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NEWSLETTER

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Coming meetings

Thursday 14 April

Foreshore Access Plan

Daniel Martucci, Project Leader for the proposed redevelopment of the Lower Esplanade, will provide us with a general overview of the project, and provide details about the construction of a proposed boardwalk at Silver Sands, management of road widening works, accommodation of pedestrians and cyclists, and how any revegetation will be managed.

Thursday 12 May

At the time of printing, the speaker for our May meeting has not been confirmed. However, you will be able to find all the details on our website as soon as they become available. Just go to www.friendsofaldingascrub.com.au and click on the Activities tab. While visiting our website, take a moment to click on the Photos tab, which will connect you to a gallery of brilliant images taken by our skilled photographers 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!

New committee elected at Annual General Meeting

We welcomed 19 Friends and visitors to our AGM, held on 10 March. Following the reports provided by our President and Treasurer, elections were held for positions on the committee.

The results of the election are:-

President: Michael Lawton
Secretary: Helen McSkimming
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Committee members:

Julie Burgher John Edmeades
Joy Forrest Aidan Bradford
Lynsay Seal Rod Grandison



We are very pleased that Lynsay and Rod, both regular members of our working bee crews, are joining the committee. We are sorry that John Ackers and Heather Carrangis have decided to step down and we thank them both for their generous contributions over several years.

Member for Kingston visits Aldinga Scrub



Members of our working bee team recently guided Amanda Rishworth MHR on a walk around the Coral Lichen Circuit. Along the way, issues ranging from the future of the Washpool to our proposed bird hide were discussed. We thank Amanda for taking the time to visit and talk with us.

Membership subscriptions for 2016/2017 now due!

Family	\$15:00	<i>See attached renewal notice for payment details</i>
Individual	\$10:00	
Concession	\$8:00	



FORESHORE ACCESS PLAN STAGE 6

Council has recently released plans for proposed work along the Esplanade from the Aldinga Beach ramp to Loongana Road. The project represents one section of the State government's Coast Park Trail which will include, as far as possible, a continuous two-way pathway for walkers and cyclists. When completed, the Coast Park will extend from North Haven to Sellicks Beach

Work along our section will include road widening, installing footpaths and shared use paths, boardwalks, bicycle crossings and fencing. The project will also include some landscaping and upgrading around the ramp carpark.

As Aldinga Scrub meets the Lower Esplanade in this section of the Trail, we are particularly concerned about any impact the proposed work may have on the fragile vegetation of the coastal dunes.

Project officer, Daniel Martucci, will be speaking at our April meeting, but you can also drop in to an Information Session which will be held at the Aldinga Bay Surf Lifesaving Club on Saturday 9 April from 12 noon to 3 pm to find out more and provide feedback.

Plans can be viewed at Aldinga Library and Shopping Centre, or you can access full information at www.onkapingacity.com/communityengagement.

Submissions close on Friday 15 April.



Updates from our AGM

Thanks to our Ranger Steve, Liaison Ranger Jodie and Coastal Officer Emma who all attended our AGM and presented reports.

News from Steve

- Council's stormwater management works on Dover Street are nearly completed. The levee has been raised and a low flow pipe installed to minimise flows into Aldinga Scrub.
- Stinkwort and scabious have been treated in the eastern flank of the park.
- 2 small fires were recently lit near the northern boundary, SAPOL and CFS have investigated, and DEWNR will explore a local awareness strategy.
- Local staff are working with FoAS to develop a 3 year work plan which will provide \$15000/year for ASCP.
- SA Herbarium is conducting a study into pigface varieties, including Aldinga Scrub. They may provide ID workshops in the future.
- Steve will work with FoAS to review the trail network, some trail markers may be replaced and unsuitable trails may be decommissioned.
- The future of the Washpool is still under consideration, awaiting release of the stormwater management plan due this month. In the meantime, minor on-ground works (including improvement of the weir) are proceeding.

News from Jodie

- \$5000 of the Work Plan funds have been allocated to provide ongoing maintenance around the Coral Lichen Circuit.
- Jodie's contribution to the Work Plan funds is available for equipment to support our group.

News from Emma

- Funding for Vegetation Management Unit 4 near the boardwalk has focussed on pyp grass, woody weeds, gazania, veldt grass and marram grass. Future works will maintain VMU 4 and transition to VMU 5. Emma thanked Friends for planting on the dunes.

Friends raised concerns about the Coral Lichen platform which is not suitable for large groups, and the need for potholes to be filled in the Dover Street carpark.

FoAS e-list

Much of the correspondence we receive from government and non-government agencies now arrives electronically. Each month, we receive many interesting articles and newsletters dealing with environmental issues.

If you would like to receive these bulletins, just send your email address to helenmcs@ozemail.com.au and we will add you to our new e-list. Remember, you can have your address removed at any time if you wish to stop getting the messages.

Working Bees

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

Working bees will continue on Tuesday mornings throughout the autumn 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

