



KNOCKLOFTY FROM SITE OF GLOVER PAINTING

## Farewell from your Co-ordinator

### Dear Friends

After 12 years as your co-ordinator, I have reluctantly decided to resign the position with FoKL to devote more time to the needs of my family. This decision has been made easier with the knowledge that we now have an ideal replacement co-ordinator in Astrid Wright and a good record of our achievements on our new website.

I have immensely enjoyed working with a great group of keen bushcarers. Together, with fantastic support from Hobart City Council's Bushland Group, we have accomplished a lot for Knocklofty Reserve.

Janet and I were original members of FoKL after it formed, at the urging of Melva Truchanas, during a meeting of local residents near the water tank in 1992. In 1996 we took over the responsibility of joint co-ordinators. Janet provided a wonderful support role until she became ill in 2005.



Janet and Tony in 1992



Janet and Tony in 2008

Progress on Knocklofty was slow until FoKL obtained the first of many Envirofund grants in 1999. Since then, FoKL has guided the conversion of Knocklofty from a reserve containing over 150 disturbed sites of woody weeds, mainly gorse, to a lovely patch of native bush. The reserve now contains well designed and signed tracks, a number of restored frog ponds [currently dry due to the drought], stands of *Eucalyptus globulus* for the swift parrot, new habitats for the eastern barred bandicoot, over 30,000 additional local provenance native plants, and interpretative signs about our local fauna and cultural heritage.

During the last few years I have only been able to continue in the role due to the wonderful support given me by our core members. They made it possible for me to be absent at the wheel looking after Janet by helping to organise our many activities.



Astrid 2008



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We are lucky to have such a dedicated member as Astrid Wright to take over the co-ordinator's role. Her husband Ian has offered to provide technical support. Astrid joined FoKL about 10 years ago and has been tireless in her support during group activities, working independently in clearing large areas of gorse and other weeds, and very supportive in organising morning and afternoon tea, providing useful advice, and opening her home to members for meetings.

Thank you all for your great support and friendship. I look forward to continuing that association and will do all I can to make the newco-ordinator's job easier.

I love you all

Tony