

WILDTIMES

Issue 28
September 2006



In this issue

- Celebrate 1997-2007
- New Editor
- New web site
- KarstCARE Report
- Walking tracks in National Parks upgraded
- PWS Park Pass forms
- Board Meetings
- Group Reports
- Tasmanian Devil Volunteers
- David Reynolds - Volunteer Profile
- Volunteering programs Summer 2006/07
- Derwent penguins

Newsletter of WILDCARE Inc

Tasmania's largest incorporated volunteer organisation, caring for wild places, wildlife and cultural heritage.

C/o GPO Box 44 Hobart
TAS 7001 Australia.

Ph: 03 6233 2836.
Fax: 03 6223 8603.

E-mail general:
office@wildcaretas.org.au
E-mail newsletter articles:
wildtimes@wildcaretas.org.au

Web: www.wildcaretas.org.au

75 years old and the Overland Track just gets better and better!

The Overland Track is Australia's most popular long-distance walk, with about 8,000 to 9,000 people making the trek each year. It's a six-day walk travelling 65 kilometres through the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and it has earned an international reputation among bushwalkers.

In recent years the growing popularity of the track has resulted in increased visitor numbers, leading to unsustainable environmental and social pressures. Systematic monitoring by staff and WILDCARE Inc volunteers noted increasing crowding at some campsites along the track, as well as overcrowding at huts, with as many 130 people a night at one location.

In June 2004, the vision for the Track was announced: The Overland Track will be Tasmania's premier bushwalking experience. A key objective for management was to address the incidence of social crowding and to provide a quality experience for walkers.

Three key recommendations would drive the implementation of the vision: a booking system for the peak walking period of November to April, a fee to cover costs associated with the strategic management of the track and a requirement for visitors to walk the track from north to south during the peak walking period.


The new system is based on managing daily departures to about 60 walkers. Walkers book only their departure date, not a space at each hut along the way. The first 'booked' walks on the track began on November 1, 2005 and there were a total of 2,224 bookings during the first full season. A total of 59 days were completely booked out and there were only two days, at the end of April, with no bookings.



The difference between previous years and this season (summer 2005/ 2006) was remarkable. Walkers, WILDCARE Inc volunteers and Parks staff all enjoyed fewer crowds. While the total numbers of walkers using the track were similar to previous years, the difference was that the flow of walkers was constant, rather than the peaks and troughs of past seasons.

Volunteers have played a large part in the success of implementing the new arrangements on the Overland Track. In a joint program with WILDCARE Inc and the PWS, hut wardens are stationed (from December to Easter) at Waterfall Valley, the first overnight stop for most walkers.

Now in its eighth year, the hut warden program is one of the State's longest running volunteer programs. In the past year volunteers contributed a total of 164 days on the Track, with 131 of those days as part of the hut warden program.

In the past year volunteers also provided 33 days at Narcissus Hut, collecting information for the Overland Track Walker Survey which provided important feedback to the PWS. The Survey monitors a number of performance indicators to measure the success of the new management strategy. Importantly, the results of the Overland Track Survey have shown significant improvements in the social conditions experienced along the track by walkers since the new strategy was implemented. This year's survey also showed that 39% of walkers considered that the Overland Track was 'one of the best things they have done in their lives', a figure which is up more than 10% from the previous year's survey results. 

Celebrate 1997 – 2007

10 years caring for wild places, wildlife and cultural heritage

Yes, next year is *WILDCARE* Inc's 10th Birthday! In December 1997 the Parks and Wildlife Service launched *WILDCARE* Inc to encourage and support volunteering in support of natural and cultural heritage conservation and reserve management.

In 1997 all these responsibilities were in the one Government Department, but have since been moved into various Agencies.

WILDCARE Inc has continued to support the same objectives by working with the elements of government that also share an interest in natural and cultural heritage conservation and reserve management.

Since 1997 *WILDCARE* Inc volunteers have participated in hundreds of projects, provided hundreds of thousands of hours of volunteer time worth tens of millions of dollars.

This is really making a difference. This really is something worth celebrating. The Board is considering ways in which we might celebrate turning ten.

If you have any ideas, particularly if you are also able to assist in implementing them, contact either Andrew (a^{co}chair@wildcaretas.org.au phone 6233 2836) or Richard (eco^{co}chair@wildcaretas.org.au phone 0500 520 644) and tell us about them.



In the meantime – let everyone know that *WILDCARE* Inc has been around and doing well for 10 years, and get ready for a celebration! 🐾

New Editor

Hello, my name is Kath and I am the new editor for *WILDTIMES*. I moved to Tassie five years ago with my husband and family.

As a family we enjoy bushwalking and birdwatching and are still exploring Tassie's National Parks, the current favourites being the wombats at Narawntapu NP, Marions Lookout and riding the shuttle bus at Cradle Mountain.

Recently, with the family now getting a little older, we've joined a few *WILDCARE* Inc groups and are hoping to get involved this summer.

In the past I've enjoyed ranger-led working bees in the Alpine NP (Victoria) as part of the 'Friends of Mt Bogong' and have been seed collecting and vegetation surveying with the Murrumbidgee Field Naturalists (NSW).

I hope that my experience as a technical writer, attention to detail and enthusiasm for the Tasmanian bush will be useful as editor of *WILDTIMES*. 🐾

WILDTIMES publication schedule

Issue #	Article Submissions Due	Publication Date
29	30 Nov 2006	Dec 2006
30	28 Feb 2007	Mar 2007
31	31 May 2007	Jun 2007

Publication dates are subject to receiving a sufficient number of articles to allow publishing to go ahead.



Discovering...



An exciting union of cutting-edge design, plantation wood and technology with principles of sustainability. The EcoCentre is the first of its type in the Southern Hemisphere, combining forest tourism, regional promotion and Forestry Tasmania's offices.

Discover Tasmania's north-east forests. From coast to mountain, past to present and from traditional bush skills to world-class wood design.

Open: 7 days a week, except for Christmas Day, at King St, Scottsdale.
General enquiries: (03) 6352 6466
Café bookings: (03) 6352 6458

10% Discount to WILDCARE members



TASMANIAN
 minerals - crystals - gemstones
 fossils ...and from around the world



175 Lune River Rd, Lune River
 Open most days 9–5
 (near Hastings Caves)
ALSO
 Saturdays at Salamanca Market
Ph: (03) 6298 3182
 10% discount to *WILDCARE* members

New web site

www.wildcaretas.org.au

At long last, our new web site is up and running. Our old site was standalone and not linked to our membership database which resided on a DPIW server.

The new site is all on the one host, with the web pages integrated with the database, which has become much more than a simple holder of membership details.

We now have the ability to search all our old editions of *WILDTIMES* as well as viewing them or downloading them as PDF files. Group home pages show news items from *WILDTIMES* highlighted on the page.

Members can update their own contact details and change their preferences for groups and reserves with which they want to be associated, nominate new skills such as first aid certificates, drivers licence etc, add new family members and renew their memberships on line. Individual skills can also be listed. New members can join on line, as well.

Members can choose whether to receive *WILDTIMES* extracts via email or receive hard copy versions (or both), as well as whether they want to receive event notices by email or mail. They can also elect whether they want to be a financial member only or an active volunteer.

Existing members have a default username and password assigned to them, while new members can choose these for themselves during the joining process.

For existing members, the default username will be their email address (if they advised us of one) or their last name. In most cases, the password will be their 2006 membership number, although in the case of those who have already been issued 2007 membership numbers, it will be the latter. You can change your username and password once you've logged in. If that still doesn't work, contact ecochair@wildcaretas.org.au for assistance.

For the first time, we will be able to track volunteer hours in a consistent manner, so that our statistics can truly reflect our contributions to the management of our national parks and reserves. Additionally, individual family members can have their hours recorded, rather

than just assuming that all members have the same hours.

Members will be able to register for events online, as well, and we will be able to generate attendance lists for Rangers etc and have the database automatically record contributed hours against individual members.

Group presidents will be able to update their home pages, post events to the calendar and generate call up notices if they want to or they can call on Phil (our honorary webmaster) and the volunteer office staff to do these tasks for them as they have in the past.

In the future, we will be offering selected merchandise for online sale. While not all of the final capabilities are fully functional at the moment, they will gradually come online over the next few weeks. We already have a range of enhancements that we're keen to implement. We've tested most functionality as far as we can but Murphy, being the cantankerous cuss he (or should that be 'she'?) is, will obviously find some glitches we haven't foreseen. Please advise Phil or Richard and they'll endeavour to sort it.

The new site also has a lot more information about *WILDCARE* Inc and what we do, and more useful information for members such as OH&S guidelines for project leaders.

There are a number of groups still to provide information about their group and its activities, but all groups have a



page and contact details now. If they have submitted articles to *WILDTIMES* in the past then they are also highlighted on the page, giving real life examples of the group's activities. This really starts to demonstrate the breadth of *WILDCARE* Inc operations.

The Bulletin Board is available to Group Presidents to post working bees, events, meeting notices and so on, and any of our partners can request project assistance through a calendar posting. Volunteer Facilitators have special access so that they can enter attendance records for working bees and individual members, and get statistical reports about what *WILDCARE* Inc is providing around the State, and email special information to interested members.

This site wouldn't have developed without the enormous sponsorship contribution and input by Kylie Norton, her partners and co-workers at Norton Design. They've put in an incredible amount of work over the last few months. We've traded emails and phone calls at an amazing rate and at some unbelievable hours during this development. 🐾

We take care of **YOU** and the environment

10% discount on all services for WILDCARE Members*
*Excludes bulk rates on colour copying and seasonal promotions

Printing • Secretarial Services • Serviced Meeting spaces
Association/Body Corporate Management
Bookkeeping • Graphic Design

Proud supporters of WILDCARE Inc

Cnr George and Cameron Streets
Ph 6334 4355 • Fax 6331 3496
reception@branchoffice.com.au

Branch Office
BUSINESS CENTRE

KarstCARE Report

By David Wools-Cobb

It's been a quiet year so far but, for a change, our first working bee was not underground.

SYCAMORE ERADICATION PROJECT

On the weekend of April 1 and 2 a group worked on the surface of the Wet Cave/HoneyComb block.

This involved a total of 14 Participants over the weekend.

An area of Sycamore trees had been noted by Steve Blanden a year or so earlier, northwest of Wet Cave entrance. Commencing on the Saturday, it took some time to re-locate these, with a Holly tree encountered along the way.

The Holly had literally hundreds of suckers to deal with. The Holly and Sycamores were the result of wind-borne seeds which very quickly take over the area, killing all undergrowth and spreading further.

When we first sighted the Sycamore infestation, the task ahead of us seemed huge. We worked in pairs, one person cutting and the other

poisoning with pigmented round-up. It is essential to paint the butts (no matter how small) within 30 seconds or so of cutting.

Some larger trees required a chainsaw. We returned to camp for an early tea/very late lunch courtesy of DPIWE.

On the Sunday we had a larger group and literally ripped into the job. It's amazing how cutting and killing can become an almost enjoyable activity.

Steve Blanden and Dave Wools-Cobb felt it essential to comb the area surrounding the Sycamore grove to ensure that no satellite plants survived.

Naturally this resulted in the location of two cave entrances and a possible third plus, of course, the destruction of a few Sycamore!

The Parks boys did some massive damage with a chainsaw on the bigger trees and ultimately it looked like a cyclone had hit!

By mid-afternoon we had finished, the whole area was decimated and hopefully not even a tiny seedling of Sycamore survived. We returned back to camp and another welcome BBQ.

Follow-up monitoring will be needed over the next few years, no doubt whilst looking for more caves!

Total time was 90 volunteer-hours.

CROESUS CAVE PROJECT

On Sunday June 25 a group headed into Croesus Cave for some cleaning and trackmarking.

An area that is probably little known to cavers in an upper part of Croesus, has been badly damaged by human impact.

Our party consisted of a Parks officer and five KarstCARE members.

The climbing route to this area is not so obvious, and we left it that way. Much of this route was cleaned and string lines placed to keep climbers to ONE route where choices were available.

Once in the chamber, a string line route was marked into two viewing areas, hoping that cavers will think twice before wandering all over the chamber. Much of the beauty is readily seen from these marked routes.


The major job of cleaning a huge mud splattered speleothem took about two hours, using water from a nearby pool, squirted from a backpack sprayer, plus a straw broom with handle extension.

This method proved extremely effective and I believe everyone was quite surprised how well the mud was removed (as the before and after photos demonstrate). We achieved a total of 20 volunteer-hours, with a great result.

Budget/Funding

Many of KarstCARE's planned projects for the next 12 months will depend on funding.

I am currently preparing a funding proposal for the WILDCARE Inc Board, however I am also quite aware of the current tight situation.

Fortunately we are an extremely low budget organisation and I have been able to raise some funds from outside sources in the past, however some funding will be critical for several pending projects. 

Par-Avion Wilderness Tours

For enquires and bookings
Phone (03) 6248-5390
Fax (03) 6248-5117

Flights to Tasmania's South West National Park –
World Heritage Area.

Award winning Par Avion can take you to this
pristine and remote region allowing you the
opportunity to experience Tasmania's inspiring
wilderness.

Tours range from half to full day World Heritage
Flights to overnight camps as well as luxury cruises
aboard MV Southern Explorer.

**1995, 1996, 1997
Tourism Award Winners.**

10% discount to WILDCARE members
(Just quote membership number when making a booking.)



Walking tracks in National Parks upgraded

Improvements totalling \$1 million have been made to popular walking tracks in National Parks and Reserves around the State, improving walker experience and minimising environmental impact.

- Overland Track - sections of the track surface have been improved between Waterfall Valley and Lake Windermere, and from Frog Flats to Pelion Hut. A substantial track upgrade at Pelion Gap is nearing completion. Maintenance in the Kia Ora area has included clearing vegetation from the track and drains, and repairs to huts and toilets.
- Hartz Mountains NP - work has included the upgrading of the track from the saddle to the top of Hartz Peak and the installation of large stones to form steps.
- Liffey Falls Reserve - improvements have been made to make the track more accessible for a wider range of walkers.
- Freycinet NP - new rest spots and a new two kilometre path to the popular Wineglass Bay lookout now provide safer access for a wider range of age groups and fitness levels. Track work will continue this summer.
- Wellington Park - work on five key tracks to remove overgrown vegetation and to re-route or upgrade wet sections.
- Western Arthurs (Southwest NP) - track work in the Mt Hesperus and Lake Sirona areas.

Book on-line now for the Overland Track

Bookings for the 2006-07 walking season on the Overland Track have opened as of 1 July and can be made at www.overlandtrack.com.au

A Great Short Walk – Loontitetermairrehoiner

Right in the heart of Swansea is a walk that offers stunning coastal scenery. Named after the local band of Aboriginal people this track takes you from Waterloo Beach to Shouten Beach.

The track passes through a Shearwater (muttonbird) breeding area. These remarkable migratory birds use

burrows in which to breed. The birds can be seen at dusk in the summer months when they return to their burrows after feeding at sea.

This easy walk commences close to the centre of the town of Swansea which is on the Tasman Highway (A3) and takes 40 - 60 minutes return (return by same route or circuit return via footpath route).

Take along some water and keep children under your watchful eye. Toilets, picnic areas and shops are all located nearby in the town centre.

To protect breeding Shearwaters, dogs are not permitted on the track between dusk and dawn 15 September to 15 April. Dogs must be kept on a leash at other times.

A Great Short Walk – Tamar Island

The Tamar River Conservation Area is part of an estuarine wetland and remains a stronghold for one of Tasmania's poorly reserved vegetation communities - Coastal Paperbark Forest. Estuarine wetlands are important habitats for a wide diversity of plant and animal life.

Just 10 minutes drive from the heart of Launceston, you can take this 4km walk through wetlands and across a river channel to the seven hectare Tamar Island.

For company you'll have pelicans, swans, cormorants and numerous other bird species as well as frogs, dragonflies and lizards.

The boarded walkway to the island is level and will suit some wheelchair users and those with prams and strollers.

Tracks on the island have natural surfaces and are generally not suited for wheelchairs. A picnic area, gas barbecue and toilets can be found on the island. Pets, bicycles, roller blades and skateboards are not permitted.

A Wetlands Visitor Centre with great displays, information and birdwatching opportunities, is located close to the car park at the start of the walk.

There are also toilets at the Visitor Centre. Don't forget to say hello to the WILDCARE Inc volunteers who keep the Visitor Centre open 364 days a year.

To get there head out of Launceston

on the West Tamar Highway (A7) between the suburbs of Riverside and Legana. Signs indicate the turn-off.





Moon Pads™

Washable, reusable, products help you reduce waste, save money and support local small business!

- ✓ **Moon Pads®** 100% cotton menstrual pads hand made in Tasmania
- ✓ **The Keeper®** a small natural gum rubber cup used in place of tampons
- ✓ **Zappy Nappies®** fitted cloth nappies for babies & infants
- ✓ **Woollies** 100% wool over-pants for nappy-wearing children

*At Salamanca Market most weeks or contact:
Moon Pads, PO Box 118, Sandy bay 7006,
Tas. Ph: (03) 6223 5151
info@moonpads.com.au
http://www.moonpads.com.au*

10% discount to WILDCARE members when purchasing menstrual pads



Something Wild is a rehabilitation and conservation sanctuary for orphaned and injured animals. We nurture our native wildlife back to good health and prepare them for eventual release. Something Wild also has a number of habitats for animals that are unsuitable for release or may have been bred in captivity.

Come and visit Tasmania's Premier Wildlife Experience, on the road to Mt Field National Park and the SouthWest wildemess.

Ph: 03 6288 1013
Fax: 03 6288 1341
Mob: 0408 128 325
www.somethingwild.com.au

PWS Park Pass forms

The PWS has redesigned their Park Pass forms to bring back the simple tick-a-box for renewing/joining WILDCARE Inc at the same time as purchasing a special discounted park pass.

There is no need to fill out extra forms and the total amount is included in one payment.

The \$25 membership fee is transferred accordingly to WILDCARE Inc. For a one-year pass and one-year membership it is in fact a two-for-one deal, costing you no more to renew your membership and purchase a pass, than it would if you were just buying a standard fee Annual Park Pass.

This is great news and will be useful in attracting new members, as well as being convenient for those who renew their Park Pass and WILDCARE Inc membership between September and January.

Using the membership renewal forms sent out to all


WILDCARE Inc members in WILDTIMES remains the most effective way to renew your membership.

All WILDCARE Inc memberships are due at the end of December and you can renew for next year anytime after 1 September.

The 2007 membership form is included in this newsletter and will also be available in the December edition.

Once you are a member you can purchase a discounted Park Pass anytime during the year, just quote your current membership number on the Park Pass form.

If you are purchasing your Park Pass at Service Tasmania you will need to present your WILDCARE Inc membership card to the cashier for confirmation.

So keep your WILDCARE Inc membership card safe (perhaps in your green Park Pass Wallet). 

Major outcomes from Board meetings

Meeting held 8 June 2006 in Launceston

- Membership working group to be set up to consider ways of increasing membership numbers. All presidents will be invited to join.
- The Board agreed to the establishment of a corporate volunteering program whereby a business would either pay for individual staff members to join WILDCARE and form a CAREs Group within the business or they could become a WILDPARTNER and have a project organised for them, in the manner of corporate team-building exercises. Members of a business CAREs Group would be able to volunteer for their activities during business hours.
- It was agreed that Sponsor Certificates would be distributed to all our Discount Sponsors that would

advertise the fact that WILDCARE Inc members could obtain discounts from the establishment upon production of their current membership card. This would further promote WILDCARE Inc membership.

Meeting held 9 August 2006 in Hobart

- Richard has met with Paula Wriedt (Minister Parks and Wildlife) and David Llewellyn (Minister Resource Management and Conservation). Paula's office being very helpful with a number of WILDCARE Inc matters, including the rejigging of the APP form.
- Tick-a-box on the Annual Park Pass is being reinstated, with PWS seeking comments on format from WILDCARE Inc Office and Andrew.
- Membership working group will consist of those that nominated at last Board meeting
- WILDCARE Inc groups that successfully apply for the Landcare Administration Grant (\$500) will need to contribute 20% (\$100) to the general fund to contribute to auditing, administrative and insurance costs. The remainder of the grant continues to be available to the group, being allocated as instructed by the Group Treasurer. (Moved Craig Saunders, seconded David Reynolds)
- Preliminary viewing of new web site. Presidents present invited to view the site and pass comments to Richard.
- Andrew highlighted the 10th Anniversary for WILDCARE Inc in 2007. Requested ideas for celebrations for the year. Membership cards and other WILDCARE Inc items will feature the 10 year milestone. The concept of hosting an International Conference on volunteering for the environment was tabled and will be further discussed at future meetings.
- Membership forms to be posted to all Presidents with an email reminder to get members to rejoin for 2007.





Parks Shop

24 Main Road Huonville

Ph: 03 6264 8460



- Range of pre-visit information relating to Tasmania's National Parks & Reserves
- Parks Passes
- Maps
- Books – Adult and Children's Range
- Australian Animal Puppets
- Jigsaws – 24 to 2000 piece, including Southwest National Park
- Souvenirs
- Clothing – fleecy jackets, vests, ponchos, raincoats, t shirts
- Posters
- And more

10% discount to WILDCARE members



Group Reports

Wellington Park Bushcare Group
– Mike Bowden

Weed removal McRobies Site, Tuesday, 2 May 2006

Considerable amounts of Gorse and *Erica lusitanica* (Spanish Heath) were removed, leaving the top section of the site now clear of weeds. Inspection of some of the lower parts revealed outbreaks of Broom that had spread into undisturbed bushland.

Weed eradication North West Bay River, Tuesday, 6 June 2006

New Erica seedlings were removed from the disturbed river bank site, previous Blackberry work checked and any new or missed plants removed and, finally, all Blackberry to the Betts Road park boundary entrance was cut out. We noted that horses had been using the track and that the sign marking the track start was rotting at ground level. A good attendance allowed the work to be completed in fairly quick time.

Erica removal New Town Falls creek, Tuesday, 27 June 2006

All the Erica located in the creek above New Town Falls was removed by cut and paste or where possible by hand pulling. Quite a few creek side ledges had well established Erica bushes on them. We enjoyed the day within the confines of this steeply rising creek with its many small waterfalls.

Middle Island Weed follow-up, Tuesday, 4 July 2006

The initial part of this working bee was to do follow-up weeding on sites along the Middle Island Fire Trail where primary work had been undertaken in the last two years. Many Gorse seedlings plus some re-sprouts and missed ones were removed from two sites.

A patch of old Gorse was tackled that lay deep into the bush between the Middle Island and Main Fire Trails. This was fully cleared.

Revegetation Lenah Valley entrance to Wellington Park, Tuesday, 25 July 2006

Approximately 60 plants local to the region were planted as infill to an area once used as a small-scale farm. Broom seedlings near New Town Rivulet and Euphorbia lining a minor creek were removed.

Removal of Elisha's Tears at Myrtle Forest, Tuesday, 1 August 2006

Any Elisha's Tears (*Leycesteria Formosa*) bushes in the area starting from near the picnic shelter and then back to beyond the park boundary were cut and herbicide applied.

The bushes close to the access road were removed along with others that were deeper into the bush. Some were found upstream from the shelter and others in a side creek a short distance in from the park boundary. Plants still exist in some locations and will be actioned at a later working bee.

Friends of Mount Barrow CAREs Group – Ben Brooks

Ben Brooks met with PWS to begin the process of drafting a MOU between the two bodies. We had a great meeting with many lofty plans for the future.

The coming of the snow season has temporarily halted our plans to spend some time together on the reserves with PWS looking at where the greatest and most immediate need for volunteer work is.

This meeting was planned for 12 August. Hopefully we can begin a working bee soon after that time.

We continue to work eradicating weeds (mostly thistles) in the Mount Barrow area on private land and one of our members is very close to signing the first of what we hope will be several Private Forest Reserve covenants.

Members of the group were treated to a workshop in late July, by Tim Cadman from the School of Government, University of Tasmania, on community participation in environmental decision-making.

This has provided us with a much greater understanding of our relationship with other stakeholders in public lands and reserves.

We have initiated discussions with the Department of Health and Human Services to get some WILDCARE literature and donation forms into pay packets.

It is looking positive that this can occur in October or November this year.

Friends of Coningham Nature Recreation Area – John Hamilton

We have been fortunate to have a steady group of 6 – 8 attend our regular working bees, held once a month. In addition, some members regularly put in extra hours, with the result that the group has contributed over 500 hours to the reserve in the last twelve months.

We are on the funding treadmill at the moment, with applications in to the Envirofund and also for a Small Equipment grant and an Australia Post grant.

We are not holding our breath for any of these, but continue to live in hope.

Meanwhile we continue weeding, with much help from Parks who remove dumped cars and tyres, assist with funding applications, brush cut and spray Spanish Heath and direct various volunteers our way.

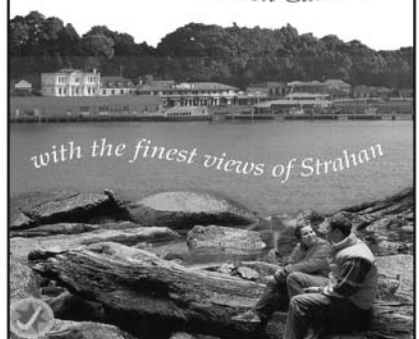
Gordon Gateway

The Ultimate Strahan break



10% discount on door prices for accommodation to WILDCARE members

"The new look Gordon Gateway"



with the finest views of Strahan

The Esplanade, Regatta Point,
Strahan, Tasmania, 7468, Australia.
Ph: 1300 134 425 Ph: 03 6471 7165
Fax: 03 6471 7588
Email: ggs@tassie.net.au
Web: www.gordongateway.com.au

We are again experiencing problems with illegal off-road use of trail bikes and 4WDs.

Not only are these a nuisance to other reserve users with their noise, they are causing significant erosion and deep rutting on tracks and destroying some of our precious threatened grasslands.

We have also had a report of two trail bike riders terrorising a horse rider. Of course there is the perennial problem of insufficient funds to adequately resource the reserve.

Friends of Mt Field – Peter Franklin

Lake Fenton Hut, Saturday, 8 April 2006

The weather was considered unsuitable so the event was cancelled.

Track work Seagers Lookout, Saturday, 27 May 2006

A very successful day although the weather wasn't as fine as had been predicted and was misty most of the time.

The remaining boggy sections of the Seagers Lookout track were hardened with rock, and the overhanging vegetation left over from the previous working bee cleared back.

Time was also spent at the Fenton Hut with the gutters being cleaned, walls cleaned with sugarsoap, a general tidy-up inside and the thick vegetation on the track to the old toilet mostly cleared.

Friends of Lilloco – John Hughes

We are currently in recess for winter after a successful summer viewing season.

Our members supervised all viewing evenings from early September to the end of April which is a significant contribution to the preservation of the Lilloco fairy penguin colony and adds a lot of joy to the large number of visitors, mostly tourist, who come to the nightly viewings.

We participated in a penguin count in early 2005 which indicated that the colony has grown quite strongly since the previous count in the late 90's, which is very encouraging.

Whilst we managed to cover all viewings last season we are always in the position of needing new volunteers. It is important we continue to train new volunteers to ensure we continue to renew our membership and cover the inevitable loss of members over time. It would be great if we had a few people we could call on when our regular volunteers are unavailable.

We carried out a rubbish collection along the road on the edge of the reserve on Clean up Australia day and had a couple of working bees to plant more native vegetation.

We were concerned to find a juvenile fox carcass at the entrance to our viewing area last Christmas which suggests foxes have bred in the area. The fox task force were unable

to locate a lair in the colony or surrounding area. We can only hope it was a stray animal, as foxes in the colony would be disastrous. All our members undertook training to enhance our knowledge of foxes and continue to keep an eye out for any activity which could relate to foxes. We are concerned the task force is being downsized shortly.

Our local PWS office has been very supportive and the appointment of Katie Stuart has strengthened our relationship. We are currently working with Parks and the local council to develop a plan to tackle the weed problem we have in the reserve.

Friends of the Kent Group National Park – Christian Bell

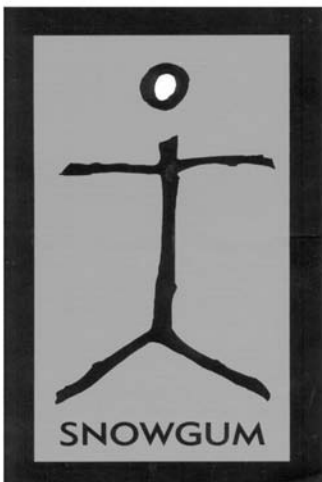
Friends of the Kent Group National Park lodged an Envirofund project with the Department of Environment & Heritage on 28 April, dealing with weed issues at the National Park.

Shortly our group will lodge an application to WILDCARE to fund transport to the Kent Group for our next working bee, this project will focus primarily on cultural heritage.

The Envirofund project seeks to commence a long term control project of Sea Spurge (*Euphorbia paralias*) at East Cove on Deal Island by re-establishment of shrubs and trees. The project also intends to treat Arum Lily (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) and Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*).

The Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) Tasmanian Beach Weed Strategy (TBWS) identifies the control of Sea Spurge as a priority under the plan. The Sea Spurge outbreak at East Cove is one of the most extensive in Bass Strait. Conventional treatment options have been tried but the best long term treatment option is to encourage the native Casuarina scrub to shade it out. The control of Sea Spurge, Arum Lily (*Z. aethiopica*) and Horehound (*M. vulgare*) is also identified as a priority action in the Kent Group National Park Management Plan 2004. The control of Sea Spurge is also further identified in the Furneaux Weed Strategy and Action Plan. These weeds have also been identified as priority weeds for removal under the Draft Weed Action Plan (March 2006) for Northern Tasmania Natural Resource Management region.

Specialists in Adventure Equipment



Packs, Tents, Boots,
Clothing, Sleeping Bags,
Climbing Gear, Stoves,
Maps, Foods, Cookware,
Torches, Compasses,
Kayaks & Accessories.
Expert Advice.

104 Elizabeth Street, Hobart
Ph 03 6234 7877

Mail order welcome.
Phone for catalogue.

Prepare yourself for adventure
10% discount* to WILDCARE members
(Just quote membership number when making a purchase.)
*Does not apply to Kayaks, Chaco sandals and scouting.



Weeds in the Kent Group National Park have a considerable potential to degrade the flora and fauna values of the Park. Arum Lily and Horehound can be treated by removal by weeding of small plants and the use of conventional herbicides for cut and paste or spraying of larger plants.

The Sea Spurge infestation covers an area of approximately 3 hectares (400m x 75m) on steep unstable land at East Cove on Deal, and is threatening to invade the denuded hill above the Cove.

Grazing pressure by wallabies has prevented the return of the Casuarina scrub that might normally shade out such an invader. Sea spurge is toxic and is not eaten by grazing animals.

Parts of the hill above the Cove are becoming vulnerable to erosion (threatening to cut the only access road) because of a lack of deep rooted vegetation. It is proposed to fence the hill to exclude the wallabies.

The hill was fenced during the lighthouse era but the two side fences are now derelict. Only the top fence is still in reasonable order.

It is proposed in this project to renew the side fences to secure the area. Slash will be laid on denuded areas and the replanting of native species will occur (sourced from the island).

We would expect to see the elimination of the two species (Arum lilies and Horehound) from the Kent Group National Park, following the application of appropriate herbicides. These species will be monitored to check that re-infestation has not occurred. If it does our WILDCARE group will undertake any follow up remedial action.

The plan to fence out grazing pressure and restore native scrub to the hill above East Cove is a long term solution to dealing with the Sea Spurge problem at this site. Our WILDCARE group has an historic photo of the Cove taken in 1940's showing this hill as being thickly scrubbed.

Photo monitoring points will be established to track any changes as they occur. The vegetation has suffered at this site because of grazing pressure (both native and farm animals), possible collection of firewood under previous management regimes and fire frequency.

With the creation of the National Park, many factors that led to the denuded

state of the hill are no longer relevant and the prospect of success should be rated as very reasonable.

Finally I will mention that our friends group was lucky to be awarded a free Sony digital camera for being one of the first groups to register on the Landcare Australia web site. This will be put to good use on our projects.

Friends Of Swan Bay – Josh Cocker

Our group is in winter recess having cleared some 700 metres of our 1.0 km target length of the Tamar foreshore strip. We set the 1.0 km as a target for November 2006.

We have had some really great help from CVA and the PWS. Both groups helped us for 4 days with primary weed removal and with cartage of the rubbish from the foreshore.

One of our members has provided a truck and a place to burn or decay vegetation.

The CVA folks were enthusiastic and it was fun to work with young people from several different countries. The support from PWS has been outstanding and even more so as our foreshore strip is actually owned by the Launceston City Council (LCC) rather than PWS as originally thought.

We are awaiting some discussion with the LCC as the ownership issue has been resolved. Our prime contact with LCC is Kay Bailey of the Tamar Valley NRM. Their willing support is greatly appreciated and has spurred our group on to complete the task.

Friends of Trevallyn – Roy Skabo

Friends of Trevallyn Reserve have maintained their record of running a working bee in the Reserve each month and have removed large numbers boneseed, Spanish heath, blackberry and so on.

We even found an endangered weed, *Lithospermum officinale* (stone seed), which in Australia grows only in the Trevallyn Reserve! We may be the first people to make a weed extinct in Australia!

Our collaboration with the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) continues. We seem to be getting a team each week and I have been finding them work to do.

It's great to see how much work can be done by four or five men working for about 7 hours once a week.

I am also about to establish an arrangement with the West Tamar Council (WTC) to allow the DCS crews to work in the area of the Reserve controlled by the WTC.

These areas are on the fringe of the Reserve and have houses backing on to them which make them ideal catchment areas for weed seeds such as Cotoneaster, holly and so on.

The WTC is very keen to cooperate with us and is willing to use its resources to tackle infestations, which are too large for hand clearing.

Working together we can really clean up the eastern fringes of the Reserve and hopefully prevent or at least reduce the incursion of garden escapees into the Reserve.

We are getting really good cooperation from our ranger, Adam Smith and we are still waiting for the release of the draft management plan for the Reserve from the Minister's office! 🐾

Platypus Park



Country Retreat Bridport



Country Hospitality by the Seaside

Ada Street, Bridport, Tasmania 7262

Ph: 03 6356 1873

Fax: 03 6356 0173

Web: www.platypuspark.com.au

Email: platypuspark@tassie.net.au

15% discount to WILDCARE members.

Volunteers needed to help Tasmanian Devils

Ingrid Albion, Education Officer, Parks and Wildlife Service and Project Officer, Devil Disease Team.

The Tasmanian Devil Disease Team is keen to have volunteers helping with their fight to save devils. There are two programs that volunteers can play a vital role in.

The Captive Management Program maintains an insurance population of Tasmanian Devils that have been captured from the wild and held in quarantine until they can be safely exported to wildlife parks to provide future genetic diversity of the species.

At present there are three sites within the Hobart area, including one on the Eastern Shore, which house these special animals.

We are looking for people who are interested in helping care for these animals on a regular basis, either for a few hours or a day each week. Volunteers will be working with our experienced keeper staff on site.

Volunteers can really make a difference to the enrichment program we have for our animals. Every day we try to make something different and interesting happen in the pens for each animal.

Devils get very bored if everything just stays the same so we like to make and hide treats for them, add new vegetation, make toys or new places for them to run and hide in. We are always looking for new and creative ideas for keeping our devils happy.

The Field Monitoring program involves regular trips around the State to trap devils and determine the status of the wild population.

Volunteers are an integral part of the program, helping researchers to record information on all the trapped devils, set the traps and assist with the scientific research.

Trapping trips can go for up to ten days at a time and it is best to have volunteers that can come out for at least three days at a time, but the longer the better. All accommodation and food is supplied.

As well as playing a crucial role in the Devil Disease Program, volunteers can have an up-close experience and learn a lot about the world's largest remaining marsupial carnivore.



Devil Facial Tumour Disease is now widespread through most of Tasmania with the exception of the West Coast. Already 41 separate sites, representing 51% of mainland Tasmania, have been confirmed with the disease. The disease was first identified in an individual from the north east in 1996 and it appears the disease is now spreading across the state.

In areas where the disease is rampant, up to 83% of trapped adult devils have the disease which is 100% fatal. It is still most common in sexually mature animals however some first year animals do show signs of the disease. Evidence seems to support disease transmission by direct contact, possibly at maturity.

None of the devils brought in from the wild as pouch young with diseased mothers have to date shown any signs of the disease, even though all these devils are now over two years old and spent between five and fourteen months living with their diseased mothers.

No devils kept in quarantine or wildlife parks and away from direct contact with wild devils have developed any signs of the disease either, which gives us some cause for hope.

Spotlighting records suggest there is already a 41% decline in devil numbers since 1996.

If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Ingrid Albion on 0428 130 022, email Ingrid.Albion@dpiw.tas.gov.au (for the Captive Management Program), or Caroline Donnelly on 6233 2006 (for the Field Monitoring Program). 



Eaglehawk Neck Backpackers



Close to:
Cape Raoul, Cape Hauy and
Cape Pillar (Highest sea cliffs in the
Southern Hemisphere), walking tracks.
Tasman National Park
Eaglehawk Neck
Ph: (03) 6250 3248

\$2 discount per night for WILDCARE members



WILDCARE Volunteer Profile

– David Reynolds

I grew up in Sydney, in the southern suburb of Oatley and went to school at Trinity Grammar. I left school quite early and did a 5 year plumbing apprenticeship with a small construction company close to home.

My first job as a tradesman was at the Charlotte Pass Ski Resort on the road to Mt Kosciusko. I stayed there through one summer but left before the ski season.

I then spent some time in the New Guinea highlands before returning to a job at a power station in the Tuggerah Lakes area north of Sydney.

Sometime in the late 60s, early 70s (it was hard to get dates out of David – ed.) I decided to take a break from plumbing work and do some travelling.

I travelled via Japan and the Trans Siberian Railroad through Russia to Europe and the UK. I decided on a short visit to South Africa, which turned into a 9 year stay.

It was while working in South Africa that I met Trauti. Trauti was born in Switzerland and was also travelling in South Africa.

We spent most of the 1970s living and working in the Capetown area. It was here that I really started to develop a love for natural places. We joined the local Mountain Club and did lots of bushwalking. Our first child was born in South Africa.

We decided that the political environment of South Africa wasn't the place to bring up a family so started looking at other places to settle. Trauti didn't want to return to Switzerland and I didn't fancy Sydney.

Trauti had friends in Hobart from an earlier visit and it sounded great: the city wasn't too big, lots of bushwalking nearby and a mountain close to the city (like Capetown). So in November 1979 we left South Africa and came to Tasmania.

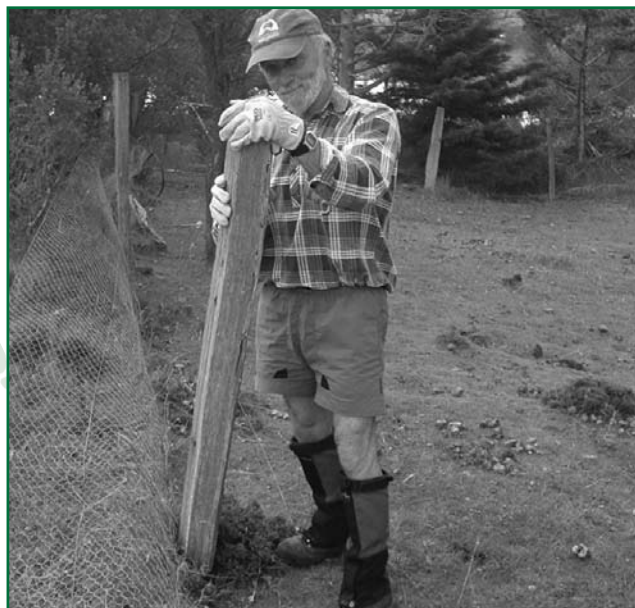
I had a job with a plumbing company in Kingston; we joined the Hobart Walking Club and Australian Plant Society and started to meet all those great friends we still spend our time with.

We did lots of bushwalking all over the state but developed a special liking for Tassie's offshore islands. Our favourite place was Maria Island and sometime in the mid 1990s Parks Senior Ranger Ian Marmion asked us whether we would be interested in some conservation work on old farm houses on the island.

That was the start of a real passion – volunteering with Parks on the many islands around the state.


Since then we have spent much of our spare time on a large range of volunteering projects, often on islands but also at places closer to home such as Coningham, Bruny Island, Mt Wellington and Mt Field.

We have spent a lot of time on Maria Island but have also worked on Schouten, Maatsuyker, Deal and Tasman Islands (*by the time this magazine appears Dave and Trauti will be on Deal Island for their third stint as island caretakers - ed.*)



Dave Reynolds on Bruny Island October 2005.

Tasman Island is our latest project. There is so much to be done there and Parks don't seem to get the resources to do it, so we'll lend a hand somehow. I'm happy to be the organiser but I'm really just one of a team.

I feel like it's the best way to put something back into the environment that has given us so many good times ... 

WILDLIFE PRODUCT DISCOUNT

GREAT NEWS

for Carers of

Orphaned/Injured Animals

Cartledge Agency –

Your Wombaroo/Passwell distributor

This means ALL *WILDCARE* MEMBERS CAN NOW GET AN 8% DISCOUNT off any product (except for Seed and Mixes for Birdlife).

- Product data sheets for most products
- Buy \$35 of Wombaroo/Passwell products and receive FREE PRODUCTS to the value of \$7.
- Buy \$55 of Wombaroo/Passwell products and receive FREE PRODUCTS to the value of \$12

Visit our web site cartledgeagency.com.au

Orders can be delivered statewide for a delivery fee of \$6.25 per carton up to 30kg with next day delivery to most metropolitan areas.

Cartledge Agency would like to thank all *WILDCARE* members for their past support and look forward to future dealings.

To place an order contact:

Mark Cartledge at Cartledge Agency,
26, 34 Innocent Street, Kings Meadows Tas 7249
Phone 03 6344 5466 Fax 03 6344 7721
Mobile: 0408 335 498
Email: cartledgeagency@hotmail.com

WE MIGHT NOT HAVE THE ANIMAL
BUT WE CAN SURE HELP YOU TO LOOK AFTER THEM!

WILDCARE, Parks & Biodiversity Conservation

Branch Volunteering programs for summer 2006/07

Please note that this is a preliminary expression of interest/call-up and whilst all of these programs are proposed for the summer of 2006/07, at this stage they are subject to funding and local management priorities and resources.

Overland Track Wardens program (started 1997)

The Overland Track Wardens (OTW) program is based at Waterfall Valley Hut on the Overland Track. This is 3 to 4 hours walk south from Dove Lake carpark (route, fitness, load and weather dependant).



Waterfall Valley Hut photo by Chris Leitch

The aim of the program is for the volunteers to provide walkers with Minimal Impact Bushwalking (MIB) information and other advice regarding local/track conditions. Collection of statistical information for local PWS managers will also be an important part of the job.

Accommodation is provided in the Rangers room, which has 2 bunk beds, a gas stove and heater, kitchen facilities, cutlery, crockery etc.

Participants require a minimum of Workplace Level 2 First Aid Certificate and will receive training and an induction into the program.

The program may run from 1 December until after Easter 2007.

Register your interest by contacting Chris Leitch - on 6233 2867 or email Chris.Leitch@dpiw.tas.gov.au

Schouten Island Campground Hosts (Freycinet Peninsula)

Volunteers camp near the hut on Schouten Island for shifts of about 7-14 days (negotiable). The aim of the program is for the volunteers to provide campers (and boaties/yachties) with Minimal Impact Bushwalking (MIB) and boating information and other advice regarding local conditions. Collection of statistical information

for local PWS managers will also be an important part of the job.

A large family sized tent will be provided as basic accommodation, individuals can use their own tents if they wish. Fresh water, gas cooking facilities and gas lighting will also be provided on site.

Parks staff will provide boat transfers to and from the island at the beginning and end of shifts only, except for emergency situations. Communications will be provided.

Volunteers need to provide: own transport to Freycinet, personal gear and food/catering. The program may run from mid December to mid February, subject to resources.

Participants require a minimum of Workplace Level 2 First Aid Certificate and will receive training and an induction into the program.

Register your interest with Caroline Shemwell - District Volunteer Facilitator on 6256 7000 or email Caroline.Shemwell@parks.tas.gov.au

Orange Bellied Parrot (OBP) Recovery program

This program requires volunteers to monitor and record information regarding the local OBP populations. Volunteers are based in huts at Birches Inlet (Macquarie harbour) and Melaleuca in Port Davey for 14 day (2 week) periods.

The season usually starts around late October at both locations and continues until early March at Melaleuca and early April at Birches.

Volunteers need to provide their own transport to Strahan- where transport (boat) is provided to Birches; or to Cambridge Airport - where the plane departs to take you to Melaleuca. Hut accommodation is provided at both locations. Volunteers have to provide their own personal gear and food/catering.

Register your interest by contacting Program Manager Mark Holdsworth 6233 6033 or email Mark.Holdsworth@dpiw.tas.gov.au

Melaleuca Caretaker program

Fancy a 14-day period in the magical southwest? Similar to the Overland Track Wardens program volunteers assist bushwalkers and other visitors to the southwest. Volunteers will also be required to collect statistical information and assist with the OBP program if and when necessary.

Accommodation is in the Melaleuca Rangers hut, which is shared with other volunteers and staff.

Participants require a minimum of Workplace Level 2 First Aid Certificate and will receive training and an induction into the program.

Register your interest by contacting Craig Saunders - Parks District Volunteer Facilitator at Huonville on 6264 8463 or email Craig.Saunders@parks.tas.gov.au

Overland Track - Walker Statistics Survey

The Overland Track Walkers Statistics Survey is based at the Rangers hut at Narcissus, which is at the top end of Lake St.Clair. Statistics are collected over a three-day period. People need to catch the ferry up to Narcissus the afternoon before, survey for 3 days and return on the last ferry (usually about 3pm) on the last day.

Accommodation is provided in the Rangers Hut at Narcissus, which has gas stove and light, open fire, cutlery & crockery etc.

Participants require a minimum of Workplace Level 2 First Aid Certificate and will receive training and an induction into the program.

Register your interest by contacting Chris Leitch - on 6233 2867 or email Chris.Leitch@dpiw.tas.gov.au

For more info go to www.wildcaretas.org.au and check out last years info on the 'Bulletin Board'. This year's programs should be very similar and the information for them will be updated later on this year. 🐾

Please note: all programs are subject to stringent Occupation Health and Safety requirements, including the completion of Medical Disclosure forms. All programs require some pre-requisites.

Better Homes and Gardens for Derwent Penguins

A huge effort by volunteers has made life a little easier for the highly vulnerable Little Penguin population in the Derwent estuary. *WILDCARE* Inc members were among over 50 people who built 150 artificial burrows and worked to improve and increase the habitat at the largest rookery in the estuary.

The rookery is in a suburban area; not an ideal site as habitat loss and predation by cats and dogs associated with urbanisation are the major causes of the decline of Little Penguins in the estuary. The volunteers transformed the rookery by installing burrows, removing masses of weeds and replacing them with over 1000 native plants.

The work undertaken was part of an Envirofund project initiated by the Derwent Estuary Program (DEP). Stage 2 of the project, Community Action for Penguins (CAP), will see 85% of the Derwent Penguin population benefit from the installation of artificial burrows, fencing and revegetation.

Work at the Little Penguin rookery began late last year with fences erected to deter dogs. Interpretation signs were installed to encourage dog owners to respect the existing 'no dogs' signs. This was followed by weeks of work by volunteers during autumn and winter to build burrows, improve the existing rookery habitat and expand the habitat suitable for Little Penguins.

The concrete artificial burrows were constructed at the Kingborough Council depot, with the expert guidance of David Ralph.

David has built hundreds of these artificial burrows, originally invented by Nick Mooney to provide homes for Little Penguins displaced by urban development along the north-west coast (see the illustrated fact sheet by David Ralph and Nick Mooney in Perviz Marker and Anna Wind's Guidelines for Works in Areas of Little Penguin Habitat at www.dpiw.tas.gov.au).

The artificial burrows provide the Penguins with a safe overnight refuge from marauding dogs and improve their chances of rearing chicks.

Volunteers removed masses of weeds to clear a large new habitat area at the rookery, previously an impenetrable tangle of cape ivy, periwinkles and blackberries. About 80 concrete burrows were installed there among the remaining trees and shrubs and alongside pines felled by Kingborough Council.

Volunteers worked diligently to disguise burrows with local materials such as rock, fallen branches and bark. They also dug pavers (provided very cheaply by Hanson Masonry) under burrow entrances to stop dogs from digging their way into nests.

Plantings of native species around the burrows to provide cover included *Tetragonia implexicoma* (native spinach) and *Rhagodia candolleana* (seaberry saltbush) and prickly species such as *Coprosma quadrifera* (native currant) and *Acacia verticillata* (prickly moses). Two-thirds of the plants were grown by members of the Understorey Network.

Another 30 burrows were hidden in vegetated areas currently used by Little Penguins. The public access path was rerouted and upgraded and the area planted to deter



visitors. Erosion control was another major task undertaken by the volunteers.

Most of the hard work was done by Conservation and Land Management Certificate 3 TAFE students (supervised by teacher Janet Stephens) who achieved amazing amounts over many days.

Others assisting besides *WILDCARE* Inc volunteers included the Understorey Network, Conservation Volunteers Australia, the Tasmanian Marine Naturalists Association and a Green Corps team loaned by Greening Australia (Tasmania).

Neighbouring residents also assisted in numerous ways, including fencing and planting on their properties and allowing access for the workers. Barry Hardwick and Richard Greenhill from Kingborough Council provided the equipment, materials and guidance and have undertaken to maintain the weed control and track maintenance.

Drew Lee from the Biodiversity Conservation Branch of the Department of Primary Industries and Water advised about Little Penguin requirements and helped volunteers improve existing burrows to make them more dog-proof. Drew has expanded his monitoring of the site to find out how many Penguins adopt the new habitat area.

Thanks to the magnificent efforts of all the volunteers and extensive financial and practical support from the Kingborough Council, the future of the colony looks much brighter.

Other CAP actions

16 wooden artificial burrows were constructed by grade 8 students at Tarooma High School and Ian Johnston of Plywood Plus. Four were installed by the Tarooma Environment Network at a small rookery, while the others were placed in residents' gardens or set aside for another colony where dogs are a problem.

Ten wooden burrows and access steps for Penguins were installed at a new habitat area above a Hobart beach where rising sea levels and storm surges are putting a tiny colony at risk. The work, which also included landscaping and revegetation, was funded by the Hobart City Council and a grant from the Scan & Save fund administered by Landcare Australia.

Children at Tarooma Primary School produced artwork and writing for a colourful Penguin brochure (available from ursula.taylor@environment.tas.gov.au). The children's



C/- GPO Box 44
Hobart
Tasmania 7001
Phone 6233 2852
office@wildcaretas.org.au
www.wildcaretas.org.au
ABN 80986531989

WILDCARE Inc

Active wildlife carer authorisation

Valid only while the carer holds current *WILDCARE* Inc membership.

WILDCARE Inc carries no-fault accident insurance cover for its members undertaking voluntary wildlife care activities authorised by *WILDCARE* Inc. If you are a current *WILDCARE* Inc member and are actively caring for wildlife, please complete this form and return to the *WILDCARE* Inc c/- GPO Box 44 Hobart 7001.

NOTE: *WILDCARE* DOES NOT AUTHORISE members to care for snakes or other venomous animals and accepts no responsibility for accidents associated with the care of those animals.

This authorisation does not replace the need to hold permits to have and rehabilitate wildlife. Permits are available from the Nature Conservation Branch of the Department of Primary Industries Water and Environment. Phone 03 6233 6556 for information.

Name _____

Address _____

Post code: _____

Phone number _____ Email Address _____

WILDCARE MEMBER NUMBER (include all numbers) _____

Expiry date on membership card _____

Type of animals/birds you are caring for (please list) _____

Your signature _____ Date _____



work, along with drawings by Blackmans Bay Primary School children, was displayed at Kingston Library to publicise the plight of the Derwent Little Penguins. The project officer also visited several classes at St Aloysius School. All these schools are near Penguin colonies and very supportive of efforts to protect Penguins.

Although the CAP project ended in early August, the Derwent Little Penguin colonies will continue to be protected by the local Councils with support from the Biodiversity Conservation Branch, Parks and Wildlife Service and the Derwent Estuary Program. Working bees for volunteers will be organised next winter to continue weeding and planting.

Veronica Thorp – Former Coordinator, Community Action for Penguins
Derwent Estuary Penguin Project (Stage 2)

The Derwent Estuary Penguin Project is an initiative of the Derwent Estuary Program. The project is also supported by the Biodiversity Conservation Branch (DPIW), Wrest Point, Tasmanian Conservation Trust, Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife Service, Tarooma Environment Network, Tarooma Primary School, Tarooma High School, Birds Australia, the Understorey Network and TAFE Tasmania.

VAMPIRE country — areas that score high on an index called the Vulnerability Assessment for Mortgage, Petrol and Inflation Risks and Expenditure then there's NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) but everyone knows that!

THANK YOU!



Thank you to **WILDCARE Inc** Volunteers

The Parks and Wildlife Service would like to say thank you to all **WILDCARE Inc** members who give so willingly of their time to help us protect and conserve our natural and cultural heritage in Tasmania.

Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication!

A very special thank you to the **WILDCARE Inc** Board of Management for all of their support for volunteer projects within Tasmania's National Parks.

WILDCARE Inc QUICK-renew

All 2006 memberships expire on December 31st

Renew your membership for 2007 anytime September 1 to December 31.

Complete the details below and send back to us in an envelope addressed to:

WILDCARE Inc c/- GPO Box 44 Hobart 7001

Your name(s)		DOB	
Your address			
Your phone number		2006 number (if known)	



WILDCARE Inc QUICK-renewal Payment details

\$25 Annual membership (individual or family)

Cheque attached Money Order attached VISA Mastercard Bankcard American Express

Card number Expiry date

Name on card Signature of cardholder

CCV number (last 3 numbers on the reverse side of your Credit Card)

PAYMENT METHODS

By Post - Send the completed form with payment attached (or card details provided) to WILDCARE Inc c/- GPO Box 44 Hobart 7001
In person - At Service Tasmania Shops and PWS Visitor Centres - provide this form and payment to the Cashier
On line - Go to www.wildcaretas.org.au and follow the prompts

Would you like other family members living at your address to be added to your membership record? Provide their names and DOBs here:

FAQ: How do I claim my WILDCARE member discount when I want to buy an All Parks Pass? Answer: Quote your new membership number on the APP Renewal Form or, if paying in person, present your WILDCARE Inc card to the Cashier, then select the appropriate special discount rate.

Office Use only
WC Card # issued

By

Thank you!

WILDCARE wishes to thank the following sponsors for their continuing support especially the Resource Management and Conservation Branch of DPIW for hosting the **WILDCARE** office

Gold Sponsors (\$10,000 plus)

Category 2 sponsors (\$5000–\$9999)

Category 3 sponsors (\$1000–\$4999)

Forestry Tasmania

Tasmanian Fishing Industry Council

KPMG

And the following **WILDCARE member discount sponsors**

Branch Office Business Centre – 10% discount (refer to advertisement)

Cartledge Agency – 8% discount (refer to advertisement)

Eaglehawk Neck Backpackers – \$2 discount per night

Gemstones at Lune River – 10% discount

Gordon Gateway – 10% discount on accommodation (door prices)

Moonpads – 10% discount

Par Avion Wilderness Flights – 10% discount

Parks and Wildlife Service – \$25 discount on Annual All-Parks Pass

Platypus Park, Country Retreat, Bridport – 15% discount

Snowgum equipment – 10% discount

Something Wild – 10% discount on entry fee

Forest Discovery Centre Scottsdale - 10% discount

(To claim your discount, simply present your **WILDCARE** member card.)

We are looking for other sponsors, both for our operating costs and as discounters. Know someone who you think might be interested? Why not have a chat to them and suggest they contact **Andrew Smith on 03 6233 2836 or Richard Hammond on 0500 520 644.**

