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## Next REPS Meeting

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7:30pm  
at the Robertson Community Centre  
Caalong Street, Robertson**

**"Kangchenjunga, Joseph Hooker and  
the Origin of Species"** presented by  
**Peter Donaldson PhD - Producer, director, co-  
writer and presenter.**

Joseph Hooker was Charles Darwin's closest friend, confidante and possibly the greatest botanist of the 19th century. The talk will cover a recent retracing of his ground breaking 1848 expedition into eastern Nepal. This is the first time that this has been done. Topics to be covered will be his influence on Darwin, his own gradual conversion from being a creationist to one of Darwin's greatest supporters, rhododendrons that he discovered on his travels, and the relevance of his work to today. The setting will be spectacular scenery around Mt Kangchenjunga, the world's third highest mountain. Some footage and frame grabs from the documentary on the expedition will also be shown.

Peter is experienced in expedition filmmaking in Nepal, Antarctica, New Zealand and Indonesia. He has a strong science background and now runs his own technology-based company, Filtration Solutions, designing and consulting in the mining and pulp and paper industries.

He attended the Ballarat school of Mines before completing a PhD in X-ray Crystallography at the University of Alberta. During that time he climbed many peaks in the Canadian Rockies.



Following his PhD he worked with his brother Roger – “World’s Fastest Indian” - on two climbing films with Sir Edmund Hillary in New Zealand and Nepal before returning to chemistry in London. He then returned to Australia as a research fellow at the Australian National University. During that period he participated in the voyage of the 18m yacht Solo to mainland Antarctica and along with Ted Rayment from the ABC made the one hour documentary “Voyage to the Ice”.

Peter then joined CSIRO and worked in Indonesia for three years documenting Indonesian agriculture. During that time he directed “Duck Farming - an Indonesian Tradition” (winner of an award at the Berlin Agricultural Film Festival). The film illustrated the ingenuity of duck farmers in widely different regions of Indonesia through low input farming appropriate to their surroundings.

Peter has had a long-standing interest in the personalities and issues surrounding the Theory of Evolution as well as climbing and trekking in remote regions. This project combines many of these interests.

**All Welcome - Gold Coin Donation - Light Supper**

## Upcoming Events

Tue 9 June – Climate Change discussion group at the Fettle's Shed, Robertson, 10am – 12nn, page 8.

Fri 12 June – REPS – Presentation by Peter Donaldson, 7:30pm, Community Centre, Robertson.

NPA Bushwalks – see page 7

Wed June 17 – NPA AGM & Photographs by Denis Wilson, 7.30pm, CWA Hall, Elizabeth St, Moss Vale

Sat 27 June & 25 July – Caalong Creek Working Bee – 9:30am, at Robertson Community Centre, page 8.

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## A Talk in Two Parts—by Ford Kristo

Denis Wilson

Ford Kristo is always to be taken seriously – as an award-winning photographer, as a Firefighter, or as a guest speaker. And so it proved with his talk to REPS on 3 April 2009.

Ford is well known to many REPS members, as a NPWS officer in the Morton National Park, and he has spoken to REPS previously on Owls.

This time he spoke firstly about the Gulp Rd and Dingo Rd Fires (below Bundanoon and Penrose) in early 2009. Ford worked with the Remote Sensing crews in the Helicopters. These people check for hot spots in fires using infra-red cameras, they then communicate precise location data (of the “hot spots”) to either the water-bombing crews, or to ground crews in the mopping up stage of fire fighting. Ford’s photos showed dramatically how fires tend to burn up hills, in tongues of fire, often leaving wet gullies untouched, but also spotting ahead of the fire front to leap cliffs and gullies and start new fires, well separated from the main fire fronts.

We could see how difficult it must be to fight fires in such remote and rugged terrain as the Shoalhaven Valley. He emphasised the cooperation which exists, and which is so necessary, between the NPWS fire fighting specialists and the Rural Fire Service officers, when serious fires are identified and proclaimed to be “Section 44” fires. It is good to know we have such experienced people working to protect the bush and the local residents.

He then spoke about his other topic of: “Taking Pretty Pictures While the Earth Goes to Hell in a Handcart.” Ford specialises in taking night shots which he achieves by using long exposures, and “paints” the features of the trees he wishes to feature, using high-powered lamps which he scans across the landscape. He also likes to use natural lighting for his night shots on Full Moon nights.

Consequently, he obtains some stunning images, which show us features of the landscape which we normally do not see, or fail to appreciate in their full beauty.

Ford has made some of his images available to the public now, via the Internet. Simply Google “[Ford Kristo’s Photostream](#)” – they are on Flickr (or ‘control’ ‘click’, if you are reading this on your computer).

## Indian Mynas

Leon Hall

Also known as Common Mynas (or Mynah) but “Indian” might be a better name due to recent success in controlling their numbers. These birds were introduced into Australia in the 1860s in Melbourne and into Queensland (for pest control) and elsewhere, including recently into the Canberra region (1968). They can aggressively take over nests of native birds and mammals and remove them from territory, and can potentially spread disease. This mostly anecdotal evidence is now being investigated with some scientific studies being undertaken.

I recently represented REPS at the Southern NSW Regional Indian Myna Conference at Nowra. The invitation was from the Canberra Indian Myna Action Group Inc (CIMAG) whose patron is Dr Chris Tidemann. Interestingly Chris gave a talk to REPS in 1996 entitled “Common Mynahs - Should we do something about them?”

CIMAG has taken the lead in Indian Myna control. The Canberra area has a large bird watching network and in 2005/06 the Indian Myna was recorded as being the 3rd most abundant bird, in 2007 the 9th, and in 2008 the 12th most abundant bird. At the end of March 2009 there were over 23,000 Mynas caught and killed. Starlings also make up about 10% of the catch. Euthanasia methods were also discussed. Dog food is mainly used to trap Mynas and not leaving uneaten dog food outside can help reduce the spread of these birds.

More locally, the Shoalhaven City Council has set up a Myna control program (contact - Anna Hernel). The Wingecarribee Shire Council started a control program in late October 2008 and according to “Wingecarribee Today” (Feb 2009) 304 Indian Mynas and 82 Starlings have been trapped to date. Council’s Resource Recovery Centre has a carbon dioxide euthanasia station set up to gas the birds. For more information contact Tracy Poulter at WSC on 48680813 regarding the Indian Myna and Starling Control Program.

It would be interesting to know the extent of these birds in our area. Keep an eye out. The introduced Indian Myna should not be confused with the native Noisy Miner.

Following is a summary of the conference by CIMAG members Bill Handke (president) and

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Bruce Lindenmayer. For further information [www.indianmynaaction.org.au](http://www.indianmynaaction.org.au)

## Indian Myna Conference

Bill Handke & Bruce Lindenmayer

On 13 May, the Canberra Indian Myna Action Group (CIMAG), assisted by Commonwealth's Envirofund, sponsored an all day conference in Nowra entitled "Towards Best Practice Indian Myna Control"; a conference which will be a stimulus for much wider control of mynas throughout NSW.

Around 80 delegates attended, representing 22 NSW councils, community and landcare groups, government agencies, and universities. The conference provided the opportunity to inform delegates about recent research on Myna biology, ecology and control measures and to share knowledge on low cost programs for Myna control.

Initial papers presented included an overview of Mynas as an invasive species (Prof. Tony Peacock from the Invasive Animals CRC), research on trapping and removal of Mynas in the ACT (Kate Garrock - ANU PhD scholar) and in Blacktown Council area (Justine Clarke - Blacktown Council and Ricky Spencer - University of Western Sydney).

Chris Tidemann (ANU researcher, well known to COG members) presented papers on larger scale experimental trapping of Mynas at roost sites and trials on the use of carbon monoxide for euthanasia; work which potentially offers a low cost, humane and practical solution for community action.

John Yim (Sydney University vet student) reported on initial research into whether Mynas carry pathogens, which have been killing native birds such as Tawny Frogmouths in the Sydney region.

Several papers were delivered on the formation and building of groups, co-operation with local governments, maintaining enthusiasm, trap design and manufacture, trapping techniques and euthanasia. Speakers were CIMAG's Bill Handke, Central Coast Group's Matthew Whitehouse and Anna Hernell and Rod Simpson from Shoalhaven.

Tony Peacock demonstrated a new interactive spacial mapping program (MynaScan) which (based on an existing program for rabbits) might be used to record Myna densities, roosting and nesting sites.

The afternoon session involved discussions on ways for councils and communities to work together, trapping and public education, animal welfare, and

constraints to more effective Myna management. There was enormous enthusiasm to move forward and to share ideas.

Councils are reacting to pressure from ratepayers "to do something to control Mynas", but have varied considerably in their responses. Shoalhaven City Council has been outstanding in setting-up and co-ordinating more than 30 voluntary groups throughout a large local area and working with Mens' Sheds building traps. Other notable reports came from the Bega Valley, where volunteers have so far excluded Mynas by targeting them along migration routes. An official from South Australia attended to learn how the state government could prevent Mynas entering South Australia from western Victoria. In Tamworth, the council has been highly successful in trapping at the local tip, whilst at Murrumbateman, Jaqui Stol and Chris Davey have been working effectively with the Murrumbateman Landcare Group in the vineyards.

CIMAG will publish proceedings of the conference and draft a "Best Practice Guide for Indian Myna Control" on which participants at the conference will have an opportunity to comment.



**Indian Mynas** *Acridotheres tristis* - (starling family)

### Honeyeaters



**Noisy Miner** - *Manorina melanocephala* - photo AustMuseum



*Manorina melanophrys*  
**Bell miner** - photo Cheryl Ridge

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## The History Of Pinkwood Park

Helen Tranter

It all began back in 1996, when the then Shire Council proposed to close Main Street between Hoddle Street and the Railway Line to develop the site for commercial purposes. REPS objected on the basis that all unused roads should be kept for community purposes. Illawarra Electricity also objected on the basis that they have power poles on the site.

Later on, REPS asked Council to add half of the Main Street Road Reserve to an adjacent overgrown triangle of council land to the east of it to create a small park. Where could this narrow triangle of land have come from when the original (Hoddle) plan for Robertson Village was a rectangular grid of straight line roads? That's an interesting story: When the railway line was being built, Hoddle Street had to be realigned in a curve to avoid gullies to the south, which had the unfortunate effect of cutting into several properties between Main Street and East Street.

REPS followed up by submitting a concept landscape plan to Council for Pinkwood Park, proposing a Federation Tree Planting Day by students from Robertson School. This was held in May 2001 with Mayor Phil Yeo in attendance. At that time, REPS still had no official plan to show the border between Council land and State Rail land. Final authorisation came the following year.

In 2004, the cottage on railway land between the Cheese Factory and Pinkwood Park was demolished by State Rail and the site cleared. In 2005, at REPS request, Council erected a vehicle barrier on the northern (Illawarra Highway) side. In 2006, the newly formed Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) erected a security fence between the railway line and the park which by that time had a number of flowering waratahs. This security fence followed the rail corridor boundary where the cottage had previously been located.

By this time, the entire property between the (northern) vehicle barrier and the (southern) railway security fence was being regularly mowed by council staff as though it was all Pinkwood Park.

A Council grant allowed REPS to erect a "Pinkwood Park" sign and a landscape plan was prepared by REPS for the entire area for Council to fund. However, by this time, the Cheese Factory was in need of further parking space and had applied to ARTC to lease the land previously occupied by the cottage at the eastern end of the park. Confusion arose when ARTC assumed they had control of the entire land from Main

Street to the Cheese Factory. A meeting was convened to resolve the interests of all parties, including Council staff already engaged in planning a route for the Fountaindale Road to Robertson footpath.

At that meeting, Council staff produced maps and aerial photographs of the entire site showing the boundaries between Council land and ARTC land. This revealed that many of the Pinkwood Park plantings, including several waratahs, were located on a small triangular piece of ARTC land at the southwestern end. So, it was agreed by all parties that Council should lease that bit from ARTC to add to the Park for community use and ARTC would add to the Cheese Factory lease that piece of land at the eastern end where the cottage had been located, a compromise that appeared to be acceptable to all.



View of Pinkwood Park from the Robertson Post Office

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## CANWin Quarterly Lecture Series



Professor Stuart B. Hill, Foundation Chair of Social Ecology, UWS, will present a talk on Friday 17th July 2009, 7.30 pm at the Council Theatre, Moss Vale.

Professor Hill has a background in chemical engineering, ecology, soil biology, entomology, agriculture, psychotherapy, education, policy development and international development. He has published over 350 papers and reports. His latest books are *Ecological Pioneers: A Social History of Australian Ecological Thought and Action* (with Dr Martin Mulligan; Cambridge UP, 2001) and *Learning for Sustainable Living: Psychology of Ecological Transformation* (with Dr Werner Sattmann-Frese; Lulu, 2008).

All welcome - \$5 non-members - gold coin member.

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## Letter to the Editor

Some environmentalists sound as though they think it necessary that humans as a species must strive to endure, if not forever, then as long as possible. They often express this as saving the planet for our children's children, even those unborn.

What kind of necessity drives this thinking?

Is it moral necessity? I would argue that if there is any underlying moral necessity, it is that humans must share the planet's resources equally among those already here, even if that disadvantages those yet unborn. The peasant who cuts firewood for fuel to cook her family's meal is acting morally, even though the sum of those cuts will ultimately denude the planet of its forests and deprive her and our as-yet-unborn grandchildren of the forest's beauty and resources.

Is it logical necessity? -- I wonder why we can't agree that as a species we've had a good run and without regret shuffle off and leave "our" planet to the next dominant life forms (bacteria? insects?). This would be as natural as the passing of previous, now extinct, species that made way, albeit unconsciously, for us.

Whence then springs our need to endure? --Might it be from that artifact of our species' nervous system, our consciousness? Is it because we can imagine the "loss" of our planet that we think we must save it? Of course we're not really going to "lose" our planet, it's going to lose us, probably with a global sigh of relief.

**Jim Foran**

## Climate Emergency Rally

Held on Saturday 13th June in three locations: Sydney, Canberra and Wollongong. These rallies are organised by the Community Climate Network. See [www.climaterally.org](http://www.climaterally.org) for more details.

- SYDNEY: 10am, Baragaroo, Hickson Rd, Millers Pt. March through The Rocks and Circular Quay.
- WOLLONGONG: 12 noon, Wollongong Mall Amphitheatre (cnr Crown & Church)
- CANBERRA: 1pm, meet Garema Place, Civic.

## Kangaloon Borefield Update

The Preferred Project Report for the Kangaloon Borefield has now been submitted to the Dept. of Planning by the Sydney Catchment Authority. The report also deals with the submissions sent, in regards to the Environmental Assessment. Responses are given by the SCA to issues brought up in the submissions.

This information is available at [majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au), click 'search' after choosing Wingecarribee gov. area. Then click on

the 'borefields project application'. On the next screen click 'response to submissions'.

Four (4) PDF files are then shown which deal with the preferred project report and submissions (including the 3 appendices). Any queries, ring Leon Hall 48882222.

## A huge Boletus Fungus

Denis Wilson (with assistance from Lena)

On 10 May, I visited some friends of mine at Sutton Forest. I noticed some huge Boletus Fungi growing amongst the grass below a stand of Eucalypt trees on the black soil of that property. We inspected a large number of these Fungi, but this one was the largest I have ever seen. Naturally I wanted to record this impressive specimen.

This is *Phlebopus marginatus*, and it is said to be the largest fungus in Australia. Some specimens have been recorded up to a metre in diameter. Mine would be approximately 600 mm across the widest part (it was not perfectly round). I posed Lena (a Mini Schnauzer) beside the largest of these Fungi, to give a sense of scale. She was not impressed with the Fungus, but I was.

Penny Osterhaus, a REPS member, once showed me another specimen of this species of Boletus which she had found growing on the red basalt soil of her property, out on the Budderoo Plateau. Although that specimen was more than 4 inches deep (in cross-section) in its sponge-like pores, it was broken in half, and anyway, it was not quite as wide as this one.

These fungi are seldom found in good condition. All sorts of wild creatures love to eat these fungi – starting with Fungi Gnats, and Flies which lay eggs in the pores. Snails and Slugs attack the tops of these Fungi. Marsupials will often chew on them. Once the fly maggots start to hatch, these Fungi start to deteriorate very quickly. Other micro-fungi also attack these fleshy giants as they age. That is why it is rare to capture an image of such a large one as my specimen, in near-perfect condition.



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## Poetry Corner

Edited by Jonathan Persse

In the last issue, fire; in this issue, rain.  
Each is a friend of men, each can be an enemy.

Talk not of wasted affection, affection never was wasted;  
If it enrich not the heart of another, its waters, returning  
Back to their springs, like the rain, shall fill them full of refreshment.

Henry Longfellow (1807-1882)

### In the Rain

Bush. Mist. Rain.  
The crimson salmon-gums  
Drinking the runnels in  
Grow leaves instead of flames;

And all that time when the sun  
And the fires had had their will  
Something was living on,  
Green and grotesque and still;

For look where the raindrops shiver  
And splash from the bracken frond  
The green frog clasps his lover -  
Emeralds broad as your hand;

As if from sandstone rock  
And the blackened logs and the ash  
The wand of the rain had struck  
The inmost core of the bush,

A thing some spirit had made,  
Sculptured, stony and cold,  
With motionless thighs of jade  
And foreheads crowned with gold,

And the whole wild forest's delight,  
The ecstasy of the dragon,  
Shown in the eyes' dark heat  
Under the arching bracken –

The very heart of the bush  
That, pulsing, living again,  
Dares not to break the hush  
Of earth and desire and rain.

Douglas Stewart (1913 – 1985)

### Prayer for Rain

Sweet rain, bless our windy farm,  
Stepping round in skirts of storm  
While these marble acres lie  
Open to an empty sky.

Sown deep, the oaten grain  
Waits, as words wait in the brain,  
Your release that out of dew  
It may make the world anew.

Sweet rain, bless our windy farm,  
Stepping round in skirts of storm:  
Amongst the broken clods the hare  
Folds his ears like hands in prayer.

David Campbell (1915-1979)

It haint no use to grumble and complane  
Its jest as cheap and easy to rejoice;  
When God sorts out the weather and sends rain,  
W'y rain's my choice.

James Whitcomb Riley (1852-1916)

He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good,  
and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

St Matthew's Gospel, Ch.5

The rain it raineth on the just  
And also on the unjust fella:  
But chiefly on the just, because  
The unjust steals the just's umbrella.

Charles, Baron Bowen (1835 – 1894)

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof:  
Thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.  
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy clouds drop fatness.  
They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness: and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.  
The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn,  
That they shall laugh and sing.

Psalm 65

Please send a poem on the environment, your own or one you have enjoyed, to  
Jonathan Persse, Sallyhill, Burrawang 2577

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## **NPA Bushwalks Southern Highlands Branch**

### **Sat 6 June Morton NP Crankeys Creek, Meryla Pass**

Easy medium day walk to Len Hainke's "special place" - a miniature sandstone canyon with large rocks from some distant planet. Great views into Yarrowa Creek and Kangaroo Valley. 350m. descent/ascent. Steep road and short off-track. Time for bird watching, relaxing pace through rainforest section. Len Hainke 48691040

### **Sat 13 June Bargo River Mermaid's Pool and Tahmoor Canyon**

Day walk on and off track track. Steep descent into Canyon. Approx. 10 km Liz Thompson 48691483 : [ethompson5@vtown.com.au](mailto:ethompson5@vtown.com.au) (contact by Thursday 11 June)

Walk commences at bridge on Charles Point Road, Tahmoor, passes Mermaids Pool to Squatters View Track and descends into the canyon via Sugarloaf Pass. The descent requires some agility as the track is very uneven. There are stunning views of waterfalls and rock pools plus an interesting view back across the Cumberland Plains.

### **Sat 11 July Mt Alexander Nature Reserve Forty Foot Falls and the Incline**

Day walk, Boxvale Forty Foot Falls Circuit, 10.5 km., 400m. ascent, descent on tracks. Liz Thompson 48691483 : [ethompson5@vtown.com.au](mailto:ethompson5@vtown.com.au) (contact by Thursday 9 July)

Walk commences from the Boxvale Picnic Area. Walk out along Boxvale Track to 40 Foot Falls and along to the Nattai. follow the Nattai to Boxvale Creek and ascend the very steep 400m old skip loading track. Map 8929-2S Mittagong.

### **Sat 1 August Morton NP Bundanoon Creek**

Day walk on track. Steep descent and ascent of 400m. Approx. 7 km. Liz Thompson 48691483 : [ethompson5@vtown.com.au](mailto:ethompson5@vtown.com.au) (contact by Thursday 30 July)

Beautiful rainforest, waterfalls and views. Map: Bundanoon 8928-1-S

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## **Southern Highlands Bushwalkers**

### **Sat/Sun/Monday 7 to 9 June Starlights to Mittagong 3 day pack walk**

Rough /strenuous on/off track along Nattai to Lake Alexandra. Recommend long pants.

Contact: David 4683 1087

## **Jamane Gunya Cultural Experience**

Monica Engel

On the Australia Day weekend Tas and I joined a camping group near Milton on the South Coast. The weekend was educational, inspiring and lots of fun.

Noel Butler, a Budawang Elder is the educator of the group. The tours are run from his property "Jamane Gunya" near Pigeon House Mountain (Dithul). Noel makes everybody welcome in the group and is very generous with his time and knowledge.

On our trip, we spent a lot of time at Lake Meroo in the Meroo National Park. Canoeing on the lake, and swimming, were some of the favourite pastimes. We did a lot of walking over the weekend and on these walks Noel shared his bush tucker knowledge, family history and dreamtime stories of the Budawang people.

Lake Meroo and surrounds are almost pristine. Over the weekend we were privileged to see Green and Golden Bell Frogs (*Litoria aurea*). This discovery was courtesy of Debbie Andrews, a NPWS officer who we met by chance, and who has been a guest speaker at REPS (look out for her early next year as well). Debbie was instrumental in getting Meroo listed as a National Park. It is her favourite place.

A highlight of our trip was a spontaneous corroboree one evening. Everyone was involved in learning the song and dance led by Noel. He told us all the level that we achieved in this was 'kindergarten', but never mind it was lots of fun.

One of our bush tucker activities was searching for Pipis (*Plebidonax deltoides*). With a large group of people searching for Pipis the only one found was by Tas. Noel showed us some middens where their shells were plentiful, along with Conch. We also had no luck finding any Conch in the rock pools; only one empty shell.

Another point of interest is that a pair of Hooded Plover (*Thinoris rubricollis*) were nesting on the beach. Noel was on duty that weekend to keep an eye on them. A group of three dirt bike riders rode across the beach one morning. Noel managed to stop one of them, but it makes it obvious how in demand the birds' habitat is and how vulnerable they are.

I highly recommend the weekend and would like to see something similar in our own area, so that dreamtime stories of the Dharawal and Gundangarra could be told and appreciated by all. For further information about the tours try [www.visitnsw.com/town/Burrill\\_Lake](http://www.visitnsw.com/town/Burrill_Lake).



### **Caalang Creek Working Bees**

Caalang Creek Working Bees are held on the last Saturday of each month from 9:30 am onwards subject to the weather. Please come and join us for as long as you are able.

#### **The next Working Bees will be on the 27th of June and the 25th July**

Meet at the footbridge in Hampden Park from 9:30am onwards. Don't forget water, hat and gloves. We now have tools available, but bring your own if you can. Queries to Steve Douglas 4271 4957 or Leon Hall 4888 2222.

### **Help Care for Our Nature Reserve 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month**

**10:00am to noon**

All welcome. Please bring garden gloves. For further information, phone Helen: 4885-1394

### **New Discussion Group at the Fettlers Shed**

Interactive discussion on Climate Science: Tuesday morning, June 9, 10-12, Fettlers Shed Gallery, Robertson.

Phone David Tranter for details on 4885-1394.

### **NPA Southern Highlands Branch AGM and NPA Talk**

Denis Wilson will present an illustrated talk on local ground orchids. He will discuss some of the differences in shape and function of some of these tiny and often overlooked flowers.

**7.30 pm Wednesday June 17, 2009**

**CWA Hall, Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale**

**Supper provided**

**Gold Coin donation**

### **Welcome New REPS Members**

Margaret Chabaud

Mr & Mrs Neil & Heather Tait

Mr & Mrs K & G McCracken

### **REPS Meetings for 2009**

Please make a note in your diary of the following dates for this year's REPS Public Meetings. These meetings will include a talk that will be publicised in the Eucryphia prior to each meeting.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November (Annual General Meeting)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Party)

### **Robertson CTC News**

Friday 19 June - Short Sited Film Festival 7.00 pm  
Sunday June 21 – Amazing Musical Journeys, The Symphony, presented by Andrew Ford. 10am to 4pm includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch.  
Sunday 2 August – Sydney Mandolin Orchestra 2pm at the School of Arts (presented by the Robertson Village Network).

### **Contact REPS**

All those who are interested in supporting our aim are welcome to join REPS. Our aim is to promote the preservation and enhancement of the Robertson environment. We welcome contact with individuals and other community groups. For further information and subscriptions please contact:

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We are always looking for new contributions to Eucryphia. If you have an essay, article, poem or photograph that you would like to share with other REPS members please contact Monica Engel or Sheila McInnes

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All contributions will be most welcome.

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