

South East Australian Naturalists' Association Inc
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Minutes Of SEANA General Meeting Held at Naracoorte on Sunday 8th March, 2008

1. Opening, Apologies and Attendance

President, Helen Langley, opened the General Meeting at the conclusion of the AGM.
Apologies and Attendance as for Annual General Meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the General Meeting held on 31st October 2004 were confirmed on the motion of Sunraysia FNC, seconded FNC Sale.

3. Correspondence

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Environment Victoria: Green Action News, Summer 2007; Hattah Lakes Storylines project.
Trust for Nature: Conservation Bulletin, December 2007.
VNPA: Caring for Nature Day Picnic; Appeal.
Bush Heritage Australia: Bush Heritage News, Summer 2007.
Australian Conservation Foundation: Christmas card; Campaigns update; Appeal; 2006-07 Supporters' Report; Murray-Darling Wetland Report Card.
Threatened Species Network: The Web, Summer 2007.
Urban Camp Melbourne Cooperative Ltd: AGM notice.
Australians for Refunds on Cans and Bottles: Request for support of Container Deposit System in Victoria.
Barrier FNC: Public Liability Insurance.
Doris Weigert: Registration List for Spring Camp 2008.
Consumer Affairs Victoria: 2007 Annual Statement.
FNC Ballarat: Autumn 2010 camp.
Portland FNC: "Birds of Portland"; Repayment of \$1620 loan.
City of Greater Geelong: Development Panel Hearing.

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Hamilton FNC: Dates for SEANA Spring Camp 2009 and APS.
Geelong FNC: Thanks for Autumn Camp.
FNCV: Autumn Camp 2011.
City of Greater Geelong: Submission opposing development of land on Belmont escarpment.
Member Clubs: Autumn Mailout.

4. Reports

4.1 Treasurer Written report included with minutes.

SEANA account: Opening Balance at 12 December 2007: \$6613.06; Receipts: 60.00; Expenditure: 27.80; Closing Balance at 12 February 2008: \$6645.26.

ANN account: Opening Balance at 12 December 2007: \$3080.93; Receipts: nil; Expenses: nil, Closing Balance at 22 February 2008: \$3080.93

Moved: Rob Moors; Seconded: Upper Goulburn FNC; Carried.

4.2 Webmaster Ern Perkins forwarded the written report included with the minutes. Highlights included:

- The website has been updated and is available on a CD for those who do not have an internet connection.
- Clubs were asked to contribute material for the website including:
 - Nature notes of interesting observations.
 - Biographies of prominent naturalists.
 - Places of interest in your area that other naturalists could visit.
 - Interesting web sites.
 - Conservation concerns.
 - Reports of interesting club activities including photographs.
- The web address is <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~seana>

Moved: John Gregurke; Seconded: Upper Goulburn FNC; Carried.

5. General Business

- 5.1 The meeting considered the invitation from FNC Ballarat to host the 2010 Autumn camp after the long weekend. It was moved that SEANA accept the invitation from Ballarat and ask them to determine the date taking into account the time of Easter. Moved: Bendigo FNC; Seconded: FNC Ballarat; Carried.
- 5.2 A copy of the Member Clubs List from the website was tabled and those present were asked to check and correct the information for their Club.
- 5.3 Peter Rogers provided information and invited everyone to attend the next SEANA camp hosted by Ringwood FNC to be held at Healesville on 17-19 October 2008.
- 5.4 Ruth Graney, Portland FNC, thanked SEANA for the loan to help publish "The Birds of Portland District". An invitation to attend the book launch on 14 March was extended, the book was on sale during the camp and the loan has been repaid.
- 5.5 Wendy Savage, Latrobe Valley FNC, thanked SEANA for the loan to help publish "The Nature of Latrobe". The book was on sale during the camp and the loan will be repaid shortly.
- 5.6 Heather Kriesel, Naracoorte-Lucindale FNC, suggested several changes to the "Guidelines for organizing SEANA camps" including the use of email to send out the first notice for camps. The secretary will liaise with Naracoorte-Lucindale FNC to update the guidelines.
- 5.7 Dick Southcombe raised the issue of how we can recognize and show appreciation of prominent naturalists who have recently passed away. It was suggested that friends, relatives or clubs prepare an obituary to be published in 'The Age' of SEANA website.
- 5.8 Ruth Graney, Portland FNC, gave an update on the Cobboboonee forest campaign and expressed confidence that a large proportion of the forest will soon be declared a National Park.
- 5.9 Dick Southcombe, Geelong FNC, gave notice of a meeting to be held on Tuesday 8 April at Lara to discuss the proposal to declare the Western Victorian Volcanic Plains a World Biosphere area. He gave information to other Clubs in the area to encourage them to hold similar information meetings.

6 Next meeting:

During the Spring Camp at Healesville on 17-19 October 2008, hosted by Ringwood FNC.