

WILDCARE AGM & Conference 2002

Annual General Meeting Notice

The Annual General Meeting and Conference will be held on Maria Island this year over the weekend of the 16th–17th March.

Date

16–17 March 2002
(AGM on 17th March).

Location

Darlington, Maria Island, near Triabunna on Tasmania's East Coast.

Accommodation

Penitentiary Rooms (share basis) and camp ground. Free of charge.

First in first served — **book with the Maria Island PWS Rangers on (03) 6257 1420.** Accommodation available from the evening of Friday 15th.

Park Entry

Present your **WILDCARE** membership card at the Commissariat on arrival.

Meals & Gear

Saturday evening BBQ will be provided in the Day Shelter. You will need to bring all other food and drink for the duration of your stay; cooking equipment; and personal items. Mattresses and bunks provided in the Penitentiary. If camping, you will need to bring your own gear.

Ferry Bookings

Book direct with the ferry operator on (03) 6257 1589. Ferry fares apply. At the time of booking, please mention you are attending the **WILDCARE** conference. Ferry departure times from Triabunna — 9:00am, 10:30am (7 days a week).

Eligibility

To be eligible to vote at the AGM and SGM you must, at the time of this notice, be a current 2002 member or held membership in 2001. All 2001 memberships formally expire at the end of the AGM. Family or couple memberships have individual vote only (i.e. one vote per family, etc).

When does the action start?

The weekend has been planned to provide a number of opportunities for getting involved. We encourage you to participate in the whole weekend, but there are a number of alternatives.

Come on Friday and spend Saturday morning enjoying what the island has to offer before we begin the Conference at Saturday lunchtime. Come Saturday morning and arrive in time to participate in the Conference discussion groups and the various working bees organised for the afternoon and in the evening enjoy a BBQ and musical entertainment. Come Sunday morning and arrive in time for the Special General Meeting and Annual General Meeting. We will be finished in time to allow a bit of independent island exploration before the last ferry departs at 3 pm.

What's the conference about?

The conference topics for discussion will be determined by the participants — that's you. If you have an issue or idea you would like to share and explore with other members, raise it during the first session, post it on the agenda and lead a discussion group. All topics raised will make it onto the agenda. Discussion groups will be run concurrently over two time slots. Outcomes will be documented and reported in the next **WILDTIMES**. We will also, as a group, identify priority outcomes that will be referred to the Board of Management for consideration and action. This is your chance to have a real say in what **WILDCARE** does over the next 12 months.

Weekend Agenda

Saturday 16th March

12 Noon Lunch and settle into accommodation

1pm Conference opens

1.30pm Conference Discussion groups

2.00pm Conference Discussion groups
2.30pm Conference Summary and Priority setting
3.00pm Working bee groups
5.00pm Finish
6.30pm BBQ in the Day Shelter (food provided, BYO drinks)

Sunday 17th March

9.00am Working bee groups
11.30am Special General Meeting (see notice for details)
12 noon Annual General Meeting
– Last AGM minutes
– Financial and Auditors report
– Selection of Auditor
– Chairperson's Report
– Election of Office Bearers (Vice Chairperson, Treasurer)
12.30pm Close

3.00 pm Depart afternoon ferry

RSVP your attendance by 12 March 2002 to Andrew Smith (03) 6233 2836, email <wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au> or mail the registration form further on in this newsletter.

Book your accommodation with the Ranger (03) 6257 1420.

Book your ferry travel with the operator (03) 6257 1589.

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Special General Meeting Notice

(To be held immediately prior to the AGM 17th March — see AGM notice)

The following motions will be put to the Special General Meeting —

MOTION 1 — It is proposed that all mention of “Parks and Wildlife Service” be altered to *Reserve Management (PWS and other public land managers), nature conservation and cultural heritage conservation (on and off reserve)*.

Explanation — This alteration reflects the new structure of the Dept of Primary Industries, Water & Environment that places nature conservation and cultural heritage branches in the Resource Management & Conservation Division, outside the Parks & Wildlife Service. It also acknowledges that nature conservation and cultural heritage conservation work may occur off reserve.

MOTION 2 — Insert the following alterations to Section 2 of the Constitution.

Explanation — The entire Section 2 is included below with the relevant clauses highlighted in a box and the

additional words in bold. These alterations are necessary to demonstrate that **WILDCARE** is not a conduit for money meant for purposes other than **WILDCARE** business. Insertion of the words will enable **WILDCARE** to apply for tax deductible status for donations.

Powers

2. (1) In carrying out the objects the Association shall have the following powers, namely:

- (a) the purchase, taking on lease, licence or in exchange, and the hiring or otherwise acquiring of any real or personal property that may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Association;
- (b) the buying, selling, and supplying of, and dealing in, goods of all kinds;
- (c) the construction, maintenance, and alteration of buildings or works necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Association;
- (d) the accepting, or declining, of any funds, subscriptions, donations of real and personal property and

gifts, whether subject to a will, special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects or purposes of the Association. **The Board will not receive any gifts of money or property other than for the objects and purposes of the Association.**

- (e) the taking of such steps from time to time as the Board of Management may deem expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association, whether by way of donations, subscriptions, or otherwise;
- (f) the printing and publishing of such newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets, or other documents as the Board of Management may think desirable for the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Association;
- (g) the borrowing and raising of money in such manner and on such terms as the Board of Management may think fit or as may be approved or directed by resolution passed at a general meeting;
- (h) the investment of any moneys of the Association not immediately required for any of its objects or

Eddystone Point

3rd Annual Weekend of Weedbusting Saturday & Sunday, 9-10 March 2002

For the last 2 years working bees have been held in an effort to bring environmental weeds under control at Eddystone Point.

This has been a very successful event that has seen a large quantity of Mirror Bush, Boxthorn, etc. removed from around the Eddystone Point area. As with all projects to remove invasive weeds, follow-up work is necessary in order to guarantee long-term effectiveness. So now is the time to have another go...

All interested volunteers — families and friends — are invited to the Eddystone Point lighthouses to participate in a weekend (or part thereof) of outdoors work and play. Don't miss out on your chance to help out, enjoy this spectacular coastal location and to be part of the action.

Note: As part of the event, a free 'welcome barbecue' will be provided on the evening of Friday, March 8th (BYO drinks). Please RSVP for catering purposes.

Where: Spectacular Eddystone Point on Tasmania's East Coast — part of Mt William National Park.

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm each day (or part thereof)

Who: Anyone who would like to join in.

What to bring: Sturdy footwear, gloves, drink, hat and any hand tools of use (mattock, spade, secateurs,



lopping shears, etc). Some tools will be supplied but bring your own if you have them.

Personal equipment for recreational activities such as fishing, swimming, bushwalking, etc. should also be considered.

Accommodation: Camping available at Deep Creek which has pit toilets and water. Volunteers will need to be self-sufficient in all the camping and cooking gear. Feel free to arrive on Friday to settle in and enjoy the free BBQ.

RSVP and for more information contact:

- Donnalee Young (Coastcare) 0418 575 883
- Greg Stewart (East Coast Regional Weed Strategy) (03) 6376 1281
- Pete Lingard (Parks & Wildlife Service) (03) 6257 8844

purposes in such manner as the Board of Management may from time to time determine;

- (i) the making of gifts, subscriptions, or donations to any of the funds, authorities, or institutions which have similar objects to the Association. **In the exercise of this power, WILDCARE will not act as a mere conduit for the donation of money or property to other organisations, bodies or persons;**
- (j) the establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment and support, of foundations, institutions, funds, trusts, schemes, and conveniences calculated to benefit servants or past servants of the Association and their dependants, and the granting of pensions, allowances, or other benefits to servants or past servants of the Association and their dependants, and the making of payments towards insurance in relation to any of those purposes;
- (k) the establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment or support, of any other foundation or trust formed for any of the basic objects of the Association;
- (l) the purchase or acquisition, and undertaking, of all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities, and engagements of any foundation with which the Association may at any time become amalgamated in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules of the Association;
- (m) to employ such officers and servants as the Board of Management may deem necessary and to pay such remuneration or bonus as the Board of Management may determine as reasonable and proper; and
- (n) the doing of all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Association or of any of the powers specified in the foregoing provisions of this sub-rule.
- (o) The Board must comply with any rules that the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia and
- (p) the Minister for Environment, Sport and Territories make to ensure that gifts made to the Trust be used
- (q) only for the purposes specified in this document.

CALL UP NOTICE

Cartoonist Wanted

Fancy yourself as a cartoonist? Would like your work "immortalised" in the Parks & Wildlife Service? Then read on...

Adopt-a-Track Track Caretakers are currently putting together a volunteer user manual on track maintenance, to be utilised by anyone signing on as a Track Caretaker. Part of the manual

requires illustrations to demonstrate and support written information.

If you are skilled in "cartooning" and are interested in assisting in this process by drawing illustrations for the manual, please contact Jo Field, Adopt-a-Track Facilitator on (03) 6336 5454 or email <adoptatrack@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.

Rewards for long term commitment

WILDCARE, in cooperation with PWS Field Centres, have purchased a number of sleeveless Polar Fleecees as reward and recognition for members who provide a large number of volunteer hours to specified projects.

The jackets are embroidered with the words "**WILDCARE Inc Caring for Wild Places**" followed by the specific location for the project (eg Maatsuyker Island, Overland Track, and Tamar Island).

Eligible projects are selected in consultation between **WILDCARE** Inc and field centres/project leaders as **WILDCARE** and the field centre/project leader share the costs of the jackets. The conditions associated with the issue of the jackets are:

Conditions

- Must be a **WILDCARE** member when undertaking the volunteer work.
- Rangers or DPIWE staff responsible for the project must validate participation.
- Jacket carries no Authority and cannot be used as a means of enforcement.
- The jacket cannot be used as identification in lieu of a **WILDCARE** pass if claiming discounts available through **WILDCARE**.

Eligibility

200 hours (or written commitment for at least a 12-month period) accrued as part of an eligible and officially adopted **WILDCARE/PWS** program. For example, the eligible programs formally adopted at present are:

- Volunteer Track Wardens Waterfall Valley
- Maatsuyker Island Volunteer Caretaker program
- Deal Island Caretaker Program
- Adopt-a-Track Program (Caretakers who have signed a 12

month agreement and completed the first 6 months)

- Tamar Island Wetland Centre (Information Volunteers working on a roster basis)
- **WILDCARE** Office assistance (volunteers working on a long term roster basis)
- Other projects may be added as a result of consultation between **WILDCARE** and Rangers/other DPIWE staff.

We should be seeing jacket-wearing members all over the place soon, as the above projects have to date involved 250 members!

A limited number of jackets with the words "**WILDCARE** Inc — Caring for natural and cultural heritage" are available for sale at \$40. If we have a big response to purchasing jackets there may be a delay in providing them, as we will need to order additional jackets according to demand. Contact the **WILDCARE** Office (03) 6233 2836.

Articles For WILDTIMES Wanted...

Have you participated in a volunteer activity through **WILDCARE** recently? Members would like to hear about what you did/are doing? Articles (if possible, accompanied with photos/slides; not digitals) can be submitted by either posting to **WILDCARE** Inc, GPO Box 44, Hobart Tas 7001 or email <wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>. **Articles to be included in the next issue of WILDCARE must be forwarded by 1 May 2002.**

So get out the parchment and start scribing!

Responses to December 2001 issue of **WILDTIMES**

It's great to hear from members on articles either about or contributed to **WILDTIMES** by volunteers. The three responses listed below were received after the last newsletter:

1. My Dear Friends,

May I congratulate you on the news contained in the magazine. I have just received and read all pages and not just scanned one or two pages. Do you know if John and "Willie" Watts have any email contact on Maatsuyker. Would

love to send them a Christmas note and to wish them well.

Yours,

Low Pretorius.

Rotary District Governor for Tasmania. 2001

2. Andrew ,

I believe that a big thank you is in order. I have received several phone calls today inquiring about Wombaroo/Passwell products. I have found out that this is due to an advert in the **WILDCARE** newsletter. I appreciate what you

have done , however can I obtain a copy to see our advert ?

Thanks again !

Best Regards,

Mark Cartledge

*Cartledge Agency is a new **WILDCARE** discount sponsor. Check out the ad for Wildlife Products in this newsletter.*

3. A gentleman rang to request that his name be added to the Maatsuyker register, as a result of the article on the Maatsuyker Caretakers.

Tools put to work on the West Coast!

In the December 2001 issue of **WILDTIMES**, there was an article on the successful application submitted by **WILDCARE** Inc for the International Year of the Volunteer Small Grants Program. The application was for purchase of tools for coastal management projects on the West Coast of Tasmania. Below is an article by Krissy Ward, Ranger PWS Strahan, who is working with volunteers on these projects.

Future **WILDCARE** working bees along Tasmania's West Coast will be made a little easier with the provision of over \$700 worth of hand tools. The tools, kindly sponsored by Commonwealth funds, are to be made available to all groups within the Parks and Wildlife Service Western District — Strahan field centre.

The tools were recently put to some hard work on the tracks between Granville Harbour and the Pieman Heads. Coastal rehabilitation and stabilisation of tracks has involved more than 20 people travelling as far



as Launceston to be involved. The working bees involved placing cross drains to direct water off the track, reducing erosion in creek crossings and draining deep water holes.

More work is planned along the coast and it is expected that the tools will receive a good work out over the

coming years.

For information on future working bees at Trial Harbour and/or Granville Harbour contact Krissy Ward, PWS Ranger Strahan on (03) 6471 7122 or email <Krissy.Ward@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.

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CALL UP NOTICE

Snug Falls Walking Track

The next working bee for the Snug Falls track is Sunday, 7 April 2002. Meet at the Snug Falls car park at 9:30am. For further information please contact Paul Dimmick, PWS Ranger Huonville on (03) 6264 8460 or <Paul.Dimmick@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>. RSVP's by 3 April 2002.

Banksia Environmental Awards 2002

Early Bird entries close Friday 15th February

Final closing date 29th March 2002

The Banksia Awards, awarded by the Banksia Environmental Foundation Inc, are now in their 13th year. They recognise environmental excellence in individual, community, industry and government. Past winners from the Department are Nigel Brothers (individual and Gold winner) and WILDCARE Inc (Community group). Brighton Council also won the local government award in 2000.

There are 11 categories:

- Community Group Achievement
- Corporate Responsibility and

Leadership (sponsored by Energex)

- Government leading by example (sponsored by SimsMetal)
- Small Business Responsibility and Leadership
- Bush, Land and Waterways (sponsored by Parks Victoria)
- Coastal and Marine (sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank)
- Infrastructure and Services (sponsored by Waste Services NSW)
- Manufactured Products (sponsored by the Beverage Industry Environmental Council)



- Socially Responsible Investment
- Communications: Promoting Change through Informed Participation (sponsored by Telstra)

There is also a Gold Banksia Award (sponsored by Ford) and a Banksia International Award (sponsored by Dupont).

More details, including entry form — <www.banksiafdn.com> or phone the Banksia Office (03) 9877 6168.

Report on the Mountain Orchestra-WILDCARE Performance Project

Printed in September 2001 WILDTIMES newsletter (issue 11) was an invitation for members to participate in this Project. The following article is a report on what has been happening with the Project to date.

The instrument-making workshops for the exciting new Mountain Orchestra are now completed. Several WILDCARE members joined existing Mountain Orchestra members and made a number of innovative new instruments. The workshops were held at Strato Anagnostis' Kaleidoscope Factory at beautiful Bream Creek during January 2002. Strato would be well known to WILDCARE members,

as he was a member of the South American band Arauco Libre that played at the WildEdge Music Festival in Strahan in August 2000. Strato, together with musician and instrument-repairer Julian Bush, led the workshops and taught participants some of the basic principles involved in making musical instruments.

Workshop participants concentrated on making a new horn section for the Orchestra. Several horns ranging in size from a handy 700 mm to a whopping 5.5 metre alpenhorn were constructed. The first workshop was devoted to making the basic horn shapes. In the second (very noisy) workshop we tested the instruments to

Kimberley Heap and family gluing a short horn. Photo: Heap family.



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Kimberley, Greg & Beth Heap, Pauline Patterson working on 5m alpenhorn. Photo: Heap family.

see the sort of sound they make and then fitted mouthpieces. The final workshops involved tuning the instruments, decorating them and tutorials in how to play the horns.

The Mountain Orchestra—WILDCARE performance will be staged on Sunday 24 March at 2pm at The Springs on Mount Wellington as part of the Community Arts Day of the *Mountain Festival*. Volunteers are



Pauline Patterson sanding her short horn. Photo: A McGowan.



Julian Bush Testing out Kimberley's horn. Photo: A McGowan.

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VOLUNTEER CALL UP NOTICE

The Mountain Festival Art Workshops

Would you like to build a giant puppet, banner, shrine, masks, silk flags or other artwork as part of free community workshops and then be part of a procession and performance at The Springs?

Then, why not join in a series of workshops leading to *The Mountain Festival* community public day celebration? This exciting project will involve community artists Chantale Delrue, Gwen Egg, and Naomi Marantelli. The artworks will lead *Community Aid Abroad's* Walk Against Want on Sunday morning 24 March and then, along with the Mountain Orchestra, will become part of the performance to be directed by Tania Bosak at The Springs in the afternoon.

Workshops will be held in February and March at a variety of places including the Eastern Shore, Fern Tree and inner city.

Some will be scheduled during weekdays, evenings and weekends. You can choose to come once or many times, and can arrive at the starting time or later during a workshop. In other words, these community workshops are being designed to help you be involved as much as you want and when you want.

To register for workshops contact Project Coordinator Helen Tyzack on (03) 6236 9040.

The public arts day has been made possible through grants and assistance from the Community Cultural Development Fund of the Australia Council for the Arts, Arts Tasmania, Hobart City Council, **WILDCARE**, Tasmanian Regional Arts, Wellington Park Management Trust and the Mt Wellington Festival Committee.

needed to help with a range of jobs leading up to and including the Community Arts Day. Over 1,000 people are expected to attend this event. If you would like to participate in the *Mountain Orchestra—WILDCARE Performance Project* in a non-performing capacity, please

contact Angie McGowan on 6233 2424 (bh) or 6224 8082 (ah) or email <Angie.McGowan@dpi.wet.as.gov.au>. Tasks to be undertaken include — front of house; transporting instruments; gate attendants; stage assistants; directing traffic and parking. Come and hear the concert. A copy of

the events over the week long Festival is listed in the article "Formation of a new CAREs group — Friends of the Mountain Festival" further along in this newsletter.

Angie McGowan
Friends of The Mountain Festival
CAREs Group

Formation of a new CAREs group — Friends of the Mountain Festival

A new CAREs (Community Action in Reserves) group has been formed to support *The Mountain Festival* and to provide a practical framework for organising WILDCARE's partnership activities. Please refer to *The Mountain Festival Volunteer call up notice* to find out how you can be involved.

The aim of the group is to support the planning, organisation and running of *The Mountain Festival*, both this year and into the future. The Friends of the Mountain Festival CAREs group will also be represented on the Mount Wellington Festival Committee, alongside other partner organisations such as Wellington Park Management Trust, Tasmanian Environment Centre, United Nations Association (Hobart), and the Fern Tree Community Association.

At the date of this newsletter going to press the full program of *The Mountain Festival* was not yet finalised. However we can tell you that confirmed Festival events will include:

- Community workshops from late January onwards to build giant puppets, banners, masks and other artworks involving community artists Chantale Delrue, Gwen Egg and Naomi Marantelli. These will become part of the Community Arts Day parade and performance on the 24th March.
- Photographic competition exhibition in the Carnegie Gallery from 15 March. Organised by the Wellington Park Management Trust.
- Mt Wellington Sculpture Trail along the South Hobart Rivulet Trail, possibly extending to Fern Tree, The Springs and the Summit, and involving works by about 20 sculptors. From 16 March.

Coordinated through Contemporary Art Services Tasmania (CAST).

- Schools Exhibition. Arts, Poetry and Creative Writing inspired by Mt Wellington. Atrium of Hobart City Council. From Monday 18 March.

- Mountain Market and Science Expo at Collinvale from 10.00am to 3.00pm Saturday 16 March, organised by the Collinvale community.
- Deep ecology mountain walk from The Springs. 2pm 16 March. Organised by Tasmanian Environment Centre.
- Mountain Cabaret. Red message Service will present an improvised dance performance. Musical

WILDLIFE PRODUCT DISCOUNT

Wildlife Product Discount for Carers of Orphaned/Injured Animals

WILDCARE members can now get a 7.5% discount off every product contained in Cartledge Agency's "Wildlife" catalogue.

All members need to do is quote their **WILDCARE** membership number when placing an order.

Stock is available and supplied from the following companies: Healthy Bird, Wombaroo/Passwell, Vetafarm, Inca (Flight), Petcare Direct and Rudducks.

Another customer service offered by Cartledge Agency is to keep their customers up-to-date on any new or deleted products lines as well as forwarding information containing monthly specials.

To request a catalogue or place orders contact:

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performances by the Leather Horn Trio from Launceston and Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra musicians. Saturday 16 March.

- Sea of Hands presented by the Australian Native Title and Reconciliation Committee at The Springs on Sunday 17 March from 10.00am–3.00pm.
- Newtown Catchment Cruise. A 4hr walk down the catchment with Waterwatch. Sunday 17 March.
- Poets and Scientists. Ten poets selected by the Tasmanian Writers Centre to work with 10 scientists. Readings will include a summit performance in the Mt Wellington Observatory on Saturday 23 March at 1.00pm.
- Fern Tree Tavern music performance. Mountain music concert on Sunday 17 March, evening.
- Mountain Bass a jazz performance with seven double basses at Temple Place Bar, Macquarie Street. Monday 18 March, evening.

CALL UP NOTICE

Cataloging Images of Tasmania's Walking Tracks

PWS Track Team staff (Hobart) are in need of a volunteer to catalogue slides of walking tracks. The job entails entering "keyword" information into the image database and some scanning of images. Desirable requirements: Some knowledge of the State's walking track network and probably someone based in and around Hobart. Training will be provided to volunteer(s) in database entry and scanning procedures. Only a basic understanding of computers is required. This is an "office hours" job but can be done on an "as and when

required" basis to suit yourself.

The Track Team are also willing to allow the volunteer to undertake scanning of their own images as part of the deal. They have high resolution scanners that allow scanning of prints, slides and negatives as well as larger formats to 4x5 inches.

For more information or to register your interest contact Phil Wyatt, Track Team Manager, on (03) 6233 2005 or email <Phil.Wyatt@dpiwe.tas.gov.au> after 14 February 2002.

- Visions for Mt Wellington. Playback Theatre performance and Eco-discussion night in the Long Gallery. Tuesday 19 March,

evening.

- Voice and harp concert. Georgina Richmond and Jane LeRossignol at St Raphaels Church, Fern Tree. Wednesday 20 March, 7.30pm
- A Walk into the Sunset. 8.30pm, Wednesday 20 March. Organised by the Tasmanian Environment Centre.
- Dawn Dedication. Thursday 21 March. Spirit singing on the Pinnacle.
- Elements of the Mountain: Earth, Air, Fire, Water. Talks at the University by Mike Pook, Mike Pemberton, Prof Jamie Kirkpatrick and John Gooderan, organised by Tasmanian Environment Centre. Thursday 21 March at 7.30pm.
- Sirocco and Luminare A music composition project with Tasmanian composer Ron Nagorcka and Sirocco. Sirocco will work with Ron on a collaborative composition to be performed as part of a slide/light/music performance in the Bond Store Courtyard of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. Two performances on 22 and 23 March in the evenings.
- Parade of community artworks including giant puppets and mountain horns at Salamanca on Saturday 23 March.
- Other exhibitions include: State Library, Mt Wellington materials 15–24 March, Ginny Jackson (watercolours) and John O'Keefe (large panel photographs) at the

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Long Gallery 13–20 March.

- Tasmanian Herbarium Tour. 10am, Saturday 23 March. Environment Centre.
- Kris Schaffer Bush Tucker Woman. 2.30pm, 24 March at the Springs.
- Meet the Mountain interpretive walks, from 2.30pm, 24 March.
- Community Theatre Performance starting at 2.00pm at The Springs on Sunday 24th March. Community artists Chantale Delrue, Gwen Egg, and Naomi

Marantelli have worked with Hobart's leading scientists and community groups including groups from the Eastern Shore, primary schools, Cosmos, the Migrant Resource Centre and elsewhere to build giant puppets and other performance artworks which reflect the mountain environment. See this fabulous grand finale to the festival featuring the Mountain Orchestra.

You will need to register for all natural history walks at the

Tasmanian Environment Centre. Phone 6234 5566 for more details.

In addition to grant funding the *Mountain Festival* has been made possible through a range of very generous partnership and sponsorship contributions from business, arts organisations and, community and environmental groups. Whilst too numerous to mention here that support has been integral in the development of the festival. **WILDCARE** and the Mt Wellington Festival Committee would like to thank all of those organisations.

ADOPT-A-TRACK NEWS

An issue of track degradation...

In January this year, I had the fantastic opportunity of walking the Western Arthurs. Those of you who have also had this opportunity, will understand the enormity of the "trek" and the sheer splendour of the surrounds. My walking companion had already walked the Arthurs a number of times, but some 20 years prior.

One of the things which stood out for both of us was that in some areas — especially at the western end — the increasing number of people visiting this area really showed, in the form of track degradation.

To varying levels, track degradation is apparent on many tracks throughout the State. One way to slow up, if not to

prevent degradation, is the continual ongoing maintenance of tracks.

Track maintenance can take many forms including checking drains, keeping them clear of silt build up and/or leaves and sticks.

Maintenance can also take the form of checking a track from time to time to ensure fallen trees are not blocking the path, causing walkers to go around the obstacle and creating another "braid". Annual, selective pruning on the top side of a track can also assist in walkers sticking to the track and not walking on the edge, which could cause the track to give way at the edges.

Track issues in Tasmania require long term strategies to reduce and reverse degradation. For the most part though, a lot of our walking tracks will be



CALL UP NOTICE

The Mountain Festival Friday 15 to Sunday 24 March

Did you know that 2002 is the United Nation's International Year of Mountains?

WILDCARE Friends of the Mountain Festival group needs volunteers to help with organising and running most of the Festival events. Jobs include: front of house; transporting performers, artworks and instruments; directing traffic and parking at venues; setting up venues; organising exhibition launches; selling tickets; distributing leaflets, posters and

publicity; and a hundred and one more.

If you are interested in assisting with organising Festival events and/or if you would like your name added to the Friends of the Mountain Festival CAREs group, please contact Angie McGowan, <Angie.McGowan@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>, phone: 6233 2424 or 6224 8082) or contact the **WILDCARE** office on 6233 2836 or email <wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.

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better off with regular ongoing maintenance.

There are many more tracks than PWS staff in this State — this is where volunteers come into their own. For every track adopted and looked after by a volunteer, the greater the ability of PWS staff to address track issues which require a greater input.

If you are interested in maintaining our State's walking tracks — no matter how long or short your selected track is — contact your local PWS Ranger or the Adopt-a-Track Facilitator on (03) 6336 5454 or email <adoptatrack@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.



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Volunteers — an important part in the ongoing maintenance of walking tracks.

Jo Field
Adopt-a-Track Facilitator
Adopt-a-Track Program

CALL UP NOTICE

Penguin Cradle Trail working bee

The North West Walking Club invite **WILDCARE** members to participate in a working bee on the weekend of 2–3 March 2002, on the Loongana to Black Bluff walking track (part of the Penguin Cradle Trail). For more information contact Jo Field, Adopt-a-Track Facilitator on (03) 6336 5454 or email <adoptatrack@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>. RSVP's by 27 February 2002.

Youngest Track Caretaker adopts Springlawn walking track

The newest and youngest addition to the growing list of Adopt-a-Track Track Caretakers was signed up last month, when the Adopt-a-Track Facilitator met with he and his dad at Narawntapu National Park. Damien, explaining why he has joined in the Adopt-a-Track Program, wrote this article for *WILDTIMES*.

Hi! My name is Damien, I'm 11 years old and I have just adopted Springlawn track at Narawntapu National Park with my dad. The reason I joined **WILDCARE** is because I wanted to learn about the environment more than I do at school and to help the environment as I really care about the environment and wildlife.



Damien at the bird hide, Narawntapu NP.

The reason I adopted Springlawn track is because I wanted to do some work in the Park, to help out the only Ranger and Field Officer currently based there.

I chose Narawntapu National Park because there is lots of wildlife — Bennett's wallabies, common wombats, brushtail possums, Tasmanian devils — and because of the beautiful scenery. This Park is for anyone — hikers, photographers, and tourists.

What I would like to see put back into the Park is more money and attention. What I would like to do [as Track Caretaker of the Springlawn track] is help build handrails on the duckboards leading to the bird hide, make sure the track is free from fallen trees, and try to keep the bird hide clean of cobwebs. This is what I would like happening in the Park.

Damien Almond
Co-Track Caretaker —
Springlawn Track

Walking Tracks available for adoption (updated)

Some of the tracks adopted since the last edition of the *WILDTIMES* (Dec01) include:
• Springlawn, Narawntapu NP • Paper Beach River Walk, West Tamar (near Launceston) • Detention Falls near Sisters Beach, NW Coast • A section of the Penguin Cradle Trail near Gunns Plains • Postman's, Rocky Cape NP.

The list of walking tracks below is available for "adoption" under the Adopt-a-Track Program*. **Please note that this is only a small sample list of tracks — it is by no means conclusive!** If you are interested in one (or more) of the listed tracks or any other tracks not listed, please contact the Community Partnerships Facilitators to discuss what level of involvement is required under the Program. **Note: Adopted tracks have a line through them.**

PWS RESERVES

Ben Lomond NP

Central Plateau CA[^]

Central Plateau CA
(Western Tiers)

Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair NP[^]

Detention Falls SR
Devils Gullet SR
Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers NP[^]

Freycinet NP

Hartz Mtn NP[^]
Maria Island NP
Mt Field NP

Mt Roland
Mt William NP

Narawntapu NP

Notley Gorge SR
Penguin Cradle Trail
Rocky Cape NP
Snug Tiers NRA

Southwest NP[^]

Steppes SR
Tasman NP

West Tamar

CA = Conservation Area (in the WHA), NP = National Park, NRA = Nature Recreation Area, SR = State Reserve, PWS = Parks & Wildlife Service.

* The Adopt-a-Track Program is a volunteer program that provides the community with an opportunity to become actively involved in maintaining walking tracks and other activities associated with track use, on an on-going basis.

Contact details for Community Partnerships Section Facilitators involved with the Adopt-a-Track Program:

Jo Field

Adopt-a-Track Facilitator (Statewide)
Ph: 03 6336 5454
Email: <Jo.Field@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>

Chris Leitch

WHA Community Partnership Facilitator
Ph: 03 6233 2867
Email: <Chris.Leitch@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>

Note: Chris facilitates all tracks adopted within the World Heritage Area (WHA). The Reserves that fall under the WHA are marked with[^].

Track Name

Bent Bluff
Storys Creek to Stacks Bluff
Mother Cummings (Smoko Rd access)
Mother Cummings (West Thorpe Rd access)
Higgs
Parsons
Syds
Western Bluff
Western Creek
Rodway (Cradle Mountain)
Watersmeet (Lake St Clair)
~~Detention Falls~~
Devils Gullet
Fincham
Kelly Basin Bird River
Mt Murchison
Cooks Beach to Hazards
Hazards to car park
Isthmus
Mt Amos
Mt Graham to Cooks Beach
Wineglass Bay (carpark to beach) (**currently in the process of being adopted**)
Winglass Bay (beach) to Mt Graham
~~Kermadie~~ (old access track to Hartz Mountains)
~~East House Painted Cliffs Circuit~~
~~Lady Barron Falls from Campground~~
~~Lady Barron Falls to Tall Trees~~
~~Lake Fenton to Webster~~
~~Mt Field East~~
~~Tall Trees Circuit~~
~~"Valley Track"~~
Various beach access tracks at Deep Creek + Eddystone Point
Archers Knob
~~Badger Head Coastal~~
~~Springlawn~~
West Head Coastal
~~Notley Gorge~~
~~Section between Taylors Flat & Mt Beecroft~~
~~Postmans~~
Pelverata Falls
~~Snug Falls~~
~~Needles~~
~~Sentinal Range~~
~~Woolies Tarn~~
~~Steppes Walk~~
Bivouac Bay to Fortescue Bay
Camp Falls to Bivouac Bay
Cape Hauy
Cape Pillar (bottom section)
Cape Raoul
Devils Kitchen to Waterfall Bay
~~Lichen Hill Cashes Lookout Tattells~~
~~Mt Fortescue~~
~~Waterfall Bay to Waterfall Bluff~~
~~Paper Beach River Walk~~

Making Port Sorell Rice-Grass-Free

Rice grass Action Day

A community working bee will be held on Saturday March 23rd to remove rice grass seedlings from the township's foreshores.

The day will commence at 9.30am and finish at noon. Meet at Panatana Park, Port Street, Port Sorell. Please take sunsafe precautions, and wear gum boots or strong but old shoes. The work will be out on the mudflats and will require pulling seedlings out by

hand or light digging, so a trowel or light spade would be useful. The seedlings will be bagged and disposed off. If there is heavy rain in the morning, the event will be cancelled. A couple of small hovercraft will be taking volunteers into the harder to get to places.

For details, ring Julia Butler-Ross, Rubicon Coast & LandCare, 6428 6072 or 0409 978 064.

Or State Rice Grass Management Team: Andrew Sullivan; 0408 380 377.

Background

Ricegrass (*Spartina anglica*) is a serious threat to not only the natural biodiversity of the Port Sorell estuary, but to the recreational, aesthetic and tourist potential of the region including Narawntapu National Park. With the problem growing exponentially and seedlings continuously re-emerging at Port Sorell, Squeaking Point and the Panatana rivulet, effective action is necessary now, and time is of the essence.

Management of the estuary is shared between Latrobe Council, Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife Service and Forestry Tasmania. A cooperative approach is obviously necessary to work towards

the total eradication of this invasive weed.

The State Rice grass Management Strategy is now firmly in place and working successfully in Bridport, the Derwent River, Little Swanport and Smithton. Local regional communities are at last making a commitment to ongoing control.

Following a successful spraying program last year by the State Management team, a public meeting was held in Port Sorell in December, and it was agreed that the ricegrass free area north of Eagle Point should be extended southwards from Squeaking Point boat ramp to the end of Spaldings Lane. It is intended to spray several large clumps in this region in March 2002. Volunteers will be required to monitor and remove seedlings. **Removing and controlling Rice grass from Squeaking Point is now a reality that can be achieved within the next two years.**

Last year, a total of 80 volunteers contributing labour over two days removing a substantial number of seedlings.

The project is a co-operative effort involving the Rice Grass Management group, Parks and Wildlife Service, Forestry, Landcare groups and **WILDCARE** members.

Next Track Maintenance Workshop...

The next Adopt-a-Track Track Maintenance Workshop is scheduled for the weekend of 27-28 April 2002 in the north of the State.

Track Caretakers who have signed on to the Program (i.e. have signed a Partnership Agreement) will receive an invitation in March with the details. So mark this weekend in your calendars and keep an eye on your letterbox!

NEW PROJECTS FUNDED

Project	Contact	Requested	Granted	Details
Adopt-A-Track	Jo Field	\$314.82	\$314.82	50% of total cost (\$629.00) requested for Hi Vis vests for volunteers and alike.
North West Walking Club + Cradle Mountain	Eddie Firth (PWS)	\$2194.0	\$1100.00	Hand tool \$830 Pelican Picks \$134 & C/Bars \$156 approved. Funds are not to be used for the purchase of a chainsaw, signs (available from park centres) and vests (available from AAT). The purchase of the chainsaw was not approved based on 1) Uncertainty of liability of WILDCARE for the responsibility of unauthorised and unlicensed users. 2) Responsibility of maintenance for chainsaw 3) Inability to control and restrict use to the North West Walking Club for the sole purpose of track maintenance.

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Overland Hut Wardens: Volunteer on track to help bushwalkers

As offices go, it's not bad.

Where Jeram Cowley, 19, of New Norfolk, goes to work each morning, there's no traffic, no telephones, no fax and no memos.

His place of work is Waterfall Valley hut, the first hut on the renowned Overland Track in the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National

Park.

Mr Cowley is one of seven volunteers, aged from 19 to 70, who are taking part in the Parks and Wildlife Service's track warden programme. Each volunteer spends seven to 14 days at the hut assisting and advising bushwalkers. He became involved in the project because he was interested

in a career with the Parks and Wildlife Service.

The track warden project is part of the WILDCARE programme, which utilises volunteers for environment projects all over Tasmania.

Other projects are adopt-a-track and monitoring the orange-bellied parrot at Birch's Inlet in the South-West.

Scheme coordinator and ranger Kathy Van Dullemen said the majority of volunteer track wardens were retired. She said their major task was to



Photo courtesy The Examiner.

manage the inexperienced bushwalkers who made up nearly half of the 8000 who walked the Overland Track every year.

They greet the walkers, show them the facilities, explain hut etiquette, explain about minimal impact bushwalking and encourage people to turn back if they are poorly equipped.

She said Waterfall Valley was the obvious location to begin the programme. "It is the first day, the biggest and hardest day including a big climb up over Marions Lookout, which is very exposed," she said. Funding is available to extend the programme to Pelion hut at the half-way point but volunteers are needed. The only requirements are that

volunteers have a basic first aid certificate and have walked the Overland Track.

Their most valuable asset is patience, Miss Van Dullemen says.

She said volunteers were usually highly motivated people who wanted to be involved with the park. "They want to help people experience the area and pass on their knowledge and experience," she said.

Fran Voss, Published Sunday,
10 February 2002

The Examiner Newspaper.

CALL UP NOTICE

Interps Shelter at Steppes State Reserve

The next working bee at the Steppes State Reserve (in the Central Highlands) will be held on Sunday 24 March 2002. Volunteers are required to assist in the construction of the interps shelter at the beginning of the walking track. For more information please contact Mike Cousins, PWS Ranger Liawenee on (03) 6259 8148 or email <Mike.Cousins@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>. RSVP's by 20 March 2002.

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I/We will attend Saturday & Sunday I/We will attend AGM & Special Meeting on Sunday

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How many from you party will attend the BBQ Saturday night?

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Andrew Smith, *WILDCARE* Inc, GPO Box 44, Hobart Tas 7001
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NOMINATION FORM

Annual General Meeting

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For the position of Treasurer

Nomination

Nominator Secondar

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