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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 9 April

An extended visit to the Northern Territory — 30 years on!

Our speaker will be Michael Lawton, former water resource management advisor in the NT. Michael is a new member of our committee, having recently moved to Aldinga Beach after working in the Northern Territory for many years.

Thursday 14 May

Conservation work in Newland Head Conservation Park

Friends of Newland Head work in the southern Fleurieu, where they share many of our challenges in the conservation and protection of remnant coastal vegetation. Ron Taylor will speak to us about the programs and achievements of this highly successful Friends group.

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!

New committee elected at Annual General Meeting



Our AGM, held on 12 March, was attended by twenty Friends. Following the reports provided by our President and Treasurer, elections were held for positions on the committee.

The following Friends were re-elected:-

President: John Ackers
Secretary: Helen McSkimming
Treasurer: Neville Hudson
Committee members:

Julie Burgher John Edmeades
Heather Carrangis Joy Forrest

We are **very** pleased to welcome two new Friends who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our committee:

Adrian Bradford Michael Lawton

New planting enclosure

Our new revegetation site, which will be located east of the Yacca Track where it meets the Boomerang Track near Gate 3, covers a section of the Park which was burnt during a prescribed burn in 2011. Our objective is to plant out native grasses before the dreaded veldt grass takes control. And to keep out the foraging kangaroos while the grasses become established!

We were very pleased to receive a grant of \$200 from the Bendigo Bank's Community Enterprise Fund which will go towards the cost of fencing materials. We have also appreciated council's donation of permaline posts which are being removed from the Esplanade as the Adelaide Coast Park project advances.

In addition, we are very grateful that fencing contractor Anthony Dwyer has offered to donate his expertise and labour to help us erect the enclosure.

We appreciate the support of everyone involved in helping with this project. The site will be planted out this winter, and you are encouraged to visit from time to time so that you can observe the transformation!



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From the committee

- We recently met with a journalist and photographer from the Southern Times Messenger. Our group is to be featured in a special edition of the newspaper which will be published in late April.
- The School of Environmental Studies at Flinders University invited us to participate in a survey where we were asked to identify the natural assets we value in the City of Onkaparinga. Recording was done by outlining the sites on large maps. Naturally, we recorded Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park as our #1 asset, followed by the watercourses of the Willunga Basin, the Washpool and the Aldinga Reef. We also identified Parks and Wetlands throughout the region which all contribute to the biodiversity of the Willunga Basin.
- We are pleased that DEWNR have refused a request from Adelaide Triathlon Club to allow vehicles to travel along the Boomerang Track at times when the Esplanade will be closed for an event.
- Two committee members recently attended a meeting where Friends of Parks Inc. outlined their business plan. The main initiative will be a strong focus on marketing and publicity.
- We are supporting other community groups in opposing the proposed motor cycle races to be held on Sellicks Beach. We have great concerns for the well-being of the Washpool if the much-publicised "massive" influx of spectators eventuates.
- Friends of Aldinga Scrub will be hosting the annual NRM Volunteer Celebration event which is to be held on 14 June. Up to 100 volunteers involved in a wide range of NRM projects from across the Fleurieu region are expected to attend. The event will be based at the Aldinga Beach Holiday Park, and we have been asked to help out by providing leaders to guide our visitors on walks around the Park.

Renew Now!

Subscriptions for 2014/2015 are now due!

Family	\$15.00
Single	\$10.00
Concession	\$8.00

Payment details are attached to this newsletter or will be sent to you electronically.

Please disregard any renewal notices if you have already paid your membership for this year!

Park news

- Seedlings in the Paxton Patch have been watered over the warmer months. The success rate has been very pleasing.
- The working bee team continues to find regular evidence of inappropriate human activity in the Park. The latest was a large hole which appeared to have been used as a storage chamber. When our workers came across it, bricks were strewn around the site and 2 large shovels were lying on the ground.
- More garden refuse has been found in the Park, recently prunings of *Melaleuca armillaris* were found inside the Park on Acacia Terrace.
- Our ranger Steve and other NPWS staff have been busy removing bamboo in the southern section of the Park towards Norman Road.
- Our working bee team have come across a 'mystery' eucalypt which they don't recognise. We have asked Dean Nicolle, renowned eucalypt expert, to help with identification of the species.

Working Bees

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings throughout the autumn, 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

