

Australian Naturalists Network Meeting held on Tuesday 31 January 2006 at Jindabyne.

Those present agreed that the meeting be chaired by Helen Langley with John Gregurke acting as recorder.

Attendance: Approximately 70 people attended.

General Business

1 Attendance List

That the list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of attendees will be sent to all people who are willing to provide this information. Carried.

The list was then circulated for checking and correction of information.

2 Campout Report

Everyone was asked to indicate whether they wished to receive the campout report and attendance list by post, email or website.

People were asked to send up to 10 photographs to Ern Perkins for inclusion in the get-together report on the website.

That the Campout Report be sent to affiliated clubs not represented at ANN 2006. Carried.

3 ANN Register of Clubs.

That ANN accept the offer of the South East Australian Naturalists' Association to be responsible for maintaining an up to date Register of Field Naturalists Clubs affiliated with ANN. Carried.

The following points were noted during discussion:

- The master copy will be kept on the SEANA website.
- Jeff Campbell will send the new Register to Ern Perkins when the current up date is completed.
- Some Field Naturalists Clubs are members of ANN and are not willing to supply information for a website. Over 50 clubs are affiliated.
- Approximately \$700 is currently held by Launceston Field Naturalist's Club for the purpose of maintaining the register.

That the balance of ANN Register Funds be sent to South East Australian Naturalists' Association after the current up date is completed. Carried

That a donation of \$10 be requested from new clubs joining the register and donations be requested from all affiliated clubs as and when necessary. Carried

A vote of thanks to Launceston Field Naturalist's Club and Jeff Campbell for maintaining the ANN register over of period of several years was carried with acclamation.

4 ANN Get-together 2008

That ANN accepts the invitation from NT Field Naturalists Club Inc to host the ANN Get-together 2008 at Darwin during August/September. Carried.

The following points were noted during discussion:

- 45 people indicated an intention to attend ANN 2008.
- The length of the get-together will be decided by NTFNC to fit in with the work and other commitments of NTFNC members. A period of 7-9 days (incorporating 2 weekends) would be acceptable.
- The format of pre/core/post sections (used in 2000, 2002 and 2004) allows flexibility.
- NTFNC may wish to make arrangements with commercial eco-tourism operators for some parts of the get-together.
- Darwin has more possibilities to include special birdwatching excursions. This was not a major aspect of ANN 2006.
- Some people desire to visit areas some distance from Darwin, such as Roper River, Kakadu and Katherine.
- Questions were asked about
 - accommodation – group accommodation or find your own?
 - travel – bus or convey of cars?

5 ANN 2006

A vote of thanks to the South East Australian Naturalists' Association committee for the organisation of the ANN 2006 Get-together was carried with acclamation.

6 ANN 2010

Field Naturalist's Clubs from Queensland were asked to consider hosting a get-together in 2010. The clubs are free to decide the format but it was suggested that a number of clubs might host short sections of a get-together.