

AUSTRALIAN NATURALISTS' NETWORK
The Lea, Hobart 17th October — 27th October 2014
<http://tasfieldnats.weebly.com/australian-naturalists-network.html>

Dear Naturalists,

This is a preliminary notice regarding the Hobart ANN get-together in 2014. The ANN and the Canberra event organisers have very kindly given us the email addresses for the Clubs and individuals who attended ANN 2012 in Canberra. If you do not wish to receive any more correspondence about ANN 2014 please let us know by return email and we will remove you from the email list.

Hopefully many of you will be considering a trip to Tasmania next October for the ANN get-together and the following information may help you to make some plans. We will be offering an earlybird discount on your registration fee so watch out for that in future emails.

If you ARE coming and would like **Option 3** of the accommodation it is imperative that you book this straight away as it is managed separately from the rest of the accommodation and there have already been enquiries from another group for October 2014 (see details under option 3 below).

We are holding this event at The Lea, a Scout camp situated in a bush setting about 7km south of the city of Hobart (see some pictures at thelea.com.au). There is another large shopping centre, Kingston, 5km further south. At the camp there are 3 types of accommodation available. These are listed below:

ACCOMMODATION

Option 1: You have the opportunity to choose a bunk hut if you want to stay together as a group at \$20/night/person. The bunk huts are spacious with a heater. Depending on how many people are going to attend we may only have to use the bottom bunk in each hut.

Patrol Huts-

Hut 1 bunk room has 6 bunks – 12 beds

Hut 2 bunk room has 6 bunks –12 beds

Hut 3 bunk room has 6 bunks – 12 beds

Hut 4 bunk room has 5 bunks + 1 – 11 beds

Hut 5 bunk room has 5 bunks –10 beds

Hut 6 bunk room has 5 bunks –10 beds

Major Butcher Hut – 2 bunk rooms with 2 bunks each – 8 beds

Activity Room Hut has 10 single beds

Total 85 beds

Four amenities blocks with showers.

Pillows and pillow cases can be provided. Need to bring own sleeping bag or bedding.

If you want to book a hut and a bottom bunk now is the time to do it and you contact the secretary (Genevieve Gates) via our event email address

ANN2014@tasfieldnats.org.au

Option 2.

Camping: (at top of camp, 1.6 km further uphill)

Non-powered site: \$16.00 for 2 persons, each additional person \$4.00 extra

Powered Site: \$20.00 for 2 persons, each additional person \$5.00 extra
Amenities block with showers.
No cooking facilities available.

If you want to book a camp site contact the secretary (Genevieve Gates) via our event email address ANN2014@tasfieldnats.org.au

Option 3.

The **Hobart Bush Cabins** is a more upmarket and expensive option on the same site as the bunk accommodation. They are part of the Scout camp and just as close to the dining room, conference hall etc. as the other bunk cabins but to book them you **must** go through the camp manager, Wesley, and you contact him by email: bookings@thelea.com.au

There are 7 cabins. Each cabin has a queen bed and two bunks (4 beds), bathroom with shower, full kitchen, dining table and chairs, TV etc. All bedding and towels provided.

Cabins Cost

\$100 per couple and \$20.00 for each extra person per night. So for a couple and 4 extra people it works out at \$30/night/person. We find them more comfortable with 1 couple and 2 extra adults (don't have to use the top bunks then) but the cost is \$35/night/person.

You may like to get a small group together to hire a bush cabin. The advantages are that you don't have to bring any bedding or towels, you don't have to walk to the toilets or showers and you can make a cup of tea as soon as you wake up! Wesley has given us first option on the cabins but it isn't fair to expect him to hold them for more than a couple of months so if you do want to book a cabin could you please do this by **14th December 2013**. We cannot guarantee that this accommodation option will be available after this date.

PROGRAM

A sample program for 2014 event is given below but this is subject to change.

Proposed daily excursions include:

Woodvine Forest Reserve
Tahune Airwalk/Arve Valley
Chauncy Vale
Marion Bay
Tasman Peninsula, Mt Brown
Styx Valley, Mt Field National Park
Tasmanian Bushland Garden
Mount Wellington
Lime Bay

Proposed evening guest speakers and/or topics include:

Keith Corbett — A doleritic island and how it shaped the vegetation
Mike Driessen — Furry things
Kevin Bonham — Tas. snails
Simon Grove — Tas. sea shells
Lisa Gershwin — Tas. jellyfish
Lisa Cawthen — Tas. bat ecology
Phil Collier — orchids

Gen Gates — Tas. Fungi
Sarah Lloyd — Tas. slime moulds
Birds, Reptiles/Lizards, Tas. devils
Short talks from members of other Clubs.

TRANSPORT

If you arrive by plane you can take the Airporter bus to town and will be picked up at a designated place, probably the Casino. If you are arriving by bus you can be collected from the bus depot. We will travel by bus on excursions

FOOD

Breakfast — A continental-style breakfast will be provided and people will help themselves.

Lunch — This will either be a cut lunch or a BBQ on the excursion. If it is a cut lunch you make your own from the bread/rolls/fillings/fruit provided. You may like to bring a thermos.

Dinner — caterers will provide this on site each night.

Tea/coffee/biscuits/fruit will be available at all times in the dining room.

We will be sending out more information regarding total costs early in 2014 when we get some feedback as to how many people will be attending and then we will be asking for a deposit. We will also attend to dietary requirements later.

Yours sincerely,
Genevieve Gates (Secretary TFNC)