

DECEMBER 1984

This will be the last newsletter for 1984. Every endeavour will be made to summarise the years activities.

Membership has continued to grow during 1984. There has been an average attendance at meetings of 14.

May I beg the pardon of those of us who took part in the TV filming. I suspect it had some sort of effect on us. I hope that these words by K.J.V. will enable you to share those feelings with us.

"ON LOCATION AT TWERTUP"

'Twas on a Monday morning
In November '84
Just as the day was dawning
Brenda opened up the door
Keith drew apart the curtains
To see Bill was on the "rocks"
The solitude of Twertup
Was in for several shocks.

Quite early at the barbeque
Amelia made a pot of tea
Like us it sat for hours to brew-
What will the next shot be?

Then there was Ken among his blossoms
Finding one he thought rare
Like the baby pigmy 'possums
We were finding here and there.

Few birds escaped the eyes of Ray
Mrs Terle painted the scene
Recording flowers on film, was Kaye
And Veronica told of her dream.

Helen was typing news up to date
Heather's cakes made the boys all aglow
Heath gave a hand, as he worked on the slate
For the set was an A.B.C. SHOW.

Now Paul really delved right into your mind
Which, with care was directed by Tim
With cameras we hope Rob and Ted were kind
As John angled his microphone in.

What a picnic it was, from dawn into night
As the STARS went orbiting around-
Drinking tea by the hour was really a sight
Being filmed from the roof and the ground.

It was fun all the way, and we laughed such a lot
As the crew and our mob shared the day
Their patience unending, we hope that they got
More than we intended to say.
A toast to the "Heartlands" was made in red wine
An award Tim and Paul won't forget.
Our meals were superb, when we found time to dine
'Twas a privilege to be on the SET.

Notice of motion to Annual General meeting 17th March 1985
Preamble This motion merely restructures the committee to allow for a Vice President, the number of general committee members then being reduced to two. Up to now in the absence of the president there was no one to take the chair.
Motion That the constitution be altered to read 'A committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of members and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two other committee members.'

any more members of the public have visited the park this year. Easter being a particularly busy period. Bell Track has been closed completely in an endeavour to stop the spread of die-back. Dr Joanna Tippett visited the area during the year

Full marks to NPA who are putting a lot of thought into future burning in the park. Surveys of flora and fauna are being done in conjunction with them.

Courses Peter McMillan Entomology many interesting Jewel Beetles and bugs. Peter is willing to hold another course. Alex Haynes Paleontology finds of bones showed that many little animals not known to live in the park had done so. Ann and Peter Taylor Banksia Atlas hope some people are finding time to make reports. Andrew Chapman Took a group walking through the park. Some unexpected difficulties due to a very wet winter and spring. All returned safely after a very hectic few days. Bill Moir Geology weekend at Ravenshorpe Thoroughly enjoyed by all. A lot of thought and preparation had gone into this brain fagging course. When's the next one? Bert and Babs Wells Photographing Native Plants and Animals Another superb weekend at Twertup. Thanks folks. Short courses are becoming a very important part of our programme and in general are very well attended.

C.E.L. Application Made and re-made. Application was made for an Education officer at Twertup for a number of weeks. Nothing definite. Maybe no news is good news on this one.

Display Board Completed and adorned with pictures of flowers. Has been on display in local Shire Offices and at local flower shows. New display next year!

International Biosphere Reserve Workshop Blank wall at this stage.

Heritage commission Application after much work we were to learn that only 17% of estimated funds had been granted. None for FRNPA Thought of given to resubmission next year.

Twertup Building materials were purchased for lining bedroom ceilings and sink outlet. So the committee haven't forgotten they are there.

Much discussion took place during the year regarding the northern buffer zone and land release.

Brenda Newbey supplied the following report

Ground Parrots

Some members of FRNPA have spent several evenings and mornings (one hour before sunrise is very early at this time of the year) listening for Ground Parrots (*Pezoporus Wallicus*) to help with a six month survey to be finished by November 1984.

The aim of the survey was to discover how plentiful ground parrots are in W.A. and where they are located. Searching has been done from Augusta to Cape Arid at the coast and inland. In places they had previously been seen and other likely places.

So far less than 50 birds have been found in five populations. Of these 1 population was in FRNP and 3 in north Fitzgerald area.

Dibbler There was the exciting find of Irish dibbler remains. Surely this must add to the argument that this land must remain bush.

Windcheaters and Teeshirts There was an excellent response to the sale of these garments which added considerably to our funds. New supplies of these as well as teatowels are now available.

Sanity Project Work completed and compiled many thanks to those who undertook this work.

Anyone with information about the park whether it be geological, historical etc etc are reminded that there is an envelope in the library at Twertup. Hows about next time you are down there making

a little contribution.

Families visiting Twerup with children are informed that the kids of the park have joined Quest and material for childrens activities is now at Twerup. They are for your use.

Books New Publications

A Bush Waterhole A Selection OF Bush Poetry by G.Duxbury. \$6.95 plus postage available from the association.

Fighting For Wilderness Australian Conservation Council has recently released this book which is basically based on the proceedings of National Wilderness Conference 1983. One of our members Ken Newbey was invited as W.A. delegate and wrote the chapter The FRNP West. Aust. Some Conservation Issues. Battles lost and won in other states are included as well as a section on anticipated battles of the future.

This book is available from ACF 672B Glenferrie Rd., Hawthorn Vic 3122 at \$10 posted.

It was with sad hearts that we bade farewell to George and Jill Duxbury on Nov 10th. A successful barbeque and presentation were held at the home of Joan and Bob Bathgate. Good luck George see you at Exmouth. Have the feeling you are going to have lots of visitors. Remember the chook wheat everyone.

Looking forward. Members will look forward to meeting Martin Lloyd and his family early in the new year.

Many thanks to Keith, Bill L., and anyone else who wrote those tricky letters during the year. I am not that sort of writer and consequently I was relieved of many a headache.

Please do not forget there will be election of office bearers at the next meeting. Both Bill and I announced at the last meeting our intention not to stand for re-election due to personal reasons.

As this is the last newsletter for the year may I take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of the office bearers for all the support and assistance given in so many ways during 1984. We look forward to seeing you again in 1985.

Wishing you a very happy and safe Christmas, may 1985 bring you good health and good cheer.

Please get out your 1985 calender and mark March 17th as Annual General Meeting and Ordinary meeting at 10 a.m. at West Beach. See you all there.

Regards
Amelia Boir.



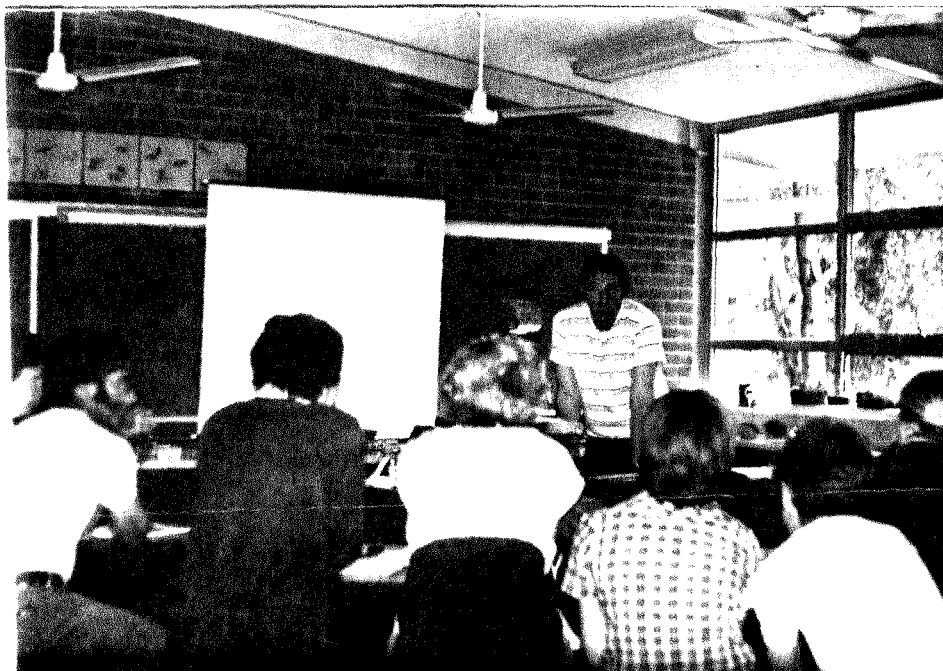
Tim Clark
Paul Williams
ABC. T.V.

Who won
Asian-Pacific
Award for
Heartlands
Programme.



Geology
Weekend

Lewinsthorpe
- West Beach



In the class
room

Geology
weekend.

George Durbury
reading from
A Bush Waterhole
at his send off
Nov 10th 1984.

