

**ACCESS FOR ALL Inc
NEWSLETTER**



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• **FROM THE COMMITTEE**

The committee held its first meeting for the year in October, whilst there was not a lot on the agenda there was concern mentioned around the upcoming federal elections.

AFA is a non political organisation however many of its members are concerned about the ramifications of both a Labour State Government & a Labour Federal Government, and their strong Green alliance should Labour win the next federal election.

AFA members/taxpayers are urged to make their candidates more accountable for informing us on how our taxes are spent, particularly where National Parks and environmental groups are concerned. Find out your member's opinion of National Parks & Wilderness Areas before you ask him what he is going to do about them. Remember it is well known that the Wilderness Society is a large donor to the Greens.

Another item brought up on the agenda was an issue of storage for AFA memorabilia, minutes etc. Discussion was around the possibility of purchasing an airtight shipping container in good order and placing it in an agreed public recreation area. If there is a member out there that may know of the whereabouts of such a container it would be appreciated if they could contact AFA president Gary Gowen or any committee member and advise them so it can be followed up.

The treasurer has reported that as 30th September 2007 AFA has a closing balance of \$6,802.39.

The committee would like to invite all AFA members to the Xmas meeting and BBQ, details at the end of this newsletter. We hope to see you and your families all there.

• **HERITAGE**

Terry Hart has advised the committee that interviews of people involved with the Woola to Alpine track have taken place. The deadline is approaching for this part of the project to be completed. An invoice must be sent before funding is received. Thank you to Paul and Peter Smith for continuing with this documentation.

• **OUR WEBSITE**

Our website is powering along, thanks again to the diligent work of Peter Kneen. If you have not visited it for awhile take some time to have a look the next time you are 'googling' cyberspace! Our promised project to have all AFA members, who have e-mail, entered into a group address so information, newsletters etc. can be distributed a little more quickly than through the mail, has been a little slow in becoming a reality. Time is an issue for the members of the committee; we are hoping we can make this happen after Xmas. For those of you without internet access you will still receive information as usual. When updating your membership please add an e-mail address if you have one.

• **MEMBERSHIP**

Reminder that memberships are now due, thank you to all those that have rejoined, your support is encouraging to the committee. Family \$20.00, Single \$10.00 Pensioner \$5.00 and Corporations \$100.00. Remember when sending in membership details that address is correct and to add your e-mail address also.

CALENDARS

These will be available again for 2008.

They will be ready for sale by the end of this month.

Cost will remain same as last year - \$10.00. They are a great Xmas stocking item!! Many of our members have been sending them overseas to relatives and friends.

Thankyou to all the sponsors, these will be finalised and mentioned in our summer newsletter.

Thankyou to Barry Holmesby for collecting photos, this is a very trustworthy position for owners of precious historic photos.

Thankyou also to Helen Waddell for organising the calendars again this year.

- **THE NPWS**

AFA continue with their meetings with the NPWS. These meetings are becoming regular, with positive outcomes for AFA members. Thankyou again to the small committee that facilitates these meetings on behalf of AFA members.

From the NPWS website – NPWS celebrates its 40th yr since the introduction of the NP & Wildlife Act. During the introduction of the NPWS it has accumulated 783 National Parks & reserves, a total of 6.6 million hectares or 8% of NSW. Noticeably missing on the website is the total number of wilderness hectares that the NPWS has agreed upon during that time.

The alliance between the NPWS, some members of the NPWS Advisory Committee (locally & state level)and the Colong Foundation should be questioned often by all of us when ever the opportunity presents.

- **UPCOMING EVENTS**

XMAS MEETING & PARTY!!!



DATE: 1st DECEMBER

VENUE:

***REG & JOAN WEBB'S
VALESTON***

***804 CHARLEY'S FOREST Rd
BRAIDWOOD***

**MEETING: 10AM FOLLOWED
WITH A BBQ LUNCH.**

**COST: GOLD COIN
DONATION.**

**RSVP: 24TH NOV
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- **COMMITTEE CONTACTS**

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