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NEWSLETTER

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### Recent Meetings

Chairperson John Ackers welcomed 12 members and 1 visitor to our February meeting.

Guest speaker David Gill spoke about the proposed Willunga Basin Walking Trail which is being developed by Friends of Willunga Basin. The proposal is in its very early stages but a draft trail which encompasses the perimeter of the Basin has been drawn up. The trail, some 100 kilometres long, would take in Aldinga, Sellicks, Range Road, Willunga, McLaren Flat, McLaren Vale, Moana and Maslin Beach, highlighting environmental features such as the Aldinga Reef, Aldinga Scrub and the Washpool. Some sections would be on existing walking trails, including the Willunga to McLaren Vale trail and the Kidman trail. In the future, it is proposed that the trail may also incorporate sections which are suitable for cycling. People could choose to do short or longer sections of the trail each time.

It is anticipated that the trail would appeal to visitors from outside the region, as well as locals, who would enjoy walking through the vineyards, orchards, and heritage townships scattered throughout the Basin. David encouraged discussion in the meeting about how the trail might interact with Aldinga Scrub.

Our AGM was held on 10 March. Bob Moore welcomed 14 members to the meeting.

In her President's report, Julie Burgher provided a summary of the year's highlights. Julie reported that our membership has remained steady, at around 150 members, while we recorded 660 volunteer hours during working bees in ASCP. Our Treasurer Neville Hudson once again presented an informative report, showing that funds held in our Bendigo Bank accounts totalled \$19684.21 as at 31 December 2010.

Ashleigh Pitman from the Willunga Environment Centre officiated for the election of officers. All committee members were re-elected, while Heather Carrangis was welcomed as a new member of the committee. Outgoing committee member Bill Rowland was thanked for his contribution over the past 3 years.

Our Liaison Ranger, Kat Mroczek introduced Dennis Francis who has recently joined NPWSA. Kat reported that DENR is undergoing a significant restructure as the NRM boards are integrated into the department.

### FoAS stalwart retires!



From leading us in the Almond Blossom Parade to transporting thousand of bottles of water to our planting sites, Tessie the Truck has been there to answer the call! However, the years have caught up with her, and Tessie is now settling in to a well-earned retirement in Willunga.

We thank Bob and Desi Moore for so generously making Tessie available to support our activities over many years.

## New payment system for 2011/2012!

We are sure you will wish to renew your membership as soon as possible, and to make it easier for you, we have now introduced Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

Please note the following information which is required to complete the transaction .....

**Name of organisation:** Friends of Aldinga Scrub  
**BSB number:** 633—000  
**Account number:** 134185735  
**Reference:** Please enter your name (last name, first name) and "subs"  
so we know who the payment is from

After you have made the funds transfer, please send an email message to Neville Hudson at [nhudson105@bigpond.com](mailto:nhudson105@bigpond.com) to notify us that you have made the payment.

**\* If you are making a family payment, please be sure to include the names of all your family members in the email.**

### From the committee ...

- committee has registered interest in participating in the Environment Expo to be staged by the Willunga Environment Centre in October
- thanks to NPWSA, we now have two sturdy sandwich board signs which can be used to direct visitors to our events
- committee members will be representing FoAS at the forthcoming Friends of Parks AGM to be held on 9 May

### Thank you Paxton Wines!

Once again, Paxton Wines has nominated Friends of Aldinga Scrub as recipients of funds through the 1% for the Planet scheme.

We are very grateful for their gift of \$5,800 which will allow us to continue our work in the Paxton Patch in the south-western corner of the Park.

### Park news

- we recently hosted a group of 60 enthusiastic landscape architecture students from Adelaide University for a walk through the Hart Road wetland and ASCP
- following the recent summer rains, the ponds on the eastern boundary are still holding water and supporting abundant birdlife
- a contractor will be employed shortly to undertake fumigation of fox burrows throughout the park
- working bee groups have been collecting seed for this year's propagation program
- reeds in Acacia Terrace have been treated and cut

### Financial Report as at 31 January 2011

Funds held at Bendigo Bank, Aldinga	
Club Cheque account	\$927.20
Extra Cash Management account	<u>\$18786.93</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>\$19714.13</b>

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

Thursday, 14 April 2011  
Bill Rowland will show a selection of his butterfly photos and also talk about his walks on the Heysen Trail

Thursday, 12 May 2011  
Thelma Bridle from the Native Orchid Society of SA will be speaking to us about orchids in Aldinga Scrub

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

Working bees are held on a regular basis during the cooler weather. Join us on Monday mornings — your help would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact John on 0488 552 797 if you would like more information about where the groups will be working each week.





### ***Farewell to a dedicated Friend***

*Friends of Aldinga Scrub have lost a highly esteemed member of our group with the passing of Carol Shields on 15 March. Carol came to live in Aldinga Beach in 1996, bringing with her a wealth of plant knowledge and a commitment to sharing that knowledge with others.*

*Carol guided our revegetation projects at each of these sites, where the flourishing vegetation is a testament to Carol's deep understanding of the plants of Aldinga Scrub. She collected seed, propagated, grew and nurtured many thousands of plants, and coordinated our planting programs with her intuitive sense of design. Once the plants were in the ground, Carol returned regularly to keep a watchful eye on the welfare of her young seedlings.*

*Carol was widely known and respected as a vigorous advocate for the protection of the precious remnant coastal vegetation in Aldinga Scrub, and she inspired many others to join with her in campaigning against the persistent proposals for development or activity which would threaten the survival of our Park.*

*As a member of our committee for nearly 10 years, Carol generously gave her time, her energy and her valuable insights in support of all our projects and activities.*

*Carol will be sadly missed as an inspiring conservationist and passionate Friend of Aldinga Scrub.*

