



APRIL, 1990.

Next Meeting: Friday 27th April
'Night - Life in the Dandenongs'

GUEST SPEAKER

ED. MC NAB

Ed McNab has been very involved in our nocturnal wildlife since 1977 when he became interested in Powerful Owls, having since done extensive studies and research on them.

Ed has tapes of different calls of wildlife. He will play them and show slides at our meeting. His aim has been to help familiarise people with our nocturnal wildlife.

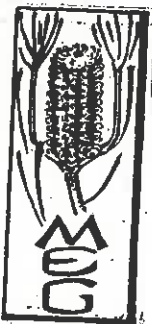
Ed. has collated material and provided information for various Parks in the area.

He is interested in birds, mammals, bats, plants, insects, reptiles plus natural history of areas and has been involved with bird banding since 1982.

'NIGHT LIFE IN THE DANDENONGS'

8 P.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 27

MONTROSE TENNIS CLUB ROOMS



SPINULOSA

MONTROSE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP NEWSLETTER

P.O. BOX 7, MONTROSE, 3765

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING HELD 3/4/90 AT 40 BROWNS ROAD

Apologies: T. Tankard

Minutes of last meeting read and passed.

Matters Arising:

1. We nominated Jean Edwards for a conservation rep. position on the U.Y.V. & D.R.A.
2. We will write to Bob Charles MHR and invite him to attend a general meeting, and also write to Seve Crabb and Ros Kelly.

Correspondence: OUT to:

1. Min. Planning and Environment re. Vegetation Retention Regulations.
2. Dept. C.F. & L. re. Grants Picnic Ground planting scheme.
3. Withdrawal of objection subject to 5 conditions to rezoning application - orchard at Collier Road, Kilsyth (Shire of Lillydale).

Correspondence IN from:

1. Dept. C.F. & L. Approval of application - \$700 grant from Nurserymen's Field Day.
2. Friends of Sherbrooke. Request to support funding of Environmental Weeds Crew.
3. B.S. Stillwell. Request for support for undergrounding power lines - Stane Brae.
4. Min. P. & E. Acknowledgement of nomination of J. Edwards.

Matters Arising.

1. We will send a letter of support re. the Stane Brae matter.

REPORTS

Tereddan Drive - G. Lorimer
MFG part of the purchase price is \$7000. So far \$5000 has been contributed or promised. \$2000 more is needed at once.

Regional Strategy Plan Sub Committee.
G. Lorimer, P. Tankard, H. King, A. McCarthy and J. Briscoe met recently.
Their main concern so far is the proposal to rezone an area near Billanook College from rural to urban. Members will shortly meet with members of the UUV&DRA (in the company of other conservation groups).

General Business

1. A proposal by Liz Venn and Billanook Primary School was discussed. The proposal was to obtain a grant through the Vic. Environmental Education Council to develop environmental educational materials for the Tereddan Drive Land.

2. Display at Montrose Festival 7th April. Graeme outlined plans for a Tereddan Drive display, conducted walks at Montrose Town Centre to identify native plants, and a propagation demonstration. Tom will seek volunteers to attend and help.

3. Very Past Train and Multi Function Polis. A. Muir proposed that we consider a public meeting to be held locally to discuss these matters.

4. Fire Prevention Committee. G. Lorimer. Graeme reported that despite some obstruction by the Mt. Evelyn CFA, on 7th April, M.E.P.A. and the Shire hoped to conduct a controlled burn at Mt. Evelyn.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 5TH APRIL, 1990

RECEIPTS for month of : March	PAYMENTS for month of : March
Member's Subscriptions \$38.00	- Roundabout Publishing P/L \$30.00
Tereddan Drive Donations \$2,720.00	- Cons. Council of Vic (Donation/Raffle) \$50.00
	- G. Lorimer (Phone, Fax, Tereddan Dr Photos) \$53.46
	- Judy Briscoe (Reg. Plann. Strategy Book) \$30.00

Funds on Hand 31 March, 1990

Cash at Bank:	
- General	(\$729.29)
- Johan Kruike Fund	\$260.64
- Tereddan Drv Pledges	\$4,555.00
Petty Cash	\$92.65
Telecom Credit Union - On Call	\$2,598.46
Mat. 30/9/90	\$1,000.00
Mat. 3/5/90	\$1,000.00
Mat. 3/5/90 (J. Kruike)	\$1,000.00

\$9,777.46

Tereddan Drive Update

In last month's "Spinulosa" we announced the long-awaited news that the property at Tereddan Drive, Kilsyth South will be purchased and protected as a reserve. The Shire of Lillydale and the State Government have contributed most of the cost, leaving MEG to raise the short-fall of \$7000. This sum has now been raised, by a large donation from MEG funds, contributions from many generous individuals, and a donation of \$2000 from the Native Plants Preservation Society, which we were notified about last week.

Any further donations in excess of the \$7000 will go to meet expenses, and then be committed to the future management of the reserve. A Committee of Management is being established, with representation from the Dep't of Conservation and Environment, MEG, the Dandenong Valley Authority, and the Shire of Lillydale. It is not known what the reserve will be named, but Bungalook Reserve has been suggested, after the creek that flows through the area.

STOP PRESS:

We have just been notified (last Friday) that "GO GREEN", a metropolitan project of the Federal Government's Greening Australia campaign, has decided to support the management of the Tereddan Drive reserve. Whether this support will be in the form of finance or materials and personnel has yet to be discussed.

HELP REQUESTED!!

With a donation to the Tereddan Drive Appeal, we have received a request for help from MEGger Junitta Vallak. Junitta, formerly of Sheffield Road, now lives at Malden. She is having a tree-planting weekend at her home, "Casurina", on the 19th - 20th of May. Any interested MEGgers are invited to contact Anne Sutterby, on 755 2632, for further details.

Reports

MARCH WORKING BEE

On Saturday the 24th March, Lon Wallis, John Venn, Rodger Elliot, Graeme Lorimer, Kevin Curran (C.F.&L.) and myself met at the end of Jubilee Road with the intention of weeding in the lower section of the National Park, in fine and warm weather. Sweet pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*) was again our main target species and many small to medium sized plants were either cut and the stump painted with a weedicide or stem injected with a weedicide. With another day or two weeding at this venue we can probably **eradicate the seed source from this area** and that will be a big plus. We will be winning from there on and only odd follow up inspections and work should be necessary to remove plants growing from seed brought in from outside the area, by blackbirds mainly.

Rodger and Graeme again shared their knowledge with us and identified further plants for other members. Graeme was pleased to identify some extra plants that he had not previously recorded, to add to his already extensive list of plants growing in the area.

Another good working bee - rewarding and very important work it is, to reduce the further spread of *Pittosporum*.

-Barry Woods

MOUNT DANDENONG ROAD WORKS

As the local papers have reported, the roadworks along Mt. Dandenong Road are to widen and improve the road and put in a turning lane. MEG was consulted at an early stage (the original plan was for a four-lane road). MEG vice-president DR. Graeme Lorimer, and Annette Muir, are contracted to do the re-vegetation, and have collected hundreds of plants and seeds from the area.

NEXT WORKING BEE:

our next MEG Working Bee will be at the Pickwood Court revegetation site. Pickwood Court is off Cambridge Road to the north, between Swansea Road and Greenhills Avenue. We will meet at the site, on the corner of Pickwood Court and Cambridge Road, at 2^{pm}. This site was illegally damaged by a property developer and MEG replanted the site on an earlier Working Bee, with the support of the Shire. Come along and enjoy working with fellow MEGgers to improve and repair our local environment.