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## NEWSLETTER

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### Coming meetings

#### Thursday 9 August

##### Scott Creek

Tom Hands from the Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park will speak about Scott Creek and the work done by the Friends group. Tom recently won the Rotary Club of Burnside's *Volunteer of the Parks* award for 2012.

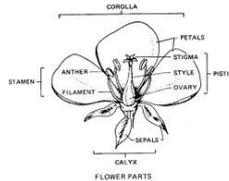
#### Thursday 13 September

##### Biodiversity projects in the City of Onkaparinga

Ben Moulton and Jock Conlon will talk to us about the extensive work being undertaken across many council sites, including dunes, reserves, road verges and waterways.

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

**All welcome!**



Here's a fantastic opportunity to increase your knowledge about the plants of Aldinga Scrub and learn how to identify them in the field!

### Plant Identification workshops

Aldinga Library Community Room  
26 July – 6 September  
7:00 – 9:00 pm

You are invited to attend a series of workshops which will provide you with the essential tools for plant recognition and identification.



The workshops will be held over 6 weeks, each session being 2 hours. The program will include two weekend field trips, each of 3 hours.

Our instructor will be Sue Duigan, Lecturer in Horticulture and Conservation Land Management at the Urrbrae Campus of TAFE SA.



**STARTS THIS THURSDAY!**  
Please phone Julie on 8556 5782 or  
Helen on 8556 3166 to book your place.

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# You're invited to our 25th birthday celebrations!



*A Day at Douglas Scrub*  
*Sunday 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.

To reach Douglas Scrub, turn left into Blewitt Springs Road just before McLaren Flat, then turn right at the junction of Blewitt Springs Road and Douglas Gully Road. The entrance to the reserve is opposite the Woodstock Winery.



## Park news

- we are continuing to find new 'cubby houses' in the Park. We have also found a network of BMX tracks and jumps in the northern section of the Park. Please report any such destructive activity to a member of the committee, who will pass on the information to our ranger or the local police.
- well done to the eight Friends who planted some 450 seedlings at our planting day on 17 June.
- we will soon be engaging a local contractor to spray soursofs in the Paxton Patch which will reduce competition for our new plantings.

## Working Bees

**Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am**

Regular working bees are in full swing during the winter months.

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

- the roles of rangers in the Southern Lofty District have been reviewed recently. We are pleased that Dennis Francis and Kat Mroczek have retained their responsibilities for Aldinga Scrub and FoAS.
- we have received a comprehensive report which was commissioned by NRM to study the foredune site on the western boundary. The report advises that 56 native plant species were present at the site, indicating that it is in excellent condition. However 16 introduced species were also found at the site.
- we have also received a copy of the water requirements report commissioned by DENR which examines the impact of the Hart Road wetland on Aldinga Scrub. One recommendation strongly supported by our group is to "relocate infrastructure to manage excess stormwater outside the Conservation Park". The report also recommends ongoing and regular monitoring of flows into the Scrub, groundwater levels and vegetation.  
\*\*Please ask a committee member if you would like to read either of these reports.



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