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AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- The promotion of National Parks and of measures for the protection of fauna and flora, scenery and natural features in the Australian Capital Territory and elsewhere, and the reservation of specific areas.
- Interest in the provision of appropriate outdoor recreation areas.
- Stimulation of interest in, and appreciation and enjoyment of, such natural phenomena by organized field outings, meetings or any other means.
- Co-operation with organizations and persons having similar interests and objectives.
- Promotion of and education for nature conservation and the planning of land-use to achieve conservation.

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EDITORIAL

As a rule, people tend to stay away from annual meetings, considering them to be rather dull affairs. However the National Parks Association, 1973 Annual Meeting proved to be a really interesting and entertaining occasion.

The reports (copies are a supplement in this Bulletin) were informative and encouraging while the election of the new committee was well organised and rapid.

There was also the pleasant ceremony of presenting the association's second life member, Miss Julie Henry with her badge and scroll. Dr. Robert Story and Mr. Brian Hammond reminded us of Julie's service over many years, to this association, in the capacity of President, Committee Member and spokesman at the Senate Committee inquiry into the Black Mountain Tower. Julie worked hard on the A.C.T. National Park proposal and she told us that she intends to continue to work for conservation especially in a few years time when she has retired from the Public Service.

Finally the evening closed with the showing of colour slides, submitted by members and judged by Mr. Colin Totterdell and Mr. Clark. These slides reminded us of the many wonderful outings we've had throughout the year, all well organised by Ian Currie and his Outings Committee.

And now for a personal note: As this is the last Bulletin I'll prepare for the association, I'd like to say how much I've enjoyed being Editor and how indebted I am to members who have helped, by providing material for the Bulletin and helping in collating and preparing the publications for the mail.

I welcome Brian Lee into the Editor's position and know he will receive as much support from the association members as I have.

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OUTINGS SUB-COMMITTEE

Ian Currie (Convener); Laurie Adams; John Banks;
Fiona Brand; Andrew Fordham; Julie Henry.

BULLETIN SUB-COMMITTEE

Brian Lee (Convener & Editor); Jenny Cusbert;
Pat Jeffress; Alan Mortlock; Norma Price.

A.C.T. LAND USE SUB-COMMITTEE

John Banks (Convener); Rod Panter.

The Convener (telephone 81.6641) would be interested to hear from members of the Association who would like to join this sub-committee, or work on some of its projects.

GUDGENBY NATIONAL PARK SUB-COMMITTEE

Julie Henry (Convener); John Schunke (Committee Liaison Officer);
Nancy Burbridge; John Banks; Pat Jeffress.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

At the General Meeting in November we are not programming a lecture, but instead hope to involve all members in a discussion of the relative importance and priority of our various activities. After stating the problem we hope to divide into small discussion groups so that opinions may flow more readily.

The exact nature of the problems to be discussed has not be determined but could include:-

Do you think we have the correct balance between outings and conservation activities?

Where Are We Going? (Cont.)

Should our conservation activities be limited to specific geographic areas (if so, where?) or particular aspects of conservation (e.g. should we be concerned with urban planning?)

Should NPA concern itself more with educational activities?

Should we consciously strive to bring more young people into NPA?

Should we consider changing the title of NPA, in the light of your views to previous questions?

If you like NPA as it is, please join in these discussions to ensure it is unchanged.

If you don't like NPA as it is, please come and say so.

If your position is in-between and would like to see some modification, please join in on Thursday 15 November, 1973 at the General Meeting.

Bill Watson.

"DAILY HOLIDAYS"

Sent in by Reg. Alder.

The following article is a translation of a "soft sell" chocolate advertisement in a German magazine. The advice is no doubt sound and some of the ideas are reflected in National Park activities.

"Do not underestimate what a quiet hour can make up for. For example, in the evening in front of the window, quietly sitting in the easy chair and beholding how it becomes dark. To dream, to switch off, to throw everything overboard. The next morning you will be astonished how deep and peaceful you have subsequently slept.

Or to go walking. Simply walk and walk. Walk until everything is relaxed. The knotty irritation, the sticky worry, the niggly uneasiness. Until everything falls off you, until you are quite easy. This gives you the peace and tranquility you need today, more necessary than ever. Of course one cannot run away from bad times. Also once in a year holidays help little. After three, four weeks, it is just the same. The hectic, the malice and stupidities merely appear to be worse than before.

We need our holidays daily, hourly holidays. Perhaps you would like to try it. One can learn it. To make holidays, where no one can disturb, where one can quickly withdraw, holidays with oneself.

Contemplation with oneself alone. The search after ones innerself, this idea is not new. But is it not, nevertheless of immediate interest?"

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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Meeting with Department of the Capital Territory

On the evening of 6 June a meeting between representatives of the Association and the Department of the Capital Territory was held at the Department's offices. The Department was represented by Mr. John Huston, Director of the Conservation and Agriculture Branch, Mr. Murray Elliott and Mr. John Douglas, and the Association by Bill Watson, Ian Currie, Jenny Cusbert, John Baker, Julie Henry, Sheila Kruse, Brian Lee, Glyn Lewis, Gay Watt and Chris Watson. Topics discussed included management plans for the Jervis Bay Reserve and for the proposed Mount Ainslie/Mount Majura reserve, regeneration of areas on Black Mountain, and departmental pine planting in the A.C.T.

Donations

To Committee to Save Black Mountain: Original donation (offered, not sought) \$30; in response to appeal for funds for Supreme Court action \$50.

Kosciusko National Park Draft Management Plan

A small group is studying the management plan and will send comments to the National Parks and Wild Life Service. Four members, Jenny Cusbert, Julie Henry, Rod Panter and Reg Alder, attended a meeting in Cooma of the Monaro Conservation Society at which the management plan was discussed. The Superintendent of the Kosciusko National Park addressed the meeting.

The National Estate Committee of Inquiry

A small group is preparing a submission to the Committee of Inquiry. The Association will be represented at the Committee's hearings in Canberra in October.

Molonglo Parkway

The N.C.D.C. Environmental Impact Statement is being studied by the Committee.

Gudgenby National Park Sub-Committee

At the March General Meeting, Nancy Burbidge and Julie Henry gave an illustrated talk reviewing the Association's ten-year campaign for a national park in the A.C.T. Since then Miss Henry has spoken on this topic, again illustrated with her excellent colour slides, at a meeting of the Ryder Cheshire Foundation.

Lyons P & C Association Hobbies & Crafts Exhibition - Saturday, 18 August

The N.P.A. again mounted a display and manned an information desk at the annual exhibition in the Lyons Primary School.

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Excerpts from Correspondence - June-August

To the Commonwealth Treasurer, 22.6.73.

(Following the Committee's study of the Report of House of Representatives Select Committee on Wild Life Conservation) urging that the Income Tax Assessment Act (1936-72) be amended by repealing the concessions for clearing land and by including concessions

To the Commonwealth Treasurer (cont.)

for retaining and propagating the natural habitat.

A reply from the Minister Assisting the Treasurer advised that various aspects of our taxation laws are under review and an examination is currently being made of the taxation concessions allowable to primary producers; he had arranged for the Association's views to be considered in this examination.

To the Premier of New South Wales, 30.7.73.

On the application for extension of limestone mining at Bungonia Gorge, expressing dissatisfaction at the State Pollution Control Commission's consideration of proposals not previously submitted to the Mining Warden, and urging a full public enquiry, preferably judicial, into the whole matter of land use at Bungonia Gorge before further decisions on mining in the area are made.

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FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONSLake Pedder Action Committee

LPAC petition forms, urging the Government to make available to the Tasmanian Government a special grant for the purpose of securing Lake Pedder in its natural state, have been received and have been available at General and Committee Meetings for the collection of signatures. Signed forms have been sent to the Federal Member for the A.C.T.

South Coast Committee

Monday, 3 September	Lunch hour meeting - 12.15 for 12.30 Room 5, Staff Centre, A.N.U. <u>Speaker:</u> Dr. D.F. McMichael, Secretary, Department of the Environment & Conservation.
Tuesday, 4 September	Evening Hayden Allen Building, A.N.U. Subject: Softwood Forestry Various speakers.

A.C.F. National Conservation Study Conference

The Conference will be held in Canberra, at the Academy of Science, from 16-18 November. The broad objective is "to improve the effectiveness of conservationists by studying the problems and processes of the voluntary conservation movement in Australia". The Committee has applied for an invitation to attend the Conference.

FROM THE BOTANY DEPARTMENT MONASH UNIVERSITYPAINTINGS OF BANKSIAS

Monash University has commissioned Mrs. Celia Rosser to paint all the species of the genus Banksia; with the intention of publishing a monograph on the genus illustrated with these paintings. The project will take a number of years, and its success will depend on the help of many interested people all over Australia on whom we must rely for specimens, seeds and information. It is important that the living plants painted should be the wild species, from known localities, and not garden varieties that may derive from hybrids, and contain genetic material of different species. For this reason it will be necessary to make contacts with people who can collect seeds, and possibly flowering branches in the wild, and send them to the Botany Department. The project will involve the collection also of as much information as possible on such things as geographical distribution, variation, flowering times, pollination, and the techniques of germinating seeds and growing the plants. It is hoped to grow as many of the species as possible in a special garden at Monash. The complete set of original paintings will be displayed at Monash, and the published volume will be in a large-format with the best colour reproduction that can be obtained.

M.J. Canny.

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FIELD STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF THE A.C.T.

Since the public meeting in February at which it was agreed to form the Field Studies Association of the A.C.T., the affairs of the Association have been conducted by a Working Group. At the inaugural General Meeting on 10 July a constitution was adopted. The objects of the Association are:

- (a) to encourage and develop a proper and balanced community understanding of the environment by the community
- (b) to establish field study facilities including field study centres for the personal study of the environment
- (c) to provide courses, activities and information to assist in understanding the environment
- (d) to provide opportunities for those who wish to be personally involved in environmental education as defined by the Commission on Education of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in March 1970:

("Environmental education is the process of recognising values and clarifying concepts in order to understand and appreciate the inter-relatedness among Man, his culture and his biophysical surroundings. Environmental education also entails practice in decision-making and self-formulation of a code of behaviour about issues concerning environmental quality.")

The N.P.A. has taken out Corporate Membership (\$5 p.a.). Gay Watt represented the N.P.A. at meetings of the Working Group and is a member of the Activities Standing Committee in a personal capacity. The President of the Field Studies Association is Laurie Westcott; the Secretary Margaret Balkers, 46 Vasey Crescent Campbell.

1973 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

As distinct from a competition open to the general public in 1970, this year's contest was open to N.P.A. Members only. In addition to the competition sections in 1970, one more was added, namely "Man's Impact on the Environment". Provision was also made for the entry of black and white or colour prints.

Altogether 191 transparencies and 25 prints were received from 18 competitors, a very satisfactory response. These were judged by Colin Totterdell a professional photographer from C.S.I.R.O. and Allan Clark, President of the Canberra Photographic Society.

A selection of the slides, including prizewinners and highly commended entries was screened at the Association's annual general meeting on 19th July with comments and constructive criticism by the judges. Their informal style and interesting remarks in presenting the slides contributed greatly to the success of the competition. Mr. Clark's commendation of the generally high standard of entries is particularly noteworthy.

Grateful acknowledgements are due to Ian Currie and Gay Watt who assisted in the planning and organisation of the competition; also to Mr. Totterdell and Mr. Clark for undertaking this considerable task and for a memorable presentation at the General Meeting. Thanks are also due to the competitors whose contributions provided the material for a very interesting meeting.

Prize Winning and High Commendation Entries

Slides (1) Scenic

<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Title</u>
1st Prize: John Baker	"Blackboys at Bungonia Lookdown"
2nd Prize: Reg Alder	"Darling River Scene"
Highly (Mrs. J. Morrison)	"From Toslbrunup to Fluff Knoll"
Commended: (Mary Barnard)	"Green Patch - Jervis Bay"

(2) Close-up

1st Prize: Reg Alder	"Kangaroo Paw"
2nd Prize: H.R. Lucas	"Pair of Noddy Terns"
Highly (Norma Price)	"Alpine Snow Daisy"
Commended: (John Baker)	"Bandlordia Nobilis"
(Ian Currie)	"Butterfly"

(3) Man's Impact on the Environment

1st Prize: Mrs. J. Morrison	"Bluff Knoll Scene"
2nd Prize: John Baker	"Is this Utopia?"
Highly (Brian Lee)	"Landscape Planning"
Commended: (John Banks)	"Logging Operations - Eden Chip Concession"

Prize Winning and High Commendation Entries (cont.)Slides (4) Action or Motion Study

<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Title</u>
1st Prize: Jennifer Cusbert	"Sue on a Swing"
2nd Prize: Mary Barnard	"The Prospector"
Highly (Fiona Brand)	"The Wanderer"
Commended: (Julie Henry)	"Morning Taxi"

(5) Prints Section

1st Prize: A.L. Richardson	"Kambah Pool"
2nd Prize: Klaus Hueneker	"Gully Ferns"
Highly (A.L. Richardson)	"Following the Gorge below Marble Arch"
Commended (Gay Watt)	"Snow Gums"

Glyn Lewis
(Competition Secretary)

N.P.A. LIBRARYReference Books

The following books and reports, for reference and loan to members of the Association, have been purchased or acquired without cost:

- HANCOCK, W.K. : Discovering Monaro : a study of man's impact on his environment. Cambridge, Uni. Or., 1972.
- CHIPPENDALE, Thelma and George : Wildflowers of the Australian Capital Territories. Milton Q., Jacaranda Pr., 1972.
- FRAUCA, Harry and Claudy : A pictorial encyclopaedia of Australian wildlife. Melb., Landsdowne Pr., 1970.
- MORCOMBE, Michael : Australia's wildflowers, Melb., Landsdowne Pr., 1970.
- HILL, Robin : Australian birds. Popular ed., Melb., Nelson 1970 (1972).
- BREEDEN, Stanley and Kay : A natural history of Australia: tropical Queensland. Sydney, Collins, 1970.
- IBID : A natural history of Australia 2 : Australia's South East. Sydney, Collins, 1972.
- FRANKENBERG, J. (ed. Turner, J.S.) : Nature Conservation in Victoria.

Reference Books (cont.)

- Conservation of the Australian Coast : A.C.F. Special Publication No. 7.
- Coastal Development - papers from a Seminar on the future of the Australian NSW Coastline : Dept. of University Extension, N.S.W., and National Trust.
- Landscape Architecture in Conservation - Papers and addresses from a Conference of Aust. Inst. of Landscape Architects and the A.C.F.
- Northern National Park - Report of Planning Team 1971
Plan of Management 1971
- Notes on a Proposal for a National Park in the Alligator Rivers area of the far north of the Northern Territory - N.T. Reserves Board
- Australian Academy of Science Reports:
- No. 3 National Parks Committee, Report of NSW Sub-Committee 1962.
- No. 9 National Parks and Reserves in Australia, 1968.
- No. 10 Proposal to establish a biological survey of Australia, 1968.
- Summary Report of the Australian Delegation to the UN Conference on the Human Environment, 1972.
- Report of the House of Representatives Select Committee on Wildlife Conservation, 1972.
- Kosciusko National Park Draft Management Plan.
- Black Mountain Reserve Preliminary Development and Management Plan.
- WIMBUSH & COSTIN, A.B. : Vegetation Mapping in relation to Ecological Interpretation and Management in the Kosciusko Alpine Area, CSIRO, 1973.
- NCDC Environmental Impact Statement on Molonglo Parkway.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Treasurer reminds all members that membership fees are now due. Please note the subscription form available in this Bulletin.

The Association welcomes the following New Members:

Mr. J.K. Cornish, Mrs. M.J. Frost, Mr. & Mrs. B. Fuller, Mr. & Mrs. L.V. Lisle and family, M.M. Bouquet, Mr. & Mrs. J. Britton, Dr. D. Cowley, Mrs. E. Harris, Mr. & Mrs. H. Lucas, Mr. G. Medaras, Dr. M. Middleton.

Renewals

Mr. B. Adams, Mr. & Mrs. R. Alder, Dr. & Mrs. Arnarego, Mr. & Mrs. J. Baker, Mrs. M. Barnard, Miss N. Dunn, Miss T. Exley, Miss I. Fleming, Miss H. Hansen, Mr. D. Hawke, Mr. & Mrs. C. Hill, Mrs. B. Holt, Dr. & Mrs. R. Hook, Mr. & Mrs. D. McLean, J.W. Moore, Miss K. Moriarty, Mr. M. Paterson, Miss N. Price, Mr. J. Schunke, Miss M. Sexton, Dr. & Mrs. R. Story, Mrs. Sweetnan, Dr. Waterhouse.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the past eight years Mrs. Fiona Brand has been Editor of the Bulletin of the N.P.A. of the A.C.T. What a magnificent job she has done! Her extensive knowledge of conservation problems and her bush-walking experience in this area of Australia have given us a Bulletin of wide interest and scope. In addition the superb organising ability Fiona brought to the task has meant that for all those years the Association has enjoyed Bulletins that come out dependably on time, and were produced at minimum expense.

The Association wishes to record its indebtedness to Mrs. Brand and its deep appreciation of all her work as Editor. We are delighted that she has agreed to transfer her energies to other areas of the Association's activities such as the Outings Sub-Committee.

W. R. Watson.

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MEETINGSSEPTEMBER

General Meeting - Thursday, 20 September, 1973, at 8 p.m.

Room 1, Griffin Centre, Bunda St., Canberra City.

Speaker: Mr. Cliff Walsh, Economics Department, A.N.U.
Economic aspects of conservation.

OCTOBER

General Meeting - Thursday, 18 October, 1973, at 8 p.m.

Room 1, Griffin Centre, Bunda St., Canberra City.

Speaker: Dr. Peter Ellyard, Office of the Minister for the
Environment and Conservation.

(Title to be advertised in Canberra papers)

Social Evening - Thursday, 25th October, 1973 at 8 p.m.

Room 1, Griffin Centre, Bunda St., Canberra City.

Bill Watson will show slides of his "Nepal Trek".

Supper will be served.

NOVEMBER

General Meeting - Thursday, 15 November, 1973 at 8 p.m.

Room 1, Griffin Centre, Bunda St., Canberra City.

Discussion Night

"The Role of the National Parks Association of the
Australian Capital Territory".

OUTINGSSeptember

Date: Saturday, 8th September, 1973 at 2 p.m.
 Place: Black Mountain.
 Meet: Off Belconnen Way at gate on left side at 2 p.m.
 Feature: Walk to examine flora of the area.
 Leader: Edna Watson.

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Date: Saturday - Sunday 15th-16th September.
 Place: Bundanoon.
 Meet: Bundanoon Railway Station at 11.30 a.m.
 Feature: Camping and walking in sandstone gorge country in Morton National Park.
 Leader: Bill Adams.

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Date: Saturday, 22nd September, 1973.
 Place: Mount Taylor.
 Meet: At the top of Hawker Street in Torrens at 2 p.m.
 Feature: Gentle climb to the top of Mount Taylor to view Weston Creek Valley and Tuggeranong Valley.
 Leader: Ron Evans.

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October

Date: Saturday - Sunday - Monday; 29th, 30th Sept. - 1st Oct.
 Place: Kiama.
 Meet: On Princes Highway - South end of Kiama at noon.
 Feature: Beach walks - swimming - walk in Minnamurra Reserve and around Nerriga on return trip.
 Leader: Ian Currie.

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PLEASE NOTE: No longer will members attending weekend outings need to fill in a form. Please notify the leader of the outing, or Ian Currie (W.958107; H.958112) 3 days before the outing if you are attending.

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Date: Saturday, 6th October, 1973.
 Place: Black Mountain.
 Meet: Off Caswell Drive at gate to reserve on Southern side at 10.30 a.m.
 Feature: Walk to examine flora of the area.
 Leader: John Baker.

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Outings (cont.)October

Date: Saturday - Sunday, 13th - 14th October, 1973.

Place: Murrays Gap - a Pack Walk.

If interested please contact Julie Henry (Phone 485130) or Ian Currie (958112)

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Date: Sunday, 14th October, 1973.

Place: Blue Range.

Meet: At Uriarra Homestead at 1.30 p.m.

Feature: Walk.

Leader: Nancy Burbidge.

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Date: Saturday - Sunday, 20th - 21st October, 1973.

Place: Araluen Valley.

Meet: Araluen North at 10.30 a.m.

Feature: Camping on property of Mr. Keith Green and exploring the Araluen Valley.

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Date: Sunday, 28th October, 1973.

Place: Bungonia.

Meet: At Bungonia, at 10.00 a.m.

Feature: Walk down gorge examine mining activities.

Leader: Chris Watson.

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November

Date: Saturday - Sunday, 3rd - 4th, November, 1973.

Place: Barren Grounds Nature Reserve.

Meet: Fitzroy Falls at 11 a.m.

Feature: Walk around reserve and examine sandstone flora.

Leader: Thea Exley (Phone 812324).

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Date: Sunday, 11th November, 1973.

Place: Mount Coree.

Meet: About 5 miles past Uriarra Homestead up Brindabella Road, at 9.30 a.m.

Feature: Walk from Blundells Flat to top of Mt. Coree or lunch (no fires) at Blundells Flat with a short walk in the area.

Leader: Andrew Fordham (Phone W. 818500) and Pat Jeffress.

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Outings (cont.)November

Date: Saturday - Sunday, 17th - 18th November, 1973.
 Place: Budawang Mountains.
 Meet: At Tianjara Creek on road from Briadwood to Nowra; past
 Nerriga at 10.30 a.m.
 Feature: Camping and walking in the area.
 Leader: Andy Spate (Phone W. 464911).

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Date: Sunday, 25th November, 1973.
 Place: Mount Orroral.
 Meet: At bridge over Gudgenby River near Orroral Tracking Station
 at 9 a.m.
 Feature: Walk - 2 hours, fairly steep to top of Mt. Orroral.
 Leader: John Holtzaffel.

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December

Date: Saturday - Sunday, 1st - 2nd, December, 1973.
 Place: Kiandra.
 Meet: At Kiandra at 10.00 a.m.
 Feature: Walks to points of interest in the historic area.
 Leader: Andrew Fordham (Phone W. 818500).

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Campers - Please ring leader by Wednesday before trip to indicate
 numbers attending.

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OF INTEREST

On television, Channel 3 a series "Wild Australia" commencing Sunday,
 26th August, at 8 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Keep Saturday 8th December free for the N.P.A. Christmas Party. Details
 in next Bulletin.

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MORE ABOUT OUTINGS

Pack walks will be organised to explore new areas and the outings sub-
 committee ask anyone interested to contact Julie Henry (Ph. 485130) or Ian Currie
 (Ph. 958112) so that plans can be made.

Also, if you have any place you would like to visit or are willing to lead
 a party to a "new" or "old" area, please contact members on the outings sub-
 committee.