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NEWSLETTER

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Recent Meetings

Chairperson Joy Forrest welcomed 15 members to our meeting held on 9 April.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Andrew Thomas from the City of Onkaparinga. Andy spoke about his role in managing stormwater projects in Aldinga Beach. One of his projects is the Palmer Street infiltration basin and roadside swales which are designed to deliver cleaner water to the marine environment. Another major project has been the Sellicks Creek redevelopment which has involved extensive earthworks and plantings.

The Hart Road wetland has been designed to provide habitat, treat stormwater, redirect water to ASCP, and also to provide amenity. Some water will flow into ASCP, some will be used for ASR and some will be used to irrigate reserves on the 'Sunday' estate.

The detention pond on Pridham Boulevard is being redeveloped with earthworks and plantings. The water is being diverted through pipes under Aldinga Beach Road along the Bayswood swale and into the Hart Road wetland.

Our meeting on 14 May was chaired by Giles Walkley and attended by 8 members

Tess Sapia, Waste and Recycling Education Officer from the City of Onkaparinga, provided us with information and demonstrations about worm farms and compost bins.

Tess showed how a worm farm is set up to ensure that the worms have air, moisture, food, drainage and protection from the elements. The castings enhance the soil with nutrients and moisture. The worms recommended for the units are tropical species which need damp conditions to thrive. Their favoured foods are fruit and vegetables.

Compost bins need aeration, diversity of materials, and moisture. All materials must be organic, and are best placed in the bin in layers like a lasagne, alternating green and dry matter. Limited use of materials such as meat, oil and dog poo is acceptable, but diseased plants and weeds should not be used. It is advisable to chop up larger materials, to help them decompose more quickly.



2009 Planting day

Sunday 5 July from 9:30 am



All Friends are invited to come along and help plant our seedlings on the northern boundary of Aldinga Scrub.

Enter the Park through the gate opposite Palmer Street and you will find us along the northern fence line track.

Enjoy great company and a rewarding experience!

Please contact Julie on 8556 5782 for more information.

Park news

Working bee groups have been busy caring for the 2008 plantings on the northern boundary, removing bulrushes from the Acacia Terrace wetland, treating olives and other woody weeds, and fumigating fox holes.

The NRM board allocated \$3000 for olive removal which was carried out in May. DEH has secured \$2200 for bridal creeper and veldt grass control through Native Vegetation Council funds.

We have been successful in obtaining a grant from the City of Onkaparinga for \$4000 to be spent on veldt grass control.

From the committee ...

- committee has been advised by DEH that a controlled burn has been planned for ASCP. We are aware that our members hold differing views about burning and FoAS have declined to comment on this issue.
- new residents' packs have been produced and distributed by DEH to families in the 'Sunday' estate. The committee has written to DEH asking that they also be distributed to households in the Bayswater estate.
- we are planning to repeat the very successful guided walks we organised in 2008 for new residents. It is expected the walks will be held on 30 August.

Friends of Parks Inc 25th Annual Forum



Friday 30 October—Sunday 1 November
Sunnybrae Farm, Regency Park

The Forum provides you with an opportunity to find out about the activities of other Friends groups and participate in excursions to local parks.

Please contact Helen on 8556 3166 if you would like more information.

Flower Power rules in Aldinga Scrub!

Almond Blossom Festival Sunday 26 July

The theme for the 40th year of the Festival, is
the 60s!

Get out your funky 60s gear!
Join us in the Parade!

Please contact Joy on 8557 7275 for more information.

Financial Report as at 31 March 2009

Funds held at Bendigo Bank, Aldinga	
Club Cheque account	\$1836.68
Extra Cash Management account	\$8089.80
Total funds	\$9926.48

Attention all growers!

Please return your seedlings to Julie now for final counting and quality control.

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

Thursday, 11 June 2009

James Guy, coastal research engineer with DEH, will speak on 'Sea Level Rise'.

Thursday, 9 July 2009

Julian James from the City of Onkaparinga will speak on 'Preparing for Climate Change'.

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.