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NEWSLETTER

February 2015

Coming meetings

Thursday 12 February

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*.

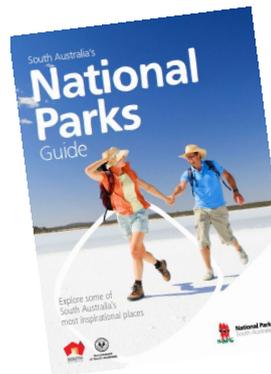
Thursday 12 March

Annual General Meeting

At this important meeting, we review the past year and elect officers for the forthcoming year. Following the formal proceedings, we will have the chance to chat over a light supper.

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

South Australia's National Parks Guide



This comprehensive booklet provides information about facilities and activities available in parks throughout SA, highlighting parks which offer tourist and accommodation services. If you are looking for places to visit in SA, this is a great resource!

Copies are available from the Willunga NRM office or can be downloaded at

http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/Find_a_Park/SA_National_Parks_Guide



New Weed Control app produced by Biosecurity SA

The 'SA Weed Control' app provides colour photographs of South Australian weeds for easy identification in the field.

The app includes:

- control recommendations for over 100 declared plant species
- chemical and non-chemical treatments
- information on the safe use of herbicides.

The app provides information from the Weed Control Handbook for Declared Plants in South Australia. It will be updated annually as chemical uses and plant declarations change.

In addition app users can:

- record the location of weeds
- keep a personal log of control activities
- phone or email regional Natural Resource officers
- send photos and text of high risk weeds.

The app is available for Android or Apple devices. It is produced by Biosecurity SA in partnership with the eight Natural Resource Management regions.

Friends of Aldinga Scrub look back on another successful year!

During 2014, we

- Managed grants totalling \$11,000 for on-ground activities
 - * City of Onkaparinga provided funds for bridal creeper control
 - * NRM gave us a grant to continue veldt grass control
 - * City of Onkaparinga supported our Plant Identification course
- Worked with our NRM Coastal officers on dune rehabilitation projects
- Achieved a fantastic total of approximately 700 volunteers hours in the Park, thanks to our enthusiastic and hard-working working bee teams
- Provided feedback to the long-awaited Biodiversity Management Plan
- Enjoyed a social outing to the Laratinga Wetlands at Mt Barker
- Launched our new website (www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au)
- Promoted our activities at the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival
- Created a stunning entry for the Willunga Christmas Tree Festival
- Communicated our concerns to council about the flooding in Dover Street

..... and celebrated all these achievements with our traditional Breakfast in the Park!



Trees For Life grows for Writers Week

Are you thinking of attending Adelaide Writers Week in February/March? If you do, you will have the opportunity to see more than 3000 South Australian plants which have been grown by TFL members to provide backdrops and features during the event. The aim of the project is to encourage the audience to engage with their surrounding environment.



The displays will include grasses, succulents, groundcovers and climbers. Of the 35 species on show, many will be familiar to us, including the climbers *Clematis microphylla*, *Kennedia prostrata* and *Hardenbergia violacea*.

To find out more about Writers Week, phone: 8216 4444 or visit the website: http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au/writers_week

Park news

- Seed collecting over the summer period has focussed on grasses to be planted in the new revegetation site. Muntries, Carpobrotus and Ficinina nodosa will be propagated for the dune sites.

Working Bees

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings over the summer 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

