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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 13 August

Pre-European history of our region

Through his work with the Anthropological Society of SA, Tom Gara has amassed a wealth of knowledge about the Indigenous peoples of the Fleurieu and has compiled a bibliography of published material relating to the Kurna people. Tom will talk about Indigenous history and his recent field trip to Aldinga Scrub.

Thursday 10 September

Veldt grass blitz

Rebekah Crawford is passionate about the work she has been doing in Aldinga Scrub for many years. Through funds provided by various grants, Rebekah has been contracted by Friends of Aldinga Scrub to treat veldt grass in the Lacy Coral Lichen area. Rebekah will talk about her work and the very satisfying results she has achieved.

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!

Celebrating volunteers!



On Sunday 14 June, Friends of Aldinga Scrub were delighted to host the annual NRM Volunteers Thank You event which acknowledges the contribution of volunteers from environmental groups throughout the region.

On arrival at the Aldinga Beach Holiday Park on a mild and calm winter morning, the visitors were welcomed with warm drinks and a delicious morning tea, and an introduction to Aldinga Scrub by John Edmeades and Julie Burgher.

Following some kind words of appreciation from Sandy Pitcher, Chief Executive of DEWNR, the highlight of the day commenced! Visitors were offered a choice of tackling the longer Lacy Coral Lichen walk, or inspecting our new enclosure and plantings nearby.

On their return, our visitors were treated to more scrumptious food and more warm drinks. We received very positive feedback about our beautiful Park and the work we have done to rehabilitate and revegetate several important areas.

Our thanks to Andy Raymond from the NRM for organising the event and providing us with the opportunity to showcase Aldinga Scrub. Thanks also to our rangers Steve and Jodi, and all other DEWNR staff who attended on the day.

Vale Audrey Kuhn

Our long-standing Friend Audrey passed away on 3 July. Audrey was an inaugural member of our group and she had maintained her membership over the past 28 years.

Audrey cared deeply about Aldinga Scrub and was a committed member of our Friends group. She will be sadly missed.

Would you like to be a Citizen Scientist?

At the recent Threatened Species Summit, the Australian Government announced a major new program to tackle feral cats. Feral cats have contributed to the extinction of at least 27 species nationally, and from time to time we have reports of feral cats here in Aldinga Scrub.

A national feral cat mapping system has been developed which incorporates the use of an app through which members of the public can report sightings.



You can download the Feral Scan app and start recording sightings of feral cats now! You can also report sightings of other pest animals through this app.

Park news

- NPWS crews have installed two new totem posts advising visitors that dogs and bikes are not permitted in the Park. They are located at Gate 16 (near the Hart Road Wetland) and at the corner of Sheoak Ave and Acacia Tce (northern end of the Acacia Track).
- NPWS officers have also replaced marker post #2 on the Lacy Coral Lichen Circuit which had been damaged by vandals, and given all the numbered markers a fresh coat of paint.
- Another fire, believed to be deliberately lit, was started on the northern boundary in June. Our ranger Steve is following up on the action taken by the CFS.
- Council have commenced works in Dover Street which will reduce the amount of water overflowing into the Park from the small pond in the Sunday estate. They are increasing the height of the retaining wall and installing an underground pipe which drains into Dover Street from a higher point.

All Friends invited to our social event for 2015! Sunday 4 October

This year we have been invited to visit the home of Lynne Fitzsimmons at Kangarilla. Lynne's property includes a large portion of remnant scrub with beautiful walking trails. We have been invited to stay on after the walk and enjoy a picnic lunch.

More details to follow, but mark this date in your diary now! This will be a great opportunity to meet new Friends and enjoy a patch of unique remnant bushland in our region.

Propagation program completed!

Many Friends braved the recent cold conditions to ensure that our seedlings get maximum rainfall while they are becoming established.

This year seedlings have been planted out in the new enclosure near Gate 3, on the foredunes near the lookout, and in the centre of the Park



News from the committee

- We were pleased to receive a grant of \$500 from the City of Onkaparinga to fund the updating and reprinting of our highly successful special newsletter
- We were pleased to welcome Chris Picton, Member for Karna to our July meeting. Much of the discussion was about the future of the Washpool, and Chris has undertaken to convene a meeting with the various landholders and representatives of our group to discuss the issues.

State Landcare Conference September 14-16, Waikerie



The theme is "Landcare—connecting people and healthy landscapes".

Registration for the Conference is now open, for more information visit www.landcaresa.asn.au.

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

