



Tamborine Mountain Natural History Association Inc

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Feb/Mar 2009

Meetings

All Meetings at the Visitor Information Centre (VIC)

New members are always welcome

General Meeting: 20 March, Friday 7.30PM. Dr Darryl Jones, who is an Associate Professor at the Griffith School of Environment and a Director of the Centre for Innovative Conservation Strategies, will give a presentation on "My life with Megapodes". Darryl writes a regular column in Wildlife Australia and has written 6 books, his latest will be on sale on the night. Darryl is not only highly qualified he is also an excellent and lively speaker.

Bird Group Meeting

Tuesday 10 February at 7:30pm

Bird Walks

Saturday 21 February - O'Reillys

Saturday 21 March - Clagiraba Forest Reserve

Bushwalkers Meeting

Tuesday 24th March

Bush Walks

Saturday 14 February - Pinnacles, Springbrook \$12 fuel

Leader - Max - 55451658

Saturday 28 February - Minyon Falls \$20 fuel

Leaders - Peter & Sara - 5545 0948

Saturday 14 March - Mt Mathieson Circuit - Spicers Gap \$15 fuel

Leaders - Peter & Sara - 5545 0948

Saturday 28 March. Gap Creek Falls - Main Range NP \$15 fuel

Leader - Max - 55451658

Bird Group Meetings: Second Tuesday in Month, 7.30PM. (Feb to Nov-2009)

Bushwalkers' Meetings: Fourth Tuesday in Month, & 7.30PM. (Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov-2009)

BIRD GROUP ACTIVITIES

Future Bird Walks

Our first TMNHA Bird Group Meeting for 2009 is Tues 10th Feb at 7:30pm.

Pat, Julie, Marg and I have put a rough plan together for the walks in 2009. They are not set in concrete and if there is a favourite birding place you would like to visit in 2009 please let us know. We are also thinking of trialing a Saturday afternoon walk starting at 2.30pm rather than a full day.

Proposed walks for 2009

February 21/02/09 O'Reilly's

The walk at O'Reilly's is down Moran's Falls Track, morning tea at the lookout at Moran's falls and then returning back the Wishing tree walk with a stop and maybe lunch at Micks Tower

March 21/03/09 Clagiraba Forest Reserve

April 18/04/09 Riemore Downs

Afternoon walk 2.30pm?

May 16/05/09 Eagleby Wetlands

June 20/06/09 Albert's Lyrebird survey on the mountain

July 18/07/09 Coombabah Conservation Park

August 15/08/09 Nindooindah and the Race club Beaudesert

September 19/09/09 Mount Barney

October 17/10/09 Lytton Roost and Fisherman Island

November 21/11/09 Lake Maroon

December 8/12/09 Christmas Party Tuesday in lieu of meeting

Bird Group Contacts: Pat Stockwell 5545 0737, Julie Lake 5545 4606, Jeff Eller 5545 0995

Third Saturday in Month - Meet 7.00am at the V.I.C. Please bring morning tea and lunch.

BUSHWALKERS ACTIVITIES

Bushwalkers – Contact Denise Merrin 5545-4288, dme74873@bigpond.net.au

Bush Walks 2nd and 4th Sat of Month. A list of the requirements to be carried by all walkers is available at the Visitor Information Centre. If you do not have this list, please obtain one.

Bushwalkers Note.

Please contact walk leaders by Friday night before the walk to advise of your intention to attend.

Next meeting Tuesday 24 March 09

Graham & Helen will show pictures of the Dolomites and John Leisten; pictures of Lobesso in the Swiss Alps.

All ideas will be considered and we need your input, so come along to one of our meetings or our walks, with your ideas and suggestions for walks.

Pinnacles, Springbrook

14 February 09 - 7:30 at VIC \$12 fuel

Leader - Max - 55451658

Minyon Falls, NSW

28 February 09 \$20 fuel

Leaders - Peter & Sara - 5545 0948

The Minyon walk loop is approx 12kms. The day walkers will do approx 8kms . Moderate grade. Members can camp at Rummery Park. The cost is \$10 per camper as fixed by National Parks. The campsite has wood/gas/electric barbecues and flush toilets. There is a water tank, but it is advisable to bring your own water for drinking.

We will be camping on Friday and Saturday nights. Members can camp whenever they choose. We intend to do a 2 hour walk to Peates mountain late Friday afternoon. On Sunday we will drive to the summit of Mount Nardi and do the Pholis walk circuit, 4ks. before returning home.

DAY WALKERS MEETING TIME IS 9.30AM - QLD TIME - AT MINYON FALLS. The drive takes approx 2hours and twenty minutes.

NOTE! Walkers are to contact Peter, or Ron, 5545 4593 prior to the 20th Feb 09 if coming.

To reach Minyon Falls, drive via Mullumbimby to Goonengerry and follow signs to the Falls. Day walkers need to park at the Minyon Falls picnic area. The campers will walk from Rummery Park to meet them at the picnic area at 9.30am.

Mt Mathieson Circuit - Spicers Gap

14 March 09 - 8.1km, Moderate grade. 7:30 at VIC, 8:15 at Beaudesert. \$15 fuel

Leaders - Peter & Sara - 5545 0948

Gap Creek Falls - Main Range NP

28 March 09 - 9.4km, HARD grade. 7:30 at VIC, 8:15 at Beaudesert. \$15 fuel

Leader - Max - 55451658

Mt Goolman Lookout

4 April 09 - 7km, Easy grade. **8:30 at VIC, 9:15 at Beaudesert**

\$12 fuel. Leader - Denise - 5545 4288

Green's Falls & Westside Track

18 April 09 - 10km, Moderate grade. 7:30 at VIC, 8:00 at Oxenford. \$15 fuel

Leader - Peter & Sara - 5545 0948

Any enquiries – Phone Denise (Bush Walkers Co-Ordinator) 55454288

Please phone the walk leader prior to each walk

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Harry's Hollow on Tuesday 9th December, a gathering of friends of Harry Briggs planted trees in Holt Park in memory of our friend Harry Briggs. Harry's Hollow, as it will be known, is a lovely spot near the creek, which will attract birds and wildlife as it grows, and will provide a fitting living memorial for Harry.

If you have not yet paid please remember that our subscription year is July to June

Membership cards paid up members now receive membership cards

Friday night meetings the March general meeting with Prof Darryl Jones of Griffith University will be last Friday night meeting until further notice. These have not been well supported and we are considering alternative arrangements such as quarterly walks, workshops or social events.

Bird Bath Surveys if you have completed the survey forms either send them in or bring them along to March general meeting to give to Dr Jones.

VIC as mentioned in the last newsletter SRRC has advertised for expressions of interest to operate an accredited VIC on Tamborine Mt. We have yet to receive any further information from SRRC on our position.

National Parks Walk TMNHA will be leading a walk in Joalah National Park that will be incorporated into QPW's Go Bush programme. The walk will be held on 18 April and a training session for QPW volunteers will be held on 7 March. If interested please call Nadia.

Clean up Australia is held on Sunday 1 March, if you feel like lending a hand, register on Sunday morning at the VIC.

A new website has been developed by the Guanaba Ck Rescue Team; it contains articles and photos that may be of interest. Its address is www.protect.tamborine.to

Dorse's Turtle a recent study has identified that what was previously described as one species - Saw-shelled turtle was actually two closely related but distinct species. The new previously undescribed species has been named in honour of long time Tamborine Mountain resident and turtle expert Mr Marcus Dorse in recognition of his fine contribution to public education and herpetology. The new species is known as Dorse's Turtle (*Wollumbinia dorsii*). Congratulations Marc.

FURTHER AFIELD

Scientists have installed miniaturised microphones into ant's nests and have discovered that ants communicate by making sounds. The queen ant issues instructions to lower ants, and a species of caterpillar manages to survive in ants nests and manipulate the ants by mimicking the sounds made by queen ants.

A jellyfish called *Turritopsis nutricula* has a unique cycle whereby its adult form can rejuvenate itself and revert to juvenile form, since this can be repeated indefinitely the jellyfish may be virtually immortal.

Association Contacts

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