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NEWSLETTER

June 2012

Coming meetings

Thursday 14 June

The Botany of Weeds

Chris Brodie from the State Herbarium of South Australia will be the speaker at our June meeting. Chris has previously worked at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and is now highly qualified in the field of non-indigenous plants of South Australia.

Thursday 12 July

Plants of Australia

Max and Pam Jahn who are members of the Australian Plants Society will speak to us about the projects and activities undertaken by the APS over many years, particularly in rural areas.

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

All welcome!

It's our
25th birthday!



2012 marks the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Friends of Aldinga Scrub. You are invited to join our celebrations!

*A Day at Douglas Scrub
Sun 23 September 2012
from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm*

The program for the day will include a guided walk by volunteers who care for Douglas Scrub, followed by a picnic lunch. Official celebrations will include the cutting of the 25th birthday cake and the presentation of certificates to long-time Friends.

Your entry fee to Douglas Scrub will be covered, but we are asking all those attending to bring food for the barbeque and a plate to share.

For catering purposes, please contact Julie on 8556 5782 or Helen on 8556 3166 if you are able to come.

Directions on how to find Douglas Scrub will be provided in the next newsletter.

Friends of Aldinga Scrub 1987 - 2012

2012 Planting Day Sunday June 17 at 10:30 am

All Friends are invited to join us at the Paxton Patch to help plant out the seedlings we have grown in our nurseries over the summer and autumn. Enter the Park from the corner of Wattle Avenue and Acacia Terrace and walk due north. Please bring your own gloves and trowel if you can.



Acacia pycnantha

Phone Julie on 8556 5782 for more information.

Contractor projects for 2012

Better Bushland have been treating bridal creeper and woody weeds in ASCP for several years. This year, Tony Patterson and his crew will be working on a Caring for Country grant of \$20,000 and a City of Onkaparinga grant of \$4,000 to attack these pest plants.

Rebekah Crawford is our expert on treating veldt grass. She will be finishing off work through last year's Caring for Country grant and continuing her work with an NRM Community grant for \$9,900.

We are very grateful to Tony and Rebekah for the expertise and enthusiasm they each bring to their work in Aldinga Scrub, and to the funding agencies who provide the grants.

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Park news

- the working bee team is busy finding and marking weeds at this time of the year. Key woody weeds include boneseed, olives and boxthorn. Bridal creeper is also vigorously establishing itself this year.
- the working bee team has met with NRM Coastal Officer Emma Stephens to plan work to be carried out in the foredunes with funding provided by NRM. Woody weeds, including non-local acacias and leptospermums, will be among the pest plants removed this year.

Working Bees

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Regular working bees have resumed now that the cooler weather is with us.

If you are available to help, please contact John each week on 0488 552 797 to find where the group will be working.

News from the committee

- we have recently met with consultant Marcus Cooling who has been engaged by DENR to undertake a study into the water requirements of ASCP, especially in regard to the water flows from the Hart Road wetland.
- we have reported to DENR that, during 2011, we carried out 670 hours of volunteer work in the field and 650 hours of volunteer support in planning works, holding meetings, and general promotional work.
- the Coral Lichen brochure has now been updated. If you would like a copy, please contact a committee member.
- to help our keen ant spotters, we have recently purchased a copy of 'A guide to Camponotus Ants of South Australia' which is available for all members to borrow.