



INDIGENOUS FLORA ASSOCIATION

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The Indigenous Flora Association is the result of a need for a group whose emphasis is on the conservation of our own 'backyards'. The conservation of the natural environment, where-ever it exists, is of critical importance if we wish to continue living in an ecologically stable world (which manifests through society's economic and social characteristics). We believe this aim will be easier to achieve by heightening the general community's awareness of the natural environment still existing within the local area.

One of the things that makes Australia the 'lucky country' is that, compared to other developing nations, our towns and cities still contain a large component of flora and fauna which naturally (and evolutionarily) belongs to that immediate locality (i.e. indigenous). The relatively recent introduction of civilization to Australia means that we are now the custodians of a suite of plants and animals substantially unaffected by Modern People. We can still find local wildflowers in our footpaths and local mammals in the trees whose ancestors have lived in the area for many many thousands of years. We believe we simply do not have the right to effect the extinction of these families of plants and animals. Human activities over the last 200 years in Australia means we must act now to prevent this extinction. We can begin in our own backyards.

The need for a unified group arose from Garden Week '86 where a number of groups displayed indigenous flora and fauna under the theme - "Melbourne's Original Gardens". The demand by visitors for information and material surprised everyone. The community interest is there - it needs to be fostered and catered for. With this in mind, a group of individuals came together on April 30 to form an Interim Collective of the proposed Association. This Collective developed a proposal containing the Rules & Constitution, Membership Contributions, and Aims & Objectives for adoption by the Association.

You are especially invited to attend the I.F.A.'s
INAUGURAL MEETING: May 27, 7.30pm
Main Hall, Burnley VCAH,
Swan St, Burnley.

The Agenda for the night is:

Welcome and Opening;

- i) Introduction to I.F.A.
- ii) Progress so far (prev. minutes)
- iii) Tonight's Business:
 - * discussion and vote on proposals;
 - * election of Collective;
 - * any other matters
- iv) General Discussion / Break
- v) Summing up / Dates to remember.

Chair: Roger Jones, Victorian Indigenous
Nurseries Co-op.

The Interim Collective consists of representatives from
the different ecological zones within the Melbourne Region,
this being considered the best way to forge links between all
parties concered. The Members (and their zones) are:

Tertiary & Coastal Sands;

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| Alf Salkin | ph: 232 6213 |
| Daintry Fletcher | ph: 598 8111 |
| Mark Adams | ph: 781 4845 |

Silurian 'Stones;

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| Alan Noy | ph: 844 2002 |
| Tym Barlow | ph: 479 2871 |

Basalt Clays;

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| Darcy Duggan | ph: 386 4692 |
| Roger Jones | ph: " |

Riparian Strips;

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| Geoff Carr | ph: 205 784 |
| Mark Walsh | ph: 254 701 |

These people will be more than pleased to answer any
queries you may regarding the I.F.A..

SEE YOU ON THE 27th!!!

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME: The name of the Association shall be The Indigenous Flora Association, otherwise known as the I.F.A., and hereinafter called "the Association".

2. AIM: The aim of the Association shall be "to promote awareness and conservation of indigenous flora and fauna (particularly of the Melbourne Region).

3. OBJECTIVES: The objectives of the Association shall be to :
* promote the study and conservation of the natural environment, and our biological heritage;

*provide a network of communication to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information between those involved with indigenous flora and fauna and the general community; and

* actively encourage the use of indigenous flora by the State Government, municipal authorities, and the community generally and to do all such other things as may be incidental to the attainment of such objectives.

4. MEMBERSHIP: (a) Individual members shall have agreed to accept the above objectives, paid the prescribed membership fee, and who: i) have applied in writing for membership and accepted as members by majority vote of the Collective or of a General Meeting; or/are ii) employees of the Association.

(b) Member organisations shall have applied in writing for membership, expressed support for the above objectives, and paid the prescribed member organisation fee, and accepted as member organisations by majority vote of the Collective or of a General Meeting. A member organisation may appoint from its members a representative who may speak and vote on its behalf.

(c) Membership may be suspended by not less than two-thirds majority vote at a Collective or General Meeting. Any suspended member or member organisation may on not less than two weeks written notice require the suspension to be reconsidered at one subsequent General Meeting. The Association shall not be required to accept the renewal of membership of a suspended member or member organisation when renewal next falls due.

(d) Membership shall cease on resignation (in writing) delivered to the premises of the Association; ~~or~~ termination of employment by the Association; ~~or~~ failure to renew membership within two months of expiry.

ASSOCIATION RULES

1. The Association shall delegate the power to make day-to-day decisions for the management of the affairs of the Association to the co-ordinating Collective.

2. The Collective shall meet not less than once in each calendar month and shall report to the following General Meeting, which shall be held not less than once every three calendar months.

3. The Collective shall consist of not less than three nor more than ten members as decided from time to time by the General Meeting.

4. Membership of the Collective shall be for not less than two months nor more than twelve months, and appointment and retirement shall be by mutual agreement between the member, the Collective and the General Meeting.

5. The functions of agenda preparation, chairing and minute taking for Collective meetings and General Meetings shall be rotated.

6. Decisions shall be made by majority vote.

7. Applicants for membership to the Association shall agree:-

(i) to attend a minimum of 4 Collective meetings or General Meetings in each year in order to participate in decision making;

(ii) to participate in a activity carried out by the Association;

(iii) to undertake any training prescribed by the Association.

8. The Association shall maintain a log book in which shall be recorded all activities, visits and telephone calls of substance and which log book shall be open to all members of the Association.

9. Membership Contributions shall be:

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| i) Individual | \$10 / year |
| ii) Family | \$20 / " |
| iii) Group | \$40 / " |

or until changed by majority vote of the General Membership.