantly decided that the subscriptions would have to rise. The new rates are - Adults, \$4.50; Family or approved Group, \$6.00; Juniors, students and pensioners, \$2.50;

The Tasmanian Naturalist, \$2.00

Membership - 13 members have joined and 13 have left, or have been taken off the roll because we have not heard anything from them for two years. Our numbers stand now at 102. About 36 of these are 'out-of-town', elderly, ill, or have transport or other difficulties and ten of these we never see at meetings. The remaining 66 members provide us with an attendance of between 25 and 35 each meeting, and generally there are from three to six cars which turn up for outings.

The Tasmanian Naturalist (Editor, Mr. D. Thomas) has a circulation of about 200. A number of these are overseas subscriptions, while some are sent in exchange for other associations' publications. The Editor would welcome articles from more Club Members, and other interested people, .

Tasmanian Birds (Jacaranda Press) - Mr. Wall began negotiations for this in 1971. There were many difficulties with the actual publication but at last Jacaranda Press got it out late in 1974. We are grateful to Mr Wall for all the time and effort he put into collecting and borrowing slides from several people all round Tasmania, and we are sure it will be a great help to our 'birdwatchers' - and Tourists, besides bringing in some royalties for our Club Funds.

Thanks - to our Auditor, Miss R. Warren; the Editor of "The Tasmanian Naturalist"; our Librarian, Mrs. McDonald, who has been kept busy keeping our cupboards in good order, and lending out books; and to the few members who have continually volunteered to do up the Bulletin, and Mr. Wall, who always provides us with all the addressed folders..

We appreciate the use of the Royal Society Room - it seems to be our traditional 'home'. Although the Museum's expenses and therefore, our rent, have gone up, the Committee felt members would rather stay here than try to find any other accommodation. The room is always ready for us and we are fortunate to have the use of projectors. So thanks also to the Royal Society, and for the co-operation of their staff.

M.L. Westbrook.  
(for the Committee).

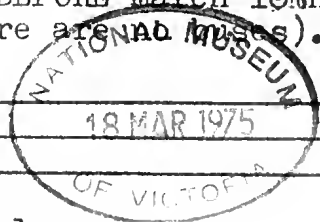
EASTER CAMP FORM

DATES - Friday March 28th to Monday 31st or Tues April 1.  
 PLACE - The Chalet, Waddamana.  
 COST - \$4 a day. - paid at the camp.  
 TAKE - Sheets, pillowslip, towel.  
       Clothes for both hot and cold weather.  
       Personal items  
       Camera? binoculars? Curtis' Flora?  
       Notebook and pencil. Torch.  
       A couple of old newspapers to press specimens.

GENERAL PROCEDURE - Campers will set tables; wash up;  
 and vacuum their rooms before leaving.

IMPORTANT

Please return this form to Miss M.L. Westbrook,  
 6 Richardson Ave, Dynnyrne, '7005 - ON OR BEFORE March 18th  
 to help with CATERING and transport. (There are ~~are~~ <sup>Muses</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>Muses</sup>).



Name of camper/s \_\_\_\_\_  
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Can you offer any transport?

Going up...Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of places \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coming back..Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of places \_\_\_\_\_

Do you NEED transport?

Going up....Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of places \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coming back....Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of places \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone? \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of arrival \_\_\_\_\_ leaving  
of ~~leaving~~ <sup>Reading</sup> camp \_\_\_\_\_

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