

WILD Edge Music Festival Report

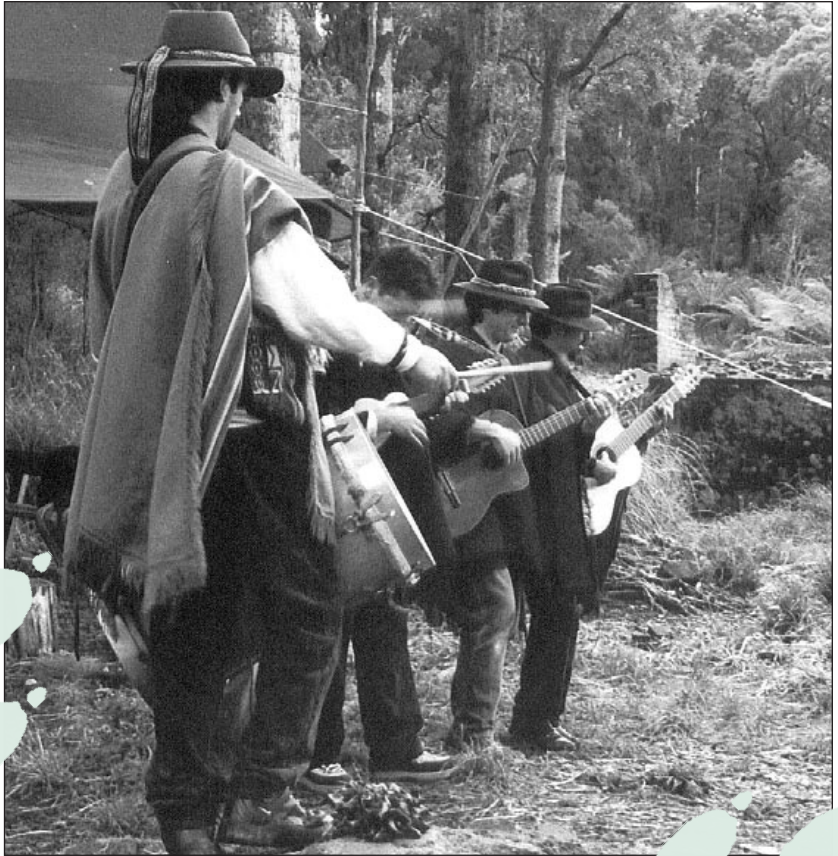
Well! What a success. *WILDCARE* helped to inject both spirit and dollars into the Strahan Community this August with the inaugural WILD Edge Music Festival. An amalgam of jazz, rock, folk, and blues converged on the West Coast for a fantastic weekend of performances and workshops in a variety of venues around Strahan. *WILDCARE* worked with the Strahan community and Parks & Wildlife rangers to organise and staff the event, as well as 'importing' a few Hobart volunteers for the weekend.

The weekend began on Friday night with an underage rave by Dr Fink in the local community hall, and performances in both the Regatta Point Tavern and Hamer's Public Bar by Launceston guitar duo Jon & Col, local singer Tina Appleby & Hobart blues band Shake Sugaree.

Throughout the weekend, artists performed at all meal times in Strahan's restaurants. Many of these were at Risby Cove where artists Cary Lewincamp (guitar) and Jabra Latham (saxophone) jammed at breakfast time one morning on the grass overlooking Strahan. Cygnet duo Alchemy also played, as well as Hobart-based Czardas.

During the day on Saturday, artists ran workshops in the Hilltop Lounge, Arauco Libre played on the village green where locals set up a morning market, whilst a children's venue was run by local Parks officer, Kerrie Kent. The afternoon saw art exhibitions opening of Stephanie Tabram (painting), Anah Crete (multimedia), Chris Wilson (painting) and Janine Morris (fibre art).

Saturday evening saw another two bands in the pubs — Dr Fink (with Tina Appleby) and the Ranters. The Jazz & Blues Venue in the Hilltop lounge had a host of great talent — Launceston jazz group Kat's Whiskers, Sydney-based blues artist Marco Goldsmith, and Saxophone player Jabra Latham. Needless to say, there were many bleary, bloodshot eyes on Sunday morning.



Arauco Libre playing on Sarah Island on the Sunday WILD Edge Cruise

The crowning event of the festival was the WILD Edge Cruise on Sunday, sponsored by World Heritage Cruises. Local actor and interpreter Richard Davey donated his time to work with

financially and through raising our profile as a community partner organisation, and the community of Strahan profited both financially and through a boost in morale at it's quietest time.

If you missed out on the WILD Edge, make sure you get involved in the next *WILDCARE* special event. If you are interested in assisting with *WILDCARE* events, but haven't registered to do so, please give the *WILDCARE* office a call or email us.

Allison Wing
Festival Coordinator

The **WILD Edge**
Music Festival

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Chilean group Arauco Libre in guiding people around Sarah Island in a fascinating musical tour. The boat ride was full of music, food and laughter from beginning to end with Arauco Libre and other musicians jamming on both levels.

Thanks to artists Chris Wilson and Janine Morris for their very kind donations of artwork to raffle for the benefit of *WILDCARE*. Thanks also to those volunteers who made a special effort to go to Strahan to help in the organisation, and locals who gave up a considerable amount of time to help keep everything moving. So, all in all, the WILD Edge was exhausting, fun, exciting, and original. *WILDCARE* profited both

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Chairperson's report

Funding announcement

The **WILDCARE** Board of Management has reviewed and assessed the project funding applications submitted to it and has approved funding for the following projects. Successful applicants will be notified by mail, including information on any conditions applied by the Board of Management.

As one of the conditions that must be met by all projects is the involvement of **WILDCARE** volunteers, expect to see more information soon if you are registered for a relevant category. These projects are of course not the only things happening around the traps as **WILDCARE**s continue to contribute many hours of volunteer support to projects that are funded by the Department. In fact, there are around 20 project call ups circulating at the moment.

Tasmanian Trail Assoc

Campsite Infrastructure — picnic tables and shelter. *Granted:* \$2100.00.

Freycinet Parks & Wildlife

Camp wardens assisting summer track ranger. *Granted:* \$2000.00.

Maria Parks & Wildlife

Oast House walk — track maintenance. *Granted:* \$562.50.

Cradle Valley Parks & Wildlife

Re roofing kitchen hut with shingles. *Granted:* \$1385.00.

Photo competition

The photo competition had some excellent responses — thank you to everyone who submitted photographs. The winner was voted unanimously to be Lyle Rubock for a photo of fagus at Crater Lake. Congratulations Lyle. You have won a **WILDCARE**'s kit, membership and Annual Park Pass that will be sent to you soon.

Here is a list of the photographs selected by the Board of Management for inclusion in the **WILDCARE** Calendar. Congratulations to you all, your artistic contribution will be acknowledged in the Calendar. **Is there anyone with some publishing/organising experience who would like to be involved in making the Calendar happen? If so call Allison on 6233 2185.**

Lyle Rubock (winner)

Overland Track at Crater Lake. Captioned: *Survivor*.

Leslie Kurek

Elephant Seal, captioned: *Just resting*.

Anne Matuzek

Early morning bird prints. Captioned: *Journey*.

Waterfall Valley. Captioned: *Trickle*.

Johnathan Field

Mt Wellington flower. Captioned: *Spring on Mt Wellington*.

Sheena Lowe

Mt Field Tarn Shelf. Captioned: *Mt Field Tarn Shelf*.

Cape Barren Island. Captioned: *Cape Barren Island*.

Angus Munro

Russell Falls. Captioned: *Russell Falls*.

Australian Wildlife Adventure

Last Newsletter we sent you information about the Australian Wildlife Adventure — an innovative program designed to raise money to support Wildlife care and conservation. This program has been running Australia-wide, and as a beneficiary organisation **WILDCARE** may be the happy recipient of some of the money raised. Unfortunately, response from Tasmania has been well below other States. Have a look at the information sent last time or contact the numbers and web address below and become an adoptive parent for just \$5–\$25 (depending on species chosen). Time is running out if you would like to support this worthy cause. Because time is short you will need to either phone (02) 9958 6498 or 0413 424 406 or go to the Wildlife Adventure Web page at www.wildlifeadventure.com.au. The AWA is also beginning a big Schools program soon, having sent details to School Principals.

What's been happening in the Adopt-a-Track Program since June 2000?

WILDCARE Inc is looking for volunteers to work on some exciting track projects around the State.

An example of a recently “adopted” track is the closed section of the Badger Head track across the Asbestos Range headland, in the Narawntapu (formerly Asbestos Range) National Park. This track was closed over ten years ago when a new track was put in going around the headland.

However, regeneration has been slow and as a result 10 **WILDCARE** members carried out a rehabilitation program on the track in June this year. A follow up working bee will be early December 2000.

Other Adopt-a-Track trial working bees programmed for this year — **(Please Note:** Working bee notices are being sent direct to members registered with Adopt-a-Track on the database. If you missed the initial working bee there will be follow up works at a later date. If you are interested please advise Park staff at the location you may wish to work at and call Alison on 6233 2185 to update your registration).

12 November

Snug Falls, Snug — Track maintenance and pruning vegetation. *Contact:* Albert Thompson, Ranger, Dover Field Centre — 6298 1577.

The Tasmanian Trail Association

requires a minute taker for their meetings held on a Thursday afternoon every second month in Hobart.

If you are able to help out, please call **Chris Boden on 0419 370 528**

11–12 November

Maria Island — Oast House Walk — Installation of new circuit track from Oast House ruins to Painted Cliffs.

Contact: Lionel Poole, Ranger, Maria Island National Park — 6257 1420.

25 November

Detention Falls (North West) — Re-route (by trackworkers) and rehabilitation of old track (by volunteers).

Contact: Lalani Hyatt, Ranger, Smithton Field Centre — 6452 4998.

2 December

Narawntapu (formerly Asbestos

Range) National Park — 3rd and final working bee on the closed section of Badger Head Coastal Track.

Contact: Dave Montgomery, Ranger, Mersey Field Centre — 6428 6277.

9 December

Mt Field National Park — Free BBQ at the Park to discuss track adoption of various tracks within the Park.

Contact: Chris Leitch on 6233 2867 or Park staff at Mt Field on 6288 1149.

In planning for early 2001:

- Section of Fluted Cape walking track on Bruny Island (possibly

January 2001). To be confirmed.

- Selection of Western Tiers walking tracks (9 all up)
- Princess Falls, Queenstown
- Snug Falls (continuation) early February 2001.

For more information about the Adopt-a-Track Program or how you can participate in volunteer programs in Reserves around the State contact Jo Field, Adopt-a-Track Facilitator, Mobile: 0438 317 074 or email: Jo.Field@dpiwe.tas.gov.au

Tasmanian Trail Update

Working bees over the last few months have been very successful with four tables being constructed for the Tasmanian Trail. Three of these have been installed at campsites in the Derwent Valley.

On one day three wooden picnic tables were manufactured by **WILDCARE** volunteers at the home of the Tasmanian Trail Co-ordinator and with all pitching in to complete



the job. A BBQ lunch was provided. Two of these tables have now been

placed out in the field.

On a wet day last month a party from the Land Rover Owners Club (**WILDCARE** affiliate), supported by a few others headed off to the Victoria Valley to start from scratch and build another table with a rock base. This was considered appropriate due to the isolated nature of the site and the possibility of vandalism. As a fine mist clung around the giant eucalypt branches above, the keen and dedicated group commenced the task at hand. Quick-dry concrete mix was used for the foundations and after a cuppa, rocks were mortared together on top to form the base for the table top and seats

Luckily the weather cleared enough for the job to be completed although there was a need to visit the warm fire a few times during the day to dry off and prepare for another session on the construction site. Again, a BBQ provided a welcome break.

The last table is yet to be placed but is due to end up at New Norfolk where a new site is being prepared for a Tasmanian Trail campsite.

Chris Boden
Tasmanian Trail Co-ordinator



Reports

World Heritage Area Community Partnerships Report

Chris in Fremantle

Chris Leitch went to Fremantle (WA) in mid October to attend the Third National Conference of Australian Association of National Parks Support Groups and promote and sell the concept of *WILDCARE* Inc., the Community Interest Mapping project he is undertaking and the Adopt-a-Track program being led by Jo Field.

The conference is held around Australia every three years and is attended by staff from the various state conservation agencies. To date it has not been open for members of support groups, other than those groups who are asked to assist when it has been held within their state. However, Chris put a case at the conference for this to change, to include all support groups (Australia wide) being invited to attend in the future. He will provide more info on this later.

Chris promoted *WILDCARE* Inc. as a true partnership with the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) that is continually developing as the PWS staff realise the obvious benefits and ask for volunteers to assist them and become involved with the ever growing tasks they perform.

Chris also promoted the idea that there should be some continuity through the development of national standards, within Australia's conservation agencies, with regard to volunteerism, partnerships and Friends groups etc. This would include the ability to have



your skills and accreditations accepted across state borders. Therefore a person who has attained a national accreditation standard of caring for injured or orphaned animals in Western Australia can continue if they move to Queensland or Tasmania. This concept would ensure that a nationally recognised standard for various volunteer activities would be developed and people would not be faced with bureaucracy and having to be re-trained in every State.

Another idea Chris promoted is the potential for the development of a web site to link all the environmental volunteer groups around Australia or improved linkages into the conservation agencies web sites where the volunteer information is available. This has huge potential and would provide travellers and international visitors with sites where they can find information on volunteer groups and information on working bees — Australia wide.

Report on the Australian Association of National Parks Support Groups, Fremantle Conference

The conference commenced with the Third Annual General Meeting, where the President, Dene Cordes (South

Australia) did not seek re-election, so I nominated Andrew Smith (with his prior approval) for President. Andrew was elected unopposed and therefore is the new president, congratulations! Margaret Buckland from Conservation & Land Management — WA was elected as Secretary.

A priority for the new President is to form a National Executive, consisting of representatives from all states and territories, to enable the administrative issues and direction of the association to be actively promoted.

Topics discussed in the General Sessions

National accreditation and standards for volunteers activities and training, in line with conservation agency policies etc., to enable volunteers to be recognised across state borders.

Better recognition of volunteers/partnerships within states and nationally. Provide encouragement and have awards or other benefits to show appreciation. WA provide part uniform for special volunteers who are nominated by rangers, — hat, shirt and in some cases more. They also give free Parks Passes to selected volunteers who have undertaken at least 50 hours of volunteerism.

Volunteer exchanges. A suggestion that volunteers may wish to house swap to volunteer in other states.

Campground Hosts. A program that is run in WA, SA, to be introduced into VIC and in some regions of NSW & QLD, where volunteers undertake the day to day routine maintenance of campgrounds for "x" amount of time for free stay. They become part of the districts management team, albeit for a short time.

International Year of Volunteers (2001). Conservation agencies Australia wide should be gearing up to support this year, especially after the success of volunteers at the Olympics and Paralympics.

National accreditation standards for all work and training undertaken by volunteers, with volunteer's records to be maintained by the various state conservation agencies on a nationally accessible database. This would enable volunteers to travel or move from state to state and their records would be accessible wherever they are.

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WILDCARE Project Update

WILDCARE has been very active over the last few months, around the state with projects ranging from penguin watching to track maintenance and administrative assistance. Thanks to all those

volunteers who have participated and enjoyed themselves! We hope to be hearing some reports in the next edition of *Wildtimes* on how you have all been going.

Below is a list of recent projects and

the categories of WILDCARERS called up for each of them. If you are interested in a category but have not received an invitation, please call Allison on 6233 2185 and let her know which you would like to be registered for.

Project	Date	Where	Called up
Save the South Esk Pine	4 & 5 Nov	St Pauls River, Swansea	CARes — Habitat Care
Bruny Island Ranger Assistance	4–10 Nov	Cape Queen Elizabeth, BI	CARes — Habitat Care
Orange Bellied Parrot Survey	18 Oct–ongoing	Birchs Inlet — Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers NP	Nature Care — Wildlife Survey
Lillico Penguin Monitoring	September–ongoing	Lillico Beach	Nature Care — Community Education, Wildlife Survey
Semaphore Challenge	11 Nov	Launceston	WILDCARE — Special event assistance
Cradle Mountain Day Walk area	4 & 5 Nov	Cradle Mountain	CARes — Adopt-a-Track
Tamar Island Wetland Centre	11 Nov–ongoing	Tamar Island	Nature Care — Community Education
Mole Creek Karst Care	28 Oct	Deloraine Community Centre	Karst Care
Upper Coal River Landcare Group	8 & 15 Oct	Tunnack	Botanical Guardians — Replanting
Parks & Wildlife Customer Service	4 Oct–ongoing	Parks Office Hobart	WILDCARE — Admin Assistance
The Lake Walk	22 Oct	Trevallyn	CARes — Adopt-a-Track
Douglas Apsley National Park	30 Oct–8 Nov	Bicheno	CARes — Adopt-a-Track
Tasmanian Trail Table Making	23 July	Cambridge	Carpentry Skills
Steppes Walk	28–29 Oct	Liawenee	CARes — Adopt-a-Track

Walking Notes

Frenchmans Cap Track

This track leads to the summit of the magnificent white quartzite dome of Frenchmans Cap (1443 m), the most prominent mountain peak in the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. The track is considerably more arduous than many other Tasmanian walks, including the Overland Track, so it is recommended that you gain experience on other Tasmanian walking tracks before attempting Frenchmans Cap. This is a T2 track which means that the surface may be rough and muddy over extended sections, especially across the Loddon Plains, and it may be steep in places. Most walkers spend between 3 and 5 days completing the return trip, a distance of about 23 km each way. Around 700 people walk this track each year, with about 600 visiting from December to March. The

track starts at the signpost beside the Lyell Highway about 200 km from Hobart and 55 km from Queenstown.

Transport and tours

Bus companies and tours provide transport to the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. For further details contact Tourism Tasmania on (03) 6230 8250. Private vehicles may be parked beside the highway at the start of the track. The carpark is located 200 m from the track, in the Queenstown direction. Walkers are warned, however, that some vehicles parked beside the highway have been robbed or vandalised. An alternative is to park your car at Lake St Clair and arrange transport with a commercial operator to the start of the track.

Fees

You are required to pay a fee to enter the National Park. The most convenient pass for this walk is the

Backpacker Pass. The pass is valid for all National Parks for a period of 2 months. It is available from all park centres, Travel and Visitor Information centres and selected retail outlets. All money raised goes directly towards the maintenance and protection of Tasmania's National Parks.

Updated information on park entry fees can be obtained from the Parks and Wildlife Service on (03) 6233 2621.

Walker registration

For your safety please record your trip intentions in the registration book at the Franklin River (near the start of the walk) and also in the logbook at each hut. Your entries may save your life should you become lost or overdue. However, the books are not checked regularly and a search will only be mounted if someone reports you as being overdue. Leave details of your trip with a reliable friend or relative. Be sure to advise this person when you have completed your trip.

Accurate logbook information also provides the statistical basis for proper management of the area. Please remember to sign out at the end of your walk.

If you are from overseas you may wish to register and de-register your trip at a Tasmanian Police Station.

Safety

The weather in Tasmania's high country can change rapidly. The track beyond Barron Pass is entirely above 900 metres and may be subject to high winds, mist, rain, hail and snow — even in summer. Rain normally falls on 15 to 20 days each month during summer and more often in other seasons.

Essential items

Warm waterproof clothing, proper equipment and adequate preparation are essential. It is beyond the scope of these notes to cover all the appropriate gear and procedures necessary to walk Tasmania's high country; so it is important that you read *Welcome to the Wilderness — Bushwalking Trip Planner for Tasmania's World Heritage Area*. A map is also essential,

the Frenchmans Cap Map and Notes is recommended.

Walk softly

Try and minimise your impact with every step you take. Always walk in the centre of the track and be prepared to walk through the mud — attempting to skirt bogs only makes them bigger and causes more environmental damage. It is also usually much quicker to walk straight through. Keep your party size to less than 6 people to minimise social and environmental pressure. Track upgrading is occurring in places, mostly at high altitudes where trampled vegetation is slow to regenerate. The alpine vegetation above Lake Tahune is particularly sensitive to trampling and is extremely slow to regenerate. You can assist in minimising damage by stepping on rocks, rather than vegetation, whenever possible.

Huts and camping

There are two unattended huts along the track which have bunks (without mattresses) but no cooking stoves or utensils. Lake Vera hut accommodates 20 people; and Lake Tahune hut accommodates 16 people. It is preferable to use the huts when possible, to reduce trampling of vegetation around campsites. However, it is essential that a tent be carried as the huts may be full when you arrive. Carrying a tent will also allow you to stop when it is unwise to proceed, due to poor weather, injury or tiredness.

You will also require fuel stoves for cooking as the entire track is within a Fuel Stove Only Area (FSOA). Heavy fines can be imposed for lighting of fires in these areas. The recommended camping locations are: Franklin River — a number of sites can be found just before crossing the river; Loddon River; Philips Creek — first crossing; Lake Vera — a number of suitable sites are located along the track a short distance after crossing the bridge near the hut; and Lake Tahune — take an overgrown track that leads from the hut towards the lake which veers a little to the left.

Coal stoves

Supplying coal to Vera Hut is expensive. As well, the stove generates a considerable amount of ash waste which degrades the

environment around the hut. Think conservation — don't light the stove if the thermometer in the hut reads 10° C or more. Putting on extra clothing is a non-polluting way of getting warm. Please note that there is no stove or heating source at Tahune Hut.

Water

All water along the track is safe to drink. Take special care to keep water supplies clean, particularly around the huts. Always wash 50 m away from streams and lakes, avoiding soaps and detergents. Don't throw food scraps into streams or lakes. Both huts have tanks for collection of rainwater.

Toilets

Modern composting toilets have been installed near both huts. To ensure efficient operation of the toilets, please follow the instructions provided. In areas away from the toilets, faecal waste must be buried 100 m away from any watercourses or campsites. Carry a lightweight trowel in your pack, dig a hole 15 cm deep and bury your waste and toilet paper. Cover it well to deter animals.

Phytophthora root rot

Phytophthora cinnamomi is a fungus that kills many of our native plants. Mud and soil, which is carried on vehicles, boots, gaiters and toilet trowel, helps to spread the disease. The Frenchmans Cap Track is currently free of *Phytophthora*. To prevent infecting this area your boots and all gear that comes in contact with the soil should be cleaned of any mud or dirt prior to your walk.

You will come across a washdown station about 20 minutes from the start of the walk. It is vital that you use this facility. Please follow the directions at the washdown station.

Fires

Devastating wildfires have ravaged the Frenchmans Cap area twice in recent decades. In 1966 much of the area around Artichoke Valley and Lake Tahune was burnt. Regeneration of alpine plants is extremely slow and, in the case of the King Billy pines, 25 years later, there are still no young seedlings in localities where all the parent trees were killed. More recently, in 1980 a campfire at Lake Vera caused more than 6000 ha of the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers

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National Park to be burnt. Both of these wildfires were the result of carelessness and could have been avoided. A Fuel Stove Only Area has been declared for the whole of the Frenchmans Cap Area. Heavy fines can be imposed for lighting fires in this area. Fires are permitted only in the heating stove at Lake Vera Hut.

Please remember

Your safety and the protection of our Wilderness World Heritage Area depends on you. Visitation to these areas is increasing and if the area is to retain its wild nature all visitors need to do their best to minimise their environmental impact. With your help Tasmania's Wilderness World Heritage Area can continue to inspire others after you.

For more information

- Welcome to the Wilderness — Bushwalking Trip Planner for Tasmania's World Heritage Area
- Bushwalking Code — Minimal Impact Bushwalking.
Both are free from:
 - Parks and Wildlife Service, 134 Macquarie St, Hobart 7000 phone (03) 6233 6191.
- Frenchmans Cap Map and Notes, \$9.00, available from:
 - Service Tasmania, 134 Macquarie St, Hobart 7000 phone (03) 6233 8011.
- The park office at Queenstown Ph. (03) 6471 2511 Mon.–Fri. 9 am to 5pm, has up to date information on the Frenchmans Cap Track.

NB: For more information and walking notes on more tracks, please see the Parks & Wildlife website: www.parks.tas.gov.au

Discount Spending at the Possum Shed!

The Possum Shed in Westerway have joined *WILDCARE*'s list of supporting businesses (see back page). Shop at the Possum Shed en route to Mt Field National Park, and receive a 10% discount on all gifts upon presentation of your current *WILDCARE* card. Welcome to *WILDCARE*, Possum Shed!

Mt Field CAREs Group

Community Action in Reserves

Mt Field National Park Staff and *WILDCARE* invite you and your family to a free BBQ and then a short meeting to establish a CAREs group for Mt Field National Park.

Are you interested in assisting the Rangers with their general management duties, which could include working on the track network with the Adopt-a-Track Program, delivering visitor and community education programs — around the park or neighbourhood, facility maintenance or office assistance. You can volunteer for anything!

When: 12 noon on Saturday 9th December, 2000

Where: Mt Field — the picnic shelter on the right hand side, just over the bridge, it will be sign posted.

Jo Field from the Adopt-a-track program will be in attendance, so if you're interested in working on the tracks in conjunction with the rangers, you can have a chat to her.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to either Mt Field office ph. 6288 1149, or Chris Leitch ph. 6233 2867, chris.leitch@dpiwe.tas.gov.au, to ensure you are catered for.

Trevallyn State Reserve Adopt-a-Track Working Bee



October 2000

Six *WILDCARE* members and two Esk Orienteering Club members (a user group of the Reserve) showed up early on a Sunday morning in October to participate in an Adopt-a-Track working bee, on the Lake Walk in the Trevallyn State Reserve near Launceston.

The enthusiastic group were taken on a short stroll along the 1 km track by Ranger Dave Frelek, to view a variety of works to be carried out over the ensuing months.

The first task was to build water bars out of rock, placing the bars approximately 10 meters apart on a partially washed out section of the track [refer to photo]. After the water bars were installed, gravel was used to

top up eroded sections. Gravel was also applied to the beginning of the track (approximately 15 meters) leading from the car park [refer to photo].

After a productive day, the Park staff put on a free BBQ for the volunteers. The enthusiasm was still running high when a date was set for a follow-up working bee (Sunday, 3 December 2000, for those of you who weren't able to come along to the first one and would still like to participate!)

For more details on participating in the Adopt-a-Track Program in Trevallyn State Reserve contact Dave Frelek on (03) 6336 2678 or Jo Field on 0438 317 074.

Jo Field
Adopt-a-Track Facilitator

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