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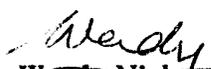
Welcome back for another year. We hope you all had chance to rest and recuperate over the holiday season, and are rarin' to go. This year, because of professional commitments, Ranger Rob will not be as available to us as in past years. However Paul Aplin is taking on organization of the activities (making sure materials and equipment are available on the day) as part of his Queens Scout Award, so we wish him luck in meeting the challenge! His initial task has been the compilation and production of the attached Activities Program for 1993. Please keep an eye on forthcoming activities.

Those who went along to **Rotomah Island** (Gippsland Lakes) with the Group a couple of years ago will have pleasant memories of a very peaceful weekend staying at the Lodge. We have been able to secure a booking again this year, the 3rd/4th April. Cost is **\$25 per person** for the weekend, Saturday-Sunday. Accommodation is comfortable bunks (with proper mattresses), and the rooms cater for varying numbers, from memory 3 to about 8 (sorry, no "Honeymoon suite" !) There is a large kitchen/dining room and the Group will be self-catering (thus the reasonable tariff) so you will be expected to bring along casseroles, cakes and the like. A car pool will be organised to go via Loch Sport to Sperm Whale Head (where the cars must be left) and the wardens will take us by boat across the very short distance to the island jetty. From there it is a short walk to the lodge. The area is run by the Ornithological Trust and is a bird and wildlife sanctuary. Maximum accommodation number is 20 so if you are interested, get your name down as soon as possible by contacting Joanna Azziz on 696469 (in the evening). There will be no organized activities, just do your own thing.

Take note of the **Annual Friends Groups State Conference** details on March 6-7 at Rawson, near Erica. Ken has offered to attend the whole 3 days on our behalf, but if you wish to attend for a day or more, contact Ken for further details.

Sunday February 21st is our next get-together in the Park, 1.30 at the end of Braniffs Road, to take tree-guards from suitably advanced trees, for re-use. Please do this activity as a group, as we need a bit of expertise to decide which trees will survive without their guards.

Look forward to seeing you all again.


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