

My apologies for not sending a Bulletin last month. I hope that this issue makes up for my omission.

The art competition held for Conservation Week was quite successful, pupils of Faulconbridge School taking out most of the prizes. The film night held on 26th. August was also encouraging to our efforts at education. Attendance was 130, compared with 190 at the May film showing. All costs were covered and our Mr. Gregory reported a slight surplus. Financial balance at 14th. September was \$68.67 .

Lin Paish and a few other members marked new trails and improved old ones in the Red Hands Cave - Campfire Creek areas. What is needed now to finish off the tracks is a large number of feet to consolidate them. If you go walking in the area make a note of any animals birds, etc. that you see; then tell Lin or Don Perrin.

A Dinner has been arranged at Rofes Restaurant on November 25th. Not only do we want all our own members to come along but members of other, kindred Societies will be invited. Mr. Fred Astle is the speaker. Cost is \$2.10 per head - please tell Lin Paish (Springwood 511545) or me (Warrimoo 402) before 10th. November if you are coming. Reception will be at 7.00 PM.

In the May Bulletin was notice of a motion to amend the Constitution to allow for (a) increased subscriptions and (b) Life and Associate Members. The motion has not yet been put to a vote and we want to settle it one way or the other at the next meeting. If you cannot attend, please ring Lin Paish or me and lodge a vote. The motion is repeated below.

Next meeting, on October 12th., will be the Annual General Meeting, commencing 8.00 sharp. Reports will be presented and after election of officers we will consider next years program. Your suggestions for field trips, projects, speakers and other activities are needed. Remember that no matter how good the ideas are , they are useless without support from all the members.

Lastly, a reminder that subs for 1968 are now due.

"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 or subscriptions renewed 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 or subscriptions renewed before 31st. December, 1967, 20 cents; thereafter, 30 cents per annum.' "

G. Croghan.
Hon. Secretary.

LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT 1967

The Society was created at an inaugural meeting in October, 1966. Since that time, the aims of the Society and the attitude of the members have been undergoing a great levelling and I am sure, that now, we have a sound policy based on sane thinking and a muted enthusiasm among the members to carry out this policy. Over the year, radical and vehement doctrines have been modified by learning and contact with other people who have the same ideas, but a different perspective of the problems.

I am indebted to the visiting speakers who gave of their valuable time to impart to the members some knowledge of the various Natural History subjects on which they spoke. Many of our own members gave valuable assistance in speaking on various subjects associated with our aims.

In an endeavour to promote our ideas among the children of the area, two film nights were organised and were entirely successful. These nights would have been impossible without the co-operation of the projectionist Mr. Heck Garrick of Warrimoo. To further promote and educate our children, a very successful Art Competition was held during Conservation Week, of which over 500 entries were received; for his aid in judging this competition I am indebted to John Durban and the Arts Branch of the Department of Education.

Projects for the year were mostly a failure except the survey, marking and labelling of botanical features of the Red Hands Nature Trail. The Glenbrook Lagoon area was lost to the developers, and the Yellow Rock Crown Land area has received a bad setback, this project is still alive, however, and may be partly resolved by the incoming Committee through town planning avenues or special purposes activity. The proposed Census of the Flora and Fauna of the area has ground to a halt through lack of enthusiasm of the members, and I feel that this most important aspect of our Society should be continued to completion.

The Library section has quietly gathered impetus and in the following year I hope to have a library cupboard installed at our meeting place. A nucleus of a film slide library has been developed and it is hoped that film strips and talks will eventually be available for rent to other societies and schools.

Various field excursions were made during the year, and though enjoyable as outings lacked something of direction and organisation, particularly with respect to guides, and future trips will be better run.

Publicity and Public Relations have been the black sheep of the Society, mainly through default, and it is to be hoped that the incoming committee will stimulate this activity and use the medium of press, radio and public displays to its full limit.

All in all, over the year the Society has had great success, and the acceptance, that we exist, by the public, points to a further fruitful year to come. I am indeed grateful to the other members of the Committee and to the members in general for their forbearance and co-operation to make our activities as successful as they have been.

The incoming officers will have a sound basis of co-operation to base their expanding activities, and I hope the proposals for member education, speakers and field trips prove as interesting and profitable as they forshadow.

H. L. PAISH,
PRESIDENT.

TREASURER'S AND SECRETARY'S REPORTS, 1967

Our initial year has been fairly encouraging. Membership has risen from the foundation thirty-three to the present fifty-one. We have not done all that we wanted, but progress has been made.

Some of the most important resolutions illustrate what we have done and what we have attempted during the year.

1. Minister for Lands requested not to a quarry site lease till our investigations are complete.
2. We investigate the possibility of having Glenbrook Lagoon declared a Nature Reserve.
3. Two film nights arranged for local schoolchildren.
4. Art competition arranged for local schoolchildren.
5. The members raise and sell native plants to raise funds.
6. The Society agrees to help develop the Camp Fire Creek area with trails, labelling, etc.

We are affiliated with the Nature Conservation Council and will be subscribing to the Austr. Conservation Foundation. This gives us a voice and support both on a State and a Federal basis.

G. Croghan
Hon. Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

These accounts are at present un-audited, they are however to the best of my ability and knowledge a true and faithful statement of the Society's affairs and transactions.

In preparing the Magazine account I have made an assessment of what would appear to be a reasonable figure for these expenses and transferred this amount from general Secretarial expenses. I do not claim them to be specific. It may be of interest to members to know just where our income came from and how we spent it; I have therefore set out below a few "Facts and Figures".

Where it came from:-

Subscriptions	23.5%
Donations	23.2%
Film nights	19.8%
Refreshments	15.6%
Magazine	15.6%
Other items	.3%

How we spent it:-

Competition	16.1%
Secretarial	13.1%
Hall rental	13.0%
Other items	8.0%
Carried forward to accumulated funds	49.8%

From the above it will be seen that we were able to save virtually half our total income, which for our first year of existence should be quite encouraging.

P. Gregory
Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30th. SEPT. 1967.

CURRENT ASSETS.

Cash at Bank	70.79
Pre payments(3 months Hall rental)	<u>4.50</u>
	<u>75.29</u>

LIABILITIES

Capital Purchase Fund	15.00
Accumulated General Funds	<u>60.29</u>
	<u>75.29</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH. SEPTEMBER 1967

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	35.50	Rental of Hall	19.30
Profit from Kalori	23.58	Secretarial expences	19.78
Film nights	29.80	Nature Conservation Ccl.	2.00
Donations	35.00	Car stickers	4.00
Sale of refreshments	23.55	Donations	3.00
Sale of plants	1.05	Advertising	3.00
Sale of stickers	2.20	Competition prizes	24.28
Bank interest	.17		
		Excess of income over expenditure to:	
		Capital Purchase Fund	15.00
		General Fund	60.29
	<u>150.85</u>		<u>150.85</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDED 30TH. SEPTEMBER 1967

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Subscriptions		Secretarial, postage and	
Life Members	15.00	misc. petty cash items	19.00
Full "	48.00	Nature Conservation Ccl	2.00
Associates	.50	Car stickers	4.00
Junior Members	.80	Hall rental	24.00
Sale of refreshments	23.55	B.M. Tree Lovers	3.00
" Plants	1.05	Rubber stamps	5.50
" Stickers	2.20	Advertising	3.00
" Magazine (Misc.)	1.30	Hire of films	1.00
Donations	35.00	Labels	.80
Film nights	29.80	Competition prizes	24.28
Bank interest	.17	Balance -- cash at bank	70.79
	<u>157.37</u>		<u>157.37</u>

MAGAZINE ACCOUNT

Postages	1.52	Transfer of 60c. per	
Stationery	5.00	member from subs.	28.80
Balance nett profit		Miscellaneous sales	1.30
to General Fund	23.58		
	<u>30.10</u>		<u>30.10</u>