

Newsbrief

Since our last issue much has been happening, not all of it to our liking, as you can see from the lead story.

A new Treasurer has been elected to replace Jane Lazaroff, who voluntarily resigned as she had difficulty in attending meetings because she lives so far from Hobart. Thankyou Jane for your support and input over the last two years. We will miss you but look forward to an ongoing association. We welcome new Treasurer Josie Kelman to the board and thank her for taking on this responsibility.

The TLC offices are moving to the old Tudor Village building in Taroona as soon as lease arrangements are finalised with the Hobart City Council. We'll let you know more about this in the next issue.

Scott Coleman
Editor

In memoriam

The TLC recently received a donation of \$83.00 from Caroline Evans, to purchase one acre of land at Long Point in memory of Jean Howell.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in issue no.1 (Orchid Hot Spot) that a grant was received from the Nature Conservation Branch of the D.P.I.W.E. This grant was in fact received from the Resource Management & Conservation Division of D.P.I.W.E.



TLC News

Exciting New Partnership

Nathan Males reports that a new partnership with a key state government conservation program brings the TLC's first paid staff position.

The Tasmanian Land Conservancy was this week offered an exciting partnership with the State Government's Protected Areas on Private Lands program (PAPL). PAPL is a program that negotiates and places conservation covenants on private land throughout the state. It is coordinated from within the state government but its front line staff (conservation officers) work from non government organisations.

One of the program's conservation officers has been hosted with the Australian Bush Heritage Fund for the last 4 years but due to Bush Heritage's planned office relocation from Hobart to Melbourne a new host organisation was needed.

TLC and PAPL share similar goals for achieving conservation on private lands in Tasmania. TLC's revolving fund properties and permanent reserves will be assured long term protection by covenants, mainly through this program and another similar state government program specifically for forests, the Private Forest Reserves Program. Because covenants will be an important aspect of our work it will be a major asset having one of PAPL's staff working with us full time.

New Office!

While the resolution of the Long Point division from the rest of the farm has been slow and frustrating, holding up our announcement of the purchase, we have been using the time for essential behind the scenes establishment.

As you may know, the Australian Bush Heritage Fund have been generously donating office space to the TLC for the last year. Because Bush Heritage is relocating its offices interstate later in the year we have been seeking alternative accommodation and the Hobart City Council (HCC) has come to the rescue.

HCC owns a building in Taroona, once used as a small tourist business it is vacant and an ideal home for a passionate young environmental organisation.

Thankyou Hobart City Council, we look forward to making a great contribution to Tasmania's environment from the new base.

Furniture and equipment needed

While sitting on the floor is suitably earthy, we feel we could serve the Tasmanian environment more efficiently if we had furniture in the new office. We need almost everything, desks, chairs, shelves, cupboards, a meeting table, filing cabinets and computer equipment.

If you are cleaning out your old office or study please think of us. We would be happy to collect



Revolving Fund News

Dorothy Reaves Reserve Launched and TLC's efforts praised by Environment Minister



On a sunny day in late 2003 a group of almost 30 people from all over Tasmania gathered for a celebration in the dappled shade of the White gums that scatter the Dorothy Reeves Reserve at Poret Sorell. Following a light lunch and a celebratory glass of champagne the reserve was launched by Sally Bryant, Manager of the Threatened Species Unit representing the Minister for Primary Industries Water and the Environment Brian Green (see statement below).

Following the launch a walk was led by Peter Tonnelli an orchid specialist from Tasmania's North East. The number of orchids flowering was incredible with several specimens of the critically endangered ?? found.

Although Brian Green, then minister of DPIWE couldn't be present, he released a media statement praising the TLC's activities:

Mr Green said the foresight of the conservancy to purchase the land was a wonderful legacy to assist in ensuring ongoing survival of threatened orchids and a variety of types of native bushland.

"This work by the Tasmanian Land Conservancy highlights the way forward in conservation," Mr Green said. "It's not just about the government setting aside areas for conservation but also community based organisations playing a role in establishing areas of significance as well."

"As this purchase highlights there are some wonderful areas of native bushland outside the reserve system and by working to protect these areas we can add further value to our system in Tasmania."

"The Tasmanian Land conservancy is already playing an important role in conservation work in this state, and the Government welcomes their ongoing involvement in conservation efforts," he said.

The launch of the Dorothy Reeves Reserve was a very enjoyable event and, we hope, the first of many such launches. We are shortly to finalise the covenant, to protect the reserve in perpetuity and are now looking for a buyer who is interested in stewardship of the property.



CONSERVATION LAND FOR SALE

This new regular feature of your newsletter will keep you informed about covenanted properties for sale. You are welcome to advertise your own conservation property here or place a wanted ad if you are looking for land to conserve.

We hope this page will provide an avenue for connecting like minded people so you can leave your property in good hands.

Orchid heaven - A rare and important woodland property near the beach

The Dorothy Reeves Reserve at Port Sorell is now for sale.

Only minutes from Port Sorell and beautiful beaches this attractive 19 hectare property of open Black gum woodland and sphagnum bog nurtures a range of threatened species from endangered orchids to burrowing crayfish. There are 33 species of orchids on this block, including one critically endangered and one that was until recently unknown!

Surrounded by cleared and introduced pasture this important oasis of remnant bushland needs a willing custodian. Approximately one hectare is set aside for occupation and construction of a dwelling while the remainder of the land is protected under a conservation covenant.

We are seeking expressions of interest with offers over \$145,000 from anyone who wants a beautiful home site and an active role in protecting this important place.



King Island Hideaway with your own forest reserve!

Bordering the Martha Lavinia Nature Reserve on the east coast of King Island and only 10 minutes from beaches and sea elephant estuary, lies this 500 acres of really important vegetation.

The majority of the block is densely vegetated with large stands of King Island Blue gum, Brookers gum, White gum, Melaleuca forest and lots of King Island scrub. A covenant protects these areas of the block while allowing for the construction of a walking track.

A 2 bedroom house and dam are located on the remaining 10 hectares of cleared paddock. The house, which is in need of a little attention, overlooks the coast and is only 20 minutes drive from the world famous cheese factory.

Expressions of interest with offers of over \$85,000 are invited.



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Long Point Frustration

Jane Hutchinson, TLC Secretary

We hoped to share good news about the purchase of Long Point in this issue but Glamorgan Spring Bay Council have stalled the process of establishing Long Point Reserve.

Long Point is part of the East Coast's Moulting Lagoon wetland complex and adjacent to the Moulting Lagoon Game Reserve. It is critical summer habitat for many migratory bird species including the nationally endangered Eastern curlew. Moulting Lagoon has long been recognised as a wetland of international significance.

In July last year the TLC signed a contract for the purchase of Long Point from the current landowner. Since then the Commonwealth Government and the Tasmanian public have donated sufficient funds for its purchase.

The only thing the TLC now needs to do, before the reserve can be established, is to subdivide the 1000 acre Long Point from the current landowner's larger farm. Once divided, the TLC will create a permanent reserve to protect Long Point forever.

A subdivision application was put to the Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council with the support of Council's planner and the Parks and Wildlife Service at the end of last year. Unfortunately, just before Christmas, the Council refused the subdivision application. The council had received two objections to the subdivision one from the Council's own mayor, Cheryl Arnol and the other from her husband. Both are keen duck shooters who hunt on Moulting lagoon. Unfounded fears of loss of duck shooting amenity on Moulting Lagoon dominated council discussions, but issues of access were eventually cited as the main reasons for Council refusing the TLC's application.

Naturally, we are disappointed and frustrated by this delay but an appeal has been lodged with the Resource Management and Planning Appeals Tribunal and the hearing of that appeal is currently scheduled for the 10th and 11th of March this year. In the appeal, the Council is again relying largely on access issues to defend their refusal to grant the subdivision permit.

The appeal process is an expensive one, but one worth fighting. There is no guarantee, even if the appeal is successful, that the TLC will be reimbursed by Council for legal costs. If the TLC is unsuccessful in the appeal we may be faced with our own legal costs as well as Council's legal costs. Let's hope that doesn't happen!

By the time the next newsletter is printed, we will know the outcome of the appeal. Hopefully the Tribunal will have decided in our favour and help us preserve Long Point. In the mean time, please keep your fingers crossed for Long Point and if you are able, please make a donation to help us fight the appeal.

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