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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 8 October

Fleurieu Birds

Birdwatchers should not miss this meeting! Our speaker Peter Gower has produced a comprehensive field guide of birds in our region, which includes over 600 magnificent photographs. Peter will be showing slides of birds in their habitats as he talks about some of the 231 species covered in his book.

Thursday 12 November

Groundwater in ASCP

Dr Marcus Cooling is an aquatic ecologist with particular experience in environmental water management. Marcus produced the 2012 report 'Environmental Water Management in Aldinga Scrub Wetlands' and he will talk to us about current groundwater issues 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!

2 very important dates for your diary!

Tube filling day
Sunday 22 November at 10:00 am
7 Palmer Street

Join us as we fill our tubes with soil ready for the summer growing season. We will gather around the trestle table to work and chat, then share lunch and a cup of tea!



Breakfast in the Park
Sunday 6 December at 9:00 am
Corner of Acacia Terrace and Quandong Avenue

This is our final event for the year! Bring your breakfast and a chair to sit on, and help us to celebrate another very successful year of work and friendship in Aldinga Scrub.

For more information about either of these events, please contact Helen on 8556 3166.



Don't forget to visit our **flickr** site, where many stunning photographs of spring wildflowers (including orchids) have been uploaded recently.

Just go to www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au and follow the links!

Special social event for Friends!

Would you like to join other Friends on a guided walk through a unique patch of privately owned bushland at Kangarilla? Lynne Fitzsimmons has kindly offered to share her beautiful remnant scrub with us and has invited us to stay for a picnic lunch after the walk.

Sunday 4 October at 10:00 am

The full walk takes about 4 hours, but there are opportunities to return to your car sooner if desired.

Lynne's property is off Dashwood Gully Road at Kangarilla. Please contact Helen on 8556 3166 or at helenmcs@ozemail.com.au if you are planning to attend. We will be able to send you a map which will show you how to find the property. You will need to bring your own chair and picnic if you are staying for lunch.



All Friends are welcome, we look forward to seeing you!

News from the committee

- We have recently hosted 2 groups of visitors to our Park. Members of the Willunga Environment Centre and Friends of Belair National Park enjoyed observing our unique flora and fauna as they walked around the Coral Lichen Circuit.



WEC members gathering in the carpark

- Once again, several imaginative and artistic Friends are hard at work creating our entry for the Willunga Christmas Tree Festival.
- Our special newsletter has been fully revised and will be available to promote our group and our activities at community events and information points.
- A group of Friends recently made a trip to Arbury Park to discuss our Bushland Condition Monitoring program with Janet Pedler.

Park news

- Our busy working bee crews have been hand-pulling Watsonia, Freesia, Scabiosa and Lupins, and woody weeds including Rhamnus and Boneseed.
- A rabbit was sighted inside the new enclosure, unfortunately they are widespread in the Park at this time.
- The crews are constantly on the look out for fox holes which will need to be fumigated.
- We have carried out a vegetation survey in the new eastern enclosure and in a nearby patch, so that the effectiveness of excluding kangaroos from revegetation sites can be monitored.
- Thanks to our NRM Liaison Ranger Jodie, we now have 6 new mini-mattocks to assist with our hand weeding.
- Several Friends accompanied anthropologist Tom Gara to inspect Indigenous sites previously recorded in the Scrub.

Working Bees

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings throughout the spring 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

