

At our last meeting Mr. A.I. Ormsby of Linden spoke on "Understanding Snakes". The nonchalance with which Mr. Ormsby handled a live black snake - and the pythons and bandi-bandi he had with him - was as striking as the story he had to tell. Apparently the types of snakes found in this area are primitive and the fang mechanism is inefficient by comparison with the vipers of other continents. Therefore, together with the shyness of the creatures, we are most unlikely to see any, much less get bitten. All snakebites known to Mr. Ormsby occurred when handling - or mishandling - a snake. Large snakes have no natural enemies, and most small snakes are nocturnal, so that they do not seem to need protection.

The film night on May 13th. was a great success. About 200 people attended, thanks mainly to the publicity arranged by Mrs. Dilworth and Mr. Ferrin. It seems certain that we will do it again in September.

Miss Baldwin will be showing slides typical of the geology of the Blue Mountains at the next meeting.

The motion to amend the Constitution to allow for the publication of "kalori" was carried and copies of the new Constitution will be forwarded as soon as it is re-printed. This will have to await the result of a motion proposed by Mr. Gregory and seconded by Mrs. Dilworth, which goes :-

"Moved to amend the Constitution by the deletion of the clauses headed 'Members' and 'Subscriptions' and the substitution of the following clauses:-

'Members: Membership shall be open to all. There shall be four categories of Members, as follows ---

Life Members

Members

Associate Members - non voting.

Junior Members - non voting. School and other full-time students only shall be admitted as Junior Members.

Subscriptions: Life Members. For applications received before 31st. December, 1967, life membership subscriptions shall be \$15.00 ; thereafter, \$20.00. Life Membership subscriptions shall be paid into a Capital Expenditure Account, funds therein to be used for the purchase of items of a capital nature.

Members. For applications received before 31st. December, 1967, membership subscriptions shall be \$1.00 per annum; thereafter, \$2.00 per annum.

Associate Members. Half Membership subscriptions.

Junior Members. For applications received before 31st. December, 1967, 20 cents; thereafter, 30 cents per annum.' "

Next meeting --- 8th. June.

G. Croghan
Hon. Sec.