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WOMBAT FOREST SOCIETY INCORPORATED
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Dear Member,

Thank you for joining the Wombat Forest Society. It is by local people joining the Society that we will develop a strong voice to present to the Federal and State Governments to say: "enough is enough". The Committee of the WFS is feeling very confident about stopping the woodchipped destruction of our forest, and local support so far has been superb. We still need as many members as possible, so please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to join the Society.

We have processed your membership, and this is the first Action Bulletin to be mailed to members. We will be mailing receipts and membership cards in the next few weeks as we get over the first few hectic days of establishing the Society. We will be mailing all members quarterly newsletters (the *Wombat Forest Guardian*), plus regular updates such as this one, to keep you informed of our progress in the battle to save the Wombat Forest and local jobs from the increasing threat of woodchipping.

We have listed below items of information and a short list of our major actions so far. I would like to draw particular attention to our major fundraising event scheduled for Saturday, 30 July at the Daylesford Town Hall: the stunning one-man Henry Lawson play, 'The Bastard From The Bush', which is being generously staged to aid the Wombat Forest Society by internationally-acclaimed actor, Robin Ramsay. Please make a note in your diary now: it should be a night to remember for many years.

Please come and visit the Wombat Forest Society stall at the Daylesford Sunday market for more campaign information, to buy a sticker, donate some bric-a-brac, or to pick up more information leaflets on the issues we're tackling.

Again, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Alan T Gray

Director

Wombat Forest Society.

How does the Wombat Forest Society aim to save the Forest for sawmill jobs and future generations?

1. End woodchipping from the publicly-owned Wombat Forest. Woodchippers can use some of the 220,000 hectares of plantations **ready to go right now** in Victoria.
2. Reduce the remaining timber cut to a sustainable level, ie, to the rate at which the forest regrows each year (around 98,000 cubic metres), and account for fire, flood and drought.
3. End clearfelling, while maintaining vigorous forest growth with **thinnings** and **genuine sawmill waste** available for woodchips.
4. End the wasteful practice of 'regeneration burns' and encourage firewood production for this 'waste' timber.
5. Urgently conduct an independent flora and fauna survey of the Wombat Forest (there hasn't been one done since the early 1970s) and protect the habitats of threatened species.

Jobs Not Woodchips

FOR THE WOMBAT FOREST

PO BOX 51 TRENTHAM, 3458. MEMBERSHIP: $16 PER YEAR, $12 CONCESSION, $18 HOUSEHOLD.

SPREAD THE WORD. Durable, weatherproof stickers for your fridge, dashboard or bumper bar. Only $1.50 each, posted, from the WFS, PO Box 51 Trentham, 3458, or $1.00 each from the WFS stall at the Daylesford Sunday market.

WOMBAT FOREST SOCIETY ACTION LIST

The Age, 23 May
(article & photo of Bill McCashney
Radio 3777 FM, 23 May (12 minute interview)
ABC radio 3LO, 23 May
(15 minute interview with Bill McCashney)
The Age, 24 May (follow up article)
Vic TV, 24 may (6 PM news item)
ABC Regional radio, 24 May (10 minute interview on Bernard Lynch Program)
ABC Melbourne radio, 25 May
(15 minute interview on Jon Faine Program)
Midland Express, 31 May (Front page article)
Daylesford Advocate, 1 June
(Large article, page 6)
Macedon Ranges *Telegraph*, 8 June
(Cover photo and full page article on page 18)
Daylesford Council Planning Committee,
9 June (WFS addresses Council over issues).

Plus: weekly meetings of WFS Committee since 19 April, and weekly Daylesford Sunday market stalls since 22 May.

Any spare valuable household items, or collectables to donate?

Please drop them in to the WFS market stall at the Daylesford Sunday market.

FACT SHEETS AVAILABLE

The WFS has fact sheets available free to members) on the following topics:

- Plantations and Wombat jobs (#1)
- Woodchipping and the local region (#2)
- Endangered species (#3).

The Society plans to produce another 10 fact sheets in the next few months. Pick up your copies FREE at the Daylesford Sunday market stall.

The Bastard From The Bush



Acclaimed one man play based on the writings of Henry Lawson, by internationally-celebrated Australian actor, **ROBIN RAMSAY.**

A rare night of world-class theatre in Daylesford before capital city tour to major venues

ONE NIGHT ONLY AT THE DAYLESFORD TOWN HALL, SATURDAY 30 JULY AT 8 PM.

TICKETS: $11 each, or $8.50 concession, from the WFS PO Box 51 Trentham, 3458, or direct from outlets in Daylesford and Trentham:

- Benjamin Bandicoot
- Daylesford Health Food Shop,
- Inspirations Gallery (Hepburn)
- Cosy Corner Cafe,
- Jargon (Trentham)
- Trentham Dairy Milk Bar

ALL PROCEEDS FOR WFS WORK TO SAVE THE WOMBAT FOREST

☐ Please sign me up as a member of the Wombat Forest Society for one year.

MEMBERSHIP FEES Please make cheques payable to the **Wombat Forest Society**

☐ Individual — $16 per year ☐ Concession — $12 per year ☐ Household — $18 per year

☐ **DONATION:** I enclose $ ..... to help.

(All membership details are strictly confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone under any circumstances)

Name .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Please mail to: Wombat Forest Society Inc, PO Box 51 Trentham, 3458.

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For further information, write to our office above, or come and talk to us at our stall at the Sunday Daylesford market.