

# Tasmanian Wilderness Guides Association

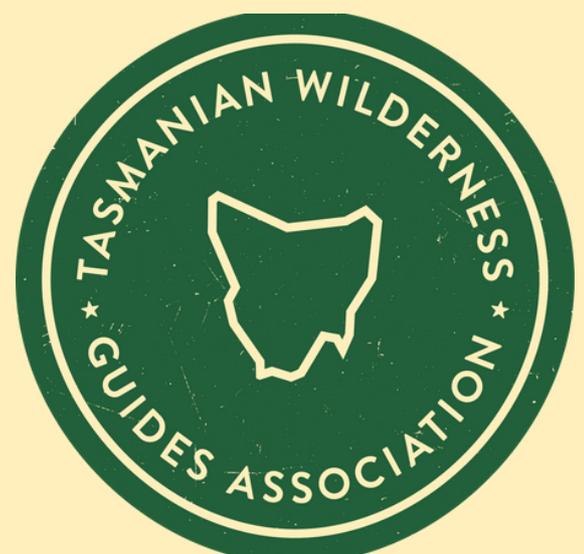
## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The TWGA acknowledges the palawa and pakana people who are the traditional owners and continuing custodians of lutruwita today. We pay our deep respect to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations people across the country. This always was, and always will be Aboriginal land.



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, the fagus is turning, the weather is cooling, and the annual guide-migration north to warmer and dryer lands has begun. Autumn has fully set in and another ripper guiding season in lutruwita/Tasmania for 2022/23 is coming to a close. I've personally had a great season guiding across the state, from hanging out by the sea on Flinders Island to spotting fungi and getting mossy in the takayna/ Tarkine Rainforest. We hope you've had a great season so far and have a well-earned rest, wherever you are!

Firstly, I want to thank NITA Education for their incredible work at our recent Cultural Awareness Training course on Bruny Island in March. We had an amazing 3-day experience with 24 participants, the feedback has been super positive, and we are already in the process of locking in the next dates for a course in spring, we'll keep you all posted!

Regarding membership, at current count we have 61 ordinary members, 9 associate members and 12 corporate members. It's excellent to have so many of you supporting the association, thank you! We hope to grow further as the year progresses.

In other news TWGA committee members have met with training providers to call for greater access to outdoor courses for guides with the aim of getting a Cert IV in Outdoor Recreation and Cert IV in Adventure Guiding or equivalents back here in the coming years. How good would it be to get lutruwita/Tasmania providing some of the best outdoor courses in the country? We will continue to work to make this a reality.

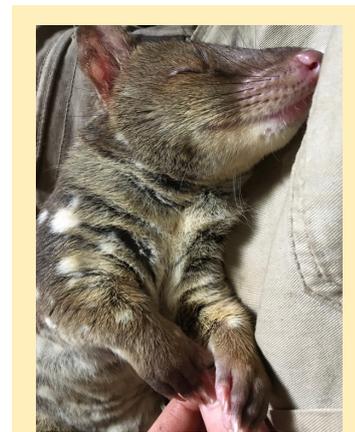
We will also be contacting all companies with current Expression of Interest proposals for private developments within the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and National Parks. This is being done to ask for formal meetings to discuss where these proposals are at and what they entail. From talking to many of our members, we know there is widespread concern on how little information is being made public. As a legitimate stakeholder we hope to be consulted with and will keep you in the loop with how companies respond.

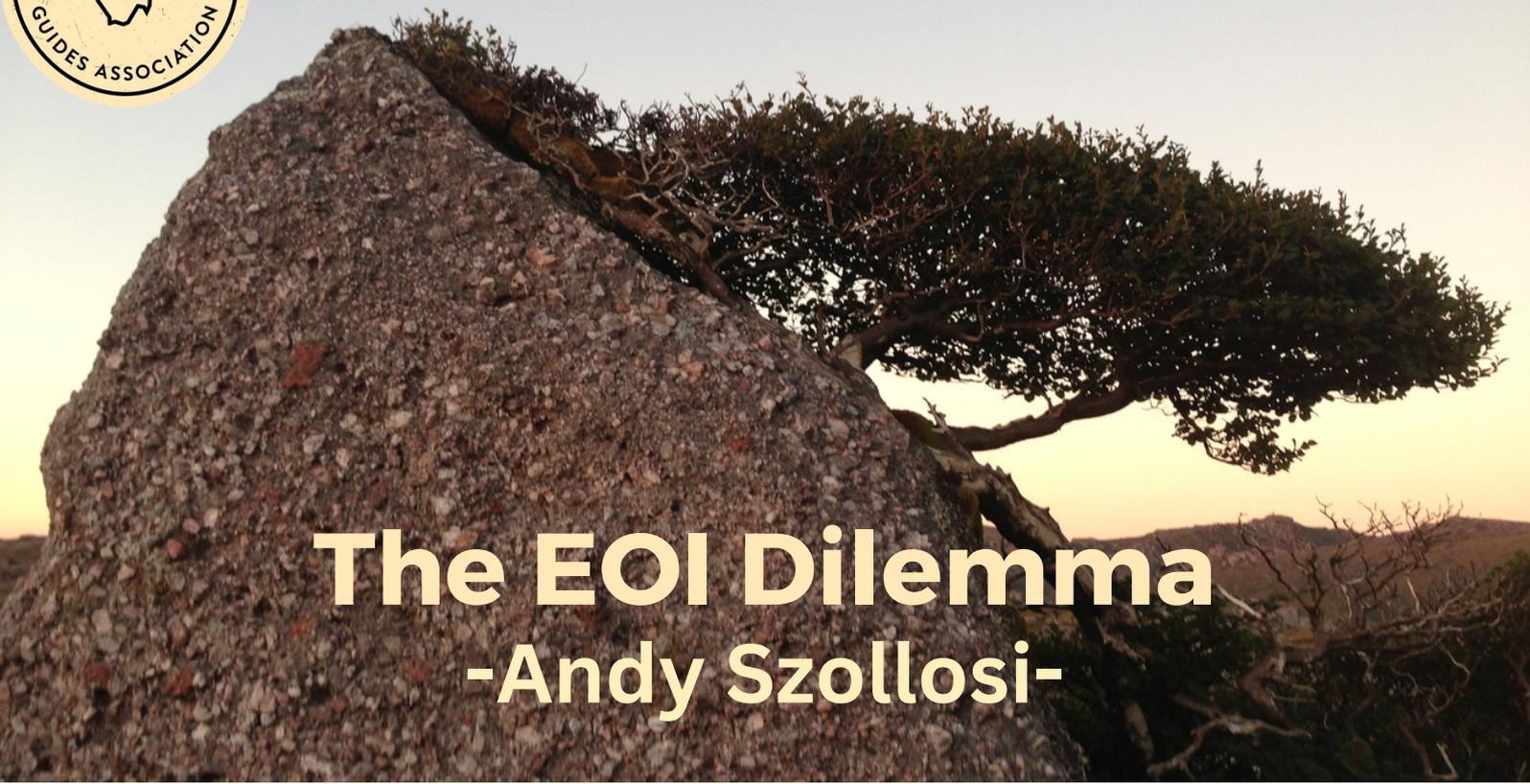
Just a heads up for all members, we have just released an anonymous survey to gain some insight and feedback on where to steer this ship and put in the work for the rest of this year. If you're an ordinary member and haven't completed this survey, please have a squiz in your emails and have a crack, it'll take you 5 minutes and help us out a lot.

As always thanks to all TWGA members, supporters and the dedicated committee for making this association the amazing thing that it is.

All the best,

Alisha Lawton.





# The EOI Dilemma

## -Andy Szollosi-

It's been about ten years since the Tasmanian Government has asked tourism operators to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) for new tourism proposals within Tasmania's national parks and reserves. There have been 71 proposals submitted in total, and 27 of those proposals were within the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. There are currently 10 active proposals within the TWWHA that are listed on the Tasmanian Government's website.

As wilderness guides, we rely on private businesses being given the licence to operate within national parks and reserves. In a way, it is great news for us guides that the government is actively calling on businesses to propose new ideas for experiences within the parks; this means that there is an active push to create employment in our field. Nevertheless, as people who spend a lot of time in nature, we can also appreciate that development can, and often does pose a threat to the natural and cultural values which attract people to our parks and reserves in the first place.

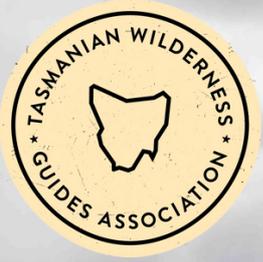
One of the key reasons for the formation of the Tasmanian Wilderness Guides Association was because guides were concerned about the intrusiveness of some of these EOI proposals and we wanted to have a say in the matter. We wanted our voice to be heard, the voice of those who deliver these experiences and the voice of those who have an intricate knowledge of these places. We are also the ones who understand why people come to this island and what it is that they get out of their wilderness tours. Furthermore, we wish to care and look after the places in which we work, so people in the future may also be able to have similar experiences. If we destroy wilderness in our attempt to commodify it, we have failed as its custodians.



# The EOI Dilemma

The most controversial EOI proposal so far has been the one by Daniel Hackett of Wild Drake at Lake Malbena in the Western Lakes district. The proposed use of helicopters to transport guests and land them within the TWWHA was clearly going to degrade wilderness values. But then the details of the lease agreement came out. The idea that the public would be excluded from the use of Halls Island and the operator given exclusive use of a public asset for a pittance went down like a lead balloon. Out of 1346 submissions during the public consult, only 3 were in favour of the proposal. Eventually, the Supreme Court of Tasmania denied Wild Drake a planning permit. But the proposal is far from dead in the water. Wild Drake is now seeking approval from the Federal Government, and that meant a second round of public comment in 2022, which had to be submitted directly to the proponent, who now needs to summarise the thousands of submissions and create a report, addressing the major concerns. We expect Wild Drake's report to be released soon, so watch this space. Whether Lake Malbena goes ahead or not, it will set a precedent for the remaining expressions of interest proposals in Tasmania. Lake Malbena is the landmark case and what happens here will have huge consequences for Tasmania's wilderness, one way or the other.

The proposal that closely follows Malbena in terms of most concern to TWGA is by Wild Bush Luxury (a subsidiary of Experience Co) on the South Coast Track. It is proposed that six private huts will be built to accommodate guests. There is also a separate EOI for an overnight accommodation on South East Cape, which is currently an untracked destination. Although both of these projects are listed as only being up to 'initial concept accepted' stage on the EOI website, we know that there are currently taped routes to the proposed hut sights off the South Coast track. The federal government has also given the proponent a three million dollar grant, but we don't really know how that money has been spent. The key issue with this proposal is that the nature of the South Coast track does not allow for daily departures as the Overland Track does for example. To arrive to the start of the South Coast Track, visitors need to be flown in light aircraft to Melaleuca, and there are days when the planes can't fly due to weather. There are a number of river crossings on the track, and it is not unusual to have to wait a day or two for water levels to go down in order to cross. Furthermore, there are no public huts on the South Coast track. Surely we need to have public huts before we allow private huts to be built? And is the proponent really expecting those high paying clients to put up with knee deep mud, wild river crossings and unexpected delays? Or is the proponent expecting that Parks will upgrade the South Coast Track from tax payer's dollars, to make the walk more appealing to its clientele? Furthermore, there are some sensitive cultural heritage sites along the South Coast Track and this development is unlikely to meet with the approval of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.



# The EOI Dilemma

Cradle Mountain is arguably Tasmania's most iconic destination and draws over a quarter of a million people to it each year. Cradle is also the start of Tasmania's most iconic hiking trail, the Overland Track. The Tasmanian Walking Company seeks to build a new set of six private huts on the Overland Track (OT), in Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair NP. This would allow this operator to have two daily departures on the Overland Track. Furthermore, World Expeditions has an EOI to create five additional group campsites with five 'puffer pods' adjacent to existing campsites. Were both proposals approved, an additional two commercial groups would need to be allowed to depart each day, increasing the number of daily departures on the Overland Track from about 60 to 90 people. While these developments would open up the ability for a greater variety of people to experience Tasmania's wilderness and create more employment opportunities, TWGA's concern is that if these proposals go ahead, they will alter the overall experience of the OT. The increased use of helicopters will affect visitor's wilderness experience and contribute to climate change. If the track gets even busier than it is now, it will take away from the serenity and peace and quiet that people so appreciate about being in Tasmania's highlands.

Furthermore, the Tasmanian Walking Company has proposed a 'Cradle Basecamp Experience', which would involve building a lodge on the shore of Lake Rodway, right at the foot of Cradle Mountain. TWGA commented on this proposal during the public consult process and while some of the points we raised were addressed, some of the major issues remain. The sheer footprint of the proposal, its effect on the hydrology of the location, and its overall impact on wilderness values and public user's experience of the area all give reason for major concern.

There are also a couple of EOIs for the adjacent Walls of Jerusalem National Park. The Tasmanian Walking Company has proposed a new four day experience, which would include building a lodge and a hut within the TWWHA. The project synopsis on the EOI website is sufficiently vague as to exclude the exact location of the new infrastructure, but one would expect Lake Adelaide or Jaffa Vale as likely locations. World Expeditions also has an EOI for the Walls of Jerusalem, and they plan to put in an extra group campsite and a wilderness puffer pod near the existing campsite at Wild Dog Creek. These proposals generate similar concern to the proposed developments on the Overland Track.

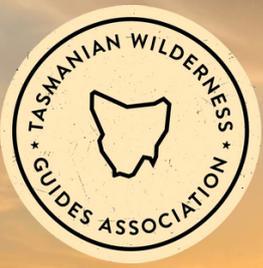


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Last, but certainly not least, Parks and Wildlife Services has announced the development of Tasmania's next iconic multi day walk, at the foot of the Tyndalls in the West Coast Range, which conveniently happens to be outside the TWWHA. It would involve cutting a whole new track and the building of three overnight nodes. It's as if our State Government, having seen the commercial success of the Three Capes track, has appointed Parks the job of coming up with the next walk to attract interstate walkers with good money to pay. While the proposal doesn't go across the sensitive plateau of the Tyndalls, this is probably more out of concern for walker's safety than consideration for the alpine flora. The Tyndalls is one of the wettest places in Tassie, and subject to the full force of the roaring forties all year round. While things have been a bit quiet on this new project, TWGA has no doubt that things are in motion and the process is ticking away in the background without the public having much of a clue of what's really going on.

We have included a summary table of all the current EOIs within the TWWHA further down in our newsletter, on our Community Noticeboard. I encourage all of you to click the link and check out the government website and have a read of the project briefs. It is good to be aware of the overall vision that our government and our tourism operators have in mind for Tasmania's Wilderness.

The TWGA Committee is keen to speak out on behalf of its members, and to shape the direction the tourism industry is taking in order to ensure we preserve the outstanding universal values that make our parks worthwhile visiting in the first place.



# The Great Tasmanian Traverse

- Ed Philp-

The Great Tasmanian Traverse has been advertised for the last 4 years by Tasmanian Expeditions. This season it was transformed from an itinerary on a website to a physical experience in Tasmania's Wilderness.

In mid-October, Tasmania was inundated by rain and high winds. It wasn't until November, scouting the Leven Canyon that we realised the extent of the damage. Landslides left little track, limited access and ultimately left me questioning the safety of the Penguin to Cradle (PTC).

The decision to swap the PTC to 6 days in the Walls of Jerusalem allowed our clients to explore alpine Tasmania but a true traverse would have to wait for future seasons. We would now be fully encompassed by the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage area, an exciting prospect that I highlighted when briefing clients Sue and Don for the first time. Both experienced trekkers in their own right, Don downplayed his enthusiasm whilst Sue's underlying excitement bubbled to the surface.

Guided trips attract varying levels of experience, my initial concern surrounded the mix of highly experienced trekkers with individuals who are completing their first trip. These concerns were exacerbated with the steep climb up to Lake Myrtle, a client hadn't brought a belt, eventually they abandoned trying to keep their shorts up. Mt Ragoona and high cirrus cloud combined to produce a gratitude inducing sunset. We spent the week ticking off peaks, swimming and staring longingly across to Overland, our next leg.

A new leg meant a new mix of clients and half a day restocking supplies before heading straight out to Cradle Mountain for a 7 day Overland. Following century old routes of the Big River tribe makes it difficult for me not to feel connected to country, combined with back to back trips, gave me the feeling that I could do this forever. This feeling culminated on the 6th and 7th days when we said goodbye to 8 of our clients at Narcissus Hut. Sue, Don, Co-guide Jesse and myself slowly and quietly skirted Lake St Claire fully immersed in old growth forest sheeted in moss.

Guiding in remote areas is not without its risks, we time and time again hear stories of medivacs, poor weather or failed equipment. Guided trips allow clients the feeling of safety from first aid trained guides carrying emergency communication. Accidents do however still happen.



On day 22 of our 39 trip, after a 10 hour return hike to Frenchman's Cap from the Irenabyss, Don fell awkwardly on a steep decent around 300m from camp. Upon getting to his feet, he fainted and lay unconscious for what felt longer than he actually was. Eventually his leg was submerged in the Franklin, and an assessment completed. Immediate, localised swelling to his upper ankle and Don's own search and rescue experience led to a quick decision to evacuate. Fifteen hours later Westpac's rescue helicopter hovered meters above the Franklin and winched Don away. He quickly returned to Canada for surgery on a fractured fibula.

The following days I found exceptionally difficult. Don and I had spent the majority of 22 days together, forming a bond far deeper than one developed over a 6 day trip. His traverse was over and as his guide I felt I had let him down, I spent time reviewing my decisions leading up to the moment and asked questions of whether I could have prevented his withdrawal. Fortunately, the Franklin River is the perfect place to reflect under a canopy of ancient Huon Pines.

Our final leg, the South Coast Track, although hindered by impassable rivers, high winds and hail, was completed without a hitch. A smaller group of 4 clients allowed for more bonding and quietness compared to larger groups of 10-12. Fatigue was creeping in as fast as the finish line, crossing the Melaleuca airstrip was met with broad grins between Sue and myself. We had completed the first commercially guided Tasmanian Traverse. Weeks surrounded by Myrtle Beech and Button Grass Plains had left stubborn dirt in the pore of our skin. A lasting reminder of our time within the Tasmanian World Heritage Wilderness Area.



# Giving up guiding

**-Vito Macolino-**



Somewhere deep in the second COVID winter I sat and stared out of my house's living room windows and gazed upon Hobart in a state of deep nostalgia, blunt depression and complete boredom. I was also freezing cold. I had been content with the time I'd had as a guide. I was older and understood full well that guiding would never be a permanent thing and I would one day have to say goodbye. Fortunately I'd long thought about and prepared for my departure. In a stroke of luck, I'd enrolled to start studying just before the pandemic even hit, so I guided my last lot of full-time trips in the 2019/20 summer before COVID changed the world, neatly slipping into study mode in early 2020. I even landed a decent job in my new industry at a well-regarded enterprise. Eventually I was working full time. I had a salary. Sick days. Annual leave. I got to go home after a day's work. I didn't have to be away from my garden for weeks. I could give the things I used to put on hold the ongoing attention they deserved.

But that lustre quickly wore off. With state and national borders closed, I lacked a sense of adventure and felt I had descended into the mundane, the repetitive, the predictable. I'd managed seven seasons full time and guided nearly one hundred trips in that period. Looking back now I can say with certainty that it was the best period of my life. Nowhere else had I really worked that hard, and yet, got to have so much fun, met so many interesting people, made friends for life. I sat at the window and pondered this further. COVID compounded all the problems. With no family in Tasmania, the isolation in 2020 and 2021 felt crushing. I'd been locked down and disconnected. I lacked a social life. I'd become withdrawn and was spending way too much time alone. Thinking incessantly. And always so cold. It wasn't just the uninsulated cardboard box of a Hobart house I lived in. I really felt I had gone soft. This triggered a further flurry of thoughts. How'd this happen to me? How did things change so drastically and so quickly?

COVID gave us all a lot more time to think. I started comparing the years I was a fulltime Overland guide to my new life, that, to be honest, had its perks, but wasn't giving me so much satisfaction. I remembered conversations with mates who'd left guiding before I did, and then it hit me; I was suffering a major post-guiding identity crisis and lacking purpose and fulfilment. I'd heard about this, but never gave it much thought. I never had to. I was out having the time of my life and getting paid for it. The table had turned in a big way and my problems were exacerbated by the pandemic. I couldn't believe I'd been so foolish to think I could just leave and it would be fine. I understood why so many say they're done and come back.



The more I thought about it all, the more I compared then and now, the more obvious it became. I wasn't swimming in refreshingly cold, sometimes freezing lakes and rivers on a near daily basis. Now I felt I'd gone completely soft and was a shadow of my former self. Sunlight was another issue. I wasn't getting much at all. I used to get amazingly sunny days on many of my trips. I'd also become somewhat of a hermit. This was another core issue; a lack of socialising. When you're guiding 15-18 six-day trips of usually 10-12 people, you're socialising a lot. Annoying as some guests can be, it must be said that you do meet some interesting people and there's scope for all level of conversation, interaction, learning, even wisdom. There are independent walkers. Rangers. All sorts on the track. Not to mention the intensity of six days with your co-guide, who were all so reliably quirky, fun, crazy and interesting. It was rare to start a trip with a stranger and not come out the other end with a new mate. Exercise was another problem. I'd lost a lot of weight. I wasn't getting anywhere near as much exercise as I did when I donned a 25kg pack for days at a time.

My eyes left the view of Hobart city and gazed up at the sky. The heavens! At the end of a day's guiding, I used to sleep outside on every occasion possible, staring up and out into the cosmos in a state of awe. Feeling so little, so insignificant. When was the last time I properly looked at the stars since COVID hit? I couldn't tell. I felt so disconnected from the night sky. From nature. The immensity and significance of my connection with the Overland struck me like lightning. I realised the years behind me had been better than I knew. Far better. The best. This all culminated with a visit to a friend I had not seen in years, who had left guiding way before me. When I bought up the identity crisis, they told me their (similar) story, capping it off with "it took years to get over, and anti-depressants". It got me thinking about the struggles that many of us have faced, or will face, one day. It's real, and often not spoken about enough, if at all. I probably took it all for granted at the time; the sunlight, swims, exercise, challenges, adversity, a deep connection with nature, socialising, sharing stories, night sky, sunsets, sunrises, late night shenanigans and outlandish behaviour. You'd be hard pressed to find another job where you can tick that many boxes.

This is why I'll never truly leave. I am still a guide, and will be for years to come, even if it's only a few trips each year. Since hanging up my boots as a full time guide I can say I no longer face an identity crisis and have come to terms with life post-guiding, though dealing with that took years and made me a stronger person.

More importantly it gave me far better appreciation for a job that so many of us love so much – and the difficulty in leaving it.



# Citizen Science for Guides

## -Heidi Krajewsky-

As guides here in beautiful Tasmania we are lucky to spend lots of time outside in the wilderness. This means we have the ability to contribute to the understanding of our unique wildlife if we witness interesting species and behaviours. One does not need a background or higher degree in the sciences to make meaningful observations. These observations could also have implications for future conservation measures. There are lots of apps and resources to help you make valuable scientific contributions. If you are unsure on identification, several apps have experts do the hard part for you, your job is simply to make a photo or sound recording.

As an example, on the Maria Island Walk back in 2012, guides Cate Kube and Hannah Ling ended up with the most southerly sighting of a seasnake in Australia and possibly in the world! After this sighting they published a paper in "The Tasmanian Naturalist". The editor of this journal was grateful for the article and happy to provide assistance with the writing to take pressure off guides who 'weren't scientists'.

Below are a few app suggestions that I use occasionally while guiding walks:

### **iNaturalist:**

With this app you can photograph any living thing: plants, insects, mushrooms, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, you get it. Record the location and date and you have submitted a record to the Living Atlas of Australia. Worried about the ID of your photo? There is a whole community of experts that can help you identify your specimen. And there's AI which will try to come up with suggestions based on your photograph.

### **FrogID:**

Once you sign in, this app lets you record frogs calls anywhere in Australia. You upload them, where the Australian Museum experts will confirm which species you recorded. Simple as that, and you contribute a scientific record!

### **eBird:**

This app is great for bird nerds (yes I am one!) and with a little practice lists of birds can be uploaded to a database for each walk or location. Heard a Masked Owl from your campsite at night? This incidental record alone could have important conservation outcomes in the future.

If you want to get started and need some help or encouragement, send me an email. Or maybe you have suggestions of other citizen science apps and projects that I haven't heard of, either way I'm happy to chat. [heidikraj@gmail.com](mailto:heidikraj@gmail.com)

The article mentioned above: Kube, C and H Ling: "Observations of a yellow-bellied Seasnake (*Pelamis platurus*) on Maria Island". *The Tasmanian Naturalist* 134 (2012): 134-135.



The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

eBird

Submit





# TWGA Cultural Awareness Training: Personal Recap

-Amelie Hudspeth-

It was an immense privilege to attend the recent TWGA facilitated Cultural Awareness Training on Lunawanna/Alonnah with NITA education. I found the three days incredibly educational, emotional, and grounding. The powerful and authentic way in which the course was facilitated allowed for us to learn, share, connect, and more deeply understand the pre and post invasion experiences and context of the Palawa/Pakana people. It was a privilege to have so much knowledge generously shared, and to spend time learning on and connecting to Country. It was super valuable to discuss everything we had learnt within the guiding context, while also spending time connecting with a bunch of awesome folks working in the industry! Huge thanks to the TWGA for organising the event, to NITA education for running the course, and to Murrayfield for hosting us in a beautiful location. I'd absolutely recommend the course and hope to see it run again!



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY FACTSHEET

## A GUIDE TO GIVING A MEANINGFUL & APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY WHEN GUIDING IN LUTRUWITA/TASMANIA



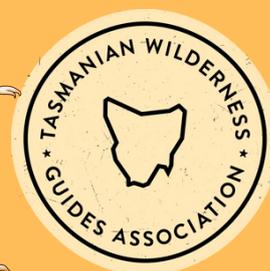
*NOTE: This is a living document which we will continue to refine as our knowledge and understanding evolves. Please feel free to provide feedback/suggestions :)*

### WHAT IS AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & WHY DO WE DO IT?

An acknowledgement of Country is an important demonstration of respect and recognition for the Traditional Owners and continuing custodians of the Country where we now work, play, and live.

### DISTINCTION BETWEEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME:

- An acknowledgement of country is completed by someone who is not a Traditional Owner of the land – both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people can show this form of respect.
- A welcome to country is only performed by Traditional Owners who have ancestral ties to the specific place where you are being welcomed to.



### TIMING:

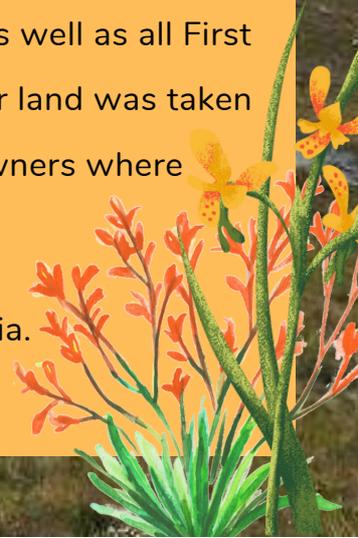
An acknowledgement can be given at any appropriate time during a trip. Some trips involved a lot of travel on the first day and it may be better to wait until guests are immersed in the outdoors before delivering an acknowledgment. Once delivered an acknowledgement can be revisited and elaborated upon over a trip to ensure that lutruwita/Tasmania's Aboriginal cultural story is an important part of the experiences we facilitate.

### WHO:

As guides, it's up to us to ensure an appropriate acknowledgement is given during a trip. It's good practice to ask if anyone has anything to add or any questions at the end of the acknowledgement.

### KEY THINGS TO ACKNOWLEDGE & RECOGNISE:

- In lutruwita/Tasmania, we acknowledge the palawa/pakana people and their connection to Country through ongoing care for and connection to the land, sea, sky, and waterways.
- The notion of Country as an interconnected part of Indigenous identities and culture.
- palawa/pakana people have lived here for at least 42 500 years – approximately 2000 generations, as a part of the oldest continuing culture on Earth. While current physical evidence determines this date, Aboriginal people maintain that they have been here forever.
- Past and present Aboriginal elders as important knowledge holders, as well as all First Nations people across the country today.
- Sovereignty has never been ceded by the palawa/pakana people –their land was taken by force. This always was and always will be Aboriginal land.
- Names of the nation, tribe, and/or language group of the traditional owners where you are meeting. Names of any specific places which you are visiting.
- The conflict and impacts of invasion/colonisation between Tasmanian Aboriginals and the British Empire.
- The incredible story of survival against great odds that has led to the palawa/pakana peoples continued presence here in lutruwita/Tasmania.
- How contemporary palawa/pakana people are working to protect their culture and land and what we can all do to be more aware.



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

## TIPS & IDEAS FOR GUIDES

- **Personalise your acknowledgement to your trip/experiences/guests**
  - Talk of your own journey with learning about lutruwita/Tasmania's colonial and Aboriginal history/present.
  - Use palawa kani language if appropriate – encourage guests to engage with this.
  - Include plants, animals, landscapes and waterways to ground your acknowledgment in the place you are visiting.
  - Use visual resources such as a timeline drawn on the beach/made of sticks to highlight the scale of time that Tasmanian Aboriginal mob have lived here and how quickly things changed since invasion/colonisation.
- **Make it authentic and from the heart** – We should be careful that an acknowledgement isn't ever a tokenistic gesture. A well delivered acknowledgment can be a powerful experience when we are visiting the incredible places we work. Make it your own based on your personal connection to place and knowledge.
- **Choose your timing/place** – Make sure your acknowledgement is given at a time when the information will be well received and/or create a space which allows for this. Try to find a spot where guests can absorb the acknowledgment away from crowds and modern infrastructure. An epic view surrounded by Button Grass plains, old growth forest or stunning coastline is always a good option 😊
- **Explain what an acknowledgement is for guests who may not know** – e.g., international visitors. This can be done as you're doing/saying it.
- **Invite guests to connect to the country and acknowledge the country themselves.**
- **Tie into Leave No Trace principles** –
  - Leave what you find can be tied to the idea of the Country being a cultural landscape which helps to tell the palawa/pakana story – if anything is removed, a stone tool souvenired from a living site for example this has cultural impacts for all palawa/pakana people.
  - Link to TWWHA (Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area) which has incredible outstanding universal value – fulfilling three of six cultural and four of four natural selection criteria (only one criteria need be met to be included on the World Heritage List).
- **Cultural Selection Criteria include:**
  - To bear a unique or at least exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living or which has disappeared.
  - To be an outstanding example of a traditional human settlement, land-use, or sea-use which is representative of a culture (or cultures), or human interaction with the environment especially when it has become vulnerable under the impact of irreversible change.
  - To be directly or tangibly associated with events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, with artistic and literary works of outstanding universal significance.
- **Examples include:**
  - Button Grass plains as an example of firestick farming.
  - Important dreaming/cultural sites such as Point Eric on the South Coast Track and kutakina Cave on the Franklin River.
  - Hut depressions, seal hides, stone tool quarries, living sites and petroglyphs.

### THINGS TO AVOID:

- Using the term emerging elders as it can be dismissive of current and past elders.
- Midden is a Scottish word which means rubbish heap/pile, it is more respectful to refer to the sites often found in coastal areas with built up shell, bone and stone as living sites.
- TWGA have specifically been asked to inform guides that it is not at all appropriate to visit important cultural sites on trips such as the petroglyphs on the south coast track. This increases visitation and many sites have already been vandalised/damaged. Please use your intuition and knowledge when guiding to ensure cultural sites are respected as they are sacred to Tasmanian Aboriginal people and not necessarily our places to visit.

### Useful resources:

- **TAC (Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre) lutruwita place names map:** <http://tacinc.com.au/pk/GIS/index.html#81-43.267/146.808>
- **50 words project: 50 words in palawa kani that you can learn and incorporate into your acknowledgements/everyday vernacular:** <https://50words.online/>
- **Sovereignty never ceded further information:** <https://theconversation.com/what-we-mean-when-we-say-sovereignty-was-never-ceded-195205>
- **TWWHA cultural selection criteria:** <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/181>
- **AIATSIS (Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies) map of indigenous Australia:** <https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/map-indigenous-australia>



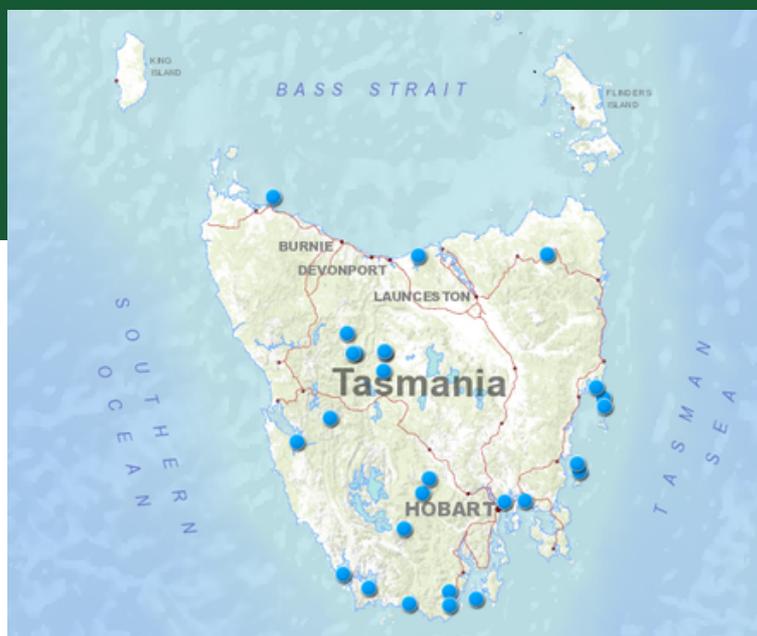
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## EOI Tourism Proposals

A list of all active EOIs within the TWWHA

FAM Pty Ltd	Pieter van der Woude	Tasmanian Boat Charters	Guided boat charter experience	Port Davey	<a href="#">Project brief</a>	Lease/licence signed and started commercial operations
Point Assist Pty Ltd T/A Point Tours	Mark Direen	Project Point Adventure	A remote trekking and water transport adventure tourism experience	The Gallagher Plateau, north of the Huon River in the Southwest National Park	<a href="#">Project brief</a>	Lease/licence signed and started commercial operations
RiverFly 1864	Daniel and Mrs Simone Hackett	Hall's Island, Lake Malbena	Development of luxury standing camp accommodation	Hall's Island, Lake Malbena, Walls of Jerusalem National Park	<a href="#">Project brief</a>	Lease/licence signed and seeking other approvals (Commonwealth, World Heritage Centre)
Tasmanian Walking Company	Neil Lynch	Walls of Jerusalem Lodge Walk	A guided bushwalk experience with private huts	Walls of Jerusalem National Park	<a href="#">Project brief</a>	Initial concept accepted
Tasmanian Walking Company	Neil Lynch	Overland Track Experience	A guided bushwalk experience with private huts	Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Park	<a href="#">Project brief</a>	Initial concept accepted
Tasmanian Walking Company	Neil Lynch	Cradle Base Camp Experience	A guided bushwalk experience with private huts	Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Park	<a href="#">Project brief</a>	Formal assessment and approval processes
Ptd Ltd (a subsidiary of Experience Co	Charles Carlow	South Coast Track Huts Walk	Guided bushwalk with private huts	Southwest National Park	<a href="#">Project brief</a>	Initial concept accepted
Wild Bush Luxury Ptd Ltd (a subsidiary of Experience Co Ltd)	Charles Carlow	South East Cape Walk	Overnight walk to Australia's southern most accessible point in the Southwest National Park	Southwest National Park	<a href="#">Project brief</a>	Initial concept accepted
World Expeditions Travel Group Pty Ltd	Nicholas Kostos	Walls Of Jerusalem – Wilderness Puffer Pods	A specially designed, communal cold weather demountable tent located adjacent to existing camping grounds.	Walls of Jerusalem National Park	<a href="#">Project brief</a>	Commencing formal assessment and approval processes
World Expeditions Travel Group Pty Ltd	Nicholas Kostos	Overland Track – Wilderness Puffer Pods	Specially designed, communal cold weather demountable tents located along the Overland track	Cradle Mountain Lake St Clair National Park	<a href="#">Project brief</a>	Commencing formal assessment and approval processes

[https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/ocg/investment\\_opportunities/tourism\\_eoi\\_process/accepted\\_concepts](https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/ocg/investment_opportunities/tourism_eoi_process/accepted_concepts)



The locations of all current EOIs in Tasmania

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## GUIDE COURSES AND QUALIFICATIONS 2023



Start Date	End Date	Course	Location	Cost
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sea Kayak Guide	TBA	\$955
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Full Course	Hobart Area	\$650
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Refresher	Hobart Area	\$450
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Full Course	Launceston Area	\$650
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Refresher	Launceston Area	\$450
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Full Course	Hobart Area	\$650
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Refresher	Hobart Area	\$450
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Full Course	Hobart Area	\$650
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Refresher	Hobart Area	\$450
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	October 13 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Full Course	Launceston Area	\$650
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	October 13 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Refresher	Launceston Area	\$450
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	November 24 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Full Course	Hobart Area	\$650
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	November 24 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Refresher	Hobart Area	\$450

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Start Date	End Date	Course	Location	Cost
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cert III Guiding-Tour Guide Stream	Drysdale Launceston	Subsidised \$1750 Concession \$390 Commercial \$9230 Fee-Free TAFE- NO FEE
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cert III Guiding-Bushwalking Stream	Drysdale Hobart	Subsidised \$1750 Concession \$390 Commercial \$9230 Fee-Free TAFE- NO FEE
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Course	Hobart Area	Subsidised \$160 Concession \$53.33 Commercial \$1190
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	WFA Course	Hobart Area	Subsidised \$160 Concession \$53.33 Commercial \$1190
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	June 16 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Course	Hobart Area	Subsidised \$160 Concession \$53.33 Commercial \$1190
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Course	Hobart Area	Subsidised \$160 Concession \$53.33 Commercial \$1190
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	WFA Course	Hobart Area	Subsidised \$160 Concession \$53.33 Commercial \$1190
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	September 7 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Course	Hobart Area	Subsidised \$160 Concession \$53.33 Commercial \$1190
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	September 21 <sup>st</sup>	WFA Course	Hobart Area	Subsidised \$160 Concession \$53.33 Commercial \$1190
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	October 5 <sup>th</sup>	WFA Course	Hobart Area	Subsidised \$160 Concession \$53.33 Commercial \$1190

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April 29 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Level 1 White Water Pack Rafting Course	Forth River	\$420 \$320 for PT Members
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Flat Water Kayak Instructor Course	Kingston	\$450 \$330 for PT Members
May 13 <sup>th</sup>		White Water Instructor Kayak Assessment Course	TBA	\$400 \$200 for PT Members
May 13 <sup>th</sup>		White Water Kayak <a href="#">Skills Course</a>	TBA	\$25
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Intermediate <a href="#">White Water Skills Course</a>	Forth River	\$630 \$480 for PT Members
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Basic Raft Guide Course	Picton/Huon Rivers	\$400 \$300 for PT Members
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	White Water Raft Guide Course	TBA	\$840 \$640 for PT Members
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	White Water Kayaking Intermediate to <a href="#">Advanced Course</a>	TBA	\$630 \$480 for PT Members
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Enclosed Sea Kayak Guide/Instructor Course	Hobart Area	\$630 \$480 for PT Members
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sea Kayak Instructor/Guide Course	Hobart Area	\$825 \$625 for PT Members
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation and Fundamentals White Water Skills/Rescue Course	Forth River	\$400 \$300 for PT Members
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	November 12 <sup>th</sup>	White Water Rescue Level 2 Course	Mersey River	\$440 \$330 for PT Members
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sea Kayak Skills Course	Hobart Area	\$500 \$375 for PT Members

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Start Date	End Date	Course	Location	Cost
July 29th	July 30th	Abseil and Top Rope Assessment	Freycinet	Contact TCIA
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Abseil and Top Rope Assessment	Freycinet	Contact TCIA



## PHOTO COMPETITION

**WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!**

## AUTUMN 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to Clancy Leary for sending us the winning photo for 'Better out than in!'

The theme for our next Photo Comp is

**'Freezing your bits off'**

If you have a photo that fits this theme, please send it to [info@tasmanianguides.org](mailto:info@tasmanianguides.org) no later than 28 June 2023.

The winner will receive a free Tasmanian Wilderness Guides T-Shirt!

## THANKS AGAIN FOLKS

Thanks for your continued support and interest!

That's a wrap for autumn action at TWGA. As always, if there's something in particular you'd like to be involved with, or you have content to contribute to our newsletter, please be in touch with the Management Committee crew or email us at [info@tasmanianguides.org](mailto:info@tasmanianguides.org).

For now, keep walking/guiding/rafting/kayaking/running/cooking/learning and whatever it is that keeps you inspired!

Kind Regards,

*The TWGA Committee*

