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## Coming meetings

### Thursday 10 April

#### Snails—native and other

Peter Hunt from the Malacological Society of SA will talk about terrestrial gastropods (known as snails and slugs to most of us) which are found in South Australia. The Malacological Society of SA, formed in 1894, is the second oldest of its type in the world.

### Thursday 8 May

#### News from the coast

NRM Coastal Officer Emma Stephens will provide an update on her coastal projects in Aldinga Bay. During her presentation, Emma will talk about the success of the Hooded Plover Response program over the summer period.

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

**All welcome!**

## Willunga Christmas Tree Festival



The concept for this beautiful tree was devised by Joyce to represent the understorey of Aldinga Scrub showing native grasses beneath an overstorey of drooping branches of leaves against an azure blue sky. A selection of seeds and fruits can be seen in between the two levels.

*We are delighted to announce that our tree gained equal first prize in the Popular Votes Award.*

## Don't miss this great video!!



As part of the state election campaign the Conservation Council of SA and The Wilderness Society have produced this short film 'Endangered Ranger'.

In the style of a classic nature doco, the film makes the stark point that as a result of savage cuts to the Environment portfolio, park rangers are becoming as endangered as many of the plants and animals they are trying to protect.

The video was produced by Natural Perspective Films and you can view it at [www.conservation.sa.org.au](http://www.conservation.sa.org.au)

### Election of Officers for 2014/2015

At the AGM held on Thursday 13 March, the following members were elected onto the committee for the coming year.

President: John Ackers  
Secretary: Helen McSkimming  
Treasurer: Neville Hudson  
Committee: John Edmeades Joy Forrest  
Julie Burgher Heather Carrangis

Joyce Williams decided not to continue on the committee this year, and we thank her for her significant contribution over the past 12 months.

## Two great opportunities to purchase local native plants for your garden!



### Australian Plant Society

All the plants are grown in South Australia by members of the APS. Most have been chosen because they are particularly suitable to

Adelaide or South Australian conditions, but there are also many varieties presented because they are of interest to enthusiasts - either because they are rare or they are unusual in some other way. Typically, there are about 1,000 different species or varieties available each sale. Most plants will be \$5:00.

#### Stirling Angas Hall

#### Wayville Showgrounds

#### Goodwood Road, Wayville

Saturday 26 April from 10am to 5pm

Sunday 27 April from 10am to 4pm

### Trees for Life

A variety of quality native plant seedlings—trees, shrubs, groundcovers, grasses and reeds—will be available at Trees for Life's

Indigenous Plant Sale in May. The seedlings are suitable for gardens around the Adelaide metropolitan area, hills and surrounds.

Seedlings will be \$2.50 each for members and \$4 for non-members. Also for sale by the box (50 seedlings) at \$50 per box for members and \$100 for non-members.

#### Betty Westwood Nursery

#### May Terrace, Brooklyn Park

Thursday 29 May from 10am to 3pm

Friday 30 May from 10am to 3pm

Saturday 31 May from 10am to 1pm



Trees For Life

### **STOP PRESS**

We are planning a visit to the Laratinga Wetlands at Mt Barker in May. Following the walk, we will have lunch at a venue in Mount Barker. Full details will be emailed or delivered to you via snail mail.

### News from the committee

- New entrance signs have now been erected at Gate 3 and Gate 14. They provide information about the park and some guidelines for visitors.
- The process of integration of the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources is nearly complete. Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park is now in the Fleurieu and Willunga Basin region. A very positive aspect of the integration is that we now have a ranger based at the Willunga NRM office. We were very pleased to welcome Steve Johnson to our AGM and hear about his priorities for our Park.
- We have been waiting on the publication of the Biodiversity Management Plan for Aldinga Scrub for some years. We understand it has now been published and will be available to us soon. This important document will guide the activities of our working bee team in the coming years.
- A number of Friends recently attended a Meet and Greet evening organised by the Willunga Environment Centre. The evening provided opportunities for people from various local environmental groups to get to know each other, to promote their groups and to share ideas.
- Two Friends recently attended a meeting at Yankalilla to hear about the current prescribed burn strategy being implemented by DEWNR staff. It was pleasing to be advised that relevant Friends groups will be consulted prior to any prescribed burn.

### Park news

- A fire in ASCP on Saturday 22 March burnt an area of approximately half a hectare adjacent to Kookaburra Track (towards the northern boundary). It is suspected that the cause of the fire was arson. The CFS response time was 10 minutes but regrettably two of their vehicles became bogged and churned up soft sand in an area where the rare Copper Beard Orchid is found.
- A major working bee project for the near future is the relocation of the enclosure fencing on the northern boundary to a patch of scrub which was burnt during a prescribed burn, just north of Gate 3. Ranger Tim Fuhlbohm has been studying this area and planting native grasses to revegetate the site. The fencing will help to keep kangaroos out of the area while the grasses become established.
- Members of the working bee team met recently with Ranger Steve Johnson and Volunteer Support Officer Jodie Woof to discuss priorities for work in the Park this year.

### Working Bees

#### Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings over the autumn period, weather permitting.

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

