

The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc.

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Annual Report
Year Ending 31 December 2000



President's Report for year ending 31st December 2000

During 2000 The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria program was filled with a variety of talks, excursions and workshops, organised by the Club and by the Special Interest Groups (Botany, Geology, Fauna Survey, Marine Research and Microscopical). Members have been kept informed of activities through the regular Field Nats News and the Club's extensive website; and the Club's journal, *The Victorian Naturalist*, continues to provide a unique mix of articles on all aspects of Natural History.

Membership

Membership (including all journal subscribers) has fallen slightly from last year, and was 953 in October (compared to 977 in 1999). New members now pay subscriptions on the anniversary of joining, rather than at the beginning of each year, and subscriptions can be paid by credit card. These changes would be expected to make recruiting and retaining members a little easier. Membership has been between 953 and 980 for the last five years. The Club should carefully monitor membership levels to detect any downward trend in membership, and if this eventuates, consider increasing efforts at attracting new members. The Melbourne Junior Field Naturalists Club is currently experiencing significant growth in membership. The Juniors meet in the FNCV Hall, and are actively supported by members of the FNCV. A strategic plan needs to be developed so as to maximise the involvement in the FNCV of members of the Juniors as they reach adulthood.

Kathleen Turner passed away late in 1999, and during 2000 we recorded also the death of Ellen Lyndon. Both were longtime FNCV members, and both at various times held the position of Secretary of the Victorian Field Naturalists Clubs Association. Ellen was an Honorary member of the FNCV and a foundation member of the Latrobe Valley FNCV. We also recorded the tragic death of Ken Hamer, who had recently been a member of FNCV Council. Ken was largely responsible for the design and implementation of the garden of native plants around the Club's hall in Gardenia Street.

Honorary membership, in recognition of 40 years membership of the Club, was awarded to Ron Thoday.

Council, Staff and Group Personnel

Alister Ferguson took up the position of Treasurer in January. At the Annual General Meeting in May, the President's address concerned 'The FNCV and Research'. Elected members of Council remained unchanged as a result of the AGM. Ray White was replaced by Ray Gibson as the representative of the Fauna Survey Group on Council, and Rob Arnold stood down as representative of the Botany Group. Rob and Ray White had represented their Special Interest Groups on Council over a number of years.

Felicity Garde resigned from the position of Membership Secretary after seven years of efficiently handling this important duty, and contributing in many other ways to the smooth running of the office and the Club. Book-keeping was separated from the duties of the Treasurer in 1999. Barbara Burns capably continued to keep the Club's books up to date until the middle of the year, when it was decided to cover all aspects of day to day finances from the office. Maria Belvedere continued as Marketing and Publicity Officer, and her hours were extended to cover the membership records, and the management of the office and book-keeping. The position occupied by Maria has now evolved into one which covers a wide variety of important administrative and support roles, and is in effect an Executive Officer for the Club.

In the Botany Group Rob Arnold stood down as Chairperson and Ray McPherson and Karen Dobson took over as joint chair, supported by a Committee comprised of Maria Belvedere and Sharon Ford. In the Fauna Survey Group Ray White took over from Susan Myers as Chairperson, and David Farrar, Tim Matheson and Paul Webb joined the Committee.

Other Office Bearers in the Club who continue to carry out many important roles

Cover photograph: Geology Group excursion at Trentham Falls, May 2000. Photo: Rob Hamson.

include the Librarian and Archivist (Sheila Houghton), Assistant Librarian (Enid Amis, appointed during 2000), Book Sales Officer (Alan Parkin), Field Nats Bookshop (Ray White) and Excursion Coordinator (Dennis Meltzer).

Club Activities

The vitality and diversity of the Club's activities in 2000 could be seen from the page-long program included in each *Field Nats News*. An Open Day/New Members Day was held in March. Other activities organised or supported by the Club included a course on identification of Victorian Frogs (presented by Gerry Marantelli), the popular Plant and Wildlife Illustration Course (run by Kate Nolan), and a Plant Identification Course (led by Malcolm and Jane Calder), the latter in conjunction with the Australian Plants Society.

Club members participated in Victorian Field Naturalists' Clubs Association activities, such as the Spring Campout at Howlong in October, hosted by Albury-Wodonga FNC, and also attended the inaugural meeting and Get Together of the Australian Naturalists Network in Alice Springs in July.

Facilities

Significant improvements to the Hall were installation of heating/cooling in the office and library, and a hot water service in the kitchen. Major equipment purchases included a photographic slide cabinet for the library, and an Anabat System for bat detection, the latter purchased by the Fauna Survey Group with the generous support of Greater Dandenong Environment Group and Knox Environment Society.

Publications and Web Site

The Victorian Naturalist and *Field Nats News* continued to be produced with the support of dedicated and hard-working teams of volunteers. The high standard of *The Victorian Naturalist* was maintained by Editor Marilyn Grey, working alongside Assistant Editors Alistair Evans and Anne Morton (appointed during 2000), and Administrative Assistant Dorothy Mahler. The Newsletter was produced by Co-editors Noel Schleiger and Keith Marshall, with input from a layout team and a collation team (the latter consisting of up to 14 people). Michael McBain (FNCV Webmaster) continued to ensure that information on the Club activities and publications is prominent on the internet, through the Club's extensive website, whilst Alistair Evans updated and revamped *The Victorian Naturalist* page.

Grants and Special Projects

The Club was again successful in gaining a generous grant from the Commonwealth Government's Program of Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations for 2000/2001, for \$7,290. The level of this grant has been steadily diminishing each year (from \$10,000 annually in 1995-1997) but is nevertheless vital in supporting the administration of the Club. The Club also received grants from the Parks Victoria Community Grants Program for 1999/2000 for two projects: a pilot electronic index to *The Victorian Naturalist* (\$6,000) and a CD-ROM guide to Fungimap target species (\$3,485). Both these projects have progressed well and will be completed in 2001. FNCV continues to support the activities of field naturalists in the Mt Buffalo area, who received funding from Parks Victoria towards the production of an illustrated vegetation map of Mt Buffalo.

Conservation

Natalie Smith carried out the demanding role of Conservation Coordinator with dedication, ensuring that the FNCV responded to a wide variety of issues of concern to Club members and kindred groups. Issues spanned the local (such as Killara Park), regional (such as Box Ironbark Forests) and State level. Natalie consulted widely in preparing submissions, with Council, the Special Interest Groups, and through meetings with members interested in specific conservation issues and provided feedback in the Newsletter.

Australian Natural History Medallion

A highlight of the year was the presentation to Malcolm Calder of the Australian Natural History Medallion in recognition of his efforts in the fields of botany and conservation.

The nomination was made by the FNCV, supported by a range of other conservation and environment groups. The medallion was presented to Malcolm at the November Club meeting, and it was most appropriate that this was held in the hall which he worked so hard to locate during his spell as FNCV President.

Ian Endersby took on the job of Secretary to the Medallion General Committee. Thanks are due to Ian for ensuring the smooth running of the selection and presentation of the Medallion, and also to members of the Medallion General Committee and to those on the Award Committee, who select the medallionist.

Acknowledgements

Well over 100 people regularly contribute their time to the Club's activities, through the FNCV Council, other Office Bearers, Special Interest Group committees, Club's publications' teams, working bees, speakers and excursion leaders. All these members deserve our thanks for contributing to the success of the Club.

This being the last President's report which I will compile, I take the opportunity to personally acknowledge the efforts over the last three years of Vice Presidents John Seebeck and Noel Schleiger and all fellow Councillors. Among many who made my task easier, I particularly appreciated and benefited from the guidance and assistance of Maria Belvedere, Wendy Clark, Felicity Garde, Pat Grey, Ed Grey, Sheila Houghton, John Julian, Dorothy Mahler and Rob Wallis. I would especially like to highlight the considerable input into the running of the Club by the Secretary (Anne Morton, and her predecessor Geoffrey Paterson) and Treasurer (Alister Ferguson, and before him, Arnis Dzedins).

Tom May President

Field Nats News Newsletter Editors' 2000 Report

Issues 84 to 95 covered the activities of the Club in 2000. Statistical details are listed below.

Editor	No.	Issue Date	Pages	Ads	Main Articles	Fillers	Enclosures
KM	84	18/1/2000	16	7	13	10	2
KM	85	17/2/2000	12	10	8	6	2
NS	86	21/3/2000	12	8	9	10	1
NS	87	19/4/2000	10	8	8	8	6 month calendar
KM	88	16/5/2000	10	8	8	5	Council nomination
KM	89	21/6/2000	12	11	10	6	2
NS	90	18/7/2000	12	8	10	6	2
NS	91	15/8/2000	12	6	11	9	3
KM	92	12/9/2000	12	10	10	10	2
NS	93	17/10/2000	12	6	12	9	3
NS	94	21/11/2000	10	3	9	9	2
NS	95	19/1/2001	14	5	10	7	3

Layout

I wish to thank Keith Marshall and the layout teams for sharing the production of the twelve newsletters listed above.

The personnel of the layout teams vary but thanks are due especially to Marica Borthwick, Joan Broadberry, Val Himmelreich, Clarrie Handreck, Dorothy Mahler, Brigid Vaughan and Ann Williamson.

From mid-year Maria Belvedere has taken over office duties and the 6-monthly calendar and she has been responsible for the Calendar on Page 2 since FNN 88 which has lightened the work load. Joan Broadberry, Ann Williamson and Clarrie Handreck have also taken responsibility for special interest areas each month. Dorothy, Keith and myself are always striving to correct spelling and grammatical errors which are apt to creep in at the last minute, especially when articles are submitted late. It is essential that articles be submitted by the first of each month, preferably on a disc (MS Word).

Authors of main articles

Without the contribution from members, the newsletter would lose its diversity and appeal. Regular contributors from our president Dr. Tom May; Rob Hamson (Geology); Natalie Smith on Conservation issues; Clarrie Handreck (Marine Research); Sheila Houghton (Library); Ray Gibson and team (Fauna Survey); Pat Grey and Ray Power (Microscopical) and Maria Belvedere stopping the gaps, have given our readers issues to think about.

Collation Team

During this year 2000, the collating and addressing of the newsletter has been hastily borne by a team, varying from 8 (FNN 84) to 14 (FNN 86). Actually we have 25 different members who have assisted during the year but assistance varies each month. If we have 12 or better we can have all the newsletters (800 to 850) wrapped and labelled in 2 hours, and be at the Blackburn Post Office by about 3.45 pm in time to catch the evening mail. However, if members are less than 12 and we have enclosures as well we have difficulty reaching the Post Office by 4.45 pm.

So if you have time on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, please come along and enjoy a social afternoon with tea and biscuits and help get the newsletter out for the 3rd Wednesday. Thanks to the 25 who helped in the year 2000 – their names are in the respective newsletters from FNN 84 to FNN 95.

Noel Schleiger
Keith Marshall
Co-editors

The Victorian Naturalist 2000 Report

Six issues comprising Volume 117 of *The Victorian Naturalist* were produced during 2000. The total cost for 2000 was \$12,147.12. Some highlights for the year included:

Mammals – The Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus* in the Southern End of Port Phillip Bay, by C. Scarpaci, S.W. Bigger, T.A. Saville and D. Nugegoda 117(1); Discovery of the Yellow-bellied Glider *Petaurus australis* in South Gippsland, by E. McNabb, R. Willig and J. McNabb 117(4); Small Mammal Activity on the Snow Surface, by K. Green 117(6).

Botany – After the 1983 Wildfire: the Anglesea Vegetation Regeneration Project, by M.C. Wark 117(3).

Herpetofauna – Survival in the Suburbs! The (re)discovery of the Threatened Swamp Skink *Egernia coventryi* East of Melbourne, by N. Clemann 117(5); An Account of Ritual Combat in the Highland Copperhead *Austrelaps ramsayi* (Serpentes: Elapidae), by N. Clemann and S. Saddler 117(5); Records of the Giant Banjo Frog *Limnodynastes interioris* from Gunbower Island and the Ovens Floodplain, Victoria, by L. Conole and R. Mac Nally 117(6).

Invertebrates – A Survey of the Butterfly Fauna at The Paps Scenic Reserve, Mansfield, Victoria, by J.W. Wainer and A.L. Yen 117(4); Longitudinal Distribution of Macroinvertebrates on Erosional Substrates in the Mainstream Yarra River, by J.C. Dean 117(4).

Naturalist Notes – Thirteen naturalist notes were published this year, many contributed by members. Tanya Loos, John Seebeck and Karen Garth all contributed to an informative set of notes on Water Rats. Robyn Adams, Robert Bender and David Akers added to the body of knowledge on the White Cypress Pine.

Commissioned papers – One commissioned paper was published this year, The Use of DNA in Natural History Studies, by Janette A. Norman and Leslie Christidis 117(6). This fascinating paper clearly explained the contribution DNA studies have made to all fields of natural history.

Book Reviews – Nineteen book reviews prepared by sixteen authors were published during the year. Books returned by reviewers were donated to the FNCV library.

Inspired by Tim Low's book, *Feral Future*, our April issue mainly contained papers on the 'theme' of weeds and introduced species. Low's book should be required reading for all politicians. Of the books reviewed during the year, this book left the most lasting impression.

Alistair Evans, the Assistant Editor, continues to provide invaluable input particularly in layout and preparing graphics. Anne Morton provides consistent and professional support with desktop publishing and is now assisting the editorial team as an Assistant Editor. Anne is involved with a Deakin University study on the ecology of foxes in an urban environment. Dorothy Mahler also joined the team during 2000 as an Administrative Assistant.

Merilyn J Grey
Editor

General Meetings 2000 Report

This is the third consecutive year of having general meetings linked to specialist group meetings. The February, March, May, July, November and December meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 8.00 pm except for May and July which meet on the first Sunday at 2.00 pm. The April, June, August, September and October meetings are held at the commencement of the five Special Interest Group meetings (see Table below).

Meeting	Speaker	Title (if available)	FNN report
7/2/2000	Jack Dinkgreve	Dandenong Ranges National Park FNN 86 p.3 FNN 88 p.10	FNN 85 p.8
6/3/2000	New Members' Day	Introduction to FNCV and Open Day	
4/4/2000	with Fauna Survey Group		
28/5/2000	FNCV Annual General Meeting 2.00 pm	FNCV and Research	
15/6/2000	President Tom May with Botany Group Fiona Young	State Data Base – Flora Information System	FNN 90, p.10
2/7/2000	Robyn Hill, Development Manager	Trust for Nature	FNN 90, p.3
16/8/2000	with Microscopy Group Roger Pierson	Glimpse at the History of Microscopy	FNN 92 p.6
11/9/2000	with Marine Research Group Judy Muir	Polperro, Dolphin Swims	FNN 93, p.9
25/10/2000	with Geology Group Rob Hamson	The Peak District Derbyshire Lead Mining and the 'Blue John'	FNN 94 p.9 FNN 95 p.5
20/11/2000	ANHM Presentation Dr. Malcom Calder	On being a Field Naturalist – People Plants and Politics	FNN 95, pp.1.4.14
4/12/2000	Members Night Joan Broadbury Merilyn Grey Noel Schleiger	Orchids Lake Eyre Infill Tree Growth, Alice Springs	

The question of whether we should have more Club Meetings instead of linking with Special Interest Groups has been raised again. Some members feel that they would be happier with a general topic where the specialisation is minimal. With Special Interest Groups, new members can get lost with the specialisation at times, but this varies depending on the group and the topic under treatment. Council still has to decide on this for 2002. The present arrangement will continue for 2001. A link with general club meetings and general club excursions has been mooted. The idea needs a committee to deal with it. Any volunteers?

Noel Schleiger
General Meeting Coordinator

Club Excursions 2000 Report

Ten excursions took place during the year. Subjects included: Marine, Invertebrates, Fungi, Forestry, Geology, Ornithology, Environment, Botany. As usual it was endeavoured to find areas closer to Melbourne, although there were some particularly interesting features for day trips for which we had to go further. The number attending was very pleasing, and we are always happy to welcome more.

The multiple choice of interesting venues and the remarkable willingness of our leaders to come forth with their expertise was an inspiration. I would like to give a special mention to the three Rangers, who are not members of our Club, for their devotion, and of course to Alan Reid who always welcomes us to his Ecological Creation.

List of leaders and the excursions

Leaders	Subject	Venue
Clarrie Handreck	Marine	Koonya Ocean Beach
Peter Carwardine	Butterflies	Mt Donna Buang
Pat Grey	Fungi	Dandenong Ranges
Marc O'Sullivan (Ranger)	Forestry	Mt Macedon
Cecily Falkingham	Botany and Birds	Blue Tongue Bend
Jack Dinkgreve (Ranger)	Lyre Birds	Sherbrooke Forest
Noel Schleiger	Geology and Botany	Trawool
Alan Reid	Birds and Environment	Glenburn
Cath Strickland	Salt Marshes and Mangroves	Mornington Peninsula
Craig Bray (Ranger)	Geology and Forestry	You Yangs

Dennis Meltzer
Excursion Coordinator

Conservation Coordinator 2000 Annual Report

Issues the FNCV were involved with during 2000 were:

Box Ironbark Forests – A meeting was held to canvas views of club members regarding the Environment Conservation Council Draft Recommendations for the Box Ironbark Region of Victoria and a submission was prepared.

Marine Parks – The FNCV prepared a submission to the Environment Conservation Council's Marine, Coastal and Estuarine Investigation.

Baldwin Avenue Grasslands, Maribyrnong Valley, Sunshine North – After a site visit a submission to Brimbank City Council was prepared to protect the Baldwin Avenue Grasslands from development.

Main Ridge Equestrian Ground Management Plan – After a site visit a submission to the Mornington Peninsula Council was prepared to protect the significant flora and fauna of the Main Ridge Equestrian Centre

Biodiversity – Meetings were held and progress was made in planning a seminar to be titled 'Strategies for conserving Victoria's Biodiversity'. The seminar was planned for September 2001 but due to a change in my personal circumstances it seems likely it will be delayed.

Mt Stirling – A submission was made to the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board to prevent development at Mt Stirling proposed by the Board.

Killara Park, Gruyere – A submission was sent to prevent clearing of remnant vegetation on private land in the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

Goolengook National Park Proposal – Letters were sent to the Minister and Premier supporting the proposal of Concerned Residents of East Gippsland that Goolengook be included in the Errinundra National Park.

Pyrete Range, waste transfer site – A submission was sent to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to prevent the development of the tip adjacent to the Pyrete Range Forest

Natalie Smith
Conservation Coordinator

Botany Group 2000 Report

This year we had a great range of excellent speakers with a range of topics from specific plant botany to many large scale botanic projects. Attendance at meetings varied from 10-50 people. New members have been attending meetings which is really great to see. Field trips throughout the year were varied, with locations and topics depending on season.

On behalf of the members of the Botany Group I would like to extend my thanks to all the speakers and leaders of excursions for their valuable time and efforts.

The calendar for the next six months has some fantastic speakers and excursions to enhance our knowledge of the flora of Victoria but also to enjoy our natural heritage. In the future the Botany Group would like to participate in survey work, as well as conservation efforts such as assisting various Friends Groups.



Botany Group excursion to Kurth Kiln July 2000. Members are sorting truffles under the leadership of Teresa Lebel. Photo: Karen Dobson.

Speakers and topics for the year were:

February	Gerry Rayner	Drought Tolerance in Species of <i>Pittosporum</i>
March	Mark McDonnell	Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology
April	Jenny Wilson	Floral Traits of <i>Eucalyptus</i>
May	Lesley Hammersly	The Australian Garden Project
June	Fiona Young	Our State Database
July	Teresa Lebel	Australian Truffles
August	John Eichler	The Botanic Guardians Project
September	Gretna Weste	Brisbane Ranges – Recovery after Dieback
October	Ray McPherson	Australian Conifers
November	Bernadette Sinclair	Mosses, Reproduction of <i>Wijkia extenuata</i>
December		Members Night

Excursions for the year were:

May		Cranbourne Botanic Gardens
July	Teresa Lebel	Search for Truffles, Gembrook
August	Alf Salkin	Valley Reserve, Mt Waverley
September	Gretna Weste	Wildflowers, Brisbane Ranges
October	Graeme Lorimer	Bungalook Conservation Reserve
November	Gretna Weste	Labertouche Wildflowers

Karen Dobson
Botany Group

Microscopical Group 2000 Report

Thanks to our President Tom May, Past President Rob Wallis and the internet and Ed Grey, together with our own FNCV members we were able to put together another group of great speakers.

The material of some of these speakers would be only known about by a few people in fairly narrow scientific circles, e.g. Janet Gwyther, Meiofauna; Professor Margaret

Clayton on algae life cycles; and FNCV honorary member Dr Ian Parsons on blood cells. On the other hand some speakers (like Neil Archbold) will willingly turn up year after year. I hope he enjoys it as much as the group does.

The full year's meetings were:

January		Members night
February	Sharon Ford	Lichens
March	Kevin Blaze	Plumbing in Wood
April	Phil Papas	Collecting and Identifying Macroinvertebrates
May	Janet Gwyther	Meiofauna
June	Prof. Margaret Clayton	Microscopists Eye View of Seaweed Life Histories
July	Dr Ian Parsons	It's in the Blood
August	Roger Pierson	A Glimpse at the History of Microscopy (and Club Meeting)
September	Simon Lewis	Identification of Filamentous Algae
October	Neil Archbold	Fossils under the Microscope
November		Members night

Thanks to all the above speakers who helped us maintain our attendance number at 15. Thanks again to Pat Grey for the meeting reports to April. I must say I missed Pat's help from May to November. Thanks also to the group members for their help and support.

Ray Power Chairperson

Marine Research Group 2000 Report

The Marine Research Group continued its varied program throughout the past year with a range of speakers covering a variety of topics relating to our marine environment. Attendances at our meetings ranged from 14 to 42. Field trips were undertaken to a range of locations when tides were favourable and valuable additions were made to the MRG database. Again this past year work continued on expanding our database and slide collection and we extend our thanks to all who contributed to this work.

I would also like to thank those people who assisted with the running of the group ensuring its continued success, especially Clarrie Handreck for his assistance with planning field trips, finding speakers and producing the MRG page for the Field Nats News, Philip Bock and Robert Burn for their assistance in procuring speakers and Platon Vafiadis for also contributing to the MRG page of the Field Nats News.

Speakers throughout the year included:

Fiona Bird	Callianassid shrimps
Mark O'Loughlin	Reproductive strategies employed by echinoderms
Tim O'Hara	Factors influencing the distribution of marine life in southern Australia
Glen Agnew	Observations of Port Phillip Bay
Martin Gomon	Progress of Victoria's new museum and some aspects of his work on fish
Neville Coleman	Slides covering a variety of marine and terrestrial animals

A members night was also held and proved a great success with many individuals contributing. I extend my sincere thanks to all those speakers who gave up their time to speak to our group.

Due to unfavourable tides fewer field trips were undertaken. Localities visited were Corinella, Koonya Beach, Port Fairy, Barwon Heads and Point Danger. A highlight was having Neville Coleman attend our Point Danger trip to collect specimens for inclusion in an upcoming book.

Our meetings, held on the second Monday of most months, are great opportunities to

further our knowledge of the diversity of life along our shores - not only through the input of our speakers, but also by interacting with other members attending, many of whom are experts in their respective fields. It is for this reason that I would encourage as many people to attend as possible. Field trips are also invaluable for experts and novices alike.

Michael Lyons
Secretary

Geology Group 2000 Report

The Geology Group program for 2000 comprised 9 talks and 5 excursions with the attendance for talks ranging from 19 to 70, the latter figure being for Professor Plimer's memorable oration. The attendance for the excursions varied from 9 to 50. The low figure of 9 was for an evening meeting at Waverley Gem Club; the turnout was disappointing given the warm reception and fascinating demonstrations of lapidary work put on for us. Perhaps the explanation lies in its being a strange venue on a dark and very wintery night coupled with there being no map of the location in the Newsletter. The high figure of 50 was for Batesford Quarry near Geelong. The quarry management put a limit of 50 on numbers. One only has to hear a whisper of "fossil sharks' teeth" for the available places to be rapidly signed up!

Geology is a wide field and the Group hopes to cover all aspects of it in its program. With the excursions, the intention is to cater for our various transport/time circumstances by offering half-day trips within Melbourne as well as full day trips further afield. Thanks are due to all those who have helped keep things running smoothly, and in particular, Clem Earp for writing two of the reports.

The topics and speakers at our 2000 meetings were:

February	The Russian Permian: Professor Neil Archbold, Deakin University.
March	Broken Hill, NSW: the story of one of the world's richest ore bodies and the significance of its rare and beautiful minerals: John Bosworth, Mineralogical Society of Victoria.
April	Trilobites and the Melbourne Trough: Andrew Sandford, Museum Victoria.
May	The Geology of Wilsons Promontory: Gary Wallis, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.
June	Rethinking the Geology of Victoria: David Taylor, Geological Survey of Victoria.
August	The History of the World in 45 Minutes: Professor Ian Plimer, University of Melbourne.
September	The Grampians: Different Worlds – plant life 400 million years ago and plant life now: Bronwyn Witham, member.
October	The Peak District, Lead Mining and Blue John: Rob Hamson, member.
November	Deep Water Petroleum Exploration off the Northwest Shelf of Australia: Paul Carroll, BHP Petroleum.

Geology excursions (with attendance) during 2000 were:

March	Fossils of the Geelong Area, Batesford Quarry (50) and Waurn Ponds Quarry (19).
May	Collecting Minerals in the Trentham Area, led by Dr Julian Hollis (23).
July	See How a Brick is Made, Daniel Robertson Brick, Nunawading, led by Gary Bennett, Production Manager (18).
July	Waverley Gem Club: From Raw Rock to Jewellery (9).
October	Contrasting Granite Minerals in the Ballarat-Mount Cole Area, led by Professor Allan White (17 including MinSoc members).

Rob Hamson
Secretary

Invertebrate Survey 2000 Report

We are pleased to say that all the identification work, from the Glynn's Reserve survey and the Mt McKay expedition, has now been completed. While the identification of spiders to family level has been difficult and time-consuming, the team has persevered and finished the work.

Results of both these surveys should be published in *The Victorian Naturalist* during 2001.

E.J. Grey
Convenor

Fauna Survey Group 2000 Report

Surveys carried out in 2000

The Fauna Survey Group revisited long running survey locations at Holey Plains State Park, Dutson Downs Treatment Plant and Rushworth State Forest, returned to Cobboboonee State Forest, (Heywood) and ventured into new areas with some short term surveys at the Black Range, (Stawell), Kooyoora State Park (Inglewood) and Narrawong State Park. There were twelve surveys and seven Powelltown stagwatches. A variety of survey techniques were used, including cage and Elliot traps, pitfall lines, harp traps (for bats), spotlighting, bird spotting and general chance sightings. A recently purchased Anabat System, thanks to generous donations from Greater Dandenong Environment Group and Knox Environment Society, will enable the group to detect the presence of bat species that may evade capture in harp traps. Trapping records were forwarded to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment for inclusion in the Atlas of Victorian Wildlife.

Holey Plains State Park and Dutson Downs Treatment Plant: Holey Plains State Park and Dutson Downs Treatment Plant were both originally targeted in the search for the New Holland Mouse in 1997 and 1998 respectively. This species was only trapped at Dutson Downs, but general survey work was continued at Holey Plains. Both projects are almost finished after two visits each in 2000. Dutson Downs has yielded low to moderate numbers of New Holland Mice, and the trapping results will be written up for *The Victorian Naturalist*. In the final two surveys this year, the group was delighted to trap six Eastern Pygmy Possums, four species of frog, two species of skink and four species of bat. The highlight was a juvenile male Long-nosed Bandicoot which was caught by a group of students from Swinburne T.A.F.E. who joined us for the weekend. This was a new species record for surveys at Dutson Downs and the first record in this part of coastal Victoria.

Rushworth State Forest: Rushworth State Forest was visited during Brush-tailed Phascogale mating season in May and nest boxes were checked. Eight Brush-tailed Phascogales were recorded, and ninety five Sugar Gliders. Watching two Phascogales emerge from a nest box on dusk was a highlight for camp participants. Group members made submissions to the Environment Conservation Council (E.C.C.) concerning the Draft Recommendations for Box Ironbark Forests. There will be once yearly visits to Rushworth in future.

Cobboboonee State Forest: A small, hard working group returned to the fauna hot spot at Cobboboonee State Forest, after the New Year 1999 survey, and were rewarded with the discovery of thirteen species of mammals, including seven species of bat, a Southern Brown Bandicoot and Long-nosed Potoroo, and five species of reptiles. The fauna survey results were contributed to the Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) process. There will be no further visits here in the near future.

Narrawong State Forest: Twelve members and friends spent six days of Christmas/New Year 2000 surveying sections of Narrawong State Forest, near Portland. The group was joined by members from the Portland Field Naturalists Club. The once-off survey revealed nine species of mammals, fifty-seven species of birds, seven species of reptiles



Peter Homan holding a Fat-tailed Dunnart *Sminthopsis crassicaudata* at the Fauna Survey Group excursion to Black Range, Stawell October 2000. Photo: Mary Rose Morgan.

and three species of frogs.

Black Range: At the invitation of the Black Range Landcare Group two private properties were surveyed at the Black Range, near Stawell. An Easter trip and the Melbourne Cup Weekend were spent in this stunning area bordering the Grampians. Five species of mammals were caught, including the Yellow-footed Antechinus, Southern Brown Bandicoot, Swamp Rat and two species of bat. It was a great opportunity for some new members to gain experience in the handling of mammals. Fifty species of birds were recorded, including sightings of the Powerful Owl.

Kooyoora State Park: Kooyoora State Park, with its magnificent granite tors, was the location of two surveys during the year, with no further visits planned. Although the species trapped in cage and Elliot traps were limited to the Yellow-footed Antechinus (one of them a female with 7 jelly bean-sized pouch young), members were rewarded with five species of Skink, and three species of Gecko, including the magnificent Thick-tailed Gecko, which were all found under the numerous rocks scattered through the Park.

Christmas Hills: A day was spent checking nest boxes for Brush-tailed Phascogales in the Christmas Hills area. Some boxes were removed for repair. There were no live Phascogales, however evidence of their presence was found. Thirty-one Sugar Gliders were counted in nest boxes.

Stagwatches: During the warmer months stagwatches and spotlighting were conducted in Mountain Ash, mixed species and stringy-bark forests around Powelltown. The seven evenings in 2000 brought the number of stagwatches to 103, extending across 12 years. These stagwatches are excellent for introducing new members to fauna observation. Leadbeater's Possum, Greater Glider, Sugar Glider, Yellow-bellied Glider, Mountain Brush-tailed Possum, Common Ringtail, Boobook Owl and Sooty Owl were among the fauna recorded.

Meetings

Guests speakers gave a series of high quality and stimulating presentations at 10 of the 11 meetings, and there were excellent attendance at these meetings with an average of 25 people.

Fauna Survey Group Committee

The office bearers of the Group were: Chairperson, Raymond White, Secretary: Sophie

Small, Committee: Sally Bewsher, Stuart Dashper, David Farrar, Ray Gibson (Council Representative), Rob Gration, Peter Homan (Records Officer), Tim Matheson, Russell Thompson, Paul Webb, Ann Williamson (Newsletter Co-ordinator).

Sophie Small
Secretary

FNCV Bookshop
2000 Report

During the past year the FNCV Bookshop sold over 300 books to its members and other naturalists. The bookshop handles mostly natural history books, but it can get many different books at discounts of up to 20% for members. The more popular natural history books we usually try to keep in stock at all times. Books can be posted out to members, picked up from the club rooms during office opening hours, picked up during FNCV Group meetings, or at Craigieburn.

If members require a book that does not appear on our Book List, it will make it easier for us if you can find out three things – Author, Publisher and the ISBN. The ISBN appears in the front of all books. When the bookshop attempts to get a special book in for a member, it can sometimes take 2-3 months. This is because the wholesaler needs to order more than one copy from the publisher so he has to wait until he has enough orders to place with the publisher.

The bookshop attempts to hear of all the new natural history books that appear in the market place. We are always anxious to hear of any new books that members know of. Our most popular books are Field Guides, Flora of Victoria series, the Fungi guides and new books, i.e. Australian Bats, Australian Marine Life, Guide to Squid, Cuttlefishes and Octopuses of Australia. As well as books we also stock a limited number of CD-Roms to do with natural history, i.e. Wild Flowers of Victoria and Animals of Victoria.

We place a book list in the *Field Nats News* at least once a year, and a list of new books appears in the newsletter from time to time. As well as helping Club Members, the bookshop raises funds for the Club. The bookshop only exists with the support of Club Members and we hope it will continue to serve our members for many years to come.

Ray White
Bookshop Convenor

FNCV Administration
Annual Report 2000

FNCV Membership

FNCV membership remained stable with the number of members fluctuating between 940-980 during 2000, of these 103 were new members to the Club. We have yet to reach the elusive goal of 1000 members. Our membership renewal form has now been personalised, to save forms being filled out unnecessarily and to aid in speedy membership renewal. Honorary Membership, in recognition of 40 years of FNCV membership, was awarded to Mr. Ron Thoday.

Courses

Three successful courses were held by the FNCV during 2000. A *Plant and Wildlife Illustration* course was run by artist Kate Nolan and held at the FNCV Hall over 8 weeks. The second course held was *Identification of Victorian Frogs* run in conjunction with the Amphibian Research Centre and led by frog expert Gerry Marrantelli. This course was held over two weekends at the Amphibian Research Centre in Coburg with a field component at Coranderrk. The third course run in conjunction with *Australian Plants Society* was *Plant Identification* with Jane and Malcolm Calder, held over two weekends at the FNCV Hall with a field component at Karwarra Australian Plant Garden. All three courses received very positive feedback from FNCV members who attended.

FNCV Promotion

Two six monthly Calendar of Events were produced, April to September and October to March. This is a very important means of promoting the FNCV and our many and varied activities. The format of the calendar has had only slight modifications from last year. The only significant change was the addition of the question, directed to new members - *Where did you find out about the FNCV?* This will enable us to gauge the success of various promotional activities. The Calendar of Events is distributed widely to as many places as possible, including libraries, universities and colleges and like minded organisations such as NRE and Friends of the Earth.

Library displays, typically of 2-4 weeks duration, were held at Belgrave, Blackburn, Eltham, Montrose and Nunawading libraries, throughout the year. FNCV displays were held at a number of festivals: *Parks Victoria Festival* at Albert Park, *Active for Life Event* at the Royal Exhibition Buildings, *Whitehorse Spring Community Festival* and the municipal offices and the annual *Return of the Kingfisher Festival* at CERES. Many FNCV calendars were collected by interested people from these displays.

Opportunities for free promotion of FNCV activities were taken when available, e.g., using local papers, community radio, the EG section of The Age and ABC online. Paid advertisements promoting the FNCV were placed in the Bayswater Inside Out, Boronia and The Basin Community News, Vermont South Community News, Warrandyte Diary and Wiseworld Calendar. All of these are community publications with very reasonable advertising rates.

Maria Belvedere
Administration Officer

FNCV Library 2000 Report

We received several substantial donations during the year, notably from Cedric Ralph, a wide selection but with emphasis on birds, and Peter Kelly, mostly entomological works. Early in the year Ellen Lyndon presented us with books on a variety of topics, and then later we received more from her estate, which were mainly on fungi. Other donations came from Stefanie Rennick, Keith Marshall, Sharon Ford, Mark McDonnell, Eira Reed, Clarrie Handreck, T.R. Soderquist, Ed Grey, and Steve Kitto, from Brown Prior Anderson. We are also grateful to those people who donated their review copies.

Not all donated books were suitable, or required, for the library, and two book sales were held, one at the Open Day in March, and the other before the December ordinary meeting. Together these raised over \$500.

Amongst other titles added to stock were: *Flora of Australia*, vol.1 Revised edition (1999), vol.17B *Proteaceae 3: Hakea to Dryandra* (1999), vol.17A *Proteaceae 2: Grevillea* (2000); M.I.H. Brooker and D.A. Kleinig *Field Guide to the Eucalypts, South-eastern Australia* 2nd edition (1999); H. Hewson *300 Years of Botanical Illustration* (1999); J.H. Seebeck *et al.*, editors *Bandicoots and Bilbies* (1990); T. Kloot *Birds of Box Hill* (2000); *Fauna of Australia* vol.4A *Polychaetes and Allies: the Southern Synthesis* (2000); and A. Reid and M. Norman *A Guide to Squid, Cuttlefish and Octopuses of Australia* (2000), the two latter being purchased from Marine Research Group funds. In total 126 titles were added to the library.

Enquiries were mainly of an historical nature: the Australian National Library requested details of Dr Margaret Chattaway's connection with the FNCV (President 1952-53); Lyn Mitchell wanted information about her grandfather S.R. Mitchell (President 1936-37), and Mark Tregellas was seeking the photographic plates taken by his great-grandfather Tom Tregellas, but we were unable to help him. We received an enquiry about the Club's interest in the Corroboree Tree at St. Kilda Junction.

The historical collection acquired some valuable additions: Eric Allan presented us with a photographic album which had belonged to the Ingram brothers (John, Honorary Treasurer 1929-1942; Will, Honorary Assistant Librarian 1929-1942), and also a history

of the M.A. Ingram Trust, of which he had been one of the Trustees for some years; and Rica Erickson sent us a collection of handmade Christmas cards which she had received from Jean Galbraith from 1963-1993, which contain interesting items about her activities and references to plants of interest to them both. I have had a continuing correspondence with Rica Erickson, who has been seeking help in connection with a memorial volume of her works and life which is to be published in 2001.

The Club purchased a slide cabinet, which has been placed in the library. Part of this has been allocated to our collection of archival slides.

I am very grateful to Tess Kloot who has helped most painstakingly with the archive collection on a monthly basis.

The library has continued to provide a service to members, especially students, by being open on Tuesdays from 11 am to 2 pm. Our physical comfort was much enhanced mid-year by the installation of air-conditioning.

I was very pleased to welcome Enid Amis as Assistant Librarian in July. It has made things a great deal easier to have someone who is a trained librarian and can attend on a regular basis. My thanks also to Enid Haarhoff, who has been a frequent volunteer, and Joan Kottek, who is now coming monthly.

Sheila Houghton
Honorary Librarian

Fungimap Report 2000

The Fungimap scheme continues to accumulate distribution and ecological information on 100 target species of fungi. Approximately 600 people are on the mailing list, and more than 7,000 records have been received. The scheme is jointly supported by the FNCV and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne.

Since the inception of the scheme, John Julian (Executive Officer) and Pat Grey (Database Officer) have spent much of their own time in support of Fungimap. At the FNCV Hall in May, presentations were made to John and Pat, and to Michael McBain, in recognition of their great contributions to the success of Fungimap. The increasing size and complexity of the scheme necessitated creation of a Fungimap Coordinator position, hosted by RBG Melbourne.

Katy Sommerville was appointed as Coordinator in April, and carried out this demanding role with enthusiasm providing support to recorders whilst producing 2 issues of the Fungimap Newsletter. A significant contribution was the development of a licence form for photos. Leonie Mynott (databasing and scanning) and Brian Andrews (database) provided capable volunteer assistance. Maps of target species were placed on the website, maintained by Michael McBain, who continued to respond to email enquiries from Australia and overseas.

Ian Bell originated the idea of a CD-Rom guide to Fungimap target species and he also coordinated and built the CD-Rom. Parks Victoria Community Grant Program supported the preparation of the CD-Rom. Simon Lewis (RBG Melbourne) assisted with scanning of images. A feature of the CD-Rom is multiple images of each species, with maps and descriptions. Photos and text were contributed by several people. The CD-Rom will be launched in 2001.

Fungimap is now an Australia-wide scheme, and Regional Coordinators have been established: Pam Catcheside (SA), Heino Lepp (ACT), David Ratkowsky (Tas.), Betty Rees (NSW) and Katie Syme (WA).

A Get Together was held in Tasmania in April 2000, attended by all Regional Coordinators. Anneke Veenstra-Quah ably assisted with organisation. A Steering Committee was established consisting of the Convenor, the Coordinator, and two of the Regional Coordinators (Pam Catcheside and Katie Syme for 2000). Planning for the Inaugural Fungimap conference, to be held in Denmark, WA, in June 2001, is well underway, with the organising committee led by Katie Syme.

Jenny Tonkin completed an Honours project at the University of Melbourne, using Fungimap records in an investigation of factors affecting the distribution of fungi. Peter Neish from RBG Melbourne assisted with database design and production of maps.

Dung of various animals, was sent to Ann Bell (Wellington, NZ) who has found several new species of dung-inhabiting fungi from samples collected by Fungimap recorders.

Valuable support was received from The Ian Potter Foundation, and RBG Melbourne provided financial assistance and access to office space and computers. Fungimap relies largely on volunteer participation, and thanks are due to all who sent in records and photos and to the Regional Coordinators.

Fungimap continues to grow. A challenge for 2001 is to secure funding so that current projects can continue and also so that the many potential activities which could be undertaken in response to the obvious interest in fungi are able to be initiated.

Tom May
Fungimap Convenor

Australian Natural History Medallion 2000 Report

The Australian Natural History Medallion is awarded each year to the person judged to have made the most meritorious contribution to the understanding and promulgation of Australian natural history over the previous ten years. The financing, design and administration of the Medallion is the responsibility of The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria.

In 2000 the Medallion was awarded to Malcolm Calder for services to botany and conservation. The nomination was made by the FNCV and supported by the Victorian National Parks Association, the Upper Yarra and Dandenong Environment Group, and the Group for the Lilydale and District Environment. Dr Calder had been president of the VNPA and FNCV and had served on the Land Conservation Council. A summary of his professional and natural history achievements was published in *The Victorian Naturalist* 117 (5).

The Awards Committee consists of six members appointed for four years plus the president of the Royal Society of Victoria. Every second year half of the appointed members retire. This year Dr Tony Lee (mammalogy), Dr Richard Marchant (invertebrates) and Dr Marc Marsden (geology), retired from the committee and deserve our thanks for the time and effort they have contributed over their four year stint. Professor Gordon Sanson, president of the RSV, also completed two years of valuable advice and service.

The first Medallion was awarded in 1940 and, as it approached its 50th year, a short history was written by Sheila Houghton and published in 1987. Each year the list of awardees has been updated and placed as an appendix in the remaining booklets, and a biographical note published in the *The Victorian Naturalist*. Council has plans to update the history to incorporate details of more recent medallion winners.



Malcolm Calder (right) with President Tom May (left) at the presentation of the Australian Natural History Medallion, November 2000. Photo: Wendy Clark.

Ian Endersby
Secretary to the Medallion General Committee

THE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

REPORT BY COUNCIL

The members of Council hereby submit the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2000 and the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date and report as follows:

1. The names of the Executive Council in office at the date of this report are as follows:

Name	Occupation	Council Member Since
Dr Tom May - President	Botanist	1995
Mr John Seebeck - Vice President	Biologist	1996
Dr Noel Schleiger - Vice President	Education Consultant	1990
Ms Anne Morton - Secretary	Ecologist	1999
Mr Alister Ferguson - Treasurer	Accountant	1999
Mr Philip Bock	Lecturer	1996
Ms Wendy Clark	Photographer	1998
Ms Sharon Ford	Student	1998
Ms Marilyn Grey	Ecologist	1999
Mr Raymond Gibson	Industrial Chemist	2000
Mr Robin Hamson	Teacher	1998
Mr Raymond Power	Engineer (retired)	1993
Dr Robert Rogers	Medical Practitioner	1991
Ms Natalie Smith	Ranger	1999

2. The principal activities and object of the Club are to stimulate interest in natural history and to preserve and protect Australian fauna and flora. No significant changes in the nature of those activities occurred during the reporting period.

3. The net surplus of the club for the year ended 31 December 2000 was \$ 15,707.45 (1999, \$17,532).

4. A review of the operations of the Club is contained in the Presidents Report and the Group reports, which form part of this Annual Report.

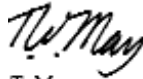
5. No matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of the financial year, which has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations or the state of affairs of the Club.

6. Other than as disclosed in the Annual Report, there are no significant developments likely to affect the financial results of the Club.

7. During the financial year, no member of the Council has received or become entitled to receive any benefit by reason of a contract made by the club with the councillor or with an entity of which the councillor is a member or in which the councillor has a substantial interest.

**THE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.
REPORT BY COUNCIL**

SIGNED at BLACKBURN this *27th* day of *March* 2001 in accordance with a resolution of council.



T. May
President



A. Ferguson
Treasurer

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

In the opinion of the members of Council:

- (a) The accompanying Income and Expenditure Account is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial results of the Club for the year ended 31 December 2000.
- (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club as at 31 December 2000.
- (c) As at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

SIGNED at BLACKBURN this *27th* day of *March* 2001 in accordance with a resolution of Council.



T. May
President



A. Ferguson
Treasurer

Notes to and Forming Part of the Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 December 2000

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost and do not take into account changing money values. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, with exception to the accounting of membership income. In the past membership income has only been taken to account in respect of membership received in respect of the current year. The council has altered the timing of the collection of membership such that a member is considered a member for 12 months from the date of payment, rather than over a distinct period. This has therefore given rise to a change in the accounting policy such that it is no longer necessary to allocate memberships received in respect of future years as a liability. The effect of this change in accounting policy is to give rise to one off increase of membership income of approximately \$7000.

(a) Investments

Investments are valued either at cost less amounts written off for permanent diminution in the value of investments, or at Council valuation. Dividends and interest are brought to account when received.

(b) Fixed Assets

Property is brought to account at cost or, where appropriate at Council valuation. Plant, equipment, furniture and fittings are brought to account at cost less provision for depreciation calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the asset.

(c) Income Tax

The club is not liable for income tax. The club also is exempt from goods and services tax in respect of membership income.

(d) Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks of 'Downunder at the Prom' are valued at cost of printing less balance of the Bicentennial Grant.

(e) No remuneration has been received by councillors for the year ended 31 December 2000.

THE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB OF VICTORIA**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000**

INCOME	2000 \$	1999 \$
Subscription received		
Membership	34,247.50	28,644.00
Victorian Naturalist Subscriptions	747.47	4,315.00
	<u>34,994.97</u>	<u>32,959.00</u>
Sales		
Bookshop Sales		
Bookshop sales	14,872.19	16,534.00
Bookshop - Cost of Sales	(8,540.65)	(14,459.00)
	<u>6,331.54</u>	<u>2,075.00</u>
Sales FNCV Publications		
FNCV Publications	5,178.17	5,183.00
FNCV Cost of Sales	(2,781.65)	(3,975.00)
Postage FNCV Publications	(134.95)	0.00
	<u>2,261.57</u>	<u>1,208.00</u>
Other Income		
Hall Hire	1,234.43	1,145.00
Excursions & Seminars	848.00	2,071.00
Advertising - Field Nat News	748.50	582.00
Sundry Income	4,002.83	1,336.00
	<u>6,833.76</u>	<u>5,134.00</u>
Investment		
Bank Interest	1,544.47	691.00
Interest Income	15,847.46	15,871.00
Trust Distribution	1,728.00	1,842.00
Total Investment Income	<u>19,119.93</u>	<u>18,404.00</u>
Other Income		
Grant Income	9,485.00	17,100.00
Courses		
Donations	3,939.90	938.00
Total Other Income	<u>13,424.90</u>	<u>18,038.00</u>
Total Income	<u>82,966.67</u>	<u>77,818.00</u>

THE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB OF VICTORIA

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000**

EXPENDITURE	2000 \$	1999 \$
Publications		
Printing - Vic. Nat.	14,790.35	18,071.00
Vic Nat Postage	<u>2,167.57</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	16,957.92	18,071.00
Publications - Newsletter		
Newsletter Printing	5,896.35	10,473.00
Newsletter Postage	<u>2,825.49</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	8,721.84	10,473.00
Expenses		
Advertising, Market and Publicity	4,427.00	1,525.00
Annual Report	1,620.00	1,605.00
Audit Fees	1,050.00	1,000.00
Bookkeeping	720.00	0.00
Office Administration	8,181.85	0.00
Library Expenses	595.90	1,801.00
Bank Fees	865.08	308.00
Depreciation Expense	4,187.21	4,339.00
Printing	1,234.00	2,002.00
Internet Service Provider	108.24	0.00
Computer Expenses	1,045.15	453.00
Dues and Subscriptions	459.53	143.00
Honoraria	916.66	11,500.00
Insurance	2,039.70	1,719.00
Stationary	1,607.19	0.00
Property Expense	806.65	2,225.00
Repairs and Maintenance	675.15	\$449.00
Postage	1,767.28	1,307.00
Sundry Expenses	242.55	726.00
Staff Amenities	34.54	0.00
Wages and Salaries	1,544.40	0.00
Telephone	584.67	640.00
Gas	207.85	0.00
Water	<u>262.70</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	35,183.30	31,742.00
Operating Profit	22,103.61	17,532.00
Other Expenses		
Extraordinary Items Write Offs	<u>1,778.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Profit / (Loss)	<u><u>20,325.61</u></u>	<u><u>17,532.00</u></u>

THE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB OF VICTORIA

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000**

	2000	1999
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cheque Account	35,685.08	24,893.00
The Environment Fund	6,127.76	6,050.00
Petty Cash	0.00	952.00
Trade Debtors	0.00	470.00
Inventories (Books for Sale)	34,831.80	34,205.00
Total Current Assets	<u>76,644.64</u>	<u>66,570.00</u>
 Non Current Assets		
AGC Debenture Stock	50,000.00	50,000.00
Treasury Corporation of Vic.	50,000.00	50,000.00
Esanda Unsecured Notes	100,000.00	100,000.00
General Property Trust Units	23,851.00	23,851.00
National Income Securities	8,000.00	8,000.00
ANHM Charge Account	1,642.86	1,912.00
Library Holdings	46,429.79	45,628.00
Total Non Current Assets	<u>279,923.65</u>	<u>279,391.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>356,568.29</u>	<u>345,961.00</u>
 Non Current Assets		
Maryborough Property	13,400.00	213.00
Clubhouse at Cost	171,757.00	171,757.00
Clubhouse Improvements	43,583.00	38,743.00
Equipment at Cost	57,709.94	55,021.00
Equipment Accum Depreciation	-39,903.21	-35,716.00
Total Non Current Assets	<u>246,546.73</u>	<u>230,018.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>603,115.02</u>	<u>575,979.00</u>

THE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB OF VICTORIA

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

	2000	1999
	\$	\$
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	2,956.06	365.00
Provisions	3,760.00	\$,760.00
GST Collected	2,246.62	216.00
GST Paid	-2,618.52	0.00
Memberships in Adv. - One Year	0.00	7,477.00
Grants	0.00	-292.00
Royalty Liability	660.00	660.00
Funds Held in Trust	271.00	271.00
Total Liabilities	7,275.16	12,457.00
Net Assets	595,839.86	563,522.00
Equity		
Members Accumulated Funds		
Current Year Earnings	20,325.61	17,532.00
General Fund	505,420.89	511,333.00
Total Specific Funds		
Marie Allender Fund	9,018.13	8,459.00
Alex Burns Fund	2,558.64	2,400.00
Sundry Bequests	7,059.60	6,622.00
Marine Research Fund	25,216.98	24,023.00
Fauna Survey Equipment Fund	1,178.00	1,178.00
Fungimap Fund	5,747.25	3,521.00
FNCV Environment Fund	6,127.76	5,986.00
Asset Revaluation Reserve	13,187.00	0.00
Total Members Accumulated Funds	595,839.86	581,054.00
Retained Earnings	0.00	-17,532.00
Total Equity	595,839.86	563,522.00



Lunchtime for FNCV members at the Club Excursion to Alan Reid's property at Glenburn. Photo: Anne Morton.

