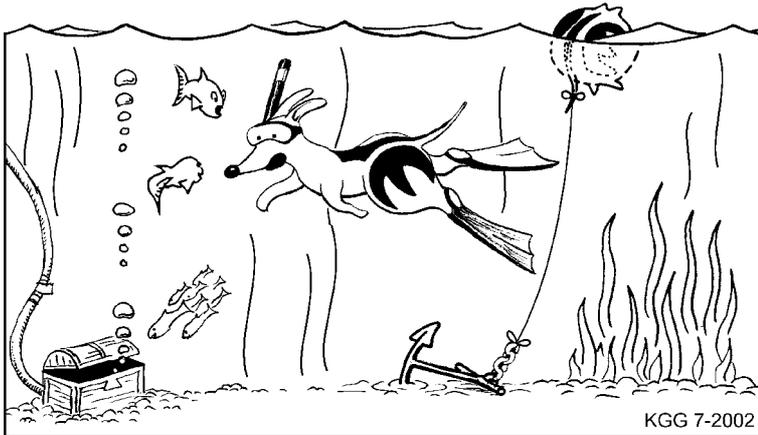




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WE TAKE TO THE WATER



Our activities for **July** will have an aquatic flavour.

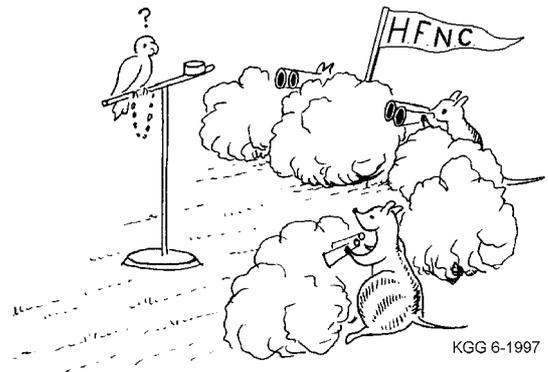
At our next meeting, on Thursday 18 July, Julianne Gould will be showing slides of "**Creatures of the Underwater World**". Julianne, who is a nursing sister at The Birches, has taken the pictures during the course of 300 dives over the past 10 years: mostly off the coast of Victoria and South Australia but also in Vanuatu and Fiji.

Our **excursion** on the following weekend will not (we hope) take us underwater, but underground and over water. We set out on Saturday morning, 20 July, from the Visitor Information Centre **AT 9.30 AM - NOT AT THE LATER TIME LISTED IN THE PROGRAM!**

We shall head to Princess Margaret Rose Cave, doing a car shuffle so as to leave transport at the Nelson wharf. As well as taking a guided tour of the cave (or instead of, for those who have no wombat in their make-up), we can plant- and bird- watch in the adjacent area; there is a walk along the river through heath-type vegetation, with views from the cliff top. Then at 3.30 pm we will take the boat, "Nelson Endeavour" back to Nelson, a cruise of about one hour.

We will then head to Lake Mombeong, camp the night, and do our bit for the orange-bellied parrot count on the following morning.

There will be some fees involved for the weekend; on latest information these are: \$6.20 for the cave tour, \$10 for the one-way boat trip, and a small amount for camping fees at Lake Mombeong. We will need to know approximate numbers for the boat and the camping ground so **if you are intending to come could you please ring Janeen or Ken on 5573 4503, preferably by next Monday (15th)**. Various permutations are possible for people who can't make the whole weekend. For example, you could go to Nelson and catch the boat from there at 1 pm, meeting us at the Cave. The round trip costs \$20. (Note all times quoted are Eastern Standard Time).

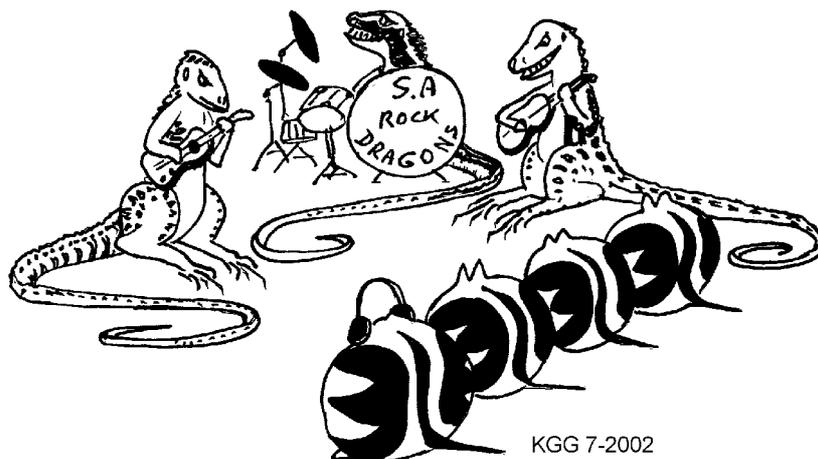


THE YEAR TO DATE

We have had two excellent speakers and several enjoyable outings so far this year: too many to describe in detail. If you missed seeing the sugar glider in Young's Forest, or learning about a new use for green sponges during Ruth Raleigh's exposition of the reproductive life of orchids, never mind; there will no doubt be equally exciting things in the rest of our program. Speaking of which....

THINGS TO COME

Our **September** topic will be "**South Australian Rock Dragons**" by Chris Grant. Chris, now at Deakin University, will be presenting work done when he was a graduate student at the University of Adelaide. He will be showing us the range of brilliant coloration of these lizards, and discussing the evolutionary reasons behind this, and how to sort out the species.



In **November**, as listed in our program, Ross and Jane Cayley will be telling us about the **Hamersley Ranges and Ningaloo Reef**. Note that this will be on a Friday not a Thursday, as Ross and Jane have to come from Melbourne.

The remainder of the excursion program, at this stage, is as advertised in the program sent out in March, but remember that it is best to check the details in case there have been unforeseen changes. (If you have lost your program, ring Janeen or Ken and beg for another; if they don't answer, it will be because they are in Iceland gathering material for next year's program.)

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