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NEWSLETTER

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

11 August 2011

Dr Dale McNeil will address our August meeting. Dr McNeil is a Senior Scientist in the Aquatic Sciences section of the South Australian Research and Development Institute. One of his current projects is control of the speckled livebearer, a highly competitive invasive freshwater fish which has become dominant in the Willunga Creek.

8 September 2011

The speaker for our September meeting will be Eddie Banks. Eddie is working on a collaborative project involving Flinders University and the National Centre for Groundwater Training and Research. The project aims to establish a hydrological observatory in the Willunga Basin. The project is receiving major funding from the Commonwealth Government under the 'Super Science' program.

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

All welcome!

Meander through Milang

Sunday 18 September

Join Friends of Aldinga Scrub at Milang on the shores of Lake Alexandrina, where we will be guided through the Snipe Sanctuary and the Turtle Shed by local environmentalist, Karen Bradford.

We'll be meeting at the lakeside carpark at 10:30 am. Following the tour, you're invited to join us for lunch at the Milang Hotel.



Please contact Helen on 8556 3166 so that we can book your place for lunch. If you would like a ride to Milang with other Friends, just let us know.

Thanks to all our helpers!

On Sunday 17 July, in ideal conditions, 18 people turned out to assist with our tree planting day in the Paxton Patch.

Some 450 seedlings were planted, and then given a drink of water to help them settle in to their new surroundings!



From the committee ...

- on behalf of all Friends groups, President of Friends of Parks Inc, David Mitchell has recently met with the Chief Executive of DENR, Allan Holmes, and the Minister for the Environment, and Conservation, Paul Caica. David has presented the concerns of Friends groups about the lack of funding being provided to the Department and the consequent impact on Friends groups. He is not optimistic about the outcomes, but we certainly appreciate his efforts.
- FoAS have been successful in receiving a grant from the City of Onkaparinga to attack bridal creeper in the Park. John Ackers will attend the ceremony to receive the cheque on our behalf.
- we recently hosted a visit by an officer of the Commonwealth 'Caring for Country' Program which funds much of our onground work in the Park each year. She enjoyed walking through our Park and hearing about our projects.

Entrance at Gate 17!

The proposed installation of a stile at Gate 17 on the north-eastern corner of the Park generated considerable debate at our June general meeting.

After much discussion, it was decided that we would not support the stile, as members agreed that it may encourage people to bring bikes into the Scrub.

However, the City of Onkaparinga's Recreational Trails Strategy identifies a proposed trail on the eastern boundary, **outside** of the Park, which links Hart Road with Cox's Road. We strongly endorse the development of this trail as a suitable pathway for pedestrians and cyclists.

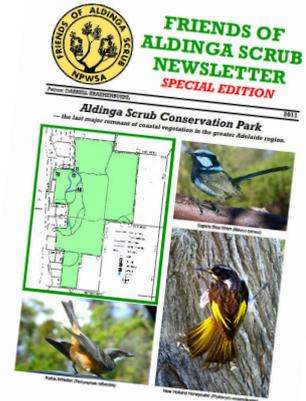
Working Bees Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

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.

Back by popular demand!

Thanks to the support of our Ranger, Dennis Frances, we have been able to print another 500 copies of our highly successful Special Edition newsletter, which was produced by Bill Rowland in 2010.



Park news

- workers recently met with Emma Stephens from the NRM Board to discuss removal of woody weeds and treatment of Marram grass in the foredunes adjacent to the Esplanade lookout.
- our 2011 biological monitoring program is now completed, with data being recorded at all three of our sites.
- workers have been attacking boneseed which is germinating prolifically, particularly in the 2011 burn area.
- the rust fungus which attacks bridal creeper has been distributed in the Park again this year.
- the issue of bikes in ASCP continues to cause concern, and we have been advised that DENR will soon be installing a 'no bikes' sign at the western end of the Boomerang fire track.

Financial Report as at 31 May 2011

Funds held at Bendigo Bank, Aldinga

Club Cheque account	1344.60
Extra Cash Management account	9739.64
Fixed Deposit account	<u>15000.00</u>
Total funds	\$26084.24