

NPA ACT Symposium

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The National Parks Association of the ACT Inc. (NPA ACT) is hosting a symposium in Canberra on 5 - 7 May 2006 which will include a Saturday afternoon outing in Namadgi National Park. The main venue is the Vikings Club Tuggeranong. Please note this function in your diary!

The symposium is aimed at introducing the general public and users of Namadgi National Park to the wide range of scientific research that underlies management of the park, of other ACT nature reserves, and of the Australian Alps National Park.

It will be the first in a series of seminars and conferences leading up to the 50th anniversary of the NPA ACT in 2010. We will publish the proceedings to promote a wider public understanding of environmental issues, such as fire management in the park following the 2003 bushfires.

Our long-term goal is to have a more environmentally aware public who support - personally and politically - sound scientifically-based decisions in park management and resourcing.

Speakers will include researchers from Government, Universities, Cooperative Research Centres, private sector and Namadgi National Park staff.

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The National Parks Association of the ACT Inc. (NPA ACT) is a non-profit organisation that plays an active role in conservation issues in the ACT and surrounding region. Our members have a special interest in Namadgi National Park and management practices for conserving its biodiversity.

Brief history

In March 1960, the National Parks Association of the ACT was formed to lobby government to establish a national park for the National Capital. A committee was formed to prepare submissions and a checklist of flora and fauna for the Gudgenby area to the south of Canberra that was proposed as a National Park. In April 1979, Gudgenby was declared a Nature Reserve and in 1984 was officially proclaimed as Namadgi National Park.

Aims and Objectives

- Promotion of national parks and of measures for the protection of fauna and flora, scenery, natural features and cultural heritage in the Australian Capital Territory and elsewhere, and the reservation of specific areas
- Promotion of, and education for, conservation, and the planning of landuse to achieve conservation
- Interest in the provision of appropriate outdoor recreation areas
- Stimulation of interest in, and appreciation and enjoyment of, natural phenomena and cultural heritage by organised field outings, meetings or any other means
- Cooperation with organisations and persons having similar interests and objectives

Themes of the Symposium

- Namadgi NP - nature reserve or theme park - joint management issues ahead
- Treasures of Namadgi: evolution, geology, Aboriginal custodianship, European period
- Treetop to litter - soils and rocks, plant, bird, animal and insect ecology and pest management
- Namadgi as part of the Australian Alps National Park
- Sustainable water for 10 generations
- Threats: bushfire - litter or fuel, climate change, management policies, recreation
- Neighbours and carers of Namadgi - issues for management
- Challenges, gap analysis and action plans

Invited speakers include

Prof Jamie Kirkpatrick, Prof David Lindenmayer, Dr Alec Costin, Ian Fraser and Matthew Higgins.

Cost of Registration

Daily registration fees of \$10/person are subsidised by the NPA ACT to encourage community participation. Pay at the door.

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