

THE LAUNCESTON NATURALIST

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The aim of the Launceston Field Naturalists Club is to encourage the study of all aspects of natural history and to support the conservation of our natural heritage

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Meetings 1st Tuesday of month, Feb-Dec at Scotch-Oakburn College, Penquite Rd Newstead

PROGRAM

FEBRUARY

- Tuesday 4 **General Meeting**
 Guest Speaker Dr Frances Mowling - *Experiences of the South Australian Field Naturalists*
- Saturday 15 **Field Trip - Kate Reed Reserve meet 9.45am at the Reserve (see newsletter for further details)**
- Sunday 23 **Skemps - Maintenance along Skemp Creek and social day**

MARCH

- Tuesday 4 **Member's Night (see newsletter for further details)**
- Sunday 16 **Field Trip**
- Saturday 22 **Skemps Day**
- Monday 24 **Social Evening - Commercial Hotel (see newsletter for more details)**

APRIL

- Tuesday 1 **General Meeting**
 Guest Speaker John Douglas - *Spiders*
- TBA **Field Trip**
- Sat 26 to **Skemps Weekend - Water Monitoring during the day**
Sun 27 **and Astronomy in the evening**

MAY

- Tuesday 6 **John Skemp Memorial Lecture**
 Guest Speaker Genevieve Gates - *Fungi*
- TBA **Field Trip - Fungi**
- TBA **Skemps Day - Fungi**

To see the full January to June 2014 program visit

<http://www.lfnc.org.au/meetings.htm>

Skemp Report - One of the last official jobs at Skemps for 2013 was commemorating the contribution of John Simmons to the club. We planted four Blackwoods and unveiled a plaque so that future generations will remember him.

Having spent a little over a year in the job of property manager I have come to fully appreciate the incredible contribution John made to the maintenance and improvement of the Skemps property. While composing and writing something about him for the dedication gave me an idea of the immense contribution he made to the club generally.

The Centre has been well utilised by hirers which is somewhat of a mixed blessing. The extra income generated is offset by extra maintenance, cleaning, checking and firewood collecting. Hirers occasionally do the wrong thing with damage, untidiness and for reasons unknown some insist on moving things around and not putting them back.

As an example of the problems which keep us busy we recently had three water leaks involving fittings coming undone due to the strain on pipes. While two resulted in small leaks and were soon fixed the last emptied three of the four tanks. It was quickly repaired and even on a hot day in late January there was still enough water flowing to quickly refill the tanks. No doubt we can thank the wet year for seeing water still flowing into the creek and the settling tank.

Two of the biggest expenses for the year were a new ride on mower and new chainsaw. Both are more powerful and better than the ones replaced. The chainsaw proved difficult to start from cold or if left for ten minutes or more, and reading the instructions and swearing did not help at all. Eventually Murray, a Skemps neighbour, showed us the correct starting procedure and we have had fewer problems since.

We have a second wood shed attached to the barn thanks to the drive, design ideas and hard work of John Elliott. This will allow us to rotate the storage of fire wood, filling one with green wood while using the dry wood from the other. The following year we will swap over and there should be enough capacity in the sheds and other storage for, from three to four years of fire wood.

The riparian revegetation is coming along well with a survival rate of over 50%. Some plants have died, others are predated upon by the possums while some become entangled in the wire cages and are weak when the support is removed.

No one has reported seeing platypus at Skemps since late 2012. This year though I have seen lapwings, native hens and ducks for the first time and more echidna than past years. Many other birds, including wedge-tailed eagles, are regularly seen and scats indicate the presence of wombats and either quolls or devils.

As for weeds, thistle and foxglove continue to be a problem and there are still some holly trees about, three of which were removed late in the year. John is constantly working on blackberry and has developed an excellent method for dealing with them. For each new patch heavy spraying is followed by slashing a path through the tangle of dead canes to reach the more remote parts of the area and also for follow up spraying. Thankfully willow seems to have been eradicated along the creek while small sycamore trees come up occasionally and are quickly dealt with. John has noticed birch saplings with some of the trees recently planted along the creek and this needs to be dealt with before the trees throw seed and it becomes a major problem.

Grant has reported that 2013 was the wettest year in the area as recorded by amateurs. He achieved the record for both the seasonal year (1877 mm) from December 2012 to November 2013 inclusive as well as the calendar year 2013 (1908 mm). John

Skemp kept rain records and when he heard that neighbours were complaining about a particularly wet year he stated that with a few more points there would have been six foot or 72 inches (1829 mm) for the year, a level he did not claim to have ever recorded for the area.

We are in need of more volunteers to assist at Skemps on the Tuesday work day. If you can help please call me or e-mail the secretary to register your interest. We are there most Tuesdays from 9:30 although only every second Tuesday over winter months.

Cutting, moving, splitting and stacking of firewood is one of the biggest ongoing jobs. There are a few construction jobs which need doing including board walks on the tracks leading to the settling tank and we would like to enclose the back verandah with an insect screen and possum proof door.

A big thank you to those who regularly go to Skemps on the Tuesdays and to all those who turn up for working bees.

Noel Manning

Puggle

December - Alison Green asked members to give the common name, as listed by the CSIRO, of a small black and red flying insect with the scientific name of *Dindymus versicolour*, which is often seen in the garden. Peter Ralph correctly identified it as the harlequin bug.

Sightings

December - Peter Warren saw a white-faced heron catching a lizard at his daughter's home in Riverside. Tony Geeves saw six magpies in a gumtree, grey currawongs and lapwings at Punchbowl Reserve. John Elliott saw four white-eyed ducks (hardhead) in the pond on the Kings Meadows rivulet. Peter Ralph advised that a ringtail possum seems to have adopted them. It won't leave their garden and their dog is fascinated by the possum. Liz Bond said a mottled bird possibly a lesser wattlebird ate all the figs on her tree. Dianne Pegler reported a brushtail possum in their backyard, she wasn't sure who got the biggest fright. Prue Wright reported a female Australasian shoveler in Queechy Pond. Tom Treloggen reported a wedge-tailed eagle at 'Strathroy' on the Midlands Highway and black cockatoos at the Forestry Nursery in Perth.

Library Report - Sorting of the books donated by Ruth Upson continues. The CD ordered from the Victorian Botanical Gardens to aid in the identification of fungi, has been received and is available to borrow from the library collection at Skemps.

New Members - We welcomed Ann Scott, Neil McClarron, Jennifer Matheson and Nicholas Kozakis to the Club and look forward to them joining us at meetings and other club activities.

Program - Committee members are working on the program for 2014. Guest speakers for general meetings up until June have been confirmed, with some field trips and Skemp days yet to be finalised. Members will be given notice of details at the general meeting or by email.

GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday 3 December

At the final meeting for 2013 we watched *Year that Was* slide show put together by Prue Wright of members images from club events and activities during the year. It was interesting to collectively revisit all the places that we had been to during the year and it was also a reminder of the interesting and varied program of our club, a big thankyou to Prue.

Marion Simmons, and Roy and Louise Skabo were thanked at the meeting for the use of their properties during the November East Coast weekend and were presented with a bottle of wine each.

We then enjoyed the varied plates of food that members had contributed to the supper while waiting for everyone to place each of three coloured dots to vote for their favourite images submitted for the Club's annual photographic competition. John Elliott's image of a Golden Stag Beetle was a standout winner for first prize, but four images tied for second place. One further dot was given to everyone to vote on the tied images. This time an image scored more votes to gain second place, but of the three remaining two tied for third place. Another dot was handed out and this separated the two images for third place.

This is the first time that this has happened and showed that many images were worthy of a place in the competition.

1st prize was won by John Elliott for an image of a golden stag beetle, 2nd prize was won by Prue Wright for her image of a *Neosparassus diana* a badge huntsman spider from the Sparassidae family and 3rd prize was won by Peter Warren for his image of pacific black ducks.

Karen Manning

CHRISTMAS AT SKEMPS - Sunday 8 December

Arriving at Skemps on a cool Sunday morning to a chilly Centre we were very grateful to Peter Warren when he quickly got the fire going. After unpacking our gear from the car John Elliott set off to locate a tree that we could decorate for the Christmas get-together and was joined by Noel to assist with getting it back to the Centre. The tree was soon up and decorated. It was beginning to look a lot like Christmas as parcels appeared beneath.

With more members arriving some who did not attend the dedication ceremony for John Simmons headed off towards the Federation Corridor to find his plaque while another group headed off to walk the Zig-Zag Track. We were pleased to find the *Epacris gunnii*, coral heath, still in flower in the grassland at the end of the track. Noel's instructions could not have been very clear as the first group had to be shown the location of the plaque. Heading back to the Centre we could see quite a few more cars than earlier and the barbecue had been lit.

Lunch was a long and noisy affair, with lots of chatter with our new members and also with some members we hadn't seen for a while. After cleaning up, we decorated the tables and prepared the food for afternoon tea, and patiently waited for Santa who arrived while we were singing 'Jingle Bells'. Four junior members helped Santa to

distribute the parcels and then he was off again to his next stop. We then enjoyed a hot drink and nibbled cakes, sandwiches and savouries provided by members. Judith Handler organised a member to select a ticket from the hat for the lucky door prize. After jokes about the possibility of picking their own ticket a junior member picked the second number and the lucky winners were Ashley Churchill and Peter Warren.

With the afternoon becoming cooler, the crowd thinned and after a tidy up and vacuum, the remaining people headed home.

Karen & Noel Manning

FIELD TRIP - Wednesday 11 December - Wildflowers at 'Kingston', Nile

Today members made their fifth visit to the property Kingston as part of our ongoing documentation of its flora.

Lyndel Poole showed us around while Michael Bennett and their dog Liza joined us for lunch and another plant forage on the southern side of Fourth Hill. While about half the group walked the steep slopes to the bottom of the hill the others returned to cars and drove to this protected place away from the strong, cool wind for a lunch break.

We have now visited several locations on the property, each with its own habitat. On this visit we looked again at the grassland area near Fourth Hill including the slopes of the hill itself. We paid particular attention to monocot species such as sedges and grassy plants, which had been somewhat neglected on earlier visits. Quite a number of new names were added to our list of plants and although she was not present on this occasion, Prue has taken on the task of noting the location where each species is found, an important improvement to our list. It is always a particular pleasure to find something we haven't noted during earlier visits and this occasion provided its share of discoveries.

We sent several specimens to the Tasmanian Herbarium for identification and will add these species to the list when the Herbarium has had time to examine them. Members who participated in this excursion were Roy Skabo, John Elliott, Tony Geeves, Noel Manning, Peter Warren, Irmgard Rosenfeldt along with Herbert Staubmann from Habitat Plants.

Roy Skabo & Noel Manning

Many thanks to Roy for the list of plants identified during the visit: -

Acacia dealbata, silver wattle; *Acacia mearnsii*, black wattle; *Acaena echinata*, spiny sheepburr; *Acaena novae-zelandiae*, common buzzy; *Acrotriche serrulata*, ants delight; *Adiantum aethiopicum*, common maidenhair fern; *Ajuga australis*, Australian bugle; *Allocasuarina littoralis*, black sheoak; *Arthropodium milleflorum*, pale vanilla-lily; *Arthropodium minus*, small vanilla-lily; *Arthropodium strictum*, chocolate lily; *Asperula conferta*, common woodruff; *Asplenium flabellifolium*, necklace fern; *Astroloma humifusum*, native cranberry; *Bossiaea prostrata*, creeping bossia; *Bossiaea riparia*, leafless bossia; *Brachyscome aculeata*, hill daisy; *Brachyscome graminea*, grass daisy; *Brachyscome sieberi*, forest daisy; *Burchardia umbellata*, milkmaids; *Bursaria spinosa*, prickly box; *Caesia calliantha*, blue grasslily; *Calocephalus lacteus*, milky beautyheads; *Carex tasmanica*, curly sedge; *Carex sp.*, sedge; *Cheilanthes*

austratenuifolia, green rockfern; *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*, common everlasting; *Chrysocephalum semipapposum*, clustered everlasting; *Convolvulus angustissimus*, blushing bindweed; *Craspedia glauca*, common billybuttons; *Crassula sieberiana*, rock stonecrop; *Cymbonotus preissianus*, bears ears; *Daucus glochidiatus*, Australian carrot; *Dianella revoluta*, spreading flaxlily; *Dichondra repens*, kidneyweed; *Diplarrena moraea*, white flag-iris; *Diuris sulphurea*, tiger orchid; *Drosera auriculata*, tall sundew; *Drosera gracilis*, red sundew; *Drosera aff. peltata*, grassland sundew; *Drosera peltata*, pale sundew; *Epacris sp.*, heath; *Epilobium billardierianum sp.*, willowherb; *Eryngium vesiculosum*, prickfoot; *Eucalyptus pauciflora*, cabbage gum; *Euchiton sphaericus*, globe cottonleaf; *Euryomyrtus ramo-sissima*, creeping heath-myrtle; *Geranium potentilloides*, mountain cranesbill; *Geranium solanderi*, southern cranesbill; *Geranium sp.*, cranesbill; *Glycine latrobeana*, clover glycine; *Gonocarpus sp.*, raspwort; *Haloragis heterophylla*, variable raspwort; *Hibbertia serpyllifolia*, thyme guineaflower; *Hypericum gramineum*, small st johns-wort; *Hypericum japonicum*, matted st johns-wort; *Hypoxis hygrometrica sp.*, weatherglass; *Hypoxis vaginata sp.*, yellowstar; *Juncus sp.*, rush; *Juncus filicaulis*, thread rush; *Lagenophora stipitata*, blue bottledaisy; *Lagenophora gracilis*, slender bottledaisy; *Leptorhynchus squamatus*, scaly buttons; *Leptospermum sp.*, teatree; *Linum marginale*, native flax; *Lissanthe strigosa*, peachberry heath; *Lobelia pedunculata*, matted pratia; *Lomandra longifolia*, sagg; *Lomandra nana*, dwarf mat-rush; *Luzula sp.*, woodrush; *Lythrum hyssopifolia*, small loosestrife; *Mazus pumilio*, swamp mazus; *Melicytus dentatus*, spiky violetbush; *Microseris lanceolata*, yam daisy; *Microtis unifolia*, common onion-orchid; *Montia australasica*, white purslane; *Ophioglossum lusitanicum*, adders tongue; *Ornduffia umbricola*, running marshflower; *Oxalis perennans*, grassland woodsorrel; *Pelargonium australe*, southern storksbill; *Phragmites australis*, southern reed; *Pimelea curviflora sp.*, curved riceflower; *Pimelea humilis*, dwarf riceflower; *Plantago hispida*, hairy plantain; *Plantago varia*, variable plantain; *Poa mollis*, soft tussockgrass; *Poa labillardierei sp.*, tussockgrass; *Poranthera microphylla*, small poranthera; *Ptilotus spathulatus*, pussytails; *Ranunculus lappaceus*, woodland buttercup; *Scleranthus biflorus*, twin-flower knawel; *Sebaea ovata*, yellow sebaea; *Solenogyne dominii*, smooth flat-herb; *Solenogyne gunnii*, hairy flat-herb; *Sphagnum sp.*, moss; *Stylidium graminifolium*, narrowleaf triggerplant; *Tetratheca labillardierei*, glandular pinkbells; *Thelymitra pauciflora*, slender sun-orchid; *Thelymitra sp.*, tall sun-orchid; *Themeda triandra*, kangaroo grass; *Thysanotus patersonii*, twining fringelily; *Triptilodiscus pygmaeus*, dwarf sunray; *Utricularia monanthos*, mountain bladderwort; *Veronica calycina*, hairy speedwell; *Veronica gracilis*, slender speedwell; *Viola betonicifolia*, showy violet; *Viola hederacea*, ivyleaf violet; *Wahlenbergia gracilis*, sprawling bluebell; *Wahlenbergia gymnoclada*, naked bluebell; *Wahlenbergia multi-caulis*, bushy bluebell; *Wurmbea dioica*, early nancy; *Wurmbea uniflora*, oneflower early nancy.

Introduced Species (weeds)

Briza minor, lesser quaking-grass; *Centaurium erythraea*, common centauray; *Centaurium tenuiflorum*, slender centauray; *Erodium cicutarium*, common storksbill; *Juncus acutiflorus*, sharpflower rush; *Leontodon saxatilis*, hairy hawkbit; *Logfia gallica*, narrow cudweed; *Myosotis laxa*, lesser forgetmenot; *Myosotis discolor*,

changing forgetmenot; *Nasturtium officinale*, two-row watercress; *Plantago major*, great plantain; *Prunella vulgaris*, self heal; *Urtica urens*, stinging nettle; *Veronica arvensis*, wall speedwell; *Veronica scutellata*, marsh speedwell; *Vicia sativa* sp., vetch.

FIELD TRIP - Wednesday 8 to Thursday 9 January 2014 - Ben Lomond

Ten members and three visitors arrived at the ski village mid-week to find it nearly empty on a clear warm morning. After settling in at 'The Hut' and an early lunch we set off up behind the chalets to explore our interesting surroundings and to record the alpine plants and animals seen during our stroll.

Christine, Claire, Karl, Noel, Rhys and Tony were in an exploratory mood and headed high up the rocky outcrop on the left of the village and out of view.

Meanwhile Irmgard, Jo, Karen, Linda, Peter, Prue and Toby headed along the ski slope directly behind the village. Walking among the rocks and ponds, the ground was covered with pineapple grass and cushion plants and low growing shrubs, like mountain rocket. White and yellow daisies, eyebrights and buttercups were poking their heads up everywhere and the scoparia was very popular with the flame robins. Tadpoles were seen in some of the ponds and we also heard the Tasmanian froglet calling. We saw many skinks and grasshoppers most of which were too quick for us to a photograph and therefore difficult to identify. With the temperature dropping we headed back to the village where we saw a large number of Bennett's wallabies feeding, many with pouched young. Walking along the roadway to our accommodation, we noted a mother shieldfern in the rocks and small eucalyptus trees below the road.

Approaching The Hut we could see the other group was also returning from their exploring. They had walked to Little Hell traversing the rocky boulder fields and a large pond on the way. The pond was surrounded by scoparia and other shrubs and a low mist overhung the area. On Little Hell they had a 360° spectacular view over the plateau and were disappointed to see the scarring on the hills in the valleys below where logging had occurred.

With small plant samples in hand, we confirmed some specimens for our plant list before having our evening meals. Christine, Irmgard and Tony were not staying overnight so departed before dark. Claire, Karl and Rhys also did a short walk before dark, climbing to the huts below Legges Tor that are not accessible by road and returned just before dark with the news they had seen a wombat in a rocky area above the ski fields behind the village. Before retiring for the evening games were played, photographs shared and books read.

The following morning we rose early and prepared for our planned walks. Peter drove Karen, Karl, Noel and Rhys to Carr Villa to do the walk up the side of the plateau to the Village. Claire, Jo, Prue and Toby headed to Hamilton Craggs to the lookout for views out over the north-east. On the way up Claire and Toby found a big cave while exploring a large rocky outcrop. On their return Claire climbed to the cairn before meeting back up with the rest of the group who hadn't progressed a lot further stopping at a pond with frogs and tadpoles. It was here they saw a wedge-tailed eagle soaring in the sky. At the bottom of the craggs they met up with Linda who had been exploring the

plants on the ski-run and later with Peter who was photographing the plants closer to the village.

The walk from Carr Villa up the slope to the plateau was wonderful; the views over the north-east were breathtaking. On these slopes we saw mountain peppers, Tasmanian waratahs, daisybushes and guitarplants which were not present on top of the plateau. There was a good flow of water on the plains of the Land of Little Sticks and lots of scoparia. On the Plains of Heaven it was very dry and eyebrights could be seen everywhere you looked. Doing things a little differently, we scaled rocks on the northern side of Legges Tor rather than taking the marked trail back to the village; unfortunately we had to put up with one old fellow complaining loud and frequently that the young ones had chosen the rockiest route. Sitting on the rocks for a breather and drink, the quiet was eerie and you felt you were on top of the world. Once again perfect timing; we arrived back at The Hut as the other group approached from the other direction.

Following lunch and a catch up on walks this morning; we tidied up and headed back to Launceston following another wonderful stay.

Many thanks to Peter for hosting the trip and opening up The Hut for our stay.

Karen and Noel Manning

Flora and fauna seen during our trip:-

Plateau: - *Acaena montana*, mountain buzzy; *Astelia alpina*, pineapple grass; *Histiopteris incisa*, batwing fern; *Bellenden montana*, mountain rocket; Cushion plant; *Cyathodes straminea*, spreading cheeseberry; *Drosera arcturi*, alpine sundew; *Epacris serphyllifolia*, alpine heath; *Eucalyptus coccifera*, snow peppermint; *Eucalyptus* sp.; *Euphrasia collina* subsp *diemenica*, plain-tufted eyebright; *Gentianella diemensis*, Tasmanian snowgentian (not yet flowering); *Geranium potentilloides*, mountain cranesbill; *Gnaphalium* sp., cottonleaf; *Huperzia australiana*, mother clubmoss; *Leptecophylla juniperina* subsp *parvifolia*, mountain pinkberry; *Melicytus dentatus*, spiky violetbush; *Neopaxia australasica*, white purslane; *Orites acicularis*, yellow orites; *Orites revoluta*, revolute orites; *Poa* sp., snow tussockgrass; *Polystichum proliferum*, mother shieldfern; *Ranunculus gunniaus*, tufted buttercup; *Richea scoparia*, scoparia; *Richea springelioides*, rigid candlestick; *Senecio gunnii*, mountain fireweed; Spagnum moss sp.; *Usnea* sp., old man's beard; yellow daisy

Carr Villa: - *Tasmannia lanceolata*, mountain pepper; *Telopea truncata*, Tasmanian waratah; *Lomatia tinctoria*, guitarplant; *Olearia* sp., Daisybush

Birds: - *Aquila audux*, wedge-tailed eagle; *Hirundo neoxena*, welcome swallow; *Petroica phoenicea*, flame robin (male and female); *Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera*, crescent honeyeater; *Strepera fuliginosa*, black currawong; *Strepera versicolor*, grey currawong

Misc:- *Macropus rufogriseus*, Bennett's wallaby; *Tachyglossus aculeatus*, echidna; *Vombatus ursinus*, wombat; Black grasshopper with red legs; Green grasshopper; *Crinia tasmaniensis*, Tasmanian froglet; Leaf beetle; *Niveoscincus greeni*, northern snow skink.

NEW BOOK AVAILABLE Granite Point and Adams Beach ~ Bridport

Mike Douglas has advised that there is a new edition available of his above publication. It covers the natural features of the area as well as walks with maps and photos.

Contents are: The Granite Point Conservation Area, Walks, Geology, Geomorphology, Introduced Plants, Vegetation of the Coastal Strip, Seaweeds and Seagrasses, Lichens, Frog Lagoon, Wild Flower Reserve, Reference and Appendix: List of Native Plants - Coastal Strip and Wetland.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this publication they are available at the Pavilion in Bridport for \$11.00. Mike is happy to mail them direct to you for \$12.00 which includes postage. If you would like to receive a copy by mail, send you details and include a cheque made out to 'Mike Douglas', to 2 West Street Bridport 7262

FIELD TRIP - Saturday 15 February - Kate Reed Nature Reserve

Members will meet at the later time of 9.45 am at the Connector Road (C403) entrance to the Reserve parking under the bridge where the Midlands Highway crosses the road to Bunnings. Please be careful crossing the road to join the other members.

Bring sturdy shoes, hat and sunscreen, waterproof, lunch and drinks, camera etc.

We will be walking on multiuse tracks and may encounter mountain bike riders.

CLUB SOCIAL DINNER - Monday 24 March

This will be held at the Commercial Hotel, corner Cimitiere and George Streets Launceston and our booking is 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

Their menu provides many choices of chicken, seafood and steak meals, with prices starting from \$12.00 and most being under \$20.00. There is also a children's menu where all meals are under \$6.00.

RSVP is essential, if you would like to attend contact Noel or Karen before Wednesday 19 March on 6344 2277 or email family_manning@yahoo.com.au

MEMBERS NIGHT - TUESDAY 4 MARCH

We will be using a smaller room for the March meeting and will not have a guest speaker. The Secretary would like to hear from any members who are available to do a presentation on some aspect of natural history. Presentations should be limited to 15 minutes with no more than 20 slides.

AUSTRALIAN NATURALISTS' NETWORK

The Lea, Hobart 17 - 27 October 2014

The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club (TFNC) is hosting this biennial get-together later this year. Information received about the event so far has been given to members who have expressed interest.

If you have not attended previous ANN get-togethers the program consists of a week of field trips highlighting the nature of the area, lectures by experts in different aspects of nature and social functions in a friendly atmosphere with like minded naturalists from around Australia. Club members who have attended these events in previous years will attest to this.

Further information is available from the TFNC's website
<http://tasfieldnats.weebly.com/australian-naturalists-network.html>

AUSTRALIAN PLANT SOCIETY (APS) MEETINGS

LFNC members are welcome to attend APS meetings held on the third Tuesday of the month at Max Fry Hall, Gorge Road Trevallyn at 7.30 pm.

Their first meeting for 2014 will be on Tuesday 18 February.

Additional Information

Club Outings:

1. All outings depart from Inveresk carpark (near Museum entrance) at 9 am unless otherwise specified. Internet site updated regularly to reflect short notice changes. Saturday all-day parking cost is \$3.00. Sunday parking free.
2. You need to provide your own food and drinks for the outing unless otherwise specified. Morning tea is normally provided by the bus company on bus outings.
3. When travelling by car in convoy, each driver is responsible to ensure that the vehicle behind is in sight immediately after passing each cross road or fork in the road.
4. When car pooling, petrol costs should be shared between all the passengers, including family of the driver, and based on other clubs the Committee suggested \$11 per 100 km. This is a guideline only.

Name Tags: Name tags are to be worn at meetings and on outings.

Tea/Coffee: A levy of 50c is currently charged for supper provided at meetings.

Field Centre: All members have access to the John Skemp Field Centre. Contact our booking manager, John Elliott on 6344 9303 regarding availability and keys.

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