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Monthly Meeting - 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Once more the end of the year has come round when our associations activities slow down to make way for holiday times. Please note that there are no December or January meetings but there will be an outing in late January. For details look to page 4.

Outings and meetings have been well attended during the past few months. The experiment of holding a film evening in a new centre to attract new members was a minor success. Thirty six people attended at the Downer Centre and one or two families were interested enough to enquire about membership. During 1968 the same experiment will be held in the Hughes Centre to make contact with people in the Woden Valley.

Looking for a Last Minute Christmas Present?

Here is a review of a book which might suit your needs. Thanks to Dr. J.A. Carnahan for the following:-"AUSTRALIAN WILDFLOWER MAGIC" by Nuri Mass. The Writers Press, Summer Hill, N.S.W. 304 pp. \$3.00.

If you are interested in wildflowers, I strongly recommend this book; it is one of the most useful and informative that I have seen. It is rightly described on the jacket as "a book for children - and for adults; for the layman - and the botanist". Each of the many species covered is described and discussed in a popular, but accurate, style, and is illustrated with first class line drawings. The book deals with the wildflowers of Australia as a whole, but special emphasis is given to N.S.W.

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Australian Conservation Foundation

The foundation now produces a quarterly newsletter which aims "to present a concise summery of the happenings of the quarter and perhaps one or two articles of general interest".

One statement is about "Projects Supported". These are -

- 1. Survey of National Parks and Reserves which has led to the production of the first map showing all such areas in Australia that have a reasonable security of tenure.
- 2. A Plant Community Survey in Victoria.
- 3. Field Guides to Australian Birds.
- 4. Negotiating with the Tasmanian Government to secure the best part of the breeding habitat of the Cape Barren Goose in Bass Strait.
- 5. Surveying in northern N.S.W. for a special Macropod Reserve.

Proposed publications are "The A.B.C. of Conservation - an anthology of conservation literature and a 5,000 word booklet on the conservation needs of Australia during the next decade.

"A Viewpoint Series" has already begun production with No.1 -"Conservation of Kangaroos". As Kangaroos compete with sheep for food, the only solution seems to be economic harvesting of kangaroos so that they are not wiped out completely, is the conclusion of the booklet. 4.

OUTINGS

January:	
<u>Date</u> :	27th, 28th and 29th January, 1968.
<u>Place</u> :	Kosciusko National Park.
<u>Dotails</u> :	As we will be staying Saturday and Sunday nights in a
	ski chalet in the area it is most necessary that you
	contact the leader Mr. Jim Webb (43661) by 19th January
	so that he can make correct bookings in the chalet (\$2
	per person per night). There is no casual accommodation.
Meeting	
Place:	At Sawpit Creek Recreation area which is 200 yds. past
	the Kosciusko Park Reception Area, at 10.30 a.m.
	Saturday.
Features:	Thore will be day walks to view the Alpine Wildflowers
	which should be covering the mountainside. Bring your
	own food and sheets or sleeping bags.

Subscriptions

The association welcomes the following new m.mbers: Mr. & Mrs. A. Roberts; Mr. & Mrs. Routley; Mr. & Mrs. Chippendale. Mr. & Mrs. Mathews; Miss Shurety; Mr. & Mrs. Johnson; Mrs. Green.

<u>Renewals</u>: Family subscriptions:- Wood: Bornemissza; Costin; Hay; Long; Cameron; K.G. Crawford; Tredinnick; Kennedy; Davidson; Cooper; Perrin; Whitrod; Greaves; MacLean; Knox.

Single Subs: Clayton; Greenhalgh; Kock-Emmery; Calaby; Bambrick; Dalgarno; I.G. Adams; Whelen; Costell-Brown; Copley; Grant.