

FoCV Bulletin 30/12/08

1. Please note that the weather forecast for Weindorfer's Centennial Programme commencing 1.30pm New Year's Day at Waldheim is "*late showers tonight & snow to 800m*". If you are attending in period costume, the FoCV Secretary has a nice old ladies' hat that you might like to borrow for the occasion. However, he does want to have it back afterwards!

2. An item from Kentish Council meeting (16/12/08) re the Cradle Mountain Local Area Plan:

At the June 2008 meeting Council endorsed the Cradle Mountain Local Area Plan as Planning Scheme Amendment 2008/002. The amendment was forwarded to the Resource Planning and Development Commission (RPDC), advertised and placed on public exhibition. During a regular meeting for Stakeholders held at Cradle Mountain, staff from the Parks and Wildlife Service advised that the Visitor Services Precinct Structure Plan, which was included in the document, was incorrect. Subsequently an amended plan was provided which resulted in the need to further review the document. This along with some issues raised by RPDC resulted in the amendment being withdrawn. The review has now been completed by our Planning Consultants who will now undertake the process of amending the document so that it can be re-considered by Council. Prior to re-presenting the amendment to Council the document will be presented to the Cradle Stakeholders in an information session. With the impending break and tourist season this process is not expected to take place until late January/early February 2009. It is intended to include the amendment in the February 2009 agenda for Council's consideration and endorsement.

3. TCT's submission to State Cabinet Sub-committee regarding Parks & Wildlife Service (22/9/08):

This Tasmanian Conservation Trust's excellent budget submission is published in detail in the latest No.315 Tasmanian Conservationist (December 2008) and should soon be available on the TCT's website. It calls for:

- additional resources for land management
- an independent Parks and Reserves Authority
- a major programme of professional development and recruitment
- additional resources to allow PWS to develop requisite scientific and planning expertise, and to manage new areas added to the reserve system
- additional resources for management of new reserves proposed under the CLAC process
- expanded capacity to manage Tasmania's 14 new, 2 expanded and 5 existing marine reserves
- additional resources to ensure PWS can contribute to the implementation of the Tasmanian Bio-security Strategy
- establish a new 'Healthy Parks, Healthy People' programme modeled on Vic Parks, and
- expand the successful community partnerships programme.

We live in hope!

4. Have a safe & Happy New year!