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Permanent TLC Reserve – Great News - Long Point Progresses at Last

Thank you all for your patience with the frustrations of bringing our first permanent reserve, Long Point, to reality. You will be relieved to know that the project is now, once again, progressing.

Following long delays due to the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and the husband of the Mayor, Glen Arnol opposing the creation of the reserve, the council has at last agreed to the proposal.

A modified proposal with access for TLC's management of the area across the neighbouring farm was presented to the council during October. At their last meeting the Council agreed to the proposal on condition that the public be provided with some access to the foreshore of the land from the waterway of Moulting Lagoon.

Jim Mulcahy has been working on a management plan in conjunction with a conservation covenant that sets out the access arrangements for recreation that doesn't impact on the conservation values of the area, similar to the access arrangements for other protected areas in the state. This will be presented to the Council for their approval at their next meeting.

Since the meeting Glen Arnol has not made further objections to the arrangements agreed by TLC and the Council. This means that agreement of a management plan is all that now remains before the application has complete approval. So it looks increasingly certain that the project will go ahead.

We are very relieved that positive progress has been made and are looking forward to initiating our management of the site. The first tasks are to survey and begin to manage the gorse infestations. We will be arranging working bees so if you would like to assist please register your interest with Nathan Males at the TLC office by phoning 6225 1399 or email nmales@tasland.org.au.



Supporting the TLC

Being a regular giver to TLC – a personal perspective

Charlotte Grimshaw explains why she is among the first to make monthly donations to help TLC to save Tasmania's important natural places

I have no doubt that the environmental problems we have to solve will be among the greatest challenges facing us and our children in the 21st century. Issues of climate change and how we allocate precious resources like water – we've already seen how they have come very rapidly to the world's attention as major issues of concern.

In the face of these great challenges, how much difference will it make if we save a few precious bits of this tiny island?

As pressures of population, wealth and development increase, I know that creating reserves like those protected by TLC play a vital part in the protection and preservation of Tasmania's unique species and habitats. Often it also preserves a truly beautiful place for our quiet enjoyment.

For me it also serves a very special purpose: it creates one of those places in the heart which make us human, and to know that a rare and beautiful place like Long Point has been protected partly through what I can give, gives me in return a gift of connection to this special place and what it represents – even if I rarely go there.

I choose to support TLC with a regular monthly gift through my credit card, and that's because I know how vitally important regular, reliable income is to a small organisation just starting its life.

From a practical point of view I can set up the regular payment with TLC, and then forget about it – until it's time to file my tax receipt. And it's environmentally friendly – no need for TLC to use time, money and paper to write to me and ask for my donation.

I worked out that if one hundred more supporters decide to donate \$30 a month - \$1 a day – that would give TLC a regular, predictable income of \$36,000 a year – enough to fund its next reserve – how easy is that!

Join me!

Charlotte Grimshaw

You too can establish your regular gift to the TLC using the donation form on the back page.

Annual General Meeting

18 December 2004 2pm

Members and supporters of TLC are invited to join us for the AGM and a barbecue at the TLC office and gallery 827 Sandy Bay Road, Tarooma.

The Agenda includes:

- Financial report and presentation of the annual report
- Appointment of the auditor
- Minor revisions to constitution

There will also be a garage sale before the AGM to raise funds. Donations of saleable items are welcome.

Photography Exhibition

Simon Olding – Intimate Landscapes
December 2 – January 30

Simon Olding exhibits his black and white Tasmanian wilderness photography. Simon's work continues a fine tradition of Tasmanian wilderness photography and is reminiscent of the work of American photographer Ansel Adams.

The exhibition will be on show from 2 December until the end of January 2005.

Office and Gallery opening times

We are endeavouring to open the office and gallery between 10 am and 4pm Monday to Saturday subject to the availability of staff and volunteers. The office and gallery will be closed between 24 December and 3 January.





Revolving Fund News

‘buying and protecting Tasmanian natural places and reselling them to reuse the funds’

New custodians for our first King Island revolving fund reserve

Kate Ravich (one of the new owners) reflects on her reasons for purchasing a property through the TLC’s revolving fund.

“Why would you buy a block of woody weed that can’t be cleared and turned into a valuable piece of ‘productive’ land?” - a question that has been asked of us both on several occasions already.

For us the answer is simple and two-fold; the first involving the maintenance and protection of biodiversity and the second the maintenance of personal sanity. What joy to be able to combine them; contributing significantly to the long term preservation of biodiversity through custodianship of endangered ecological systems, while having a place of personal refuge – away from the hustle and madness of a large metropolitan city.

This combination is enough for us, but we also see other values.

From a financial point of view we see the value of the land only increasing as the appreciation of intact ecological systems becomes more widely understood.

Being part of a rolling fund, where the money we have spent on this property is used again to buy another, has to be seen as true value for money while the preservation of biodiversity can be compared to savings in a bank.

Then there is its educational value. I believe that reserves have a major part to play in education, including private reserves; community involvement in ongoing research and monitoring regimes is just one example of this.

And how did we come to be the TLCs first revolving fund property purchasers? I grew up in a wild and remote area of New Zealand and have always had a need for large spaces and isolation, though I now live in the middle of Sydney. I have been an active conservationist for most of my adult life and am currently coordinating Birds Australia’s Birds in Backyards program, which is essentially a community education program targeting urban dwellers. Bob has never lived in the bush but has always loved it and we have often spoken of buying land someday. In May he sold his business and reduced his working week from 6 to 3 days. Coincidentally, in June the TLC newsletter carried the ad for the property on King Island, a place we had previously holidayed and loved.

It just seemed like an opportunity too good to miss.



REVOLVING FUND LAND FOR SALE

This regular feature of your newsletter will keep you informed about covenanted properties for sale. You are also welcome to advertise your own conservation property here or place a wanted ad if you are looking for land to conserve. To place an ad contact Jim Mulcahy on (03) 6225 1399

A Naturalists Heaven - A rare and important woodland property near the beach

Named the Dorothy Reeves Reserve after the mother of one of the supporters that made the creation of this revolving fund reserve possible, this property is incredibly important for conservation of Tasmania's threatened species and deserves an owner who loves nature.

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!

Set among rural pastures this is a critically important oasis of remnant bushland. The land is protected under a conservation covenant with approximately one hectare available for occupation and construction of a dwelling.

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



Classic Tasmanian Forest

This terrific forested property near Cygnet has a variety of possibilities. Comprising densely forested slopes, a creek and a stunningly beautiful woodland ridge with good views (all to be protected by a covenant) it would make a great site for a low impact weekend cabin and bushwalking track.

At present there is no vehicle access and the property is offered by expression of interest over \$25,000. TLC is also negotiating to add part of a neighbouring property to provide road frontage and a practical house site. With this section included offers over \$70,000 are invited.

I am supporting the work of the Tasmanian Land Conservancy by making a one off tax deductible donation of:

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