

The Annual General Meeting was held as planned at Twertup Field Studies Centre on 12th March. Eighteen members and three visitors attended.

The election of office-bearers was effected painlessly as it was successfully moved that all last year's office-bearers be returned with no change from last year.

OFFICE BEARERS:-

PRESIDENT Bill Lullfitz Box 82, Jerramungup.6337

SECRETARY Brenda Newbey Box 42, Ongerup.6336

TREASURER Kaye Vaux c/o P.O., Ongerup.6336

COMMITTEE MEMBERS Andrew Chapman, Ken Newbey, Jim McCulloch

TWERTUP COMMITTEE Keith Bradby, Andrew Chapman, Bill Lullfitz and George Duxbury (ex-officio)

The Association delegates to the Conservation Council are Eleanor Bennett and Gary Phillips.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

As there was a credit balance of \$175.01, it was decided by the meeting that inflation should not extend to FRNPA subs and so they are to remain the same as last year:-

\$3.00 SINGLE

\$5.00 FAMILY

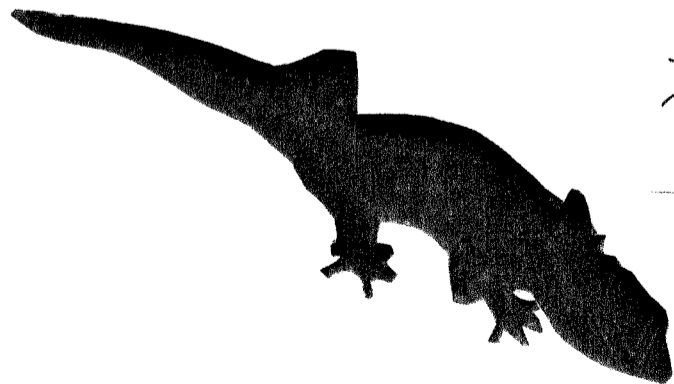
SUBS ARE NOW DUE and should be sent directly to the Treasurer.

The President pointed out in his annual report that one of the primary aims of the Association is to protect the continuing long-term benefits to the community and nation as a whole provided by this large and diverse Park.

We want to find out more about the Park; assist others to do likewise; and to protect the Park from inappropriate development. Our Association of friends of the Park is currently active and enthusiastic and is achieving something towards each of our aims. All members are much appreciated. The further away you live, the less you are able to enjoy the Park and involve yourself in activities of which you read in the Newsletter. However we value the support that you offer just by being members. You are our representatives of the community at large.

HERBARIUM

The first 90 specimen cards were placed in the Twertup Field Study Centre Herbarium. As well as a pressed flowering specimen, the cards contain the plant name - family, genus, species, author, preferred soil type, plant habit, and live flower colour. Ken Newbey produced a list of plants so far recorded in the study area which extends approximately to within a 5 km radius from the Field Study Centre. This will also form a part of the Herbarium. It includes information on habitat and the beginnings of a flowering calendar. Those so far as cards in the Herbarium are marked, and there is an appendix which should be very useful as it lists name changes that have occurred since Blackall and Grieve was published. Explanatory notes on contents and use of the Twertup FSC Herbarium will soon be written. For example, we think it advisable to point out that the cards should remain in the building. As the collection grows, the Herbarium should become a most valuable part of the Study Centre.



A. Chapman is doing research on the gecko population of Twertup. This is one that he captured on the night of the A.G.M.

COURSES:- Some are being considered for this year, but apart from a painting course which begins 16th April, there is nothing definite as yet.

NEXT MEETING AND BUSY BEE

One of the items on the timetable of the Great Southern Volunteer Conservation Programme, is BUSY BEE at WEST MOUNT BARREN for which the FRNPA has agreed to be "host"-- i.e. to provide the main core of workers. The jobs to be done are laying brush on the old 4WD track and footpath, and drainage works.

GLOVES are a good protection while handling brush, and a rake may also come in handy. There should be an ample supply of brush as it is being brought from the new road works in the Park. This entails a scenic road from Collett's Track to Mount Maxwell, and the improving of Collett's Track from there to the Pabellup Track.

The Busy Bee will begin at 10a.m. and about 2.30p.m. after the work is done, our next GENERAL MEETING will be held. The date is 29th May, and it is to be hoped that being the last day of the school holidays will not keep too many away. Tarps should provide sufficient protection for lunch and the meeting if it is a wet day.

MINING IN THE PARK

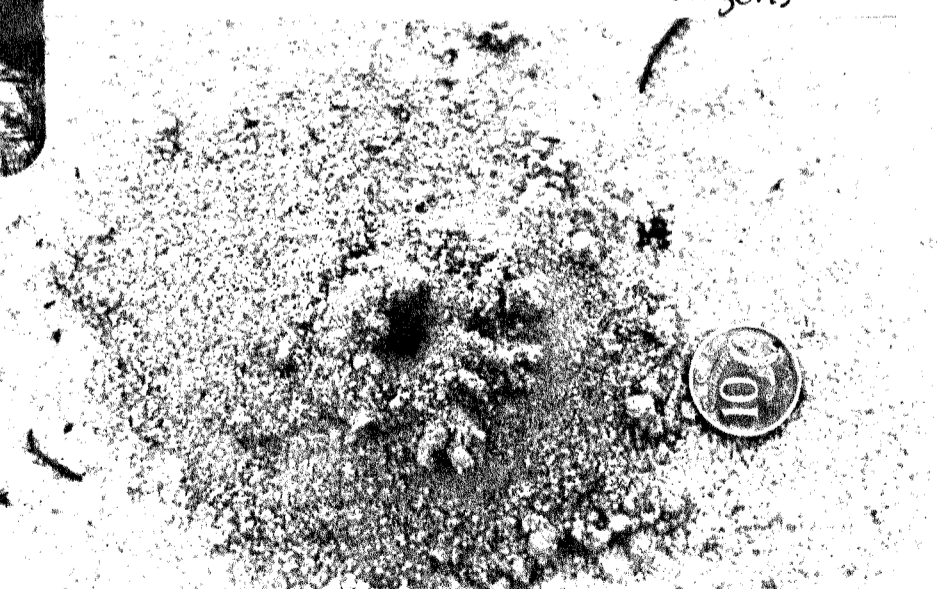
Whim Creek Consolidated N L currently has sampling rights in the Park, as they are doing a preliminary geological evaluation of the area. To enable this to be done with minimum fuss in such an environmentally sensitive area, part of the Mining Act 78-82 was brought into operation whereby prospecting and exploring for minerals in National Parks can be done if the consent of the Minister for Mines and in the Park's case, the Minister for Conservation and Environment, is obtained. It is to be hoped that this very covert approach will not be possible should more intensive surveying be required.



This photo of Roes Rock was taken during the first meeting of the re-formed FRNPA that was held in the Park on 27-4-80.

After the AGM this year, some members started from this point with the idea of planning a new walk trail.

Below:- Taken 12/3-83 on track into Twertup. We were told that it was probably the burrow of *Leioproctus* or another colletid short-tongued bee. One burrow of dozens



Photos K. Vaux.

NEXT MEETING 29 MAY

WEST MT BARREN.

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