

YFRWPA NEWS - APRIL 2000

Dear Member

This is our first 'NEWS' to bring you up to date as to what your new Committee has been doing.

Property Purchase

Firstly an offer has been made and accepted for the purchase of the Bunkers Block Property lease.

As the present lease is a pastoral lease, it is not the most appropriate form of land tenure for our purpose. A more appropriate, longer term lease arrangement is being developed by the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) and Crown Law.

The Minister for Environment and Heritage has nominated Trevor Naismith as his Department's representative on our Committee, and together with Brenton Amald (Regional Manager), and others from DEH, to form a team to "make it Happen" including the handling of the purchase on our behalf.

Legalities

The Committee is in the process of registering the amended Rules of our Association, and applying for Approved Environmental Organisation status and allowing the Association to set up a public fund (ie. accept tax deductible donations).

The Committee has indicated to Environment Australia (EA), that we are now ready to sign the Agreement with the Commonwealth on conditions of the NHT funding.

The first Draft of the Management Plan for the Bunkers Block Reserve has been submitted to EA (a requirement of the Agreement).

The Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between our Association and Department of Environment and Heritage (a requirement of the Agreement) should be negotiated and agreed in the next two or three weeks.

Membership & Finances

Although this is changing day to day, we have over \$90,000 in the bank, ie only some 10 @ \$1000.00 memberships are left.

The Hunting and Conservation Branch has taken up 30 memberships to offer them on a time payment basis to its members and some 15 of those are still uncommitted.

About \$15-20.000 should be available for the establishment of a camping facility, but some \$2,000 is estimated to be required to meet the Association's annual operating costs.

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If you wish to know something please do not hesitate to ask!

Meetings

The Committee has been meeting weekly so far, so as to keep things moving as fast as possible, and develop proposals for your consideration and approval at the next General Meeting.

A General Meeting is proposed to be held as soon as all prerequisite steps to the purchase transaction have been achieved. At the moment the determination of the type of lease is the main hold-up.

You will be notified of the time and place as soon as possible.

Jim Kennelly

Secretary

**Yellow-Footed Rock-Wallaby Preservation Association Inc.
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