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NEWSLETTER

June 2011

Don't miss these great speakers at our coming General Meetings!

9 June 2011

Andrew Thomas, Water Resources Group Coordinator with the City of Onkaparinga, will speak about Stage 2 of the Waterproofing the South project

Of particular interest to residents in our region will be discussion about the proposed sedimentation basin for Cox Road and the Washpool/Silver Sands flood plain mapping project.

14 July

Julie Burgher, President of FoAS, is to be our speaker at the July meeting. Julie will be showing her favourite photographs from the past year or so, which showcase our local flora and fauna.

Julie's presentation will depict photos of flora including native orchids taken at Kuitpo Forest, and fauna such as the Hooded Plovers seen on the beach at Aldinga this summer.

Our meetings are held in the
Community Room
Aldinga Library
at 7:30pm each month
(February to November)

All welcome!



**2011 Planting day
Sunday 17 July
at 10:00 am**

**Paxton Patch
(enter from Wattle
Avenue and head north)**

We have hundreds of seedlings ready to be planted in the Paxton Patch at the south-western corner of Aldinga Scrub.

Thanks to the very generous donations we have received from Paxton Wines, we have been able to fence a large area to keep the inquisitive kangaroos away from our new plantings. Come along and see how well our previous plantings are doing, and take the opportunity to help plant some more!



Your help would be greatly appreciated - bring gloves, trowels and any useful equipment you have.

Please contact Julie on 8556 5782 for more information.

Please note that working bees are now being held on Tuesday mornings.

See page 2 for further details.

**STOP
PRESS!**

**2011 Friends Forum
Kimba
'West of the Middlebacks'**

Friday 2 September to Sunday 4 September

This is a great opportunity to hear speakers with regional expertise, and visit some of the natural attractions of northern Eyre Peninsula.

Contact Helen on 8556 3166 for more information.

From the committee ...

- at the request of FoAS, NPWSA have agreed to install a stile at Gate 17 at the north-eastern corner of the Scrub. This is now a popular entry point for visitors to the eastern boundary ponds.
- we welcome our new Ranger, Dennis Francis, to Aldinga Scrub, and we thank Kat Mroczek for her support of our activities over the past few years.
- FoAS have made a submission to the 'People and Parks' report, strongly recommending that environmental needs must always have the highest priority when the future of our Parks is being considered.

2011 Social event!

All Friends are invited to join us in a trip to Milang in September, where we will visit the 'Snipe Sanctuary', a samphire wetland situated between the town of Milang and the shore of Lake Alexandrina. At this site, many local groups have worked together to remove weeds, revegetate and install fencing, and these wetlands now provide habitat for the migratory shorebird, Japanese Snipe.



Check for further details in the next newsletter!

**Working Bees
Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am**

Working bees are held on a regular basis during the cooler weather — and we would greatly appreciate your help!

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

**Almond Blossom
Festival
31 July 2011**



Once again, Friends of Aldinga Scrub will be taking part in the parade and holding a stall in the Recreation Centre.

Come along and join in the parade, or help on the stall, it's a fun way to help promote our group!

Please phone Joy on 8556 4609 for more information about the Festival.

Park news

- working bee members have been monitoring our recently discovered plant, *Stemodia florulenta*, which is in flower again around the eastern ponds
- working bee members have noticed significant damage to banksias on the northern boundary plantings caused by kangaroos
- the early rains we have received this year have encouraged vigorous growth of bridal creeper which will need a lot of attention in the coming months
- remnant vegetation in areas which have been subjected to prescribed burning is reshooting, but weeds are also proliferating at these sites
- we are regularly removing *Carpobrotus edulis*, an invasive South African species of pigface, which is readily hybridising with our local *Carpobrotus rossii*

Financial Report as at 31 March 2011

Funds held at Bendigo Bank, Aldinga

Club Cheque account	852.60
Extra Cash Management account	<u>24659.89</u>
Total funds	\$25512.49