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NEWSLETTER

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## Coming meetings

### Thursday 11 June

**Australian frogs: jumping, burrowing and self-defence against predators**

Dr Craig Williams, Associate Professor of Biology at UniSA will speak to us about the fascinating lives of our local amphibians.

### Thursday 9 July

**Conversation with Chris Picton, Member for Kurna**

Chris Picton will attend our July meeting to discuss local environmental issues. Topics will include the future of the Washpool and projects in Aldinga Scrub.

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!**

### STOP PRESS

See page 2 for details about our planting day to be held this coming Monday!

## New photos page on Friends of Aldinga Scrub website!

We have recently updated our Photos page to a more attractive and user-friendly format. To view, just go to our website at [www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au](http://www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au) and click on the Photos tab. The link will take you to our flickr site where you will see an extensive collection of photos depicting flora and fauna in Aldinga Scrub, Friends activities and more!



You can scroll through the Photostream collection or go to specific albums such as Flora, Birds or Orchids where you will see some remarkable photos taken by members of our group.

Flickr is an interactive photo sharing site and we would love you to share your photos of Aldinga Scrub with everyone in our group and beyond! If you have photos which you think would be suitable for our site, please send them to Julie at [sunju@internode.on.net](mailto:sunju@internode.on.net) with a little information about each photo. You can also add comments to other people's photos.

We look forward to receiving your photos which will help us to record the amazing beauty of Aldinga Scrub and the activities of our Friends group!

### Vale good Friends

With much sadness, we advise that two dear Friends of Aldinga Scrub have recently passed away.

John Nicholls died on 8 April. John was a lively and hard-working member of our working bee team who gave many hours of his time in the Park.

Phil Fry passed away on 26 May. Phil was an inspiring President of our group for several years, and coordinator of a very enthusiastic working bee team for some 10 years.

We thank John and Phil for their love of Aldinga Scrub and for their many years of support for our Friends group.

John and Phil will be very much missed by all who knew them.



Planting day  
Monday 8 June  
10:00 am

Meet at Gate 3  
(Cox Road near the Aldinga Beach Holiday Park)

Join us in the 'Dyer DeFence' patch at the eastern end of the Boomerang track where we will be planting grasses in our new enclosure. This area was burnt during a prescribed burn in 2011 and is now being monitored by DEWNR ecologists. Our plantings will assist with the regeneration of this area.



Natural Resources  
Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges

### NRM Annual Volunteers Thank You BBQ

Aldinga Beach Holiday Park

(Cox Road)

Sunday 14 June

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Each year, NRM officers hold an event to thank all volunteers for their support. This year, FoAS have been invited to showcase our beautiful Aldinga Scrub to volunteers throughout southern AMLR region.

You are invited to come and learn about volunteer achievement in the region and network with other like minded environmental volunteers. Friends of Aldinga Scrub will be hosting guided walks where we will be talking to our visitors about our various projects.

A gourmet lunch will be provided following the walks. *Lunch provided. BYO Alcohol.*

If you have not already let us know you will be attending, please contact Helen on 8556 3166 if you would like to come along as numbers are required for catering.

### Park news

- Our bushland monitoring group will be carrying out their annual assessment of our 3 sites during June and July
- Eucalypt expert Dean Nicolle believes that our 'mystery' tree may be over 1000 years old!
- We have advised our ranger that equipment was brought into the Park at Gate 17 (Hart Road) to build a BMX-type course. DEWNR will continue to monitor activity in this area of the Park.

### Working Bees

**Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am**

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings throughout the winter months, 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](http://www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au)

