

## FRIENDS OF CRADLE VALLEY BULLETIN 3/11/09

Heaven is being able to sunbake at Daisy Dell while there's snow still glistening on the slopes of Cradle Mountain!

Soon the blood red Waratahs will be blooming!

All too soon Christmas!

### INVITATION:

You are invited to attend the Launceston Walking Club's "*Do you know Tasmania*" Slide-Night at Ulverstone Civic Centre on Friday and Saturday 6th-7th November starting at 7.30pm. Please come along. Proceeds from these evenings will be directed towards the Tasmanian Conservation Trust in memory of the late Arnold Rowlands.

### BLANDFORDIA LODGE OPENS ITS DOORS TO FRIENDS:

A sincere "thank you" to all members who helped to make the recent gathering and AGM of Friends of Cradle Valley at the Blandfordia Alpine Club Lodge such a successful weekend. Thank you, too, to the members of Blandfordia for sharing their great venue which surely possesses the most wonderful views in all of Tasmania.

### D.I.E.R. MYSTERIES:

Remember the roadside slashing that was done in the Cradle Valley by D.I.E.R. (the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources)? Although D.I.E.R. has publicly apologized for upsetting tourists (*Advocate* article 21/10/09), it's probably worth noting that D.I.E.R. is also the State Government agency which is charged with the responsibility of constructing the \$24M "*environmentally sensitive*" so-called tourist/ forestry loop-road through the Tarkine rainforests. This wasteful, divisive and destructive Tarkine Road project has now been referred to Canberra for assessment under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). For details, see [http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc\\_ap.pl?name=referral\\_detail&proposal\\_id=5169](http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc_ap.pl?name=referral_detail&proposal_id=5169). You have until the 11th November to provide comments on the D.I.E.R. proposal. Comments should be based on the format provided, and directed to The Referrals Section (EPBC Act) Approvals and Wildlife Division, Department of the Environment and Water Resources, GPO Box 787, Canberra ACT 2601 or Email: [epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au](mailto:epbc.referrals@environment.gov.au) Fax: 02 6274 1789.

### DONATIONS:

We are grateful for the following donations to FoCV: M. Truchanas, Iris Farm Private Nature Reserve, S. Bannister.

Best wishes,  
John Wilson  
Hon. Secretary FoCV