

## Three new CAREs Groups formed...

### Maatsuyker Island CAREs group

As many members would be aware, **WILDCARE** Inc members have been staffing Maatsuyker Island on a voluntary basis for a number of years now.

Caretakers live on the island for a period of 3 months at a time, providing a presence on the island to prevent vandalism to buildings and

wildlife, maintaining the buildings and lighthouse grounds and keeping records of wildlife. The Bureau of Meteorology also has an arrangement with the Caretakers to provide regular weather updates. In recognition of the continued commitment of **WILDCARE** volunteers it has been decided to pull

together a CAREs group to support Parks and Wildlife Service in their management of the island, including the Caretaker roles, other working bee projects and background support services. If you are interested in being part of the Maatsuyker CAREs group, contact the **WILDCARE** Office <[wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au)> or phone 6233 2836 to register. Your membership details will be changed to include Maatsuyker Island meaning that you will receive information, call-ups and meeting notices when things are happening.

### Friends of Snake Island CAREs group

The Friends of Snake Island (FOSI) group was formed in May 2002 as a result of a public meeting held in the Kettering Hall. Those present represented members from the Tasmanian Sea Canoeing Club (TSCC), the Kettering Yacht Club (KYC) as well as other community members.

It was recognised that, while the island has traditionally been (and continues to be) a popular destination for people with access to boats, it has unfortunately suffered some degradation over the years.

Snake Island lies in Snake Bay in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, about 4 kilometres east of Woodbridge. It is about 4.5 hectares in size, and with a small stand of White Gums (*Eucalyptus viminalis*), forms part of the habitat of a colony of forty spotted pardalotes. The vegetation on the rest of the island includes a good stand of mature Casuarinas, (*Allocasuarina verticillata*) and open native grasslands. Unfortunately, Spanish Snake Island, D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

Heath, (*Erica lusitanica*) which has taken over a large area in the north of the island.

FOSI recently applied for funding through Envirofund to help in eradicating Spanish Heath, and as well has organised two successful working bee weekends (with more to



Removing Spanish Heath (*Erica lusitanica*) invading Snake Island.

follow), when significant areas of Spanish Heath were controlled. The method used to do this was the cut and dab technique, which involves cutting the plant as close to the ground as possible and dabbing immediately with a herbicide. The vegetative matter was then burnt. Already the progress is heartening, and quadrants have been established to monitor the progress and success of the treatment. Part of the developing management plan for the island is using GPS technology to map the areas of weed removal. We have also started flora and fauna surveys of the island, in which students from Hobart College are playing an active role. It is hoped that

eventually the full range of habitat from aquatic, through the tidal zone and then all the way up into the tree canopy will be detailed.

Recently, Parks and Wildlife officers discovered an aboriginal midden and artefacts on the island, and these will be evaluated and documented by officers from the Aboriginal Heritage Unit of DPIWE. With their guidance, we will incorporate these findings into our management plan, the aims of which are to preserve the habitat and biodiversity of the island while encouraging sensitive recreational usage by the community.

Greg Baxter  
 President, Snake Island CAREs

*WILDCARE* members wishing to participate in future projects/events on Snake Island can contact the **WILDCARE** Office on (03) 6233 2836 or email <[Wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:Wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au)> to update their record.

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## Friends of the Kent Group National Park CAREs group

The Kent Group CAREs group aims to promote better management outcomes with regard to the national park by assisting the Parks and Wildlife Service to undertake practical projects concerning both the cultural and natural heritage of the Kent Group.

The group comprises people who have mostly been Deal Island Caretakers (more than twenty-five people have been volunteer caretakers on the

Island since 1999). The group however is not confined to former caretakers and has other members with a strong interest in the management of the Kent Group.

We see the Kent Group National Park as an important community asset to be protected and conserved. For many years now the islands have attracted a broad range of visitors both from Tasmania and Victoria, visitors who have a keen interest in both the natural

and cultural environment of the island group.

**WILDCARE** volunteer Caretakers are making a substantial impact on the general tidiness and good order of the Light Station and the place is looking a lot smarter than it has ever been since the light keepers left. It has attracted good quality volunteers. Community activities in the Kent Group have been substantial with the Tasmanian Conservation Trust, the Australian Bush Heritage Fund and Marine & Coastal Community Network also contributing to projects in the Kent Group in the last ten years.

The new Kent Group CAREs group is keen to hear from other **WILDCARE**ers wishing to contribute to activities in the new national park. Please register your interest with the **WILDCARE** Inc Office to include the Kent Group in your membership details. You will then be among the first to know about activities, meetings and so on.

### President

Christian Bell, Phone 0427 872 670, <tas@mccn.org.au>.

### Secretary

David Reynolds, Phone 03 6229 4076, <reynoldsfamily@netspace.net.au>.

# WILDLIFE PRODUCT DISCOUNT

## Wildlife Product Discount for Carers of Orphaned/Injured Animals

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

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

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

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

To request a catalogue or place orders contact:

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26/34 Innocent Street, Kings Meadows Tas 7249.

Phone 03 6344 5466 Fax 03 6344 7721

Email: [cartledge.agency@microtech.com.au](mailto:cartledge.agency@microtech.com.au)

## Change of Treasurer

Regrettably, Graham Ristow, our Treasure virtually since **WILDCARE** Inc began in 1998, has had to withdraw from the position



for personal and health reasons. Graham's efforts and commitment have been remarkable, and as the funds *WILDCARE* Inc holds (and dispenses) has increased over the years he has happily and competently dealt with all of the accounting requirements of the organisation as an elected volunteer.

Thankfully, Graham will continue to have connections with *WILDCARE* as his company Graphic Plus is responsible for the design and printing of *WILDTIMES*. Thanks for your support Graham, and see you around the traps frequently I hope.

Graham's withdrawal has meant that a new Treasurer has had to be appointed for the period between now and the next Annual General Meeting. Thankfully Jo Field has stepped up and taken on the task. Jo was employed by the Department as Adopt-a-Track Facilitator for two years, but has now left and is studying at University while continuing to work in a voluntary capacity with *WILDCARE* Inc (including *WILDTIMES* editor). Her other-life experiences include IT and accountancy, so I am sure Jo will perform well. Under the *WILDCARE* Constitution the Chairperson can appoint an interim Treasurer. The appointment lasts until the next elections. Welcome aboard Jo!

Andrew Smith  
Chairperson

## Fishcare — new branch of *WILDCARE* Inc

*WILDCARE* Inc is now working in partnership with Food Agriculture and Fisheries Division of Primary Industries Water and Environment to support the *Fishcare* and *Fish for the Future* programs.

A new section will soon appear on the membership form for members to register for one of three regional chapters to undertake volunteer work related to the programs and also to offer assistance to fishery research projects. *Fishcare* and *Fish for the Future* promote ethical fishing practices through education and awareness activities throughout the State. Around 60 volunteers have been assisting the programs for a number of

years now and the programs are considered to be highly effective. The volunteers will work in close partnership with Food Agriculture and Fisheries staff who has responsibility for the programs. If you are interested in expanding your volunteer activities out into the oceans and waterways of the State call the *WILDCARE* Office (<wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>, phone 6233 2836) to alter your membership details. Because of the nature of the volunteer work, Food Agriculture and Fisheries require that volunteers undertake a training course (and a police check) before becoming active under the *Fishcare* program.

## CALL UP NOTICE

## WILDCARE — Tasmanian Trail Working Bee — Marking 100km of new trail

The Tasmanian Trail Association Inc. is developing loop trail from Sheffield around Mt Roland and back through Mole Creek to link with the Tasmanian Trail at the Needles. This adds an extra 100km to the trail system and creates a loop 140km in length that can be accessed at numerous points by those who wish to spend a few days out trekking through some very scenic areas.

A working bee has been organised for 23 November 2002 to mark this loop with Tasmanian Trail markers. This involves placing markers on existing convenient supports

or on new posts that will be installed on the day.

Numerous groups and clubs will be involved in the exercise with each being allocated a section to mark. *WILDCARE* members can join in with an existing group or can form separate groups depending on the requirement on the day. Section 'supervisors' are needed, as well as vehicles with trailers.

A BBQ will be provided at the end of the day for all those participating.

If you are interested in assisting in this mammoth task please contact Chris Boden, Tasmanian Trail Coordinator, on 0419 370 528 (bh) or 6244 2491 (ah).



## The *WILDCARE* Inc Book

Community Partnerships Section, in consultation with the *WILDCARE* Board of Management, has compiled a Procedures Manual to explain to Departmental staff the processes required when engaging *WILDCARE* members on joint Department/*WILDCARE* projects. The procedures have been in place since the inception of *WILDCARE* Inc, but this book brings it all together in one handy and simple format to ensure that the proper procedures are in place before work is undertaken.

A copy of the booklet will be provided to each of our 22 CAREs groups around the State and to staff of the various Departmental branches who work with *WILDCARE* Inc. and will be available on-request to members.



## Community helps manage a threatened species at Trial Bay

Trial Bay is a nice little spot just south of Kettering that is very popular with locals and visitors. It has a boat ramp and a picnic area and a lovely view of the channel that attracts many visitors. What most visitors don't know is that it is also home to a population of the

Throwing pines over the side of quarry.



threatened plant **Pretty Heath** (*Epacris virgata* 'Kettering').

These little spots are very important for plant conservation as well as providing for the needs of the community. Like many of these popular spots, weeds are invading Trial Bay. In this case pine trees are invading from nearby properties and are threatening to out-compete the Pretty Heath.

The Kingborough Council, Kettering Landcare Group the Parks and Wildlife Service, community members, **WILDCARE** and the Threatened Species Unit have all been



Cutting the pines down.

working together to remove the pine trees and other weeds from the site. The Kingborough Council and the Parks and Wildlife Service have been removing the large trees on the edge of the patch of Pretty Heath. During a **WILDCARE** working bee held in June, the Landcare group, Community and **WILDCARE** members removed the smaller trees from within the patch of threatened plants. 20 volunteers attended and worked solidly



Pretty Heath (*Epacris virgata* 'Kettering').

throughout the afternoon cutting down smaller trees, removing them from the site and burning all the waste in a nearby quarry.

The photos taken during and after demonstrate the success of the working bee. All the pines within the patch of threatened plants in the photos at left have been removed and the native species will regenerate naturally. Many thanks to those who participated in the working bee.

### Future Plans

The strategy is to remove all the weeds from the area, encouraging

Cutting the pines down.



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## CALL UP NOTICE

### Not sure what to do this summer?

The **Overland Track Hut Wardens Program** will be running again from **November 2002 to Easter 2003** and will include **Wardens staying at the new Pelion Hut** as well as at **Waterfall Valley**.

The Program involves volunteers working 14-day shifts, with their main duties including explaining MIB, hut and track ethics, and general information about the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair

National Park to the public. (Refer to the article on last season's highlights in **WILDTIMES** #14 July 2002). If members wish to participate in what has proven to be a very successful annual event, please register your interest with the **WILDCARE** Office by contacting Chris Leitch, WHA Community Partnerships Facilitator on 03 6233 2867 or email <wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.



After working bee.

natural regeneration of native species where possible and planting native species in places where natives will not re-establish on their own. The work will be monitored and followed up annually to remove any regrowth of weeds. This should allow Pretty Heath to expand its range back into areas that it formally occupied.

**Another working bee is organised**

for October 2002 with the objective of removing more pine trees and other weeds. Some time in autumn 2003 there will be a tree planting day. Anyone is welcome to attend these working bees and we specifically need people with climbing skills and equipment to remove weeds on an abandoned quarry face.

Burning the 'slash'.



If you are interested in attending a working bee in October contact Paul Black in the Threatened Species Unit after 23 September on 6233 6996 or <Paul.Black@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.

To be sure to receive future notices for working bees at Trial Bay contact the WILDCARE Office on 6233 2836 or email <wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au> to have your record updated.

**www.  
wildcaretas.  
org.au**

WILDCARE now has the bare bones of its own web page at the above address. We are slowly getting information together and getting it posted. Each of the CAREs groups will have its own page and Presidents have been asked to provide information for their page.

There will also be pages for special projects — Orange-bellied parrot program, Waterfall Valley Track Wardens, Island Caretakers, Adopt-a-Track program and so on. If you have any stunning photos that might help brighten up the pages — particularly of members doing things productive — please forward them to the WILDCARE Office GPO Box 44 Hobart 7001, with a description for each (where, who, doing what). Once completed, the web site will also have a notice board for posting up-coming events, working bees and training courses. The newsletters will be there as well, and much more (as they always say).

## WILDCARE clothing and head ware

The WILDCARE Office is taking orders (no monies yet) for the purchase of a new range of clothing and head ware. If you are interested please fill out the following order form. We have limited stocks at present but can order more as demanded.

- The polo tops are a medium weight, Bottle green (birds eye fleck) in colour, with green coloured words WILDCARE Inc. woven into a black collar. The female version is fitted.
- The new polar fleeces are lighter weight than the 1st issue, they are dark green except for dark blue shoulder panels.
- Caps are dark green baseball style with a WILDCARE logo on the front and caring for wild places across the back. One size fits all.
- Beanies are polar fleece and a mid-olive(ish) green colour and have the WILDCARE logo on the front. One size fits all.

### ORDER FORM

#### Mens polo top \$35

S  M  L  XL  XXL

#### Women's polo top \$35

S  M  L  XL  XXL

#### Polar fleece vest \$35

S  M  L  XL  XXL

Cap \$12

Beanie \$12

Name: .....

Address: .....

Ph: .....

Email: .....

No monies yet, just your order, phone number or email address for when they arrive. Email your order to <wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>. Or post to WILDCARE Inc GPO Box 44 Hobart 7001.

## CALL UP NOTICE

### Summer time at Melaleuca...

PWS (Huonville) are seeking a WILDCARE member who is experienced and qualified in Landscape Planning, to go to Melaleuca this summer and produce a Landscape Plan for the Melaleuca site to enhance the view for visitors around the area.

Funding is being sought to cover volunteer costs (flights, basic food, etc). Free accommodation in the PWS single staff quarters. Dates are flexible over the summer period and can be

negotiated.

So if you're keen to experience this magnificent and magical place, meet visitors, see the rare orange-bellied parrot whilst completing a plan to help enhance the qualities of the World Heritage Area, contact:

Michael Garner, Senior Ranger, PWS Southern District (Hounville), Phone: 6264 8467, Fax: 6264 8473, Email: <Michael.Garner@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.



## Adopt-a-Track Update...

### Farewell to the Facilitator

For the last 2 years, Jo Field has been involved in developing and maintaining the Adopt-a-Track Program. Over this time, many working bees have been initiated and training workshops offered to volunteers wishing to be involved in track maintenance.

Very quickly Jo ingratiated herself with staff and volunteers alike with her effervescent personality, providing a "world class" program which will remain within the Parks & Wildlife Service for many years to come. Jo wishes to pass on her heart-felt thanks to all involved with the Program and to say that she "...will miss members and staff I have come into contact with over the last 2 years, and am grateful for being a part of their involvement in

the Program."

To recap on the Program's successes for the last 2 years:

- **50 Track Caretakers** have adopted
- **36 tracks** in
- **18 National Parks/other Reserves** (including Forestry Reserves).
- There are over **200 WILDCARE members registered** with Adopt-a-Track as a **WILDCARE** activity.
- And, over **\$45,000 worth of volunteer hours** have been value-added to the PWS annual track budget.
- **WILDCARE** has funded a number of track projects and the purchase of tools, including the purchase of a tool trailer for use in the Cradle area.
- Two Track Maintenance Techniques



courses have been delivered with the assistance of PWS staff, volunteers and the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

Now that Jo's contract has ended, the Parks and Wildlife Service is working on a plan to place a part-time staff member, one day per week in each of the six PWS Districts to provide coordination assistance to Rangers and Caretakers. It is to Jo's credit that the Program framework and procedures are robust and transferable, and that the participation levels are high enough to sustain the Program through this period, ensuring that it is well placed to continue to grow and develop even now that Jo has moved on. Forestry Tasmania is also looking at new ways to coordinate **WILDCARE** Adopt-a-Track activities on their tracks. In the meantime, the partnerships that have developed between Rangers, Forestry Tasmania staff and **WILDCARE** volunteers continue to operate. New inquiries are still coming into the **WILDCARE** Office and the on-track work continues to get done. Congratulations to everyone involved in the Program as volunteers, Rangers, Forestry Tasmania staff, and especially to Jo.

Richard Hammond

Vice-Chairperson, **WILDCARE** Inc.

Anyone interested in getting in touch with Jo can contact the **WILDCARE** Office for her phone/email details.

### Walking Tracks Available for Adoption (updated)

The list of walking tracks below is available for "adoption" under the Adopt-a-Track Program\*. **Please note that this is only a small sample list of PWS and/or FT tracks — it is by no means conclusive!** If you are interested in one (or more) of the listed tracks or any other tracks not listed, please contact the relevant PWS District Office or Field Centre or Forestry District Offices.

Note: Adopted tracks have a line through them. Italicised tracks are joint PWS/FT tracks.

#### FT RESERVES/LOCATIONS

Bruny Island

Chudleigh  
Diddleum Plains  
Florentine Valley  
Hastings  
Kermadie (Upper)  
Lake Leak  
Meander Reserve  
Mt Dromedary

Springfield  
Stoodley Arbortium  
Tonganah  
Wilmot  
Winterbrook Reserve  
Tasman Peninsula

#### Track Name

Marvista Nature Walk  
Mt Mangana  
Lobster Falls  
Mt Scott  
*Wylds Craig*  
Duckhole Lake (Creekton Road)  
Kermadie Falls  
Meetus Falls River Walk  
~~Mother Cummings (Smoko Rd access)~~  
Mt Dromedary  
Platform Peak  
Springfield Park (2 tracks)  
Stoodley Forest Walk  
~~Cuckoo Falls~~  
Bell Mountain  
Winterbrook Falls  
Clark Cliffs  
Fazackerleys Range Circuit  
Mcgregor Peak  
Stinking Bay — Denmans Cove  
Taranna Forest Walk

#### PWS RESERVES/LOCATIONS

Adamson Peak  
Ben Lomond NP

Central Plateau CA  
(Western Tiers)

Cradle Mountain —  
Lake St Clair NP^

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

#### TRACK NAME

*Adamson Peak*  
Bent Bluff  
Storeys Creek to Stacks Bluff  
*Mother Cummings (West Thorpe Rd access)*  
*Higgs*  
*Parsons*  
*Syds*  
*Western Bluff*  
*Western Creek*  
~~Mt Beecroft turnoff to Cradle Lodge (4 Ways)~~  
Rodway (Cradle Mountain)  
Watersmeet (Lake St Clair)  
~~Detention Falls~~  
Devils Gullet  
Fincham  
Kelly Basin Bird River  
Mt Murchison

## Adoption of "Lakeside Track", Trevallyn SR

Although Les and Marilyn have participated in some voluntary work for WILDCARE before, as part of a working bee on the Lakeside Track (Aquatic Point to Trevallyn Dam) in the Trevallyn State Reserve, they did not take up adopting a track until both had retired. The track Les and Marilyn adopted was this same track, which was in fairly bad condition, especially on the southern end.

Les and Marilyn liked this track because it was interesting, with good variation in topography and vegetation, that makes it a worthwhile



Les & Marilyn Rollins showing off their rock steps.

### Walking Tracks Available for Adoption (updated)

Freycinet NP	Cooks Beach to Hazards Hazards to car park Isthmus Mt Amos Mt Graham to Cooks Beach Wineglass Bay (carpark to beach) Wineglass Bay (beach) to Mt Graham <del>Kermadie (old access track to Hartz Mountains)</del>
Hartz Mtn NP <sup>^</sup>	<del>East House Painted Cliffs Circuit</del>
Maria Island NP	<del>Lady Barron Falls from Campground</del>
Mt Field NP	<del>Lady Barron Falls to Tall Trees Lake Fenton to Webster Mt Field East Tall Trees Circuit "Valley Track"</del>
Mt Roland	Various beach access tracks at Deep Creek +
Mt William NP	Eddystone Point <del>Abbotsbury Beach access track (Eddystone Point)</del>
Narawntapu NP	<del>Archers Knob Badger Head Coastal Springlawn West Head Coastal</del>
Notley Gorge SR	<del>Notley Gorge</del>
Penguin Cradle Trail	<del>Section between Taylors Flat &amp; Mt Beecroft Mt Beecroft to Cradle Lodge section Blackwood Camp section</del>
Rocky Cape NP	<del>Postmans</del>
Snug Tiers NRA	Pelverata Falls <del>Snug Falls</del>
Southwest NP <sup>^</sup>	<del>Needles Sentinal Range Woolies Tarn</del>
Steppes SR	<del>Steppes Walk</del>
Tasman NP	<del>Bivouac Bay to Fortescue Bay Camp Falls to Bivouac Bay Cape Hauy Mt Brown/Crescent Bay Cape Pillar (bottom section) Cape Raoul Devils Kitchen to Waterfall Bay Lichen Hill Cashes Lookout Tatnells Mt Fortescue Waterfall Bay to Waterfall Bluff</del>
Trevally SR	Trevallyn Dam to Aquatic Point
West Tamar	Paper Beach River Walk

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

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

Contact your nearest Parks & Wildlife Service Field Centre or Forestry Tasmania district office for more information on adopting a track of your choice.

walk and it is close to where they live. In fact, Les and Marilyn had walked it a number of times over the years and had some interesting ideas on how the track could be improved. Using mostly local materials from around the area (including rocks) the Rollins have been able to retain a "natural feel" on the track.

Les commented to Jo Field (Adopt-a-Track Facilitator) about their experiences whilst working on the track: "...most people we see on the track comment favourably on what we are doing...some walkers we met told us they could not walk to the [southern] end because they got lost and could not find the track." Les and Marilyn have certainly rectified this. When Jo visited the track with Les in June this year, she was absolutely "bowled over" at the work they had put into the track. The rockwork is fantastic for a couple who have had no formal training in rock techniques. It's worth the walk just to check out the rock steps that have been built in the middle of the track — the transformation is fantastic!

And if you happen to come across Les and Marilyn working on the track, take the time out to have a chat — they'll be more than pleased to discuss their work with you!

**31 December  
DEADLINE**

**WILDCARE 2003  
membership renewal**

**See renewal form enclosed**



The Tasmanian Water Week Committee presents:

## "Sustaining The Flow"

An Open Space Conference to explore the question:  
"What are the keys to managing our water resources  
sustainably and cooperatively?"



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 9.30 am – 5.00 pm

The Derwent Entertainment Centre  
Brooker Highway, Glenorchy

Opened by Tammy van Wisse

The Department of Primary Industries Water and Environment (DPIWE) is hosting the Conference and is pleased to provide the opportunity for the community, industry and government to openly discuss sustainable water management issues and solutions.

The Tasmanian Water Week Committee is a project of the Landcare Marketing and Promotions Project funded by the Natural Heritage Trust and hosted by the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment. Member organisations include the Tasmanian Environment Centre, Waterwatch, the Local Government Association of Tasmania, DPIWE, Hydro Tasmania, the Australian Water Association and the Tasmanian Conservation Trust.

The Conference has been made possible by the generous financial contribution of our Sponsors, Hydro Tasmania and the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Water Association.

You are invited to openly, honestly and fairly consider the question we are exploring at the Conference.

### How to Register

A registration fee is being charged to cover catering costs.

Business/Government Representative: \$20.00

Community Organisation/Individual: \$ 10.00

Please send a cheque made out to : Tasmanian Water Week Committee

Name / Organisation .....

Postal Address .....

Phone .....

Email .....

Mail to : The Tasmanian Water Week Committee, c/ o:  
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For more information phone Margaret Steadman on 03 62 345566  
Register before the 11th of October and you could win a Prize Pack  
(kindly donated by the TEC, Waterwatch and Hydro Tasmania).

National Water Week 20th - 26th October 2002





## What is Open Space?

Open Space Technology is designed to capture the knowledge, experience and innovation of the participants and provide a supportive structure within which learning, networking, celebrating and shared leadership can occur. It is useful when a diversity of people need to explore real issues of concern – over which there is a significant level of passion (perhaps even conflict), a complexity of information, and a decision time of 'now'.

## How does open space work?

The conference will provide an opportunity to discuss the dilemmas, issues and opportunities that we face in "Managing our water resources sustainably under the Natural Resource Management Framework". Open space ensures that all participants have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution. The conference will be highly interactive and participants will have the opportunity to raise issues and convene sessions within the theme or to simply participate according to where their passion lies. So, consider the issues that you would like to raise and any causes you might like to champion. Be prepared to be surprised, and follow your passion!

## About Tammy Van Wisse

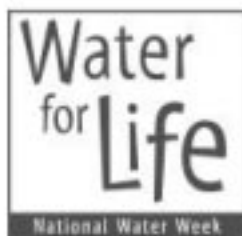
Conference Opening Speaker will be Tammy van Wisse – marathon swimmer. More than an athlete she is a dynamic achiever with a passion for success, "to motivate, just add water".

Amongst Tammy's amazing achievements is her swim along the entire length of the Murray River from the alps to the ocean, a feat no one else in the world has achieved. As a human water quality tester, Tammy has long been a campaigner for cleaner waterways. Whilst working in her watery office, the Murray River, Tammy tried to raise awareness about environmental issues confronting the river such as poor environmental flows, salinity and toxic algal bloom.

Come and be inspired by Tammy van Wisse!



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## WILDCARE members construct tables for Tasmanian Trail

Two new picnic tables have been placed out on the Tasmanian Trail campsites recently. One was installed at the Glenora School campsite and the other at Kensington Park at New Norfolk where a new campsite is being developed.

**WILDCARE** members have been involved in the construction of tables for the Tasmanian Trail Association

over several years now and a total of five have been constructed and put in place on the Trail. Another has been erected on site with the stone 'frame' supporting a timber top and seats.

The Tasmanian Trail Association Inc. is improving the facilities at campsites along the 480km Trail as funds are made available and intend to continue the work until all sites are brought up



to the required standard. This means that each campsite will have a toilet and water supply, a shelter and table, horse holding yards and a fireplace where appropriate.

**WILDCARE** has also provided funds for a shelter to be erected on the Trail campsite at Ouse. Building approval has been obtained and work is to commence this spring. **WILDCARE** members wishing to assist in this project are to take note of the request for assistance found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Chris Boden  
Tas Trail Coordinator

*Members wishing to receive future call up notices on Tas Trail working bees can contact the WILDCARE Office to have their records amended to include the activity "Tas Trail".*

### CALL UP NOTICE

#### Mersey Valley log book collection

Volunteers are needed to help in the collection of walker registration statistics (logbooks) in the Mersey Valley, positioned on various walking track:

- Little Fisher
- Arm River
- Lake Myrtle (from Lake Bill)
- Moses Creek
- Lees Paddocks
- The Never Never (Junction Lake end)

Log books need to be cleared at a minimum once a year, preferably in June–July, except for Arm River and Lees Paddocks, which would be done on a quarterly basis. For more information and to register your assistance please contact:

Sue Rundle, PWS Research Officer-Statistics, Phone: 03 6233 6625, Email: <Sue.Rundle@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.

## Booth Trust donates \$10,000 to WILDCARE Inc

**WILDCARE** received a \$10,000 donation from the Launceston based Booth Trust. The money is a philanthropic donation and recognises the fantastic job that **WILDCARE** volunteers have done statewide.

The money has been put into the Public Fund of the Tasmanian Community Foundation, which is a

philanthropic organisation that manages monies for various groups and organisations and promotes the whole idea of philanthropy. By doing this **WILDCARE** gets 10% of the total in this **WILDCARE** fund every year and it is marketed Australia wide (and possibly around the world) as an environmental fund that accepts philanthropic donations.

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## Mayfield Beach Working Bee 19–20 October 2002

**WILDCARE** members are invited to mark in your diaries the weekend of 19–20 October 2002 as this year's Mayfield Working Bee. Come and join a social and constructive weekend to continue to make Mayfield camp ground and surrounds a better place to visit.

A great opportunity to contribute and have input into management decisions and actions. Projects this year include:

- Planting of native vegetation

- Site levelling
- Fencing
- Weed control
- Fireplace/access steps/sign installation
- General site clean up.

Please RSVP to Pete Lingard, PWS Ranger, PO Box 95, Swansea or phone 6256 7013, email <Pete.Lingard@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.

Responding members will receive a reminder in early October providing more details.



## Community interest mapping — Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (WHA)

**Community Engagement — an important way to manage the WHA.**

Working with communities who are keen to be actively involved in managing the WHA is a core task for the Parks and Wildlife Service and the Resource Management and Conservation Division as the following quote from the WHA management plan (page 63) shows.

*“One important requirement under the World Heritage Convention is to adopt a general policy which aims to give the natural and cultural heritage a function in the life of the community.*

*Involving communities in planning and managing the WHA assists with the integration of the WHA into the community and provides for the opportunity for a two-way flow of information between managers and the public.*

*Input from the community can reveal the diversity and intensity of options held and highlights contentious issues that need to be resolved. At the same time, the process can raise the awareness of management responsibilities and understanding of other points of view. Community involvement in planning and management usually results in better decisions being made by managing authorities and better community acceptance of those decisions.*

*In addition to involvement in planning, people are increasingly wanting to actively help in managing the area. Volunteers can expand the Service’s work capabilities and assist in achieving management objectives.”*

### Community Interest Mapping

The Community Interest Mapping project is being undertaken to implement part of the Established Practices section of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (WHA) Management Plan 1999 (pages 104–106).

### Project Aim

The project aims to map all interests and uses of the WHA by individuals, communities and groups (including

statutory bodies etc.) and to place this information on a database that is easily accessible to relevant staff of the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) and Resource Management and Conservation Division (RMC).

### Data Use

Staff will use the information to assist them administer and manage the area. Managers, planners and other staff can use the database to identify those individuals and groups it is necessary to involve when making decisions that

may affect an area, preparing management and site plans, or in relation to specific works within the WHA. The WHA Community Partnerships Facilitator will use the information to identify those groups and individuals with common interests who may wish to form a partnership with the PWS.

### Data Collection

There are two types of information that we are interested in collecting in this project. Firstly we want to collect general “topic” interests (including uses). This information could include your/your groups/your community general interest in topics, such as all or some (but not specific) tracks, huts, landscapes/landforms, rivers,

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## Herbicide use in the bush — a TAFE accredited course

**This course is designed to give the participants an understanding of the fundamentals when undertaking weed control activities in bushland areas, particularly when herbicides are involved.**

While government departments and councils recommend and encourage many ‘care’ type groups to undertake such activities, it is often to people who have little understanding of the safety requirements when using herbicides. In addition to this there is often little knowledge of the strategies to consider when starting out on a weed control program. These groups are very keen and highly effective, and it is our responsibility to ensure that they have the correct and adequate knowledge to carry out the recommended tasks in a safe manner.

This course will be run by TAFE and a certificate will be given to each successful participant upon completion of the course.

The course is three hours duration and six separate courses will be run. Each course would have a maximum of 10 participants.

Over the three hours the

following topics will be covered:

1. Safety measures that need to be considered when using herbicides
2. Different types of herbicides — what do they mean?
3. Poison Schedule
4. Labels
5. Have you chosen the right herbicide
6. Some hints for safe use of herbicides
7. Demonstration of control methods
8. Practice these techniques
9. Recording your activities
10. Strategic weed control

### The Dates

#### October 2002

Saturday 19 from 2–5

Sunday 20 from 10–1

#### November 2002

Saturday 23 from 2–5

Sunday 24 from 10–1

#### February 2003

Saturday 1 from 2–5

Sunday 2 from 10–1

To register contact Laurie Miller on 6233 7359 and for more information call Rae Glazik on 6233 6835.

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campsites, mountains, coastal areas, nature conservation, cultural heritage etc., information that is not easily mapped. The second type of information is spatially specific that is easily mapped, such as a specific hut, a track or section of, a campsite etc. This information will be entered onto a map-based database. The two sets of data will be linked to create an overall

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## NEW PROJECTS FUNDED

Project	Contact	Requested	Granted	Details
Tasmanian Trail Association Inc.	Chris Boden	\$2,013.00	\$2,013.00	500 Tas Trail markers are required for the track. More detail is required – what markers used for, where are they being used, how many <b>WILDCARE</b> members will be involved. Approved in principle subject to the above conditions regarding more information.
Equipment for Volunteers	David Clarke PWS Taranna	\$2,490.00	\$2,490.00	Good project — good idea for Coastcare groups being able to access the equipment. <b>WILDCARE</b> stickers to be placed on the equipment. Application approved.
Landscape Plan for Melaleuca Airstrip	Michael Garner	\$1,593.00	\$893.50	A call up notice has been placed in <b>WILDTIMES</b> asking for a volunteer to do the landscape plan. It was suggested that Michael should approach Par Avion for support in sharing the transport costs. The application was approved subject to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WILDCARE</b> to cover a maximum of \$893.50 being camp allowance and air transport.</li> <li>• Michael to contact Par Avion for support in sharing the airfare.</li> </ul>
Kate Reed Reserve Walking Track Stage II	Rodney Milner	\$1,372.50	\$1,372.50	Shale required for 500 metres of track maintenance. Board agreed it is a good project. Application approved.
Herbicide use in the bush – TAFE accredited course	Rae Glazik	\$1,920.00	\$1,920.00	TAFE accredited course for <b>WILDCARE</b> volunteers undertaking weed control activities in bushland areas. Very good project — the cost includes the lecturers cost. The primary target of the course is <b>WILDCARE</b> members — very flexible course run where interest is. Application approved.



picture of the interests in the WHA. Data will be collected on an ongoing basis and therefore the database will be constantly updated to ensure that staff has current information.

To receive an application form, please contact — Chris Leitch, Community Interest Mapping Project, Community Partnerships Section, DPIWE, GPO Box 44, Hobart Tas 7001. Phone 03 6233 2867. Email: <Chris.Leitch@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.

## Important Message for active Wildlife carers

Are you an active wildlife carer?

Are you caring for an animal or bird right now?

In order for **WILDCARE**'s safety nets, such as insurance, to apply to your work as a wildlife carer you must have **WILDCARE** authorisation of that volunteer work. So, if you are currently actively caring for an animal or bird, and you feel you are doing this as a **WILDCARE** volunteer, complete the form below and return to the **WILDCARE** Office, c/- GPO Box 44

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You still need to comply with the requirements of DPIWE in regard to permits and other conditions. The Department defines how this type of volunteer work needs to be done, **WILDCARE** Inc is simply giving approval for its members to undertake the work as it is defined by the Department.

For those of you who would dearly like to take up some caring-for-wildlife volunteer work, stay on the volunteer register, and keep an eye out for training courses being conducted around the State.

### WILDCARE Inc Authorisation for ACTIVE WILDLIFE CARERS

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Type of wildlife being cared for (please circle)

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Date: .....

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- b) your membership number changes (this will occur when you renew your **WILDCARE** membership each year)

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## Moorecroft goes wild! with **WILDCARE** & whales...

A group of **WILDCARE** volunteers, PWS Rangers, Nature Conservation and PWS Interps staff treated Richard Moorecroft (ABC TV documentary host) to a whale rescue training session at Seven Mile Beach in May this year. Richard learnt a lot from the department's experts, namely Ingrid Albion and Nick Mooney, regarding the department's policy on whale rescues.

The **WILDCARE** volunteers that



PWS, Nature Conservation, PWS Interps staff and **WILDCARE** volunteers train Richard Moorecroft in whale rescue techniques.

participated had a great time, learning all the skills that may be required in the event of a whale stranding. The documentary "Whales and Whaling" will be screened sometime in October 2002 (keep an eye on your ABC TV guide).

*It is planned future whales rescue training sessions will be held around the State as the weather warms up! For more details contact your local PWS Field Centre or the **WILDCARE** Office on 03 6233 2867 or email <wildcare@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.*



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### **French's Road Nature Reserve – new affiliated WILDCARE member**

The French's Road Nature Reserve committee has made a 2002 application for "group affiliation" membership to **WILDCARE** Inc. The Waratah-Wynyard Council made the declaration of this Nature Reserve in December 1996, on the signing of the lease of 34.49ha of local bushland.

The lease agreement enabled the Council to become caretakers of the land on behalf of the State government through the Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 1976. The requirement was that the Council administer: "...for a term of fifty years from the first day of August 1996... the said land primarily for the purposes of nature conservation and sub-ordinately for public recreation and amusement" restoring it "as far as practicable to a natural bushland state".

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applications to the NHT fund to enable the restoration of the land to its original bush state. The most degraded area was the riparian zone bordering Seabrook Creek, which flows through the Nature Reserve. NHT funding runs out in September 2002 and the Reserve will then be ready for greater public access, consistent with the terms of the lease. It has been a most successful project to date and supported by the Green Corp teams

undergoing training, ACV's, Field Naturalists, Landcare, and by Bushcare officers attached to the NHT. Senator John Watson has visited the Reserve on several occasions and paid tribute to the work undertaken by the committee and their supporters.

The Reserve bushland is a unique remnant of bushland within a high agricultural and industrial forest plantation area; it joins onto a similar area of privately owned natural

bushland. It is also a vital habitat and natural ecosystem for what remains of our northwest Tasmanian native fauna, especially birds.

As a new **WILDCARE** affiliated member, the committee would welcome the interest of all local and visiting **WILDCARE** members. Please contact the current Chairperson, Mrs Rosemary Farrell, on 03 6442 2846 or the Waratah-Wynyard Council on 03 6443 8333.

Rosemary Farrell  
 Chairperson

French's Road Nature Reserve

## CALL UP NOTICE

### **WILDCARE — Tasmanian Trail Camp Shelter Working Bee, 19 October 2002**

**WILDCARE** had provided funds for a shelter for the Tasmanian Trail campsite at Ouse. A working bee to erect the shelter will be held on 19 October 2002 and volunteers with some building and/or carpenter experience are invited to assist. Lunch will be provided!

For further information and to register your

interest in helping contact — Chris Boden, Tasmanian Trail Coordinator, on 0419 370 528 (bh) or 6244 2491 (ah).



#### Editors Note

What is an affiliated group? **WILDCARE** inc offers affiliation to non-**WILDCARE** groups interested in participating in **WILDCARE** Inc working bees and events. Affiliation provides a communication channel to the group to let them know about events and working bees coming up for the activity categories they register for. If they attend an authorised **WILDCARE** Inc working bee in response to a **WILDCARE** Inc call-up, their members are covered as **WILDCARE** volunteers for that event/working bee. Affiliation does not provide individual **WILDCARE** membership for members of the Affiliated group. Affiliation does not provide insurance cover for activities and events organised by that group independently of **WILDCARE** Inc authorisation.

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We are looking for other sponsors, both for the *WILDCARE* Fund and as discounters. Know someone who you think might be interested? Why not have a chat to them and suggest they contact **Andrew Smith at Community Partnerships Section** for more details (Ph 6233 2836 — GPO Box 44 Hobart 7001).

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