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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 9 October

Doug March, Willunga slate artisan

Doug will tell us about the history of the slate industry in Willunga and his experiences working with this iconic local stone. Doug was instrumental in the restoration of the beautiful Delabole Chapel featured on the cover of the Autumn 2014 edition of *Fleurieu Living*.

Thursday 13 November

Jeff Reid, Australian Plants Society

Jeff is a long-time member of the Australian Plants Society and coordinator of their COOTS (Conservation of our Threatened Species) activities. Jeff will talk about the work being done by APS members at COOTS projects at various locations across the state, including Pine Point and Cape Jervis.

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!

2014 Plant ID course

During August and September, we conducted three field sessions in ASCP which were led by our expert botanist, Sue Duigan. The purpose of the course was to increase our knowledge of plants in the Park and our ability to identify them in the field.

Various sections of the Park were studied. The first session started from Gate 3 (Cox Road) and headed in a northerly direction. The second session commenced at Gate 9 (Wattle Avenue) and took a loop easterly and northerly, while the third session took in a loop from Gate 14 (Dover Street car park).

Friends attending each of the sessions benefitted from Sue's extensive knowledge about the plants in Aldinga Scrub. Participants also shared their knowledge with Sue and other Friends, which made for three very productive and interesting mornings.

After the final session, the participants enjoyed a social lunch at the Aldinga Café.



Sue and Friends consulting the field guides

This course was kindly supported by a grant from the City of Onkaparinga's Community Training and Development Fund.

Tube filling day

Sunday 23 November

10:30 am

7 Palmer Street

Join us around the potting table, while we fill tubes and chat!! Bring a plate to share after the work is done. You might like to consider taking a box or two to propagate, we'll give you lots of support if you are not experienced!



The Trees For
Life kit has
all the
goodies you
need!

Breakfast in the Scrub

Sunday 30 November

9:00 am

**Gate 12 (corner of
Quandong Avenue
and Acacia Terrace)**



Bring your own chair and breakfast treats, we'll be gathering to celebrate another successful year and enjoy each other's company in our beautiful Aldinga Scrub.

News from the committee

- We have been invited to participate in the Willunga Uniting Church Christmas Tree Festival once again. If you would like to assist with creating our entry this year, please contact a committee member.
- The committee has decided that our next revegetation site will be the area near Gate 3 (Cox Road) where a prescribed burn was carried out several years ago. Tim Fuhlbohm (Weed Management Officer) has been doing follow-up work and monitoring in this area, and revegetation of the site will complement Tim's work. We will engage a contractor to construct an exclusion fence to keep the peckish kangaroos at bay.

Valé Desiree Moore

We were very sad to learn that our long time Friend Desi died on 3 September. Desi became an inaugural member of Friends of Aldinga Scrub in 1987, and she rarely missed a meeting, until recent times when her health deteriorated. We enjoyed her lively comments and sunny laughter at our meetings and social events.

Desi was a valued supporter of our Friends group and she will be greatly missed by us all. Our thoughts go to Bob, her partner of nearly 73 years.

Park news

- Seed collecting over the summer period will focus on grasses to be planted in the new revegetation site. Muntries, Carpobrotus and Ficinia nodosa will be propagated for the dune sites.
- Regional Ecologist, Barb St John, has recently examined soil samples to try to determine whether or not *Phytophthora cinnamomi* is present in ASCP. Unfortunately her findings are not conclusive either way, but the working bee team has decided to adopt hygiene procedures (spraying footwear with methylated spirits) when working in the Park.
- The working bee team has been busy removing lupins on the northern boundary and the open grassy area to the south.
- Hand weeding needs to be done in the Paxton Patch.
- Council and DEWNR have installed a pump on Dover Street to deal with the flooding each winter. We are still concerned that water overflowing from the Sunday wetland will restrict access to the northern boundary track leading in from Gate 15. This will be monitored next winter.

Working Bees

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings over the spring 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.

Visit our website at www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au

