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NEWSLETTER

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Recent Meetings

Pam Rowney welcomed 17 members to the June meeting.

Climate change expert Professor Andy Lowe, from the University of Adelaide, addressed the meeting. The key issue in regard to climate change is the imbalance of incoming and outgoing levels of radiation within the earth's atmosphere. Gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, CFCs and water vapour are all trapped within the atmosphere.

Temperatures are consistently at an all time high, as are levels of CO². The consequences include an increase in dry plant matter, and less growth. Evapotranspiration is also increasing, with more droughts at the tropics. Fossil fuel emissions are the major cause of these effects.

Weedy species will increase as they take advantage of habitats under stress. In Aldinga Scrub, some species will cope with the changes, while others will not survive.

John Edmeades chaired the July meeting, which was attended by 10 members.

Guest speaker was Lorraine Rosenberg, General Manager of the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Board. The area of land covered by the Board represents 26% of South Australia. The Board receives \$2 million /year to carry out its work. All members of the Board are Aboriginal people who are members of the homeland groups in the NRM region.

Lorraine presented some 100 slides, depicting the people, their projects, and the flora and fauna of the lands. The Board funds projects such as patch burning, development of bush tucker plantations, protection of springs and wetlands, fencing and feral animal management.

The Board places a high value on capacity building. It runs workshops and mentoring programs, and provides training opportunities. Its objective is to support the development of sustainable activities.

**Willunga Almond Blossom Festival
Sunday 29th July 2007**

Join other members of FoAS in the annual Willunga Almond Blossom Festival Parade.

Gather at the top of High St (Main Rd, Willunga) at 9.30am dressed to express the parade theme of "Winter Wonderland" (shouldn't be too hard in this weather!).

The FoAS focus will be to celebrate our 20th year, so we'd love to see everyone there. Parade Participants enter the Family Fair Day at the Willunga Oval for free (normally \$6/adult).



Enquiries: Palitja 8557-7275.

Park news!

Our working bee crews are doing a great job on the dune project (Lower Esplanade). They have erected shadecloth fencing along the crest to capture the sand, planted coastal vegetation, and removed weeds. These activities will help to stabilize the dunes, and restore vegetation and habitat.

Twenty willing helpers attended the July planting day in ideal conditions. Some 400 seedlings were efficiently planted and watered in, and the welcome follow up rains should give them a good start.

The weekend working bee people have been busy weeding around the previous plantings on the northern boundary, and removing woody weeds in other sections of the park.

From the committee ...

- FoAS have made a submission to DEH in response to their Draft Trails Strategy, expressing concern that the focus of the strategy is to meet economic and health objectives, rather than conservation objectives.
- with great support from Tim Jury of the Threatened Species Network, we have applied for a grant of \$15980 from Envirofund to install fencing and carry out weed control in 2008.
- FoAS was represented at a planning meeting of the AMLR Natural Resources Management Board which discussed priorities for our region.
- we will be represented at a community meeting to discuss a proposed development on

Guided walks through ASCP

We regularly receive requests to act as guides for groups of people who want to learn more about our beautiful Park.

Recently a group of teachers from the Galilee Catholic School in Aldinga enjoyed an informative walk through the Park. Shortly, a group from the Australian Plant Society will be visiting us.



If you would like to help lead any Park walks, please contact Bob Moore on 8556 3xxx.

Pig caught at last!

There has been much publicity in local media in recent weeks about a pig (or pigs) on the loose in ASCP.

After doing serious damage throughout the Park, one pig was successfully destroyed on a nearby private property by a local "hunter".

Financial Report for May/June 2007

Balance at 1/05/07	\$14676.01
Balance at 30/06/07	\$14825.03
Less Grants Unspent	\$9933.00
Available funds	\$4892.03

Coming events – General Meetings

Thursday, 9 August, 2007

Phil McNamara from the Nation Trust will speak to the Friends about 'Significant Trees'.

Thursday, 13 September, 2007

Friends of the Simpson Desert will visit our group and talk about their unique work.

Coming events – Working Bees

Working bees are now in full swing for 2007. Groups meet each Tuesday morning, and also at weekends.

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