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PRESCRIBED BURN IN ALDINGA SCRUB

As a risk management strategy to protect houses adjacent to Aldinga Scrub, DEH carried out a prescribed burn of some 8 hectares on 24 November 2009. Sites targeted included a section of the Park near Quandong Avenue, and the area between Sheoak Avenue and Wattle Street.



DEH have committed to monitoring the aftermath of the fire, including weed control, for 2 years or more. As expected, veldt grass is leading the regeneration as a result of the fire. Our regular contractor, Tony Patterson, has been engaged by DEH to carry out treatment of this invasive species. The chemical Fusilade is being used in the trial sites.

Some indigenous species, including *Alyxia buxifolia* are now regenerating. However, a stand of *Olearia passerinoides* (one of only two known stands in Aldinga Scrub) was burnt by mistake during the prescribed burn.



DEH officers have reported that, due to the sparseness of the fuel load and the behaviour of the fire on the day of the burn, they have evidence to support the claim that the section of the Park adjacent to Wattle Street is not a high fire danger area.



AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

You are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 11 March.

Business will include presentation of reports and election of officers for 2010/2011.

Join us for supper after the business has been conducted.

Consider nominating yourself or another Friend to join our committee!!

PROPOSED WALKING TRAIL FOR WILLUNGA BASIN!

Friends of Willunga Basin are currently exploring the concept of a walking trail to circle Willunga Basin.

"Taking several days to walk, it would be a remarkable trail as it includes the coast, the vineyards and the hills with their stunning vistas creating its eastern boundary.

The concept is still in its earliest stages, but we have met with Council staff responsible for trails and open space, they were highly supportive and we are keen to continue working on the idea. Any input from readers will be greatly welcomed."

Extract from Friends of Willunga Newsletter, January 2010.

If you would like to be involved in this innovative project, please contact David Gill on 8556 2289.

Adelaide Fringe Festival

Would you like to be part of the exciting Fringe Opening Parade??

Trees for Life are looking for volunteers to help prepare props and take part in the parade. You don't need to be creative, just enthusiastic and willing to pitch in and have fun!

To find out more, contact TFL on 8406 0500.

NRM Coastal Report

The newly released Metropolitan Adelaide and Northern Coastal Action Plan has identified Silver Sands, which includes Aldinga Scrub, as a high conservation value cell on the southern Adelaide coastline.

For more information about this report, please contact the Adelaide Mount Lofty Ranges NRM on 8273 9100.

Tube-filling day 2009

We had plenty of willing helpers at our tube-filling day in November last year.

The job was done in record time, and the workers shared a well-earned lunch afterwards.

Thanks to everyone who came along and helped to make this such a very productive and enjoyable day!



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

Thursday, 11 February 2010
FoAS member Neville Hudson will talk about "An Arkaroola Expedition"

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Annual General Meeting — presentation of reports and election of officers for 2010/2011.

Coming events – Working Bees Every Tuesday

Working bees are held on Tuesday mornings (weather permitting) and will be resuming early in the new year. 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.