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New Postal Address

Please note our new postal address:

PO Box 2112,
Lower Sandy Bay,
TAS, 7005

The 2004-05 Board

All board members are volunteers.

Jane Hutchinson (President)
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Staff

Nathan Males
(Executive Officer)
Jim Mulcahy
(Conservation Officer)

Volunteers

Jean Richmond (Office Manger)
Scott Coleman (Renovations)

TLC Receives New Reserve As Gift

While TLC's Long Point Project continues its journey towards completion (see page 2), we are incredibly pleased to announce another new TLC permanent reserve.

Being a charity TLC has some special advantages – one of which is the ability to receive tax-deductible gifts of land. A gift of land will become TLC's next permanent reserve.

Several years ago a Tasmanian doctor purchased a magical area of forest. The property is near Mt Field National Park and adjacent to the Mount Bethune Conservation Area. With a view to conserving the area he has kept it and managed it to look after its flora and fauna.

Now retiring, he has made the very generous offer of giving the land to the TLC as a permanent TLC reserve.

The majority of the 43 ha property comprises beautiful dry inland Silver peppermint (*Eucalyptus tenuiramis*) forest. The streaky grey bark and the



silver-grey foliage of the new 'Silver Peppermint Reserve' has a delicate beauty. The dry, sparse and rocky understorey is in amazingly good condition.

As well as its aesthetic quality, Silver peppermint forest is an important type of forest to conserve. Across Tasmania, it has been extensively cleared to create grazing land and there is very little of its original extent reserved in protected areas.

The land will now be kept permanently by TLC and, with your support, we will continue the previous owner's work - carefully managing the property as a nature reserve into the future.





TLC Update



Nathan Males takes up Executive Officer role thanks to Vodafone

The TLC is celebrating yet another great piece of news. The Vodafone Australia Foundation has recently provided major sponsorship to Nathan Males through its World of Difference Program.

Nathan was one of four people selected from among 750 applicants for the prestigious award. The 'World of Difference' award provides a salary for Nathan to work with the TLC and additional funds to assist with his new role as TLC's Executive Officer.

The award is terrific news for TLC as it provides the organisation with the staff time it so desperately needed to start building on its conservation programs and necessary organisational functions.

Through the award we hope to ac-

celerate the development of TLC that we have achieved to date with purely voluntary effort.

In the coming months Vodafone's contribution will assist TLC to:

- complete the Long Point purchase and initiate conservation management;
- select and initiate fund-raising to purchase our next permanent TLC reserve and;
- build on existing revolving fund successes revolving another two properties.

Vodafone's recognition of Nathan and the TLC is very exciting and bodes well for our long term objective of protecting our biodiversity.



Long Point Get Ready to Celebrate

The process of acquiring Long Point, our first major permanent TLC reserve project is continuing.

Before the transfer can take place the title has to be converted from its original land grant title and a new title for Long Point Reserve created.

We will keep you posted and expect to be announcing the celebratory events in the next issue.

Memorial Donations

Donations of \$522.30 towards Long Point Reserve were received in memory of Patricia Wessing.

Through her work with organisations like Tasmanian Conservation Trust and the Australian Conservation Foundation Patricia dedicated her life to protecting the wild places she loved and to engendering a love of the natural world through her role as an educator.

Patricia made a remarkable contribution to conservation in Tasmania. She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.



Revolving Fund



For Sale Naturalist's Heaven Port-Sorell

This property is 19 hectares of sheer ecological wonder.

The reserve supports 33 species of orchid one of which is listed as critically endangered and another is only ever recorded on this site!

Wildlife includes burrowing crayfish (listed as endangered) and a wealth of birds using the ephemeral wetlands and the open black gum woodlands.

If you have dreamed of owning and living on your own nature reserve then consider this property.

An area has been set aside for building your home and for your native gardens while the majority of the property will remain your own private reserve.

TLC is seeking expressions of interest with offers around \$165,000



Cygnnet Hills Reserve - purchase confirmed

The purchase of this classic Tasmanian forest is now possible thanks to many donations to the TLC's revolving fund.

Following donations from many supporters, TLC is now in a position to purchase the Classic Tasmanian Forest described in the 3rd issue of our newsletter.

The property was offered to TLC for sale by one of our supporters at the price it was purchased for in the early 1970s.

A conservation covenant will now be registered on the title before it is 'revolved' allowing the funds to be used for further land purchases.

There has already been a lot of interest in purchasing the property and we are currently negotiating with a potential buyer.

Kate and Bob inspire TLC supporters

TLC received this letter in response to Kate Ravich's article about their purchase of the 'King Island Hideaway' in the last issue.

... to let you know what a comfort and delight to receive my first TLC newsletter including the nice account of the purchase of the King Island block by Bob and Kate Ravich.

It is such a good story and reflects how I too feel about Land Conservancy. TLC and this first King Island block has become quite inspirational to me.

Now I am reconciled by the fine idea of supporting the TLC revolving fund so that a legacy from my Dad will be long term and support the values of good land custodianship for places many and for grandchildren all!

Please pass on to Kate and Bob my pleasure and my congratulations for the inspiration of carrying a vision through.

Helen Tait.



Getting Involved

There are many ways to help TLC:

Gifts

Financial donations directly result in protection of our natural places.

There are several ways to make donations that invest in TLC's conservation programs:

- Consider making a one off donation or joining TLC's regular Conservation Investment program.
- Consider making donations in memory of friends.
- Consider making gift donations in celebration of events like weddings and birthdays.
- Consider making a gift to TLC from your will.

Donate quality garage sale items

We run occasional garage sales to help raise funds for our conservation work. If you are having a sort out, please consider donating saleable items to the TLC.



Volunteer

We currently need assistance from:

Long point weed controllers

Help out on single or two day working bees throughout spring and summer 2005 – places are limited so express your interest now.

Native gardeners

Take on an ongoing project to remove weeds and plant native species at the TLC's Sandy Bay office.

Building renovators

Use your skills to help with our ongoing renovations of the building donated for our use by Hobart City Council.

Garage sale coordinator

We need an ongoing coordinator of the garage sales to collect people's saleable items and run the occasional sale.

Donation and Conservation Investment Form

Please send your donation to:
Tasmanian Land Conservancy
PO Box 2112 Lower Sandy Bay
TAS 7005

Personal details: Name Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss: _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

I am joining the TLC's Conservation Investment program to support the work of the Tasmanian Land Conservancy and invest in Tasmanian plants and animals by making a regular monthly credit card donation of:

\$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

I am making a single donation to support the work of the Tasmanian Land Conservancy and protect Tasmanian plants and animals.

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other \$ _____

Payment by: Cash Cheque Bankcard Mastercard Visa

Card number _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Expiry date _ _ _ _

Cardholders name _____ Cardholders Signature _____

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Please do not send any material other than my annual receipt.