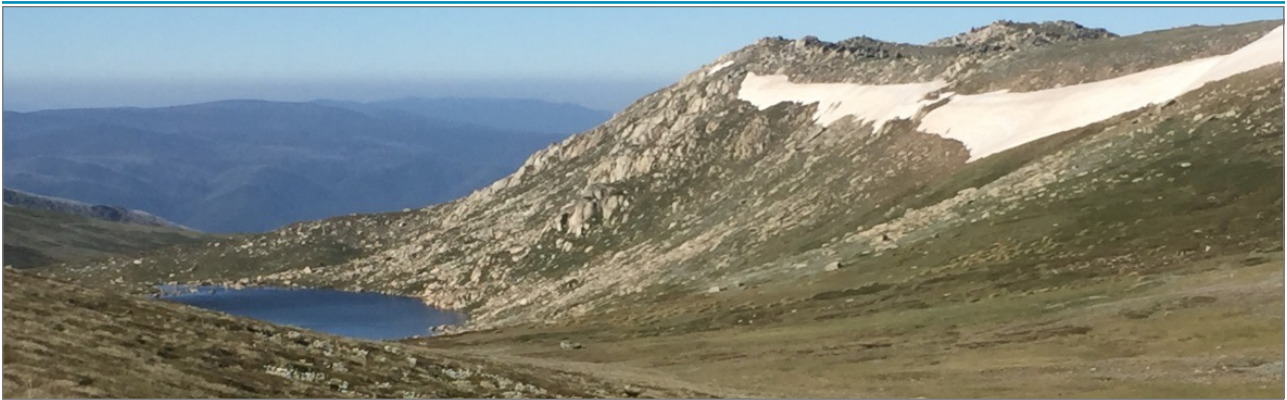


Fjældmarks, Fens and Fires:

A Symposium on Australian Alpine Ecosystems



First Notice

The Linnean Society of New South Wales will host a Symposium on Australian Alpine Ecosystems

When: 11-12 December 2017 (Fieldtrip to Kosciuszko National Park on 13 December)

At: Jindabyne cinema theatre, Snowy Region Visitors Centre, Kosciuszko Road, Jindabyne NSW

Alpine ecosystems are among Australia's most remarkable, covering less than 1% of its land mass. Glacial landforms and contrasting vegetation types provide diverse ecological niches for a highly distinctive flora and fauna, including species. Since the mountains were first uplifted, glacial and peri-glacial processes have driven ecological and geomorphological change involving the advance and retreat from alpine refuges, which have created unique blends of palaeo-endemic and cosmopolitan biota. Today, alpine ecosystems confront new pressures associated with human land use, invasions of alien plants, animals and diseases, altered bushfire regimes, recreational activities, and anthropogenic climate change. Maintaining Australia's alpine flora, fauna and landscapes under such pressures requires a co-operative effort from government, scientists and the general public.

This symposium aims to bring together new contributions on alpine environments across multiple disciplines including:

- Evolution and systematics
- Plant and animal ecology
- Geology and geomorphology
- Fire ecology
- Invasion biology
- Biogeography and paleo-history
- Climatology and climate change
- Biodiversity and geodiversity conservation
- Restoration ecology
- Cultural heritage and history

The scope of the symposium encompasses alpine and subalpine ecosystems across New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria and Tasmania.

Who: Scientists, land managers and the public.

Registration and Abstracts will open in March 2017 (check website below). Papers from the Symposium will be published in the *Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales*, subject to peer review.

