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Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Sunday 4 December 2005 at 12pm at the TLC office, 827 Sandy Bay Road, Tarooma. The meeting will be followed by a barbecue and a launch of an exhibition of photographs of the TLC's reserves. Everyone is welcome.

Board members

Ms. Jane Hutchinson (President)
Mr. Peter Bosworth (V. President)
Mr. Brian Barry (Treasurer)
Dr. Karina Potter (Secretary)
Mr. Edward Butler
Dr. Geoff Couser
Ms. Sophie Underwood
Dr. Wendy Potts
Mr. Matt Newton

Staff & Volunteers

Nathan Males (Executive Officer)
Jim Mulcahy (Conservation Programs)
Jean Richmond (Office Manager)

Long Point - purchased at last



Succulent salt marsh at high tide - Long Point Reserve. Photo: Matt Newton

After over 2 years of seemingly endless delays TLC, at last, owns the magnificent Long Point Reserve.

Long Point has been rated among the highest priorities for conservation in the state. It includes important conservation values such as native grasslands, woodlands, salt-marshes and wetlands. The list of threatened species that inhabit the property is extensive and includes Tasmanian devils and Eastern curlews - endangered migratory wading birds that spend summers in Australia after their breeding season in Siberia.

The reserve acquisition project began in 2002 when John Cotton agreed to sell 1000 acres of his property, 'The Grange', to the TLC.

The Grange is a sheep farm that has been in John's family since the mid 1800s. John is committed to managing the farm as a viable farm business while ensuring that natural values are maintained. As well as deciding to sell part of the Grange to TLC for conservation, John has set aside several other areas of his property which he manages as

reserves.

The Long Point project has been incredibly significant for the Tasmanian Land Conservancy - being the organisation's first reserve acquisition project.

When TLC set out on this project we had only \$49 in the bank. Early membership dues combined with personal contributions from members of the board paid for a fundraising brochure and the flood of support from the Tasmanian, Australian and International community that followed has been wonderful.

Thanks to that support, a grant from the Australian Government's National Reserve System Program, and the infinite patience of John Cotton, Long Point is now a permanent TLC reserve which will be managed for conservation in perpetuity.

TLC's management of the reserve has already begun and there will be a range of opportunities for you to get directly involved and to see the reserve. See page 2.



TLC Update



Gorse - Long Point Reserve. Photo: Matt Newton

Gorse busting – weed control is under way at Long Point Reserve

With funding from the Australian Government's Envirofund program we have already begun the enormous task of dealing with the gorse that is rampant in parts of Long Point Reserve.

A group of specialists led by Rae Glazic and including experts Wendy Potts, Richard Sharhinger and Louise Gilfedder volunteered to assist with surveys of the property and map the gorse.

The survey mapped and classified 45 hectares of gorse on the reserve (over 100 acres). Some stands are in dense thickets while other patches

are interspersed with native plants.

40 Hectares of dense gorse will be sprayed using helicopters in October while the more sensitive areas will be tackled by hand with a cut and paint technique.

Two teams of Conservation Volunteers Australia Teams have already spent week-long projects working on the areas for hand weeding, and another two week-long projects are planned.

You can roll your sleeves up and get involved by joining our working bees to assist with this project. See this page... ..

Conservation Investors contribute to TLC viability

Purchasing land for reserves, managing TLC's permanent reserves, and keeping our organisation going requires ongoing income. Over 30 people have already joined the Conservation Investment Program and are making monthly donations to help the TLC achieve its important conservation work.

With no regular funding from government or other sources, these regular donations in particular make the TLC's very existence possible.

The TLC thanks all those who have joined the Conservation Investment Program.

Join gorse busting trips to Long Point Reserve

Nine places are available on each of the following gorse busting working bees.

Some trips are single days while others are weekend trips with overnight camping. Transport from Hobart, equipment and safety training will be provided by Conservation Volunteers Australia.

November 12, 2005

December 3-4, 2005(overnight)

January 7, 2006

January 21, 2006

February 11-12, 2006(overnight)

March 25, 2006

April 29, 2006

May 20, 2006

Trips leave Hobart at 8am and return to Hobart at 6pm

Phone Steve Bailey at Conservation Volunteers Australia to book your place: 03 6231 1779.



Revolving Fund Conservation Land For Sale



Eucalyptus ovata woodland Photo: Jim Mulcahy

For sale by TLC A naturalist's heaven

Port Sorell

This 19 hectare property of ecological wonders is for sale.

The property 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 purchasing this lovely property.

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

TLC is seeking expressions of interest with offers over \$150,000. Contact Jim Mulcahy 03 6225 1399.



Cape Barren Geese, Three Hummock Island. Photo: Matt Newton

For sale by owner Three Hummock Island Bass Strait

Proposals are being sought from parties interested in conducting an ecotourism/educational venture on Three Hummock Island. This offer includes a 16.5 hectare lease and a co-management agreement with the Parks and Wildlife Service.

The island boasts a rugged beauty and some of the cleanest air on the planet. The island's coasts, forests, woodlands and heaths provide habitat for over 90 species of birds.

Accommodation includes a 12 bed lodge, a homestead and a cottage. Access is by boat or air.

For more information contact Rob or Elaine Alliston on 03 6224 0317.

