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*Friends Group of the Decade 1993 - 2003*

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**NEWSLETTER**

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**Recent Meetings**

Chairperson John Edmeades welcomed 13 members to our meeting held on 11 June.

James Guy from the Coast Protection Board (DEH) spoke about climate change and coastal management in SA. The Board's role includes providing advice to SA Government on issues such as development and protection of the marine environment.

The world has warmed in the past century. As global sea levels have risen and continue to rise, the impacts on the coast will vary. The cliffs at Port Willunga are highly erodible, and damage to the cliff face can be expected. The sand dune area south of Moana provides a useful buffer where the natural seasonal deposition of sand and erosion can continue. In places where large sand dunes adjacent to the beach previously replenished the beach, urban development has caused the destruction of beaches and consequent damage to infrastructure during storm events.

The CPB has advised planners that development on low lying areas such as Port Wakefield and Moana is not appropriate, but the advice is often not heeded.

Our meeting on 9 July was chaired by Bill Rowland and attended by 11 members.

Julian James, Environmental Planner from the City of Onkaparinga, spoke to us about council's strategies to deal with climate change. Council is focussing on local responses and is currently preparing an action plan.

It is anticipated that locally we will experience lower average rainfall, higher sea levels, higher average temperatures and more frequent extreme temperatures. These impacts may result in more frequent bushfires and drought, intense wind and rain events, and storm surges.

Council is looking at immediate responses to these issues, such as using biofuels in its waste trucks and reducing energy use in its buildings. Several council buildings have been targeted for 'greening', where innovative design and technologies will be employed to achieve energy savings. Major projects such as the redevelopment of the Woodcroft Library should achieve 60% energy and water savings.



**Welcome to new residents  
Sunday 30 August, 2009**

Commencing at the Dover Street carpark at 2.00 pm

Last spring, some 80 people enjoyed a walk with us in Aldinga Scrub! This year we are again inviting new residents to join us for a guided walk through the Park, followed by afternoon tea at the Aldinga Holiday Park.

If you are able to help on the day, either to lead a group or help with the afternoon tea, please contact Helen on 8556 3166.

*Come along and share the unique environment of Aldinga Scrub  
with our new neighbours!*

*Vale Helen Lumb  
FoAS President 1999-2002*

*We were very sad to learn of the death of our former committee member Helen on May 12. Helen was a passionate botanist with expert knowledge of the plants of Aldinga Scrub.*

*Members of Helen's family joined us on 18 July to plant pink gums in her memory in the south-western section of the Park.*

*Helen will be greatly missed by her many friends in Aldinga Beach.*

### **Park news**

Working bee groups prepared the northern boundary for planting day, and have cleared weeds and rubbish from a section of the Park adjacent to Fraser Street.

A Green Corps team has removed rubbish from the south-western area of the Park in preparation for future rehabilitation.

### **From the committee ...**

- Committee has been liaising with NPWS about water flows from the Hart Road wetland. Council has created a swale to direct water in a south westerly direction from the western spillway.
- We are continuing to monitor dog walking and vandalism of signs in the Hart Road wetland
- NPWS have provided us with funds to purchase a drill and supplies to assist with the "drill and fill" application of poisons

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

#### **Thursday, 13 August 2009**

Dale Hobbs, environmental education director, will speak on 'Hooded plovers'.

#### **Thursday, 10 September 2009**

Friends of Aldinga Scrub monitoring group will report on their ongoing activities in the Park.

## **Aldinga on Display Saturday 17 October**

This day will provide an opportunity for local organisations to showcase their activities to the whole community.

Friends of Aldinga Scrub will be inviting local people to join us in a walk along the Coral Lichen Circuit. This will be another opportunity for us to talk about the unique Aldinga Scrub and to encourage people to join our group. Walkers will be leaving the Dover Street carpark in half hourly intervals between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm.

Friends will be needed to organise and lead the groups. Please contact Joy on 8556 4609 if you would like to help.

### **Planting Day**

**Sunday  
5 July**



### **Financial Report as at 31 May 2009**

Funds held at Bendigo Bank, Aldinga	
Club Cheque account	<b>\$1558.53</b>
Extra Cash Management account	<b><u>\$8115.97</u></b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>\$9674.50</b>

### **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.