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Christmas is Coming!

The year has flown smoothly so far as meetings and outings are concerned, and therefore we have not felt the need for a newsletter since March. Those of you who haven't made it to an event this year have missed out on some brilliant presentations and memorable experiences (such as getting frost-bitten while failing to find orange-bellied parrots; or vicariously sharing the feelings of a bird photographer wedged chest-deep in water in a hide with a snake swimming towards him). You still have two chances however:

On Thursday November 18, Shirley Gregory will give us "An Australian's View of Alaska", at HIRL, beginning at 8pm.

On Sunday 21st, we will visit the Lookout Hill area, south of Rocklands Reservoir, for a browse around the flora, fauna and rocks. With luck, these may include carpets of blue pincushions (*Brunonia australis*), and thunder eggs at Crystal Mountain. We will meet at the Tourist Office at 9.30am.

This day will end with our annual

Christmas Get-Together:

an early one this year as some members will be disappearing interstate or overseas. It will be at the home of Penny and Brian Moon, west of Glenisla: Fire Map reference 389-3A (Region 5). BYO food and drink, including something to barbecue if you wish. People who can't make it for the whole day are of course invited to come to the Get-Together. We shall probably get there between 4 and 5pm. Penny and Brian will be on the excursion, so if you arrive and there is nobody there, don't think you're at the wrong place.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to two of our members, Yvonne Ingeme and Reto Zollinger, who plan to be married in March. It all began back in January 1995 at "Vulcon", the cavers' conference that was held here in Hamilton. After the wedding they will be going to Switzerland for celebrations with Reto's family. We wish them all the best.



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