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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 14 August

Friends show and tell!

This will be an informal gathering where you are invited to bring plant specimens you would like identified or perhaps specimens you are particularly proud of. Photos are welcome too! You might also like to bring general questions about the Park - something you've noticed or wondered about - and our team of Scrub experts will try to provide an answer!

Thursday 11 September

Meryl Jenkins, Graduate Ranger

Meryl has been involved in conservation work on sites ranging from Christmas Island to Eyre Peninsula, and she has recently completed the graduate ranger program with DEWNR. Meryl will talk about her experiences and her passion for connecting people with the environment.

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!

Planting day

15 June 2014

A band of enthusiastic Friends came out on planting day to continue our revegetation works in the Paxton Patch in the south western corner of the Scrub. Several hundreds of seedlings which had been propagated by Friends were planted on the day.



The very high survival rate of our plantings at this site is largely due to the sturdy high fencing which was installed to exclude kangaroos.

You are encouraged to visit the Paxton Patch to see the great results which have been achieved by our propagators and planters over the past 5 years. Next year we will be moving on to a new site in the Park.

Joy, Ida, Nathan and Palitja were amongst the group of hard-working Friends who helped to make the day such a success!





Are you keeping an eye on our new website?

Don't forget to check the website for updates about our group and our activities!

And don't forget that we would love to add your photos to the gallery. We have categories for flora, fauna, habitat and activities, so if you have any special pictures you would like to share, please send them to Julie at sunju@internode.on.net.

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Groundwater signage installed near Acacia Terrace wetland

A groundwater interpretive trail has been developed by the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT) to highlight the importance of groundwater in regional communities.

Launched on 27 June, the Willunga Basin Water Trail includes six signs in locations throughout the Basin including Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park. Our sign is located just inside Gate 11, at the western end of the Boomerang Track. The trail provides information on issues and points of interest for the groundwater system in the Willunga Basin, such as groundwater springs, dependent ecosystems and water use for irrigation, while also highlighting threats to the system, including seawater intrusion and climate change.



It is anticipated that the Willunga Basin Water Trail will help to improve local understanding and create a stronger connection to our hidden groundwater systems.

News from the committee

- Several Friends met recently with Matt Adams, Community Development Officer with the City of Onkaparinga, to discuss a potential project which would see the Pridham Boulevard verge transformed into a demonstration site for local indigenous plants. Nearby families would be encouraged to help with the establishment and ongoing care of the site.
- We were successful in gaining a grant from City of Onkaparinga for \$2000 to assist with our program of bridal creeper and woody weed eradication.
- We are seeking funds to conduct another plant ID course in August and September which will consist of 3 fields excursions guided by our tutor Sue Duigan. Please contact Helen by email at helenmcs@ozemail.com.au or phone Joy on 8556 4609 to register your interest now. More information will be available soon.
- We will be promoting our group at the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival. If you are at the Fair on July 27, check out our attractive display of photos and information in the hall.

Park news

- Committee has written to council in regard to the flooding caused by stormwater overflow from the 'Sunday' pond in Dover Street. Council's solution has been to pump water from the low lying areas back up to the Hart Road wetland. Our suggestion was that the water should be pumped directly from the pond before it impacted on the Scrub but regrettably this proposal has not been adopted.
- The working bee team recently met with Emma Stephens to plan for this year's work in the dunes. Priorities will be attacking pyp grass, gazanias and marram grass.

Working Bees

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings over the winter 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.

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