

Northeast Wildlife Carers CARes Group

Northeast Wildlife Carers group is based in St Marys on the northeast coast of Tasmania.

We are a small group of carers that are dedicated to the wellbeing and welfare of our native animals.

We recently received our project funding from *WILDCARE* and have started building housing and nursery pens on properties in St Marys. Pam and Terry Jones are based in the township of St Marys and are caring for wombats, bennett wallabies, sugar gliders, ringtail and brushtail



possums and pademelons. Sharlene King is also based in the township of St Marys and cares for the same animals on her property. Peter Power and Ian Lawrence are just out of town on 75 acres and care for



animals and are also a registered release site. The funding has been well appreciated and very much needed to help improve and build pens for our wildlife.

Peter Power
President

Northeast Wildlife Carers CARes

Notice to members —

A Special General Meeting will be held 16 October 2003 at 11am at the Prospect Government Offices, Westbury Road, Prospect (Launceston). Further details at the end of the newsletter.

Volunteer Training at Cradle Mountain

As part of our ongoing training, the Tamar Island Wetlands Volunteers CARes group travelled to Cradle Mountain last June for a two-day visit, staying overnight at the Waldheim Cabins.

The purpose of the trip was to broaden the knowledge and skills of the volunteers by studying the management, interpretative displays and merchandising at Parks & Wildlife's Cradle Mountain Visitor Centre. The management and the interpretation staff at the Centre, who held very helpful and informative discussion sessions with us, facilitated the training.

We also participated in several walks experiencing the alpine environment, the flora and fauna and land formations, the widely varying weather conditions, and the facilities

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and accommodation available for tourists in the area.

On returning to the Tamar Island Wetlands

ATTENTION
WILDCARE 2004 membership is due
31 December 2003.
Renewal form enclosed at the
back of this issue.

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Tamar Island CAREs members at Cradle Mountain. Photo J Nermut.



Centre we were enthused to implement many of the ideas and skills that we had gained from our trip by enhancing our facilities and providing better interpretation, both in the Centre and along the boardwalk, for the many tourists, school and

community groups that visit us.

Our thanks go to **WILDCARE** for project funding to cover the travelling and accommodation costs so that we could further develop our skills as volunteer staff at Tamar Island Wetlands.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the Tamar Island Wetlands Centre, check out the call for volunteer assistance following this article.

Julie Nermut

Representative for
Tamar Island Wetlands CAREs

The **POSSUM SHED**

Westerway (Nr Mt Field NP)



**10% discount to
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on all gifts.**

From the Vice-Chairperson's desk...

Insurance contributions from Parks & Wildlife Service and Forestry Tasmania

Board member David Reynolds and I met with Jeff Kelly (Secretary for Dept Tourism, Parks, Heritage & the Arts (DTPHA)) in July to discuss the department's contribution to **WILDCARE**'s insurance costs. Jeff Kelly undertook to recommend to the Minister (Jim Bacon) that a contribution be made and to follow me up regarding the outcome of his recommendation. I am still waiting to hear back from the Secretary. Jeff Kelly also suggested that **WILDCARE** make a pre-budget

submission for contributions next year.

To date, the Dept of Primary Industries, Water & Environment (DPIWE) has contributed \$8,000; with Forestry Tasmania under the Adopt-a-Track Program pledging contributions of \$1,000 for this insurance premium year and \$1,500 for next year.

Individual Authorisation Requests

Maybe as a result of the Online format now available for Individual Authorisation Request and maybe because departmental staff recognise the value **WILDCARE** volunteer(s) assistance — whatever the reason(s) the request for individual volunteer authorisations has risen in the last two months, with my responding to 22 requests for authorisation, authorising 28 individuals.

Agency staff are reminded that to access volunteers in 'greater numbers', please use the new Online Event Callup Request form located on the **WILDCARE** website <www.wildcareas.org.au>.

Editor's note: Staff are also reminded that the Vice-Chairperson's role is in a volunteering capacity. As the busy summer months approach and to ease the potential workload for the Vice-Chairperson, please ensure complete details are entered at the

CALL UP NOTICE

Wanted! Wetland Volunteers

The Tamar Island Wetlands Centre has a fantastic team of dedicated volunteers that enable the Centre to be open to the public seven days a week. We need to increase the size of this team, especially with the busy summer season approaching.

If you live in or around the Tamar Valley and enjoy wetlands and their wildlife, why not

become a volunteer visitor guide! Perhaps you have a friend who would also like to volunteer?

For more information please contact Janice Miller, Central North District Volunteer Facilitator on 6336 5319 or email <Janice.Miller@parks.tas.gov.au>.

time of making a request and the minimum time frame is adhered to. This will then ensure a speedy response without the delays in sourcing further information.

FOI Request

The Board of Management (BOM) recently received a number of extracts relating to **WILDCARE** Inc, from the minutes of meeting of the World Heritage Area Consultative Committee (WHACC), following a

Freedom of Information (FOI) request. This request was made as a result of the Board becoming aware that **WILDCARE** had been discussed on a number of occasions by WHACC. At the August BOM meeting, members discussed the information received and decided to approach WHACC with the view of building a stronger relationship between us.

As a result of a recent discussion with Bryce McNair (WHACC Chairperson), I have accepted an invitation to attend WHACC's November meeting, to give a presentation on **WILDCARE**, its nature and objectives, to Committee members.

Richard Hammond
Vice-Chairperson
WILDCARE Inc.

New Projects Funded

Note: **WILDCARE** Inc Board of Management will not be considering new funding applications until December 2003 meeting.

Project: Kate Reed Reserve Walking Track Reconstruction — Stage 3

Contact: Rodney Milner

Requested: \$1,579.36

Granted: \$1579.36

Details: The application is for the continued reconstruction of walking tracks within the Kate Reed Reserve. The Board agreed it was a good project.

The Board approved the funding.

Moved Richard, Seconded David.

Project: Wildlife Housing and Release Pens at Carers' properties

Contact: North East Wildlife Carers (Peter Power)

Requested: \$2,858.50

Granted: \$2,628.50

Details: Application approved in principle with some tool costs not included. Project is \$300 over budget. There should be a DPIWE staff member supporting this application. It is understood that NCB staff are supportive but it's not documented on the application. The Board approved the application in principle but asked that Andrew check with NCB about the appropriateness of the proposal.

Project: Cradle Mountain Field Trip

Contact: Dave Frelek & Julie Nermut

Requested: \$950.00

Granted: \$450.00

Details: Tamar Island volunteers development trip to Cradle Mountain. Meal allowance to be deducted which is \$500. Approved the funding of \$450.00 subject to confirmation of the training component — eg a copy of the training itinerary to be forwarded to the Board.

Project: Repainting French's Farmhouse

Contact: David Reynolds

Requested: \$680.00

Granted: \$280.00

Details: Funding wanted for ongoing maintenance and repainting of French's farmhouse. Paint \$280.00 and Fuel \$400 requested.

Approve cost of paint only of \$280.00. The Board believes the fuel costs are the responsibility of the PWS Department/or the District.

Project: Demountable Wildlife Rehabilitation Enclosures

Contact: Lorraine McDonald & Patsy Davies

Requested: \$2,278.00

Granted: \$2,278.00

Details: Funding conditions:

The work be carried out in close consultation with Nature Conservation Branch staff; all non-perishable materials and equipment remains the property of **WILDCARE** Inc; equipment to be held by the **WILDCARE** Bush Baby Carers.

Project: On going care and Rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife

Contact: Judy Synott & Yvonne Hill

Requested: \$1,878.50

Granted: \$1,878.50

Details: Funding conditions:

The work be carried out in close consultation with Nature Conservation Branch staff; all non-perishable materials and equipment remains the property of **WILDCARE** Inc; and equipment to be held by the Northwest Wildlife Rescue group.

Project: Whale Rescue Training Courses

Contact: Barry Wells & Andrew Irvine

Requested: \$2,500.00

Granted: \$400.00

Details: Agreed to fund up to \$400 to cover venue hire and catering for 5 courses.

The following items have not been funded by the Board:

Banners \$750 — recommended that Andrew Irvine discuss other opportunities with Community Partnerships Section.

Advertisement in print media \$500 — as these courses are primarily aimed at **WILDCARE** Inc members, promotion should be carried out through the **WILDTIMES** and/or mail outs to registered volunteers in the first instance. If media advertising is required in addition to this it is recommended that Andrew Irvine discuss other opportunities with Community Partnerships Section.

Brochures and Stickers \$850 — not supported.

All Aboard for Mt Field!

In preparation for a busy summer, Friends of Mt Field CAREs have arranged a special day at Mt Field on Sunday, 9 November 2003.

The day will include a free barbecue lunch and presentation by Park staff and Friends of Mt Field on activities planned for the summer, and how **WILDCARE** members may be involved.

As an added bonus the Derwent Valley Railway Preservation Society are running a steam train from Hobart and New Norfolk to Mt Field and return on the day. So why not take the train — the lunch and presentation will be arranged around its arrival and departure times! **Book your train ticket or just RSVP for the barbecue by contacting Craig**

Saunders.

The CAREs group is also planning this summer a program of guided information tours in the Park for **WILDCARE** members. These day tours will provide members with an opportunity to better understand conservation and management issues in the Park. Join us and the 'experts' to learn more on topics such as fragile

alpine flora and managing our historic huts!

Details of the full summer program will be available at the presentation on 9 November, otherwise contact Friends of Mt Field President Peter Franklin on 03 6228 4889, email <pfranklin@trump.net.au> or Parks & Wildlife Southern District Volunteer Facilitator Craig Saunders on 03 6264 8463, email <Craig.Saunders@parks.tas.gov.au>.

Fishcare News... 'Take A Kid Fishing' Days

Over the past 3 years the Fishcare Volunteers have become synonymous with the Take A Kid Fishing days that are held in three or four venues around the State. The Volunteers are planning

the events for 18th October 2003 at Inspection Head, Beauty Point, November / December for Hobart and Stanley



and 25th Jan 2004 at St Helens.

The Volunteers relish this chance to engage a large number of the younger generation of fishers in a fun and learning situation. This interactive method is seen as one of the most positive methods of instilling the simple messages such as: put the little ones back, how to handle fish and



Take a Kid Fishing Day at Beauty Point. Photo A Brown.

don't take more than you need. Those messages are then quickly followed up with an explanation of basic fishing ethics and sustainability methodology to the parents or adults supervising the kids on the day.

Mike Cawthorn, the Southern Senior Support Volunteer, has a very simple philosophy about the event. He believes "If the message gets though to the kids they will educate the parents". Generally, not many fish are caught but it seems that not too many people

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Weekend at Freycinet — 1-2 November 2003

Formation of Freycinet CAREs group

Freycinet PWS Rangers invite **WILDCARE** members and their families to attend a short meeting to establish a "Friends of"/CAREs group (Community Action in Reserves) for Freycinet National Park, followed by a free sausage sizzle. Following the sausage sizzle there will be a working bee for those people who are interested and can spare a few hours.

If you are interested in assisting the Rangers with their general management duties, which could include working on the track network under the Adopt-a-Track Program; delivering visitor and community education programs around the Park; facility maintenance; or office assistance, then come along to the meeting and find out how. You can volunteer for almost anything!

When: 12 noon on Saturday, 1 November 2003.

Where: Freycinet National Park — meet at the Visitor Centre.

RSVP: Caroline Shemwell, District Volunteer Facilitator, phone 03 6257 7012 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) or email <caroline.shemwell@parks.tas.gov.au>.

Whale Rescuer training

A Whale Rescuer training course will be offered to volunteers interested in assisting with whale rescues around the State. Training will be in beach first aid and rescue and is for volunteers who are willing to respond to strandings within their region or statewide.

This training is a follow up from previous years' courses held close to the four stranding hotspots around Tasmania — Dunalley, Bicheno, Stanley and Strahan. It is planned trained volunteers will register as part of either a first or second response team. If this sounds interesting, then this course is for you! Not every task at a rescue involves getting wet!

When: 9am on Sunday, 2 November 2003

Where: Meet at Coles Bay Hall. Training course will be held at the nearby beach.

RSVP: Caroline Shemwell, District Volunteer Facilitator, phone 03 6257 7012 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) or email <caroline.shemwell@parks.tas.gov.au>.



Take a Kid Fishing Day at Stanley Wharf. Photo A Brown.

are upset. Many parents say it's a great way to spend quality educational time with their kids outdoors and without spending much money.

On the day, when a fish is caught, a Fishcare Volunteer will be on hand to demonstrate how to deal with it. The

fisher must find out what species it is, then measure it. If it is undersize the fish must be released using the correct method.

Anywhere between 80 to 200 children, plus their parents, come along to the event. This attendance figure isn't surprising according a recent National survey that shows one in every three Tasmanian fishes. This is the second highest rate of participation of all the Australian states. The survey also indicates that 40% of the fish caught

in Tasmania are returned to the water. So ... the Fishcare Volunteers are getting the message through!

Avril Brown
Fishcare Program

For more information on the Take A Kid Fishing days, contact the Fishcare Coordinators: **Southern Fishcare Coordinator** — Andrew Sharman, 03 6233 3053, email <Andrew.Sharman@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>. **Northern Fishcare Coordinator** — Quinton Higgs, 03 6336 5474, email <quenton.higgs@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>. **Northwest Fishcare Coordinator** — Damian Heran, 03 6431 6285, email <Damian.Heran@dpiwe.tas.gov.au>.

Mersey Valley Walker Logbook "Neighbourhood Watch"

Readers may recall a request in *WILDTIMES* (Sept 2002 issue) for volunteers to keep an eye on walker logbooks in the Mersey Valley. Most tracks in the Mersey Valley have a logbook on them now. Used in tandem with track counters they help Parks & Wildlife Service obtain an idea of how, and by whom, these areas are being used. We now have a reasonable idea of walker use of most of the World Heritage Area, the exception being the Central Plateau.



The astute reader will ask, "if the Service puts in these logbooks, why doesn't the Service look after them?" and that's of course a very good question! The main problem is that the District staff can't check the logbooks very frequently due to their own work commitments. However, we need the information and lack of staff is a poor excuse not to collect it. While I can drive up from Hobart regularly to check the logbooks — and it's

certainly not an onerous task! — it's not very efficient. Furthermore, when doing these logbook checks it's not unusual to find that someone else has been there before us and has done interesting things to the installation.

The most elegant example of this I can think of is the Lake Bill logbook. When I went up there in August 2002—and the logbook is located

right up the top of the 800m climb—all I could find was the registration book perched on a tree stump, in the snow, beautifully framed with a couple of pencils arranged around it. The aluminium box and star pickets in which the logbook had been housed were no-where to be seen. Certainly, this isn't the first time this has happened. I suspect that the box has started a new life as a letterbox somewhere.

Clearly what we needed was a combination of Honorary Ranger and a Neighbourhood Watch. We needed

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Wanted: Overland Track Wardens

Every summer thousands of bushwalkers head out on our world acclaimed Overland Track to experience the wildness of Tasmania. Volunteer Overland Track Wardens are based at Waterfall Valley Hut (usually the first night walking from Cradle Valley) and offer advice and support to walkers. Many walkers appreciate the opportunity to talk with 'local Tasmanians' who know the track, animals and environment. Wardens maintain the hut and campsite environment and assist walkers where there is need. Wardens volunteer for 6–10 days

at time and are provided with separate accommodation at the hut. Wardens need to be experienced bushwalkers with knowledge of the Overland Track, have basic first aid training and be current members of *WILDCARE*. Training and volunteer induction is provided for all Overland Track Wardens.

For full details of the program please contact — Tim Dyer, District Volunteer Facilitator, Parks & Wildlife Service on 03 6419 8712 (Thursdays) or email <nwvolunteers@parks.tas.gov.au>.

to recruit some people who were out in the bush regularly to keep an eye on things.

I placed an advertisement in *WILDTIMES* a year ago. There was absolutely zero response. I vividly recall standing in the shower one

morning, singing the Worm Song ("Nobody Loves Me, Everybody Hates Me, I'm Going To Eat Some Worms..."). On that very same day Jo

Field rang, asking how many people had responded. She wasn't deterred and promptly organised a personal call-up for assistance after which I was swamped with responses.

We have Brian Hughes looking after Junction Lake, Moses Creek and Arm River; Lyn Nolan is Reedy Lake Minder; Colin Rowe looks after Lake Bill and Ray Yaxley has Little Fisher. Jo Field has retired from being The Walls carpark logbook Chief Overseer and will be replaced by the PWS Mole Creek Field Centre staff. Simon Angilley scored Thompsons Marshes in the Douglas Apsley as a consolation prize.

Many thanks to the above people for their efforts and to everyone who responded to the callup.

Sue Rundle

PWS Research Officer—Statistics

If members are interested in assisting with log book collections please contract Sue on 03 6233 6625 or email <Susan.Rundle@parks.tas.gov.au>.

Publication — Landscape & Building Design for Bushfire Areas

G C Ramsay & L Rudolph

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Subject

Building Technology; Landscape Design; Landscape Ecology

Readership

Design professionals; architects & landscape architects, garden designers; fire brigades & Country Fire Authorities; municipal planning authorities; home builders & conservation groups.

Description

The devastation wreaked by bushfires on Australian homes and landscapes is an all too familiar scenario. Yet, why do we often see one house burn, whilst an apparently similar house on an adjacent block can endure? Research has shown that many factors affect the chances of a building surviving a bushfire. If you are designing landscapes and buildings in bushfire

areas you need to be aware of these factors so that the chances of losses to life and property can be minimised.

Landscape & Building Design for Bushfire Areas integrates the latest scientific knowledge about buildings and bushfires with a flexible design approach.

The book contains two main sections:

- 1 Provides a clear description of what happens in a bushfire. It describes the environment in which bushfires occur, how a fire attacks, and how buildings are ignited and destroyed.
- 2 Sets out a practical design approach to the design of buildings and their immediate surroundings. It presents a range of options for designing the various elements of both landscapes and buildings in bushfire-prone areas.

This book encourages design for bushfire to be included as a normal part of designing in bushfire-prone areas, rather than as an undesirable add-on. It will assist planning and building regulatory authorities to improve and administer regulatory requirements and guidelines.

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Lillico Beach Conservation Area

Friends of the Lillico Penguins CAREs group and the Parks & Wildlife Service are looking for assistance from **WILDCARE** members to protect penguins and shearwater chicks from the predation of feral animals. Volunteers would work under the supervision of Parks Rangers and need to be willing to set and clear traps on a rostered basis in selected areas of the reserve.

Lillico Beach Conservation Area has significant natural values. <<http://www.wildcaretas.org.au/groups/lillicobeach/lillicobeach.htm>>.

For details the program please contact — Tim Dyer, District Volunteer Facilitator, Parks & Wildlife Service on 03 6419 8712 (Thursdays) or email <nwvolunteers@parks.tas.gov.au>.

Dolphin Rescue in Mersey River

On Wednesday 18 June 2003, an urgent call came from the Marine Conservation Branch of DPIWE for volunteers to assist with the rescue of a dolphin stranded in the Mersey River at Devonport. Volunteers from Burnie, Turners Beach and Devonport were soon on the scene to assist the two Parks & Wildlife Service Rangers, who had been supporting the dolphin for over two hours. Once trained departmental personnel arrived from Launceston and Hobart, and the SES set up emergency shelter and lighting, things “really started to swing”!

It became apparent that the dolphin would have to be removed quickly from the river and taken elsewhere so that it (and all involved in the rescue) would avoid the huge wash from the *Spirit of Tasmania*, which was due to arrive in the river after 9pm. The dolphin was carefully placed on an inflated mattress to protect its delicate skin as it was slowly transported by truck to the Mersey Bluff Beach, where conditions were calmer and safer.

The specialist crew ‘sexed’ the dolphin, which was christened “Vic” (after Victoria Parade opposite to where he ran into trouble chasing whitebait run), tagged and injected him as a result of the numerous lacerations he sustained on the very sharp rock in the river.

Around 11pm Vic made his way out of the sling and out to sea, much to the delight and relief of everyone assisting in the rescue. Checks of the river were made later to see if Vic had returned

for another feed of whitebait. With no sign of Vic it was decided that his one trip into the Mersey River was enough!

Barry Hebbard

President, Friends of Lillico Penguins CAREs and Whale Rescue Training volunteer

WILDCARE members assisting departmental staff at the dolphin rescue have participated in Whale Rescue Training courses and are listed as support volunteers, who are called on for situations like this. For more information on participating in Whale Rescue Training courses contact the WILDCARE Office on 03 6233 2836 or email <office@wildcaretas.org.au>.

WHALE HOTLINE NUMBER

There is a 24-hour whale hotline number to report all whale (and dolphin) sightings or strandings: **0427-WHALES** (that is 0427-942537).

Remember, it is vital that **any whale information** is called in straight away, as it could prevent a stranding or save the life of a whale through your prompt response.

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Fox Free Tasmania

A newsletter of the Fox Free Taskforce, Department of Primary Industries, Water & Environment, Tasmania. July 2003.

In this edition

Fox team upskills
Outwit Outplay
Outfox



Latest baiting
and sighting
information



Fox Facts

Foxes are one of the world's most efficient predators – killing animals up to 5.5 kg in weight

Outwit Outplay Outfox

It's important that our Fox Task Force Team maintain and build on their knowledge and skills if Tasmania is to remain foxfree. Last month 18 task force members spent three days on an intensive training course in Orange, NSW sponsored by the Australian Wool Innovation.

Suzy Balough, from the NSW Agricultural Department, ran the course. Participants discovered the latest techniques being used in fox eradication. Australian expert, Paul Meek of Forestry NSW, demonstrated his meticulous trap setting techniques. Foxes are incredibly wily and learn to avoid traps if there's even the slightest whiff of human activity. Paul goes to extraordinary lengths to ensure his traps are untainted including burying them for several weeks prior to use, always wearing gloves and being scrupulously clean with all his gear.

Training is vital



Our team all undertook refresher training in den fumigation techniques, radio tracking, and post mortems on foxes they'd shot the evening before to identify stomach contents and diet. Matt Gentle, a PhD student at the University of Sydney, spent one session showing the team a range of den sites he's been studying. In less than an hour they visited around 10 den sites on just one property. The number of foxes was chilling and a potent reminder of the threat this animal poses to Tasmania. This course has enabled our taskforce members team to maintain and enhance their skills and keep abreast of the latest information and techniques on fox eradication. This sort of experience is vital to our program, which aims to keep Tasmania foxfree by dealing with the current fox incursion.

Team Profile – One of our team members close up

So who are our fox taskforce members and what are their backgrounds in fox eradication? Here is a snapshot of one of the Burnie Team, Anthony Wilson. Anthony spent thirteen years involved in fox eradication and control in Victoria before he was recruited into the Tasmanian FoxFree Taskforce. Initially Anthony was employed as a noxious pest animal and weed officer in the Albury/Wodonga area with the then Gas and Fuel Corporation. Later he became the field supervisor for vertebrate pests and was involved in trapping and shooting foxes throughout the Gippsland area. Anthony acted as a farmer extension officer and advised over 300 farmers about the types of fox controls best suited to their properties including warren ripping, baiting and shooting. As well as being heavily involved in fox control as part of his work life, Anthony spent much of his leisure time travelling throughout Victoria trapping and shooting foxes. Anthony is currently completing a science degree and is passionate about removing the fox threat from Tasmania.

Outfox 11



This month there will be six public meetings held around the State sponsored by the Australian Wool Innovation. Co-hosted by Steven Lapidge and Suzy Balough, they aim to raise awareness of the fox issue and promote methods of fox control and eradication to woolgrowers and other interested persons statewide. A full report on these sessions will be next month's issue.

Report fox sightings and other evidence to the FOX HOTLINE 1300 FOX OUT (1300 369 688)

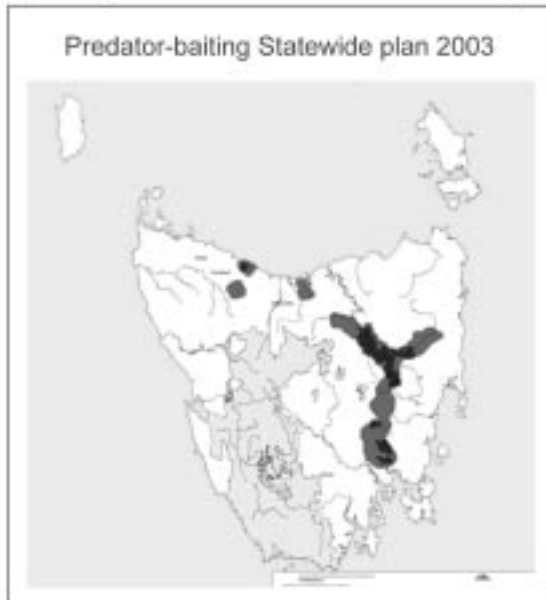


Fox Free Tasmania

The 2003 fox baiting program

The fox baiting program is already well underway in Tasmania. All three teams are working flat out laying baits according to the map below. The plan is to completely bait the area shaded in dark blue by Christmas 2003. In April/May 2004 there will be an additional repeat bait of selected areas. The

baiting program commenced on July 1st 2003. The area shaded in black shows the baiting progress to date.



Already in just two and a half weeks, the southern team has laid baits all the way from Richmond to the junction of the Midlands highway. The Burnie and Launceston teams are similarly busy with their baiting program. This is the most extensive fox baiting program ever run in Tasmania. It is hoped that by targeting and baiting all the fox hotspot and adjacent areas that we

prevent fox spread and eradicate all foxes in Tasmania.

The Fox Calender

July is an important month on the fox calender. This is a vital time for people to be on the lookout for foxes because now is the time when foxes are out and about looking for mates.

During winter most foxes will be calling trying to attract or locate a mate.

Visit our website to hear fox calls.
www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au/fox

Our baiting program has been specially designed to reduce the risk to native species in the following ways:

- Predator baits are injected with only a minute amount of 1080 (3mg). This means only ¼ of a bait is needed to kill introduced predators such as foxes. Native animals have a much higher tolerance to 1080 so need to ingest a higher number of baits. For example an adult Tasmanian devil would need to eat around 15 to 20 baits and spotted-tailed quolls between 4 and 7 baits to get a lethal dose of 1080 (the actual number depends on the weight of the animal).
- Baits are being laid every 200-300 metres at a density of 10 per sq/km. This makes them less accessible to devils which are extremely unlikely to come across enough baits in one night to become poisoned and die (remember 1080 is broken down in the body, not accumulated so to get a lethal dose animals must eat the full amount in 24hours).
- All baits are buried 5 cm deep to reduce take by native animals especially birds. Foxes cache or bury their food, so digging up buried food is part of their strategy and by burying the baits we evoke their natural instincts and curiosity.



Fox Facts

In NSW the foxes birthday (when most pups are born) is 6th September. Perhaps fittingly 7th September is National Threatened Species Day.

Going with the flow!

On a Sunday in August 2003, six Karst CARE volunteers — David Wools-Cobb, Paula Barrass, Linsay Grey, Jessica Wools-Cobb, David Butler and Paul Darby — together with PWS Ranger Paul Hawthorn, went deep underground to one of the more unusual *WILDCARE* work sites in Croesus Cave. Croesus is within the Mole Creek Karst National Park and is known as a particularly beautiful cave with over 2,000m of passage. Access to this cave has been restricted over recent years.

The group waded in extremely cold water up to waist high in places to get to their work site, an area known as the “Golden Stairs”, which is a very impressive flowstone area. The main objective was to build a natural mud-free walkway through a muddy pool area, to stop mud from being carried onto the orange flowstone. Stone from

the immediate area was used to build a walkway above normal water levels. The large flowstone area either side of this pool was cleaned as well as about 100m of passageway further upstream.

Paula Barrass on Croesus Cave working bee. Photo D Wools-Cobb.



Whilst heading for the exit of the cave, the group surveyed another area in preparation for their next cleaning working bee.

David Wools-Cobb

President, Karst CAREs

Friends of Maatsuyker CAREs Official Launch

It is with much excitement that we announce the formation of the Friends of Maatsuyker Island CAREs group. On a cold winter's night on 11 June 2003, an enthusiastic group of twenty people met at Lansdowne Crescent Primary School, West Hobart, for the Friends' official launch and to appoint a committee.

It was great to have the support of the Southern District Parks staff at this inaugural meeting to set the scene for future cooperation between PWS and the group. As with other CAREs groups, Maatsuyker's Friends group will assist with the management of the island and work to protect both the rich natural and cultural heritage of this remarkable place. We thank

Albert Thompson, PWS Southern District Ranger, for kick-starting the original idea, and Craig Saunders, District Volunteer Facilitator for his enthusiastic and practical assistance as the group gets underway.

The committee immediately set to work writing an application to the Commonwealth's Envirofund for money to fund a weeding program on Maatsuyker Island. If our application is successful, we will call for volunteers to spend a week on the island in May 2004 to try and eradicate blackberry and montbretia. Keep your eyes on the *WILDCARE* website, or register your interest in the weed program with the *WILDCARE* Office. The anticipated hours of hard labour will be offset by a backdrop of spectacular scenery! Parks and Wildlife staff are also planning a working bee on the island over summer 2003-4 to perform various maintenance tasks on Maatsuyker's cultural assets.

The Friends of Maatsuyker CAREs met again in July for a social night at COW in Hobart. It was our first opportunity as a group to meet, to greet, and to talk all things Maatsuyker. In the meantime, the committee is working with PWS as we get off the ground and establish networks, develop project ideas, and identify funding options. At an

CALL UP NOTICE

Summer at Melaleuca

Fancy spending part of the summer at Melaleuca this year? Parks & Wildlife Service (Huonville Field Centre), in partnership with *WILDCARE*, is considering running a volunteer program at Melaleuca for summer 2003-04 and are looking for expressions of interest from *WILDCARE* members.

The program will have 2 components:

- Short duration (7 to 10 days) working bees;
- A “hut warden” program,

similar to that already running on the Overland Track.

And of course the program will include ‘free’ time for short walks around this spectacular corner of the World Heritage Area.

If members wish to register their interest in one or both components of the program, please contact District Volunteer Facilitator, Craig Saunders at Huonville on 03 6264 8463 or email <Craig.Saunders@parks.tas.gov.au> for an information package.

informal dinner in August a few members also caught up with the island's two most recent volunteers, who had just returned from their time as resident caretakers. The caretaker program has provided four years of service on Maatsuyker and recently changed from a three to six-month stay. One function of the Friends

group will be to support and enhance the caretaker program.

For more information on the Friends of Maatsuyker CAREs group and our future activities please contact: **President:** Jill Thiele, ph 6266 3648, email <jthiele@tassie.net.au>. **Vice President:** Lynette Kay, ph 6239 6884, email <scottandlynette@bigpond.com.au>.

Secretary: Fiona Taylor, ph 6225 0989, email <Fiona.Taylor@utas.edu.au>.

To receive future information about Maatsuyker volunteer events members can request "Maatsuyker Island" as a preferred reserve on their members' registration. Contact the WILDCARE Office on 03 6233 2836 or email <office@wildcaretas.org.au> to update your details.

WILDCARE Nature Writers Award — Runner Up Entry

In the July issue of *WILDTIMES*, *WILDCARE* published the winner of the inaugural *WILDCARE* Tasmania Nature Writing Award 2003 story. The following entry was written by one of the two runners up — Carolyn Leach-Paholski.

GRASS

Crumb set their standard to fly from the ridge above the camp and stood beside it, silently marking the terrain from an eyebeam. *This is how the falcon reckons his claim*, Crumb thought, *his — the smallest speck of distance, seen at four turns of the compass. Were I a bird*, he mused, *I would do this on the wing, turning loops, cutting pothooks*. But being a man and no born native of the stringybark and fern forest, he took in what he could wink at from the minor elevation and claimed it for God and King. Tomorrow he and his company would cut a path from this flag to his sighting, deepening their territory, setting down their way on a rude map.

Although Crumb recorded the elevations and made sightings, the map had been Tochley's work and was figured in step rather than yardage and made sense of by the inclusion of natural water, flora and such mineral interest as they had come upon. Their brief was sweet pasture, Crumb was wont to remind him, and land which could be made easily arable or suitable for grazing. They were to search out a native grassland, a prairie on which to fatten wool sheep. There must be winter fodder, grass which was sweet on the tongue and free seeding. The Company had wagered a sea voyage and the living of four men on such a possibility. But Tochley persisted in writing in banks of shale and slate, describing, in small illuminations, fern floors as they fell

into valleys. He worried at bird sounds and insect music and was, Crumb noticed, as distractible as an unleashed bitch on fresh scent. He walked hooped by back baggage. He had the fixings of their camp to carry and was dull to all but tree footings, peering into fresh dug animal excavations, pulling out his pocket mallet to split a nugget of rock, poking about in stripped bark after the grubblings of pests. He would be insensible to such conversations, as would commonly be the product of a day's march. The kind of talk, which came easy in rhythmic tread and tree, quiet. Progress was marked by the snap of tinder under shoe and the call ahead of birds well hid in the thick canopy. Crumb might as well talk to himself and often did,

setting the business of his head to rights or drilling himself on the few native words that were his landfall instruction.

Tochley would vex him by breaking step, by falling behind. The others being too far ahead with their flag and sighting glass to call back, Crumb was left to retrace his path. Finding his road by virtue of trod-down stems and broken branches, he would come suddenly upon the other man at an ant chimney or turning over green traces and would almost fall atop of him. Tochley would be crouched, intent on shaking seed into a paper wallet or spooning over night soil. He appalled Crumb by dissecting out the crops of carrion and collecting the coughed pellets of owls. It did not matter how many times he impressed on him the need to keep to a regime. Tochley would take his reprimand without the slightest equivocation, would finish up

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the task at hand, letting Crumb run through the clockwork of his command.

It was autumn and the length of the day was already contracting. 'We are not equipped to walk in darkness', Crumb warned at each delay. 'We must move at maximum capacity.' He put himself against the terrain. He took it in squint-eye, making an awning of his arm. He would not be beat by hills, by brush, which was all bristle and snag. To Crumb it was all about distances between points. A map told him what must be accomplished. He walked where he could in straight lines. A mountain was an obstacle that must be got round or got over. A river would be crossed at an appropriate ford or floated down to a fixed destination. He did not share Tochley's desire to know intimately over what his feet passed. To Crumb the terrain was foreign in all aspects. It was dry, hot, hard underfoot. The trees were the wrong shape and were poor canopies for shade. The mountains were crude-cut, the hills all pommel and obstacle, the rivers half-filled channels which barely ran on their cobbled floors. But Tochley wondered at the green crooks of bracken hands, at the bled sap from wattle, he dug at the dormant testicular bulbs of

orchids. From the moment the man had squared himself up on land he had seen merit in all their findings.

We are set down in a fiddlehead, he wrote in his field notes and inked in the bay's turnabout and its thumb of granite. The map has this geography as a ding in a tin pail but it is known to be remarkable for its geology, this northwest ear. Already I have found some fine stones. We are put up for a day and a night in this clip for comfort and shelter. The wind reaches over us but not into our accommodation. Mr Crumb says we are to begin the climb to higher parts tomorrow. Made a good fire our first night from driftwood and other light tinder — high reaching flames which settled to true coals. This morning made our way up the beach at low tide and was rewarded for the rough weather we suffered coming in, by some fine pickings. I have corals, conjoined wedding cake coronets, what appears to be the dried out carcass of a pipefish. This last was found in the dunes and must have been trapped in shore grass and dried to sugar loaf. The fragile dorsal are absent but it is otherwise convincingly intact.

He was no walker's comfort but he was, Crumb conceded, as sensible a mate as could be wished for when it

came to camp. He assembled a clay chimney and baked bread on a stone. His great hands worked the dough into pillows and creases. His eyes sought the middle distance, he entered no flow of talk. He worked from the shoulders turning and pushing the dough — a machine set to crank and lift. The moment it puffed into a yeasty dome on the makeshift crock was always witnessed in silence. They honoured the ancient chemistry of heat and milled grain and made water in their mouths. Sundays Tochley broke a half fist from their sugar loaf and worked it through the bread.

Nightly Tochley had the makings of a soup from a fistful of peas measured from their provisions. He had a store of bay and thyme to brighten the pot and could be counted on to bag a bird or two. Were they in the land of biblical creatures he might have brought in a covey or a hare or walked up a meaty piece of game. Instead they alarmed at dragon-size lizards, were wary of tree waste which once trod turned into serpents. The burns, such as they were, being slow running from the summer dry, were not so full of fish as otter-like duckbills and muddy crustaceans whose nearest kin, Tochley told them, might have been a lobster. They had been kept wide-eyed in their beds by demonic grunts and screams from the tree roof, punctuated at intervals by a heavy fall, as though a stone had been dislodged and rolled away into the thicket. They were aware of a nightly entertainment played out in the branches of the stringybarks. It was all noise and acrobatics. Things flew past the nose, thickened the air. Crumb slept with his hand to his gun. Tochley sat up with owl eyes trained on the night.

To Crumb, the venture was both an excitement and a madness. They had traveled to the end of the earth for a sheep pen and the fortunes of ten men and their subscribers rested on their cutting through this thatch to reach it. Although he had made some use of his university training, he had no capital to invest and must rely instead on his ambition to work up the notice of important men. The success of the mission was essential to Crumb's advancement. It was essential also to his very idea of himself. It was a posture, which must form up around the hard core of himself, as a burning candle reshapes on its central rod.

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enterprise?’ he had asked Tochley when it was his turn before the committee to say what virtues and skills he owned. They had seen a dozen men already come to tell of their talent with horses, keen eye for a gun or their strength for climbing or carrying. Tochley, the head gardener of a Surrey lord, was to be their plantsman. He had spent his life on his knees salting snails from lettuce hearts, stretching string over raised beds to set straight rows, seeing God in the day open dials of sunflowers. He was conscious of the enlargement creation made of him. He acknowledged that the thousand uneyed, grubbing creatures underground added their soul light to his own, until he burned with the candlepower of a city. It was his private line that plants were a humanising fuse, a green current which fed through willing limbs. Many a season he had leveled his eye to the first fist of sugar snaps, to the green flame enclosed in a handclap, each leaf a moist paper, which reversed the crumpling to smooth. Crumb might stake out the Company’s measure in the new land but Tochley would gather it to him and put it up to his God like one great hymn.

‘I would put my eyes on the New World, on all the strange animals of the Great South Land’, he told them. ‘See the fragrant eucalypts and the shy underfoot flowers.’ He had read on the platypus — the fan-foot, sleek-coat swimmer, a miscellany of piecework. He had heard of the giant hare-hopping roos, who sat up on their tails, tall as a man. His answer was not what Crumb expected or wanted but he conceded that the man would know one grass from another and although not young, looked sound enough in make.

The expedition had been gazetted from one end of the country to the other. And as the conditions were not well suited to gentlemen, only the desperate, the overambitious or the foolhardy applied. Tochley did not sit flush on this mould. He was too old, too slow. He was plain baked and as honest as a tapped spring. He made a fidget of his hands as he spoke, speaking as it were to the boards under his feet and when addressed had his eyes all over the gilt-scrolled cornices. But he unfolded from his coat pocket a letter of recommendation. Norton Tochley, it read, is no drunk. He is sober, pious

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and a notable storehouse of facts on seed raising, on hot housing and has a first rate knowledge of coppicing and grafts. Crumb noted that he was meat-handed, that his legs were patterned on a pedestal table, that he swallowed the balance part of each uttered speech but acknowledged that he would do. By the end of the day the Company had signed on two surveyors (himself and Quinn, a discharged corporal), a botanising gardener (Tochley) and an engraver (John Nutall), who would serve as their journalist.

Crumb climbed down from the hill leaving the survey flag to loft in the advent of a breeze. The day had heat in it already and a brightness that made his eyes into slots and worked dust into every skin crease. The clay under his feet puffed into plumes with each step. He felt as a chimney, as though the ground heat climbed him. He sighted the camp at the funnel end of the gully — the other men were already in possession of steaming mugs of tea and Tochley was throwing oatmeal into a pot. He strode out, exercise giving his mind the grease it needed to turn on the day’s requirement. How to discipline his unseasoned party he wondered. ‘Look

alive’, he called out, but before he could register the acknowledgement of his men he was plunged into night pitch. The men for a heartbeat or two were a tableau of blank surprise. One moment he was in view, the next he was gone. Tochley was the first to lay down his wooden paddle, with which he had attended the porridge, and fly the distance. For all of his years, which Crumb daily reminded him were a leaden weight, he gave it the length of his leg, arriving before the other men had set down their mugs. He stood, he guessed, at where he had last clocked Crumb, but where was he? With his accustomed gooseneck posture he trawled the flat, tore a wand from a sapling and flicked back ferns and combed over the tree fall.

‘We must step the distance an arm breadth apart’, he said, as the other men made to join him in the search. It crossed his mind that the disappearance was a trick to put them on their mettle. But Crumb was too much a pedant for a prank. They strode out the measure, eyes down and alert for telltale blots of colour — blood or the snagged ragging of a shirt tail. ‘He might have been shot’, Nutall offered, but there had been no fire



Friends of Mt Field 'Open Day' & Train Ride — 9 Nov 2003

The Friends of Mt Field CAREs group in partnership with Parks & Wildlife Service invite all **WILDCARE** members and their families to a **Presentation on Summer Activities in Mt Field National Park** along with a free BBQ lunch. Meet at the Visitor Centre at 12 noon on Sunday, 9 November 2003.

Members can make a day of it by catching the train from Hobart or

New Norfolk to Mt Field.

Train tickets and/or BBQ RSVP to Craig Saunders, Southern District Volunteer Facilitator on 03 6264 8463 or email <Craig.Saunders@parks.tas.gov.au>.

More details on this fantastic day out are included in this issues article "All Aboard to Mt Field!"

heard and they were alone in this wood as far as they knew. 'More like took by one of them bush tigers.' This was Quinn. The two men were fuelled on eye meaning. 'Eyes down', Tochley reminded them. If Crumb had been felled by a snake bite they had no time to waste on pawkiness. 'There!' Quinn called. He was last in their line

and they turned as on one pivot to see him point along a fallen tree. The fool had quickmarched himself straight over the top of a shaft, sunk no doubt by the scrub badger — a good digger who made his sett wide at the summit and well tunnelled underground. Crumb had been unlucky. Most wombat excavations began with a gentle incline which went at an elbow to the level and deepened further down. The creature knew in his meat to build out floods, to fox the smoke of summer fire. Thus he put in turns, cut his sock of soil perfect for gradient. But this burrowing had been made to accommodate the felled tree which lay at its doorstep. It had been sunk plumb as a ditch. Crumb stood to his waist in clay as insensible as a fainted girl. A stopper could not have been fitted to jar as snug.

'He is not dead?' Quinn looked to Tochley for confirmation. Tochley on his knees looked into the hurt man's ashen face. His mouth tight darned as a buttonhole. The eyes as high placed in his skull as on the native otter, were forced closed under furrowing. As Crumb was known to their company for his aconite sensibility, Tochley was hard pressed tell whether he contorted in pain or was his usual self knocked cold. *As sour in repose as in life*, Tochley thought to himself, and checked for the jump of a temple pulse. 'He lives but more as like has broken some straight bone and we'll have to set it.' He fingered a cut, which ran like a smile showing sticky through the hair.

Then began the engineering to relieve him. Quinn and Nutall were sent to camp for rope and digging tools and returned with a mattock and a shovel,

with which they clipped and spaded carefully. It was slow work, the ground being unwet for rain and they must be careful not to cause further injury. They tooled into a ceramic, powder-packed, and the sun bit from overhead. The day widened to a blue wedge. Tochley felt the earth turn under him. Nutall put his elbow into Quinn's ribs. 'Have a look-see at his neck.' Quinn bent to rock on his heels. Nutall was busting himself not to laugh out loud. A company of ants, each as big as a blood-blister tooled from Crumb's unbuttoned neck to the boulder of his ear. They explored him as though he was crafted entirely from sugar, fascination was their most driving condition. They scaled piles and pleats and took in this altered geography without alarm, laying their formic pattern to his skin. Tochley passed a rope under his arms, trussed him across the chest in a crosswise harness. When he was well braced and still mercifully comatose they left him and searched about for some straight timber to lay at his back. 'Made rigid the form will act as twin rails against which we can run him,' Tochley told them.

'What about the survey poles?' Nutall asked. 'They're the smoothest wood we're going to find.' There was a moment's silence from Tochley and then a nod. Crumb would be outraged to see the equipment so employed. His sighting lens — these were as the sacrament. The unused poles lived in a sock of blue drill. Crumb was careful to furl each flag before he slid them home. The lens and sighting level were housed in a pearwood case, the tripod carried in buckskin. The men trod again to the camp and returned with a flask and Crumb's precious poles. They fed the rails through the lashings and had, when they finished, a litter as strong as a gate. Still no stir from the injured. Quinn and Nutall, under instruction, took the two free rope ends and walked ten paces before they threw them over a bough and pulled. 'Put your backs into it', Tochley called and they wound him in, winched him high from the hole. Tochley caught and levelled him, staggered away under the weight of Crumb's bulk and the sum of the frame. Then when he was landed he called out, 'What is he like but a native baby on a cradle board,' and they stood looking, their faces a ring dropped like a noose over him. Quinn

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rubbed brandy over his lips and pulled Crumb's eyelids into slack hoods — only the lardy whites stared back. 'What is he lookin' at inside his head?'

They decided they would work at the litter, weave it through with green stuff and cut bark for the bottom and sides as for a rough canoe. They could caulk it with rammed moss and a mess of pounded bracken and leaves. The inside to which Crumb would be safely strapped they would line with his swag. They would pull Crumb tucked in his rude bed, as far as they could in search of a running waterway. 'Then we can float him home', Tochley suggested. 'We can walk in the river if it's none too deep and he can ride. There's no sense going after the pasture with unknit bones. No comfort in it for him to be bumped over every tussock and knoll.' They propped Crumb in the shade of a tree like a totem tilted from loose fixings and Nutall made a sketch of him on his cradleboard. Their camp they folded and rolled and strapped into contrivances which could be carried or slung along Crumb's sleigh.

Two days later Crumb woke from a dream, stiff and howling. Words would not form in his mouth, his eyes were gritty and dull. Through blear he looked down and saw himself strapped and feared that he had been made the prisoner of some hostile tribe. At first, he heard distress at a remove and surmised that there may have been others captured like himself. *Tochley*, he thought — *Nutall! Quinn!* But the moaning stopped when he craned without breathing to train himself on the direction of the sound and resumed as he took his ease. The clamour, he discovered, came from between clenched teeth. *I am hurt*, he wondered at himself. Then came realisation. *I am injured and laid thus in a portered bed*. He was surprised at his body for its frailness. An injury was made not just to his station, to his command, but to his whole fabric. He saw his grassland bounty dissolve, the nugget of ambition which fired him shrink like a rotted apple core. Flies found him all meat and sugar, played his lips' edge but he found he could not raise his arm to brush them off. Tochley appeared to swim smiling over him.

'You are awake sir. Then let me offer you a drink.' So he was not captured

after all. 'Do not try to speak,' Tochley told him, 'Your jaw is broke and we have strapped it firm.' They had stopped, he was told, while Nutall made a drawing of the geology. A great granite outcrop exploded upwards as though torn from a seam. It was all ferns hereabouts, sprouted in rosettes from chubby black cigars. Spent frond butts, the colour of a gun stock, tore from the trunks. New fiddleheads unwrapped, furry as cashmere. He lay, he realised when he looked up, bathed in a shaft of green light which pinned him like a finger to the ground. Birds reeled in notes stopped by flutes or rattled like tin. For all his muteness, he felt his hearing trebled. Tochley dripped water in his mouth in which was dissolved an opiate and found his charge dosed on laudanum, no harder to tend than a potted plant. Seen through this drug-

fed uplift, the fern gully was so pretty that had Crumb's bound face allowed it he would have smiled.

Their pattern was to loosen Crumb's confinement when they made their camp. He was unstrapped all but for the splints on his shoulder and right leg. Tochley slackened the bindings on his jaw when they supped, mincing Crumb's food in his own mouth. He fed him gobbets from the back of a spoon and stroked his throat to aid in swallowing as he had done many summers with nestlings. He had raised a starling once who learnt every chorus Tochley knew. He could make a fair play of imitating folk about the estate, strutting and bowing like the parson, taking tea from a cup like the gentle ladies. He loved sparkle and silver and made his nest in a compartment of the cutlery canteen.

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The fire lit the men at song. They beat pan lids with spoons, whistled through folded leaves or lay back on their beds watching the sky shape. They were more companionable under Tochley's lead. They belted out hymns, spoke with tender remembrance of jam pudding and piecrust high as a hat. They stuffed their bedrolls with tree straw and fresh plucked ferns and slept deep as drunks.

Crumb studied clouds as he was carried, read the clots and farrows with as much interest as though he turned the pages of a book. Positioned thus to face up rather than ahead, as he was wont to be when walking, it was his sole interest. He was peeved when trees screened out his portion of blue. 'Stratus', Tochley offered and Crumb silently admonished himself for making note of this. He has infected me with his naturalising. He will expect me, no doubt, as his dependant to know each tree by its stripping bark.

The litter was picked up and set down as Tochley pleased. He had the other two about his business now, Crumb saw, climbing trees after vacant nests. Quinn carried eggs careful in his mouth. He returned with robin wickerwork, tight woven and gummed with spider thread. They called a halt to inspect the damp side of decayed trees — for exotic mosses, Tochley said. There was a world erupted from its pulpy mass. Fungi bright and branched or stepped in yellow shelves, grubs which manufactured lace from fallen leaves. He moved, Crumb noted, as a dog would cross ground, knowing in it lungfuls, following the dainties of bladder squirt, of upturned earth.

CALL UP NOTICE

Whale Rescuer Training Course 12 October 2003 — Lauderdale

Parks & Wildlife Service, Nature Conservation Branch and **WILDCARE** Inc. are offering training to volunteers interested in assisting with whale rescues around the state. The first wave of training is for beach first aid and rescue for volunteers who are willing to respond to strandings within their region or statewide.

When: Sunday 12 October 2003

Time: 9am to 4.30(ish).

Where: Lauderdale Hall — South Terrace, then at a nearby beach location.

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What to bring: Bring a pad & pen and your wetsuit.

To register: phone PWS Seven Mile Beach office (during office hours) on 03 6214 8100. Please note that the minimum age for this event is 16 and there are limited places available.

To be registered on the trained Whale Rescuer volunteer list you will need to be a member of **WILDCARE** Inc. Registration (incl. the \$25 annual fee) can be completed at the course, if you are not already a member.

Crumb counted four sunrises before they found a deep-set stream. And they made two attempts to climb down, careful not to tip or twist him on his bed or angle him so that the blood purpled his cheek and lips. From then on he was made into a canoe. They stowed their dry stores high on his chest and fastened pots and tins like ballast underneath. Tochley steered, was his rudder, the others swam or fought to keep their balance in the flow. There was laughter, which rang from the group and sweetened the work. There were stops while Tochley went after great darning dragonflies or fished from the bank with a string. Nights they warmed close to the fire, hung their clothes from poles and roasted them. Nutall, drunk on exercise and sun,

high stepped without a stitch to hide his shame.

Two months from the day they stepped ashore they were back at Emu Bay. They returned not with a stake on grazing but with a map which was rich on tree life, caves marked for comfort, water drawn in tight regular spires and labelled platypus or waterplace for wallabies. Their equipment was in ruins.

Two years later Crumb, his ill-set jaw giving his face the crabbed aspect of green fruit, led another expedition after grazing grass. He came upon a great deposit of slate, which he claimed for the Company, he walked over two hundred miles and nearly killed his men. He never discovered native pasture. Tochley returned to his cloches. He cut canker from apple boughs, he hunted wireworm, pinched out codling and slept safe in his bed at night. Frequently he dreamt of gums the size of steeples, of gold-eyed choughs fighting over camp leavings, his legs twitched and jumped beneath the coverlet as though he made a full day's march.

Quinn and Nutall stayed on in the colony.

Carolyn Leach-Paholski has recently won a number of prizes including the Verandah national poetry prize, the HQ short story prize and the Somerset national poetry prize. She is currently working on a novel about the French scientist explorers in nineteenth-century China. She lives in Melbourne.

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Unusual Visitors to King Island

King Island has had two recent visitors to its shores, both well out of their territory. The first visitor was a King Penguin that came ashore in March 2003, at Sea Elephant Bay on the east coast of the island. It was here for about 20 days, showing no

Olive Ridley Turtle washed up on King Island last August. Photo N Burgess.



signs of any injury, but was obviously ashore to moult. He attracted many visitors and created great photo opportunities. The second visitor last August was unfortunately dead (approximately 24 hours prior found on the west coast at Phoques Bay and has been identified as an Olive Ridley Turtle. It had been caught in cray pot lines and drowned. The carapace was 720mm X 700mm. The turtle was sent to the Tasmanian Museum in Hobart. For more information about this species, see the article in Australian Geographic Jul-Sep 2002 No. 67 about the turtle and it's habitat around Arnhem Land



King Penguin comes ashore on King Island. Photo N Burgess.

and the tip of Cape York.

Mavis & Nigel Burgess

Editor's note: Nigel is a PWS employee based on King Island.

Island Caretakers Update...

What's happening on Maatsuyker Island?

Members may be aware that **WILDCARE** volunteer caretakers staff Maatsuyker Island, which is located in the Southwest National Park and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

Caretakers carry out routine maintenance tasks as well as providing weather observations for the Bureau of Meteorology. They are paid under a separate contract for these observations.

For several years up to early 2003 caretakers had been changed over every three months, but this year the time on the island has been increased to six months. This period was changed in an attempt to reduce costs and to give volunteers more time to develop proficiency in weather observations. The first of the extended-stay volunteers, Richard Jermyn and Wendy Mactaggart, were 'relieved' in early August by Kettering residents Fiona Scott and Richard Wills.

Caretaker positions are advertised annually. More details are available



Fiona and Richard on Maatsuyker Island.

from the Island Manager, Albert Thompson, at Parks & Wildlife

Huonville, phone 03 6264 8464 or email <albert.thompson@parks.tas.gov.au>.

For the coming summer the Parks and Wildlife Service, in partnership with the recently formed (see article in this issue) Friends of Maatsuyker Island CAREs group are planning works on the island in addition to the caretaker program. Anyone wishing to express interest in taking part should contact the group or Southern District Volunteer Facilitator, Craig Saunders on 03 6264 8463.

To receive future information about Maatsuyker volunteer events members can request "Maatsuyker Island" as a preferred reserve on their members' registration. Contact the WILDCARE Office on 03 6233 2836 or email <office@wildcarea.org.au> to update your details.

Brian's Hut Caretaking Experience

2002-2003 has been a busy year for me as a **WILDCARE** volunteer, in my roles as Caretaker of Junction Lake Hut and co-Caretaker of Meston Hut, under the Community Huts Partnership Program (CHPP). The CHPP is a program where the community and Parks & Wildlife work closely together in maintaining cultural heritage huts on reserved lands. As well as looking after the hut(s) I also assisted in the collection of Remote Walker Registration log books at Moses Creek, Never Never and Arm

River Track (see "Mersey Valley Walker Logbook Neighbourhood Watch" article in this issue). All this as well as working as a paid bushwalking guide for a local nature-tourism company in my spare time!

Caretaking of Junction Hut (located in the Walls of Jerusalem NP) has been very rewarding, as I knew Mr Dick Reed (original builder of this cultural heritage hut) for many years and had the opportunity to spend many valuable hours with him at both Junction and Meston Huts,



Junction Lake Hut, Walls of Jerusalem NP. Photo PWS.

undertaking maintenance on the huts while enjoying the mountain life. This was a perfect way for me to learn valuable bush skills, which has helped me through my life, especially in my regular excursions in Tasmania's 'harsh' highlands in all weather conditions.

One major project on Junction Hut in mid-2002 was assisting Senior Ranger

Dick Dwyer and another **WILDCARE** volunteer close off the old fireplace. This was done because of severe fire damage to the internal structure of the hut by the use of the open fireplace. All the materials were carried in our packs for this 2-day job (approx. 23km return trip).

Unfortunately, Parks & Wildlife Service had received a couple of complaints over this action (though more applauded the closure), so in June this year we carried in and installed metholayted spirit heaters. The beauty of installing the heater is that no wood is required and users can carry in their own fuel.

With my next quarterly hut check coming up soon, I will be able to see

what warmth the heater will provide before heading off to ready myself for another busy guiding season.

So when **WILDCARE** members next pass Junction and Meston Lake Huts, take time to appreciate the hard work that the voluntary Caretakers do in helping to preserve these cultural heritage huts for the future generations to enjoy, as we have.

Brian Hughes
Junction Hut Caretaker (CHPP)
And **WILDCARE** Volunteer

Editor's note: The fireplaces in Meston and Junction huts were closed in 2001 and 2002 (respectively) as a result of substantial fire damage within each hut; continual dumping of coal 'slag' around the huts; and ongoing destruction of the surrounding protected flora, including the felling of a large (green) Pencil Pine near Meston Hut for burning. These closures were also in accordance with the terms of reference outlined in the WHA Management Plan 1999 and the conservation plan for both huts. These huts are also located in a Fuel Stove Only Area (FSOA).

PWS District Volunteer Facilitators

District Volunteer Facilitators are now in each of the six PWS Districts to help, encourage, facilitate and coordinate volunteer activities in National Parks and other Reserves. The Facilitator is a point of contact for anyone wishing to undertake volunteer work. In the previous issue (July 2003) of *WILDTIMES* personal profiles of three of the Facilitators were printed, as an introduction to members. Profiles of the remaining three Facilitators are included in this issue.

Western District: Krissy Ward (supported by a full time trainee admin officer, yet to be appointed, available Monday to Friday, 6471 7122 (Strahan).

Southern District: Craig Saunders, available Monday to Friday, 6264 8463 (Huonville).

South East District: Kristy Welch, available Friday, 6214 8100 (Seven Mile Beach).

North West District: Tim Dyer, available Thursday, 6429 8723 (Ulverstone).

North East District: Caroline Shemwell, available Tuesday & Wednesday, 6256 7012 (Freycinet).

Central North District: Janice Miller, available Tuesday to Friday, 6336 5312 (Prospect), 6327 3964 (Tamar Wetlands Centre).

Profile — PWS South East District

Hi Everyone! My name is Kristy Welch and I'm the District Volunteer Facilitator for the South East District. I'm based at the Seven Mile Beach office and am currently working every Friday.

My interests and background are in the marine science and policy area, and I've personally had lots of experience as a volunteer, funnily enough with coastal and marine groups! Since moving to Tasmania after a stint in Far North Queensland it was great to be able to work with the same groups, such as Surftrider Foundation, in a new state. It certainly helped me to gain my geographic bearings!

In the South East we are currently trying to find out about all the different groups active in our district. Also on the boil are Whale Rescue Training courses, re-establishing partnerships (such as with local schools) and

working on how to ease the use of volunteers into our district plan.

If anyone would like to contact me or if you have an active group in the South East District doing fabulous things that I (and the rest of the world!) need to know about, please phone 6214 8106 or email me on <Kristy.Welch@parks.tas.gov.au>. Remember — I'm only there on Fridays.

Profile — PWS Central North District

Janice Miller started as the Central North District Volunteer Facilitator at the end of July, based at the PWS Prospect office and Tamar Island.

"Originally from the UK, I moved to Australia in 1981 and joined the promotions team at William Collins Book Publishers. Having watched the yachts on Sydney Harbour from my office window for two years I decided it was time to take off and go sailing. After five years of yacht deliveries and travel in Australia, Europe and the USA I returned to Sydney and worked as a coordinator for the NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service, an organisation set-up to rescue, rehabilitate and release injured, sick and orphaned native animals.

"In 1990 I moved to Tasmania and worked for the Department of Primary Industry & Fisheries for a few years. During this time I studied for a BA degree in Science and Journalism, graduating in 1996. Two years later I started my own project coordination and editing business. Working from a home-based office I have enjoyed a wide range of projects including: the protection and rehabilitation of Northeast Tasmania's Wetlands for the World Wide Fund for Nature; riparian and bush regeneration with Landcare groups; research work with the University of Tasmania; crop monitoring; and events organisation. I continue to work as a freelance editor and travel when opportunities arise.

"I am now enjoying the challenge of this new role and working once again with volunteers. The thread of voluntarism has woven through many of my experiences, either as a volunteer myself or working with community groups and volunteer organisations."

Profile — PWS North West District

The District Volunteer Facilitator for the North West is Tim Dyer. He is based in the Ulverstone District Office and works one day a week, currently Thursdays.

Apart from several years studying psychology, travelling overseas and working with homeless young people in Melbourne, Tim has spent most of his growing up and working life on the North West Coast. He enjoys bushwalking and has spent a lot of time over the years in the Walls of Jerusalem and Cradle Mt-Lake St Clair National Parks. Prior to joining PWS, Tim worked in leadership training and organisational consultancy with community groups, churches and schools. Most of the groups he has worked with have been made up of volunteers and he says this has given him a good basis for maintaining volunteer projects in National Parks and other Reserves in the North West.

Tim's main focus has been on continuing to support the Adopt-A-Track and Overland Track Wardens programs. Along with the other facilitators he has been working on volunteer procedures and guidelines to ensure that current health and safety practices are in place for all that work PWS-managed reserved lands.

**Special General Meeting
Notice & Motions**

Members are invited to attend a **Special General Meeting to be held 16 October 2003 at 11am at the Prospect Government Offices, Westbury Road, Prospect (Launceston).**

Motion 1 — To insert the following clauses into the WILDCARE Inc Rules to meet requirements for registration as a Deductible Gift Recipient, allowing WILDCARE Inc to offer tax deductibility on donations, gifts and bequests. Re-number other clauses accordingly. (Changes are in italics)

1) Name & Objectives of the Association

(b) The Objectives of the Association are:

- i. to assist the Parks and Wildlife Service and other government and private land managers to undertake those activities deemed as necessary to conserve natural and cultural heritage on and off reserve in*

Tasmania and to assist with the management of Reserves

- iv. to establish and maintain a public fund to be called "WILDCARE Gift Fund" for the specific purpose of supporting the environmental objectives and purpose of WILDCARE Incorporated.*

2) Powers

- (b) The establishment of the "WILDCARE Gift Fund" to receive all gifts of money or property for the purpose of supporting WILDCARE Incorporated objectives. Any money received because of such gifts will be credited to the Fund bank account. The Fund will not receive any other money or property into its account and will comply with subdivision 30-E of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.*
- (j) the investment of any moneys of the Association not immediately*



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required for any of its objects or purposes in such manner as the Board of Management may from time to time determine, *excluding moneys or property received as a gift and managed under the Gift Fund Operation*

3) Interpretation

- (h) "Gift Fund" means the **WILDCARE** Gift Fund established for the purpose of receiving gifts, donations and property to assist in achieving **WILDCARE** Incorporated objectives. Gift Fund has the same meaning as Public Fund.
- (i) "Fund Management Committee" means the committee established to manage the funds, operation and legal requirements of the Gift Fund.

4) Gift Fund Operation

- (a) The objective of the **WILDCARE** Gift Fund is to support **WILDCARE** Incorporated's environmental purposes as detailed in Section 1 "Name and Objectives of Association"
- (b) Members of the public and **WILDCARE** Incorporated are invited to make gifts of money or property to the Gift Fund for the environmental purposes of **WILDCARE** Incorporated.
- (c) Money from interest on donations, income derived from donated property, and money from the realisation of such property is to be deposited into the Gift Fund.
- (d) A separate bank account will be established to deposit money

donated to the Gift Fund, including interest accrued and gifts. These funds will be kept separate from other **WILDCARE** Incorporated funds.

- (e) Receipts will be issued in the name of **WILDCARE** Gift Fund and proper accounting records and procedures will be kept and used for the operation of the Gift Fund.
- (f) The Gift Fund will operate on a not-for-profit basis.
- (g) The Gift Fund will be managed and administered by:
- A committee of no fewer than three persons
 - The committee of management will be appointed by **WILDCARE** Incorporated
 - A majority of the members of the committee will be "responsible persons" as defined by the Guidelines to the Register of Environmental Organisations.

5) Gift Fund Reporting

- (a) **WILDCARE** Incorporated will notify the Federal Department responsible for the environment as soon as possible if
- A change is made to its name, or the name of the Gift Fund.
 - There are any changes to the membership of the management committee of the Gift Fund
 - There has been any departure from the model rules for Public Funds located in the Guidelines to the Register of Environmental Organisations
- (b) Statistical Information requested by the Department of Environment and Heritage on donations to the Gift Fund will be provided within four months of the end of the financial year.
- (c) An audited financial statement **WILDCARE** Incorporated and the **WILDCARE** Gift Fund will be supplied with the statistical return. The statement will provide information on the expenditure of public fund monies and the management of public fund assets.

6) Gift Fund Adherence to Rules

- (a) **WILDCARE** Incorporated will comply with any rules that the Federal Treasurer and the Federal Minister with responsibility for the environment may make to ensure that gifts made to the Gift Fund are only used for its principal purpose.
- (b) The income and the property of **WILDCARE** Incorporated will be used and supplied solely in promotion of its objectives, and no portion shall be distributed, paid

or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, or by way of profit to members, directors, or trustees of **WILDCARE** Incorporated.

- (c) Any allocation of funds or property to other persons or organisations will be made in accordance with the established purposes of **WILDCARE** Incorporated and will not be influenced by the preference of the donor.

18 Winding Up

- (c) In the case of the **WILDCARE** Gift Fund being wound up, any surplus assets from the Gift Fund are to be transferred to another fund with similar objectives that is on the Register of Environmental Organisations.

Motion 2. That the following alterations be made to the Rules in relation to the membership of the Board of Management. These alterations reinforce the partnership relationship between government and WILDCARE Inc and recognise the structural changes within our partner Agencies.

9) Board of Management

- (b) The Board of Management consists of the following:
- the Co-Chair (appointed)
 - the Co-Chair (elected)
 - the Secretary
 - the Treasurer
 - the President of any Branch established under Rule 11
 - the Manager of Nature Conservation Branch (DPIWE), or his delegate
 - the Manager of the Tasmanian Heritage Office (TPHA), or his delegate
 - the Manager of the Parks and Wildlife Service (TPHA), or his Delegate
 - the Manager of the Wild Fisheries Management Branch (DPIWE), or his Delegate.
- (c) The Co-Chair (appointed) and the Secretary shall be appointed by the General Manager Resource Management and Conservation or his successor.
- (d) The Co-Chair (elected) and Treasurer shall be elected at an annual general meeting and hold office until the end of the following annual general meeting.
- (e) The powers and delegations of each of the Co-Chairs will be determined by the Board of Management set out in an instrument of delegation.

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Remember to claim the \$20 discount off the Annual All Parks Pass (AAPP) renewal — if your AAPP renewal is due

anytime between 1 January and 31 August 2004 — by quoting your 2004 WILDCARE membership number on the AAPP renewal form.

Alternatively, if your AAPP Renewal is due between 1 September and 31 December 2003, simply tick the **WILDCARE** box on the AAPP renewal form and you will automatically be renewed on the **WILDCARE** membership database for 2004.

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Group affiliation entitles the group to: An opportunity to call for assistance from the **WILDCARE** membership for work you are undertaking, notification of **WILDCARE** working bees related to the activities you register for (see rear of this form) and receipt of the Newsletter *WILDTIMES*, mailed to up to 3 addresses (provide details below).

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No changes are required to my current volunteer details. **I wish to be a financial member only.**

You may like to register your interest in volunteering

There are many opportunities available. First fill in the section about your skills and experience, then indicate where and how you would like to be involved on the back of this form.

Skills and experience
 What skills do you have that you would like to use in your volunteer work?

Accounting First Aid certificate Research Art Graphics Sign language Bushwalking Horticulture

Skiing Zoology Librarian Supervision Botany Landscaping Carpentry Teaching/education

Map reading/navigation Word processing Clerical Writing Databases Photography Public speaking

Drafting Drivers licence GIS Mountaineering/rockclimbing

Second language (which?)

Other skills — not specified above

What qualifications do you have that may be useful to your volunteer work?

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The following activities and programs will benefit from volunteer assistance. If you are the type of person who likes to roll up your sleeves and get on with the job then tick the program and activity boxes that most interest you. Your name and contact details will be registered on the Volunteer Register and project officers will contact you when your assistance is needed. Some activities will require training which will be provided by *WILDCARE* during the year.

CARes — Community Action in Reserves

CARes volunteers assist the Parks and Wildlife Service in Reserve management. A number of CARes groups have formed to support particular reserves and the Rangers working there.

Which Reserve(s) would you like to be registered with?

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If there is a CARes group for your Reserve, we will pass your name to the President. Otherwise your details will be available to the Park Ranger at that Reserve.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General management assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-a-Track Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking hut maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal management | <input type="checkbox"/> Cave Care | |

Naturecare — conserving Tasmania's plants and animals

Naturecare volunteers assist the Nature Conservation Branch of DPIWE with wildlife rescue and research, both on and off Reserves

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Whale rescue | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil Spill response | <input type="checkbox"/> Raptor research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife survey | <input type="checkbox"/> Threatened species assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Data records (computer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community education | <input type="checkbox"/> Fox eradication | <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for injured/orphaned animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land For Wildlife | | |

Botanical Guardians — the Botanical Guardians is also the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Network for Plant Conservation, with an emphasis on threatened plant species conservation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Survey | <input type="checkbox"/> Replanting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Propagation | <input type="checkbox"/> Field collection | <input type="checkbox"/> Community education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchid Guardians | | |

Heritagecare — conserving Tasmania's cultural heritage

Heritagecare volunteers assist the Tasmanian Heritage Office both on and off reserve. Please note that archaeological excavations are rarely undertaken by the Tasmanian Heritage Office and so opportunities may be limited.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Site recording | <input type="checkbox"/> Data records (computer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Archival research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Community education | |

Fishcare — promoting a sustainable fishery

Fishcare volunteers work in partnership with staff of the Food Agriculture and Fisheries Division through the *Fishcare* and *Fish for the Future* programs. There is also the opportunity to assist staff with fishery research projects. Completion of a training course is required before you become active under the *Fishcare* program.

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- (f) *The Co-Chair (appointed) or Secretary ceases to be a member of the Board of Management if that person: ...*
 - (g) *If the Co-Chair (elected) or Treasurer ceases to be a member of the Board of Management, the vacancy may at any time be filled by appointment by the Co-Chair (appointed).*
 - (h) *If the Co-Chair or Secretary ceases to be a member of the Board of Management the vacancy may be filled at any time by appointment by the General Manager Resource Management and Conservation Division.*
- 3) Interpretation**
- (c) *Co-Chair (appointed) means the Manager, Community Partnerships of the Resource Management and Conservation Division or his successor, or another officer nominated by the General Manager Resource Management and Conservation Division or his successor.*
 - (d) *Co-Chair (elected) means the person elected by the membership at an Annual General Meeting.*
 - (e) *President of a Branch is that person elected annually by the membership of a Branch established under Rule 11.*
 - (f) *The Tasmanian Heritage Office means that structural component of government responsible for cultural heritage management in Tasmania, or its successor.*
 - (g) *The Nature Conservation Branch means that structural component of government responsible for nature conservation in Tasmania, or its successor*
 - (h) *The Wild Fisheries Branch means that structural component of government responsible for wild fisheries management*
 - (i) *The Parks and Wildlife Service means that structural component of government responsible for conservation reserve management*

13 Annual General Meetings

- (b) The business of the annual general meeting is:
 - ii. the presentation of the *Co-chairs' reports* and Auditor's report;
 - iii. the election of the *Co-Chair (elected)* and the Treasurer
 - iv. *the acceptance of positions of Branch Presidents, as elected by the Branch membership*

How many volunteers does it take to produce the *WILDTIMES* newsletter?

Volunteer: Unpaid (adj); Unpaid worker (noun); Offer oneself (verb).

A lot of time and effort goes into producing and forwarding the *WILDTIMES* newsletter each quarter, all of which is done through **volunteers**. This **volunteer** support includes the Editor's (small) part in calling for and compiling articles to forward the near-finished product to the volunteer proof-reader to check. Then there is the **volunteer** admin assistant printing off over 3,000 mailing labels and organising the group of **volunteers** (up to 10) to 'stuff' the newsletter into envelopes (this alone takes nearly a day). Of

course, we can't forget those staff members and other **volunteers** participating in *WILDCARE* projects, who volunteer to write the articles for each issue. And then there are the vast number of members who **volunteer** to read each issue of the newsletter (and sometimes offer feedback on the contents!). Of course, the newsletter is only one part of the numerous roles **volunteer** members contribute their time to.

WILDCARE Inc — a **volunteer** organisation that depends on its **volunteer** members... **volunteering!**
Editor, *WILDTIMES*

WILDCARE Online...

Important message for DTPHA, DPIWE, FT staff and *WILDCARE* members/groups.

NEW — Working Bee Call up Notice

Departmental staff and CAREs group Presidents can now request workings bees be advertised through the *WILDCARE* office by completing the new Online Event Callup Request form.

The new Online form is on the *WILDCARE* website <www.wildcaretas.org.au> under *Forms — Event Callup Request*. (Remember: A minimum of 4–6 weeks notice is required prior to an event taking place).

Don't forget the other *WILDCARE* Online forms...

Project Funding Submissions

To ensure that project funding submission applications can be reviewed and discussed at each Board of Management meeting, submission forms **MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO EACH MEETING**. This Online form can be found under *Forms — Project Funding Submission Form*, along with the 2003 Board of Management meeting schedule, found under *Forms — Project Submissions Information*.

Individual Authorisation

Departmental staff requests for individual authorisation of *WILDCARE* members assisting staff in activities can now be lodged to the Vice Chairperson in an Online format. This Online form can be found under *Forms — Request for *WILDCARE* Inc Authorisation*.

Also on line “the *WILDCARE* Inc Book” (Procedures Manual)

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