

REMINDERS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE

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Future dates for 2008 AFA meetings:

30th August – Normal meeting. Araluen
Hotel 10.00am

29th November – Xmas meeting. Venue &
Time to be confirmed

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Other members of 2008-2009 elected
committee include -

Vice Chairmans:

Brian Clarke, Peter Kneen & Liz Innes

Publicity & Website Officer:

Peter Kneen

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FROM THE COMMITTEE

On 31st May 2008 AFA held its AGM. This year it took place at Brian & Marlyn Clarke's home. Their home provided the perfect backdrop for an AFA meeting. ...overlooking the Deua National Park, the weather was warm & sunny.

What more could we have asked? More members present would have made the day perfect. Although there were 30 plus present, this included some new faces; we have some 500 members so the committee were a little disappointed with the numbers. Quite an effort is put into the general running of AFA & the AGM, all of which is voluntary & a few more members present at the AGM would have shown encouragement to those volunteers to maintain their effort. The committee is aware that their members will be there in "a crisis" but work behind the scenes must continue for AFA to remain a reputable & recognized community group within the NPWS & "Extreme Green" organizations.

This is an appropriate time to remind all that if not for past lobbying by AFA your access to some of your favorite camping & driving areas would be a wilderness area with no access available to you or your family unless they can **walk** long & often rough distances. Access to our native bushlands & heritage is being challenged daily by the radical Colong Foundation. Their support from politicians, high profile community members & celebrities is far & wide.

As a group they are powerful lobbyist & able to employ or commission consultants to develop any type of document they choose that will support their agenda of more wilderness areas. They have politicians who can keep them up to date with changes in guidelines, policy etc. Their committee membership consists of people with titles after every committee member i.e. B.A., O.A.M, B.Sc. Q.C. etc. They have little time for

National Park management when it comes to increasing wilderness areas.

AFA members beware. In their latest bulletin they have mentioned that The Colong Foundation has commissioned John Macris to develop a procedure to determine the relative importance of proposed changes to **recreation** opportunities brought about by wilderness proposals ...to find ways to protect key areas like the Deua."

Bendethra is in the Deua...think about this & what Bendethra means to you, your family, our heritage and then think about your AFA membership & why you are a member. **Support your committee, they may not have letters after their names but with your support they will try their very best to maintain access to our public lands.**

AGM - The outcome of the committee elections were not surprising with many of the office bearers re-elected unopposed. Bryan Clarke chaired the meeting whilst office bearers were being elected. Some changes of note were:

- The chair put forward a motion that Publicity Officer & Website Officer be combined was carried and accepted by Peter Kneen. Thank you to all of the remaining committee for accepting their nominations. See the end of this newsletter for elected positions for 2008-2009.
- The Calendars will be sold again this year, costs for individual calendars yet to be decided upon. Members are asked to send old photos that maybe of interest to place in the calendar. Cost of calendars, printing and sponsorship will also be on the agenda at the next committee meeting.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD YOU KNOW?

Membership Renewal for the coming year. Membership fees remain the same for 2008-2009. Members who have paid their membership after December 2007 will be registered for the 2008-2009 financial year as members. Membership Renewal form is included with this newsletter please complete with up to date details & forward with your payment.

Family \$20.00, Single \$10, Pensioner \$5 and Corporations \$100.

Thank you for renewing your membership, costs associated with AFA are covered because of your renewal.

Congratulations to AFA members involved in wild dog control throughout the South East Escarpment. They have certainly covered the miles to attend meetings; reports are that these meetings can be a little heated with the NPWS! Funding to maintain a trapper & ariel baiting in breeding areas remain the focus for controlling wild dog activity, both of which cause major debate amongst all concerned.

Congratulations also to Terry Hart & Peter Smith (AFA members) with their negotiations with Eurobodalla Shire Council's Heritage Advisory Committee. They recently were successful in having the committee recognize & look at preserving the social history, bridle tracks and farming background of the Upper Deua River and to also place the remaining two homesteads Woolla & Alpine on the shire's heritage register. During their survey it was acknowledge by the chairman of the committee that the network of bridle tracks through the Deua regions were significant because they provided links to the coast for Monaro, Braidwood and the Southern Tablelands.