

EDITORIAL NOTE

Mark Wapstra

Editor, *The Tasmanian Naturalist*

This is the second volume of *The Tasmanian Naturalist* to appear under my editorial guidance. I am gratified to have received so many positive comments on volume 129 (2007) and I hope that readers will be just as pleased with this year's edition.

Once again I'm pleased to be able to present a diverse range of articles from naturalist notes to survey findings to statistical research. The articles cover a range of topics from the invertebrate to the vertebrate, native to exotic, marine to terrestrial, and botanical to zoological subjects. I am also pleased to have been able to include contributions from both members and non-members of the club, and from authors from all around Tasmania (and even interstate). The book review section is still present and I thank all contributors because the journal provides a good forum to inform the membership about useful field guides and the like. Also good to see are some less formal scientific contributions in the form of poetry – a different way of observing our natural world that requires a keen eye and a clever pen!

Volume 130 also includes a substantial number of articles on Tasmanian native orchids. Our native orchids have received a great deal of attention in recent years due largely to a revised recovery plan for threatened species, a full-time project officer in the Department of Primary Industries & Water and a veritable army of orchid enthusiasts who continue to make many fascinating observations.

Volume 130 contains colour images with many articles. The club has received generous donations to support the higher cost of production from the Threatened Species Section (Department of Primary Industries & Water) and Environmental Consulting Options Tasmania.

I wish you happy reading of this year's edition of *The Tasmanian Naturalist*.