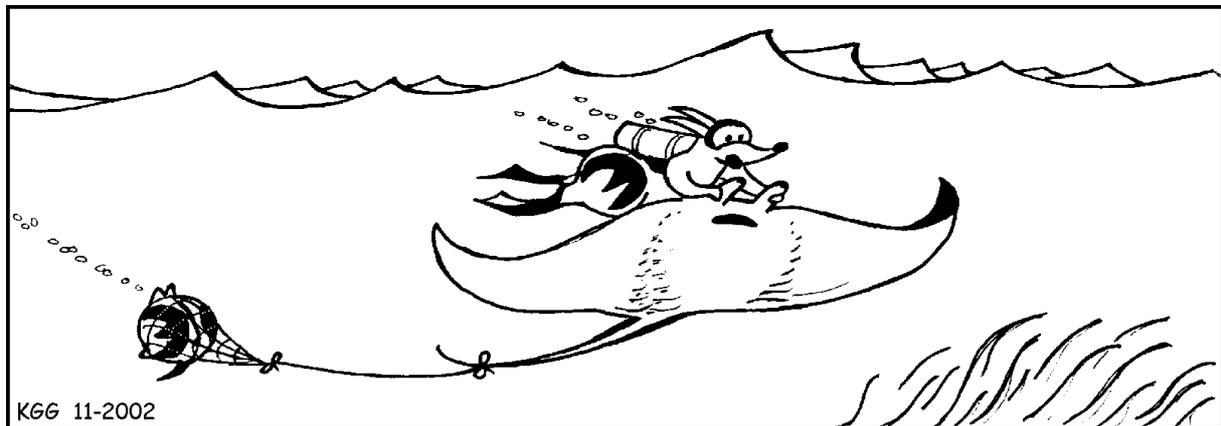




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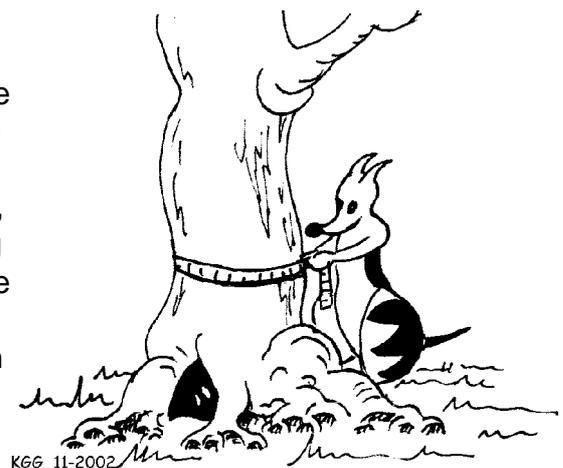
### FRIDAY -- NOT THURSDAY!

This is to remind you that the date for our November Special Meeting is **FRIDAY 22 November, NOT** Thursday. This is because our speakers, Ross Cayley and Jane Edwards, will be coming from Melbourne. They will be talking about their visit to the Hamersley Ranges and Ningaloo Reef. Judging by previous talks from Ross, we can expect some brilliant slides, as well as exciting tales of boats capsizing in the desert, dips into crocodile-infested waters and swimming in the company of whale sharks and manta rays. The meeting will be at HIRL as usual, beginning at 8pm.



### EXCURSION - WHAT'S 40 YEARS TO A RED-GUM?

The excursion on the following Sunday, 24th, will be to Bryant's Swamp, which is in the mouth of the Victoria Valley. Forty years ago the Club visited here and measured the girths of some giant red-gums; we shall measure them again and see how they've grown. As there should be water-fowl on the swamp, and no doubt wildflowers, there should be something for everyone. The time of departure advertised in the program is 8am, but this seems a little early, so we'll make it 8.30am from the Visitor Information Centre in Lonsdale Street.



### CHRISTMAS IS COMING

This year Elizabeth Arthur has kindly offered her house near Portland as the site for our Christmas get-together on **Saturday 14 December**. We shall combine this with an excursion to Mount Clay in the Narrawong State Forest. Elizabeth tells us that there should be lots of wildflowers blooming there in December. We shall leave from the Hamilton Visitor Information Centre at noon, spend the afternoon walking in the area, and then probably have a barbecue (BYO) at the picnic area near Whalers Lookout before moving to Elizabeth's house for coffee. This plan may undergo some fine-tuning depending on the weather: for example if there is a fire ban we will forgo the barbecue



and go directly to Elizabeth's for a cold meal (again BYO everything) and even a swim for those brave souls who don't mind getting into an ocean that has icebergs in it.

Elizabeth's house is in Fergusons Beach Road, in the Allestree area (turn off at the Uniting Church Camp sign if coming from the Narrawong end; see Firemap 508 and enlargements). Its number is 51, but owing to recent renumbering there are two 51s; hers is the 51 that is NOT an A-frame! If you can't make it for the afternoon, join us there in the evening.

If the above is confusing or you need to check details closer to the event, ring Ken and Janeen Grimes on 5573 4503, or John Cayley (evenings) on 5572 3737.

And if you get hopelessly lost and we don't see you, have a very happy Christmas and we'll look for you at the AGM at HIRL on 20 February and/or Lake Linlithgow on 22nd - 7am at the cypress trees.

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