

L BMC S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 172

## At our last meeting: -

- (1) Our constitution was updated. The new constitution was presented for debate. This debate lasted from 9.30 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. and was held at the Civic Centre for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours and Mick Dark's for another  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours. At 1.00 a.m. the constitution was unanimously adopted. Copies will be sent out when printing has been arranged.
- (2) The Society now opposes the proposed International Airport at Richmond/Londonderry. A letter will be sent to Penrith City Council giving our support to their opposition to the airport.
- (3) The Society hopes to actively fight the proposed Lands
  Department subdivisions near Old Bathurst Road. Two
  members the following Saturday took over one hundred
  propaganda photos for use to achieve this aim. Please
  help.
- (4) The next meeting will be held at Springwood Civic Centre at 8.00 p.m., Friday, 11th August. A Guest Speaker,

  Mr. Tom Grant, will speak on the behavious of kangaroos.

  He will also show slides. An orchid book will be raffled. Please attend.

(5) Park Service shall investigate our proposal regarding the closure of the Portal Waterhole traffic road and its availability to walkers and fire tenders only. The proposal's reception seemed very promising. See trapping report.

## Trapping programme: -

Two trapping runs have been held at Portal Waterhole and the catches, though small, were very interesting as regards situation and environment.

A spotlighting run was conducted in Blue Gum Swamp Creek and 8 dusky gliders were spotted in a 1 mile stretch of valley. More spotlighting is planned.

A yearly report and an overall report were sent in to Park Service in July. Reception was excellent. Proposals to safeguard Portal Waterhole and the Ironbarks and Inga swamp from firebombing were welcomed and the Society asked to submit detailed reports as to protection required. This is now being carried out. The closing of Portal Waterhole to public transport would be a step in the right direction to ensure a larger, undisturbed environment for the animals of the region. All in all, a good effort. Please come along and help.

## WE NEED MEMBERS

Surely someone has someone who is a potential member. Then what's the delay. Get him to join. Better still, bring him to the next meeting. If everyone obtained one more member, then we would be double in strength. Simple maths but please help it eventuate.

## Remember your committee - please use them.

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