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Friends Group of the Decade 1993 - 2003

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NEWSLETTER

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Recent Meetings

Julie Burgher welcomed 15 members to the February meeting,

Our guest speaker for the first meeting of the year was Peter Matejcic from the SA Herpetology Group. The group began with the Field Naturalists Society over 125 years ago, and has now become a separate body.

Peter has been involved in more than 60 surveys with the group, which have extended from Hallett Cove to Yankalilla. He has recorded species and also a “wish list” of species he would like to see in certain locations.

Peter’s major study is the Cunningham’s skink,. Peter is keen to enlist the assistance of any naturalists who would be able to help with the identification and further study of this species.

Throughout his talk, Peter showed slides of the wide range of snakes and lizards found throughout South Australia.

Bob Moore chaired the AGM on 13 March which was attended by 14 members. Apologies were received from our ranger Nalini Klopp, and our retuning officer Chris Davies, as both were on duty in response to the bushfire in Willunga.

President Julie Burgher reflected on the highlights of the previous year in her informative and thoughtful report. Treasure Alvin Williams presented an audited statement of accounts for 2007, which once again demonstrated our success in obtaining significant grant monies to support our work.

Cher McGrath from Aldinga Library kindly officiated for the election of officers. All committee members were re-elected, together with a new committee member, Bill Rowland.

Following the meeting, Friends enjoyed the opportunity to socialise and discuss plans for the coming year.

FREE SEMINAR PRESENTED BY THE ADELAIDE & MT LOFTY RANGES NRM BOARD

HOW GREEN IS YOUR GARDEN?

Aberfoyle Park

Thursday June 19, from 7:30—9:30 pm

Topics include ...

- Making your garden work for you
- Holistic approach to sustainable landscapes
- Design options for local conditions
- Local native flora and fauna and their benefits
- Water wise plants, how to make the right choice



Registration is essential, please contact Claire Stephenson on 8391 7504

Park news

Fencing on the coastal dune site which had been damaged by the wind has now been repaired and now appears to be effectively halting erosion.

Plants on the northern boundary have been watered twice during this extremely hot and dry period. Some plants are thriving, but many have been lost this year.

Propagators have reported successful germination and plants are growing well.

We have requested that CIC remove olive trees on the northern boundary to stop them spreading into our planting areas.

It's picnic time!!

Friends are invited to the following celebrations ...



Field Naturalists Society Picnic

Belair National Park

Sunday 6 April

Phone 8344 6287 for further information



Trees for Life Picnic

Monarto Zoo

Sunday 6 April

Phone 8406 0599 for further information

From the committee ...

- FoAS will be participants in a Green Corps project for the Willunga Basin, which will develop the Range to Reef concept of protection and rehabilitation of regional biodiversity
- FoAS will support a landscaping project at the new GP Plus on Pridham Boulevard by planting local seedlings with other local groups
- we have proposed an Echidna monitoring project which would be suitable for a post-graduate student at Flinders University.

Invitation

Friends of Parks Inc 15th Annual General Meeting

Monday 5 May, 2008
Farrell Flat

This is a great opportunity to meet other Friends, and learn about their activities. Following the meeting, delegates are invited to enjoy a guided tour of Martindale Hall and surrounds.

**Please contact Pam Smith on 8124 4784
for registration details.**

Contacting our Rangers

The information provided in the last newsletter was incorrect. Correct details are ...

**Southern Lofty District
Adelaide Region
Department for Environment and Heritage
PO Box 783
Stirling 5152
Ph: 8130 9051**

Financial Report as at 12 February 2008

Balance at 13/01/08	\$5142.16
Balance at 12/02/08	\$5022.82
Less Grants Unspent	\$0.0
Available funds	\$5022.82

Coming events – General Meetings Aldinga Library at 7:30 pm

Thursday, 10 April, 2008

Environmental Analyst Juergen Schmidt will speak about energetic pathways..

Thursday, 8 May, 2008

To be confirmed

Coming events – Working Bees

Working bees will resume with the cooler weather, but will not be held if the temperature is over 30°.

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