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Friends Group of the Decade 1993 - 2003

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NEWSLETTER

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Recent Meetings

Chairperson John Ackers welcomed 14 members to our first meeting for the year on 12 February.

Our guest speaker was Iain Malcolm, Manager of the Spatial Information unit of DEH. Iain and his team have been developing 'Naturemaps SA', an environmental online mapping site which aims to improve access to DEH information, and also to integrate information from other agencies. The website is can be accessed by environmental officers and members of the public.

The tools provided allow users to access information, to navigate the site, retrieve data thorough customised queries, and download data to their PCs. Users can also create customised maps. It is anticipated that the maps will be particularly useful for NRM groups, local government and community groups.

Iain provided a live demonstration of the site, focusing on Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park. He was able to show us vegetation communities, fire history and data from biological studies relevant to our activities in the Park.

Our AGM was held on 12 March. Bob Moore opened the meeting which was attended by 14 members and 2 visitors.

In her President's report, Julie Burgher summarised another busy and rewarding year for the group. Highlights included the nomination of FoAS by Paxton Wines under the '1% for the Planet' scheme which provided us with a donation of \$5000. As incoming Treasurer, Neville Hudson reported on another successful year in maintaining memberships and obtaining grants.

Phil Elson from the Adelaide Mount Lofty Natural Resources Management Board kindly officiated for the election of officers. All committee members were re-elected. Joy Forrest, a former committee member, was elected back onto the committee again.

Following the election of officers, Ranger Nalini Klopp gave a brief report. Nalini informed us about the upgrading of the Coral Lichen Circuit, and commended the work done by recent Green Corps teams in the Park.

Introductory Bush for Life Workshop

**Saturday 27 June
Aldinga**



Would you like to know more about

- values and threats to remnant vegetation
- strategic approaches to bush restoration, maximizing biodiversity outcomes
- practical minimal disturbance techniques

Friends of Parks Inc will fund Friends to attend these one day workshops. They are to be held at various locations, but you are particularly invited to attend the Aldinga workshop.

Bookings are essential and places are usually quickly taken! Please contact Helen on 8556 3166 if you would like to attend the workshop at Aldinga or any of the other locations.

Park news

Work will commence shortly on the upgrade of the Coral Lichen Circuit. The existing boardwalk will be removed and relocated to the east of the enclosure. A viewing platform will be installed.

Working bees have been weeding on the northern boundary. Last year's seedlings have recently been watered and the plants are doing well. Boxthorn have been sprayed in the north-east section of the Park.

The monitoring group has begun planning its program for 2009.

From the committee ...

- our District Ranger has reminded Friends to be cautious when dealing with suspected offences in the Park. We should attempt to gather information which can be reported to the rangers, but should not place ourselves at risk.
- dogs are now prohibited in the Hart Road wetland, and we are concerned that signage is not adequate. We are monitoring the site and will report to council if we think more signs are needed.
- we have received a grant of \$650 from the DEH Volunteer Support Fund. The grant will allow us to purchase first aid equipment and safety items.

Friends of Parks Inc Annual General Meeting

Monday 11 May

GAZA Sports and Social Club
232 Main North East Road, Klemzig

All Friends invited, please contact Pam Smith on 8214 4784 if you would like to attend.

Community Streetscape Grants 2009

*Would you like an opportunity
to enhance your streetscape?*

Eligible projects will be on public land and may include elements such as street trees, landscaping and street furniture.

Please contact Michelle Wooldridge before 30 April on 8384 0666 for information and forms.



Financial Report as at 31 January 2009

Funds held at Bendigo Bank, Aldinga	
Club Cheque account	\$1897.43
Extra Cash Management account	\$8062.85
Total funds	\$9960.28

A friendly reminder — all subs are now due!



Please post the attached renewal slip with your payment,
or hand to any committee member.

Your ongoing support will help us to care for Aldinga Scrub.

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

Thursday, 9 April 2009

Andrew Thomas from Onkaparinga Council will speak on the storm water management projects currently being undertaken in Aldinga Beach.

Thursday, 14 May 2009

To be confirmed.

Coming events – Working Bees Every Tuesday

Working bees are in full swing, and are held regularly on Tuesday mornings. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact John on 8556 4385 if you would like more information about where the groups will be working each week.