

February 2004

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

• RAFFLE WINNERS •

The winning tickets to our raffle that was run in conjunction with "The Art of Nature" Exhibition at the end of last year were drawn on Friday 5 December at Rydges by Tish Nyai, Manager, Rydges, Rebecca Harris, and Daniel Englesias, Head Ranger, Tidbinbilla.

... and the winners are ...

- 1st prize – J. Clements, Weston
- 2nd prize – Lars Andersen, Woden
- 3rd prize – Steve Taylor, Kambah
- 4th prize – E. Della, Wanniasa
- 5th prize – Allen & Julia Landford, Lyons

Congratulations! They were all very thrilled to win such beautiful artworks.

The proceeds from the raffle and commission from the sale of paintings from the exhibition raised **\$2,758.95** towards the Tidbinbilla Recovery Program.

A cheque will be presented to Tidbinbilla at the March AGM.

• NEXT MEETING •

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY at 7.00pm at the Hughes Community Centre.

Practical 'nature'

To start off the new year you will be encouraged to begin work on a drawing or painting with a view to creating your own book of artwork by the end of the year. Bring your own drawing materials, including paper of a reasonable quality, and a natural subject you wish to draw or paint, in any medium, in A4 size eg. flowers, stones, shells, insects ...

REMINDER

• EXTRA SPECIAL • • ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING •

**(6.00pm) for 7.00pm - Monday 8 March
Australian National Botanic Gardens**

6.00pm (optional) - 1-hour (approx.) guided walk through the gardens (meet at the ANBG Visitors Centre entrance)

Your donation of **\$4** goes towards the Friends of the Gardens and the Guides. For every 10 people, one guide will be provided, so if you would like to participate in this enjoyable evening walk in the Gardens **please RSVP Janet Twigg-Patterson on 6287 2086 by Wednesday 3 March.**

7.00pm –Talk and Presentation - ANBG Theatrette (opposite the Visitors Centre entrance)

Rangers from Tidbinbilla will talk about how the flora and fauna is recovering one year on from the fires. WABA will then present a cheque to the Tidbinbilla Recovery Program.

Please note: After the presentation WABA members will have a short AGM to elect the full committee for this year. As mentioned in the December newsletter, there were no nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President and Exhibitions Coordinator, therefore it has been necessary to hold this extraordinary AGM. Please consider nominating for one of these positions.

REMEMBER – without a full committee we will no longer exist!

Do not hesitate to contact a committee member for information on what is involved – most importantly, you will not be alone! There is always plenty of help and support from other committee members, and past committee members are happy to assist whenever possible.

***** Light refreshments and tea/coffee will be provided after the meeting, so come along and have a chat to our special guests!**

• **NEW PROGRAM 2004** •

***** Feast your eyes on our 'Tentative' Program for 2004! Included with this newsletter *****

SURVEY – The Committee would like to know what YOU would like to do at the monthly meetings and what kinds of workshops/field trips you would be interested in. A survey will be available for members to fill out at the February and March meetings in 2004, so come along and let us know what your views are.

• **EXHIBITIONS** •

TIDBINBILLA

WABA has been invited to exhibit at Tidbinbilla from 27 March for 3 months. Artwork should preferably depict subjects pertaining to Tidbinbilla ie. Flora/fauna found in the area, although this is not absolutely necessary. Commission - 25% with 15% going to Tidbinbilla. Please deliver your paintings to Belinda by 20 March.

For further information please contact Belinda Ingram on 6286 1754.

Regular Exhibition at RYDGES CAPITAL HILL

After refurbishment of the Arcadia Lounge at Rydges, we will again have an ongoing exhibition at 6-monthly intervals, from March.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Our annual exhibition will be held during September/October.

NAMADGI

WABA has been invited to exhibit at the newly refurbished Namadgi Park Information Centre. Exhibition will be for two weeks in October.

More details to come on the above exhibitions, so **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

• **MEMBERSHIP CARDS** •

If you have paid your annual membership but have not yet received a membership card please contact Toni Hogan on 6293 1547.

• **OUR WEBSITE** •

Please contact Denise Sutherland on 6288 1418 if you would like to have your work, CV and/or contact details included on our website at **www.wba.asn.au**

• **'CARETAKER' COMMITTEE CONTACTS** •

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* Positions still to be filled.