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## ***Friends Group of the Decade 1993 - 2003***

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### **Recent Events**

20 members attended our 19<sup>th</sup> AGM which was held on March 9, 2006.

Senior secondary student Maria Sitaris, showed her very impressive DVD presentation featuring the Coral Lichen Circuit. Julie Burgher provided the President's report, and Alvin Williams presented the Treasurer's report. Chris Davies took the chair for the election of officers, and the following were elected unopposed.

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Committee members:

Ian Grivell

Pam Rowney

Jean Thomson

John Edmeades

Neville Hudson

Senior Ranger Janine Kraehenbuehl thanked Friends for their 1200 hours of work in the Park, and provided an update from NPWS.

Our April meeting was attended by 16 members, who enjoyed a talk by Tim Jury from the Threatened Plant Action Group. Tim is very familiar with ASCP, having worked with us on several bridal creeper control projects.

Tim talked about the formation of the TPAG in 1997, and its role in protecting threatened species throughout SA. Tim reminded us that only some 5% of the remnant vegetation of the Willunga Basin remains today, and he showed a series of photographs of some of the endangered plants in our region and in ASCP.

Tim suggested that the main priorities should be to prevent further clearance, to improve management of remnant species, to re-connect remnant patches, and to actively assist threatened species recovery.

All propagators present reported that this year's are crops thriving!

## Washpool Listed on National Database!

At last the Washpool Lagoon has been registered as a wetland of national significance in the Directory of Important Wetlands.

The entry describes the Washpool as "an excellent representation of a remnant coastal lagoon system. Several species with conservation significance occur within the site. The wetland is visited by migratory shorebirds during spring and summer."

You can find the full entry at <http://www.deh.gov.au/water/wetlands/index.html>



## Inter-tidal Reef Watch

Are you interested in joining a newly formed Reef Watch group which will be monitoring the inter-tidal zone of the Aldinga Reef?

If you would like to know more about the group and how you can get involved, please contact Julie on 8556 5782.



## Bird study in ASCP



We are currently liaising with officers from the Nature Conservation Society SA to establish a bird study in ASCP.

It is intended that this study would establish benchmark data about the numbers and distribution of birds in the Park, which can be used for ongoing monitoring.

If you would like to be involved in this project, please contact Julie on 8556 5782.

### Financial Report as at March 31, 2006

Opening Balance	\$12349.36
Receipts	\$381.05
Payments	\$309.40
<b>Balance at 31/3/2006</b>	<b>\$12421.01</b>
Less Grants Unspent	\$9403.00
<b>Available funds</b>	<b>\$3018.01</b>

### From the Committee

- we very regretfully received the resignation of Carol Shields. Carol has been a vital member of the committee for many years, and her contribution will be greatly missed. We are pleased that she will continue to support the committee and the ASCP with her knowledge and expertise
- Friends are continuing to monitor the detention pond on the CIC development, which has breached its banks several times causing contaminated water to flood into the Rowley Road corner of ASCP
- committee has endorsed the establishment of an indoor recreational facility for the Aldinga area

### Invitation



All Friends are invited to attend the Friends of Parks Inc AGM at Strathalbyn on Monday, May 1. This is sure to be a very pleasant meeting, and includes a light lunch and a guided tour of the Glenbarr Camp and Conference Centre.

Please contact Helen on 8556 3166 for more information.

### Coming events – General Meetings

#### Thursday, May 11, 2006

Sonia Kleindorfer - Population decline in SA birdsø

#### Thursday, June 8, 2006

Don Driscoll - Effects of fragmentation of native vegetation on animal speciesø

### Coming events – Working Bees

Working bees have now resumed, and will be held on Tuesday mornings.

Please contact Julie on 8556 5782 if you would like more information about where the group will be working each week.

### Membership for 2006/2007 is now due!

This is a friendly reminder. If you see a green spot here, our records indicate that we have not yet received your membership fee.

If paying in person, please contact Treasurer, Alvin Williams or any of the committee members. If paying by mail, please forward to the address on the front of the newsletter.