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NEWSLETTER

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Important dates for your diary

Thursday 12 February

Our first meeting for 2009!

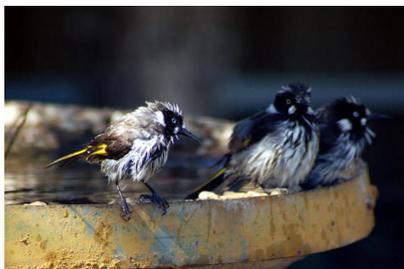
Our guest speaker will be Iain Malcolm, Manager of the Spatial Information Services unit in DEH. Iain will be speaking about the development of the 'Nature Maps' website which gives access to data from the Biological Survey of SA.

Thursday 12 March

Annual General Meeting

Join us for this important meeting. Business will include the presentation of reports and election of officers for the coming year. We have vacancies for extra committee members — so think about nominating yourself or another Friend!

National Bird Bath Study



Do you have a bird bath in your garden? If so, Assoc. Prof. Darryl Jones from Griffith University would love to hear from you. He is looking for people to take part in a study about what bird species use bird baths, how important bird baths are, and what motivates us to put them in our gardens.

If you would like to participate in the study, please contact Darryl on (07) 373 57451 or at D.Jones@griffith.edu.au.

Information is also available at <http://www.wildlife.org.au/news-birdbathstudy.html>

From the committee ...

- we are pleased to report that dogs have been banned from the Hart Road wetland
- on 1 December, committee members attended a meeting with officers from DEH and Friends of Parks Inc. to discuss the relationships between the two organisations, the role of FoP Inc., and the resourcing and support provided to FoP member groups
- the committee recently met with Dion Hall who has been contracted by DEH to update the Management Plan for ASCP. The revised plan will have a broader biodiversity focus, rather than just addressing plant species.



Marine Parks for South Australian waters!

Priority areas for marine conservation were identified recently with the release of the outer boundaries of South Australia's network of 19 marine parks. The Encounter Marine Park will protect waters around the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island.

You are invited to attend an Information Session on Thursday 19 February at the Aldinga Institute Hall, Old Coach Rd between 11am - 7pm. For more information, contact the Coast and Marine Conservation Branch on 1800 006 120.

Volunteer Cinema Day



Once again, City of Onkaparinga is inviting volunteers within the council area to attend a free cinema session on Monday 11 May.

Please contact Helen on 8556 3166 if you would like to attend.

Financial Summary as at 31 December 2008

Balance at 30/09/08	\$10295.52
Balance at 30/12/08	\$9947.66

Working Bees Every Tuesday

Our hard workers will ease off during the warmer months. However there will be plenty to be done in the new year, so please contact John on 8556 4385 if you would be able to lend a hand.