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PEOPLE AND PARKS

A Visitor Strategy for South Australia's National Parks and Reserves

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has recently released a draft strategy aimed at encouraging greater cooperation between government, community groups and businesses in determining the future of our parks. The excerpts opposite are taken from the DENR 'People and Parks' Summary Sheet.

FoAS will be discussing the Strategy at our forthcoming committee and general meetings. We strongly encourage all members to read either the summary document or the full report. You may wish to contribute to a group submission, and/or respond individually to DENR. Feedback is requested by 8 April 2011.

You can get a copy of the summary sheet by contacting Helen on 8556 3166, or by following the links on the DENR website at <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/>. Copies of the full report are also available through the website.

"People and Parks sets a new direction for recreation and tourism in parks. It identifies a suite of initiatives to attract more people to parks and to support their long term conservation."

"By 2020 South Australia's national parks and reserves will be celebrated widely for the benefits they provide to communities, and the economy, and the unique opportunities they create to combine conservation with sustainable recreation and tourism."

"A new range of things to do will be developed that breathe life into our natural spaces and build their value to the community."

"Conserving our national parks and providing access for people—this is our challenge. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources wants to hear your views on this."



2011 prescribed burn

On Wednesday 19 January, officers from Department of Environment and Natural Resources carried out a second prescribed burn in Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park.

This burn took place on the eastern boundary adjacent to the Aldinga Holiday Park.

We will be seeking further information from DENR about the outcomes of the burn, and any follow up and/or monitoring which may be planned for the site.

AGM reminder

You are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 10 March 2011.

Business will include presentation of reports and election of officers for 2011/2012.

Join us for supper once the business had been conducted.

Consider nominating yourself or another Friend to join our committee!



Encounter Marine Park

Planning for the introduction of zoning arrangements within South Australia's 19 marine parks has entered the first part of a two-stage process.

In November 2010, preliminary sanctuary zone scenarios were released to marine park local advisory groups (MPLAGs) as discussion starters for informal information gathering via the groups and the community. MPLAGs and other stakeholders will advise the Government on their preferred zoning scenarios in the first half of 2011.

FoAS have prepared a submission for our Local Advisory Group in relation to the section of the proposed Marine Park between Maslin Beach and Sellicks Beach (Preliminary Sanctuary Zone C).

Our submission includes the following recommendations :-

- extend sanctuary zone to shore at Silver Sands to connect with Washpool (Wetlands of National Significance) estuary, and protect *Posidonia coriacea* near shore
- extend sanctuary zone on cliff/rock platform north of Snapper Point (but still allow fishing from beach)
- provide boat fishing corridor out from Aldinga and Sellicks ramps
- extend sanctuary zone on coast south of Sellicks Beach

Once the Government has received advice on preferred zoning scenarios from the community and other stakeholders, draft management plans with zoning for the 19 multiple-use marine parks will be developed and released for formal, statewide consultation in the second half of 2011. Final zoning arrangements are due to be implemented in 2012.

For more information about South Australia's Marine Parks, visit

<http://marineparkssa.ning.com/>

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

Thursday, 10 February 2011
David Gill from Friends of Willunga Basin will give an update on the proposed Willunga Basin walking trail.

Thursday, 10 March 2011
Annual General Meeting—presentation of reports and election of officers

Coming events – Working Bees Now on Mondays until further notice!

Working bees will resume in the new year after a recess during the warmer months.

Please contact John on 0488 552 797 over the summer period if you would like more information about working bee activities for 2011. We would very much welcome some extra hands to help with the field work!