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NEWSLETTER

October 2012

Coming meetings

Thursday 11 October

Report on Ants study

Annette Vincent, who conducted our ants awareness workshops earlier this year, will report to our group on the findings of her field work studies conducted in ASCP in conjunction with the workshops.

Thursday 8 November

Native bees

Dr Remko Leijs, molecular microbiologist from Flinders University, will speak about his research into the evolution of bees and the impact of habitat loss on their survival.

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

All welcome!

Tube filling day



We have several hundred tubes which need to be filled with soil and packed into their boxes in preparation for the next growing season.

Do you have an hour or two to spare? Join us on

**Sunday 25 November
from 10:00 am
at 7 Palmer Street**

This is always an enjoyable social event, a chance to chat with other Friends over the workbench. Bring a plate to share for lunch when the work is done!



Breakfast in the Scrub!

It's time again to celebrate another highly successful year for Friends of Aldinga Scrub.

We're getting together for breakfast on

**Sunday 2 December
from 9:00 am
Meet at the corner of Quondong Avenue and
Acacia Terrace, you'll find us just inside the
park.**

You will need to bring your own chair and food. Please contact Helen on 8556 3166 if you would like any more information.

Important milestone for Friends of Aldinga Scrub celebrated at Douglas Scrub!



On September 23, a group of some 40 Friends and guests gathered on a cold but dry day to celebrate the 25th birthday of our group.

The event commenced with a walk through the Douglas Scrub, guided by Helen Goldney from Girl Guides SA, the owners of the property. The walk was a real delight with masses of orchids in flower everywhere. The display of donkey orchids and cockatoo orchids was a special highlight of the day!

Following the walk, everyone enjoyed the chance to relax with a barbeque lunch and catch up with old friends. Bob Moore presented an account of the early days of the group, and presented certificates to Friends who have been members for 25 and 20 years. To mark this special occasion, a large Black Forest cake was cut and everyone enjoyed a delicious slice or two!

We were pleased to welcome John Hill and Lorraine Rosenberg, representing state and local government agencies that provide grants to support our projects. Amanda Rishworth MP sent her apologies. We also welcomed Dennis Francis and Tim Fuhlbohm from the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources who provide direction for our on ground works.

Park news

- Weed Management Officer Tim Fuhlbohm who is responsible for follow up work on the prescribed burn areas will be working in ASCP over the next few months. Tim will focus on veldt grass control around the three burn sites. Tim has suggested that FoAS could help with propagating some native grasses and sedges which would then be planted in 1 or 2 'kangaroo exclosures'. He will also tackle some regrowth of olives in the Sheoak Avenue site later in the year,.
- Ranger Dennis Francis is allocating money from the 'Sunday' fund for work in the park, including new fencing along Dover Street, a new entrance sign at the Dover Street carpark and perhaps additional signage at each end of the Boomerang Track.

Working Bees

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Regular working bees are in full swing during the spring 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

- Committee members have spent considerable time over the past few months surveying, rationalising and naming the tracks with a view to encouraging people to keep to the major tracks and allowing others to grow over. Rick Williams, a Friend of Scott Creek, has kindly produced a map which defines and names the preferred tracks. Copies of the map printed on waterproof paper will be available soon.
- Annette Vincent, who conducted our Ant awareness workshops, has suggested that we may like to think about organising an autumn, winter, and spring, survey over the next few years, as different species of ants come out at different times of the year. Our February survey was definitely a summer survey temperature wise, and ongoing surveys throughout the year could complement studies done by other groups in previous years.
- We have been successful in obtaining a grant of \$10,000 from the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM which will provide funds for our contractor Better Bushland to continue his attack on woody weeds during 2013.
- Contractor Dylan Braund has been engaged for 30 hours of work to assist us with hand weeding in the northern boundary and the Paxton Patch.



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